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Simulated Annealing and Genetic Algorithm Optimization using COMSOL Multiphysics: Applications to the Analysis of Ground Deformation in Active Volcanic Areas



Outline

- \rightarrow Intro: Volcano geodesy
- \rightarrow SA and GA optimization within COMSOL
- \rightarrow Application to Tenerife, Canary Islands
- \rightarrow Summary and Future work







Optimization with gradient-based algorithms



Move down-hill \rightarrow might be "trapped" in local minima

Solution depends on the initial guess \rightarrow a priori constraints!



Optimization with Monte Carlo algorithms



Randomness \rightarrow allows "escaping" from local minima

Simulated annealing and Genetic Algorithm belong to this class



Simulated Annealing (Kirkpatrick et al., 1983)

Based on analogy with annealing in metallurgy

Lowering Temp \rightarrow solutions with lower cost are favored



Genetic Algorithm (Holland, 1975)

Based on analogy with biological evolution

Best-fit model \rightarrow selection after max generations



Standard forward models in Volcano Geodesy



- → Simplified geometry
- → Homogeneous half-space
- \rightarrow Elastic material properties

HOWEVER @ VOLCANOES...

- ...Complex source's shapes
- ...Heterogeneities

...Time dependent material properties



FEM in Volcano Geodesy



Advantages:

- \rightarrow Complex geometries
- → Material heterogeneities
- \rightarrow "Multi-physics" simulation



Disadvantages:

- \rightarrow Computationally expansive
- \rightarrow Poor constraints for

subsurface properties



Application: Tenerife, Canary Islands

Fernandez et al., 2008



Surface deformation from space geodesy (1992-2006)

Interpretation: gravitational loading due to denser core



A priori information: Density structure



Gottsmann et al., 2008

Micro-gravity measurements Constrain the inner structure

We can use this info to set up a FE model and optimize for the "best" distribution of viscosities explaining the observed deformation



COMSOL: Model setup



Fluid dynamics module Incompressible Navier-Stokes

Density is a function rho(r,z), constrained by the microgravity measurements

Optimization of viscosity eta(r,z) with SA and GA



Results: Tenerife viscosity structure



Lateral heterogeneous viscosity distribution gives a better fit of the deformation data compared with homogeneous and/or layered structure!



Summary & Future work

 \rightarrow Implementation of optimization using SA and GA with COMSOL

→ Possibility to use more complex forward models allows for a more accurate analysis of deformation at volcanoes: example of Tenerife

 \rightarrow Same approach might be applied for other case-studies

 \rightarrow Straightforward extension to 3-D models

Thermal evolution of CF caldera



3-D Case: Campi Flegrei caldera





3-D Seismic tomography Chiarabba et al., 2006







Satellite geodesy: DInSAR Scenario



Centimetric displacements can be measured in over large areas!

Numerical inversion within FE models

