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# Probabilistic Tephra Hazard Assessment of Campi Flegrei, Italy

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## Introduction

- Volcanic eruptions might introduce magmatic material into the atmosphere representing a risk for inhabited areas and airspace
- Hazards need to be estimated to provide decisions-makers with information to develop short- and long- term risk mitigation strategies
- Current operation forecast products do not always meet the requirements:
  - Time and space scales of current forecasts are coarse
  - ho High epistemic/aleatory uncertainties coming from the quantification of the eruption source term



# Objectives

- Probabilistic Volcanic Hazard Assessment to:
  - overcome the limits imposed by the uncertainties in the volcanic phenomena
  - explore the natural variability of volcanic phenomena:
    - Eruption Source
       Parameters (ESPs)
    - Vent position
    - Meteorological conditions
- Show the feasibility and usefulness of HPC in PVHA



- Averaging thousand of numerical simulations (FALL3D model) in which eruption parameters are sampled within plausible ranges
- Delivering high resolution hazard maps over a 3D-grid covering a 2 Kmresolution 2000 km x 2000 km spatial domain for Campi Flegrei
- Considering hourly estimation of a large number of atmospheric, land and oceanic climate variables (from the surface up to 45 km altitude)



How?

# Campi Flegrei, Italy

- Campi Flegrei is an active volcano located in one of the most densely inhabited areas in Euro and under high traffic air routes
- The Vesuvius Observatory's surveillance system, which continuously monitors volcanic seismicity, soil deformations and gas emissions, highlights some variations in the state of the volcanic activity
- Potential impacts, on people, animals, assets and air-traffic





### Probabilistic Volcanic Hazard Assessment Work Flow (\*)





(\*) based on the prototype tool BET\_OV (Perfetti et al, 2021)



# PVHA\_WF applied to Campi Flegrei

Three "classical" eruption sizes (Low, Medium and High Explosive) for Campi Flegrei

While usually synthetized in 3 representative scenarios with a fixed mass, neglecting the variability in mass around these scenarios, here we consider a wide range of volcanic scenarios taking into account even those of low probability but high impact

Size	Scenarios for Long-term (over 20 years of meteorological data)	<b>Scenarios for Sort-term</b> (corresponding to 5,6 and 7 Dec, 2019)	
Low	1500	180/day	
Medium	1500	180/day	
Large	1500	180/day	



Probability density function for the mass erupted in tephra for Campi Flegrei (Sandri et al, 2016).



#### PVHA\_WF computational domain and meteorological data



#### 3D-Grid:

2000 km x 2000 km geographical area 0.025 degrees grid resolution (2 km approx.) 8 flight levels covering 40000 ft

Meteo data:

ECMWF ERA5 reanalysis 3-H temporal resolution 20 years (1999–2019) for the long term analysis





### Short term assessment for Dec 5, 6 and 7, 2019

(when the Vesuvius Observatory's surveillance system detected abnormal activity)



# **Eruptive forecasting**



Vent opening probabilities conditional to the occurrence of an eruption during the days 5, 6 and 7 Dec 2019

p16: 1.000

p84: 1.000

0.1

p50: 1.000



















CDF of the conditional probability of magmatic unrest

			p16: 0.054
			p50: 0.304
			p84: 0.692
			Mean: 0.365
5	0 0.2 0.4 0.6	0.8 1.0	





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Conditional probability density function of unrest, magmatic unrest and eruption for days 5, 6 and 7 Dec 2019

# Hazard maps



Area where the conditional probability of exceed labelled thresholds of ash concentration at 5000 ft and 2500 ft, at least once during an eruption, is greater than 5%



Area where the probability of exceed labelled thresholds of tephra load is greater than 5%

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#### Long-term assessment for the next years



#### Absolute probability $\geq$ 5% of exceed critical thresholds



Area where the probability of exceed labelled thresholds of ash concentration at 5000 ft in 25/50 years, at least once, is greater than 5%



Area where the probability of exceed labelled thresholds of tephra load in 25/50 years is greater than 5%



### Conditional probability $\geq 5\%$ of exceed critical thresholds









Delay in exceeding the threshold 2 mg/m3 at flight level 5000 ft in two days after eruption starts conditional on the occurrence of a L / M / H size (from left to right) eruption



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