
rsfmodel Documentation

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Here we document the API and installation of rsfmodel.

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Installation Guide

1.1 Requirements

rsfmodel requires the following packages:

- NumPy $\geq 1.8.0$
- Matplotlib $\geq 1.4.0$

Installation Instructions for NumPy and SciPy can be found at: <http://www.scipy.org/scipylib/download.html>

Installation Instructions for Matplotlib can be found at: <http://matplotlib.org/downloads.html>

1.2 Installation

The source code can be downloaded from [GitHub](#). In the base directory of the download, run:

```
python setup.py install
```

This will install rsfmodel into your current Python installation.

The rsfmodel API

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2.1 Plotting

2.1.1 `rsfmodel.plot`

2.2 Rate and State Framework

2.2.1 `rsfmodel.rsfc`

exception `rsfmodel.rsfc.IncompleteModelError`

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

Special error case for trying to run the model with inadequate information.

class `rsfmodel.rsfc.LoadingSystem`

Bases: `object`

Contains attributes relating to the external loading system.

Attributes

<code>k</code>	(float) System stiffness in units of friction/displacement.
<code>time</code>	(list) List of time values at which the system will be solved.
<code>load-point_velocity</code>	(list) List of the imposed loadpoint velocities at the corresponding time value. Must be same length as time.
<code>v</code>	(float) Slider velocity
<code>mu</code>	(float) The current friction value of the system.

Methods

`friction_evolution` (*loadpoint_vel*)

`velocity_evolution` ()

class `rsfmodel.rsfs.Model`

Bases: `rsfmodel.rsfs.LoadingSystem`

Houses the model coefficients and does the integration.

Attributes

<code>mu0</code>	(float) Reference friction value at <code>vref</code> .
<code>a</code>	(float) Rate and state constitutive parameter.
<code>vref</code>	(float) System reference velocity at which the reference friction is measured.
<code>state_relations</code>	(list) List of state relations to be used when calculating the model.
<code>results</code>	(namedtuple) Stores all model outputs.

Methods

`readyCheck()`

Determines if all necessary parameters are set to run the model. Will raise appropriate error as necessary.

`solve(threshold=2, **kwargs)`

Runs the integrator to actually solve the model and returns a named tuple of results.

Parameters `threshold` : float

Threshold used to determine when integration care should be taken. This threshold is in terms of maximum load-point acceleration before time step is marked.

Returns `results` : named tuple

Results of the model

2.3 State Relations

2.3.1 `rsfmodel.staterelations`

class `rsfmodel.staterelations.DieterichState`

Bases: `rsfmodel.staterelations.StateRelation`

The slowness or Dieterich state relation as proposed by ¹.

Notes

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = 1 - \frac{V_{\text{slider}}\theta}{D_c}$$

¹ Dieterich, J. "Modeling of rock friction: 1. Experimental results and constitutive equations." Journal of Geophysical Research: Solid Earth (19782012) 84.B5 (1979): 2161-2168.

Methods

evolve_state (*system*)

set_steady_state (*system*)

class rsfmodel.staterelations.**NagataState**

Bases: *rsfmodel.staterelations.StateRelation*

The Nagata state relation as proposed by ²:

Notes

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = 1 - \frac{V_{\text{slider}}\theta}{D_c} - \frac{c}{b}\theta \frac{d\mu}{dt}$$

Methods

evolve_state (*system*)

set_steady_state (*system*)

class rsfmodel.staterelations.**PrzState**

Bases: *rsfmodel.staterelations.StateRelation*

The PRZ state relation as proposed by ³:

Notes

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = 1 - \left(\frac{V_{\text{slider}}\theta}{2D_c} \right)^2$$

Methods

evolve_state (*system*)

set_steady_state (*system*)

velocity_component (*system*)

Perrin-Rice velocity contribution

$$V_{\text{contribution}} = b \ln(V_{\text{prz0}}\theta)$$

class rsfmodel.staterelations.**RuinaState**

Bases: *rsfmodel.staterelations.StateRelation*

The slip or Ruina state relation as proposed by ⁴.

² Nagata, K., Nakatani, M., Yoshida, S., “A revised rate-and-state -dependent friction law obtained by constraining constitutive and evolution laws separately with laboratory data,” Journal of Geophysical Research: Solid Earth, vol 117, 2012.

³ Perrin, G., Rice, J., and Zheng, G. “Self-healing slip pulse on a frictional surface.” Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids 43.9 (1995): 1461-1495.

⁴ Ruina, Andy. “Slip instability and state variable friction laws.” J. geophys. Res 88.10 (1983): 359-10.

Notes

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = -\frac{V_{\text{slider}}\theta}{D_c} \ln\left(\frac{V_{\text{slider}}\theta}{D_c}\right)$$

Methods

evolve_state (*system*)

set_steady_state (*system*)

class rsfmodel.staterelations.**StateRelation**

Bases: object

Abstract state relation object that contains the generally used attributes in state relations (b,Dc).

Attributes

b	(float) Rate and state empirical parameter b.
Dc	(float) Critical slip distance.
state	(float) State variable.

Methods

velocity_component (*system*)

General velocity contribution from a given state variable

Notes

$$V_{\text{contribution}} = b \ln\left(\frac{V_0\theta}{D_c}\right)$$

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