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Pyroduct is a first-of-it-kind fully parametric lava tube generator that allows the user to easily produce realistic lava tube 3D models, using as an input a database of more than 90 terrestrial lava tube data, coming from 8 different regions of the World.

Countries: *Italy, Spain (Canary Islands), Portugal (Azores), United States (Oregon, New-Mexico, Hawaii), Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Japan and Australia*

The software has been developed as an easily installable plug-in for "Grasshopper", Rhinoceros 3D's Visual Programming Language.

Inside of the downloadable .rar files, two folders are contained:

- **User Objects:** the folder contains all the files to install Pyroduct on your computer.
  To do so, please follow these instructions:
  1) Initialize Rhinoceros and start Grasshopper;
  2) Open the "*User Objects*" folder and copy all the files inside;
  3) In Grasshopper, go to File > Special Folders > User Object Folder.
  4) Paste the copied files into this directory.
  5) Pyroduct should now be installed in Grasshopper, without needing to restart Rhinoceros.

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1) Romio, F. A. P. e Lobosco, G. (2025) «Pyroduct: a Parametric Lava Tube Generator (Grasshopper Plug-in)». Zenodo. doi: 10.5281/zenodo.14604787.
2) Romio, F. A. P. e Lobosco, G. (2024) «Pyroduct Digital Catalog». Zenodo. doi: 10.5281/zenodo.14535886.
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Note:
This plug-in uses a dataset of > 1000 cross-sections of terrestrial lava tubes, which the authors have digitalized from existing literature, available separately. The dataset is published under the Creative Commons BY 4.0 license. For more information and to access the dataset, visit: 10.5281/zenodo.14535886.

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