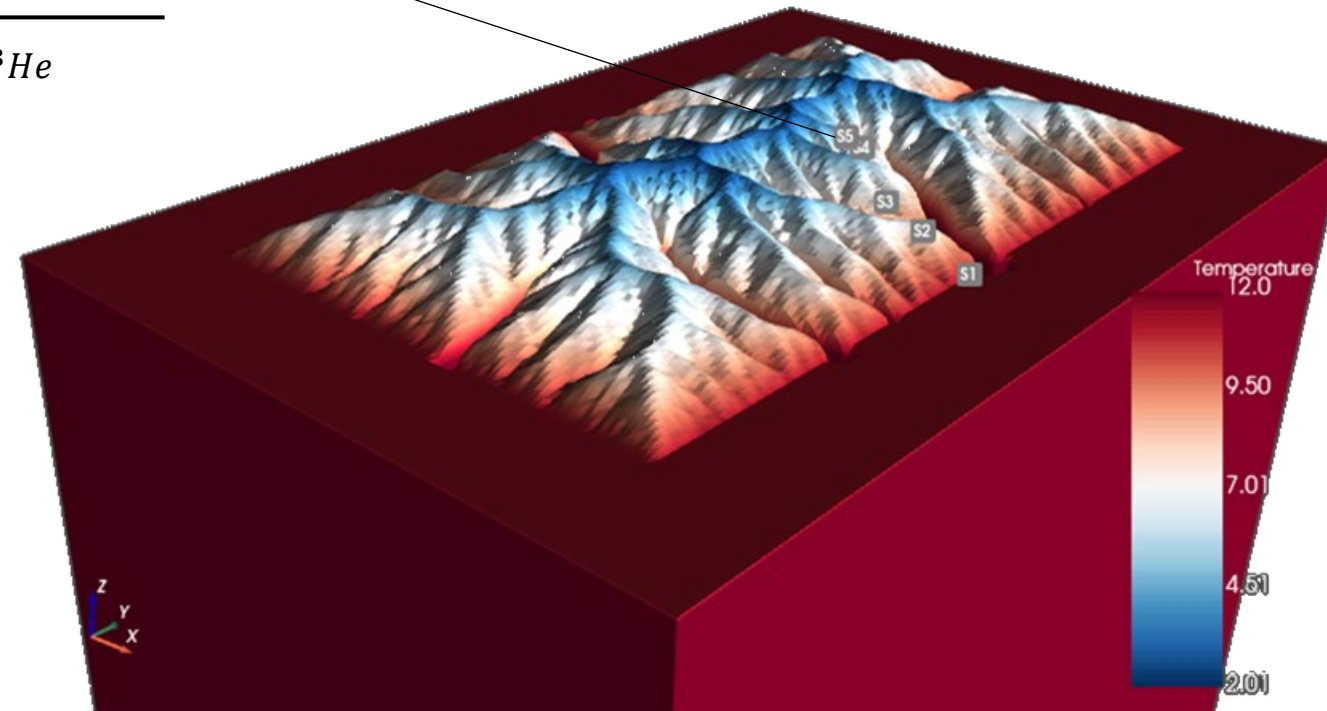
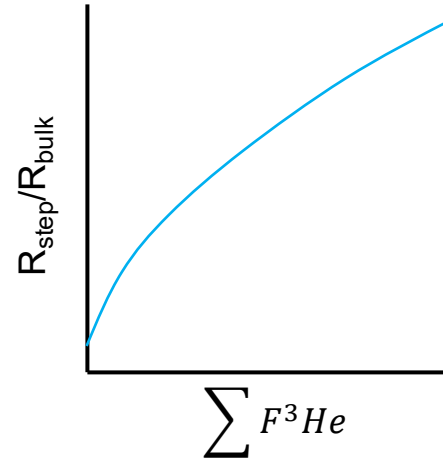
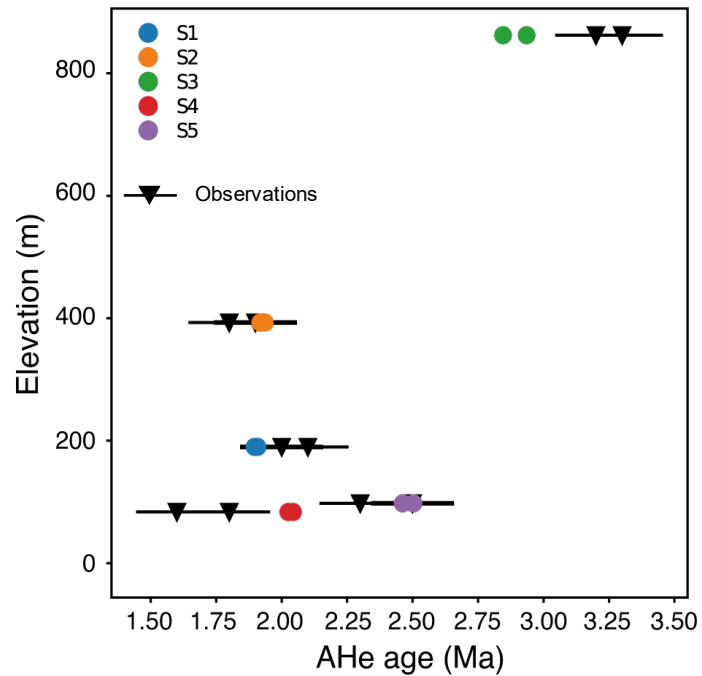


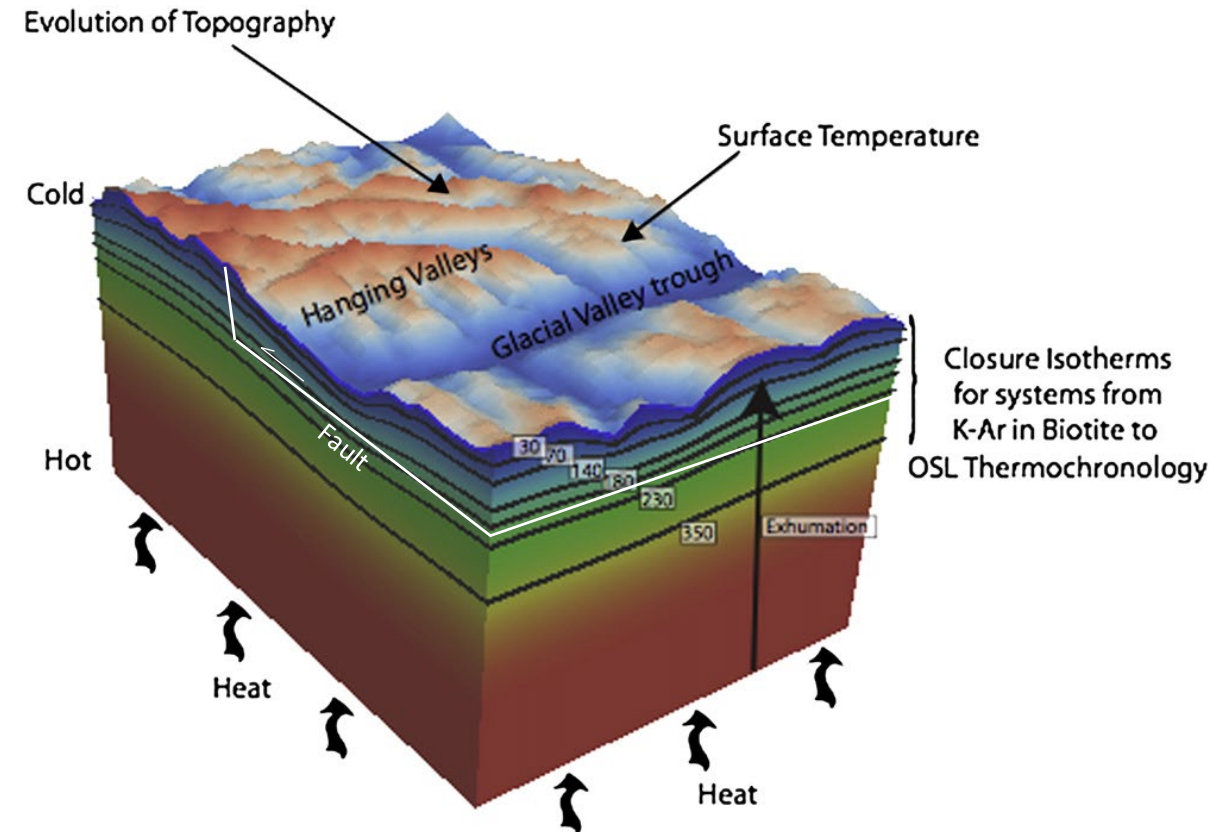
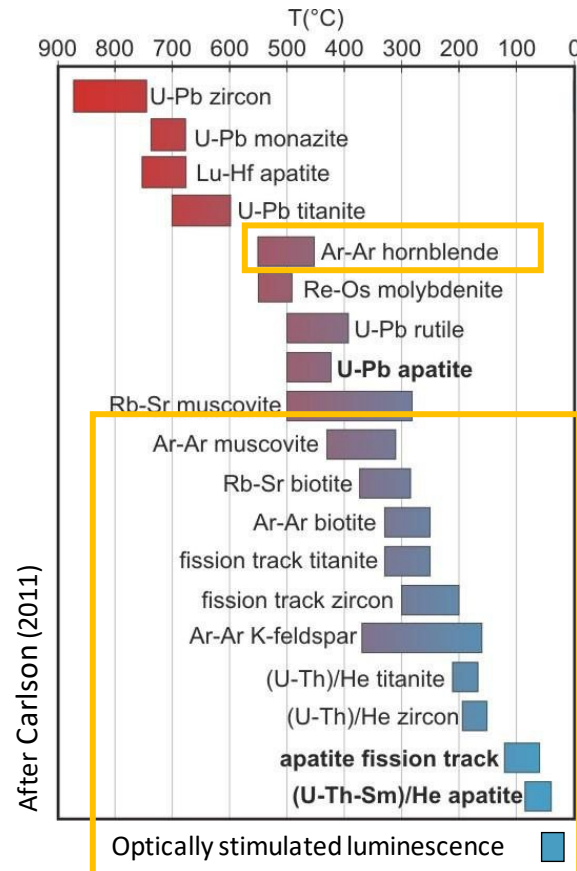
# PecubeGUI: a new graphical user interface for Pecube

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# Pecube: a 3D thermo-kinematic model

- Designed to solve the 3D heat-transfer equation and to predict thermochronological data (Braun, 2003)
- Surface topographic evolution as boundary condition



From Braun et al. (2012)

# Pecube: a 3D thermo-kinematic model

- Widely used by the community (596 references – google scholar)
- Enabled better understanding of topographic evolution and interpretation of thermochronological data

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## **Effects of exhumation kinematics and topographic evolution on detrital thermochronometer data**

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## **Evolution of passive margin escarpments: What can we learn from low-temperature thermochronology?**

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Inversion of thermochronological age-elevation profiles to extract independent estimates of denudation and relief history – I: Theory and conceptual model

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## **Limits to reconstructing paleotopography from thermochronometer data**

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# Pecube: a 3D thermo-kinematic model

## Some limitations:

- Use in command line and input files
- Still have relatively simple kinetic models for helium diffusion and fission track annealing
- Side developments by the community



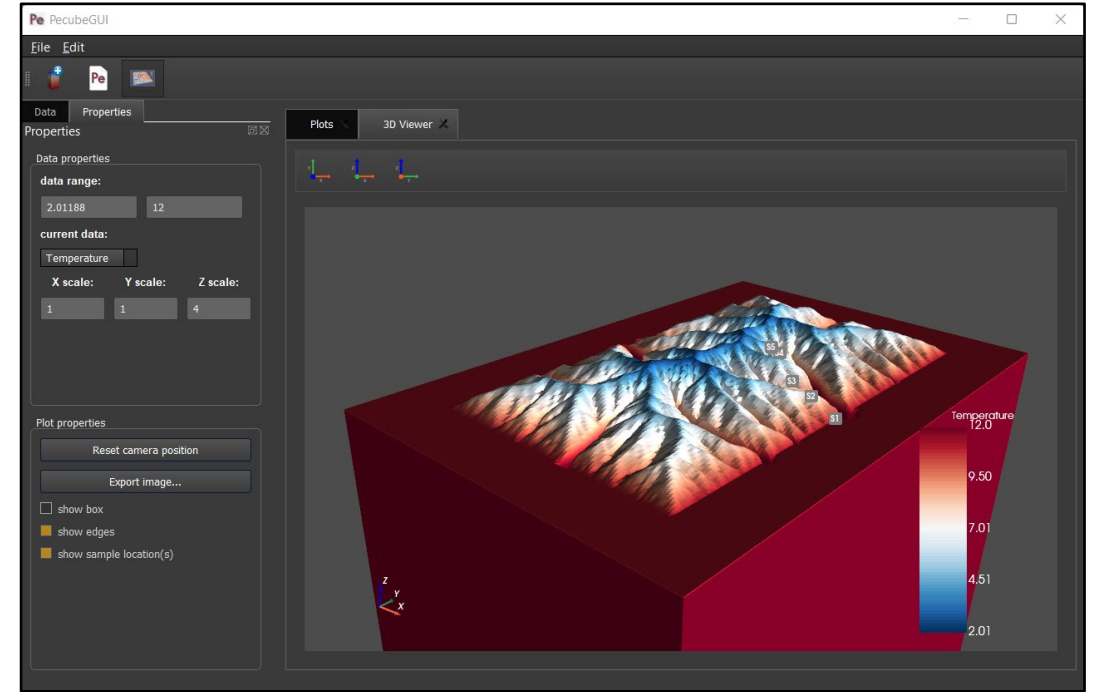
## Goals:

- Provide a user-friendly interface for Pecube to the community
- Implement more recent kinetic models for thermochronometers data predictions
- Host an official version in open access



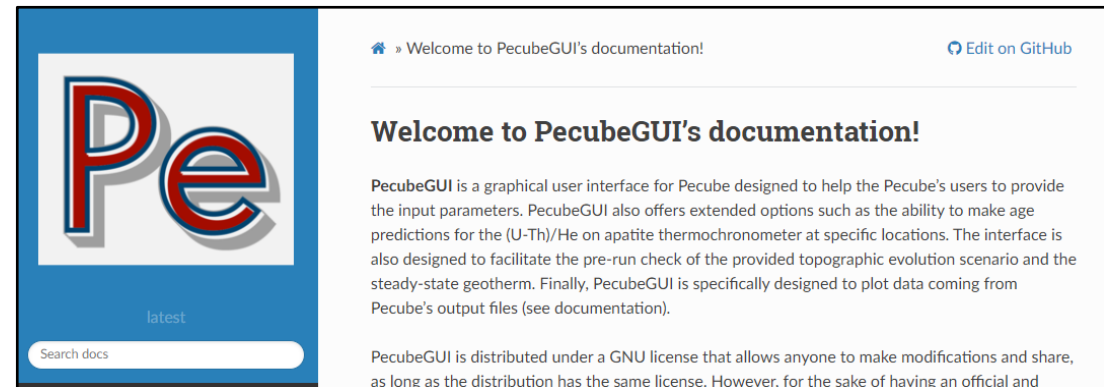
# PecubeGUI: a user interface for Pecube

	Pecube v4	PecubeGUI
User interface	X	V
Sample-specific predictions	X	V
Grain characteristics	X	V
Various diffusion kinetics models	X	V
Open-access	V	V



## PecubeGUI:

- Python-based interface (PyQT5)
- Open-access
- Soon publicly released on Github
- Online documentation (readthedoc)
- For Windows and MacOS (> 10.13)



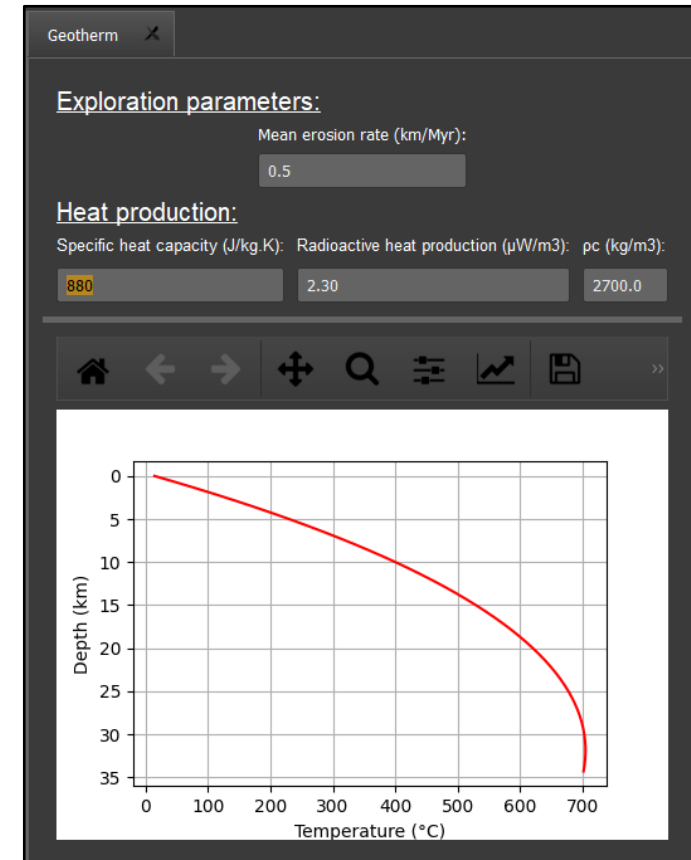
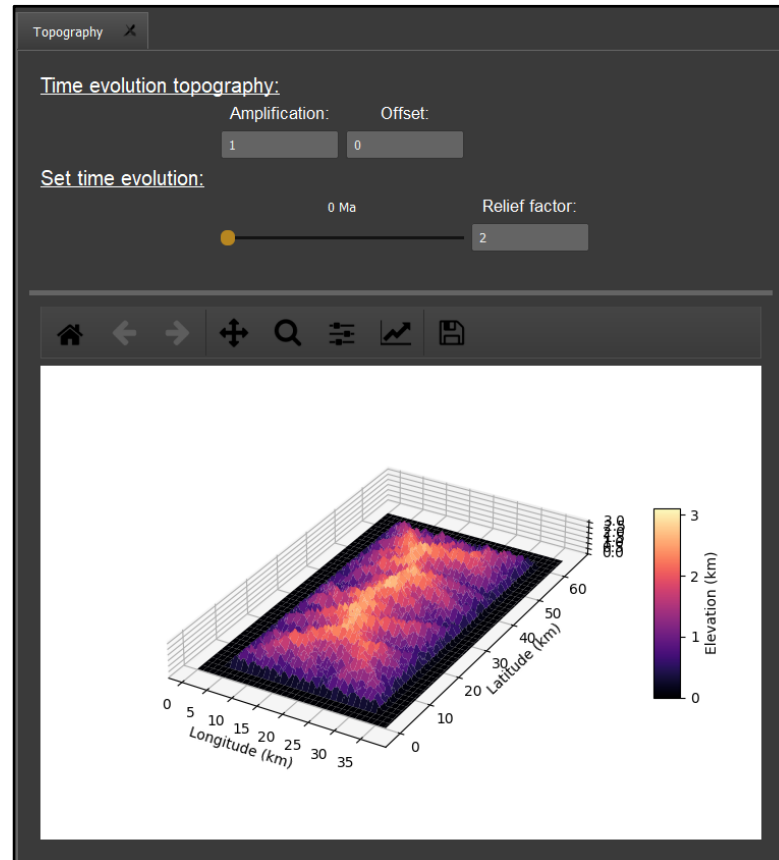
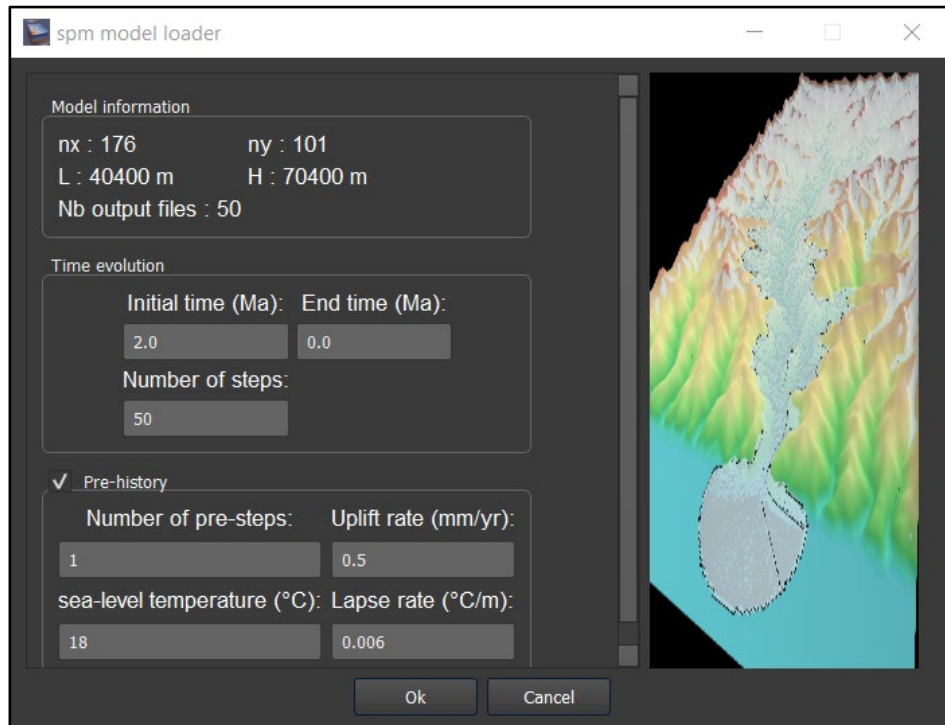
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# PecubeGUI: a user interface for Pecube

## Inputs:

- Pecube input parameters
- Load from surface process model or DEM
- Visualize input topography, 1D steady-state geotherm



# PecubeGUI: sample-specific predictions



- Diffusion kinetics models for (U-Th)/He on apatite
  - Grain-specific characteristics (size, eU, zonation)
  - Comparison with observed data (Age and error)
  - Radiation damage models (Flowers et al., 2009; Gautheron et al., 2009; Willett et al., 2017)
- $^4\text{He}/^3\text{He}$  release spectra

## Purposes:

- To integrate last developments while keeping computational efficiency
- To help interpreting the observed data
- To guide sampling strategies on the field
- To constrain numerical models with observed data and inversely

Topography Geotherm AHe

**Set model parameters for He age computation:**

Production-diffusion model: Finite difference

Diffusion model: Flowers et al. (2009) - RDAAM

D0 (cm<sup>2</sup>/s): 0.6071 Ea (kJ/mol): 122.2983 rmi0: 0.79

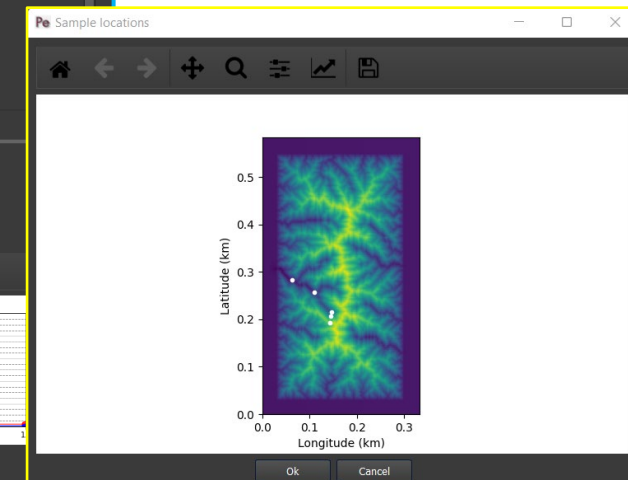
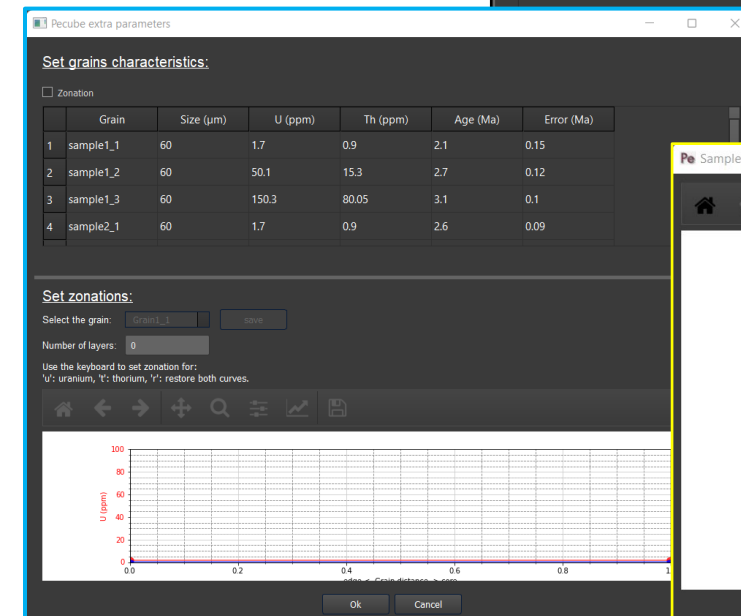
Alpha distance: Ketcham et al. (2011)

Number of samples: 5

Check sample locations

Grains characteristics 4He/3He predictions save samples file...

	Sample	Long	Lat	Nb grains
1	sample1	0.147	0.216	1
2	sample2	0.110	0.258	1
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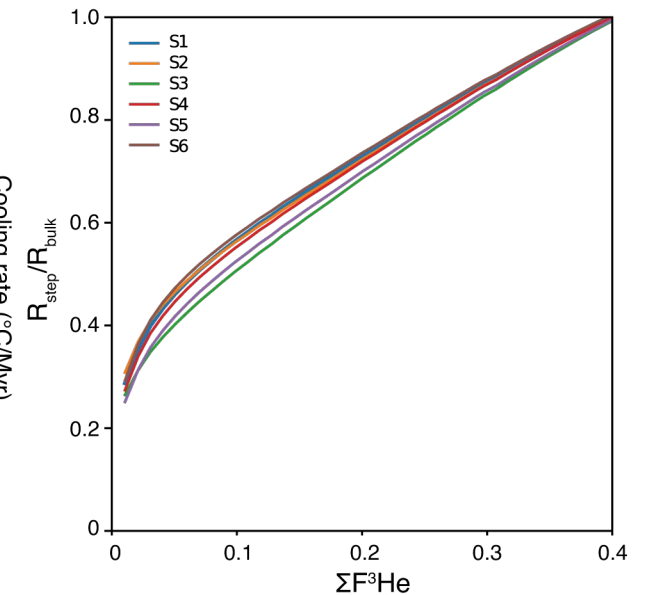
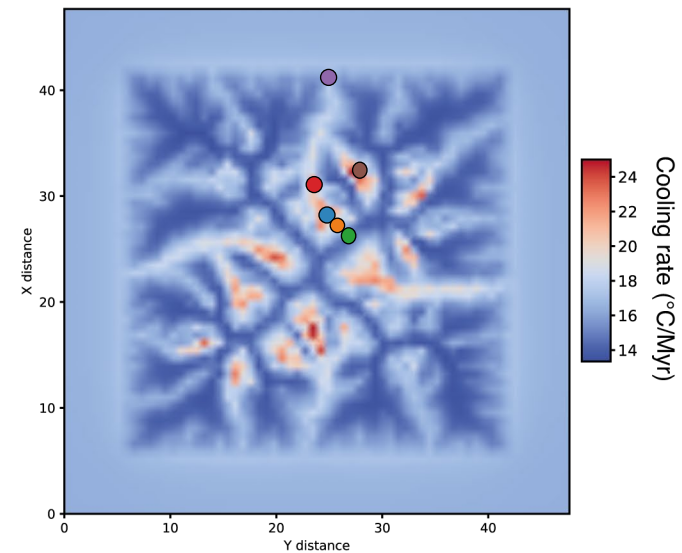
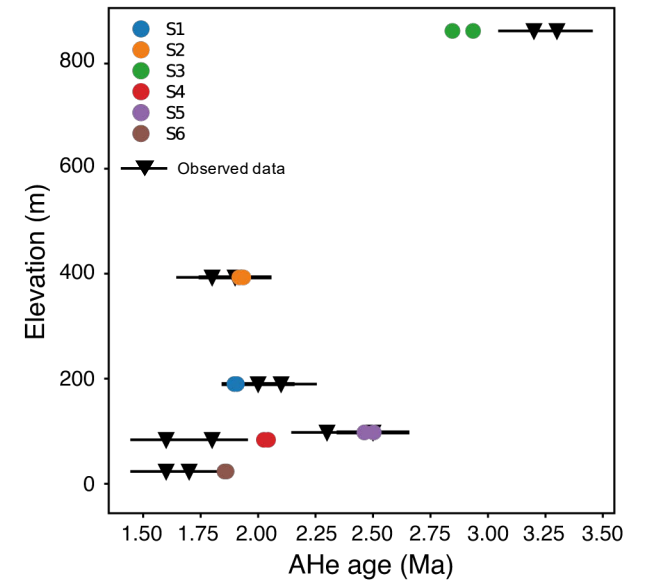
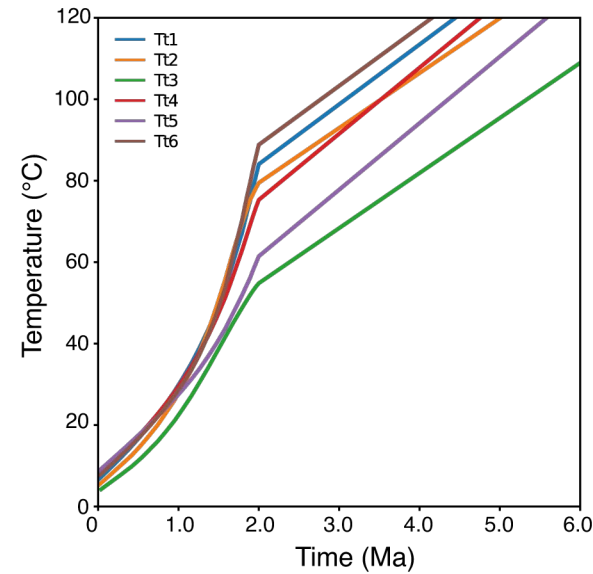
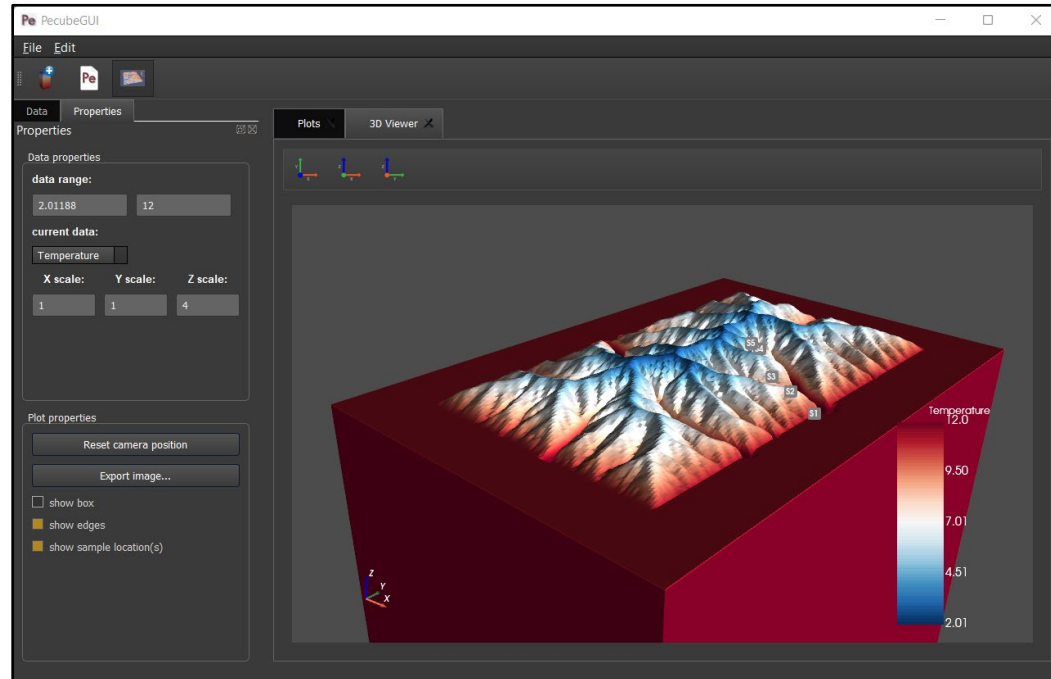


# PecubeGUI: a user interface for Pecube

## Outputs:

- Age-elevations, Tt paths, time-age evolution,  $^4\text{He}/^3\text{He}$  spectra, Date vs eU...
- 2D maps of cooling rates, isotherm, ages...
- 3D visualization with pyvista (Sullivan et al., 2019)

PyVista





# The COOLER Project (Potsdam)



- European Research Council project (ERC) – Pr. Peter Van der Beek



Main objective: Quantify the feedbacks between tectonic and climate processes through glacial erosion

- Development  $^4\text{He}/^3\text{He}$  laboratory and new protocol for proton irradiation (Julien Amalberti, Cody Colleps)

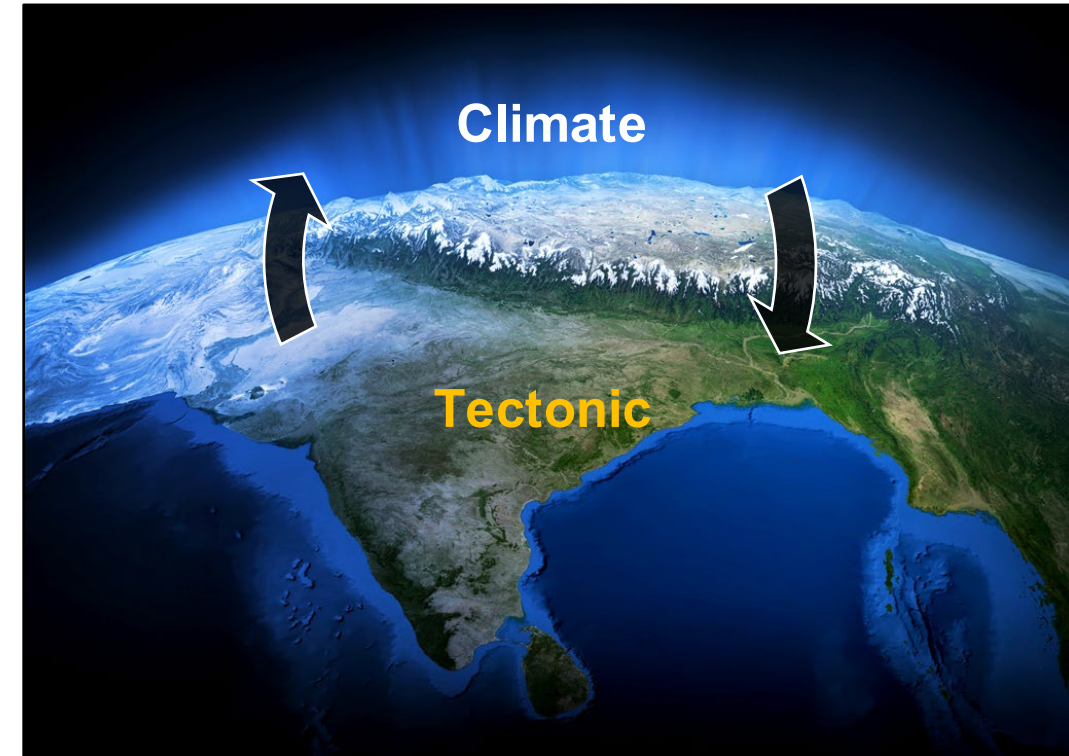


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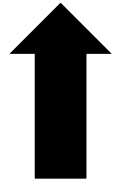
- Developments in Pecube and sample-specific age predictions with recent developments of helium diffusion kinetics (PecubeGUI) + coupling with spm (iSOSIA)



# Our approach: combining a surface process model with PecubeGUI

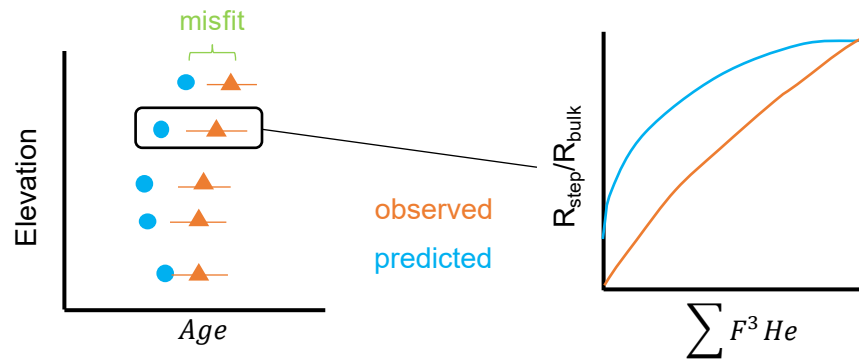
## 1. Surface processes model (iSOSIA):

- Glacial erosion scenario
- Tectonic uplift



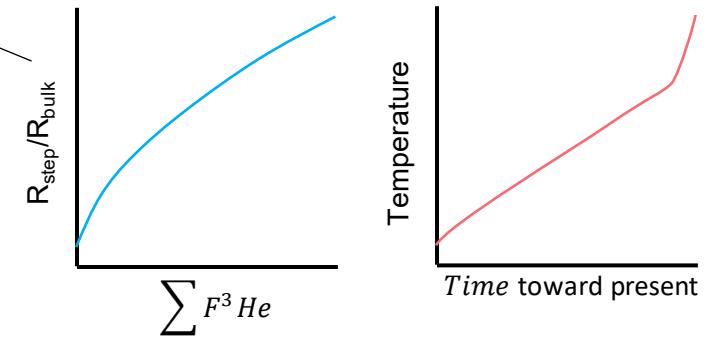
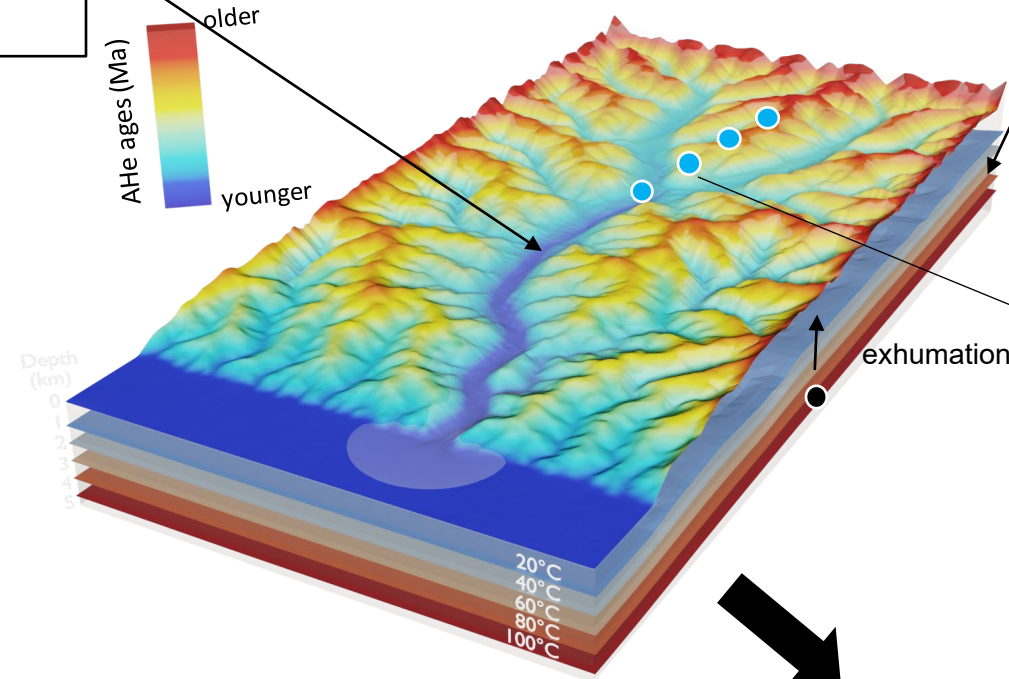
e.g. What's the most probable glacial erosion scenario? The resulting erosion?

## 3b. Predicted vs observed data:



## 2. Thermal and thermochronological model (**PecubeGUI**):

- Thermal diffusivity, heat production...
- RD model, zonation, grain size, eU...



## 3a. Synthetic data for sensitivity tests:

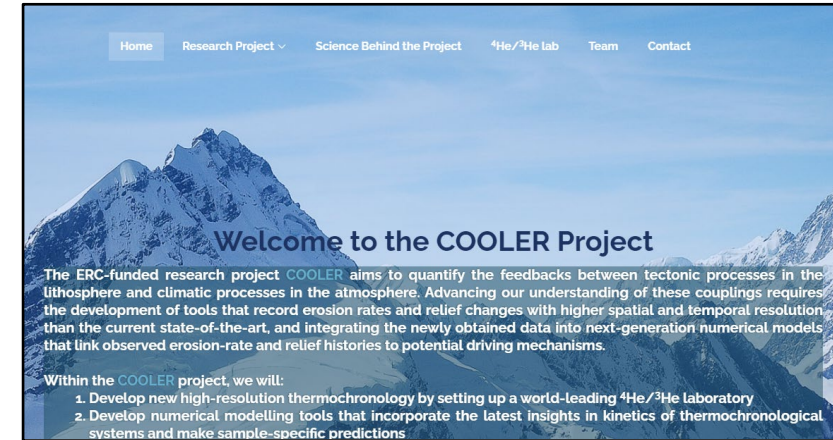
How much information on glacial erosion can we extract from thermochronological data?

How this varies according to tectonic settings?

# PecubeGUI: perspectives



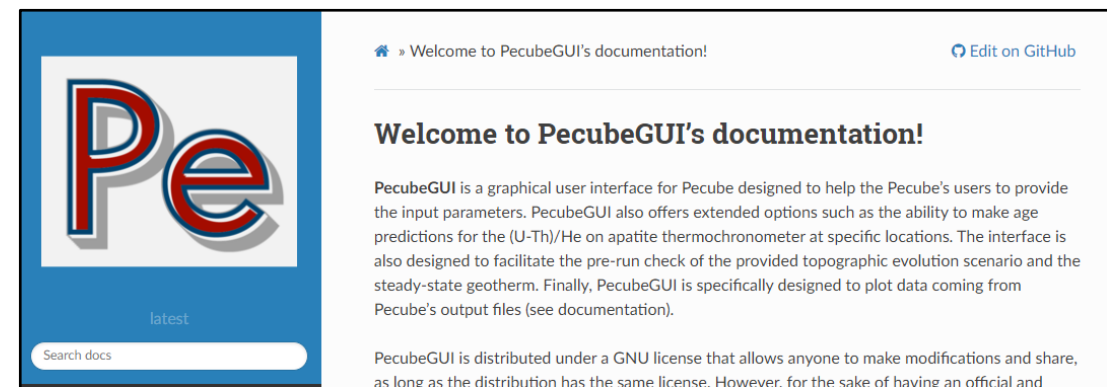
- Sample-specific predictions for apatite and zircon fission tracks
- Different crystals geometry (Gautheron et al., 2010)
- Interactively set fault geometry and visualization
- Pre-spm topographic evolution scenarios...



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Anyone could contribute to PecubeGUI! (but update the official version)

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# Appendix 1: iSOSIA (Egholm et al. 2011)

- A 3D surface process model for glacial erosion
- depth-integrated second-order shallow ice approximation
- Efficient and accurate for application in mountain areas

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## **Modeling the flow of glaciers in steep terrains: The integrated second-order shallow ice approximation (iSOSIA)**

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# Appendix 2: Pecube (Braun et al. 2003)

- A 3D thermo-mechanical model that computes the evolution of a thermal field submitted to an evolving surface topography
- Predicts thermochronological data (e.g., fission track, (U-Th/He) on apatites and zircon)
- Widely used in the community



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