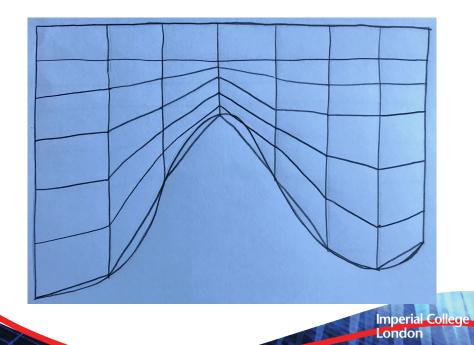


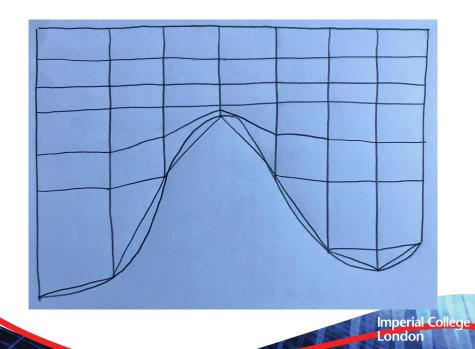
## z-layers, oh noes

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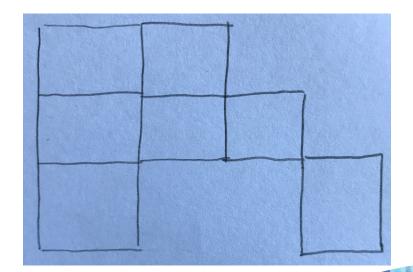


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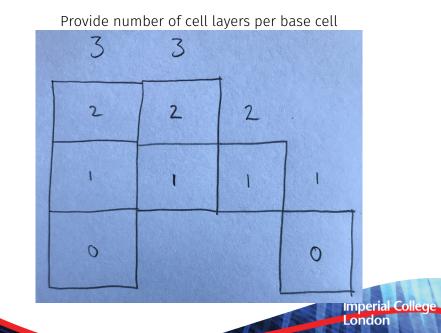
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- Around steep topography, might want to use z-layers rather than  $\sigma$  coordinates.
- Mostly the core computational aspects remain unchanged.
- But, the layer number is now *entity*-dependent.
- So there's loads more book-keeping.

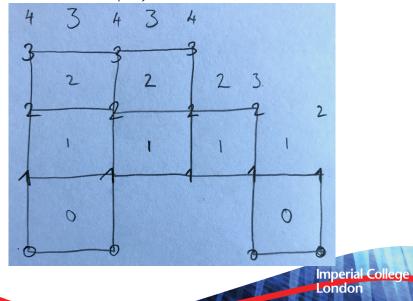


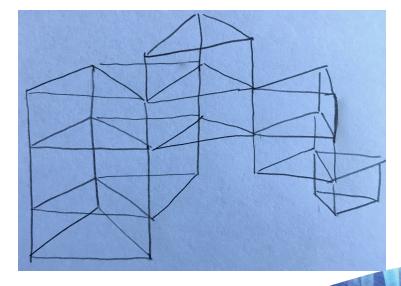


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Bootstrap layers for other entities



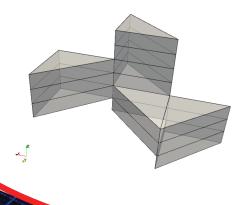


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## Mesh construction

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- On each base cell, provide:
  - 1. Start layer (bottom is zero)
  - 2. Number of cells



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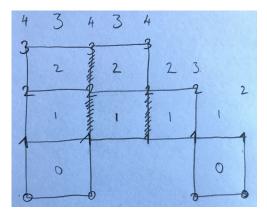
Iteration sets need four values per entry.

- allocation First two entries control allocation of dofs. When assigning dofs to base mesh entities, we must consider full column.
- iteration Second two control iteration.
   When iterating over entities, we can't iterate over "exposed" interior facets.
- Need to attach these to *all* base mesh entities.

## Datatype extension



Iteration sets need four values per entry.







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- GungHo kernel contains iteration over layers
- So now we need to provide this information at runtime
- · Just a directly accessed data array
- This needs to be part of kernel API

```
subroutine old(A, B, nlayers) subroutine new(A, B, lstart, lend)
...
integer, intent(in) :: nlayers integer, intent(in) :: lstart, lend
do k = 0, nlayers-1 do k = lstart, lend-1
...
end do end subroutine old end subroutine new
```



- As ever, strong conditions are painful
- It is no longer the case that only nodes on the bottom/top cell are killed
- I maintain a bitmask on each cell that marks which topological entities on the cell are exposed
- Then when assembling I can determine which dofs to drop on the floor
- This is easier if you never build sparse matrices: what's the status here?





- Support is still WIP (interior facets)
- We squash interior facets geometrically, but not topologically.
- Then we never iterate over these facets.
- They could be left exposed, but now need new iteration type.
- An alternate option would be mixed cell shape (ugh!)