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Mary Grace Bato

PhD in Earth Science

Education

- 2018 **PhD in Earth Science** **Université Grenoble Alpes, Grenoble, France**
Institut des Sciences de la Terre (ISTerre)
Dissertation: Towards the assimilation of deformation measurements in volcanology
Fellowship: Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (MESR)
- 2012 **M2R in Earth Science** **Université Blaise Pascal, Clermont-Ferrand, France**
Laboratoire Magmas et Volcans (LMV)
Memoire: High Resolution Monitoring and Post-emplacment Characterization of the October 2010 Lava Flow of Piton de la Fournaise Using Aerospace-based Data
Scholarship: Centre National des Oeuvres Universitaires et Scolaires (CNOUS)
- 2008 **BS in Applied Physics** **University of the Philippines, Quezon City, Philippines**
Instrumentation Physics Laboratory
Thesis: Emergence of Scaling Laws via Consumption Dynamics in Complex Adaptive Systems

Relevant Experience

- Nov 2018 - present **NASA/CalTech Jet Propulsion Laboratory** **California, USA**
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
 - Forecasting volcanic eruptions using ensemble-based data assimilation.
 - Development and testing of a Bayesian-based software to retrieve ground deformation source parameters.
- Oct 2015 - Sep 2017 **Service National d'Observation RENAG** **Grenoble, France**
Intern
 - Was engaged in the operational processing, treatment and database management of 20-year daily GPS data under the European Plate Observing System (EPOS) project.
- Jan 2015 - Jul 2018 **Institute des Sciences de la Terre (ISTerre)** **Chambéry/Grenoble, France**
Graduate Researcher
 - Developed a framework to forecast volcanic eruptions using Ensemble Kalman Filter.
 - Processed interferograms to generate time-series using the NSBAS processing chain.
- Jan 2013 - Dec 2014 **Laboratoire Magmas et Volcans (LMV)** **Clermont-Ferrand, France**
Research Engineer
 - Published a book chapter and wrote technical reports and abstracts.
 - Developed an automated routine to process and analyse huge amount of SAR data.
 - Collaborated with the Piton de la Fournaise volcano observatory at La Reunion to help them in volcano monitoring.
- Sep 2012 - Dec 2012 **Forum Energy Phil. Corp.** **Makati City, Philippines**
Consulting Geophysicist
 - Led a team to perform microgravity and geotechnical surveys in Northern Cebu, Philippines for natural gas and oil exploration.
 - Performed regular field planning and financial budgeting for the duration of the project.
- Sep 2010 - Jun 2012 **Laboratoire Magmas et Volcans (LMV)** **Clermont-Ferrand, France**
Graduate Researcher
 - Processed LiDAR and satellite data (SAR and MODIS data), and developed a semi-automated routine to analyse them.
- Apr 2009 - Nov 2011 **National Institute of Geological Sciences** **Quezon City, Philippines**
Researcher
 - Engaged in various multi-disciplinary research projects related to flooding, earthquakes and crustal deformation.
 - Co-authored and co-managed a multi-million-peso Department of Science and Technology (DOST) project (Project: *Satellite and Field Detection and Analysis of Ground Subsidence in KAMANAVA and Metro Manila*).

Awards

- [1] 2019 Comité National Français de Géodésie et Géophysique (CNFGG) Thesis Prize Laureate, April 2019
 [2] Recipient, AGU Outstanding Student Paper Award, Geodesy Section, December 2016
 [3] Mention Bien (Magna Cum Laude) and rank 2 of the graduating class, Master 2 Research Program, Clermont-Ferrand, France, June 2012
 [4] Best Master Thesis, June 2012

Skills and Interests

Math and Statistics:

Statistical modeling, Data Assimilation, Ensemble methods, Image and signal processing, Inversion methods

Language:

Tagalog (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate)

Programs, OS and Database:

Python, Matlab, Pandas, SQL, Diapason, NSBAS, ENVI, QGIS, Surfer, LaTeX, Wordpress, ISCE, GIANt, Unix, OSX

Interests and hobbies:

Jazz, playing guitar and ukulele, basketball, tennis, hiking, swimming, travelling (USA, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, Iceland, Australia)

ISI Publications

- [1] **MG Bato**, V Pinel, Y Yan, F Jouanne, “[Near] real time forecasting of the rupture of a magma chamber using sequential data assimilation”, *in preparation for Journal of Geophysical Research: Solid Earth*
- [2] **MG Bato**, V Pinel, Y Yan, F Jouanne, J Vandemeulebrouck “Possible deep connection between volcanic systems evidenced by sequential assimilation of geodetic data”, *Nature Scientific Reports* (2018) 8:11702, <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-018-29811-x>
- [3] **MG Bato**, V Pinel, Y Yan, “Assimilation of Deformation Data for Eruption Forecasting: Potentiality Assessment Based on Synthetic Cases”, *Frontiers in Earth Science* 5 (2017): 48, <https://doi.org/10.3389/feart.2017.00048>.
- [4] **MG Bato**, JL Froger, AJL Harris, N Villeneuve, “Monitoring an effusive eruption at Piton de la Fournaise using radar and thermal infrared remote sensing data: insights into the October 2010 eruption and its lava flows”, From: Harris, A. J. L., De Groeve, T., Garel, F. & Carn, S. A. (eds) *Detecting, Modelling and Responding to Effusive Eruptions. Geological Society, London, Special Publications*, (2016) 426, <http://doi.org/10.1144/SP426.30>
- [5] AMF Lagmay, R Rodolfo, H Cabria, J Soria, P Zamora, C Abon, C Lit, MRT Lapus, E Paguican, **MG Bato**, G Tiu, E Obille, NE Pellejera, PC Francisco, RN Eco & J Aviso, “Geological hazards of southwestern Natib Volcano, site of the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant, Philippines”, *Geological Society, London, Special Publications* 361.1 (2012): 151-169, <https://doi.org/10.1144/SP361.13>
- [6] AMF Lagmay, R Rodolfo, **MG Bato**, “The perfect storm, Floods devastate Manila” *EARTH* (2010), Vol. 55, no.4, pp. 50-55

International Conference Proceedings and/or Abstracts (last 5 years)

- [1] **MG Bato**, V Pinel, Y Yan, “Volcanic data assimilation: Towards and beyond [near] real-time eruption forecasting”, American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2018, Washington D.C., USA, 10-14 December 2018. (*invited talk*)
- [2] **MG Bato**, V Pinel, Y Yan, “Forecasting the rupture of a magma chamber using sequential data assimilation: Application to Grímsvötn volcano, Iceland”, 19th General Assembly of WEGENER, Grenoble, France, 10-13 September 2018. (*poster presentation*)
- [3] **MG Bato**, V Pinel, Y Yan, “Forecasting the rupture of a magma chamber using sequential data assimilation: Application to Grímsvötn volcano, Iceland”, Cities on Volcanoes 10, Napoli, Italy, 2-7 September 2018. (*oral presentation*)
- [4] **MG Bato**, L Pousse, JD Dianala, F Jouanne, R Jolivet, J Hollingsworth, V Pinel, R Walker, GJ Perez, K Vergel, “Imaging [Recent] Philippine Earthquakes from Space”, New Dimensions for Natural Hazards in Asia: An AOGS-EGU Joint Conference, Tagaytay, Cavite, Philippines, 04-08 February 2018. (*poster presentation*)
- [5] **MG Bato**, V Pinel, Y Yan, “Towards the Assimilation of Deformation Data for Eruption Forecasting”, New Dimensions for Natural Hazards in Asia: An AOGS-EGU Joint Conference, Tagaytay, Cavite, Philippines, 04-08 February 2018. (*oral presentation*)
- [6] **MG Bato**, V Pinel, Y Yan, “Towards the Assimilation of Deformation Data for Eruption Forecasting”, MDIS-Form@ter 2017, Clermont-Ferrand, Besse-en-Chandesse, Auvergne, France, 16-20 October 2017. (*invited talk*)
- [7] JL Froger, V Cayol, M Tridon, **MG Bato**, D Remy, Y Chen, D Smittarello, V Pinel, JM Prival, N Villeneuve, A Peltier, A Augier, S Rivet, Y Guehenneux, “Indian Ocean InSAR Observatory (O12)—Routine Interferometric Monitoring of a Volcanic Island”, Fringe 2017, Helsinki, Finland, 05-09 June 2017. (*poster presentation*)
- [8] A Socquet, A Déprez, N Cotte, L Maubant, A Walpersdorf, **MG Bato**, “Present-day deformation in Europe, as seen by the EPOS-GNSS prototype solution in double difference, and first co- and post-seismic displacements associated with 2016 Amatrice and Norcia earthquakes (Italy)”, European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2017, Vienna, Austria, 23-28 April 2017. (*poster presentation*)
- [9] **MG Bato**, V Pinel, Y Yan, “Volcano Deformation and Eruption Forecasting using Data Assimilation: Building the strategy”, American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2016, San Francisco, California, USA, 12-16 December 2016. (*poster presentation*)
- [10] **MG Bato**, V Pinel, Y Yan, “Assimilating GPS and InSAR Data to Forecast Volcanic Eruptions: Building the strategy”, Colloque National d’Assimilation de Données, Grenoble, France, 30 November – 02 December 2016. (*poster presentation*)
- [11] **MG Bato**, V Pinel, Y Yan, “Volcano Deformation and Eruption Forecasting using Data Assimilation: Case of Grímsvötn volcano in Iceland”, European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2016, Vienna, Austria, 17-22 April 2016. (*oral presentation*)
- [12] **MG Bato**, V Pinel, Y Yan, “Volcano Deformation and Eruption Forecasting using Data Assimilation: Is it Feasible?”, MDIS-Form@ter, Autrans, France, 7-9 October 2015. (*poster presentation*)
- [13] **MG Bato**, JL Froger, M Tridon, V Cayol, AJL Harris, N Villeneuve, “InSAR Mapping of the 2010 and 2014 Deformation Fields and Lava Flows of Piton de la Fournaise”, MultiTemps 2015, Annecy, France, 22-24 March, 2015. (*oral presentation*)
- [14] **MG Bato**, JL Froger, M Tridon, V Cayol, AJL Harris, N Villeneuve, “InSAR Mapping of displacements and lava flows related to recent eruptions (2010-2014) at Piton de la Fournaise”, Fringe 2015, Frascati, Italy, 23-27 March 2015. (*poster presentation*)
- [15] **MG Bato**, JL Froger, AJL Harris, N Villeneuve, “Insights on the 2010 Lava Flows of Piton de la Fournaise Using Cosmo-SkyMed and TanDEM-X Data: Lava Displacement Rates, Thicknesses, and Volume Estimates”, American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2014, San Francisco, California, USA, 15-19 December 2014. (*oral presentation*)
- [16] **MG Bato**, JL Froger, AJL Harris, N Villeneuve, T Souriot, “Characterizing the October 2010 Eruption of Piton de la Fournaise using X-band InSAR data”, MDIS Form@Terre Meeting, Autrans, France, 17-18 October 2013. (*poster presentation*)
- [17] **MG Bato**, JL Froger, AJL Harris, N Villeneuve, T Souriot, “Characterizing the October 2010 lava flow of Piton de la Fournaise using X-Band InSAR data”, IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium, Melbourne, Australia, 21-26 July 2013. (*oral presentation*)
- [18] **Mary Grace Bato**, Jean-Luc Froger, Andrew JL Harris, Nicolas Villeneuve, Thierry Souriot, “Characterizing the October 2010 lava flow of Piton de la Fournaise using space-based data”, International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth’s Interior Scientific Assembly, Kagoshima, Japan, 20-24 July 2013. (*poster presentation*)
- [19] **MG Bato**, JL Froger, N Villeneuve, T Souriot, “TanDEM-X data for early mapping and volume estimation of lava flows: October 2010 Lava flow of Piton de la Fournaise case study”, 5th TSX and 4th TDX Scientific Meeting, Munich, Germany, 10-14 June 2013. (*oral presentation*)
- [20] **MG Bato**, JL Froger, AJL Harris, N Villeneuve, T Souriot, “InSAR Volcano Monitoring in Piton de la Fournaise: What have we been doing over the last 3 years?”, International Workshop on Satellite-Data-Driven Detection, Tracking and Modeling of Volcanic Hot Spots, Clermont-Ferrand, France, 28-30 May 2013. (*oral presentation*)

Selected Press Mentions

- [1] Volcano Forecast? New Technique Could Better Predict Eruptions, Scientific American, June 2017
- [2] Scientists are trying to use satellites to forecast volcanic eruptions, CNBC, June 2017
- [3] Think weather forecasts are bad? Try forecasting a volcanic eruption, Popular Science, June 2017
- [4] Predicting eruptions using satellites and math, EurekAlert, June 2017
- [5] Scientists predict volcanic eruptions with satellites and GPS, CNN Tech, June 2017