

TephraProb

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1 Introduction

The *TephraProb* package offers an integrated environment to produce probabilistic hazard assessments for tephra fallout through a user-friendly *Matlab* interface and using the advection-diffusion model Tephra2 (Bonadonna et al, 2005). The package can be divided in three main sections including modules to:

- Retrieve, process and analyse the input data required for probabilistic assessments of tephra fallout (i.e. calculation grid, wind conditions, eruptive history);
- Create distributions of Eruption Source Parameters (ESP) for various types of eruptions and various probabilistic eruption scenarios;
- Post-process the results and compile comprehensive outputs (i.e. probability maps, hazard curves, probabilistic isomass maps).

Figure 1 summarizes the workflow implemented in *TephraProb*. This manual provides an in–depth look into the functionalities of the *TephraProb* package at every step of the compilation of a comprehensive probabilistic hazard assessment for tephra accumulation. Note that an online video tutorial is available here.

2 Installation and requirements

The TephraProb package is written in Matlab and can therefore run on any operative system (OS). The minimum Matlab version required is R2011b (i.e. 7.13). The Tephra2 model runs under Unix, and in order to run on Windows, it is necessary to download and install $Cygwin^1$. Two necessary options are required when installing Cygwin, namely the GCC compiler and the Make utility. Make sure to install dependencies according to Figure 2. Finally, the access to ECMWF requires Python. By experience, we had less problems with Python 2.7 than Python 3.5.

3 Getting started

The TephraProb folder should be placed on the hard drive and not be moved in order to preserve consistent links to files within projects. Six sub folders are contained within the main folder:

CODE/: Contains the scripts used in the TephraProb package

CURVES/: Output folder for the hazard curves

GRID/: Output folder for the grids
MODEL/: Contains the Tephra2 model

RUNS/: Contains all output files of projects

WIND/: Output files for wind files

The TephraProb folder also contains a file named tephraProb.m, which is the main GUI of *TephraProb*. To start *TephraProb*, navigate to the *TephraProb* folder within *Matlab* and type:

>> tephraProb

The main interface is shown in Figure 3, and the main functionalities are summarized in Table 1.

4 Input parameters

1https://www.cygwin.com

File	Load		Load a .mat project file
	Preferences		Set main preferences of the TephraProb package
Input	Grid		Create, plot, load calculations grids
	Points		Set points of interests, which can be used as calculation points or as reference points for compiling hazard curves
	Wind	Set ECMWF API Key Install ECMWF libraries Download NOAA wind Download ECMWF wind Process wind Analyze wind	Writes the ECMWF API Key received from registration Install the necessary Python libraries Download wind data from the NOAA NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis dataset (Kalnay et al, 1996) Download wind data from the ECMWF Era-Interim dataset (Dee et al, 2011) Convert NetCDF files to ascii wind profiles Statistical analyses of wind conditions
	GVP		Access and analyze the eruptive history of a volcano from the Global Volcanism Program (GVP) of the Smithsonian Institution (Simkin and Siebert, 1994)
Scenarios	Sub-Plinian/Plinian		Create eruption scenarios for sub-Plinian/Plinian eruptions
	Vulcanian		Create eruption scenarios for Vulcanian eruptions
Post-processing	Probability calculations		Post-processing of the output to produce probability maps
	Hazard curves		Post-processing of the output to produce hazard curves
	Probabilistic isomass maps		Compile probabilistic isomass maps from probability matrices
Display	Display figure		Display any type of figure created during the generation of ESPs (e.g. histograms of each separate ESP)
	Probability maps		Display probability maps using a background from $Google\ Maps$
	Probabilistic isomass maps		Display probabilistic isomass maps using a background from $Google\ Maps$
	Hazard curves		Display hazard curves

Table 1: Summary of the functionalities of TephraProb as displayed on the main interface.

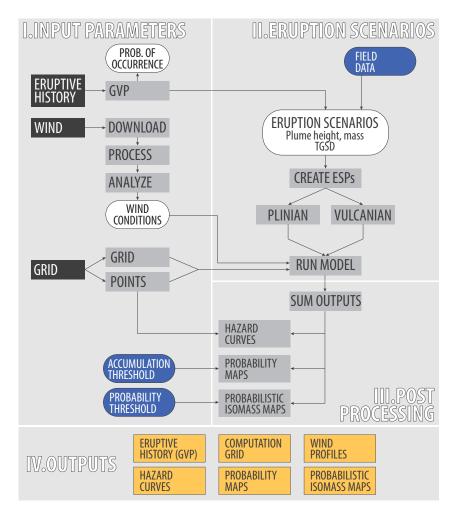


Figure 1: Workflow implemented in *TephraProb*, including 3 main sections to i) access and pre–process the necessary input data, ii) run a large range of probabilistic eruption scenarios and iii) post–process the model outputs into a comprehensive set of probabilistic tools.

4.1 Calculation grid

TephraProb relies on the advection–diffusion model Tephra2 (Bonadonna and Houghton, 2005), which requires a set of calculation points or a calculation grid on which tephra accumulation will be computed. Probabilistic hazard assessments are typically performed on a grid of points in order to produce probability maps, which result in long–computation times. If this approach is viable when a cluster of computer is available, the computational cost is generally too large for a single CPU. For this reason, TephraProb allows to perform probabilistic hazard assessments on a few selected points only and can work with multiple cores CPUs. Although this approach does not allow to compile probabilistic hazard maps, it makes possible to produce hazard curves.

Tephra2 requires points using the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection, which divides the earth into sixty zones comprised between 80°S and 84°N each 6° in latitude ². Although coordinates are continuous within a given zone, they shift when crossing zones laterally or when passing the equator. The *TephraProb* package allows to correct this shift in zones in order to preserve the continuity of the coordinates. The distortion induced is considered negligible compared to the distance over which Tephra2 is valid.

4.1.1 Grid

Figure 4 shows the GUI to set the grid parameters. Required parameters are:

Minimum easting: UTM coordinate of the westernmost boundary of the grid Maximum easting: UTM coordinate of the easternmost boundary of the grid Minimum northing: UTM coordinate of the southernmost boundary of the grid

 $^{^2}$ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Transverse_Mercator_coordinate_system

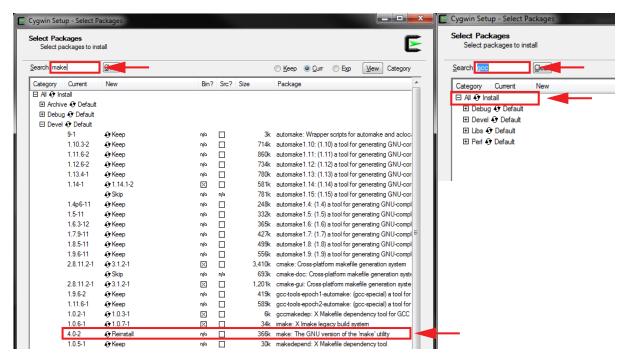


Figure 2: Additional packages required during the *Cygwin* install. Make sure to install the *Make* utility (left) and the *GCC* compiler (right).



Figure 3: Main interface of the *TephraProb* package.

Maximum northing: UTM coordinate of the northernmost boundary of the grid

UTM zone: UTM zone number (i.e. without the corresponding letter). The zone number should

be ≥ 0 in the northern hemisphere and < 0 in the southern hemisphere. Enter one zone if the grid is contained within a single UTM zone, two if it crosses either two lateral zones or the equator and four if it crosses both. In all cases, the boundary

coordinates entered above must correspond the respective zones.

Vent zone: UTM zone of the eruptive vent. Used to define the continuity of coordinates

Grid resolution: The resolution of the grid, in metres

Grid name: The name of the generated grid

Once filled, it is possible to plot the extent of the grid using the Plot Grid button. The Generate grid button generates the grid in the GRID/ folder. Each grid consists in seven files:

_lat.dat: Latitude of the points of the grid in a matrix format

_lon.dat: Longitude of the points of the grid in a matrix format

<u>_utmx.dat</u>: Easting of the points of the grid in a matrix format

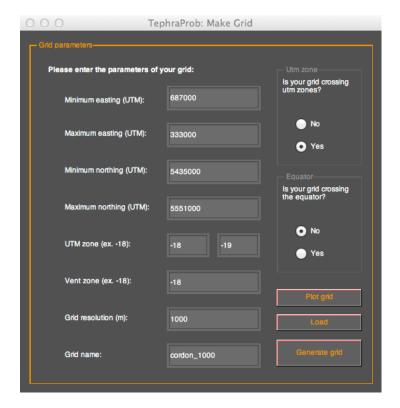


Figure 4: Interface for generating calculation grids.

<u>_utmy.dat</u>: Northing of the points of the grid in a matrix format

.dat: Altitude of the points of the grid in a matrix format

.mat: Matlab structure containing the parameters of the grid

.utm: 3-columns grid for calculation with Tephra2

It is possible to load a previously created grid by using the Load button, in which case it is required to locate the .mat grid file.

4.1.2 Points

The *Points* function allows to i) create calculation points to produce probabilistic hazard assessments consisting of hazard curves only when no cluster of computers is available and ii) to define points of interest to calculate hazard curves. Figure 5 shows the main interface to define these points, which should be entered in latitude/longitude coordinates in decimal degrees. Additionally, the vent UTM zone must be specified, following the same shape as for the grid (i.e. zone without a letter, negative in southern hemisphere). It is possible to plot the points and to load previously created points.

The point files are saved in the *GRID*/ folder and consist of two files including:

.points: Ascii file used for the calculation of hazard curves (see Section 6.2)

.utm: 3-columns grid for calculation with Tephra2

4.2 Wind conditions

Wind conditions are an important parameter of any tephra dispersal and sedimentation model. In addition, probabilistic hazard assessments require to access datasets spanning over at least one decade in order to capture the aleatoric nature of wind conditions. As a result, most hazard assessment for tephra rely on Reanalysis datasets, amongst which the two most frequently used include the NOAA NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis (Kalnay et al, 1996) and the ECMWF Era-Interim (Dee et al, 2011). The TephraProb package offers to access these two datasets through GUIs. However, the ECMWF Era-Interim requires a distribution of Python.

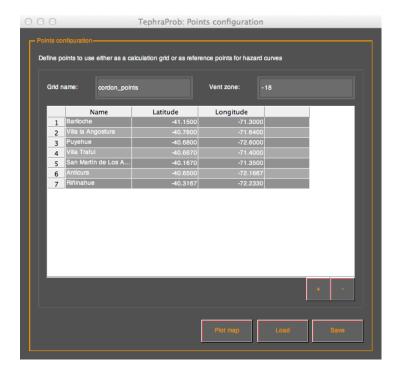


Figure 5: Interface for generating points of interest.

The NCEP/NCAR dataset provides wind conditions on a 2.5° resolution grid. A maximum of 4 wind profiles are available everyday extracted at 00, 06, 12 and 18 h UTC since 1948/01/01 to present ³. Each profile contains 17 pressure levels. The ERA–Interim dataset also provide up to 4–daily profiles on a minimum resolution of 0.25° from 1979/01/01 to present, and contains 60 pressure levels ⁴.

The *TephraProb* package downloads the files in the NetCDF format and converts them into three columns ascii files including altitude, wind direction (i.e. the direction in which the wind blows) and wind velocity. Once the files are downloaded and converted, a GUI allows to display and statistically analyse wind patterns over a region. Wind files are downloaded in the WIND folder inside the root tephraProb folder. Each new wind project contains two folder named nc_output_files and txt_output_file, which contain the raw NetCDF and ascii wind profiles, respectively.

When downloading wind, keep in mind that you are accessing busy servers! So if the download does not work at the first attempt, don't desperate and try it again. Additionally, the longest the requested subset the more chances they are to fail.

4.2.1 NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis

Figure 6 shows the main interface to access the NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis dataset. It is required to input the vent coordinates, where the longitude is expressed in **degrees E of the Greenwich meridian**, the time interval of the selected dataset and a project name. Note that the downloading can take time.

4.2.2 ERA-Interim

If downloading ERA–Interim for the first time, a few installation steps are necessary:

- Create an account on the ECMWF website: https://apps.ecmwf.int/registration/
- Login to the ECMWF website: https://apps.ecmwf.int/auth/login/
- Retrieve an API key: https://api.ecmwf.int/v1/key/
- Accept the license: http://apps.ecmwf.int/datasets/licences/general/
- From the main *TephraProb* interface, choose *Input* > *Wind* > *Set ECMWF API Key* and enter the newly received API key in the text box. This creates a fille called .ecmwfapirc (i.e. a text file

 $^{^3}$ http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/data/gridded/data.ncep.reanalysis.html

 $^{^4 \}texttt{http://www.ecmwf.int/en/forecasts/datasets/era-interim-dataset-january-1979-present}$

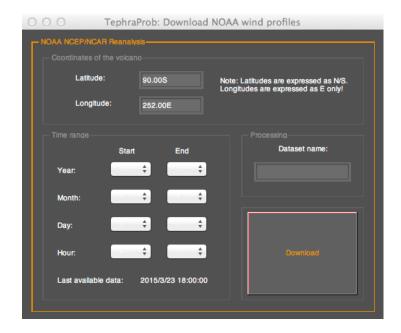


Figure 6: Interface to access and download wind profiles from the NOAA NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis dataset.

without extension and whose name begin with a dot) placed in the HOME folder of your computer (on Windows: c:/Users/username/; on Unix: /home/username/)

• Input > Wind > Install ECMWF Libraries to install the Python libraries necessary to retrieve data in batch ⁵. The libraries are located in the folder CODE/ecmwf-api-client-python.

Hoping that everything compiled without error, it is now possible to download wind data from the ERA–Interim dataset by choosing the *Download ECMWF wind* function in the main *TephraProb* interface. One known issue can occur at this point and display the following message:

```
File "setup.py", line 12, in <module>
    from setuptools import setup, find_packages
ImportError: No module named setuptools
```

In this case, simply install the setuptools using the following command in the terminal:

sudo apt-get install python-setuptools

4.2.3 Post-processing and analyzing wind conditions

Once datasets of either dataset finished downloading, run the *Process wind* tool to convert the NetCDF files into ascii wind profiles. This process also creates a file called wind.mat file in the WIND/yourwindproject/folder. Run next the *Analyze wind* tool to visualize the wind conditions. When asked to load a wind project, select the newly created wind.mat file and wait for the interface to appear (Fig. 7). The *Wind analysis* wind allows to plot wind conditions either as profiles of velocity and direction with height or as wind roses for a given altitude. It is possible to plot wind directions either as the provenance or the direction of the flow (i.e. provenance + 180°). To plot the data in the axes of the GUI, use the Plot button. To export the plot for saving and editing, use the Zoom/export button.

Wind profiles Two main options exist to plot wind profiles, i.e. Averaged or Separate. In the case of Averaged, the profiles are plot either as the median \pm interquartile range (i.e. 25^{th} and 75^{th} percentiles of the population) or as the mean \pm standard deviation, depending on the option chosen in the Average type box. It is possible to plot such profiles either the entire population or sub-populations based on the year or the month. In both cases, it is possible to select more than one entry in the list shown in the Subset box. In the case of Separate, it is possible to show the median/mean of separate years or months superimposed on the same axes. This options is useful to assess potential climatic effects with a long period (e.g. El Nino) or a potential seasonality effect. It is also possible to plot separate wind profiles for a given date.

 $^{^{5}}$ https://software.ecmwf.int/wiki/display/WEBAPI/Accessing+ECMWF+data+servers+in+batch

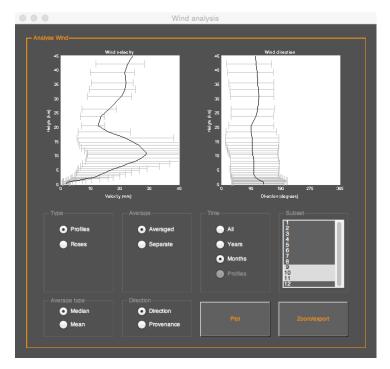


Figure 7: Interface to analyze wind conditions

Wind roses When the *Roses* option of the *Type* box is selected, a new box named *Altitude* appears and displays the median altitude of the pressure levels reported in the Reanalysis datasets. For a given altitude, it is possible to plot either the entire dataset, separate years or separate months. In the cases of years and months, it is also possible to select more than one entry in the list of the *Subset* box.

4.3 Global Volcanism Program

In volcanology, hazard assessments are based upon the assumption that future activity will be similar to past activity or will follow a present trend, which implies a necessity to assess the past eruptions in order to frame the most likely eruption scenarios. The field characterization of eruption is a long and expensive process, and a single field campaign allows the study of a typical maximum of a couple of eruption. Eruptions scenarios are generally drawn around a few studied eruptions accounting for specific eruptive styles. However, the philosophy behind the *TephraProp* package is that a rough hazard assessment is better than nothing. For this reason, the package contains a module to access eruption data from the Global Volcanism Program of the Smithsonian Institute⁶ (GVP; Simkin and Siebert, 1994; Siebert et al, 2010) in order to estimate the eruptive history of a given volcano based on the Holocene record when i) a global estimate of the eruptive magnitude and styles are required or ii) when additional information is required to extend eruptive scenarios around studied eruptions.

Figure 8 shows the main interface of the GVP tool. In the GVP database, each volcano is referenced by a *volcano number* which can be found on the GVP website. Once identified and entered in Figure 8, click the Access button to retrieve the data.

Once the data are retrieved, two main options are available for plotting the eruptive history, either as histogram per VEI class or as cumulative number of eruption through time. The VEI box allow to select eruptions of given VEI classes. Often, due to the lack of field studies, the VEI can be unspecified (U in Fig. 8), or the VEI is sometime considered as "other" (O in Fig. 8). The Confirmed box allows to select either confirmed or unconfirmed eruptions, and the Evidence box gives the option to select eruptions dated either by the historical record, by tephrochronology or radiocarbon dating. Refer to Simkin and Siebert (1994) and Siebert et al (2010) for further descriptions of the GVP database.

Plots of cumulative number of eruptions through time make possible to identifyl segments characterized by different slopes, themselves indicating apparent changes in eruption rates. However, as discussed by Siebert et al (2010), these artefacts reflect the completeness of the eruptive history, and typically include an oldest flat segment where only large eruptions are preserved in the geological record, a middle

⁶http://www.volcano.si.edu

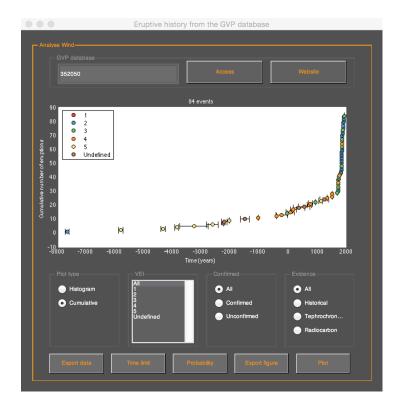


Figure 8: Interface to analyze the eruptive history from the GVP database.

steeper segment where the geological record is complete and a steep recent segment constituting the historical record, in which most small eruptions are preserved.

If we assume that the considered eruptions are independent events, i.e. that the probability of an event occurring in the future does not depend on previous events, it is possible to estimate a probability of eruption in a given time window by modelling them as a Poisson process (e.g. Biass and Bonadonna, 2013; Dzierma and Wehrmann, 2010; Borradaile, 2003). We aim to quantify the probability that a repose interval T is smaller or equal to an arbitrary time window t:

$$F(t) = P(T \ge t)$$

which, in the simplest case of a Poisson process, results in an exponential distribution:

$$F_{exp}(t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$
,

where t is a forecasting window (years) and λ is the eruption rate (number of eruptions per year). As discussed by Biass and Bonadonna (2013), λ must be defined on a period where the eruptive history is judged complete, which can vary when eruption of different sizes are considered.

It is possible to estimate the probability of occurrence of an eruption within a given time interval directly in TephraProb:

- From the plot of cumulative number of eruption through time, identify the period where the record is complete. Note that this period of completeness might vary depending on the VEI;
- Use the Time limit button and enter the completeness of your dataset. Cick the Plot button to actualize the plot;
- Click on the Probability button to visualize the variation of the eruption probability through time.

5 Probabilistic eruption scenarios

Probabilistic analyses in hazard assessment help investigate both parts of the geological record that are not accessible or removed as well as eruptive events that have not happened yet but potentially could in the future. Probabilistic eruption scenarios are based upon these considerations and aim, through

Eruption type	Scenario	Acronym	Ev	rent^a	E	ESP	V	Vind
			Single	Multiple	Fixed	Variable	Fixed	Variable
$\mathbf{Plinian}^b$	Eruption Range Scenario	ERS	✓			✓		√
	One Eruption Scenario	OES	✓		✓			✓
	Wind Range Scenario	WRS	✓			\checkmark		\checkmark^c
	Fixed Date Scenario	FDS	✓			\checkmark	✓	
Vulcanian	Eruption Range Scenario	V-ERS	✓			\checkmark		\checkmark
	LL Eruption Range Scenario	V-LLERS		✓		\checkmark		✓
	One Eruption Scenario	V-OES	\checkmark		✓			✓
	Wind Range Scenario	V-WRS	✓			\checkmark		\checkmark^c
	Fixed Date Scenario	V-FDS	✓			\checkmark	✓	

a Modelling of single single sustained eruptions or multiple repetitive ash emission (e.g. long-lasting Vulcanian cycles)

Table 2: Summary of the probabilistic eruption scenarios for sub-Plinian/Plinian (P-type) and Vulcanian (V-type) types of eruptions implemented in *TephraProb*. Figure 9 summarizes the implementation of the main eruption scenarios.

Monte Carlo simulations (e.g. Hurst and Smith, 2004), to account for the aleatoric uncertainties of both eruptive intensity and wind conditions. The TephraProb package was designed to offer the largest possible flexibility to model eruptions in a stochastic way and includes a wide range of eruptive scenarios designed for both sub-Plinian/Plinian and Vulcanian eruptions, hereafter referred to as P-type and V-type scenarios.

Table 2 summarizes the main eruption scenarios and Figure 9 presents their implementation in *TephraProb*, which are based upon or developed after Bonadonna (2006) and (Biass et al, 2014). Two main scenarios are implemented and include the One Eruption Scenario (OES), in which ESPs are deterministically fixed and wind conditions are variable, and the Eruption Range Scenario (ERS), in which both ESPs and wind conditions are stochastically sampled at each run. The Wind Range Scenario (WRS) and Fixed Date Scenarios (FDS) are used to constrain wind conditions and can be both applied using sets of ESPs deterministically fixed or stochastically sampled. The WRS constrains the sampling of wind profiles within a range of directions and is designed to assess the hazard at specific sites considering a worst-case wind scenario. The FDS uses wind conditions at a given date and is useful to re-assess witnessed eruptions.

In TephraProb, there are main differences in modelling P– and V–types of eruptions. Firstly, for P–type eruptions, in the case the eruption duration is longer than the period of validity of single wind profiles (i.e. 6 hours for most Reanalysis datasets), all eruption scenarios can be modelled as long-lasting, in which case the prefix LL– is added. If this option is adopted, one eruption is sliced in 6 hours parts during which ESPs are assumed constant, and each part is a different run of Tephra2. The final accumulation of such an eruption is calculated as the sum of the contributions of each part. Finally, the Multiple Eruptions Scenario (MES) assesses the contribution of several eruptions modelled as any scenario described above (e.g. Bonadonna et al, 2005)

Secondly, Vulcanian eruptions differ from sub-Plinian and Plinian eruptions on two main aspects. Firstly, long—lasting Vulcanian eruptions consider Vulcanian eruptive cycles consisting of repetitive emissions of ash, called here *explosions* and themselves considered thermal, i.e. instantaneous. The total accumulation of one eruption consists of the sum of the contribution of each explosion. Secondly, the mass of one explosion is directly related to the plume height by the thermal equation of Bonadonna et al (2002a):

$$H_{VP} = 55M^{0.25} + H_V$$

where H_{VP} is the plume height (m a.s.l.), M is the plume mass (kg) and H_V the vent height (m a.s.l.).

5.1 Run parameters

The ESP menu of the main interface (Fig. 3) consists in two main functions, namely *sub-Plinian/Plinian* and *Vulcanian*. Both functions display a set of required variables to run probabilistic eruption scenarios. Each parameter is described in detail below, where it is specified in brackets whether it is specific of P or V type scenarios.

General: General parameters of the run

b Plinian scenarios are long-lasting when the eruption duration is longer than the wind sampling interval

c Within a pre-defined radial sector around the volcano

Plinian Plinian Plinian One Eruption Scenario (OES) **Eruption Range Scenario (ERS)** Long-Lasting ERS (LL-ERS) User input: User input: User input: ▶ Height ► Height 📊 ► Duration ▶ Date TGSD ▶ Mass ► Aggregation _____ ▶ Mass ▶ Aggregation ______ ▶ Mass ▶ Date **▶ TGSD** ▶ Date Interval of ᆒ wind samples △w ► TGSD For each run i in a total number For each run i in a total number For each run i in a total number of runs n of runs n of runs n ► Sample Date , → Get Wind, Sample Date Sample Date → Get Wind. ► Run model → Output, Sample Height, → Calculate MER,^a Sample Duration, ▶ Update counter \rightarrow i = i + 1► Sample Duration, → Calculate Mass. ▶ Split **Duration**, in *n* simulations ► Next run Sample TGSD, , Aggregation, of **Duration**, $\leq \Delta w$ ► Aggregate TGSD, → TGSD* Sample TGSD, Aggregation, ► Aggregate TGSD, → TGSD* Test if Mass, within Mass For each simulation *j* in a total ▶ YES number of simulations n ► Run model → Output ▶ Update counter $\rightarrow i = i + 1$ ▶ Get Date,, → Wind, ► Sample Height, → MER, ► Next run N0 $Duration_{i,i} \longrightarrow Mass_{i,i}$ ► Restart sampling Test if sum (Mass,,) within Mass -► YES ► Run model → Output, ▶ Update counter \rightarrow i = i + 1► Next run N0 ► Restart sampling **Vulcanian Vulcanian** Vulcanian One Eruption Scenario (V-OES) **Eruption Range Scenario (V-ERS)** Long-Lasting ERS (V-LLERS) **User input: User input:** ▶ Height [▶ Height ► Aggregation ► ▶ Date ▶ Height Duration ► TGSD ▶ TGSD -lh ▶ Date ▶ Aggregation _______ ► TGSD Repose interval RI For each run i in a total number For each run i in a total number ▶ Calculate Mass ^a of runs n, of runs n, For each run i in a total number Sample Date, → Get Wind Sample Date, → Get Wind, of runs n. Sample Height, ► Sample Duration, Sample Date , → Get Wind, ► Calculate Mass, Sample TGSD_i, Aggregation_i ► Run model → Output, ► Sample TGSD, Aggregation, ► Sample Repose interval RI, ▶ Update counter \rightarrow i = i + 1Aggregate TGSD, → TGSD* ► Aggregate TGSD, → TGSD* Next run Run model → Output, While the sum of repose intervals ▶ Update counter \rightarrow i = i + 1 $RI_{i,j} \leq Duration$ Next run Get Date,, → Wind,, ► Sample Height, ► Calculate Mass_{i,j} a ► Run model → Output_{i,j} **Action types** Input types Variable types Single value Height Input Action ► Sample Repose interval RI. Distribution known a priori Date, ▶ Update counter \rightarrow j = j + 1Chain step Temporary ▶ Update counter \rightarrow i = i + 1TEPHRA2 Mass if sum Conditional

Figure 9: Algorithms used to generate ESPs for the main eruption scenarios implemented in *TephraProb*. The top three algorithms refer to sub-Plinian/Plinian types of eruptions. The bottom three algorithms are designed for Vulcanian type of eruptions.

Next run

 $^{\it a}$ Mass of a thermal with the method of Bonadonna et al. (2002)

```
run_name: Run name, with no space or special character (P,V)
            out_name: Generic name of output files, with no space or special character (P,V)
              grid_pth: Path to the \*.utm grid file, expressed as a relative path from the root TephraProb
                       folder (P,V)
             wind_pth: Path to the folder containing the .gen wind files, expressed as a relative path from
                       the root TephraProb (P,V) folder
           Vent parameters
        volcano_name: Name of the volcano (P,V)
          vent_easting: UTM easting of the vent (P,V)
         vent_northing: UTM northing of the vent (P,V)
            vent_zone: UTM zone of the vent (P,V)
               vent_ht: Altitude of the vent (m \ a.s.l.) (P,V)
    Eruption parameters: Ranges of eruption source parameters (ESPs)
               min_ht: Minimum plume height (m \ a.s.l.) (P,V)
               max_ht: Maximum plume height (m \ a.s.l.) — enter min_ht = max_ht for OES (P,V)
            min_mass: Minimum mass (kg) (P)
            max_mass: Maximum mass (kg) — enter min_mass = max_mass for OES (P)
                min_ri: Minimum repose interval (hours) (v)
               max_ri: Maximum repose interval (hours) — enter min_ri = max_ri for short—lasting Vulcanian
                       scenarios, where min_ri > max_dur(v)
              min_dur: Minimum duration (hours for P-type, days for V-type) (P,V)
              max_dur: Maximum duration (hours for P-type, days for V-type) (P,V)
             constrain: Boolean 0/1. If 0, plume height and erupted mass are sampled independently. If
                       1, only combinations of plume height, wind speed, MER calculated with Degruyter
                       and Bonadonna (2012) and eruption duration resulting in a mass comprised in the
                       min_mass-max_mass range are selected — enter 0 for OES (P)
    Wind: Parameters of the wind population
              nb_wind: Number of wind profiles in the wind population. Reducing this number will reduce
                       the size of the wind profiles to use, and thus the size of the wind population (P,V)
            wind_start: Date string of the first wind profile of the win population (e.g. 01-Jan-2001 00:00:00)
         wind_per_day: Number of wind profiles per day (typically 4, i.e. 6 hours for most Reanalysis
           seasonality: Boolean 0/1. If enabled, the code will perform three runs including i) all wind profiles,
                       ii) wind profiles of the rainy season and iii) wind profiles of the dry season (P,V)
       wind_start_rainy: Beginning month of the rainy season, used if seasonality = 1 (P,V)
        wind_start_dry: Beginning month of the dry season, used if seasonality = 1 (P,V)
constrain_eruption_date: Boolean 0/1. If enabled, constrain the eruption start date for Fixed Date Scenarios
         eruption_date: Eruption start date (e.g. 01-Jan-2001 00:00:00), used if constrain_eruption_date = 1
    constrain_wind_dir: Boolean 0/1. If enabled, constrain the sampling of wind profiles within a predefined
                       range for Wind Range Scenarios (P,V)
         min_wind_dir: Minimum wind direction (i.e. provenance + 180^{\circ}), used if constrain_wind_dir = 1
                       (P,V)
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max_wind_dir: Maximum wind direction (i.e. provenance + 180°), used if constrain_wind_dir = 1
                   (P,V)
      trop_height: Tropopause height (m_a.s.l.), used to calculate the MER with the method of De-
                   gruyter and Bonadonna (2012) if constrain = 1. Note that the tropopause height
                   varies with latitude!<sup>7</sup> (P,V)
TGSD: Parameters of the total grain–size distribution
          max_phi: Maximum \phi range (i.e. coarsest end of the TGSD) (P,V)
          min_phi: Minimum \phi range (i.e. finest end of the TGSD) (P,V)
     min_med_phi: Minimum median \phi (P,V)
     max_med_phi: Maximum median \phi (P,V)
      min_std_phi: Minimum \sigma\phi (P,V)
      max_std_phi: Maximum \sigma\phi (P,V)
         min_agg: Minimum empirical aggregation parameter (0-1). TephraProb accounts for aggre-
                   gation using the empirical method of Bonadonna et al (2002a), in which a mass
                   proportion equal to the empirical aggregation parameter is removed from the fine
                   fraction of the TGSD. The fine fraction is defined as all diameters finer or equal than
                   MAX_DIAM. The fraction of fine material removed is equally redistributed in bins
                   ranging from -1\phi to MAX_DIAM. (P,V)
         max_agg: Maximum empirical aggregation parameter (0-1) (P,V)
        max.diam: The maximum diameter affected by aggregation processes. Enter 5 to consider the
                   aggregation of material < 63 microns (e.g. PC1, PC2, AP1) or 4 to consider the
                   aggregation of material < 125 microns (e.g. AP2, AP3) (P,V)
RUN: Run parameters
      long_lasting: Choose if the long_lasting strategy described above is applied (0: short_lasting; 1:
                   long-lasting), in which case one run consists of more than one simulation (P)
        ht_sample: Probability density function used for the stochastic sampling of plume heights (0:
                   uniform; 1: logarithmic)(P,V)
         ri_sample: Probability density function used for the stochastic sampling of repose intervals (0:
                   uniform; 1: logarithmic)(v)
          nb_runs: Number of runs of the probabilistic eruption scenario(P,V)
        write_conf: Write configuration files (Boolean 0/1). If this module is used to test ESP, choose
                   write_conf = 0; if you plan on running the model afterwards, choose write_conf =
                   1(P,V)
         write_gs: Write TGSD files (Boolean 0/1). If this module is used to test ESP, choose write_gs
                   = 0; if you plan on running the model afterwards, choose write_gs = 1(P,V)
     write_fig_sep: Save figures for separate eruptions of a given run. Useful when long_lasting = 1 or if
                   running V-LLERS strategies(P,V)
      write_fig_all: Save figures the entire run(P,V)
     write_log_sep: Save a log file for separate eruptions of a given run(P,V)
      write_log_all: Save a log file for the entire run(P,V)
              par: Use the Parallel Computing Toolbox for Matlab if installed (Boolean 0/1)(P,V)
          par_cpu: Number of CPU cores to use if par = 1(P,V)
  http://www-das.uwyo.edu/geerts/cwx/notes/chap01/tropo.html
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Tephra2: Tephra2 parameters, refer to Bonadonna et al (2005) for more details
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eddy_const: Eddy diffusion for small particles (m^2 \ s^{-1}) (P,V)

diff_coeff: Diffusion coefficient for large particles (m^2 \ s^{-1}) (P,V)

ft_thresh: Fall—time threshold for change in diffusion regimes (s) (P,V)

lithic_dens: Lithic density (kg \ m^{-3}) (P,V)

pumice_dens: Pumice density (kg \ m^{-3}) (P,V)

col_step: Column integration steps (P,V)

part_step: TGSD integration steps (P,V)

alpha: \alpha parameter of the beta distribution used for mass distribution within the plume (P,V)

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5.2 Structure of the output

Upon completion of either ESP function, a folder called after run_name is created in the RUNS/ folder. It is possible to run several instances of the ESP functions with the same run_name , which will create sub–folders in the RUNS/ folder. In that way, it is possible to explore how ESPs are distributed by the code without deleting previous runs. Each sub–folder contains two files:

.mat: The main project file. In the following step, when required to load a run, fetch this file.

T2_stor.txt: Ascii file containing all commands to be sent to Tephra2

In addition, eight folders are created and described here in chronological order rather than alphabetical:

- CONF/: Contains the configuration files for Tephra2. The CONF/ folder contains either a single folder named all/ if seasonality = 0, or three folders named all, dry and rainy if seasonality = 1. Inside each folder are located as many sub-folders as nb_runs, which each contain either a single .conf file if long_lasting = 0 or several if long_lasting = 1. .conf files are ascii files.
 - GS/: Contains the TGSD (.gsd) ascii files sent to Tephra2, where the TGSD is expressed as the cumulative shape of a Gaussian distribution in ϕ units. In TephraProb, when long_lasting = 1, the same TGSD is used for the entire eruption.
 - FIG/: Contains the histograms summarizing the stochastic sampling of ESPs saved in vector .eps and Matlab .fig formats. The root folder contains histograms of ESPs over all runs. If long_lasting = 1, the mass_sim file represents the distribution of mass over all simulations (i.e. comprising all single simulation of a long_lasting run) whereas the mass_run file represents the sum of the mass of a given run. If write_fig_sep = 1, additional sub_folders are created containing distributions of ESPs for each separate run.
 - LOG/: Contains the log files for all runs. If write_log_sep = 1, log files for each separate run are also created.

The next four folders will only be populated when the eruption scenarios are ran with Tephra2 and will be further discussed in the post–processing section:

- OUT/: Contains the Tephra2 output files, which are ascii .conf files arranged in 4 columns containing i) easting, ii) northing, iii) altitude and iv) ground accumulation $(kg \ m^{-2})$. Here again, each folder contains as many sub-folders as nb_runs, which each contain either a single .out file if long_lasting = 0 or several if long_lasting = 1.
- SUM/: Contains the sum of all separate simulations of one run.
- PROB/: Contains the probability matrices computed for a given threshold of tephra accumulation from a given scenario.
 - IM/: Contains the isomass matrices computed for a given probability of occurrence from a given scenario.

5.3 Running Tephra2

Upon the completion of the previous step, a file named T2_stor.txt was created. Each line of this file corresponds to a Tephra2 command with the following structure:

```
./path_to_model path_to_conf path_to_grid path_to_wind path_to_TGSD >> path_to_output

path_to_model: Path to Tephra2, typically MODEL/tephra2-2012 it TephraProb. In the command line, ./ is the command to an executable program;

path_to_conf: Path to the configuration file (.conf);

path_to_grid: Path to the grid file (.utm);

path_to_wind: Path to the wind file (.gen);

path_to_TGSD: Path to the total grain—size distribution file (.gsd);

path_to_output: Path to the output file (.out). In the command line, >> specifies the output file in which results will be saved.
```

5.3.1 Single-CPU machine

If you are running the probabilistic hazard assessment on your personal computer, do the following:

- \bullet From the main Tephra Prob interface, choose Scenarios $\dot{c}\dot{c}$ Run TEPHRA2
- When asked, select the .mat file of your project
- Matlab sends the command to the system

5.3.2 Computer cluster

There is no easy nor unique way to parallelize codes! So we can only assume that if you have access to a computer cluster, there will also be assistance. Conceptually, you need to:

- Upload the project file to the main node of your cluster. Remember that in *TephraProb*, all paths are specified as relative, meaning that you need to respect the hierarchy of directories. For instance, let's say i) your project is called my_project and ii) it is the second run in the project (e.g. 2/), you need to copy RUNS/my_project/2/ from your local to your remote machine.
- Move the T2_stor.txt file at the root level of your directory, i.e. along the MODEL, RUNS or WIND directories.
- Write a script that can read the content of T2_stor.txt and iterate through it, sending each command to a different CPU of each node.

Eventually, copy back the RUNS/my_project/2/OUT/ directory back to your local machine.

6 Post-processing

Post-processing functions included in *TephraProb* transform the results of individual eruption modelled using scenarios described above into probabilities of exceeding given thresholds of tephra accumulations. Following Bonadonna (2006), we want to quantify the probability the probability of hazardous thresholds of mass loads:

$$P[M(x,y) \ge M_T \mid eruption]$$

where M(x,y) is the tephra mass load (kgm^{-2}) accumulated at given locations and M_T a mass load threshold. For a given eruption scenario, the probability P_M at coordinates x,y is quantified by counting the number of times a given threshold of load is reached over the total number of runs N_R :

$$P_M(x,y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_R} n_i}{N_R}$$

where

$$n_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } M_i(x,y) \ge \text{threshold} \mid \text{eruption} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For the hazard assessment of tephra accumulation, we need to represent four variables including the geographic coordinates (x, y or longitude, latitude), the tephra accumulation and the probability of occurrence of a given tephra accumulation. However, typical displays such as a map are limited by three dimensions, and it is therefore necessary to fix a degree of freedom. *TephraProb* allows three main types of outputs presented below, which each fixes a different degree of freedom.

6.1 Probability maps

Probability maps fix a critical value of tephra accumulation $(kg \ m^{-2})$ to allow the contouring of the spatial probability of exceeding this critical threshold. To produce probability maps:

- From the main TephraProb interface, choose Post processing > Probability calculations
- When asked, select the .mat file of your project
- The first step consists in summing separate simulations of a given run
- The second step computes probabilities for a wide range of tephra accumulations at each pixel
- Per default, TephraProb computes probabilities of exceeding tephra accumulations of 0.01, 0.05, 0.5, 1,5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, 650, 700, 750, 800, 850, 900, 950 and 1000 $kg\ m^{-2}$. These values can be modified from the File > Preferences menu of the main interface. However, it is necessary to have a sufficiently large number of tephra accumulations when compiling probabilistic isomass maps
- Results are stored in the *PROB*/ sub-folder of the run_name folder. Probability matrices are saved in three different formats:
 - -3C: Column-type format (i.e. easting, northing, altitude and tephra accumulation), in which the number of rows of the file corresponds to the number of points in the grid. This format is useful for plotting with tools such as GMT^8 or the Python module $Basemap^9$
 - GIS: ESRI ArcMap ascii raster format, which can be imported into ArcMap using the ascii to raster conversion function ¹⁰
 - MAT: Matrix format, used for plotting within TephraProb

6.2 Hazard curves

Hazard curves fix the geographical location to allow the display of the probability of exceeding any tephra accumulation at a given point. To produce hazard curves:

- If the probability scenario was ran for a grid of points, create a list of points of interest using the Input > Points in the main TephraProb interface (see Section 4.1.2)
- From the main interface, choose Post processing > Hazard curves
- When asked, select the .mat file of your project
- When asked, select the .points file containing the points for which hazard curves will be computed.
 If the eruption scenario was ran to produce hazard curves only, this file should be in the same folder as grid_pth
- The code reads all files and saves the curves in the CURVES/ folder of the root TephraProb folder

⁸http://gmt.soest.hawaii.edu

⁹http://matplotlib.org/basemap/

6.3 Probabilistic isomass maps

Probabilistic isomass maps fix a probability threshold to represent a typical tephra accumulation given a probability of occurrence of the hazardous phenomenon. The choice of the probability threshold, which can be regarded as an acceptable level of hazard, is a critical aspect that is the resort of decision makers. Scientists should therefore communicate results from probabilistic isomass maps with care. To produce probabilistic isomass maps:

- From the main TephraProb interface, choose Post processing > Probabilistic isomass maps
- When asked, select the .mat file of your project
- The code reads the probability matrices created in Section 6.1 for all thresholds of tephra accumulation and extracts the extent covered by a given probability of occurrence
- By default, *TephraProb* computes probabilistic isomass maps for probabilities of occurrence of 0.1, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75 and 0.9 (i.e. 10, 25, 50, 75 and 90 %). These values can be modified from the *File* > *Preferences* menu of the main interface
- Results are stored in the *PROB*/ sub-folder of the run_name folder. Probabilistic isomass maps are saved in the same three formats as probability maps

7 Displaying and exporting results

The *Display* menu on the main *TephraProb* interface provides tools to visualize the outputs of the hazard assessment.

7.1 Distributions of ESP

The *Display figure* tools allows to display any *Matlab* figure with the extension .fig located in the *FIG/* sub-folder of the run_name folder. By default, these figures are set to be hidden, so opening them from your OS browser will not display them. Use this tool to display them and customize them the way you want.

7.2 Probability maps

The *Probability maps* tool allows to select and display probability maps. The maps are shown as filled contours and use the background obtained from *Google Maps*. To visualize them:

- From the main interface, choose Display > Probability maps
- When asked, select the .mat file of your project
- A window appears, which shows the probability matrices for all tephra accumulations. If the seasonality option was enabled, you will see three sets of matrices beginning with either all, dry or rainy. Typically, the files are named as season_tephraThresh.prb, where tephraThresh is an accumulation in $kg\ m^{-2}$
- Select a single or multiple entries and click OK
- Two aspects can be customized from the File > Preferences function of the main TephraProb interface:
 - The contour levels, which are set by default to 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9
 - The minimum probability to plot, which is set by default to 0.01 (i.e. 1%)

7.3 Probabilistic isomass maps

Displaying probabilistic isomass maps follows the same principle as the probability maps using the tool Display > Probabilistic isomass maps. In this case, two aspects can be customized from the File > Preferences function of the main TephraProb interface:

- The contour levels, which are set by default to 1, 10, 25, 50, 100, 300, 700 and 1000 $kg~m^{-2}$
- The minimum tephra accumulation to plot, which is set by default to 0.01 $kg \ m^{-2}$

7.4 Hazard curves

Hazard curves for any run_name are located in the CURVES/ folder of the main TephraProb folder. This allows to plot either i) results of different eruption scenarios for a given point or ii) the impact of a single eruption scenario on various points. To visualize hazard curves:

- From the main interface, choose Display > Hazard curves
- A window appears, which shows the computed hazard curves
- The curves are named as name_run_season.out, where name is the name of the point defined in 4.1.2, run is run_name and season is either all, dry or rainy.
- Select either one or multiple entries and click OK
- Hazard curves are shown as the probability of exceeding a given tephra accumulation (%, y-axis) as a function of the tephra accumulation ($kg \ m^{-2}$, x-axis)

Empirical parameters for Tephra2

The Tephra2 model relies on an analytical solution of the advection–diffusion equation, which accounts for two different regimes of sedimentation based on the terminal fall velocity of particles (Bonadonna et al, 2005)). Tephra2 requires the definition of the fall–time threshold acting as a threshold for the sedimentation of small particles (power–law diffusion) and large particles (linear diffusion), in which case a diffusion coefficient must be specified. These empirical parameters should typically be estimated by inverting field data with the method of Connor and Connor (2006), but Table 3 provides a list of empirical parameters for studied eruptions. The user is referred to the associated literature for more details on the selected eruptions.

	Fall-time threshold	Diffusion coefficient	References
	[s]	$[m^2 \ s^{-1}]$	
Cordon Caulle 2011	30500	3900	Elissondo et al (2016)
Vulcano Palizzi	255	1500	Biass et al (2016); Di Traglia (2011)
Fuego 1974	5000	4900	Biass et al (2016); Rose et al (2007)
Cotopaxi Layer 3	5911	3183	Biass and Bonadonna (2011, 2013)
Cotopaxi Layer 5	2044	1636	Biass and Bonadonna (2011, 2013)

Table 3: Empirical parameters for selected eruptions constrained by deposit inversion using Tephra2.

Description of the files

This section describes all the routines used in the TephraProb package

TephraProb/

tephraProb.m: Main interface of TephraProb

TephraProb/CODE/

aggregate.m: Aggregate the TGSD following the method of Bonadonna et al (2002b)

check_project.m: When loading a project, check if it was compiled with a previous version of TephraProb,

in which case the user is prompted to update the necessary variables

conf_grid.m: Prepares calculations grids for TephraProb and Tephra2

conf_points.m: Set points of interest to use i) as a calculation grid or ii) as points to compute hazard

curves

display_figures.m: Display Matlab .fig figure files

get_prefs.m: Preferences of the TephraProb package

hazCurve_maker.m: Computes hazard curves

installECMWFAPI.m: Install the ECMWF Python API libraries via Python

load_project.m: Load a TephraProb project
load_run.m: Load a TephraProb run

plot_hazCurves.m: Plot hazard curves

plot_map_IM.m: Plot probabilistic isomass maps

plot_map_PROB.m: Plot probability maps

prob2lM.m: Transforms probability matrices of exceeding a given tephra accumulation into a

isomass maps for a given probability of occurrence

probability_maker.m: Retrieve output files of the Tephra2 model and computes them into probability ma-

trices

runProb_vulc.m: Creates ESPs for various probabilistic Vulcanian eruption scenarios

runProb.m: Creates ESPs for various probabilistic sub-Plinian/Plinian eruption scenarios

runT2.m: Runs the Tephra2 model

writeDEM.m: Write data into an ESRI ArcMap ascii raster

writelt.m: Write data into an ascii file

TephraProb/CODE/dwind/

analyze_wind.m: Main GUI to analyze and plot wind conditions

dwind_ECMWF.m: Download NetCDF wind files from the ECMWF ERA-Interim dataset dwind_NOAA.m: Download NetCDF wind files from the NOAA NCEP/NCAR dataset installECMWFAPI.m: Uses the system function to install the ECMWF Python Api libraries

prctile.m: Returns the given percentile of a population
process_wind.m: Convert NetCDF files into ascii wind profiles
analyze_wind.m: Writes the .ecmwfapirc file to user folder

TephraProb/CODE/gvp/

gvp.m: Access the GVP database, retreives the data and provides a GUI to plot the results and calculate probabilities of eruptions

TephraProb/CODE/dependencies/ These files are contributions to the Matlab File Exchange platform¹¹, and all credit goes to their respective authors!

contourcs.m: By Kesh Ikuma, contribution 28447
 errorbar_x.m: By Goetz Huesken, contribution 12751
 freezeColors.m: By John Iversen, contribution 7943

get_mer.m: By Wim Degruyter, Gephysical Research Letters, 39, 16

htmlTableToCell.m: By Steinar Elgsaeter, contribution 34968

linspecer.m: By Jonathan C. Lansey, contribution 42673
ll2utm.m: By Francois Beauducel, contribution 45699
plot_google_map.m: By Zohar Bar-Yehuda, contribution 27627

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