# Assessment 7: Pack random boxes into a large container

### Optimization (fun problem and open-ended solution)

"You need a fairly optimal way to bunch of **small boxes** into a **big box**. It doesn't need to be perfect, as coming up with a provably optimal solution is likely a really hard problem. The input is a text file with a listing of **integer** volumes(width, length, height). The first line is the container volume, the rest are the volumes of boxes to be placed inside. Place as many as you can. Output the best configuration you find to optimize the number of boxes put into the container, and/or the configuration that most fully utilizes the space within the container. If you write in a low-level language, you can use a library for basic data structures"

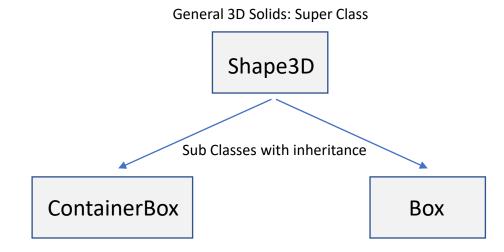
### Oscar's solution: Algorithm and Code Implementation: (it took me three days)

- I have moved so many times towing an U-Haul trailer with my house-holdings that I took the problem almost personal. The problem turns even more interesting if instead of different boxes, you pack *real* irregular 3D solids: You may start packing a table flipped down with its legs up, then put a coach, then the chairs, and below and above each chair seat put boxes with math books and so forth. And don't forget room for your bike.
- The problem statement mentions a word that immediately suggests an approach: "Integer width, length, and heights". It settles the framework to extend from boxes to full irregular 3D shapes. Dealing with integers (instead of real numbers), immediately allows us to model each irregular 3D body in a 3D grid of cells (or 3D pixels). So each body is just a Set or 3D points (or cells): Body = {(ix,iy,iz)}
- Start randomly, or perhaps choosing a large *Body1* (Count of pixels {(ix,iy,iz)} is a large integer). Perform random body transforms (6 translations East, West, North, South, Up, Down), and 4^3=64 3D rotations along axis x, y, z. Collocate this body on the floor (z layer=0)
- Choose a next *Body2* and place it in the container or trailer. If the Set intersection between *Body1* and *Body2* 3D cells is not empty, it means that there is a collision between the two bodies: Reject and remove *Body2* from the container. If the intersection is empty accept *Body2* placement, and then continue to a next *Body\_i*, and so on.

# **Software Design Diagram: Use class objects**

Point3D

An atomic 3D cell. All solids are built with a Set of cells.



A large container Box with void space: Sub Class with inheritance from Shape3D. It is responsible for packing.

A small Box: Sub Class with inheritance from Shape3D. Its cells are a *cartesian* product X x Y x Z

## **Language implementation** (fully coded, up and running):

- A detailed API was written in Java for the core four classes
- A builder was written in Bash shell under Linux. (Far more detailed and general than a Makefile)
- The access to the API is done though several JVM interpreted script languages:
  - Groovy (The one I choose)
  - Python (Jython)
  - Ruby (JRuby)
  - Lisp (Clojure)
  - Scala
  - Kotlin

Next Step: Let's check the implementation code and run alive!

# **Optimization Algorithm**

The assessment statement asks to **maximize the amount of boxes**. That is an over-simplification. You may fit in your trailer perhaps only two mattresses and one coach, but would you prefer to fit one thousand of cheap pencils or colored crayons instead? We may want to define many objective functions to **minimize**, like:

- O1: The amount of 3D shapes. To minimize, just use instead -1.0 \* O1
- O2: The void space volume of the container after packaging should be a minimum
- O3: Safety first!, compute the center of gravity of the filled container, you want its Z coordinate as close as possible to the floor layer Z=0

Combine all desired optimizations in a single global Optimization, for instance:

Oglobal = w1 \* O1 + w2 \* O3 + . . . + wn \* On

# Optimization Strategy: Slow thermal cooling of "temperature": Oglobal (called Annealing)

It usually works nicely and emulates the real physical world: Perform small random arrangements of the objects, including translations and rotations, entering and removing of objects. For each scenario realization compute Oglobal. Iterate for a maximum allowance of CPU time, then just simply choose, the arrangement 3D solids realization that yields the minimum value for Oglobal, that is, let it cool down the "temperature".

I have worked on Annealing when studying GeoStatistics at Stanford. I could fully implement the code, that honestly would take weeks or even a couple of months, so it is beyond of the scope of the assessment.

# Assessment 1: IRI Electron Density Profile

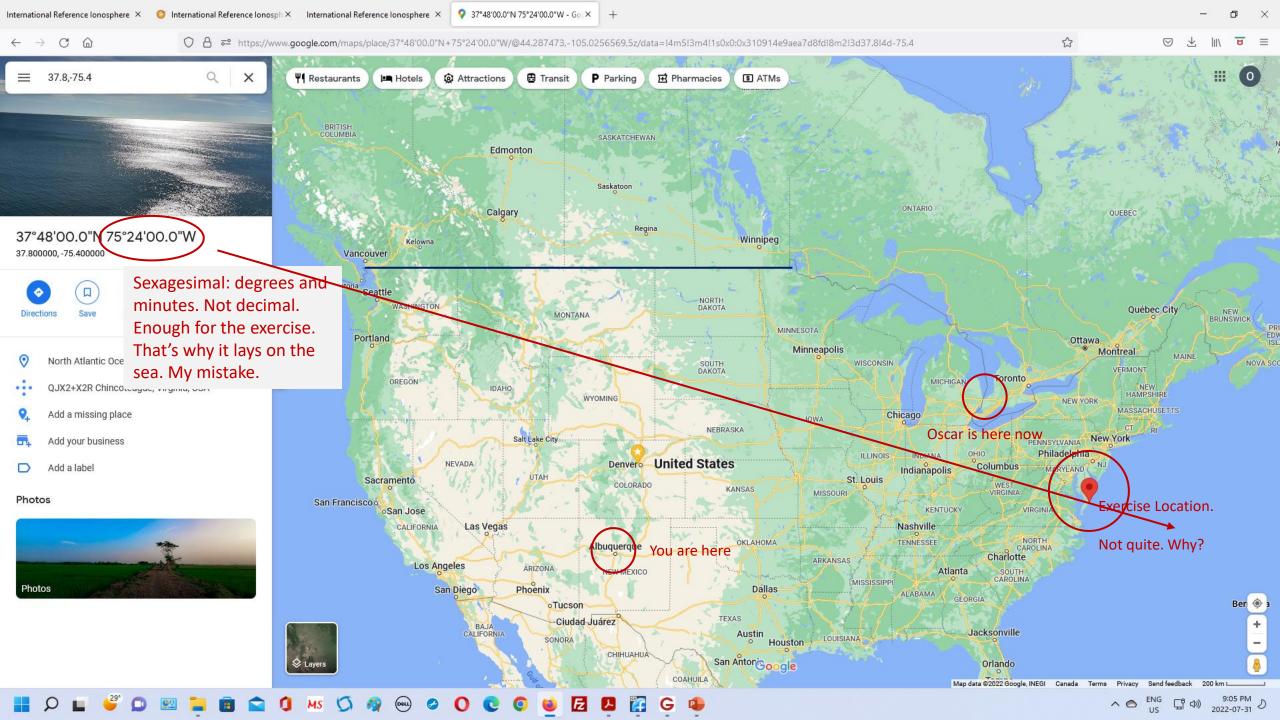
Assessment IRI EDP: Create a C-based modeling and simulation program that drive IRI model Fortran code. The code should capture and generate vertical EDP (Electron Density Profile) for a given time and location of interest.

time of interest: Mar 3 2021 UT 11:00:00 and Mar 4, 2021 UT 23:00:00

location o interest: Lat 37.8N and Lon 75.4W

#### Assessment Criteria:

- Create a simple Makefile that can compile iri2016 (<a href="http://irimodel.org">http://irimodel.org</a>) and generate a shared object/library
- 2) Write a C-program that links with the shared object created and create all data needed for step 3)
- 3) Use gnuplot (<u>www.gnuplot.info</u>) or other similar C-based plotting tools to generate plots of EDP parameters using the shared objective created in step 1.
- 4) alternatively, use F2PY (<a href="https://www.numfys.net/howto/F2PY/">https://www.numfys.net/howto/F2PY/</a>) and Python to create EDP plots using the shared object created in step 1. (Although C-based plotting is the preferred solution)
- 5) Furnish instructions/documentation, etc. on how to run the code and lesson/insights learned by doing this exercise.



# International Reference lonosphere

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#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The International Reference Ionosphere (IRI) is an international project sponsored by the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) and the International Union of Radio Science (URSI). These organizations formed a Working Group (members list) in the late sixties to produce an empirical standard model of the ionosphere, based on all available data sources (Charter). Several steadily improved editions of the model have been released. For given location, time and date, IRI provides monthly averages of the electron density, electron temperature, and ion composition in the ionospheric altitude range (see details below).

The major data sources are the worldwide network of ionosondes, the powerful incoherent scatter radars (Jicamarca, Arecibo, Millstone Hill, Malvern, St. Santin), the ISIS and Alouette topside sounders, and in situ instruments flown on many satellites and rockets. IRI is updated yearly during special IRI workshops (e.g., during COSPAR general assembly). More information can be found in the workshop reports.

The IRI model and software is updated according to the decisions of the IRI Working Group. The software package includes the FORTRAN subroutines, model coefficients (CCIR, URSI, IGRF), indices files (IG\_RZ.DAT, APF107.DAT) and README and LICENSE files. The IRI build-up and formulas are described in detail in a 158-page NSSDC report by Bilitza (1990) (PDF accessible in REFERENCES).

An IRI listserver keeps the community informed about model updates, workshops, publication, and other IRI-related matters. To subscribe send a message to <a href="mailto:info@irimodel.org">info@irimodel.org</a> with 'subscribe IRI your\_email\_address' in the SUBJECT line and your name, affiliation and mailing address in the body of the message.

#### PARAMETERS:

Electron density, electron temperature, ion composition (O<sup>+</sup>, H<sup>+</sup>, He<sup>+</sup>, N<sup>+</sup>, NO<sup>+</sup>, O<sup>+</sup><sub>2</sub>, Cluster ions), equatorial vertical ion drift, vertical ionospheric electron content (vTEC; a user can select the ending height for the integration along the electron density profile), F1 probability, spread-F probability, auroral boundaries, effects of ionospheric storms on F and E peak densities

#### INPUTS:

Required: solar indices (F10.7 daily, 81-day, and 12-month running mean; sunspot number 12-month running mean), ionospheric index (ionosonde-based IG index 12-month running mean), magnetic index (3-h ap, daily ap). The indices are found internally by IRI for the user-specified date and time. In the case of F10.7D, F10.7\_81, F10.7\_12, R\_12, and IG\_12 a user can input his/her own values.

Optional: The user can provide a number of input parameters and the IRI profiles will than be adjusted to these input parameters:

F2-peak height (hmF2) or propagation factor M3000F2, F2-peak plasmafrequency (foF2) or electron density (NmF2)

F1-ledge height (hmF1), plasmafrequency (foF1) or electron density (NmF1)

E-peak height (hmE), plasmafrequency (foE) or electron density (NmE)

D-ledge height (hmD), plasmafrequency (foD) or electron density (NmD)

#### HEIGHT RANGE:

Electron density: daytime: 65-2000km, nighttime: 80-2000km

Electron and ion temperature: 60-2500km (IRI-95 option: 60-3000km) Ion composition: 75-2000km (DS95/DY85 option: 80-2000km)

#### AVAILABILITY:

\* Fortran source code: IRI-2016 (10/13/2021), IRI-2012, IRI-2007, IRI-2001, COMMON FILES for all versions

NOTE: Besides the files that come with each version you also need to download the COMMON FILES and INDICES FILES.

# International Reference Ionosphere - IRI (2016) with IGRF-13 coefficients

This page enables the computation and plotting of IRI parameters: electron and ion (O+, H+, He+, O2+, NO+) densities, total electron content, electron, ion and neutral (CIRA-86) temperatures, equatorial vertical ion drift and others.

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Height (km, from 60. to 2000.): 100.	
Select profile type and range:	
Height [60 2000. km]	
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# **Compile the IRI 2016 Program**

- Download all the Fortran source code files. Download also all the necessary non-embedded data files.
- Install a Linux Fortran compiler. GNU gcc and gfortran makes the work, the create a file soft link "f77" to gfortran in root /bin/
- How to compile the code?
  - 1. Write a .sh Linux Bash script with full control on dates, folders, and more (My recommendation)

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1 # Normally prefer a full fresh compile:
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3 rm *.o
4 rm in  
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6 # Compile to .o object files using -c
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8 f77 -c iriflip.for
9 f77 -c cira.for
10 f77 -c iridreg.for
11 f77 -c iridreg.for
12 f77 -c iritec.for
13 f77 -c irifun.for
14 f77 -c irisub.for
15 f77 -c iritest.for
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17 # The final Fortran iri executable:
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19 f77 *.o -o iri
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- 2. Straightforward command line: gfortran -o iri iritest, for irisub, for irifun, for iritec, for iridreg, for igrf, for cira, for iriflip, for
- 3. Write a *Makefile* to be run through Linux *make:*

**My opinion**: make is a legacy, very old program with primitive syntaxis, like using "TAB" character at start of rules.

4. Check alive the builder-compiler

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 6 cira.o: cira.for
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 9 igrf.o: igrf.for
          f77 -c ignf.for
12 iridreg.o: iridreg.for
          f77 -c inidneg.for
15 iritec.o: iritec.for
18 irifun.o: irifun.for
          f77 -c inifun.for
21 irisub.o: irisub.for
24 iritest.o: iritest.for
          f77 -c iritest.for
27 iri:
           f77 iriflip.o cira.o igrf.o iridreg.o iritec.o irifun.o irisub.o iritest.o -o iri
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Check alive the ASCII compiled executable

```
662 $ cat iri_keyboardInput.txt
0,37.8,-75.4
2021,0303,1,11
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100,2000,50
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Run it. The source code has unstable numerical underflow IEE floating point number exceptions!, but managed to produce results. Poor math coding?

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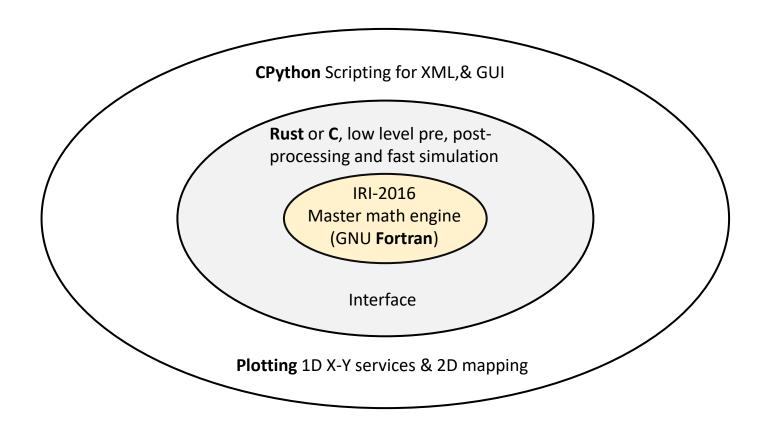
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Create a keyboard input text-file, instead of typing any time you need to run.

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650 $ iri < iri_keyboardInput.txt
 jmag(=0/1,geog/geom),lati/deg,long/deg
 year(yyyy),mmdd(or -ddd),iut(=0/1,LT/UT),hour
 height/km
variable? (1/2/../8 for height/lat/long/year/month/day/day of year/hour)
 begin, end, and stepsize for the selected variable
 output-option (if variable=height then choose 0, 3,4, or 5)
 (enter 0 for standard table of IRI parameters)
 (enter 1 for list of peak heights and densities)
 (enter 2 for plasma frequencies, BO, M3000, valley, width and depth,)
 (enter 3 for 6 parameters of your choice)
 (enter 4 for D-region models at 60,65,..,110 km)
 (enter 5 special test output)
upper height [km] for TEC integration (0 for no TEC)
Options: t(rue) or f(alse)
 Enter 0 to use standard or 1 to enter your own
*** IRI parameters are being calculated ***
Ne: NeQuick for Topside
Ne, foF2: URSI model is used.
Ne: B0.B1-ABT-2009
Ne, foF1: probability function used:
Ne. D: IRI1990
Ne, foF2: storm model included
Ion Com.: RBV-10 & TBT-15
Te: TBT-2012 model
Auroral boundary model off
Ne, foE: storm model off
 Enter 0 to exit or 1 to generate another profile?
Note: The following floating-point exceptions are signalling: IEEE_UNDERFLOW_FLAG IEEE_DENORMAL
```

# Write a *C* program that links for *Fortran* \*.o libraries and drive pre and post processing

**Motivation**: Certainly we don't plan to reinvent the wheel. If there is a reliable, reputable, top quality, and fast program already available, don't touch it unless really necessary. Just write or adapt interfaces in other languages. For a Linux GNU Fortran environment, the natural glue language choices are **C** and **Rust**. For quick prototyping then interface the C layer with another layer high level Scripting language, like **CPython** that may use GNU Fortran and C libraries:



• **Step 1:** Explore the eight Fortran source code files and understand the architecture. Start by searching with *Linux egrep* the collection of all subroutines and functions:

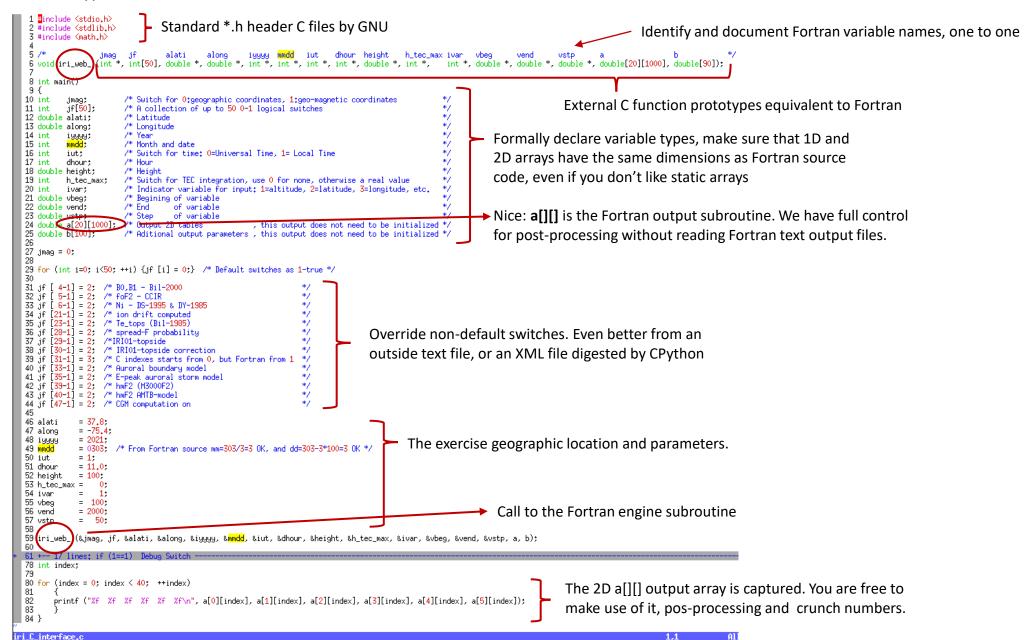
```
1 lile 1: ./irisub.for
         Line 224: SUBROUTINE IRI_SUB(JF, JMAG, ALATI, ALONG, IYYYY, MMDD, DHOUR,
         Line 2343; subroutine iri_web(jmag,jf,alati,along,iyyyy,mmdd,iut,dhour,
 5 File 3: ./iritec.for
         Line 36: subroutine IRIT13(ALATI, ALONG, jmag, jf, iy, md, hour, hbeg, hend,
        Line 95: subroutine iri_tec (hstart,hend,istep,tectot,tectop,tecbot)
 9 File 4: ./iridreg.for
        Line 28: SUBROUTINE ROO(HGT,GLAT1,IDAY,ZANG,F107T,EDENS,IERROR)
12 File 5: ./cira.for
        Line 24: SUBROUTINE GTD7(1xD,SEC,ALT,GLAT,GLONG,STL,F107A,F107,AP,MASS,D,T)
Line 323: SUBROUTINE GTD7D(1xD,SEC,ALT,GLAT,GLONG,STL,F107A,F107,AP,MASS,
        Line 401: SUBROUTINE GHP7(IYD, SEC, ALT, GLAT, GLONG, STL, F107A, F107, AP, Line 497: SUBROUTINE GLATF(LAT, GN, REFF)
        Line 561: SUBROUTINE GTS7(IYD,SEC,ALT,GLAT,GLONG,STL,F107A,F107,AP,MASS,D,T)
        Line 1016: SUBROUTINE METERS(METER)
        Line 1266: SUBROUTINE TSELEC(SV)
        Line 1575: SUBROUTINE SPLINEM(X,Y,N,YP1,NPN,Y2)
        Line 1617: SUBROUTINE SPLINTM(XA,YA,Y2A,N,X,Y)
         Line 1653: SUBROUTINE SPLINI(XA,YA,Y2A,N,X,YN
24 File 6: ./irirtam.for
         Line 16: SUBROUTINE READIRTAMCOF(ISEL, IDATE, IHHMM, MEF, FF)
27 File 7: ./irifun.for
         Line 259: subroutine tops_cor2(xh,vmod,a01)
        Line 525: SUBROUTINE ELTEIK(PF107Y, INVDIP, MLT, ALT, DDD, PF107 TE, SIGTE)
        Line 905: SUBROUTINE KODERR(MIRREQ,DOUT)
        Line 1210: SUBROUTINE KOEFD(MIRREQ,DOUT)
         Line 1515: SUBROUTINE KOF107(MIRRED.DOUT)
          ... and much more ...
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A Linux Bash Shell script that uses egrep

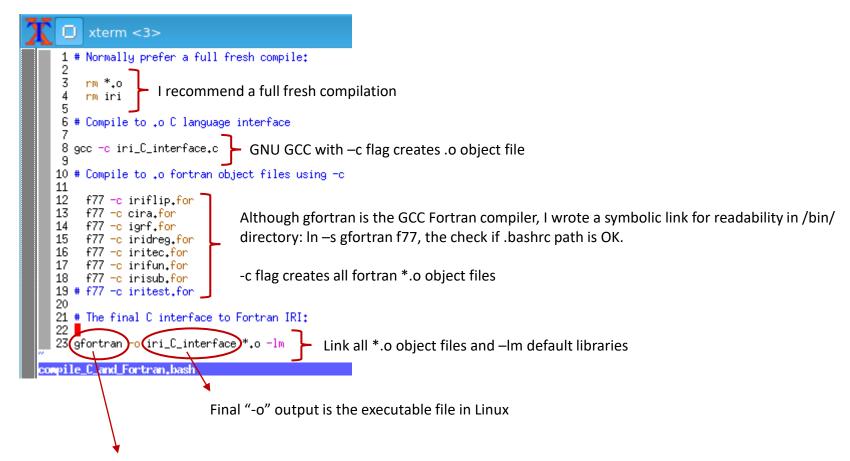
Both subroutines IRI\_SUB and iri\_web have suitable entry points to interface with C code driver. Notice how different typing and case styles might reflect the hands of different programmers perhaps along years.

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subroutine iri_web(jmag,jf,alati,along,iyyyy,mmdd,iut,dhour,
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                      height,h_tec_max,ivar,vbeg,vend,vstp,a,b)
 2345 c
 2346 c changes:
 2347 c
              11/16/99 jf(30) instead of jf(17)
 2348 c
              10/31/08 outf. a. b (100 -> 500)
 2349 c
 2350 c-
 2351 c input:
                 jmag,alati,along,iyyyy,<mark>mmdd</mark>,dhour see IRI_SUB
 2352 c
                  height height in km
 2353 c
                 h_tec_max =0 no TEC otherwise upper boundary for integral
 2354 c
                          =1 for UT
                                          =0 for LT
 2355 c
                 ivan
                         =1
                                  altitude
 2356 c
                                 latitude,longitude
 2357 c
                          =4,5,6 year, month, day
 2358 c
                                  day of year
 2359 c
                                  hour (UT or LT)
 2360 c
                  vbeg,vend,vstp
                                 variable range (begin,end,step)
                         similar to outf in IRI_SUB
 2361 c output:
 2362 c
                          similar to parr in IRI SUB
 2363 c
 2364 c
                         number of steps; maximal 1000
 2365
 2366
                         outf(20,1000),oar(100),oarr(100),a(20,1000)
              dimension
                          xvar(8),b(100,1000)
 2367
 2368
                          .if(50)
              logical
 2369
 2370
                      nummax=1000
 2371
              numstp=int((vend-vbeg)/vstp)+1
 2372
2373
              if(numstp.gt.nummax) numstp=nummax
 2374
              do 6249 i=1,100
 2375 6249
                    oar(i)=b(i,1)
irisub.for
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• **Step 2:** Write C interface program. Make sure the Fortran subroutines has an appended underscore "\_". Carefully declare equivalent variable types, and document the source code.



• Step 4: Joint Fortran-C compilation. Write a *Linux Bash* script instead of a *MakeFile* for full control

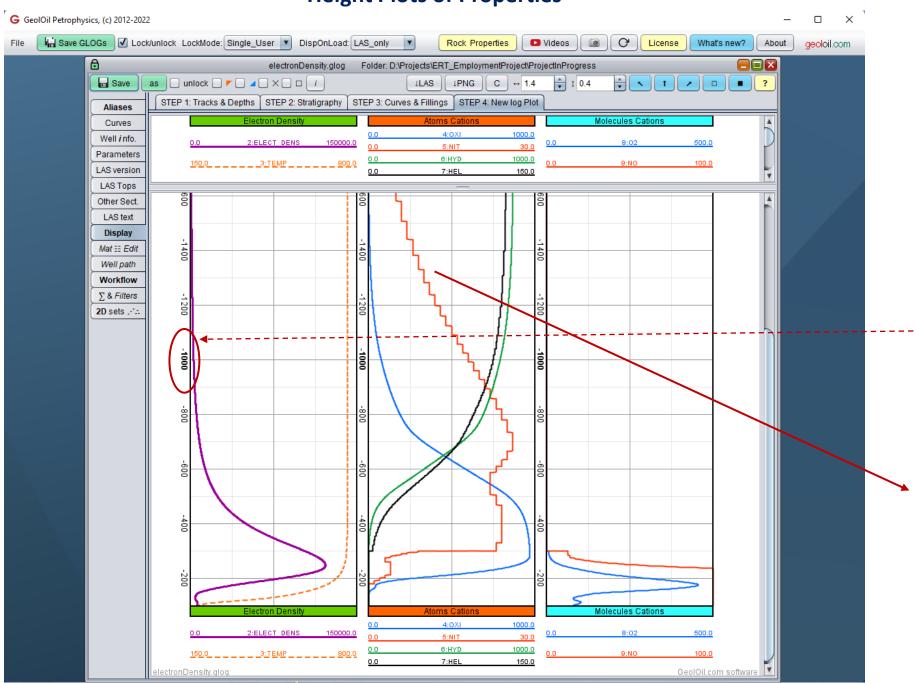


Make sure to use gfortran, not gcc here. The reason is that gfortran brings specific fortran defaults and libraries that GCC does not have in C neither C++

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717 $ ls *.bash
cleanCompiled.bash compile_C_and_Fortran.bash compile_IRI.bash manual_compile_IRI.bash
geoloil@localhost ~/Projects/ERT_Employment/SandBox_IRI_2016_Program
718 $ bash compile_C_and_Fortran.bash
rm: cannot remove 'iri': No such file or directory
iriflip.for:769:72:
 769 | 898 RTS(ITJS)=0.0
Warning: Fortran 2018 deleted feature: DO termination statement which is not END DO or CONTINUE with label 898 at (1)
iriflip.for:1546:72:
1546 | 9 SIGEX(I)=0.0
Warning: Fortran 2018 deleted feature: DO termination statement which is not END DO or CONTINUE with label 9 at (1)
iriflip.for:1636:72:
1636 I
             DO 10 IK=1,12
Warning: Fortran 2018 deleted feature: Shared DO termination label 10 at (1)
iriflip.for:1643:72:
1643 | 687 OTHPR1(I)=1.0E-15
Warning: Fortran 2018 deleted feature: DO termination statement which is not END DO or CONTINUE with label 687 at (1)
iriflip.for:1649:72:
1649 | 786 COLUM(I)=1.0E+25
Warning: Fortran 2018 deleted feature: DO termination statement which is not END DO or CONTINUE with label 786 at (1)
iriflip.for:1987:72:
1987 | 20 | IF(SUM.NE.O.O) PROB(1,I,L)=YO(LL,I)/SUM
Warning: Fortran 2018 deleted feature: DO termination statement which is not END DO or CONTINUE with label 20 at (1)
iriflip.for:2002:72:
2002 | 50 WRITE(17,90) ZLAM(L),((PROB(IS,J,L),J=1,6),IS=1,3)
Warning: Fortran 2018 deleted feature: DO termination statement which is not END DO or CONTINUE with label 50 at (1)
iriflip.for:2059:72:
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Many Warning compilation messages for the Fortran source codes. The C program interface had no warnings at all. Ignore most warnings for legacy old Fortran sources, but make sure that your C code is seamless.

# **Height Plots of Properties**



I used my commercial *petrophysics* software for the exercise. It is a huge Java package of 150,000+ lines of source code and 200+ classes.

It is used in the Oil & Gas industry for depths, not heights or elevations. That's why I had-to-enforce a negative sign on the Z vertical axis.

Staircase type numerical artifacts present in the Fortran library. The C interface post-processing program could easily smooth this behaviour using *Kernel* functions.