

PyBet Tools User Guide

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probabilistic tools aiming to provide probabilistic estimation of volcanic unrest, of eruption, and of any other volcanic activity. For this reason, they can be used for probabilistic forecasting during crisis of unrest and for comprehensive probabilistic volcanic hazard assessments (PVHA). The background theory of these models is based on ad-hoc Bayesian event trees, where each node is treated through a Bayesian inference approach. This approach allows to integrate different kind of available information, as theoretical/empirical models, a-priori beliefs, past data (or for short-term analysis).

current software implementations of these models, with the specific goal of providing a user-friendly software. These softwares have been developed by using the Python programming language, since the broad goal was to install them on all the most common operating systems (Linux, Mac OSX, Windows) and also on the cloud where they can be freely run online or downloaded. In the next sub-sections they are briefly introduced.

The models background theory can be found in literature (among others see Marzocchi et al., 2004; Marzocchi et al., 2010) and are out of the scope of this document. However, some basic principles will be briefly reviewed in [Section 2](#), in order to properly approach the use of the corresponding tools.

PyBetVH, a free, open-source and cross-platform software implementation of the Bayesian Event Tree for Volcanic Hazard (BET_VH) model. The purpose of the tool is to provide a graphical support to BET_VH model, which estimates the long-term volcanic hazard (i.e., lava flows, tephra fall, pyroclastic flows, lahars, etc.) occurring in a selected area, taking into account the uncertainties. The BET_VH model represents a flexible tool to provide probabilities of any specific hazard event, by merging all the available information, such as theoretical models, a priori beliefs, and past data. It is based on Bayesian inference and it deals with long-term forecasting only, therefore it can be useful in land use planning. It is described in Marzocchi et al. (2010) and it has been used in several applications (Selva et al., 2010; Sandri et al., 2014; Thompson et al., 2015; Tonini et al., 2015b).

PyBetVH computes hazard curves, which describe the distribution of the exceedance probability as a function of a user-selected hazard level (e.g., return period or load) on a grid of points covering the target area. The computed hazard curves are (i) absolute hazard curves (i.e., probability of eruption in a given time frame, and for all the possible vent locations and eruptive sizes) and (ii) hazard curves at different percentiles, in order to quantify the epistemic uncertainty). Such curves allow representation of the volcanic hazard (PVHA), and are well suited to become a main input to quantitative risk analyses. **PyBetVH** allows for the visualization of the computed hazard curves, and the corresponding Bayesian hazard/probability maps. **PyBetVH** is designed to be user-friendly for end users, making PVHA results accessible to people who may be less experienced in hazard analysis, e.g. decision makers.

The use of **PyBetVH** can be found in Tonini et al. (2015a), where the use of the tool is illustrated through the example of the Okataina Volcanic Centre (OVC), New Zealand, by highlighting the range of outputs that the tool can generate.

PyBetEF, a cross-platform implementation of BET_EF (Bayesian Event Tree for Eruption Forecasting) equipped with a BET_EF model. The purpose of the tool is to provide probabilities of unrest/eruption forecasting of magmatic events, by merging all the available information such as theoretical models, a priori beliefs, monitoring measures, and any kind of past data. It is based on a Bayesian procedure and it relies on the fuzzy approach to manage monitoring data. The method deals with uncertainty in the data; therefore, it can be useful in many practical aspects such as land use planning and volcanic hazard assessment (Marzocchi et al., 2008). BET_EF model has been applied to several volcanic systems (Marzocchi et al., 2008; Sandri et al., 2012b). **NOTE:** **PyBetEF** is not maintained anymore, since it has been included in **PyBetVH**.

cross-platform implementation of BET_UNREST model. BET_UNREST is an extension of BET_EF for volcanic unrest and its relating hazardous phenomena, by adding a specific branch to the event tree (Rouwet et al., 2016). It was designed and developed as one of the final products of the EU VUELCO project and tested during the last eruption organized in Dominica (West Indies) in the frame of VUELCO (Sandri et al., Under review).

The tool can be found in Tonini et al. (2016), where the use of the tool is illustrated through an application to the datasets of the Kawah Ijen stratovolcano, Indonesia. In particular, the tool is set on the basis of monitoring data from 2000–2010, and is then blindly applied to the test period 2010–2012, during which significant unrest

Theory

Event tree (ET) models are the definition of an event tree (ET, hereafter) and the use of the Bayesian inference. ET is a sequence of events in which individual branches are alternative steps from a general prior event, state, or condition to subsequent events (intermediate outcomes) to final outcomes (see Figure 1). In this way, an ET shows the evolution of volcanic unrest at progressively higher degrees of detail. The branches at each node represent different possible outcomes, though these need not be mutually exclusive or exhaustive. The Bayesian approach is used at the inference stage to compare theoretical models of the eruptive process, past (historical and geological) data, and, for short-term forecasting, current monitoring of the volcano. Thus it allows to formally account for both aleatoric (due to the intrinsic randomness of the process) and epistemic (due to limited data or knowledge) uncertainties. Through the ET, one can calculate both absolute and relative probabilities, which corresponds to consider the selected full path or just a single node in the ET itself.

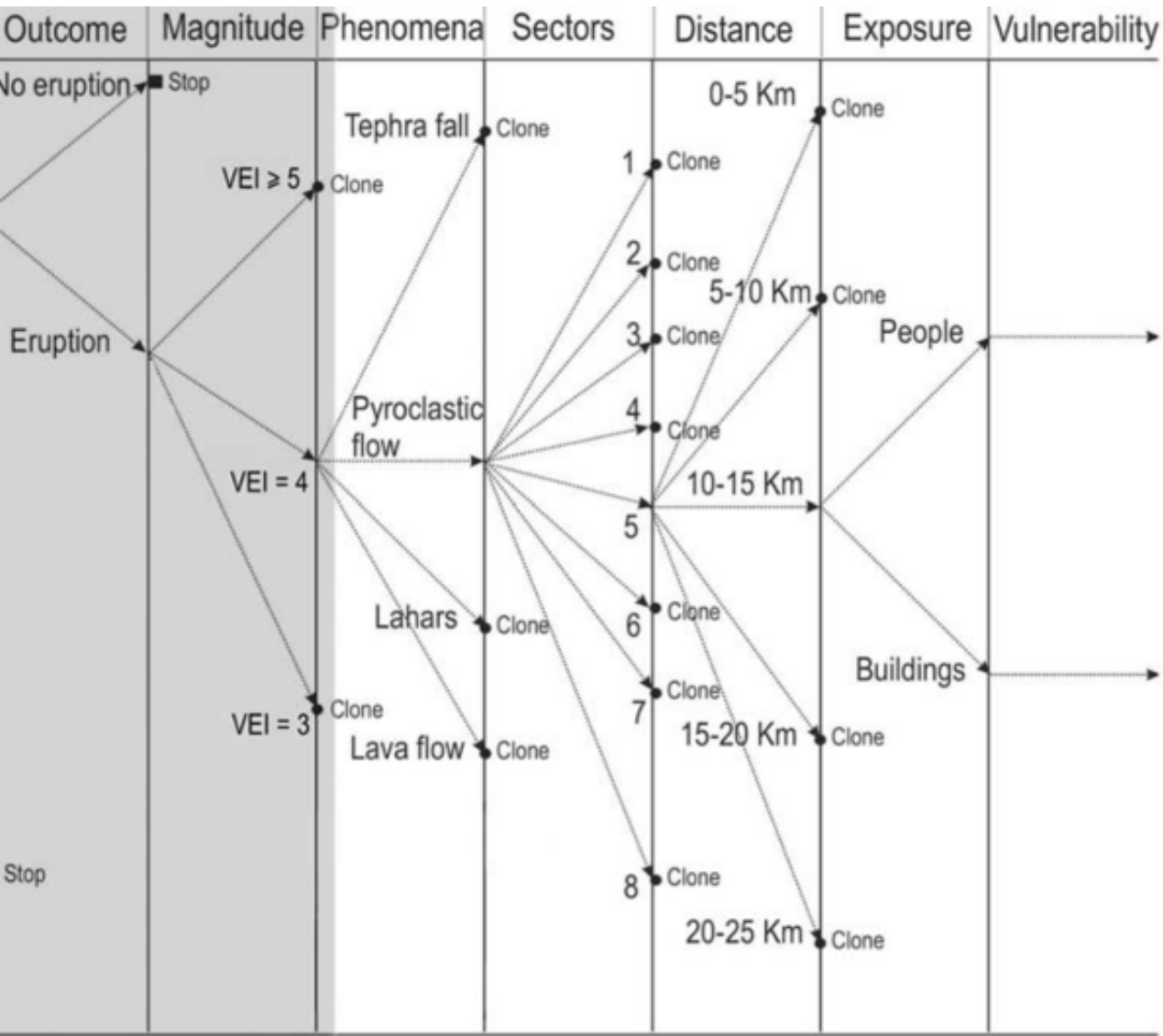


Diagram as designed after Marzocchiet al. (2004) for Mount Vesuvius.

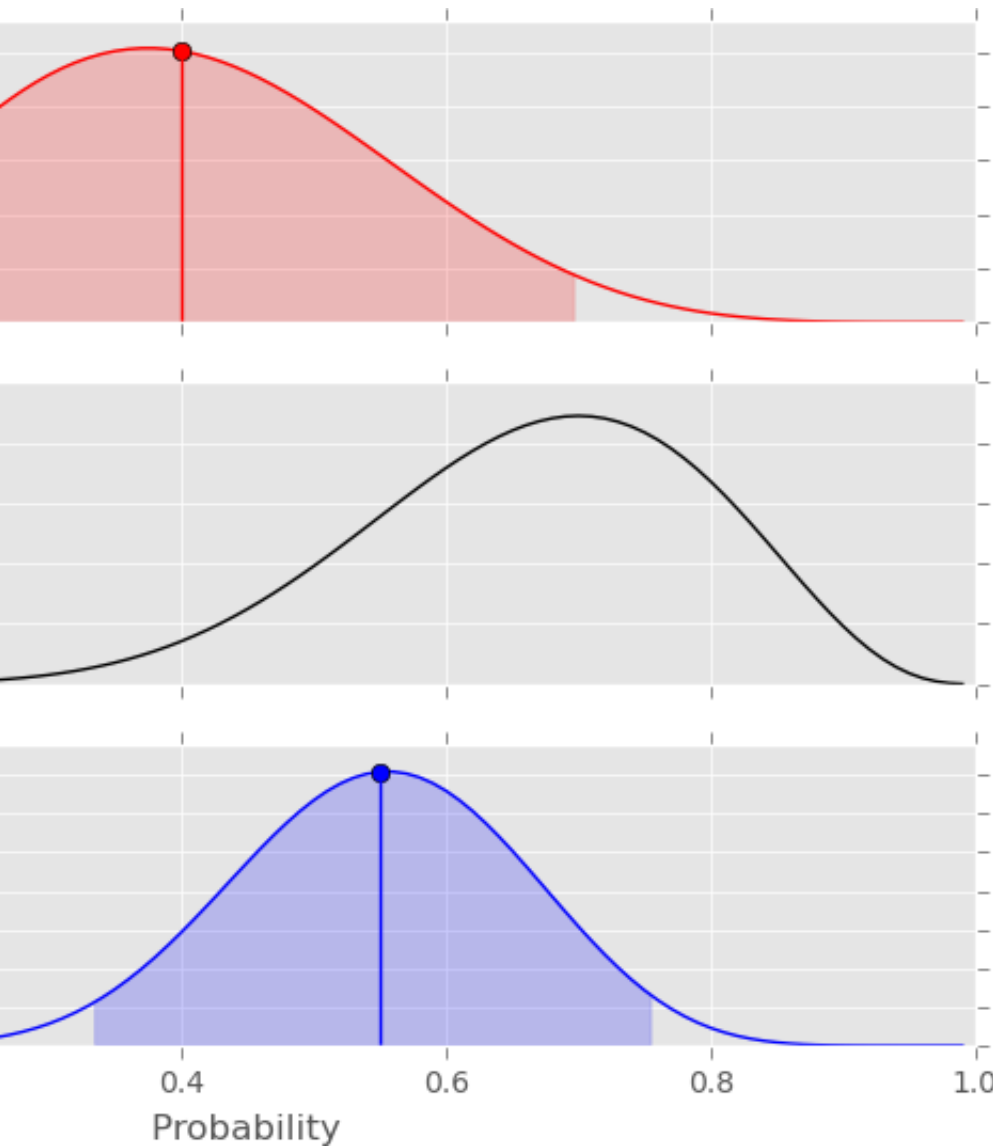
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allows to include a formal probabilistic treatment of the available data and their uncertainties and each represented by a probability density function (pdf) of the probability at the node. Each node is assigned a Bayesian approach, meaning that a prior probability distribution (usually coming from theoretical models) are statistically combined together to obtain a posterior probability. Quantities are estimated by information (analytical/empirical models, expert beliefs, data) as described in the following formulation

$$P[\text{data} | \theta] \propto P[\theta] \prod P[\text{data}_i | \theta_i]$$

the prior distribution (subjective beliefs about a parameter)
the likelihood function (available data)
the posterior distribution (updated beliefs after having observed data)

and posterior have a Beta distribution.



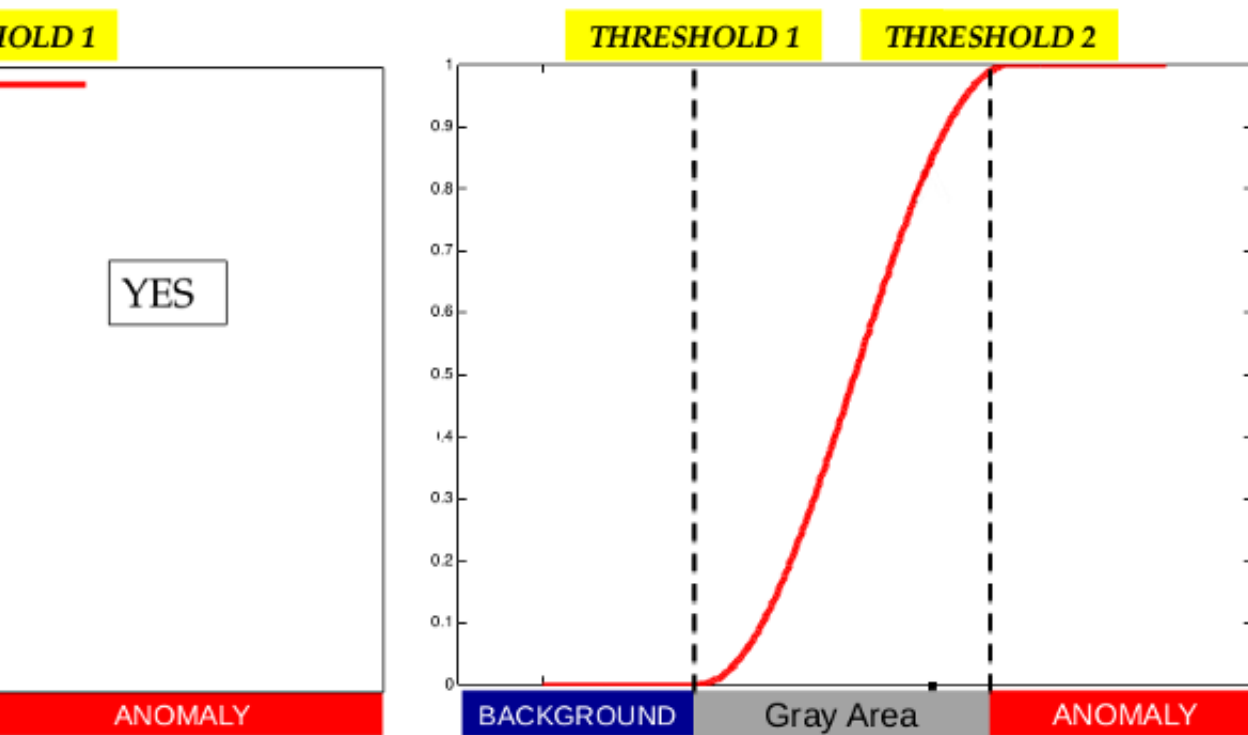
the posterior distribution as result of prior model updated through available observed data.

the analysis procedure can be summarized by the following practical concepts:

in the extreme, the posterior is very much determined by the data (the posterior is data-driven)
otherwise, the posterior is a mixture of the prior and the data

the prior, the more data you need to change your beliefs

and by identifying all the monitored parameters that can provide information about a degree of anomaly at the time of identification of anomalies is where volcanologists introduce their conceptual models about the pre-eruptive state. The degree of anomaly of each measure is computed in two ways (see Figure 3 here below): the parameter's anomaly can be computed (above a certain threshold), as shown in the left panel of Figure 3, or through a fuzzy approach (by defining a degree of anomaly between two thresholds), as shown in the right panel of Figure 3.



parameters' thresholds

Once parameters have been identified and the corresponding thresholds defined, it is possible to compute for each parameter a degree of anomaly any time new data become available. For the first node (unrest), the identification of a parameter is enough to set the probability of unrest to one. For nodes 2 (magmatic unrest) and 3 (eruption) the degree of anomaly at the node is converted into a conditional probability. The total degree of anomaly at the node is

$$\sum_i W_i$$

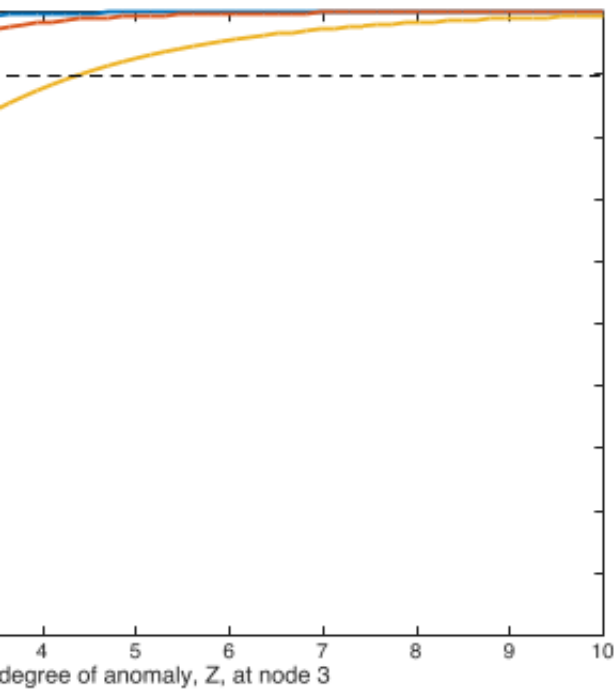
where P_i is the

P_i the weight given at parameter i .

The relationship between the degree of anomaly Z and the entropy score H (defined by logarithm of $(1-P)$) which is a measure of the event of interest. In other words, when the degree of anomaly doubles, the predictability of the event of interest. The degree of anomaly is used to estimate the mean of a Beta distribution describing the conditional probability

or eruption (node 3) through:

defined for any volcanic systems, since their meaning is strictly connected to specific configuration of and the expert's beliefs on the selected volcano.



with the y axis) is set from $1-a$ that is the probability that the event occurs when we observe $Z=0$ (no or weakly monitored volcanoes, and smaller for well monitored volcanoes. The default for the parameter (at node 3, this means that there is 0.10 probability to have an eruption in the next time window without node).

of the curve) is set defining what is the value of Z for which there is 0.90 probability that the event responds to about 0.90 probability of occurrence if 2 parameters are recognized as anomalous. The so depends on the weighting scheme. We consider that the maximum weight for one parameter is 1.

equation (*) is the mean of a Beta distribution. The variance of the distribution is set by the parameter **equivalent number of data**. The **equivalent number of data** mimics how much we believe to the behind the choice of the anomalies. In other words, if we set $\lambda=5$ we think that our model we can get from a probability calculated from 5 data. Of course the larger λ , the higher the

Python Requirements

and some Python third party modules/libraries which need to be installed in order to be able to run the tool if the Python interpreter is installed. By typing "python" in a terminal window followed by the Enter key, the typical response is:

```
Apr 20 2012, 22:39:59)
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```
help()", "credits" or "license" for more information.
```

dependencies/libraries are:

- user interface library)
- computing library)
- image library)
- former Python Image library)

and freely available and usable for all the most common operating systems (Linux, Mac OSX and Windows). The procedure for installing the tool on a particular operating system and on the experience of the user in using its machine and/or Python, the procedure for installing the tool is approached in different ways. **NOTE:** The current versions of all BET tools run on Python 2.7.x. The procedure for installing the tool is the same way.

In most operating systems, Python libraries can be easily installed by means of their own package managers, which install the libraries on the system in a consistent manner, by checking for all the required dependencies and shared libraries. In Linux, you can use the synaptic tool or simply the following command from the terminal:

```
python-numpy python-matplotlib python-wxgtk3.0 python-pil
```

The procedure for installing the tool on Windows is very similar.

TIPS

do not have a native package manager to handle libraries and softwares in a smart way as Linux of Python libraries could not be so straightforward. One can download and install the single libraries being very careful to the Python Standard Library version installed on his/her own computer as text files. Moreover, Mac OSX users can try to use [MacPorts](https://www.macports.org/) (<https://www.macports.org/>) or Homebrew on their own expertise in using these tools, which should play as package managers similarly to the ones on Linux. Alternatively, as easiest way, one can install the Enthought Canopy free version. Canopy is a very rich Python package distribution, which will install a scientific Python environment in your own operating system, but more solid and it takes care of the compatibility among all the libraries. Once you have installed Canopy in your own operating system, one should set the Canopy Python environment as the default Python. For more details, see [Windows](#) and [Mac OSX](#).

If the above procedure does not set the Python Canopy environment as your default Python, you can do it as follows:

```
export PATH=$PATH:/usr/local/Cellar/Enthought/Canopy_64bit/User/bin
```

After setting the default Python environment, by running the python command from your terminal, you should get

```
Python 2.7.9 | 64-bit | (default, Jun 30 2015, 19:41:21)
Type "help()", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
```

Verification

After installing the Python libraries on your operating system and on the method used to install these Python libraries, their correct installation can be verified by entering in the Python interactive shell and manually importing the libraries:

```
Python 2.7.9 | 64-bit | (default, Jun 30 2015, 19:41:21)
Type "help()", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
```

are satisfied, you can proceed with the installation of the tool(s) on your system.

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from the [PyBetVH](#) main page on the VHub web site (Download does not require to be registered users). On the right, by clicking on download, it will be asked to save a compressed file (betvh-rxxx.tar.gz). The folder where the user has full permissions (reading, writing and executing) on files. This will be the folder and should not be moved anymore. After having extracted the files from the tar.gz file, the following appear:

```
ls -hot betvh-rxxx

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Jan  8 22:02 src
Nov  9 19:01 data
Nov  9 19:01 doc
Nov  9 19:01 examples
Nov  9 19:01 middleware
Nov  9 19:01 rappture
Nov  9 19:01 LICENSE.txt
Nov  8 16:56 COPYING
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by VHub repository. After having opened a terminal window and moved into src/ folder, it must be and:

```
$ make install all
```

all the executable files in the bin/ directory. Open a terminal and move inside the bin/ folder:

```
cd $(pwd)/../bin
```

with:

```
betvh.py
```

system, you can now set a link to the main executable, which is in `/yourpath/betvh-rxxx/bin/betvh.py`.
c OSX platforms:

```
+x /yourpath/betvh-rxxx/bin/betvh.py  
yourpath/betvh-rxxx/bin/betvh.py /somewhereinyourPATH/PyBetVH
```

ove have been successfully concluded, the tool can be launched by simply doing, from any position in
al window:

n VHub. You can download it from [here](#) together with a working [example](#). Uncompress the .zip file and
you prefer. The folder contains the PyBetEF main program and all the modules needed to be properly
t modify, remove or do any change to this folder, since the risk is to compromise the functionality of the
unched for a first trial. Open a terminal and move inside the folder containing the PyBetEF source files:

```
r/path/to/PyBetEF/folder/
```

```
PyBetEF.py
```

ke this operation faster. In Linux and Mac OSX systems, as illustrative example, one can make the

executable and then create a (symbolic) link to it in a folder belonging to its PATH environment

```
+x /yourpath/PyBetEF/PyBetEF.py  
yourpath/PyBetEF/PyBetEF.py /somerewhereinyourPATH/PyBetEF
```

to run the tool from any place of her/his filesystem by opening a terminal and simply doing:

link (i.e., on the Desktop) by clicking with the mouse's right button and selecting create a link. Then
directly launch the tool.

you have to unzip the file and place the FakeVolcano folder wherever in your file system. The folder
PyBetEF. Instructions on how to prepare the input files are given in [Input preparation](#) section. The next
click on Load Volcano button in the upper left panel and select the FakeVolcano folder. If everything went
for this example is loaded in the lower left panel and the user can explore it by clicking on the nodes. Once
the user can press the COMPUTE button on the lower right panel. A new window frame will be opened,
output.

shown in 3.1 for PyBetVH

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consists in a set of text files organized in a main folder representing the volcano in which the user is
information is driven by a configuration file called pybet.cfg, which must always exist in order to run the
text file in which the user can input the general information about the volcano, and must be formatted as
The user should not change the names of the various blocks (identified by square brackets) and neither
left of the sign '=', but only fill in the spaces on its right (for instance, in the block "Main Settings", the
variable name and cannot be changed, while on the right the user can set the values for the desired case

information to [PyBetVH](#) can be found in [Tonini et al. \(2015\)](#) main paper and in the relating supplementary

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name =”: the user should add volcano name

lon =”: the user should add longitude and latitude in UTM coordinates (meters),

geom allows to select the geometry of the possible vent positions. Please add the keyword “Field” for a rectangular field, corresponding to a rectangular grid of possible vent locations, or “Cone” for a central vent position over the summit crater area, and 4 lateral sectors

geom = “Field”: if the geometry “Field” is selected in the previous line, the user should input 5 values (comma separated): the longitude length (in meters) of the field, the along-latitude length (in meters) of the field, the number of columns (Nc) to divide the field along the longitude, the number of rows (Nr) to divide the field along the latitude, and the strike (in decimal degrees) from North;

geom = “Cone”: if the geometry “Cone” is selected in the previous line, the user should input 3 values (comma separated): the radius of the central vent position above the summit crater area (in meters), the outer radius (to the apron) of the volcano edifice (in meters), the strike (in decimal degrees) from North to rotate clockwise the four lateral sectors;

zone =”: the user should add the UTM zone together with the hemisphere, N=North or S=South (i.e, 33N or 33S)

time =”: the user should add a number that will determine the exposure time. For example, if the user wants a hazard assessment for a 1 year exposure time, he must input the value “1” here, and keep in mind that time unit is years.

nsamples =”: the user should add the number of samples that PyBetEF will draw at each node of the event tree to reduce stochastic uncertainty. Acceptable values (compromise between accuracy and runtime) are between 400 and 1000. The user could insert any value (integer).

map =”: the user should enter a name of file (in png format) containing the background image to be used for hazard maps or probability map. If keyword “None” is provided, the tool will try to connect to the internet to load a map from Google Maps based on the limits provided in the next item. A good practice could be to download a map from Google Maps the first time, then inserting here the filename of the downloaded map for the other runs of the tool (the current PyBetEF version can load .png image format only).

corners =”: the user should provide SW and NE corners of the background map in UTM coordinates (m).

params =”: the user should provide file name where monitoring parameters are set.

params =”: a, b, lambda

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prob =”: the user should input the prior probability value (a number between 0 and 1) for the volcano entering the event tree (see e.g. Goff et al 2008; 2010 for more details)

lambda =”: the user should input a number expressing how much he is confident on the prior probability. lambda is a fictitious number of data he would like to collect before changing significantly his mind on that prior probability. lambda values range from 1 (very low confidence on the prior probability value) to (theoretically) infinite; however, a lambda = 10000 expresses already a very high confidence on the prior probability value. Please note that the combination “prior probability = 0.1, lambda = 1” expresses the maximum ignorance probability distribution (uniform distribution) (see [Goff et al 2010](#)).

s) =”: the user should input the number of observed unrest episodes in the available record (that must be greater than 0) that it is reasonable to assume that no unrest has been lost over that time period covered by the

the user should input the number of observed time windows, in the time unit defined in the block “Main Settings” (for example, the number of time windows of 1 year), beginning in a state of NO UNREST. The user should input the number of time windows where there was already unrest from the beginning

the user should input the conditional prior probability value (a number between 0 and 1) of the unrest being due to magmatic origin (see Marzocchi et al 2008; 2010 for more details)

=”: as above but related to the prior probability of magmatic unrest

the user should input the number of unrest episodes of known magmatic origin in the complete record

the user should input the number of unrest episodes of known origin (magmatic, hydrothermal, tectonic) in the complete record

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the user should input the conditional prior probability value (a number between 0 and 1) of the magmatic unrest leading to eruption (see Marzocchi et al 2008; 2010 for more details)

the user should input the number of magmatic unrest episodes leading to eruption in the complete record

the user should input the number of magmatic unrest episodes having led to an eruption in the complete record

the user should input the number of magmatic unrest episodes in the complete record

the user should input the path of the text file in which the prior spatial probability of vent opening, and past occurrences at each vent position are stored (see below for its structure).

the user should input the path of the text file related to the prior spatial probability of vent opening

the user should input the path of the text file in which the prior probability of the different size classes, and the past occurrences of magmatic eruptions are stored (see below for its structure).

the user should input the number of different size classes (Ns) characterising magmatic eruptions

the user should input the path of the text file in which the prior probability of the different size classes, and the past occurrences of magmatic eruptions are stored (see below for its structure)

the user should input the path of the text file in which the prior probability of the different vent positions, and the past occurrences of magmatic eruptions are stored (see below for its structure).

corresponding to one possible vent position. The number N_v of possible vent positions is implicitly declared by the geometry. If geometry is “Field”, N_v is equal to $N_r * N_c$ (see above in the block “Main Settings”); if it is “Point”, N_v is equal to the number of lines in the file. Each line of the file, there must be 2 numbers: the first one is the prior probability of that vent position, and the second one is the number of magmatic eruptions (dataset) occurred from that vent position. The sum of the prior probabilities over all the N_v vent positions must be 1 (represent a complete and mutually exclusive set).

in node 4 (“node 4-5 dependence = False” in the “Node Style” block of pybet.cfg), in this file there must

es of the N_s size classes (and the sum must be 1)

f data of such prior probability distribution

ne number of past eruptions (in a complete dataset) of each size class

(“node 4-5 dependence = True” in the “Node Style” block of pybet.cfg), in this file there must be N_v

tus of the selected monitored quantities. The path to the this file is given by setting the parameter

te the status of monitoring parameters, he/she can create a new file by simply coping the old one and

er of the parameter (i.e, Parameter 1, Parameter 2, ...) for each node. Then, it follows a series of rows that

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provide by himself/herself all of the information of the volcano he/she is interested in.

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