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Statistical theory of probabilistic hazard maps: A probability distribution for the hazard boundary location

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A Festive Example: Prob. White Christmas



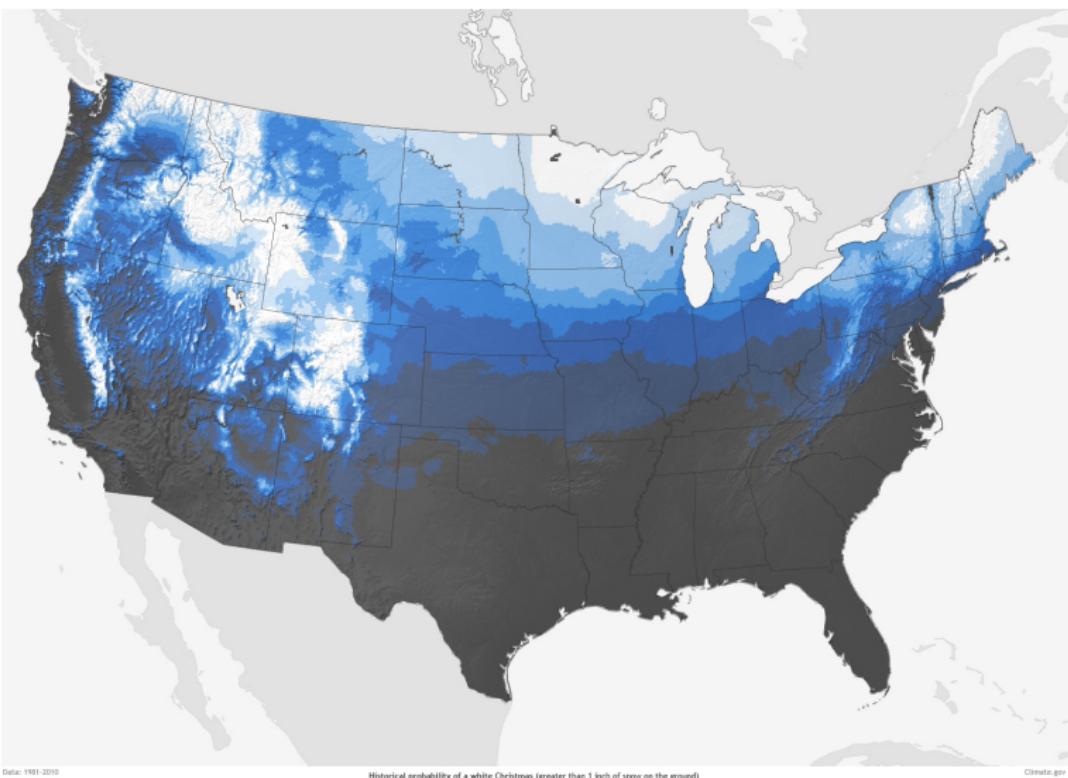
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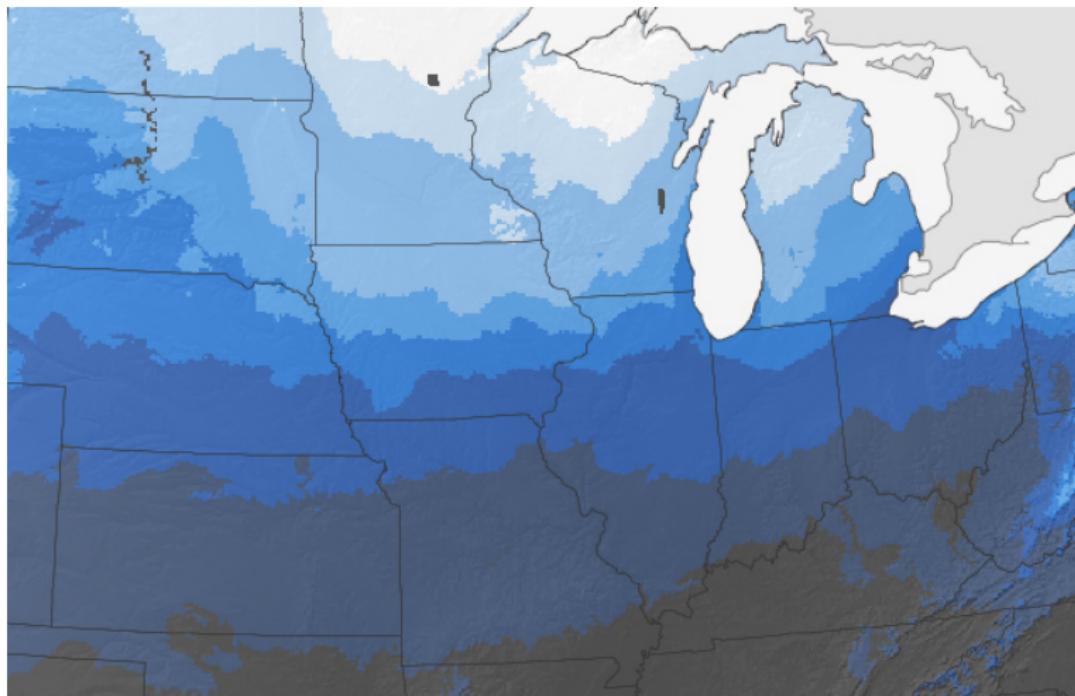
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Data: 1981-2010
Climate.gov

Historical probability of a white Christmas (greater than 1 inch of snow on the ground)

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A Volcanic Example: Ash from Kasatochi Volcano (2008)



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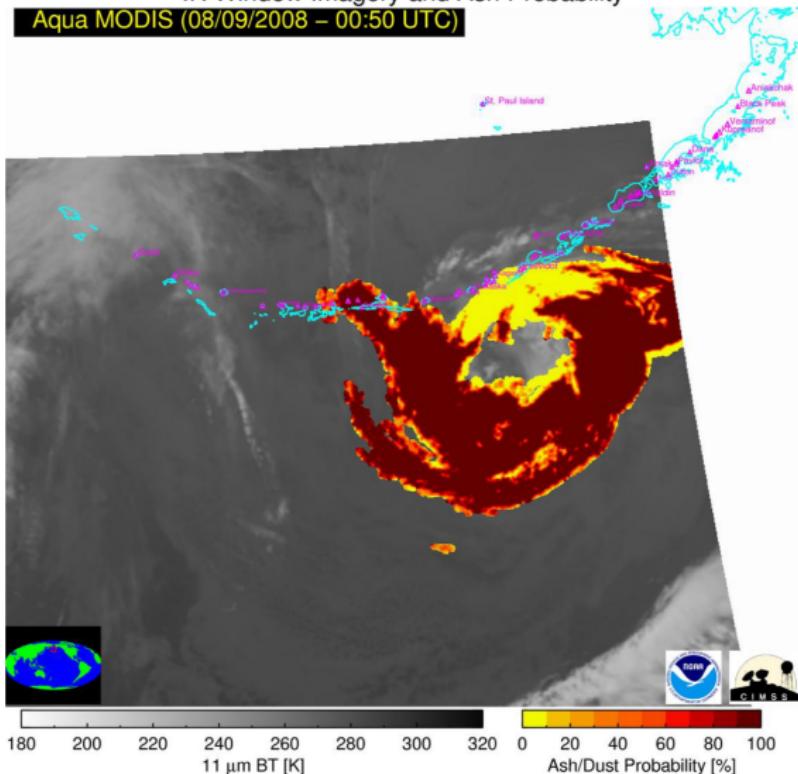
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> Where is the
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IR Window Imagery and Ash Probability
Aqua MODIS (08/09/2008 – 00:50 UTC)



Key Questions



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Ensemble Physical Modelling



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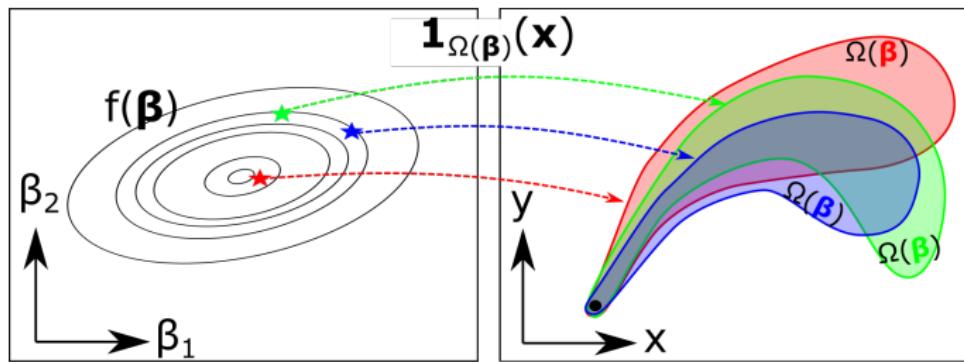
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- Indicator Function: $\mathbf{1}_{\Omega(\beta)}(\mathbf{x}) := \begin{cases} 1 & \{\mathbf{x} \mid h(\mathbf{x}; \beta) > h_0\} \\ 0 & \{\mathbf{x} \mid h(\mathbf{x}; \beta) \leq h_0\} \end{cases}$



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With a parameter PDF $f(\beta)$.

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If $\beta \sim \mathcal{U}$:

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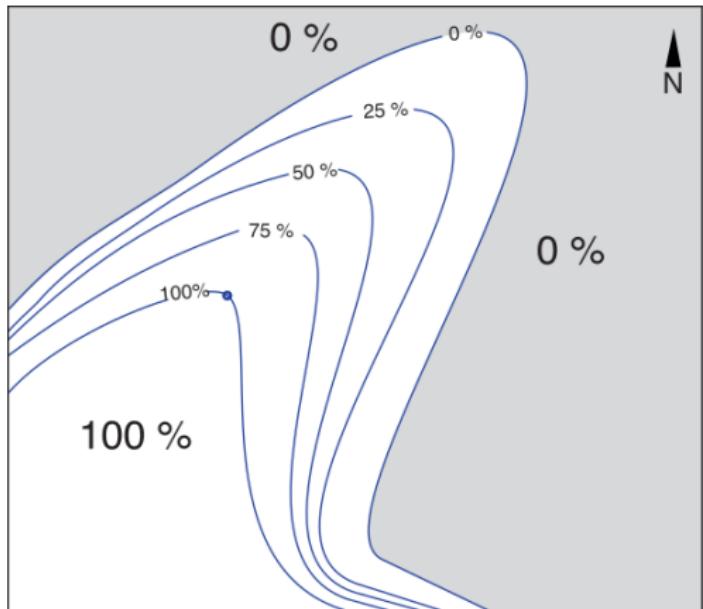
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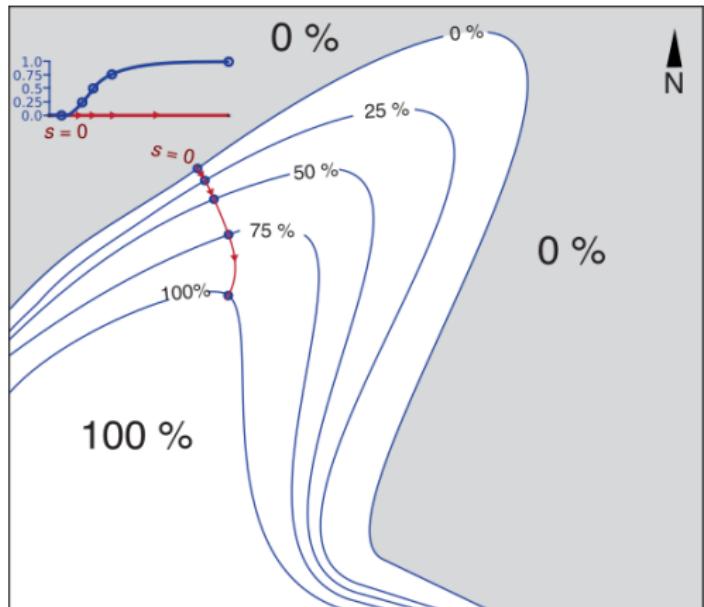
Integral Curves:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_n}{ds} = \nabla \phi$$

$$\phi(s) := \phi(\mathbf{x}_n(s))$$

$$= \mathbb{P}(s_{bdy} \leq s)$$

> CDF for the hazard
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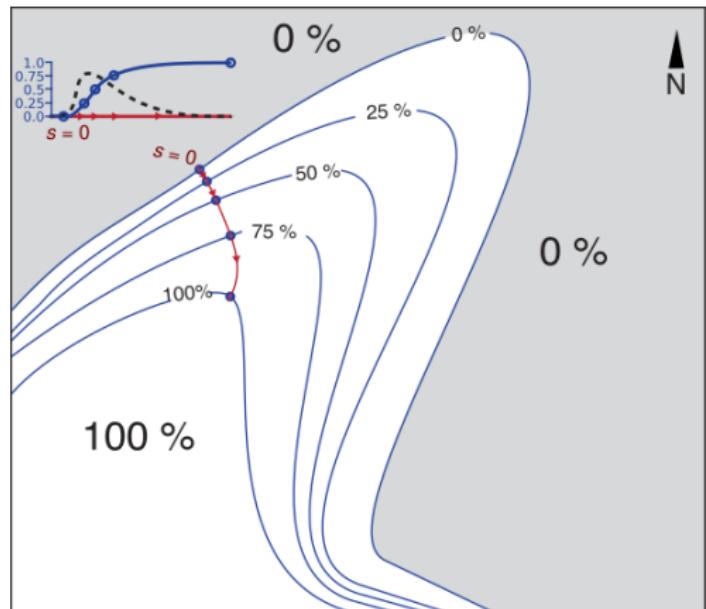
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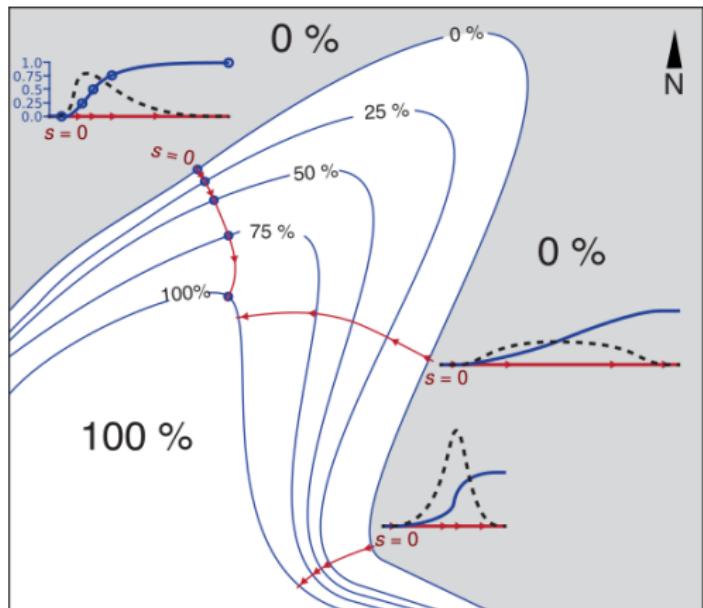
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> CDF for the hazard boundary along the integral curves

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> Apply to all curves

> Q: Global definition for the PDF?



Prob. Hazard Density Map (PHDM)

Flow boundary PDF



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Connect the PDFs on all the integral curves:

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Def PHDM

$$\psi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Q} |\nabla\phi|^2 \quad (5)$$

where

$$Q = \int_{\Omega^0} |\nabla\phi|^2 dA$$

Central Tendency

Mean (and variance)



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On each integral curve:



$$\mu = \int_0^{\infty} 1 - \phi(\mathbf{x}_n(s)) \, ds \quad (6)$$

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- Spatial Mean: $\mathbf{x}_\mu = \mathbf{x}_n(\mu)$
Region Encompassing

1 σ Uncertainty: $\mathbf{x}_{\mu \pm \sigma} = \mathbf{x}_n(\mu \pm \sigma)$

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Median and Mode



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On each integral curve:

$$\mathbf{x}_{median} = 50\% \text{ Prob. Contour} \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{mode} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{x}_n(s)} \psi \quad (9)$$

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Setup



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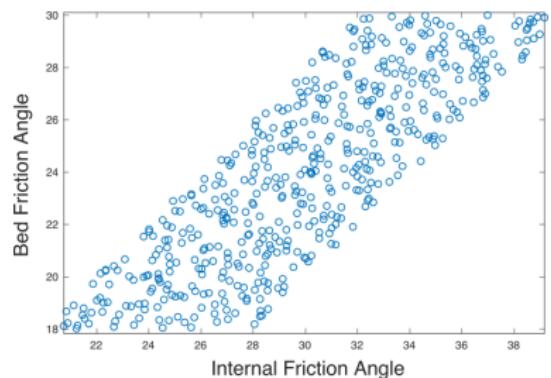
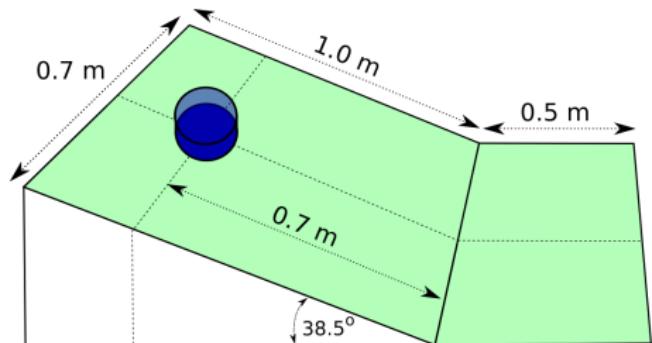
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- > Initial condition:
5 cm radius pile
- > Titan2D geophysical
mass flow code
- > Mohr-Coulomb rheology
- > More info at:
Patra et al., 2018.
arxiv.org/abs/1805.12104



Granular Flow on an Inclined Plane

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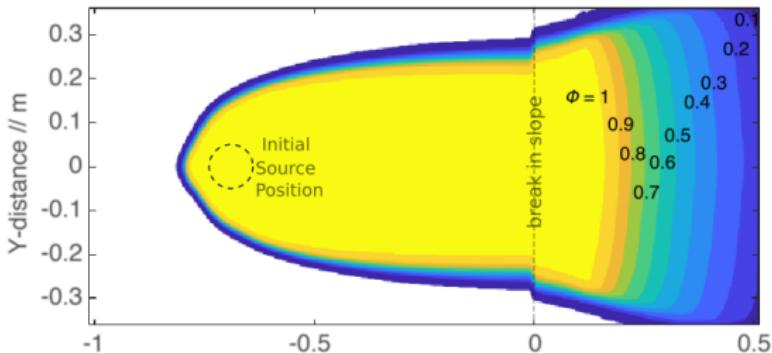
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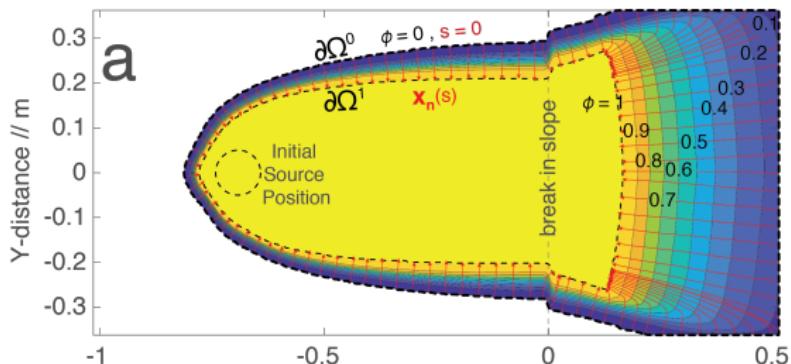
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> Euler's method
to calculate integral
curves $\mathbf{x}_n(s_k)$



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Mean, Median Comparison



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> Numerical
integration to find
 μ, σ

> Mean \neq Median
 \implies Distribution
is asymmetric

> Region within 1σ
 \neq middle 68%

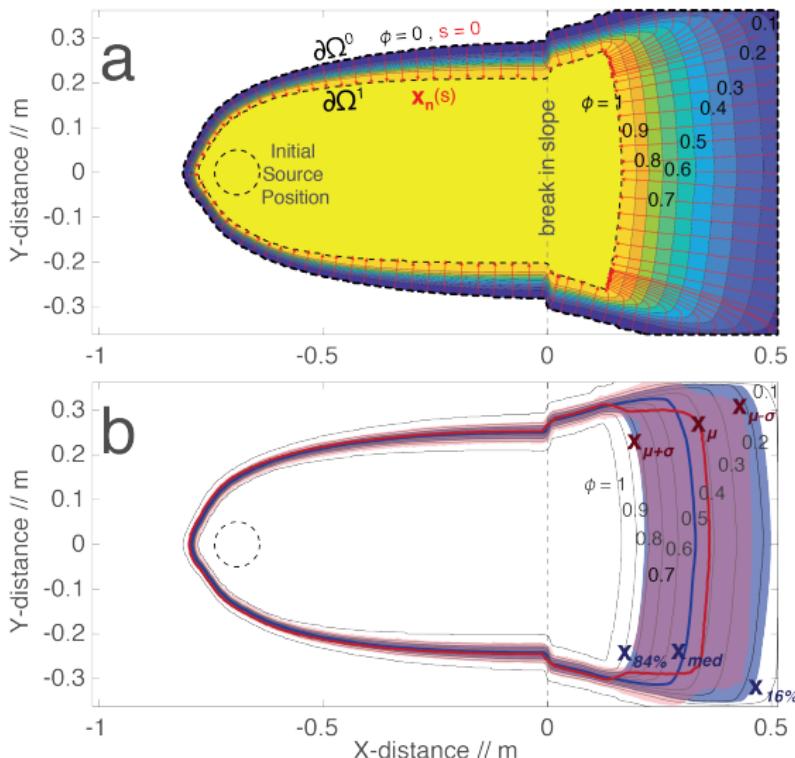


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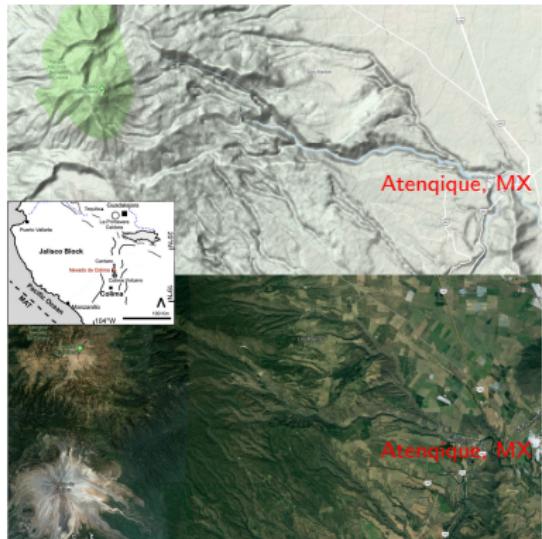
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> Deadly debris flow triggered by multiple landslides on the flanks of Nevado de Colima (México)

> Voellmy-Salm rheology:
variation of friction parameters

> More info at:

Bevilacqua et al.,
Nat. Haz. Earth Syst. Sci. Discuss,
doi.org/10.5194/nhess-2018-294,
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Natural Debris Flow

PHM: plausible parameter sampling



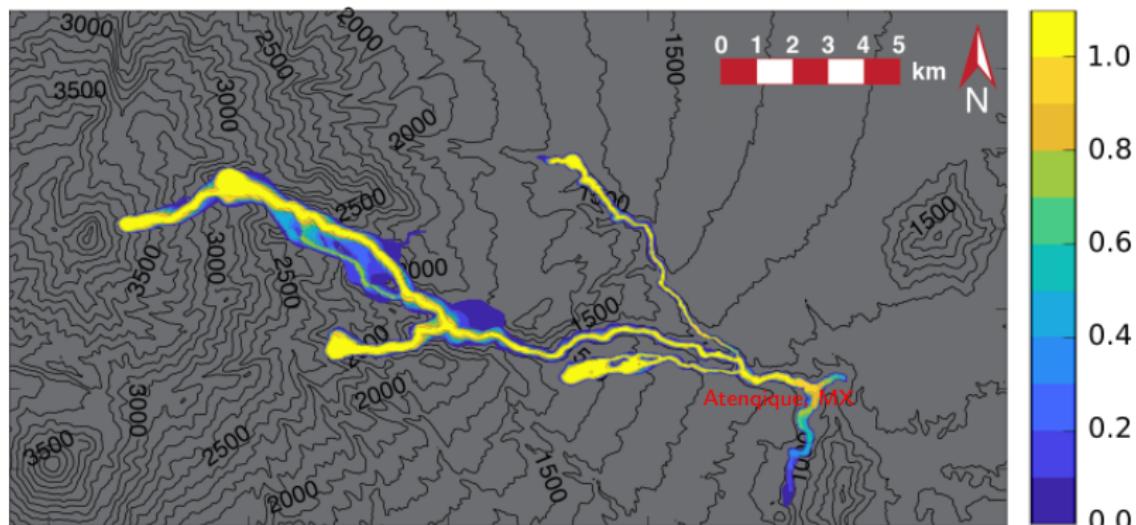
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PHM: A closer look



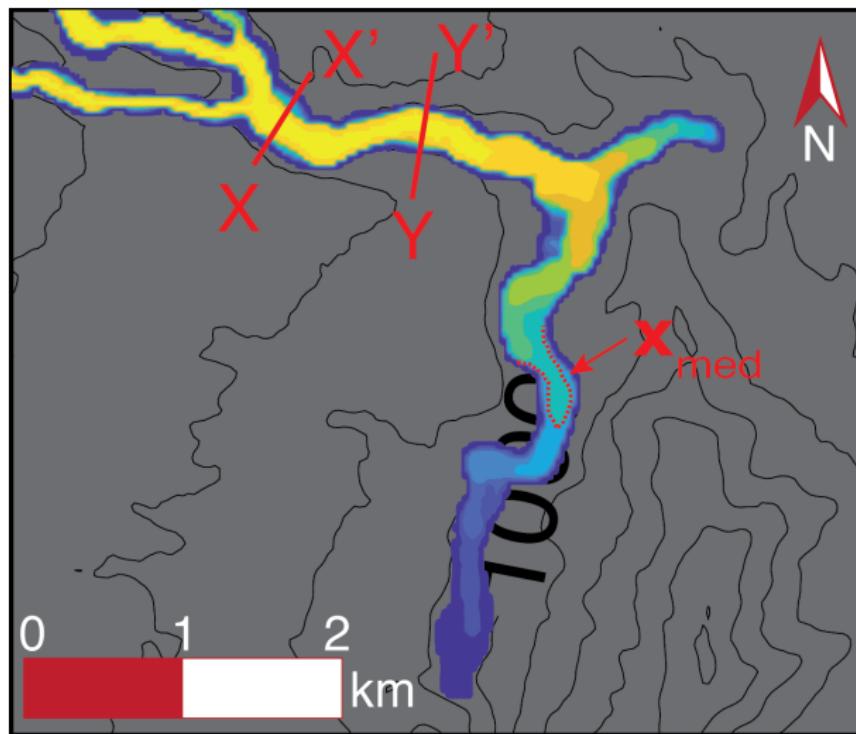
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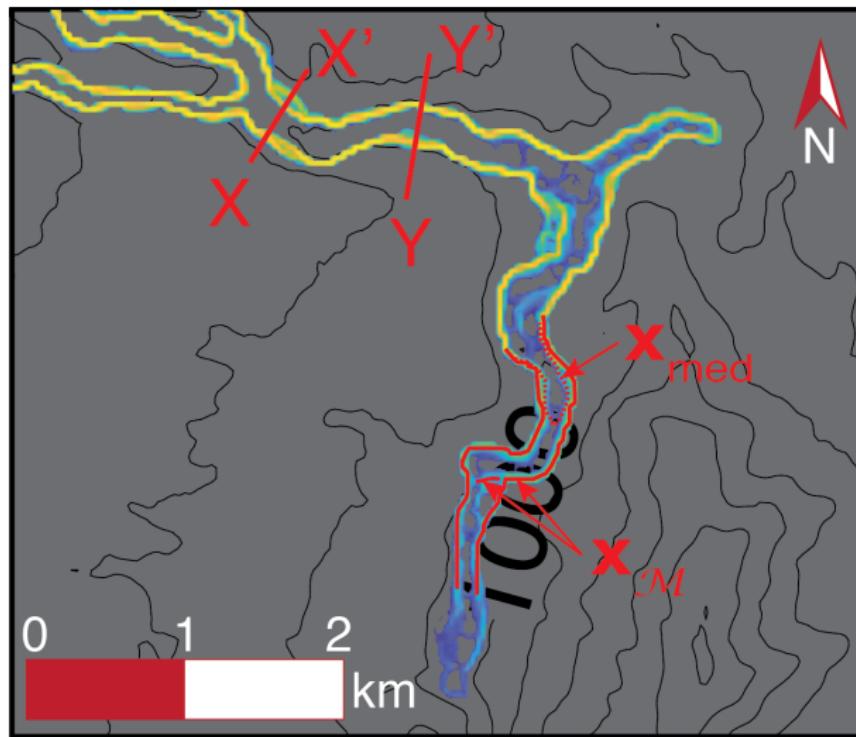
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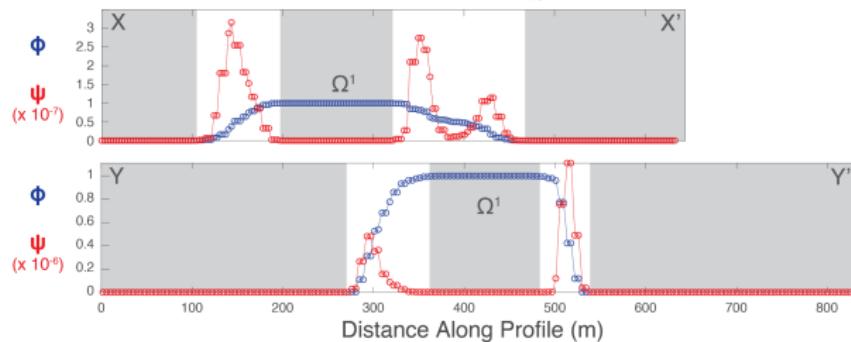
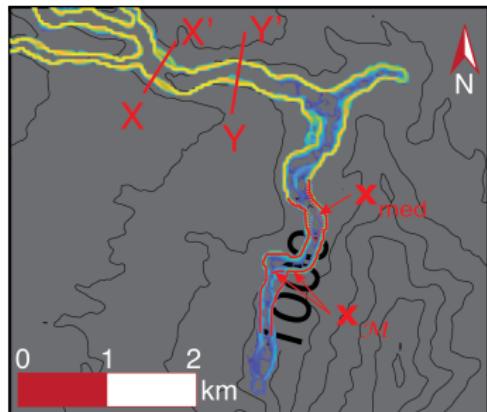
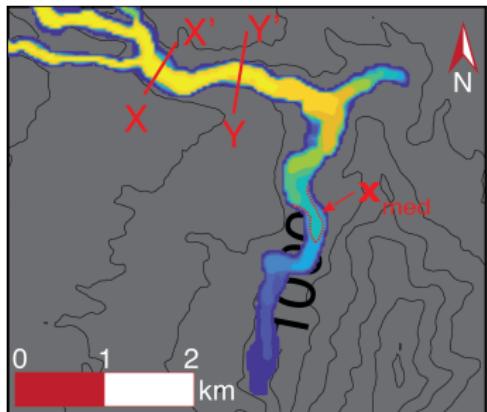
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- > PHM propagate uncertainty in parameter space into uncertainty in geographic space and represent a distribution for the location of the likely boundary of the hazard (not just point-wise probability).
- > Can define a hazard density function (PHDM - square gradient of PHM) which gives a spatially varying PDF for boundary location
- > Can calculate the full suite of typical statistical quantities from the PHM (moments, mode(s), likelihood, etc.)
- > Distribution of hazard boundary location is typically non-normal (even worse - asymmetric, spatially varying, multimodal)
- > See full text at:
Hyman, D. M., Bevilacqua, A., and Bursik, M. I. , Nat. Hazards Earth Syst. Sci. Discuss., doi.org/10.5194/nhess-2018-344, in review, 2018.

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