Muography Imaging of Puy de Dôme



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Proof of principle for muon tomography of volcanoes





- Dome: ~400m high, 1.8 km wide at its base
- Two distinct units:
  - × two lava pulses
  - × partial destruction of the first construction
- Important hydrothermal alteration
- Expected to be highly contrasted
- Isolated, averaged sizes volcano
- Close to labs, easy to access, power and network facilities

Ideal choice for testing an imaging technique !

### Resistivity models of th summit area





Erreur rms 7.3%

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#### Anthropogenic structures



Seismic and electrical tomography rely on curved paths

Erreur rms 6.8%

Computed with Res2DInv (Loke, 2011)

### non-linear inverse problem



## Gravity survey

- Relative gravimeter (February-March, 2012, May, 2012 and March-June, 2013)
- 610 gravity stations, around 2500 gravity measurements
- High resolution differential GPS positioning at the gravimeter tripod center average accuracy: **1.6 cm** in planimetry and **2.3 cm** in altimetry





GPS and Scintrex CG5 gravimeter



Summit area gravity stations location 697400





#### The Chaîne des Puys volcanic field

- The latest active zone of the French "Massif Central" volcanism
- Important rifting episode -> hemi-graben formation (Michon and Merle, 2001; Boivin and al., 2004)
- Volcanoes emplaced on a Hercynian granitic basement along a N-10° direction



Figure Boivin and al., 2004

# Gravity map of Puy de Dôme and its surroundings

- Volcanic constructions have negative signature (lower density than the correction density)
- Complex construction of the Puy de Dôme (heterogeneous signal)
- Clear positive anomaly to the West of the volcanic chain, possibly masked by negative signal beneath the volcanic constructions.
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Positive anomaly in the central part of the summit area

→ dense structure (massive extrusion?)

Negative signal at the periphery

→ pyroclastic deposits ?

Gravity measurements are volume integrals !

Density contrast (d<sub>corr</sub> =1.8\*10<sup>3</sup> kg.m<sup>-3</sup>)



Standard geophysical inversions on Puy de Dôme

- Electrical Resistivity Tomography measurements: Portal et al., EGU2016-8549 (poster)
- Gravimetry and magnetism surveys: Portal et al., 2015, JVGR, accepted

### Density model derived from gravimetric data

Inversion performed via GROWTH2.0 (Camacho et al., 2011) Bulk density between 1.4 and 2.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup> while density measurements on rock samples range between 1.2 and 2.15 g/cm<sup>3</sup>





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## Deployment sites around the volcano









<u>M. Bedjidian</u> et al, "Performance of Glass Resistive Plate Chambers for a high granularity semi-digital calorimeter", JINST 6:P02001,2011



Efficiency vs. HV & track incident angle











- 4 layers of 6 Glass Resistive Plate Chambers (GRPC)
- GRPC: gaseous detector with glass electrodes
- Applied voltage: 7.5 kV
- 1.2 mm gap filled by a gas mixture chosen for its ionizations properties
- 1layer:~1m<sup>2</sup>
- Readout cells of 1 cm<sup>2</sup> (~ 40000 cells in total)
- Using a 5 MHz clock and autotriggered
- Remotely monitored from web interface



### Tomuvol: a 4-layer muon telescope





Puy de Dome as reference site for muography

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MURAY detector (scintillators and SiPMTs) took data on Puy de Dôme from July to November 2013 MURAY-TOMUVOL 2013 campaign on Puy de Dôme



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Background impact on muographic imaging



 $\mathcal{T}_{\rho}$  is calculated from an measured number of muons in a given direction

Measurement = Signal + Background

Can be calculated beforehand analytically

Only known after measurements and detailed Monte Carlo simulations

**Table 1.** Transmitted Flux of Ballistic Atmospheric-Muons Behind Different Rock Thicknesses and the Inverted Density Through a Muographic Measurement Affected by a Background Flux of  $1.94 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-2}$  (the Quadratic Mean of the MU-RAY and TOMUVOL Measurements Given in Equations (4) and (5))

Integrated Density	Elevation Angle	Transmitted Flux	Integrated Density	Bias
(True, mwe)	(deg)	(m <sup>-2</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> deg <sup>-2</sup> )	(measured, mwe)	(%)
500	18	3.18	389.7	-22
1000	11	0.83	539.6	-46
2000	3	0.19	498.3	-75

A methodological development: tracking simulations



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TOMUVOL 2015 campaign on Puy de Dôme

- Very preliminary results on the CDC 2015-2016 campaign
- 99.6 effective days of data taking
- 1 m<sup>2</sup> detector









### Transmission muography in a nutshell ...



For the moment, systematic uncertainty estimated from comparison between data and model in the free sky





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- Density estimation is limited by the statistics: low rate of transmitted muons, i.e. larger the rock depth the lower the muon rate is
  - Use a kernel like method with a variable/tuned kernel size: balance bias vs statistical uncertainty
- Consider the binned muon count as classical image and apply image processing methods
  - Start from a map of the muons count in angular bins of 1 × 1 deg<sup>2</sup>
  - In the rocky area, apply a Gaussian blurring with pencil size increasing as the distance to the rock border from 1 × 1 deg<sup>2</sup> to a maximum of 7 × 7 deg<sup>2</sup>.
  - For each bin, compute the expectation for the blurred image for a uniform density hypothesis. Assign the density value that best matches the observation.



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Crosscheck for a uniform volcano with p=1.8g/cm3



- The bias is negligible, ~ 10-20 mg/cm<sup>3</sup>, except close to the rock border, where the transmitted and free sky flux mix.
- Few degrees farther from the border the statistical uncertainties are below ~ 100 mg/cm<sup>3</sup>.



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Frequentist measurement vs bayesian hypothesis testing



TOMUVOL Preliminary



Proof of principle on Puy de Dôme done, common inversion of muographic and gravimetry data expected very soon.

... time to image some active volcanoes with increased area and improved telescopes!



