Using multi-model and coupled model based simulations and UQ for analysis of volcanic hazards

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Geohazard Assessment

In geohazard assessment, acceptably accurate numerical simulation of the complex geologic activities such as as **debris** & **pyroclastic flows**, **snow avalanches** and **landslides** is of crucial importance.

Continuum Model

Considering the geophysical mass flow as an **incompressible continuum**, the conservation of mass and momentum equations are:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \ \mathbf{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \ \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{\sigma} + \rho \ \mathbf{g}$$
(1)

Rheology of flow

Mechanical behavior of the flowing material or the rheology of the flow is a mathematical model appearing in the **Cauchy stress tensor**, σ .

S-W Assumptions

Geophysical mass flows exhibit a shallow flow geometry. Using **Shallow-Water** approximations, the **shallowness parameter** is assumed to be very small, $\epsilon \triangleq h/L \ll 1$.

Depth-Averaging

Shallow-Water assuption allows to perform a Depth-averaging of conservation variables (integrating conservation equations along the flow thickness).

Mohr-Coulomb Model

Depth-Averaged conservation Equations

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(h\bar{u}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(h\bar{v}) = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(h\bar{u}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(h\bar{u}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}k_{ap}g_{z}h^{2}\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(h\bar{u}\bar{v}) = S_{x}, \qquad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(h\bar{v}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(h\bar{u}\bar{v}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(h\bar{v}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}k_{ap}g_{z}h^{2}\right) = S_{y}$$

Active-Passive coefficient

$$k_{ap} = \begin{cases} 2\frac{1-\sqrt{1-\cos^2(\phi_{int})(1+\tan^2(\phi_{bed}))}}{\cos^2(\phi_{int})} \mp 1, & \nabla \cdot \bar{\mathbf{u}} > 0 \ (\nabla \cdot \bar{\mathbf{u}} < 0), \\ 1, & \nabla \cdot \bar{\mathbf{u}} = 0, \end{cases}$$
(3)

Mohr-Coulomb Model

The Source terms S_x and S_y are:

$$S_{x} = g_{x}h - \frac{\bar{u}}{\|\bar{\mathbf{u}}\|} \left[h \tan(\phi_{bed}) \left(g_{z} + \frac{\bar{u}^{2}}{r_{x}} \right) \right]$$
$$-hk_{ap} \operatorname{sgn} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial(g_{z}h)}{\partial y} \sin(\phi_{int}), \tag{4}$$
$$S_{y} = g_{y}h - \frac{\bar{v}}{\|\bar{\mathbf{u}}\|} \left[h \tan(\phi_{bed}) \left(g_{z} + \frac{\bar{v}^{2}}{r_{y}} \right) \right]$$
$$-hk_{ap} \operatorname{sgn} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial(g_{z}h)}{\partial x} \sin(\phi_{int})$$

Bed friction angle, $\phi_{\textit{bed}}$, and internal friction angle, $\phi_{\textit{int}}$, are model parameters.

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Pouliquen-Forterre Model

The knowledge of two functions is sufficient to define the empirical friction $law, \mu_b(\|\mathbf{\bar{u}}\|, h)$, in the whole range of velocity and thickness:

$$\mu_{start}(h) = \tan(\phi_{start}(h))$$

$$\mu_{stop}(h) = \tan(\phi_{stop}(h))$$
(5)

As a result, for the basal friction coefficient in the dynamic friction regime where $Fr \ge \beta$:

$$\mu(h, Fr) = \mu_{stop}(h\beta/Fr) \tag{6}$$

In the intermediate friction regime when $0 < Fr < \beta$, the friction coefficient is given by a power law extrapolation between the friction laws in the static and dynamic friction regimes as:

$$\mu(h, Fr) = \left(\frac{Fr}{\beta}\right)^{\gamma} \left[\mu_{stop}(h) - \mu_{start}(h)\right] + \mu_{start}(h)$$
(7)

The functions μ_{stop} and μ_{start} are given by fits to experimental measurements as transitions between the relevant critical angles. Therefore:

$$\mu_{stop}(h) = \tan \phi_1 + \frac{\tan \phi_2 - \tan \phi_1}{1 + h/\mathcal{L}}$$
(8)

and

$$\mu_{start}(h) = \tan \phi_3 + \frac{\tan \phi_2 - \tan \phi_1}{1 + h/\mathcal{L}}$$
(9)

The **critical angles** ϕ_1 , ϕ_2 and ϕ_3 and the parameter \mathcal{L} (the characteristic depth of the flow over which a transition between the angles ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 occurs) in addition to the β are the material properties.

Pouliquen-Forterre Mode

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(h\bar{v}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(h\bar{u}\bar{v}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(h\bar{v}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}k_{ap}g_{z}h^{2}\right) = S_{y}$$

$$S_{x} = g_{x}h - g_{z}h\left(\frac{\bar{u}}{\|\bar{\mathbf{u}}\|} \ \mu_{b}(\|\bar{\mathbf{u}}\|, h) + \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}\right)$$
$$S_{y} = g_{y}h - g_{z}h\left(\frac{\bar{v}}{\|\bar{\mathbf{u}}\|} \ \mu_{b}(\|\bar{\mathbf{u}}\|, h) + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y}\right)$$

(11)

The principlal relation between shear and normal stresses are:

$$\tau = \mu\sigma + \frac{\rho \|\mathbf{g}\|}{\xi} \|\mathbf{\bar{g}}\|^2 \tag{12}$$

 σ denotes the normal stress at the bottom of the fluid layer and $\mathbf{g} = (g_x, g_y, g_z)$ represents the gravity vector.

The total basal friction splits into:

- Velocity independent dry-Coulomb term which is proportional to the normal stress at the flow bottom (coefficient μ).
- Velocity dependent viscous or turbulent term (coefficient ξ).

Voellmy-Salm Model

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$$S_{x} = g_{x}h - \frac{\bar{u}}{\|\bar{\mathbf{u}}\|} \left(\mu hg_{z} + \frac{\|\mathbf{g}\|}{\xi}\|\bar{\mathbf{u}}\|^{2}\right),$$

$$S_{y} = g_{y}h - \frac{\bar{v}}{\|\bar{\mathbf{u}}\|} \left(\mu hg_{z} + \frac{\|\mathbf{g}\|}{\xi}\|\bar{\mathbf{u}}\|^{2}\right) \quad (14)$$

(14)

Property	Value
Pile location (UTM East) Pile location (UTM North)	644956.0 m 2157970.0 m
Material Volume	$1.4{ imes}10^5~m^3$

Table : Slumping pile properties

Suppose that A_i is a random simulated estimate for D; therefore, the distance function is defined as:

$$d(A_i, D) := \frac{A_i \Delta D}{D} = \frac{(A_i \cup D) \setminus (A_i \cap D)}{D}$$
(15)

Block-and-ash flow example

Distance function distributions



Figure : Distance function distributions, $d(A_i, D)$, for the rheology models.

Block-and-ash flow example



Figure : Mean value of max flow height record over each model's parameter space, (a)-(c), and their Bayesian weighted average, (d).

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UQ analysis for rheology models

Pile number	Center location (UTM East)	Center location (UTM North)	Material volume
1	647077.0 m	2163900.0 m	$1.57 imes10^6~m^3$
2	649512.0 <i>m</i>	2165360.0 <i>m</i>	$1.57 imes10^6~m^3$
3	652228.0 <i>m</i>	2160730.0 m	$1.57 imes10^6~m^3$

Table : Slumping piles properties

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Location number	Deposit thickness
1	2.2 m
2	2.2 <i>m</i>
3	4.6 <i>m</i>
4	4.3 <i>m</i>

Table : Deposit thicknesses measured at the field, $D = \{H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4\}$

Since here the available observed data is the flow thickness at four particular locations, we can use the following metric definition:

$$d(A_i, D) := \frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=1}^{4} \frac{|D_j - A_i|}{D_j}$$
(16)

Debris flow example

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Figure : Mean value of max flow height record over each model's parameter space, (a) & (b), and their Bayesian weighted average, (c).

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