## Lava Flows

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#### This talk will cover:

- Why study lava flows?
- How lava flows are currently observed?
- How lava flows are currently modeled?
- What do we still need to learn about lava flows?

#### Why study lava flows?

- Hazard
- Long-term record of eruption history
- Environmental impacts (not covered here)

#### Lava flows as a natural hazard



#### Kīlauea 2018









#### Damage to utilities



Puna Geothermal Venture power plant during the 2018 Kilauea eruption



Protecting power poles in Pahoa, 2014

#### Pico do Fogo, 2014-2015



#### Lava flows as a record of eruption conditions



Blackburn et al., 2013; Puffer et al., 2018

OMB1: Pahoehoe tows, cooling joints. **Subaerial** 

OMB2:

Pillows.





#### Lava flows as a record of eruption conditions



Pillow lavas, Columbia River flood basalt Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area

**Photo: Callan Bentley** 

#### Lava flows as a record of eruption conditions

Ice-bounded flow



Sub-glacial flows



Flow type

ice-bounded flow (60-15 ka)

Bar width = inferred ice thickness (in metres)

"Lava flows are the single most common feature on the surfaces of the terrestrial planets. They cover 90% of Venus, 50% of Mars, at least 20% of the Moon, and some 70% of the Earth"

Encyclopedía of Volcanoes



tydrothermal verits skisl summit trough

2676 m

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# Building the ocean floor



Figure 1. Location and bathymetry of the East Pacific Rise 9°50'N [White et al., 2006]. Area covered by the 2005–2006 eruptions is outlined in black (derived from camera tow and side scan imagery data) and the four distinct regions of the flow are defined [Soule et al., 2007]. Hydrothermal vents are marked by red dots.

Fundis et al G3 2010

## on Mars ...



Debated channel at Ascraeus Mons (HiRISE, NASA)



Themis VIS image showing an Olympus Mons lava tube with several rimless depressions that are sinuously aligned (SP) along the axis of a raised ridge (Ridge). A raised rim pit (RrP) also is located at the apex of a lava fan (Fan). (Bleacher et al., LPSC 2011)



Figure 1. (a) Mosaic of Thermal Emission Imaging System (THEMIS) daytime infrared images (100 m pixel<sup>-1</sup>) showing a 189 km long segment of a lava flow (flow 3 in Table 1 and Figure 7) in the Tharsis plains southwest of Alba Patera. Flow direction is from east to west (right to left). Cross-flow profile locations (white lines) and corresponding numbers refer to detailed measurement locations in Tables 4 and 5. (b) Coloration depicts central channel (red) and several generations of levees ranging in approximate order of youngest to oldest from orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. (c) Inset is THEMIS Visible image V12686014 (37 m pixel<sup>-1</sup>) showing detail of channel and levees.

Glaze et al., 2009

## and Venus...



NASA's Magellan project

## On our moon

(Apollo 15 Metric photograph AS15-1555.)



## on Jupiter's moon lo

Amirani-Maui: longest currently-active lava flow in the solar system, at 250 km Picture taken by NASA's Galileo mission



#### Basaltic flow, Kīlauea, Hawai`i





Andesite flow, Lascar, Chile



#### Dacite lava dome Mt. St. Helens, USA

### Types of lava surfaces

Feature	Description
1. Aa Lava	Surface is covered by a jumble of irregular crustal fragments.
Cauliflower	Crust twists upwards as cauliflower-like protrusions. These break to give fragments up to decimetres across. Surfaces are grey-black, often glassy, and rough and spinose at the millimetre scale.
Rubbly	Crust fractures downwards to yield rounded rubble up to metres across, often with an ochre-black granular surface, millimetres deep
2. Blocky Lava	Surface is covered by broken lava, containing fragments up to metres across with smooth, planar, and angular surfaces.
3. Pahoehoe Lava	Surface is smooth and continuous, often with a millimetre-scale texture of interweaved lava threads or filaments.
Entrail	Dribbles of lava yield convoluted surfaces reminiscent of entrails.
Ropy (or corded)	Flexible crusts ruck into tight folds before chilling. Surface resembles segment of coiled rope. Each "rope" can be centimetres thick.
Shelly	Highly vesicular, fragile crusts. Often associated with skins, centimetres thick, over hollow lava blisters. The skins break underfoot, giving the impression of walking on egg shells.
Slabby (sometimes slab aa)	Slabs of broken crust, up to metres across and centimetres thick.
4. Toothpaste Lava	Protrusions of viscous lava squeezed through gaps in flow crust. They may be tens of metres long and their cross-sections often mimic the shape of the source gap, like toothpaste emerging from its container.







Kilburn, 2000

#### Some questions people ask about lava flows

- Short-term forecasting: Where will this lava go? How quickly will it get there?

   Hazard assessment and planning: Where will some future lava go?
- 3. Deposit interpretation:

How fast was this lava erupting? What was this lava like?

4. Insight into processes:

How can deposit characteristics be inverted to constrain eruption processes?



#### What controls lava flow emplacement?



Kerr et al., 2006

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#### How are lava flows currently observed?

What kind of observations do we want to make?

Topography Morphology Volume

Speed / flux

Temperature



... and how all of these change over time and space

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#### Topography from Photogrammetry

Given: m images of n fixed 3D points

$$\mathbf{x}_{ij} = \mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{X}_j, \quad i = 1, ..., m, \quad j = 1, ..., n$$

 Problem: estimate *m* projection matrices P<sub>i</sub> and *n* 3D points X<sub>i</sub> from the *mn* correspondences x<sub>ii</sub>





#### Ryan Perroy, UH-Hilo, mapping the 2014 Pahoa flows

#### High resolution mosaic and DEM



Ryan Perrot (UH-Hilo), Nick Turner (UH-Manoa), USGS

#### Flow routing forecasting



Turner et al., 2017

#### Topographic change and flow inflation



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**Distance Along Transect (m)** 



Ryan Perrot (UH-Hilo), Nick Turner (UH-Manoa), USGS



Darmawan et al., 2018

#### Topographic change



Sinabung (Indonesia)

Ground-based camera, detecting change from 2010 to 2014

Carr et al., 2018

#### Topographic change — flow emplacement



Carr et al., 2018
# Topographic change — flow/dome collapse



Collapse Volume: 0.15 x 10<sup>8</sup> m<sup>3</sup>

Carr and Lev, in prep

# Emplacement conditions from flow topography



Fink 1980; Carr and Lev, in prep

Observed	From Topography	Variable
2500 <sup>(Nakada et al.)</sup>		Density (µ) (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
	80	Flow Thickness (m)
	1000	Flow Width (m)
	44 ± 18	Ridge Spacing (II) (m)
	53 ± 22	Arc Length (X <sub>a</sub> ) (m)
	11 ± 5	Ridge Height (M) (m)
	1 week <sup>a</sup>	Ridge formation time (t) (s)
	362	Surface (n_):internal (n) Viscosity Ratio (R)
1.5 - 1.6 x 10 <sup>50</sup> (Carr et al.; Nakada et al.)	0.5-0.7 x 10 <sup>30</sup>	Internal Viscosity (1) (Pas)
1.4 - 5.8 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.5 - 3.6 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	Strain Rate (x*)
950 (Nakada et al.)	810	Temperature (*C)
1 – 4 (when ridges formed <sup>6</sup> )	1.1	Flow Velocity (m/day)
3	2.1	Effusion Rate (m <sup>2</sup> /s)

## Radar and SAR Coherence Mapping (SCM)



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New coastline

175.6°C

07/11/2007-10/17/2007



07/16/2007-10/16/2007



#### Dietterich et al., 2012



Colima 2013 TerraSAR-X data

Walter et al., 2019

# LiDAR-derived topography



Dietterich et al., 2015

# Quantifying topographic roughness



#### Whelley et al., 2017

#### Richardson and Karlstrom, 2017

# Measuring roughness and classifying morphology

Kīlauea 1974



Gaddis et al., 1990

Craters of the Moon



#### Deepak Dhingra, in 2015



# Radar Coherence

#### Craters of the Moon

#### Holuhraun 2014-2015



Figure 1: Results of C- and L-band Circular Polarization Raffle et al Sufface Roughness? Study at Craters of the Moon National Monument. A) Graph of CPR vs RMS height derived from KLS LiDAR data and sourced from 33 sites around the park. C-band (5.6 cm  $\lambda$ ) in blue, L-Band (24 cm  $\lambda$ ) in orange. Red dashed lines denote different scattering properties (low to high: specular, diffuse, and dipedral). Smooth pahoehoe flows are clusters to the left, blocky slabby flows to the right. Give that sites vary considerately in RMS height, but in C-band, nearly all scattering is specular. B) Radarsat-2 C-band CPR data over the Green Dragon flows of CRMO. C) AIRSAR L-Band data over same region. Note the preponderance of dihedral reflections (red/orange regions in blocky and slabby areas of the flows. D) Example of the KLS mobile LiDAl direction are easily discernable and likely cont



#### Neish et al., 2016, Zanetti et al., 2018



# LiDAR intensity → Flow Age

# Mount Etna



Mazzarini et al., 2007

# Morphology classification by multi-sensor surveys

Sierra Negra (Galapagos) 2018

# DEM (hillshade)





Carr et al., in prep



#### Rate of Heating



## Morphology classification by multi-sensor surveys



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Carr et al., in prep

# Thermal cameras





Etna, May 2001

 $Q_{rad} = \sigma \epsilon A_{pixel} T^4_{hot}$ 



#### Harris et al., 2005

#### Belousov and Belousova, 2018



## Kīlauea LERZ eruption, 21-May-2018 Taken by DJI210 with Zenmuse XT camera



## Kīlauea LERZ eruption, 19-May-2018 Taken by DJI210 with Zenmuse XT camera

# Remember:

- The humidity and gases along the path between camera and flow affect the reading
- Emissivity of liquid is lower than of solidified lava



Lee et al., 2013

Glass / liquid composition (Heltz and Thornber 1987, Grove and Juster 1989, Montierth et al. 1995, Sisson and Grove 1993...)

Olivine-liquid equilibrium (e.g., Beattie 1993, Putirka et al. 2007 and 2008)

$$T(^{\circ}C) = \frac{15294.6 + 1318.8P(GPa) + 2.4834[P(GPa)]^{2}}{8.048 + 2.8532 \ln D_{Mg}^{ol/liq} + 2.097 \ln[1.5(C_{NM}^{L})] + 2.575 \ln[3(C_{SiO_{2}}^{L})] - 1.41 \text{NF} + 0.222 \text{H}_{2}\text{O} + 0.5P(GPa)}$$
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$$T(^{\circ}C) = \frac{461.29 + 84.9P(GPa) + 0.588[P(GPa)]^{2}}{0.355 + 0.06986 \ln D_{Fe}^{ol/liq} - 0.00435 \ln[1.5(C_{NM}^{L})] - 0.0523 \ln[3(C_{SiO_{2}}^{L})] - 0.0217 \text{NF} + 0.000893 \text{H}_{2}\text{O} + 0.04P(GPa)}$$
(5)

# Assessing lava rheology — 1. Viscometry



Tolbachik, 2013 Penetrometer F

$$\eta = \frac{1}{3\pi \ u \ R_{eff}}$$



Kīlauea Rotational viscometer

 $\tau = \tau_0 + K \dot{\gamma}^n$ 

 $\dot{\gamma} = \frac{2\Omega}{n\left(1 - \left(\frac{R_i}{R_o}\right)^{2/n}\right)} \qquad \qquad \tau = \frac{M}{2\pi h R_i^2}$ 

Chevrel et al., 2019

Belousov & Belousova 2018

# 2. Kinematics — Analytical channel solutions

#### Jefferys equation: bulk viscosity = <u>density x g x sin(slope) x depth</u><sup>2</sup> 3 x velocity

General rectangular channel:

$$\eta = \frac{\rho g \sin(\alpha) h^2}{2V} \times \beta \qquad \beta = 1 - \frac{32}{\pi^3} \sum_{n=1,3,5,\dots}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} (-1)^{(n-1)/2} \operatorname{sech} \frac{n\pi 2a}{4h}$$

Example (Values from Lipman and Banks 1987): V = 5.6 m/s a = 10 m h = 4 m }  $\beta = 0.96$   $\rho = 1.2 - 1.4 \text{ g/cm} 3$  $\alpha = 2 - 6^{\circ}$ 

 $\eta = 600 - 2000 \text{ Pa s}$ 



### Kinematics — Variations for rheology



Herschel-Bulkley fluid: 
$$\overline{u} = \frac{H^2 \rho g \sin \beta}{3K} \left( \frac{3n}{H^3(n+1)} \left( \frac{\rho g \sin \beta}{K} \right)^{\frac{1-n}{n}} \right) \times \left( H(H-h_c)^{\frac{n+1}{n}} - \frac{n}{2n+1} (H-h_c)^{\frac{2n+1}{n}} \right)$$

Dragoni et al., 1986; Castruccio et al., 2010; Castruccio et al., 2014

# Kinematics — Impact of channel shape

Depth/Width

0.5

0

0.6

0.7

0.8

0

Δ

Rectangle

0.4

O

Δ

T<sub>ube</sub>

 $\boldsymbol{\geq}$ 



Lev and James, 2012

# Kinematics — Impact of channel shape



Lev and James, 2012

# Using the full surface velocity information — Velocimetry based assessments



#### Velocimetry-based assessments



#### Kīlauea 2018 sUAS hover sites



USGS (Dietterich, Diefenbach...)







## Comparing with microstructure





 $K(\phi) = K_0 \left(1 - \frac{\phi}{\phi_m}\right)^{-2.3}$  $\phi \leq \phi_c$  $\phi > \phi_c$  $n(\phi) = \begin{cases} 1 & 1\\ 1 + 1.3\left(\frac{\phi_c - \phi}{\phi_m}\right) \end{cases}$  $\tau_{y}(\phi) = \begin{cases} 0 & \phi \leq \phi_{c} \\ D(\phi - \phi_{c})^{8} & \phi > \phi_{c} \end{cases}$ 





# Comparing with microstructure



#### Alan Whittington, Julia Hammer

# How lava flows are currently modeled?

- Goals of flow modeling
- Classes of models:
  - Probabilistic vs. Deterministic models
  - Physics-based vs. Rule-based models
- Testing and evaluating models
- Analog (physical) modeling

# Two<sup>2</sup> classes of models

- Deterministic same result every time the model is run
- Probabilistic / Stochastic include randomness

- Physics based use viscosity, stress, temperature...
- Rule based e.g., "go in steepest direction"

Lots of useful information in two recent special volumes:

- 2015 Geological Society
- 2018 Annals of Geophysics





# FlowGO / pyFlowGo

1D along-track deterministic, physics-based model

Original in Excel, now in Python, free on GitHub



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Heat loss

 $(Q_{rad} + Q_{conv} + Q_{rain})$ 

- Slopes along track • Initial: channel width and • thickness, temperature, crystallinity, and composition
- Along track evolution of: • velocity, width, thickness, crystallinity, viscosity, temperature.
- Maximum length



Effusion rate (E.) fixed

at the vent from

initial conditions



Two component surface crust where

hot material at Thot is surrounded by cooler material at Tcrust

> Levee of stagnant lava and/or 'a'a

> > Flow base at
## Cellular Automata models (MAGFLOW, SCIARA...)

Deterministic, (simple) physics-based

The MAGFLOW model is based on a Cellular Automata structure, defined by a regular mesh with square cells. Two state variables are defined for each cell: thickness of lava and quantity of heat.

The evolution function of the CA is a steady state solution of Navier-Stokes equation in the case of a Bingham fluid that flows on an inclined plane.

The viscosity and the yield strength of lavas depend on the temperature and water content (Giordano and Dingwell, 2003; Ishiara et al., 1990).





A Monte Carlo approach is used to solve the anisotropic problem, deriving from the kind of evolution function used.  $\phi_{\text{LO}_{\text{F}}}$ 



**Fig. 3.** Graphical representation of fitness computation obtained overlaying a test simulation with an actual emplacement (reference). Blue (0.58 km<sup>2</sup>) denotes common invasion areas, yellow (0.08 km<sup>2</sup>) denotes underestimated areas (in the reference but not in the tested simulation), red (0.03 km<sup>2</sup>) denotes overestimated areas (in the tested simulation but not in the reference). Fitness is computed as the ratio between the blue area and the union of all the areas, and in this case would be  $\phi = 0.58/(0.58 + 0.08 + 0.03) = 0.8406$  ( $e_1 = 0.9168$ ). (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the solution of the solution of the solution.)



 $\phi(A,B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|}.$ 



## VolcFLOW

 Depth-averaged approach that solves mass (1) and momentum (2-3) conservation equations (Deterministic, Physics-based)



Test case:Tungurahua (Ecuador), 2010

Kelfoun and Vallejo-Vargas, 2015

## CFD models

#### GPUSPH – smoothed particle hydrodynamics.

#### Deterministic, physics based









## CFD models

Finite Elements/Volumes: OpenFOAM, Flow3D, COMSOL, new LDEO code

Deterministic, physics-based







## That's just too much physics...

## MOLASSES

• Deterministic, rule-based



https://github.com/USFvolcanology/molasses http://www.cas.usf.edu/~cconnor/lava\_sandbox2.html

# MOLASSES—> INL hazard map

- Combine:
  - prolific geologic mapping and differs from earlier works by incorporating novel models of ESRP volcanism,
  - a new method of clustering vents into eruptive events, probabilistic selection of input parameters,
  - computational lava flow simulations,
  - analysis of activity recurrence intervals to report unconditional probabilities of future hazards



# MULTIFLOW

#### Deterministic, rule-based

- 1. Take a DEM and put a vent somewhere
- 2. Starting at the vent, disperse lava to neighboring cells in proportion to relative slope:

$$I_i = \frac{S_i^p}{\sum\limits_{k=1}^n S_k^p}.$$

3. Summarize results: Total "influence" at each location



**Richardson and Karlstrom 2019** 

# MULTIFLOW

#### Effect of low-pass filtering of the DEM



**Richardson and Karlstrom 2019** 

# DOWNFLOW

#### Stochastic, rule-based

- 1. Take a DEM and put a vent somewhere
- 2. For N iterations:
  - 1. Modify the elevation at each DEM point by a random value  $\pm \Delta h$
  - 2. Trace a steepest decent path from the vent through the DEM
  - 3. Optional: end the trace at a given length
- 3. Summarize results: probability of inundation for each grid point



Etna 2006

Favalli et al., 2005, 2009, 2011



# DOWNFLOW → Hazard map



Vent opening density function

Favalli et al., 2005, 2009, 2011

$$P(x,y) = \iint P_{DOWNFLOW}(x,y; x',y') \cdot P_L(h,L) \cdot p_v(x',y') \, dx' dy'$$

#### Probability to occur in Y years assuming Poisson distribution of vent openings



## Model assessment

Benchmarking
 Model Inter-comparison

(Also must think about verification and validation)

#### Model assessment

• Benchmarking - BM1

$$\frac{x_{\rm f}(t)}{L} \approx \begin{cases} 0.284 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^{1/2} & \text{if } t < 2.5T \\ 1.133 \left(\frac{t}{T} + 1.221\right)^{1/5} - 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$





#### Benchmarking — Basalt lab experiment



# The Lava Lab

A collaborative interdisciplinary initiative at Syracuse University

Similar initiatives at SUNY Buffalo and elsewhere... stay tuned!



#### Model inter-comparison — Inundation area

Input to all models: DEM, vent, flux, temperature



# Analog models





Kerr et al., 2006





Kerr et al., 2006

## Impact of bed roughness



New parameterization of bed roughness as an additional viscosity term

A. Corn Syrup 0.5 • 0.115 mm **-**η =8.5 Pa s • 0.265 mm η =9.5 Pa s • 1.0 mm η =20.8 Pa s 0.1 • 1.0 cm η =100.9 Pa s 50 100 150 200 250 300 Time (sec) 0.6†<sup>B. PEG</sup> 0.5 Flow Length (m) 0.4 • 0.115 mm \_\_\_\_η =1.05 Pa s • 0.265 mm -η=1.35 Pa s • 1.0 mm η =1.85 Pa s • 1.0 cm **-**η =2.9 Pa s 50 100 150 200 250 Time (sec) C. Basalt 0.7 0.6 • 0.5 cm Ê 0.5 — η=94.1 Pa s • 1.0 cm Flow Length ( 0.3 0.3 n=158.3 Pa s • 1.6 cm n=528.95 Pa s • 1.6 cm n=109.2 Pa s • 1.9 cm η=78.9 Pa s • 2.7 cm - η=272.25 Pa s 0. • 6.4 cm - η=167.7 Pa s 50 100 150 Time (sec)

Rumpf and Lev., 2018

## Interaction with Obstacles



Dietterich et al., 2015

#### Impact of Episodic Effusion



**Figure 1:** Volumetric flux of SO<sub>2</sub> and lava at Soufriere Hills Volcano, Montserrat (Christoper et al.).



**Figure 2:** Volumetric flux of lava at Sinabung Volcano, Indonesia with respect to cumulative lava extruded (Nakada, S., et al.).







#### Pulsing — Impact on morphology

Constant













February, 2013: Dome growth and lateral spreading

m.

## Pulsing — Impact on final flow dimensions



Rader et al., 2018



Lava-Ice interaction Etna 2017

#### Interaction with Snow and Ice











0

 91
 73
 54
 36
 18

1055.4 100.8 344.3 B45.0 405.6 187.9 100.0

1140.4

1 73 54 36 18 distance (cm)

#### Interaction with Water



# What do we still need to learn about lava flows?

- 3-phase lava rheology
- Impact of flux variability
- Breakouts and inflation
- Modeling submarine and sub/supra-glacial flows
- Dome stability
- Predicting the end of effusive eruptions
- [Copied from Adam's presentation:] How can deposit characteristics be inverted to constrain eruption processes?

# Thank you!