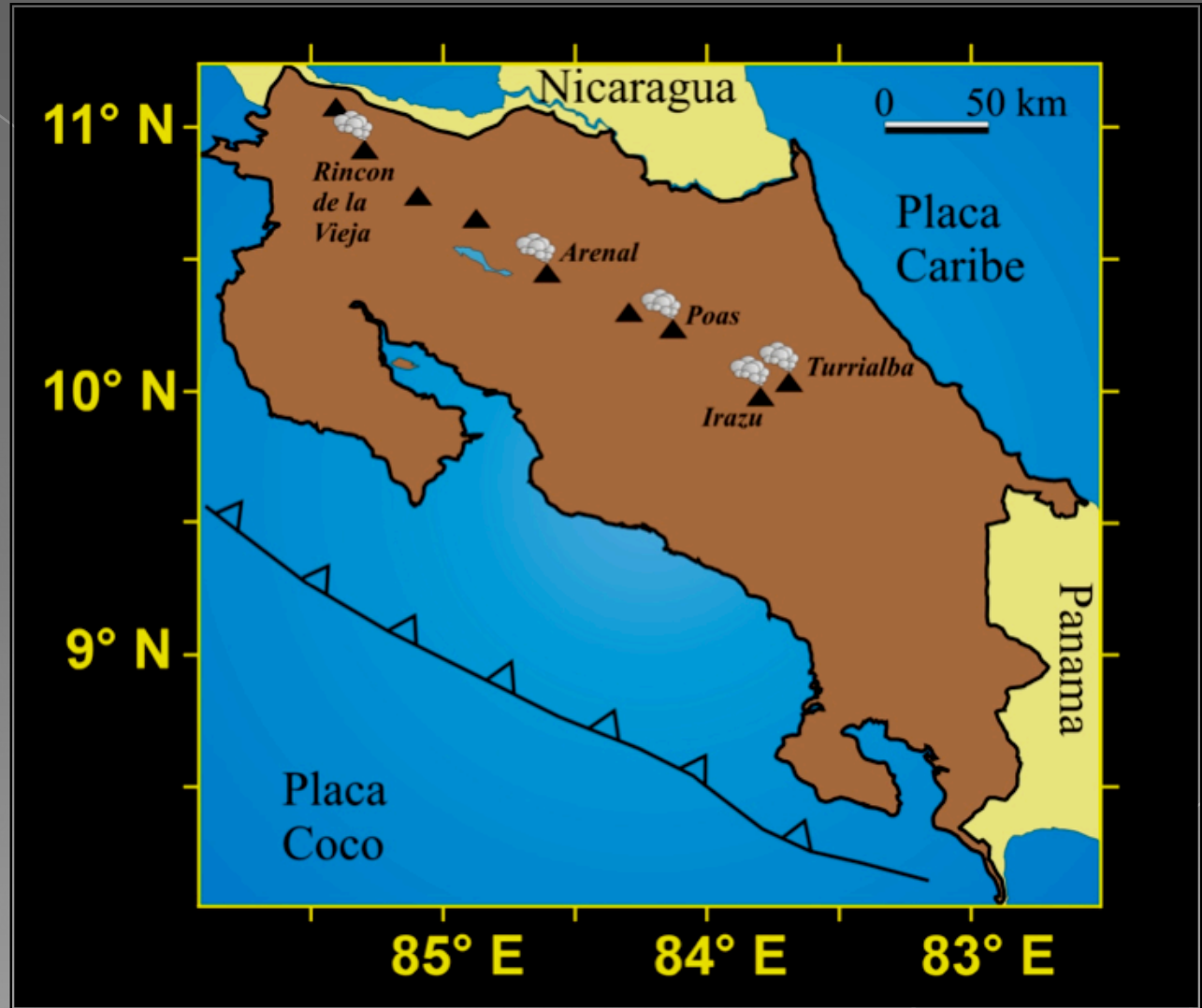
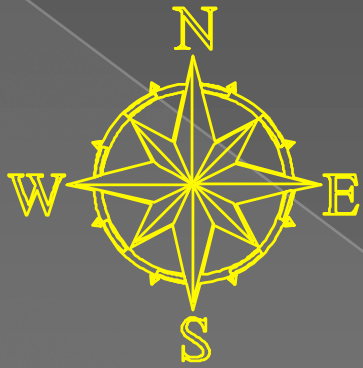


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# ARENAL VOLCANO



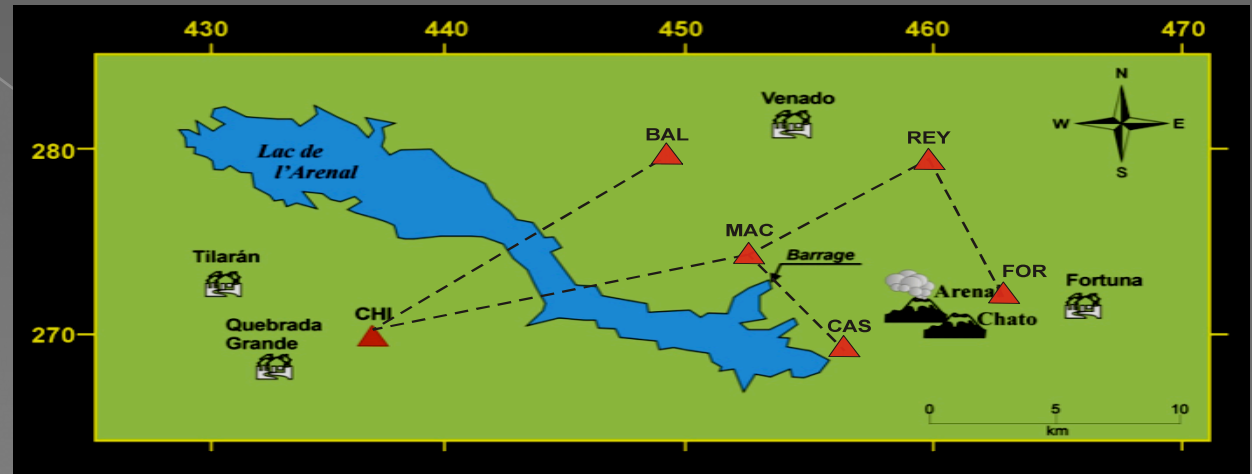
# Seismological studies at Arenal







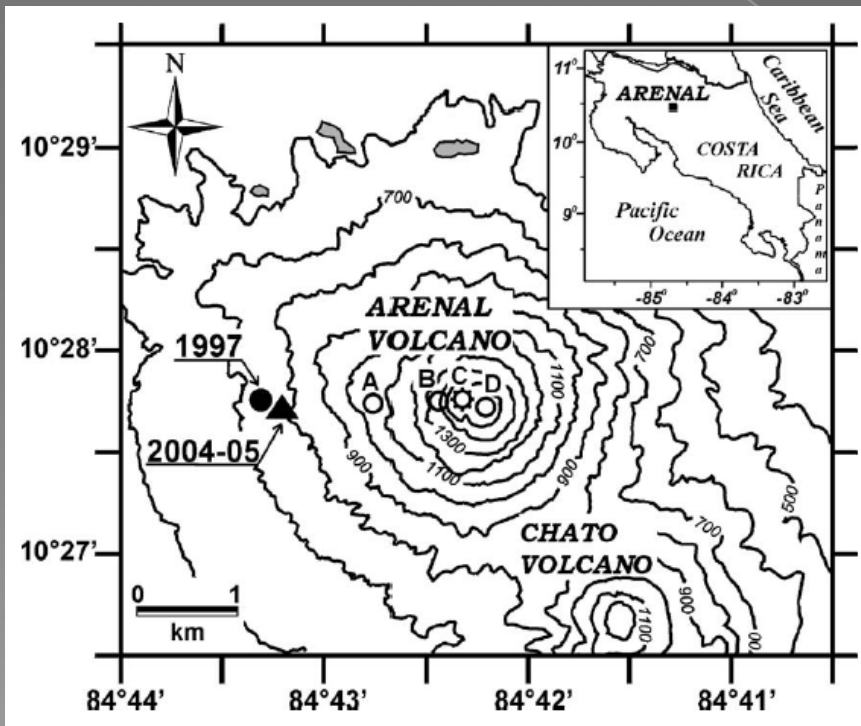
Topic	References
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<b>Seismic source</b>	Benoit & McNutt, 1997 Hagerty et al., 1997 Hagerty, 1998 Garcés et al., 1998 Hagerty et al., 2000 Mora, 2003 Lesage et al., 2006
<b>Localization of events</b>	Alvarado et al., 1997 Hagerty et al., 2000 Métaxian et al., 2002
<b>Structure of volcanic edifice</b>	Métaxian et al., 1996 Leandro et al., 1999 Mora et al., 2001 Mora et al., 2004

# 1. Monitoring system

## Observatorio Sismológico y Vulcanológico de Arenal y Miravalles (OSIVAM)



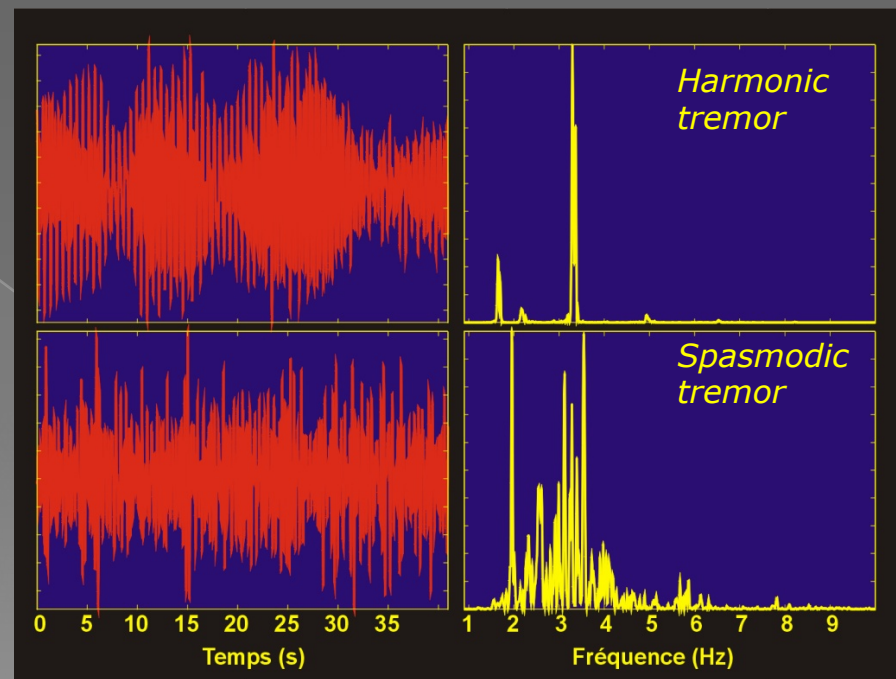
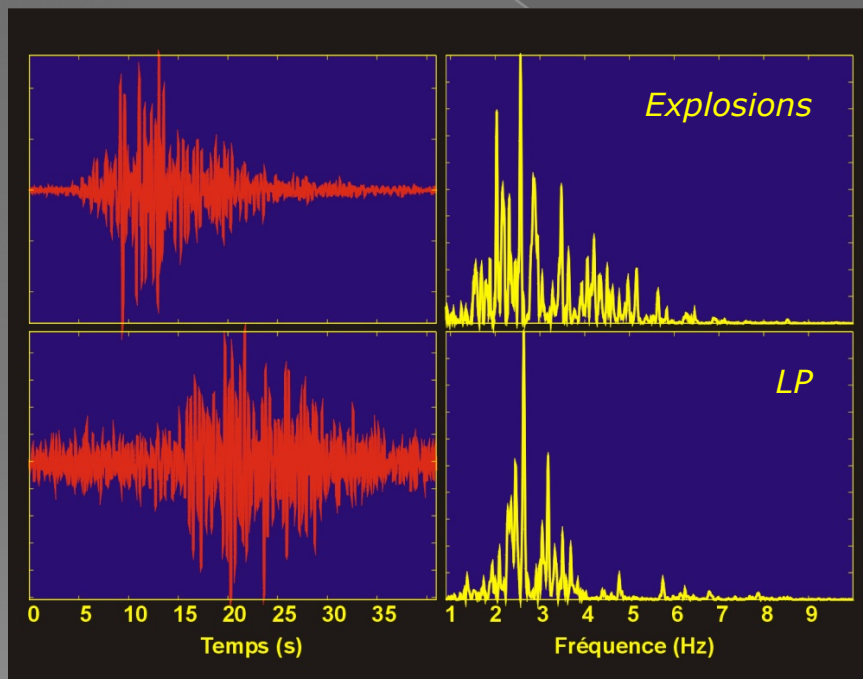
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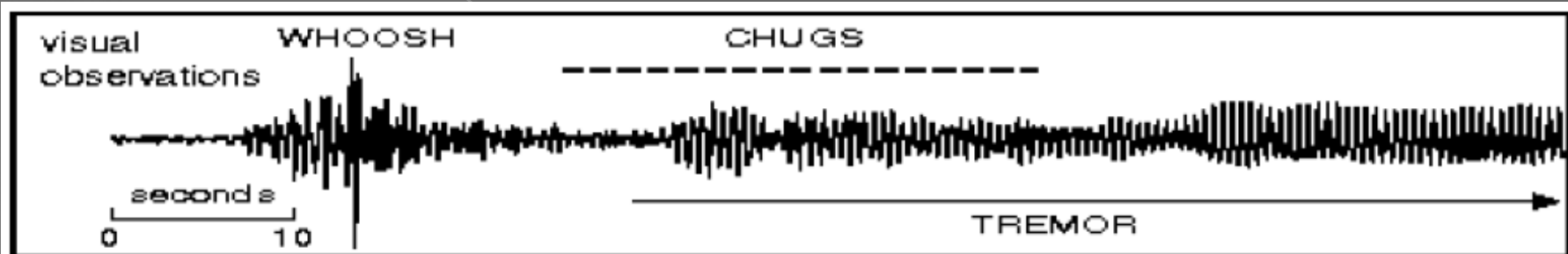
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## 2. Classification of seismic signals:

Four basic type of events:



## Combined events:

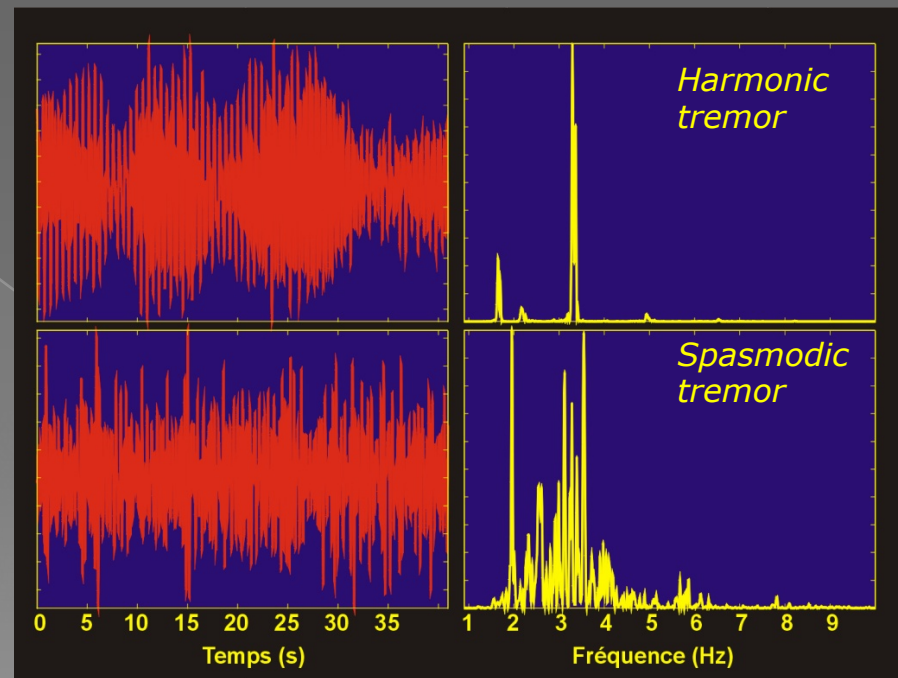
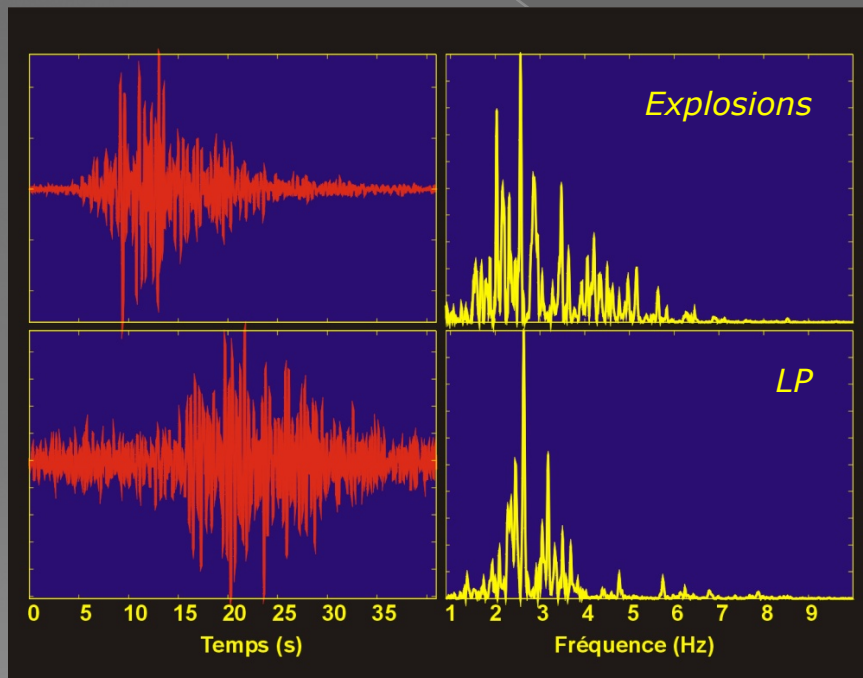


**Figure 2.** An example seismogram (radial component) of a small eruption (whoosh) followed by rhythmic degassing (chugs). Visual and audio observations show this eruption ejecting ash to ~500 m above the crater and the following chugs were audible at 2.8 km for ~25 s. Harmonic tremor begins during the chugs and continues for several minutes.



## 2. Classification of seismic signals:

Four basic type of events:



# 3. Characterization of seismic events:

## Discrete Fourier analysis:

Hagerty et al. (2000)

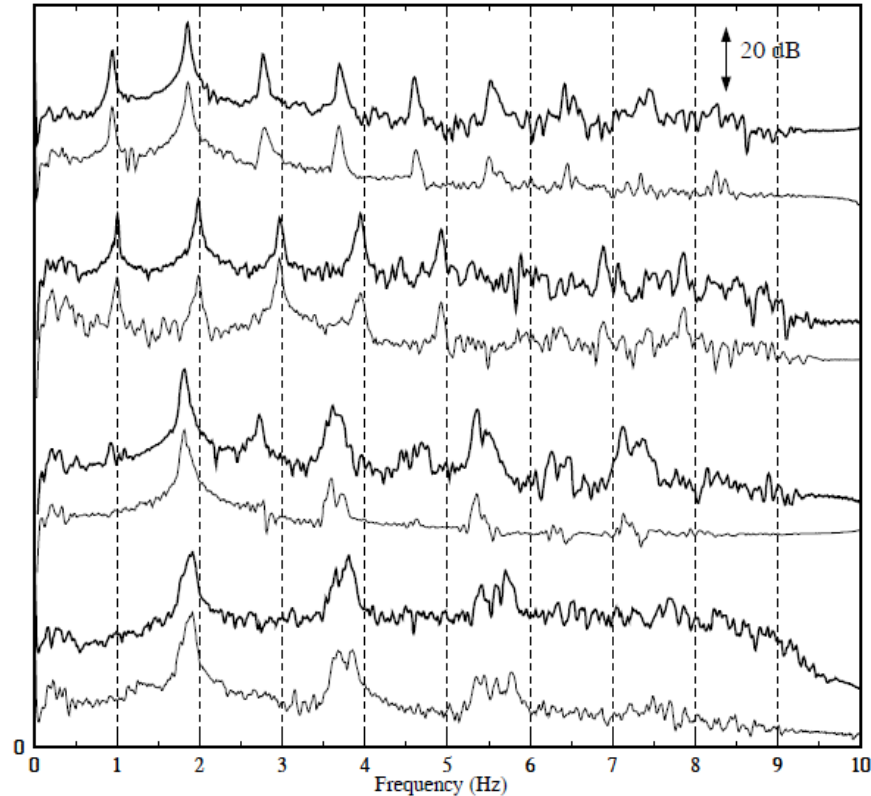


Fig. 18. Normalized log spectral density plots for four isolated, non-continuous 30 s tremor slices recorded at WARN (thick line) and LOLA (thin line). The spectra for different time slices vary considerably but are nearly identical at the two stations.

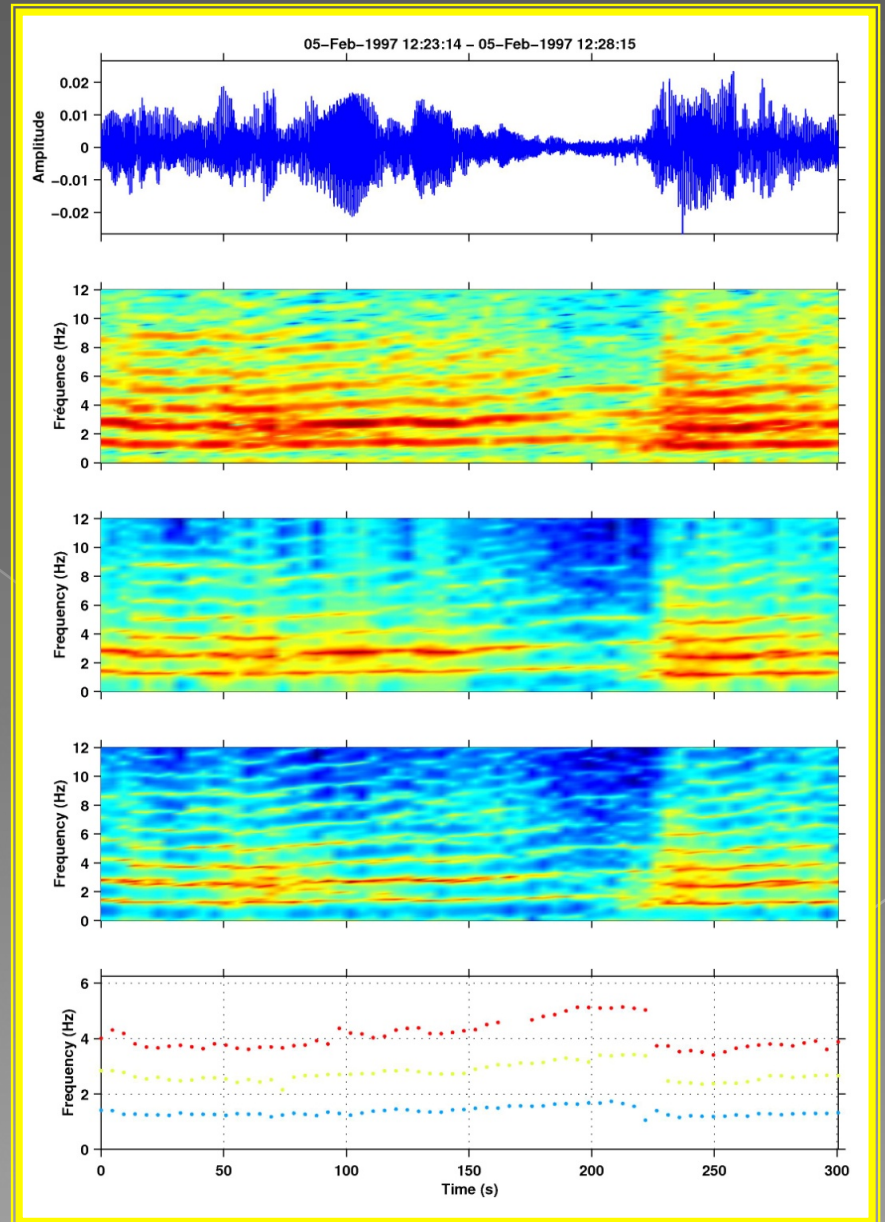
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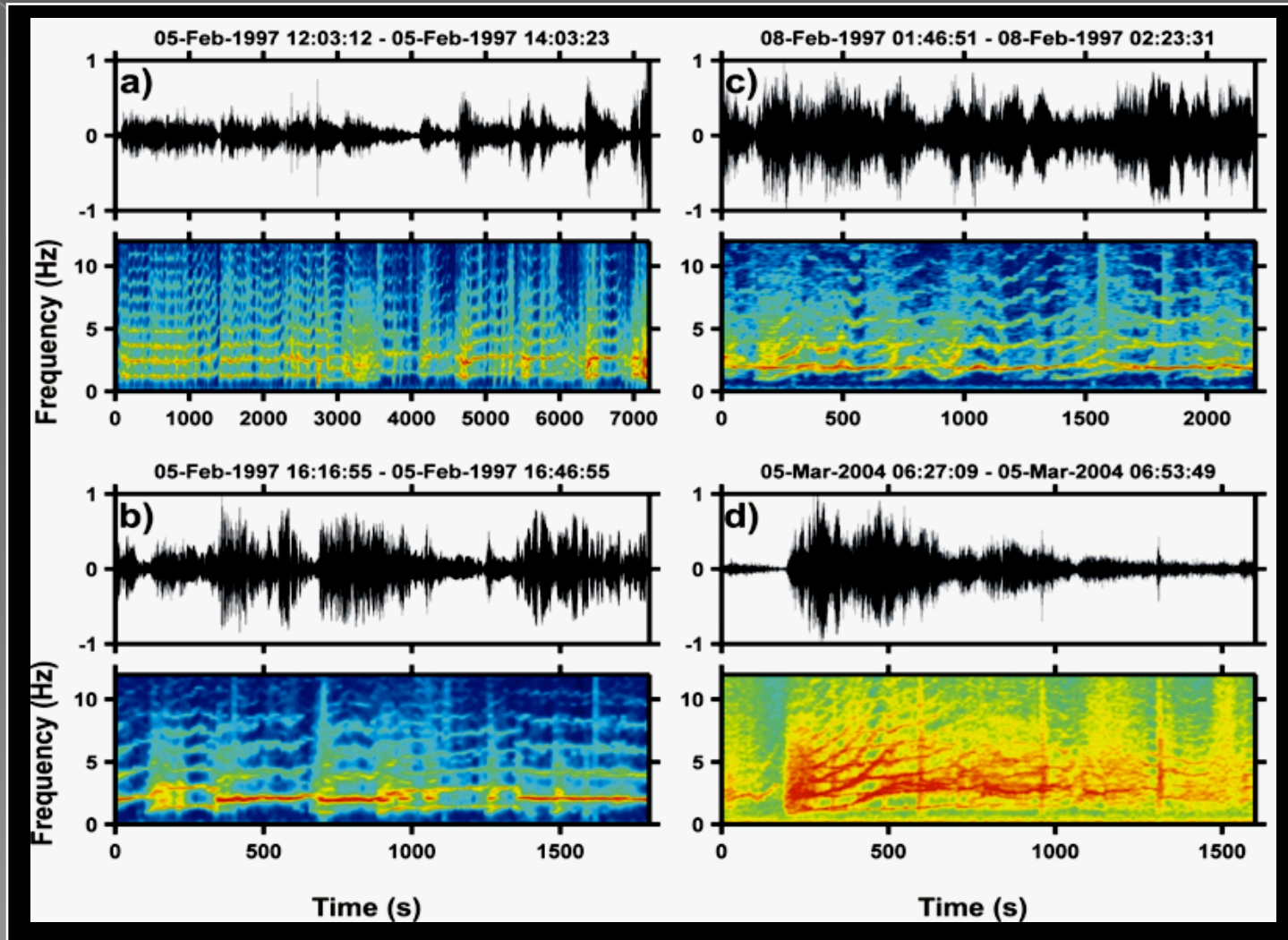
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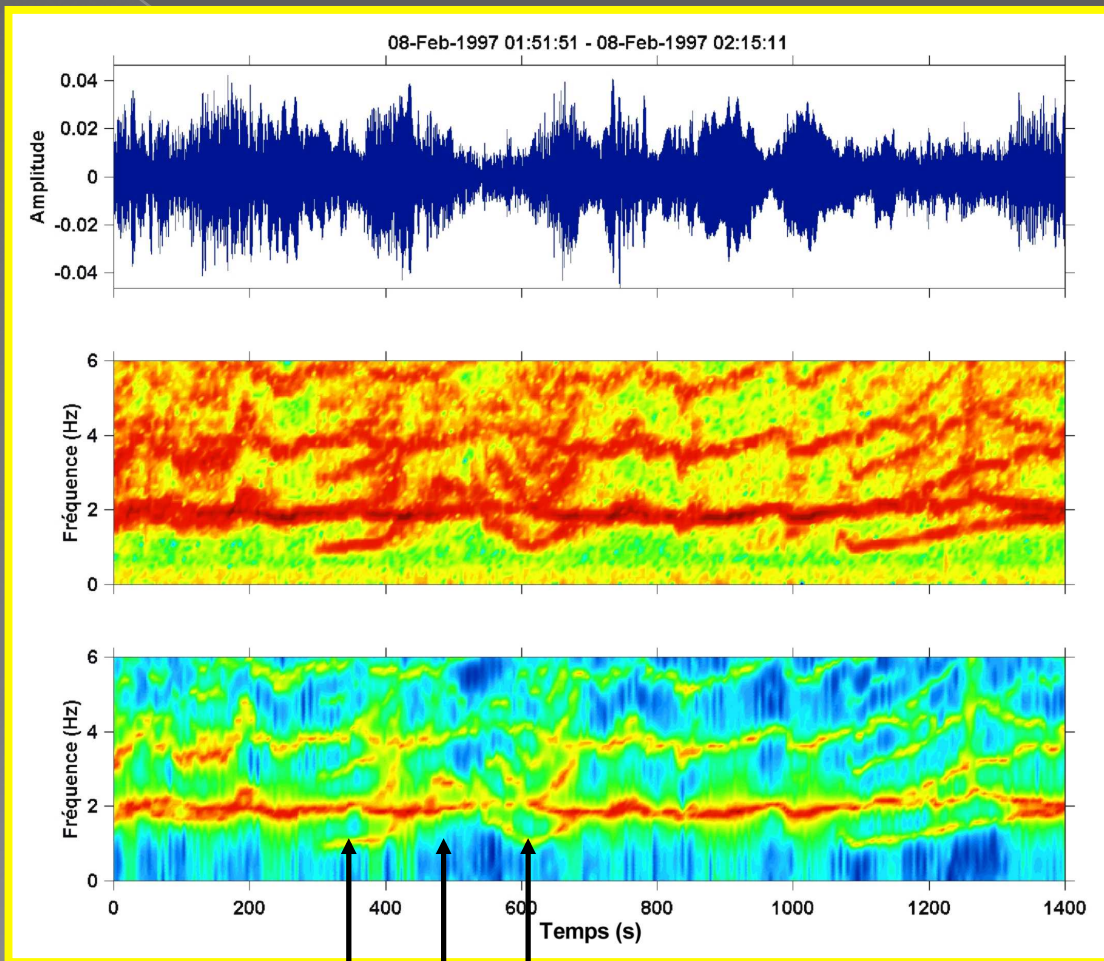
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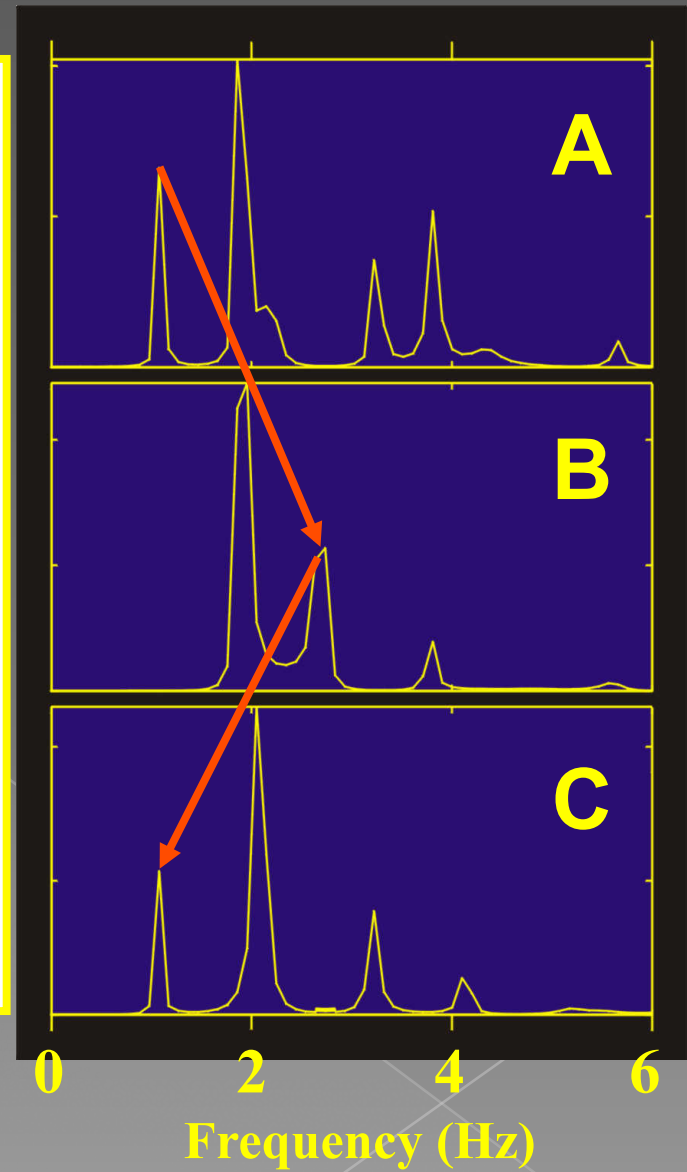


## Complex behavior of volcanic tremors and superposition of events (Lesage et al, 2006)

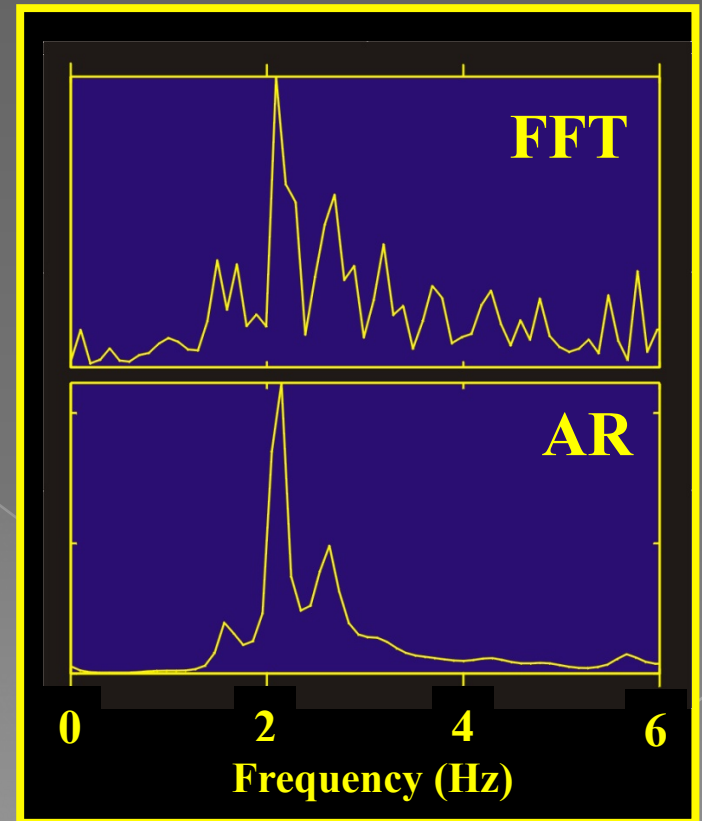
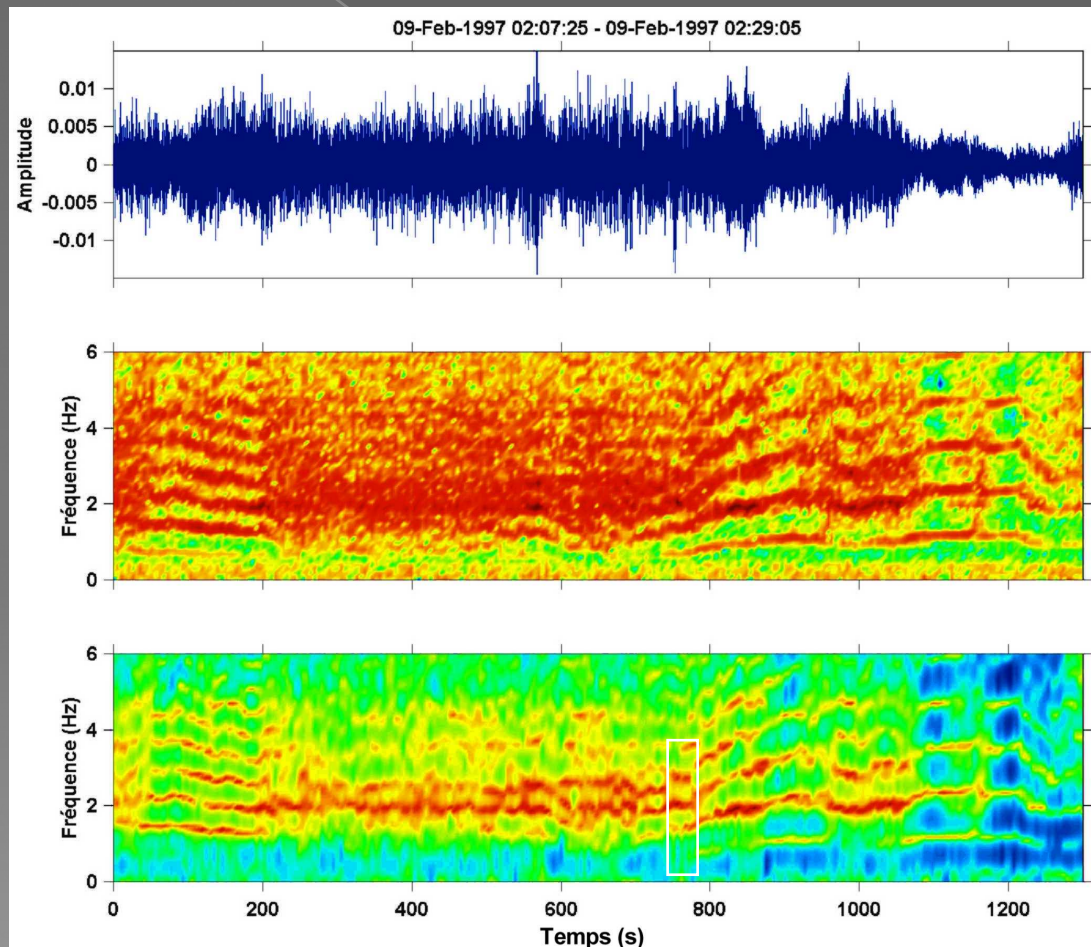


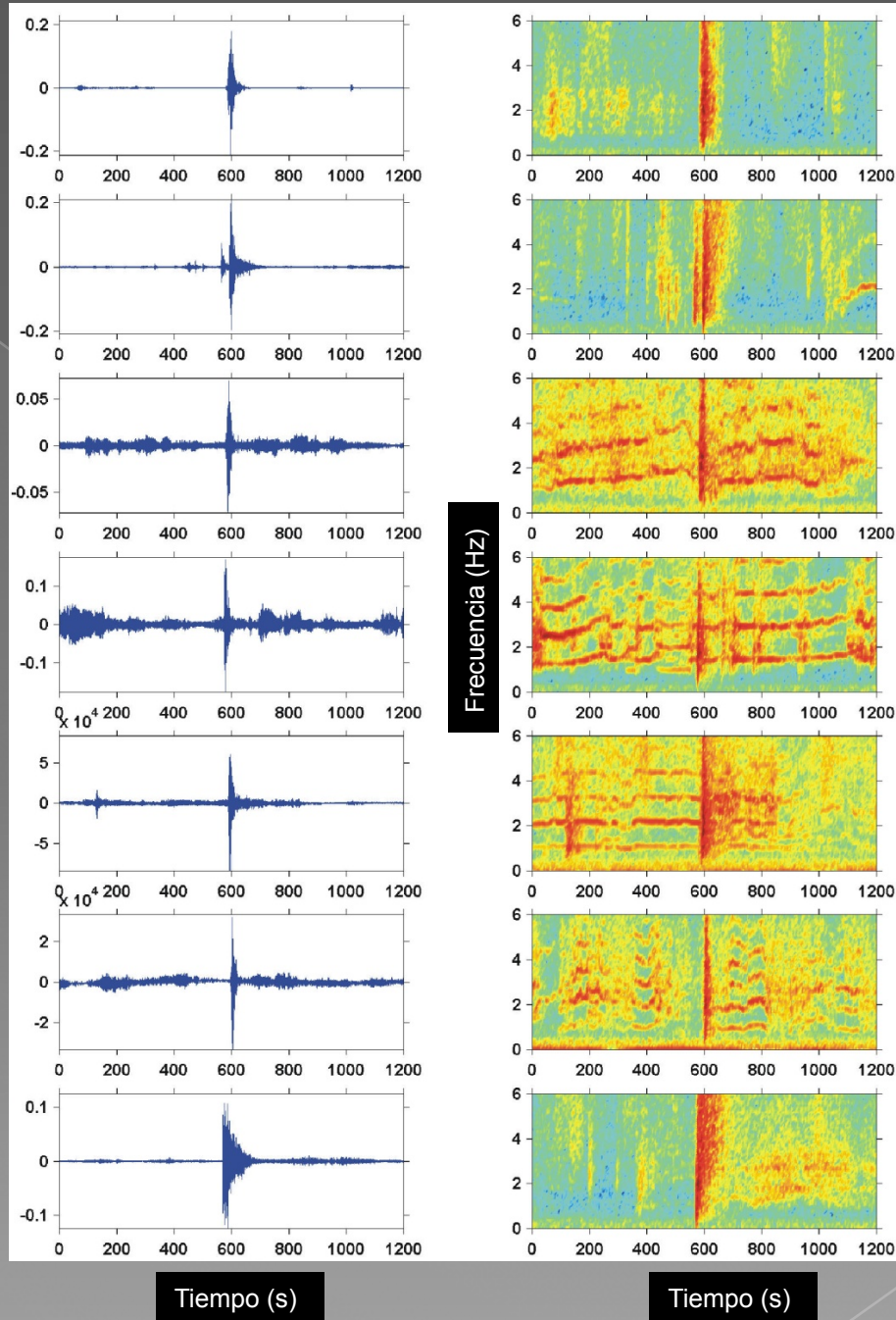


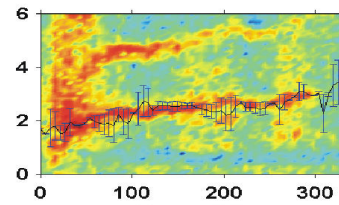
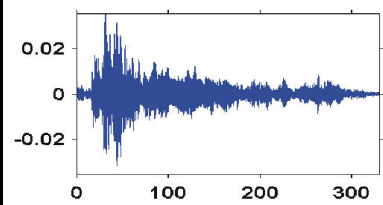
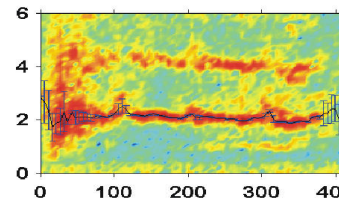
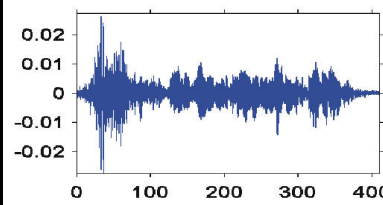
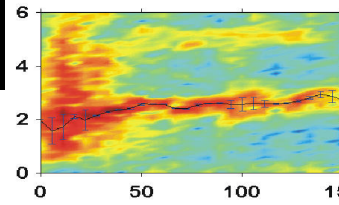
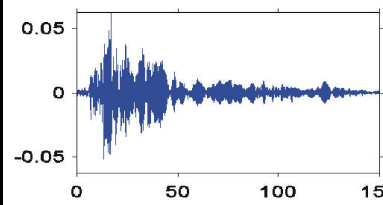
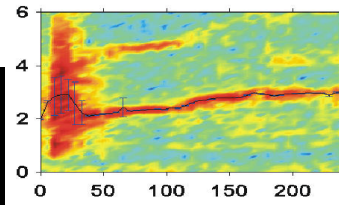
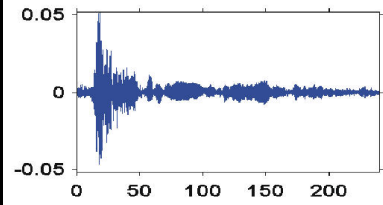
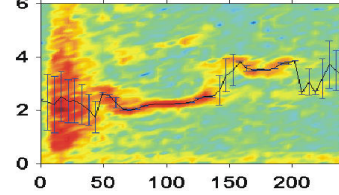
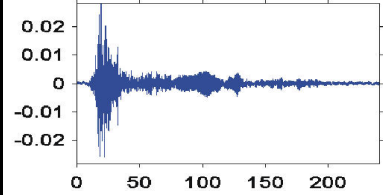
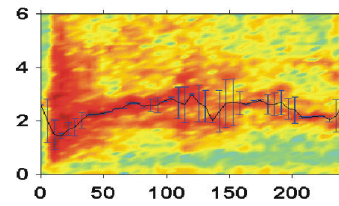
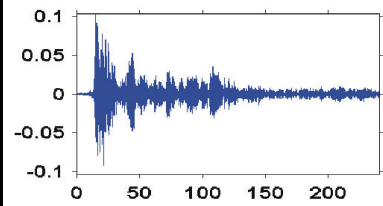
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# Spasmodic tremor of Arenal volcano, Costa Rica (Lesage et al,2006)







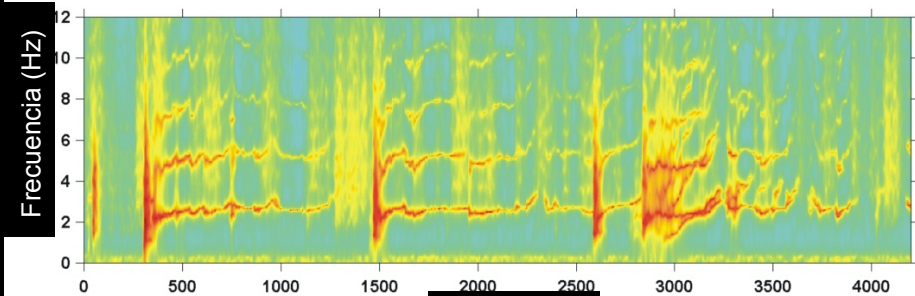
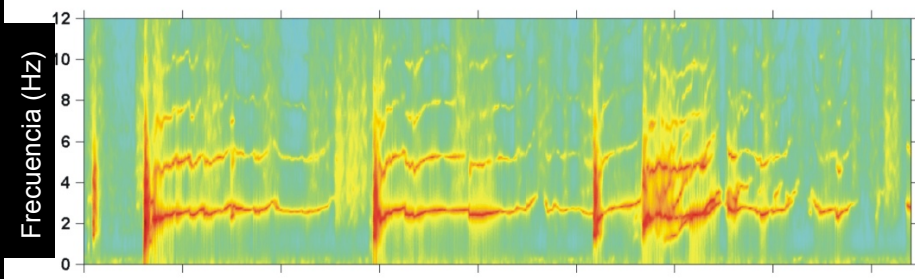
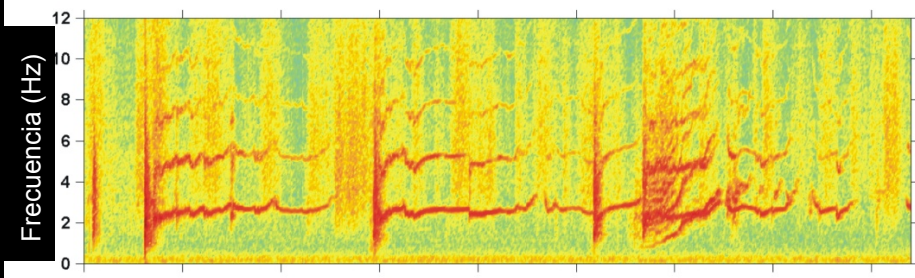
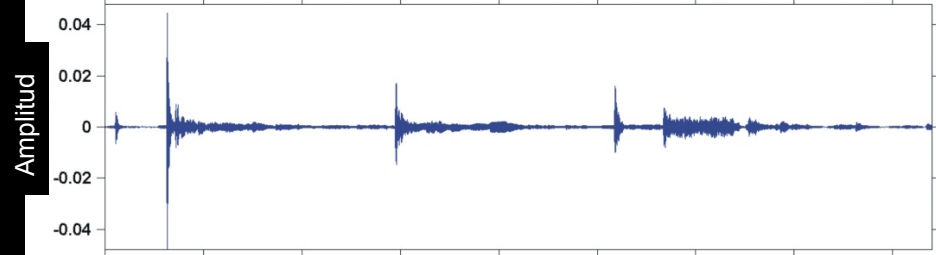
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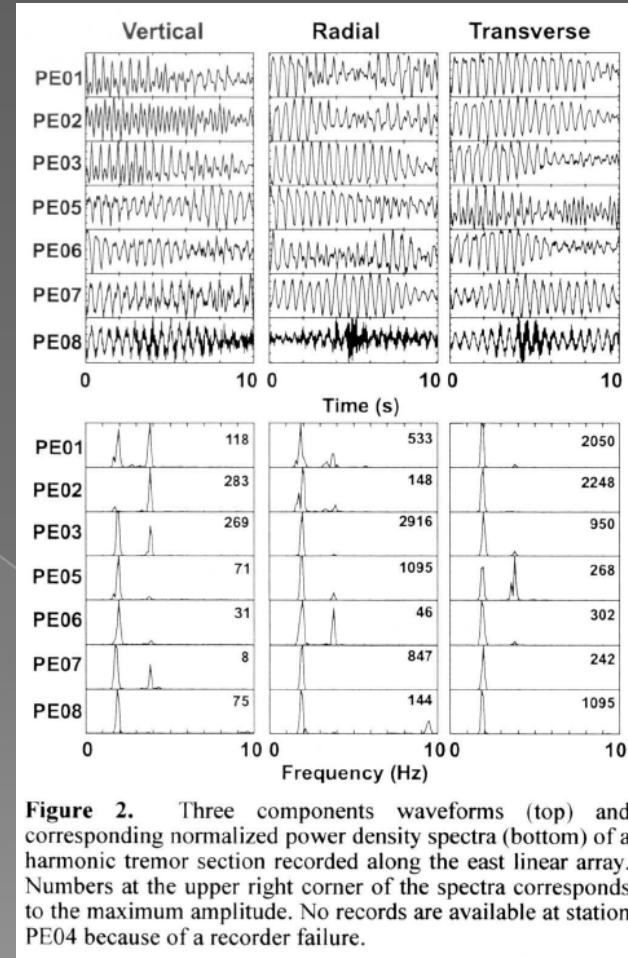
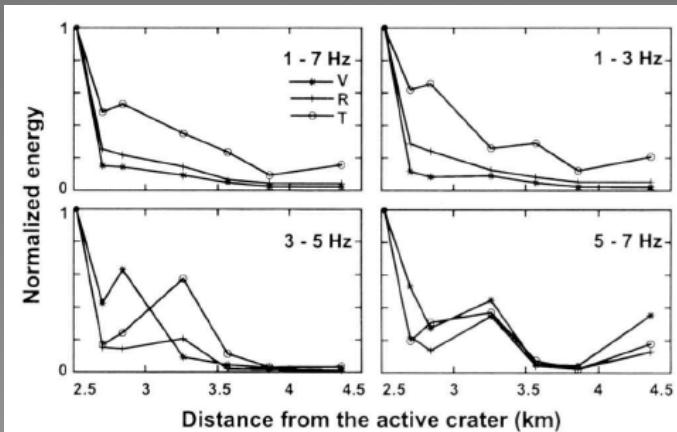
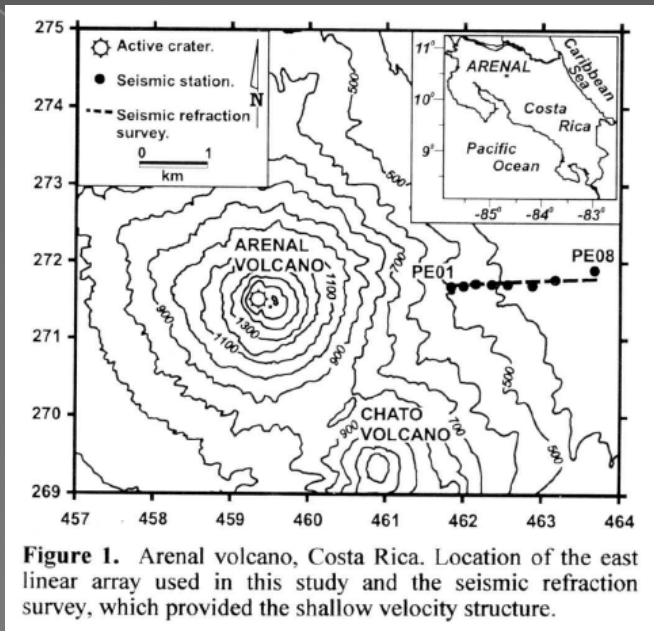


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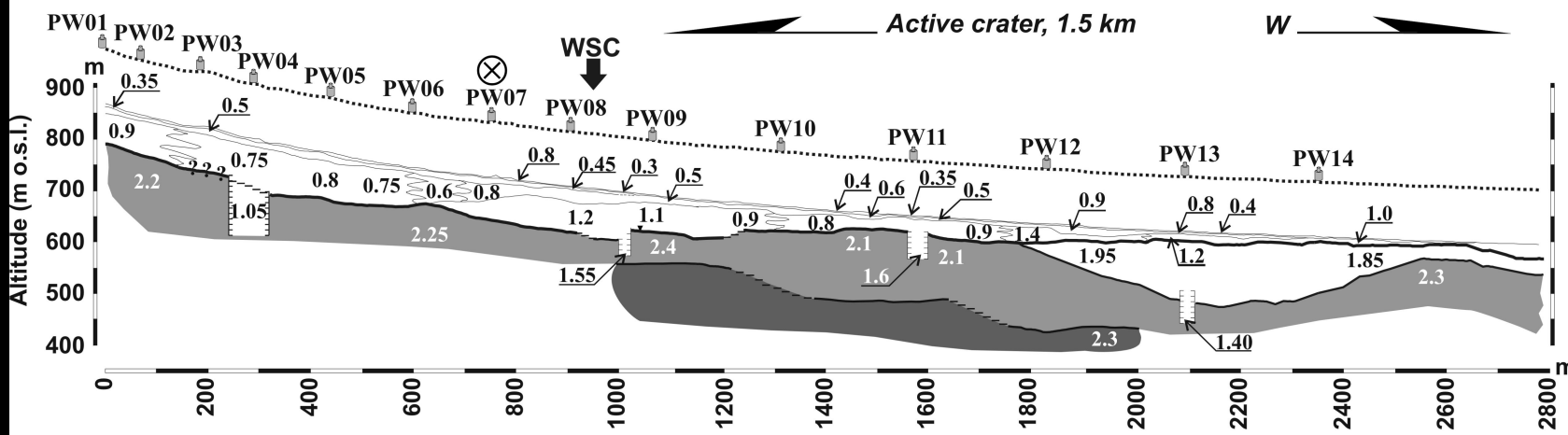
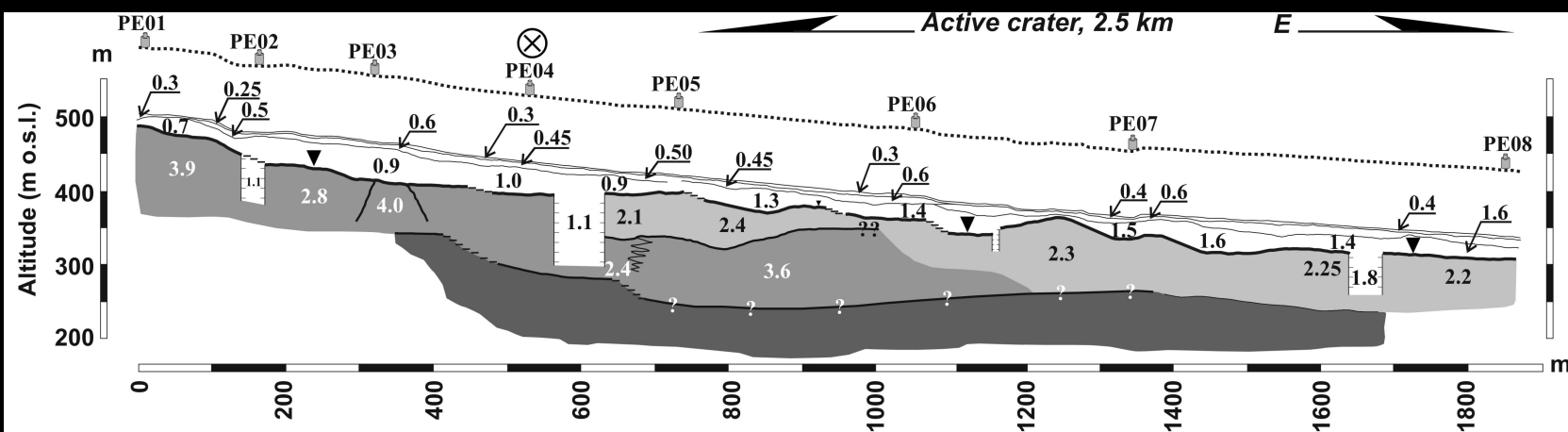


Tiempo (s)

# 5. Study of seismic site effects:



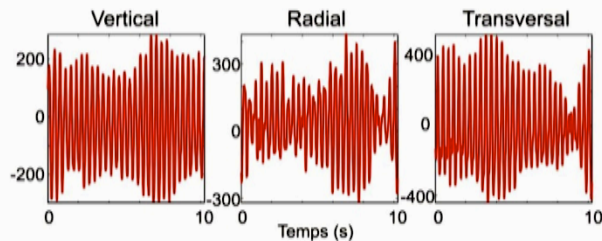
# Seismic refraction models



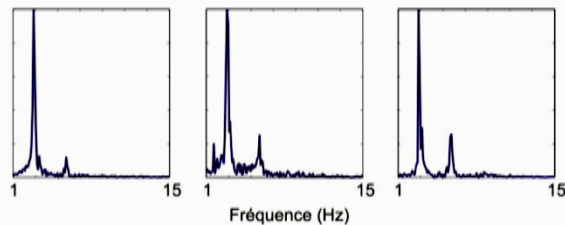
- Epiclastic and pyroclastic deposits (poorly-consolidated),  $V_p < 1.95 \text{ km s}^{-1}$
- Breccia,  $2.1 < V_p < 2.4 \text{ km s}^{-1}$
- Lava flows,  $V_p > 3.6 \text{ km s}^{-1}$
- Pliocene volcanic rocks
- Seismic station
- $2.8 \text{ P-wave velocity (km s}^{-1}\text{)}$
- Station out of service
- Low velocity zone
- Water table
- Lateral variation
- Seismic refraction receivers position

# H/V spectral ratios (Nakamura, 1989)

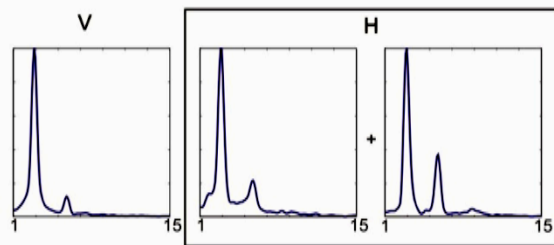
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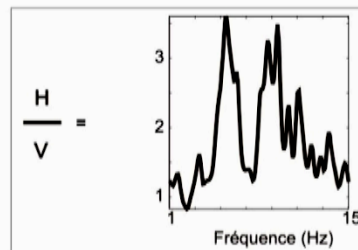
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Smoothed  
FFT



Spectral  
ratio



**H component:**

$$H(f) = \sqrt{\frac{|U_{sr}^2(f)| + |U_{st}^2(f)|}{2}}$$

$U_{sr}$  = radial component.

$U_{st}$  = transverse component.

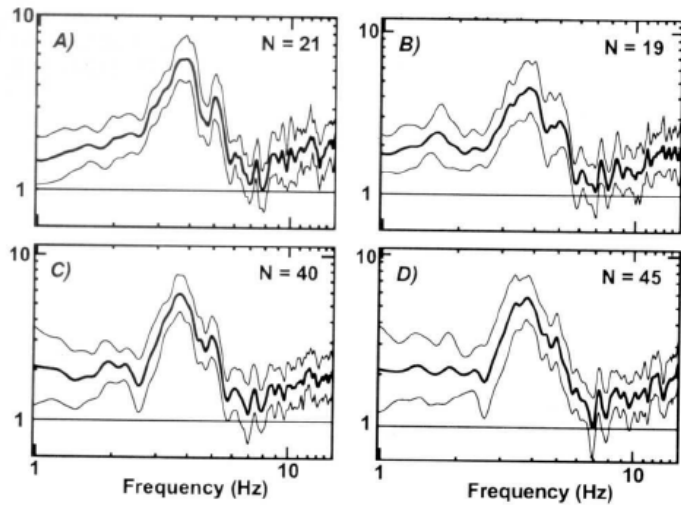
**Average (Field & Jacob, 1995):**

$$\ln \bar{Z} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left( \frac{H_n}{V_{sn}} \right) = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{n=1}^N (\ln H_n - \ln V_{sn})$$

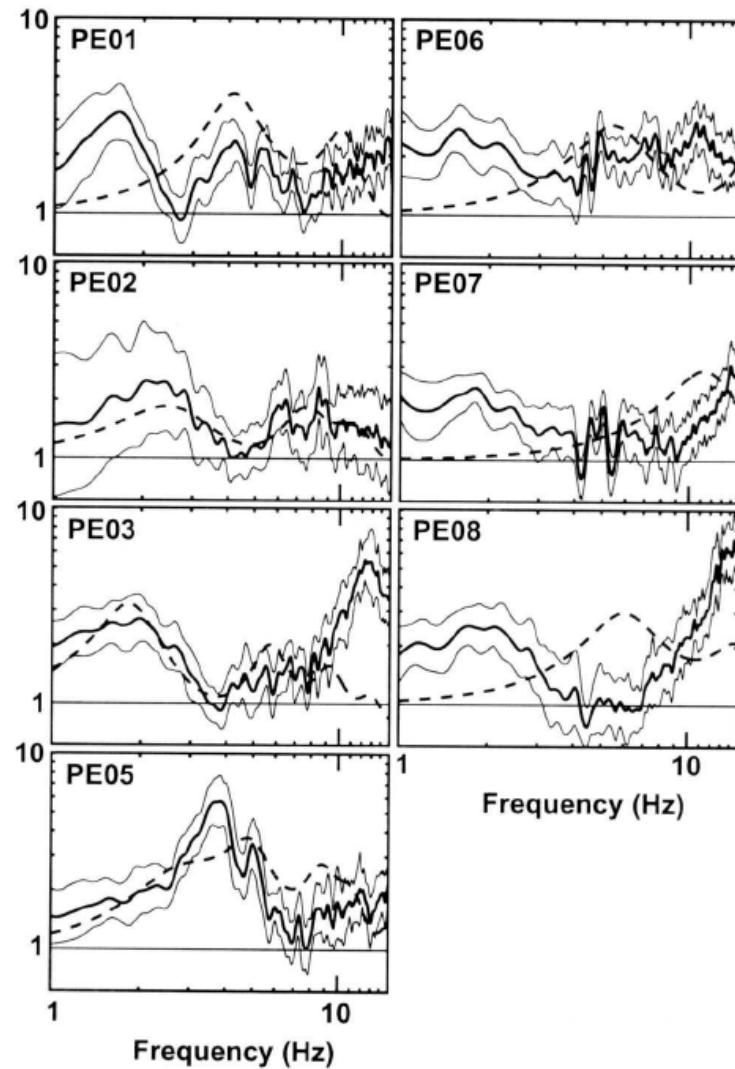
$$\sigma_{std} = \left\{ \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{n=1}^N \left[ (\ln H_n - \ln V_{sn}) - \ln \bar{Z} \right]^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$N$  = number of windows.

$H_n$  y  $V_{sn}$  = smoothed spectra.

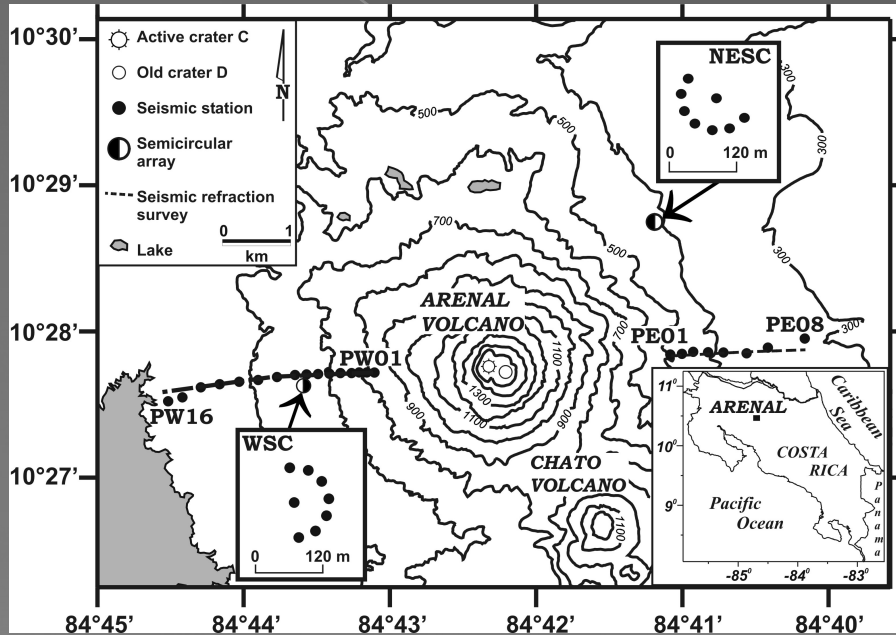


**Figure 4.** Mean H/V spectral ratios (solid lines) and mean ratios  $\pm 1$  standard deviation (thin lines) at station PE05, calculated by using different types of signal : a) seismic noise, b) long-period events and explosions, c) spasmodic tremor, d) harmonic tremor. N in the upper right corner is the number of signal sections used for computing the average and the standard deviation.



**Figure 5.** Mean H/V ratios (solid lines), calculated with 21 slices of ambient noise, mean ratios  $\pm 1$  standard deviation (thin lines) and theoretical S-wave transfer functions (dashed lines) for the stations of the linear array.

# 5. Study of structure:



## Spatial correlation method (Aki, 1957)

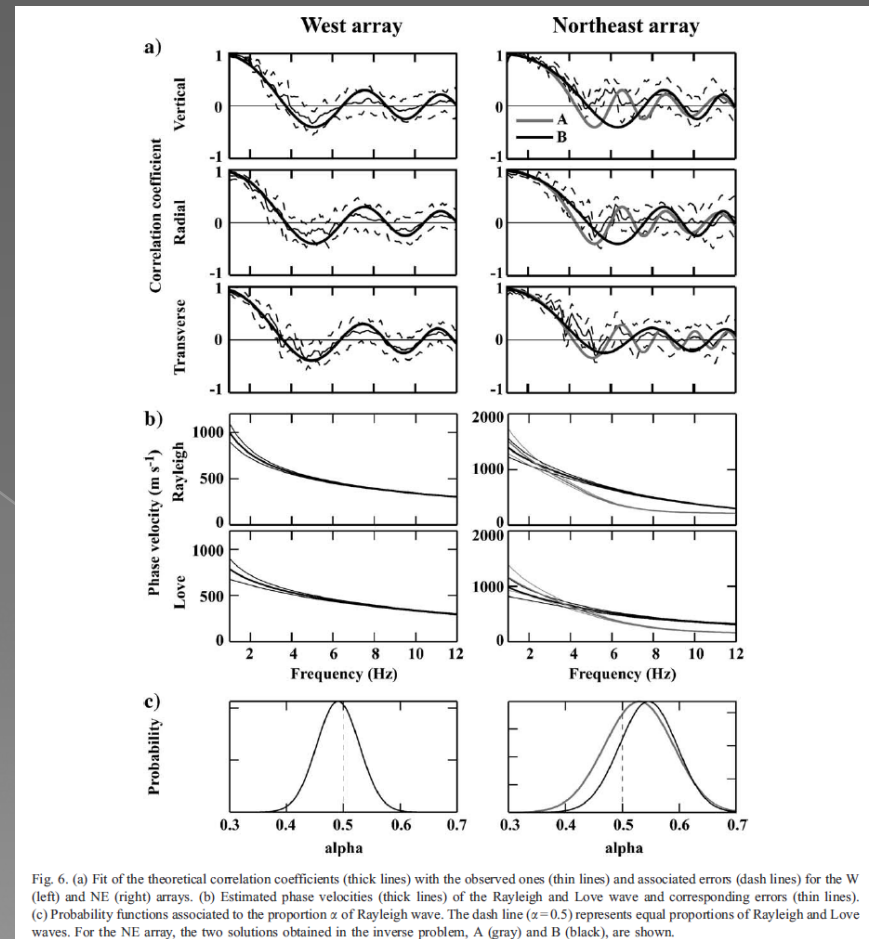
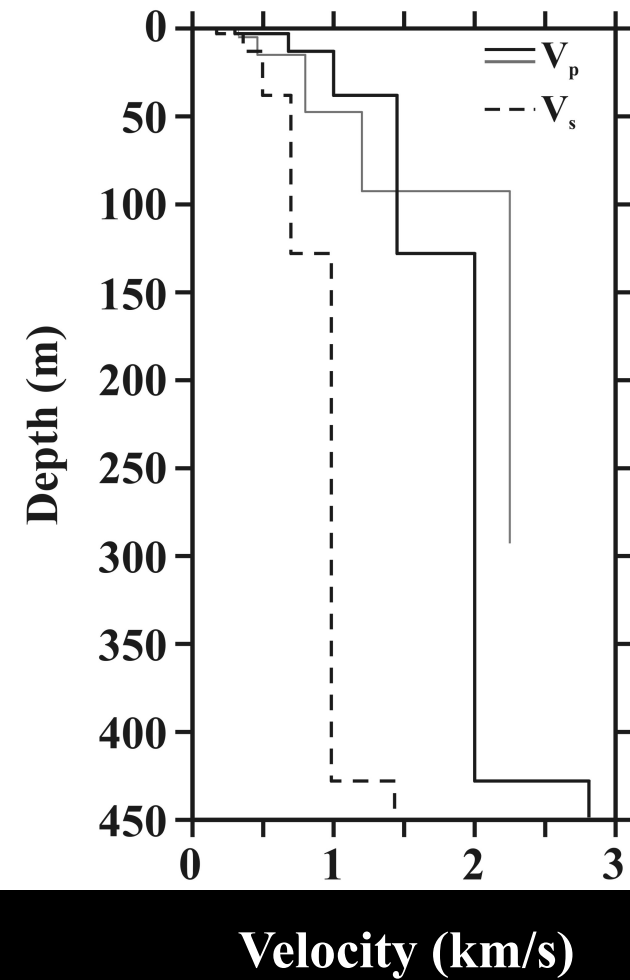
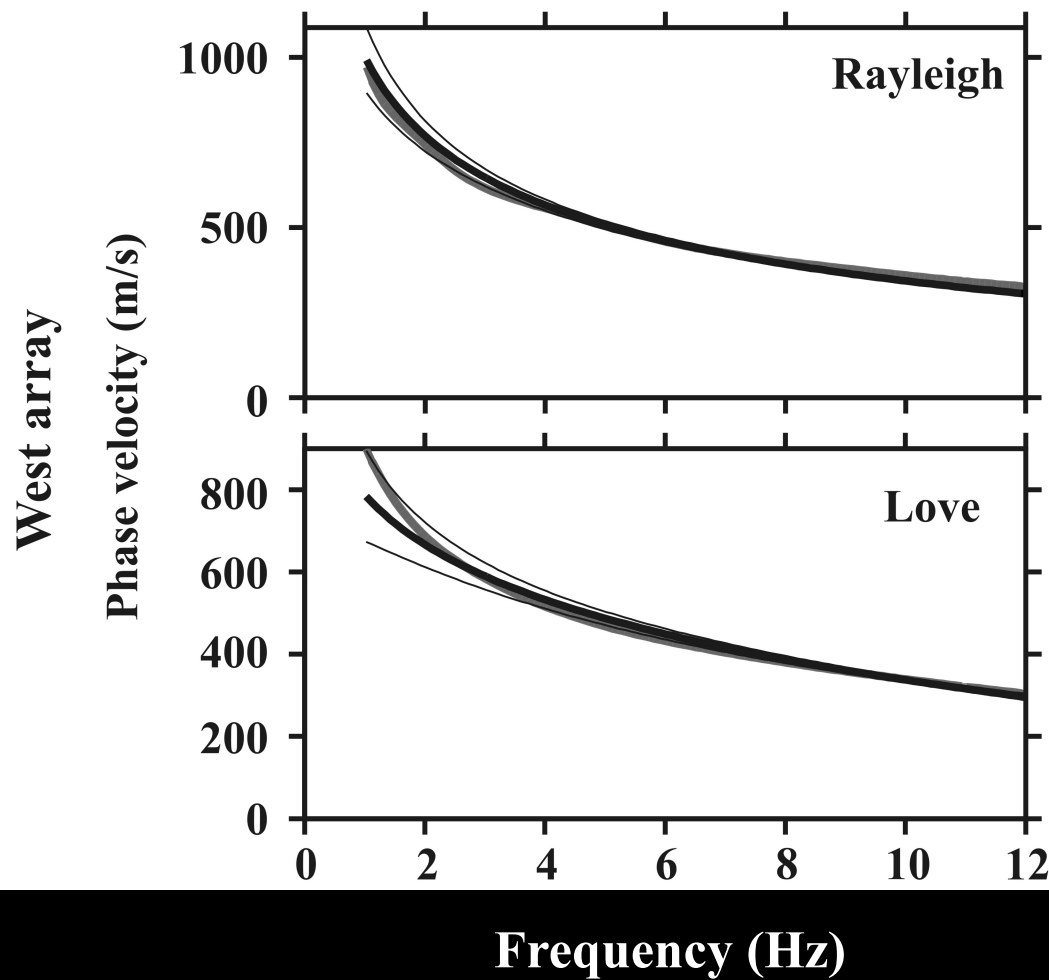


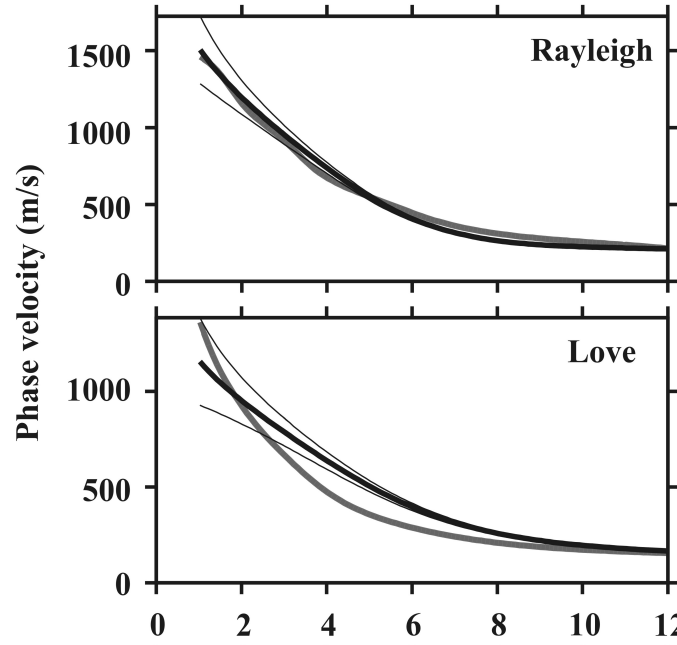
Fig. 6. (a) Fit of the theoretical correlation coefficients (thick lines) with the observed ones (thin lines) and associated errors (dash lines) for the W (left) and NE (right) arrays. (b) Estimated phase velocities (thick lines) of the Rayleigh and Love wave and corresponding errors (thin lines). (c) Probability functions associated to the proportion  $\alpha$  of Rayleigh wave. The dash line ( $\alpha=0.5$ ) represents equal proportions of Rayleigh and Love waves. For the NE array, the two solutions obtained in the inverse problem, A (gray) and B (black), are shown.

# Velocity model: West array

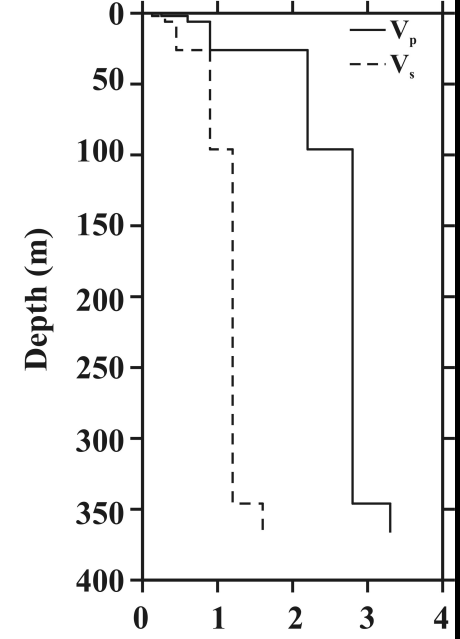
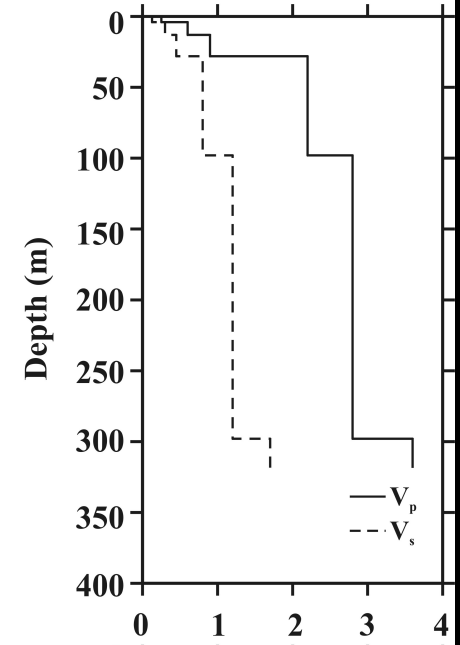
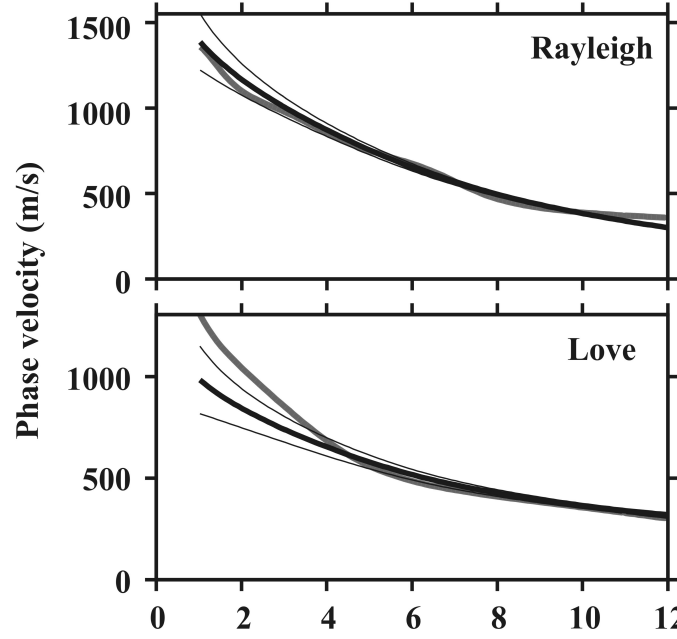


# Velocity models: Northeast array

Northeast array (Solution A)



Northeast array (Solution B)



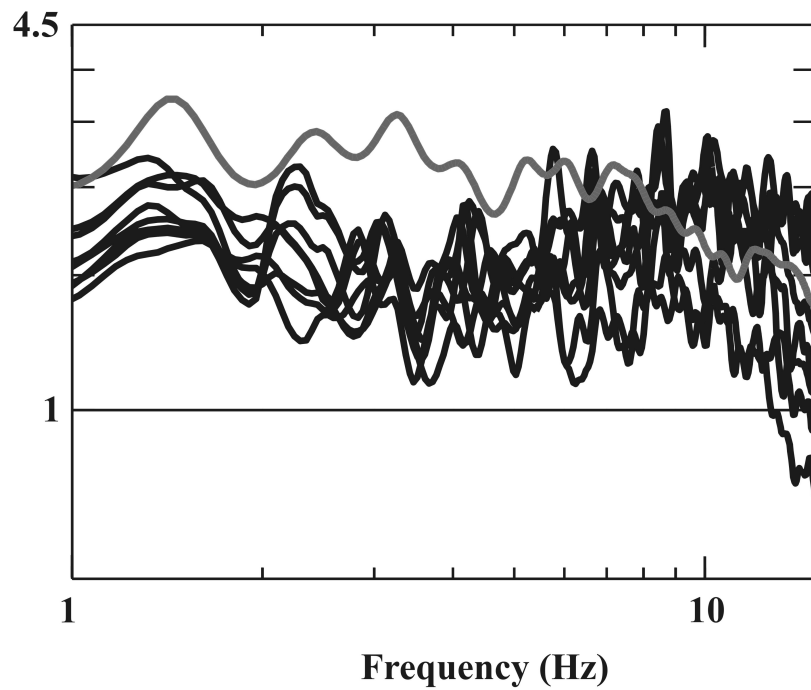
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Velocity (km/s)

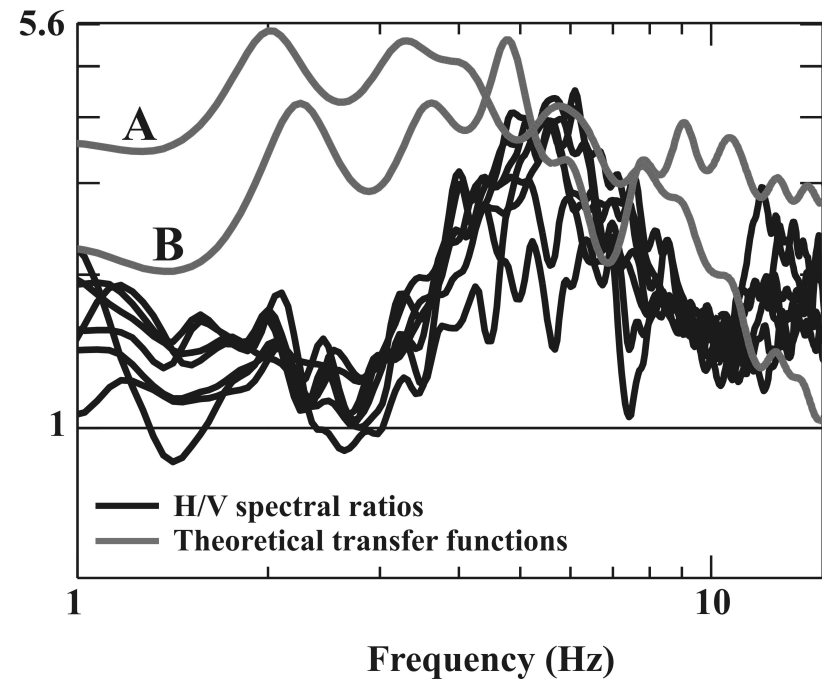


# Spectral ratios

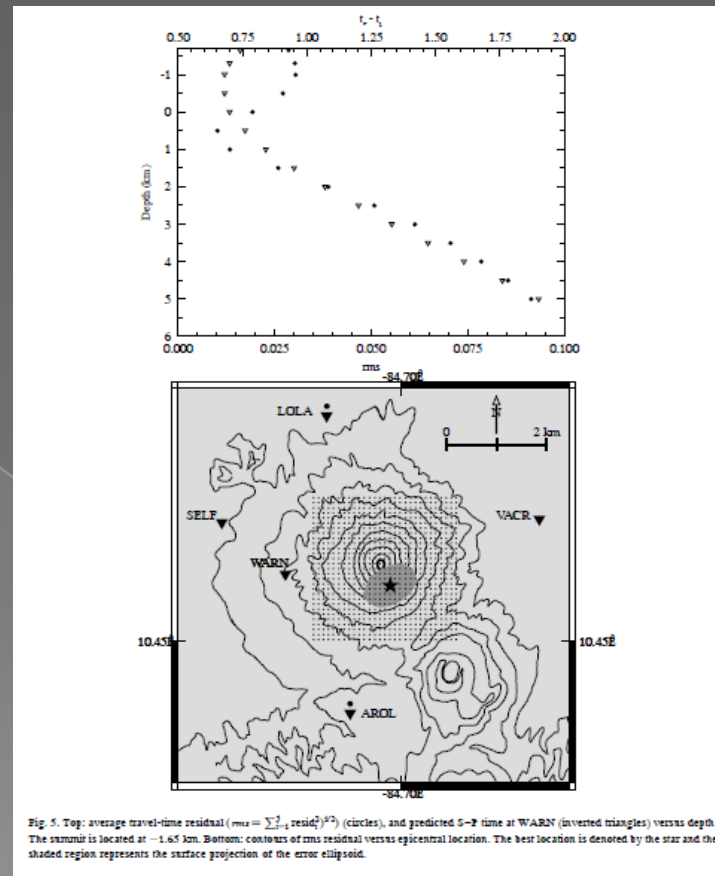
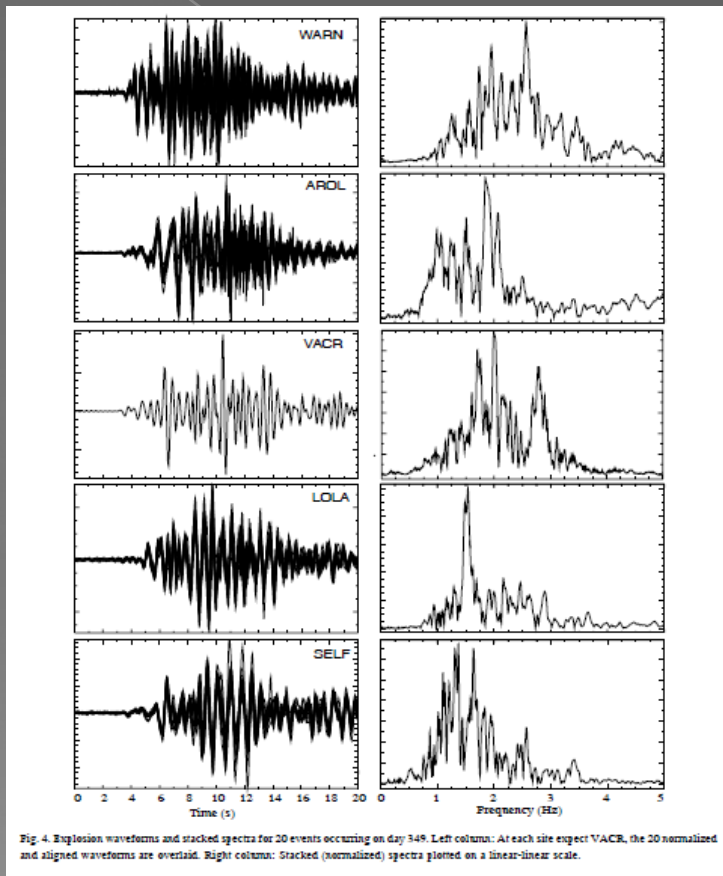
West array



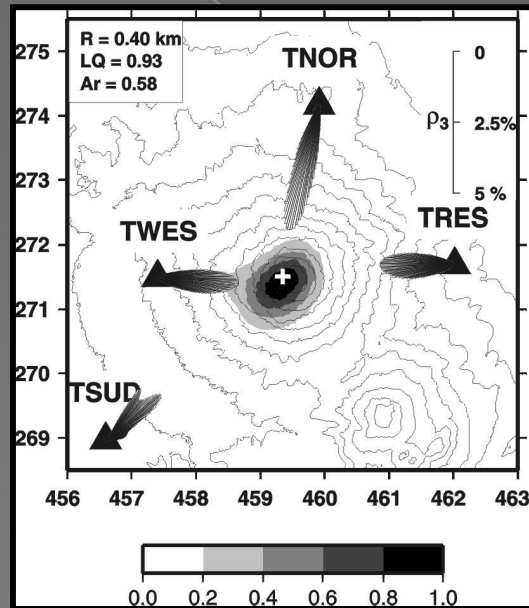
Northeast array



# 6. Source event location:



2 mn of tremor



Seismic zone:

- 600 m radius
- over the crater

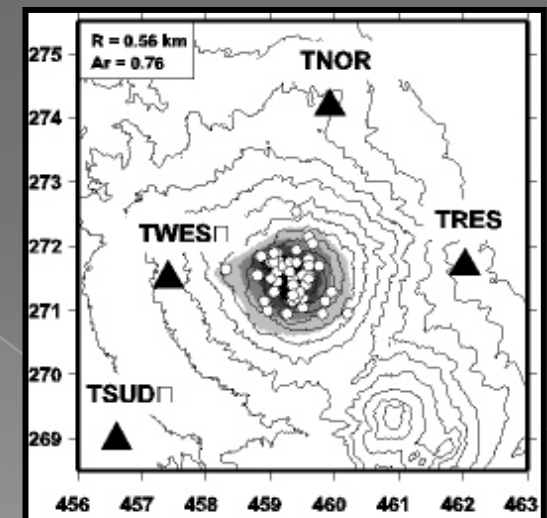
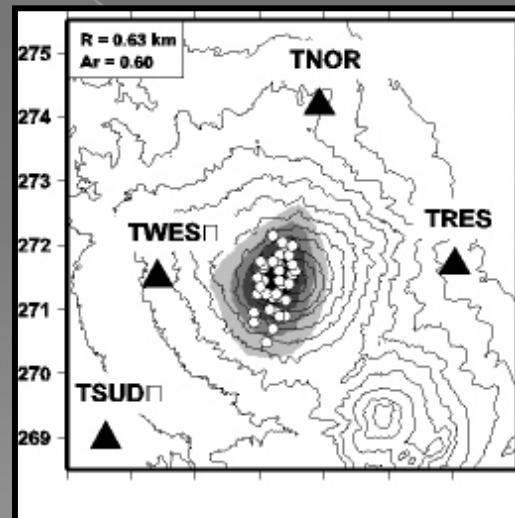
4 triangular arrays + 1 "L"

accuracy:

- > tremor : ~ 600 m
- > explosions : ~ 450 m

45 tremors

50 explosions



Métaxian et al. (2002)

# 8. Doppler radar and seismic experiments:

Valade et al. (in progress)

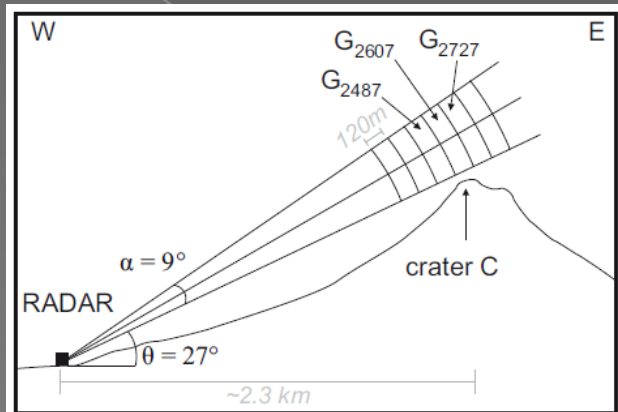
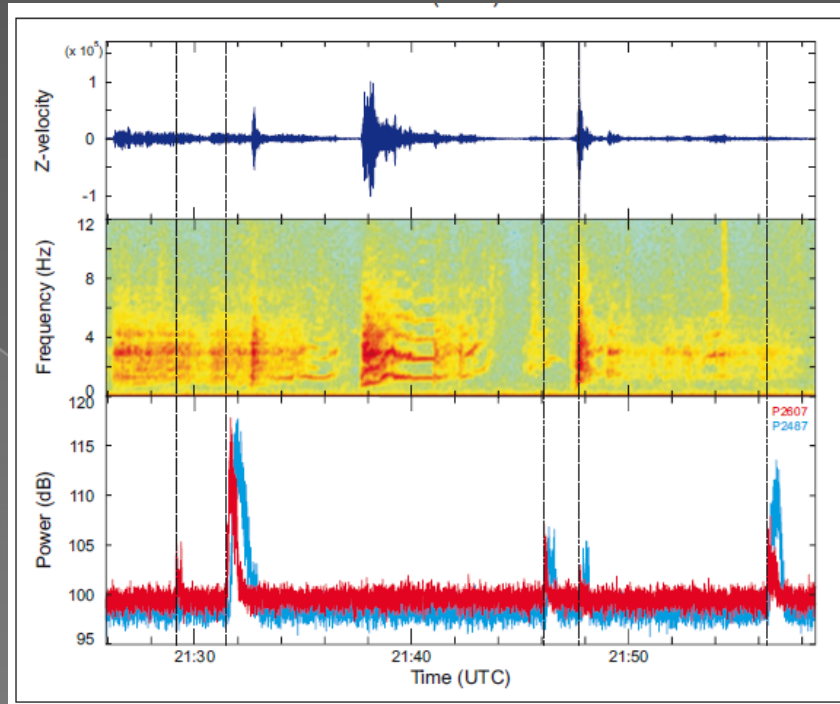
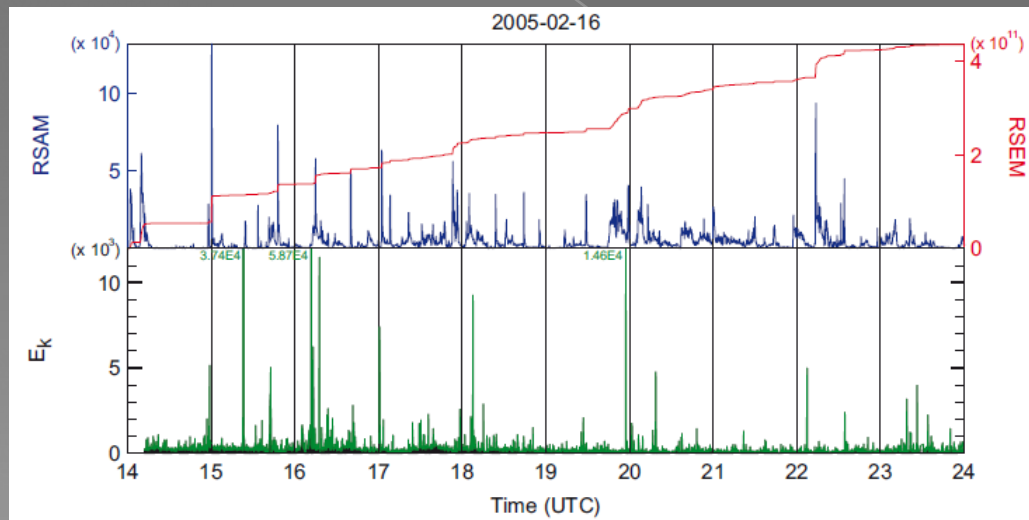


Figure 2. Radar sounding conditions during the recording campaign, between February 10 and 22, 2005.

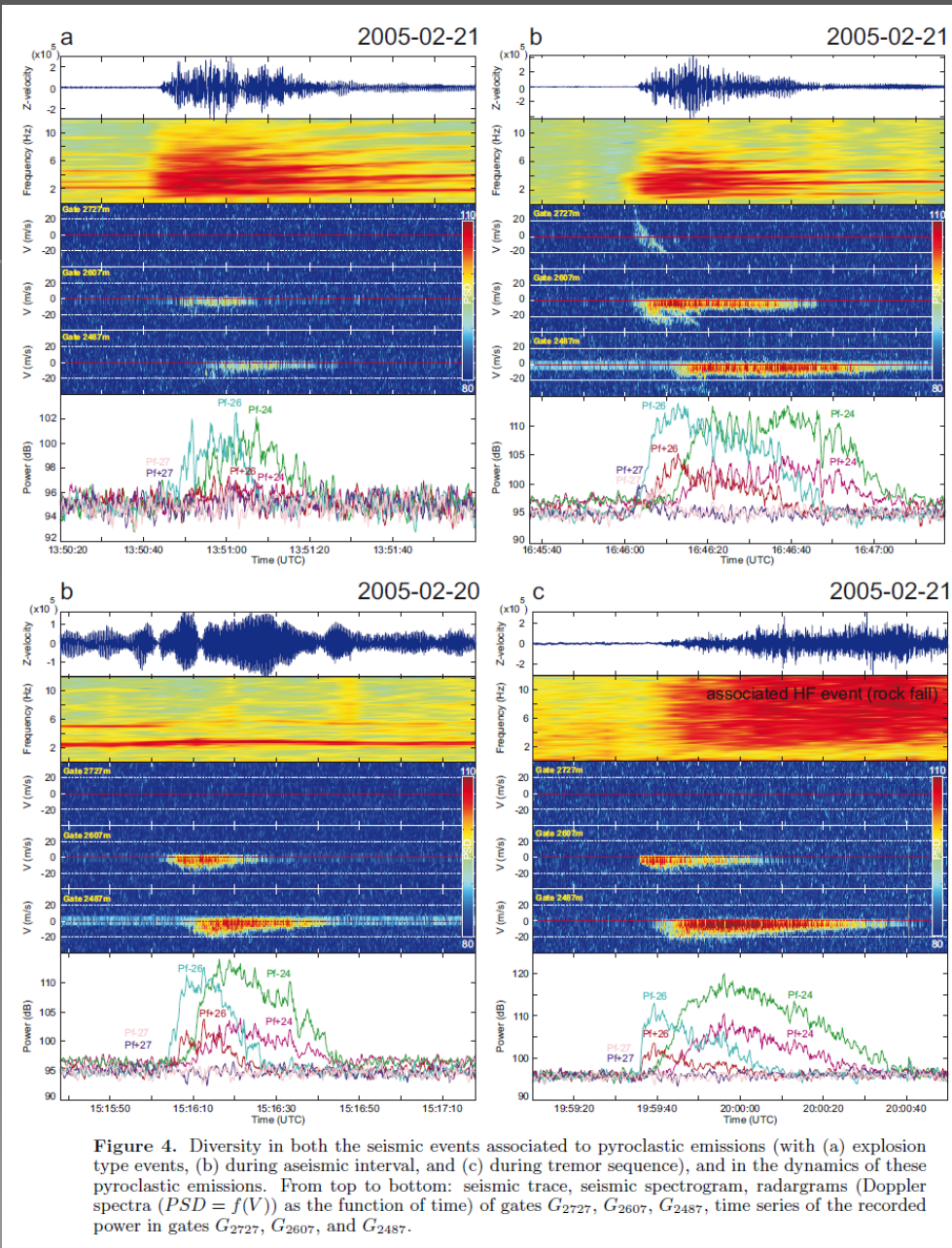




Valade et al. (in prep.)



**Figure 6.** RSAM and RSEM (top) recorded on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2005, and  $E_k$  time series ( $E_{k2607} + E_{k2727}$ ) (bottom). For visualization purposes the  $E_k$  ordinate axis was cut off at  $E_k = 1.2E3$ , the truncated peak values are consequently displayed. The green  $E_k$  curve is the envelope of the raw  $E_k$  curve. Computing parameters for RSAM and RSEM: window=10, threshold=3.



**Figure 4.** Diversity in both the seismic events associated to pyroclastic emissions (with (a) explosion type events, (b) during aseismic interval, and (c) during tremor sequence), and in the dynamics of these pyroclastic emissions. From top to bottom: seismic trace, seismic spectrogram, radargrams (Doppler spectra ( $PSD = f(V)$ ) as a function of time) of gates  $G_{2727}$ ,  $G_{2607}$ ,  $G_{2487}$ , time series of the recorded power in gates  $G_{2727}$ ,  $G_{2607}$ , and  $G_{2487}$ .

# 9. Acoustic and seismic applications

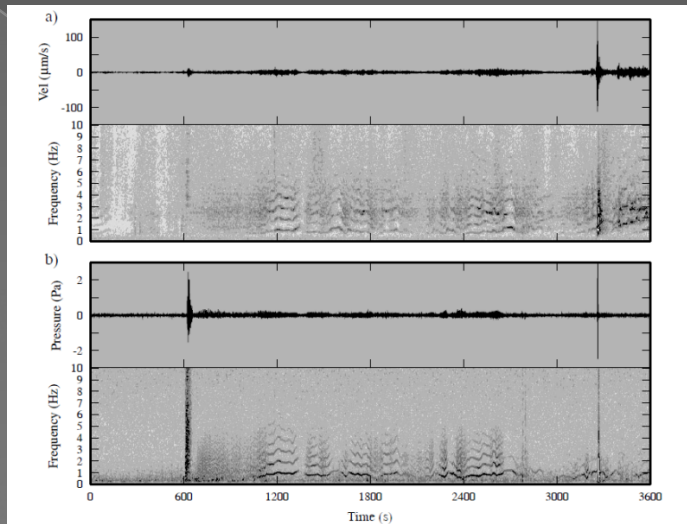


Fig. 21. (a) One hour of vertical velocity at WARN (top) and corresponding spectrogram (bottom). (b) Airborne acoustic pressure (top) and spectrogram (bottom) for the same period. Two summit explosions with different partitioning between the seismic and acoustic energy are separated by over 25 min of harmonic tremor that is clearly visible on both the seismic and acoustic channels.

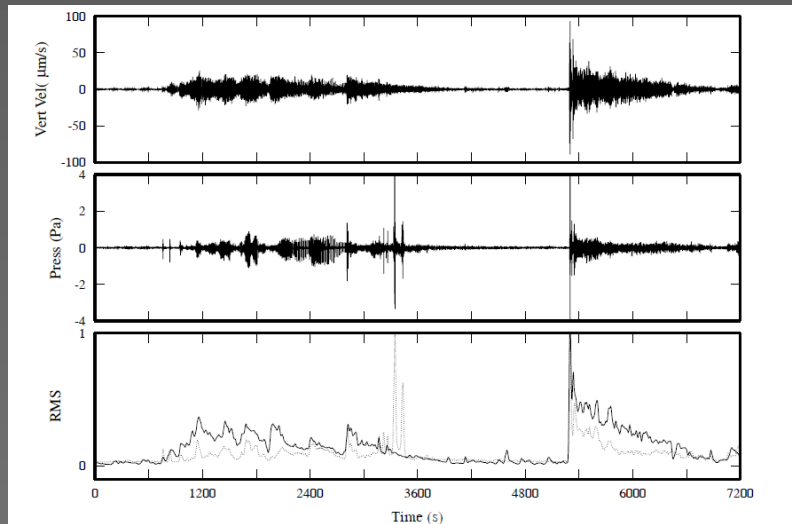


Fig. 22. Vertical velocity (top), acoustic pressure (middle), and RMS seismic (solid) and acoustic (dotted) energies (bottom) for the time period 117:03:30–05:30 recorded at WARN. Note the strong correlation between the acoustic and seismic RMS values, indicating good coupling between the seismic and acoustic wavefields.

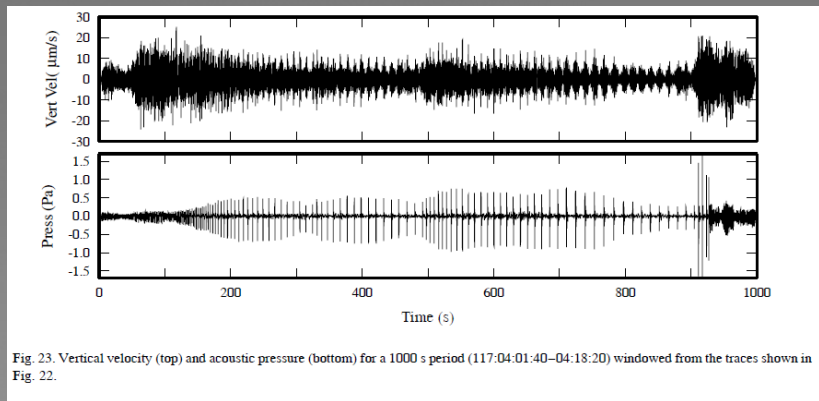


Fig. 23. Vertical velocity (top) and acoustic pressure (bottom) for a 1000 s period (117:04:01:40–04:18:20) windowed from the traces shown in Fig. 22.

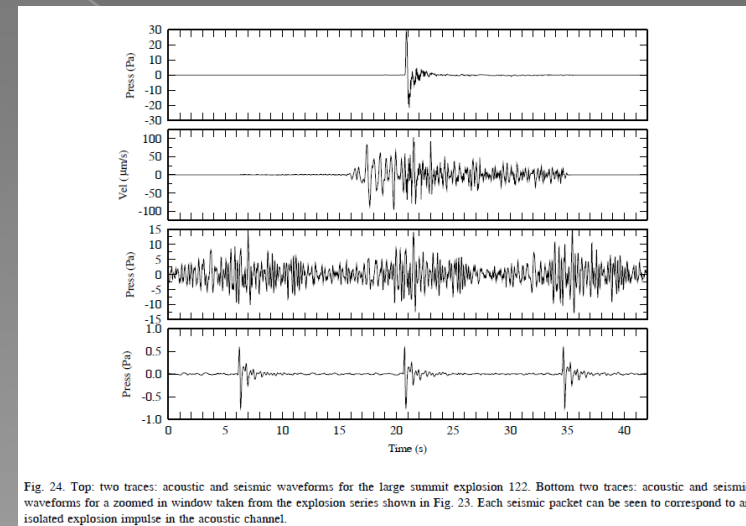
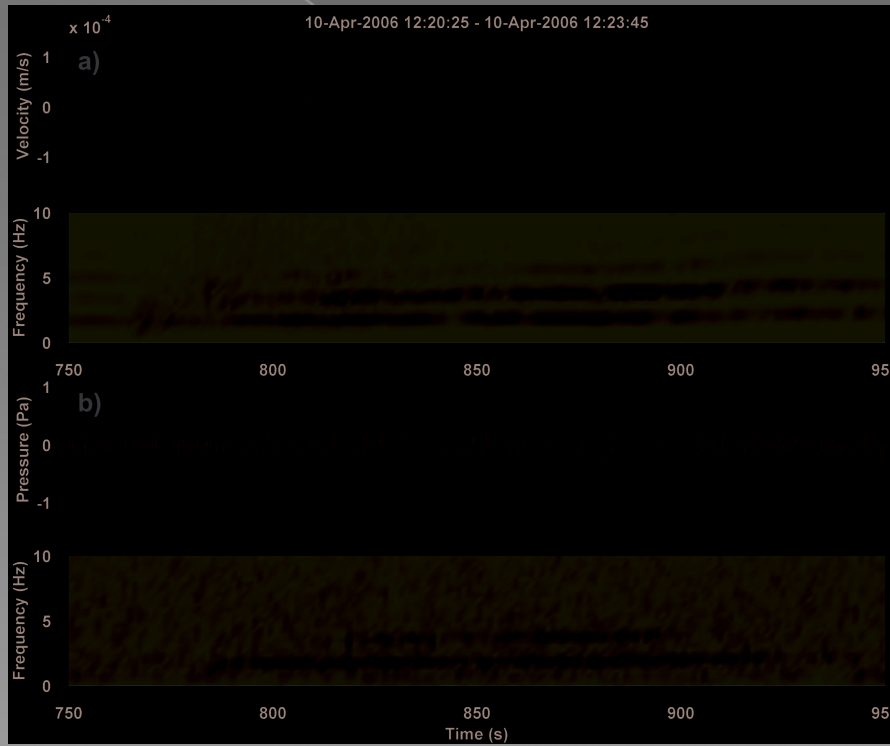
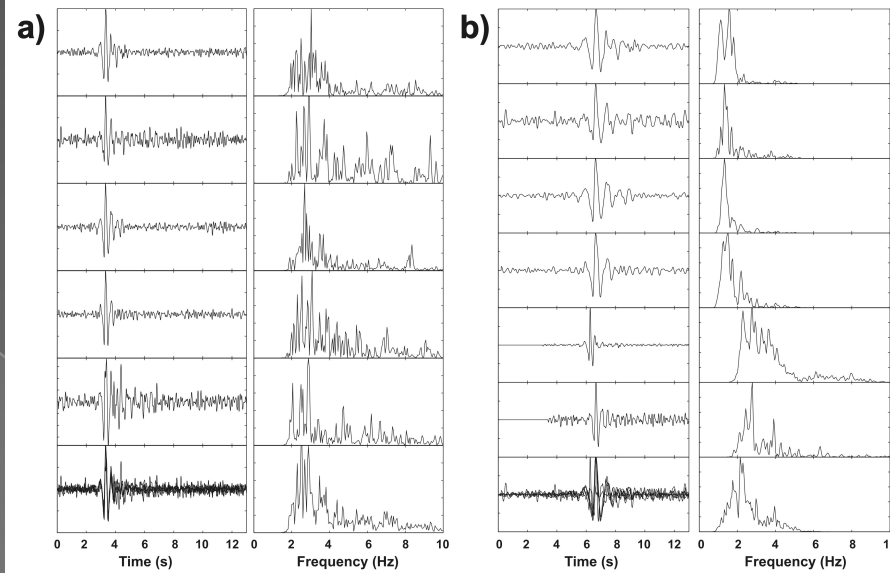


Fig. 24. Top: two traces: acoustic and seismic waveforms for the large summit explosion 122. Bottom two traces: acoustic and seismic waveforms for a zoomed-in window taken from the explosion series shown in Fig. 23. Each seismic packet can be seen to correspond to an isolated explosion impulse in the acoustic channel.

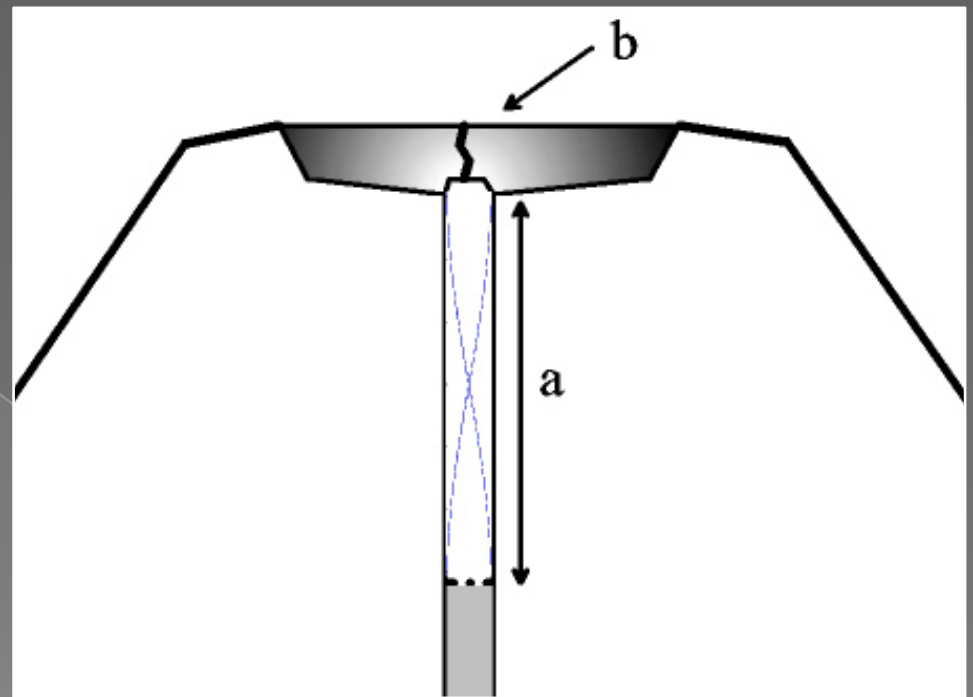
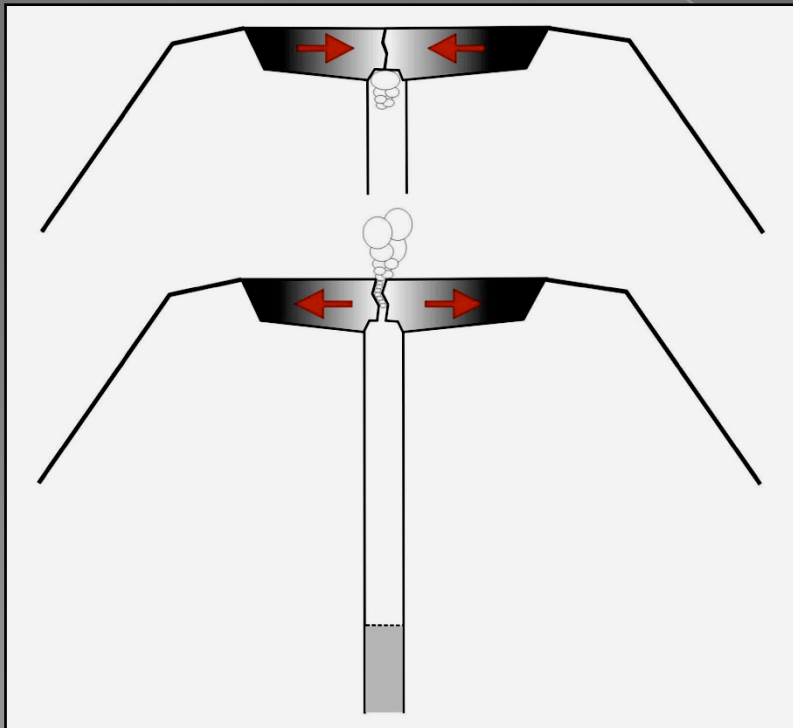


Mora et al. (2009)



## 9. Conceptual modeling of tremor source:

Repetitive pulses stabilized by stationary waves on the tubes



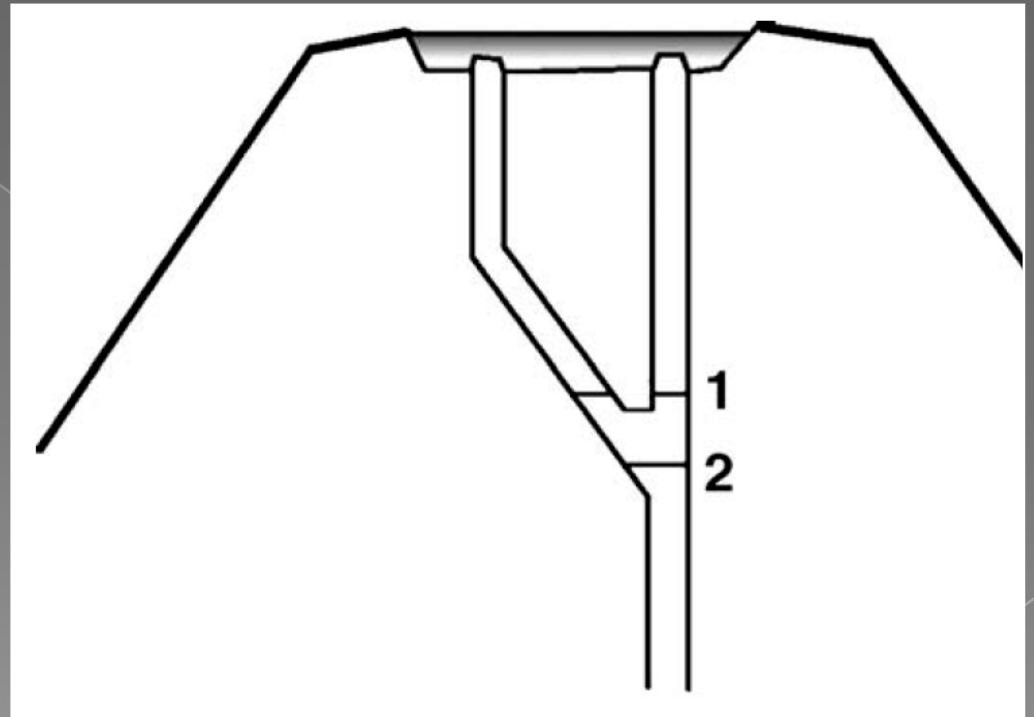
a = Resonator conduit filled of magma + gas  
b = Lava plug.

Resonator limits = 1. plug, 2. bubble formation

# Tremor double source

Nivel 1: 2 independent sources (high  $f_1$ )

Nivel 2: 2 conected sources  
→ 1 resonator (low  $f_1$ )

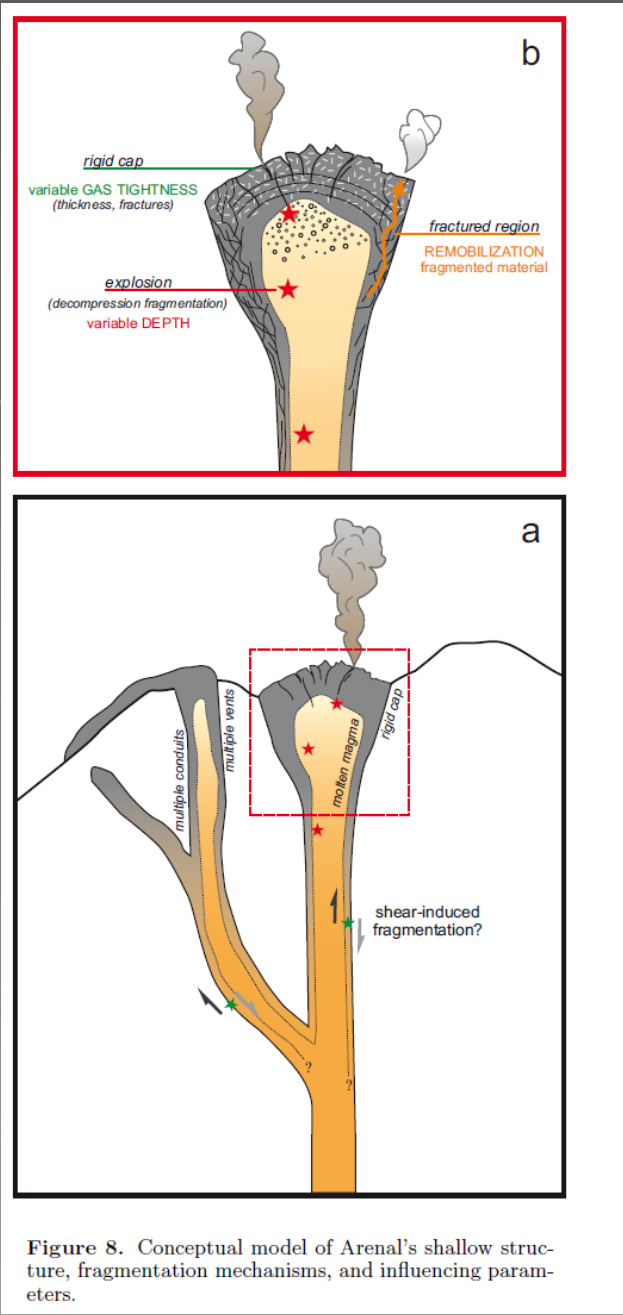




Fotos de: L. Madrigal, 2004



Fotos tomadas de: [www.arenal.net](http://www.arenal.net)



**Figure 8.** Conceptual model of Arenal's shallow structure, fragmentation mechanisms, and influencing parameters.

# TURRIALBA VOLCANO



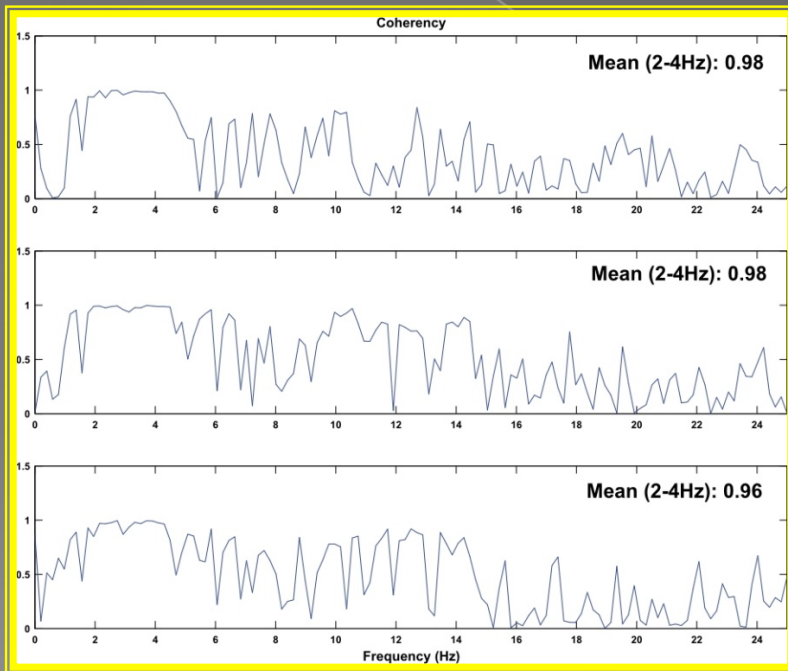
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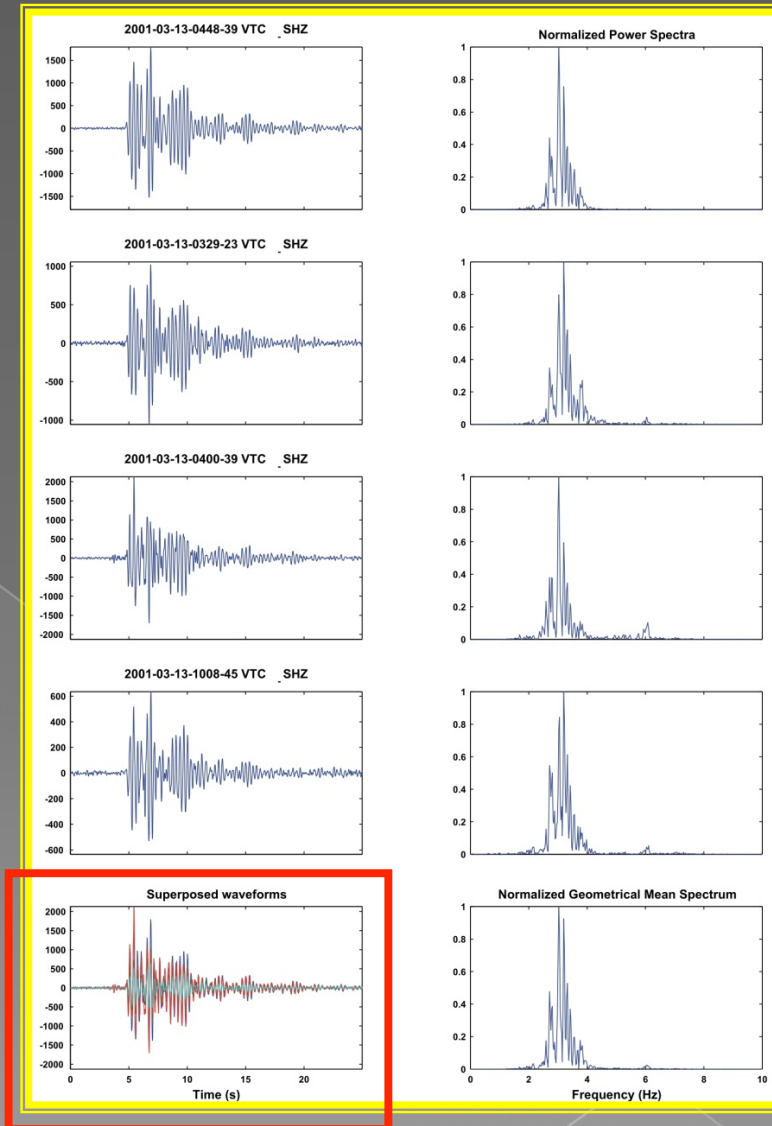
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# 2001:

## Coherency of the signals:



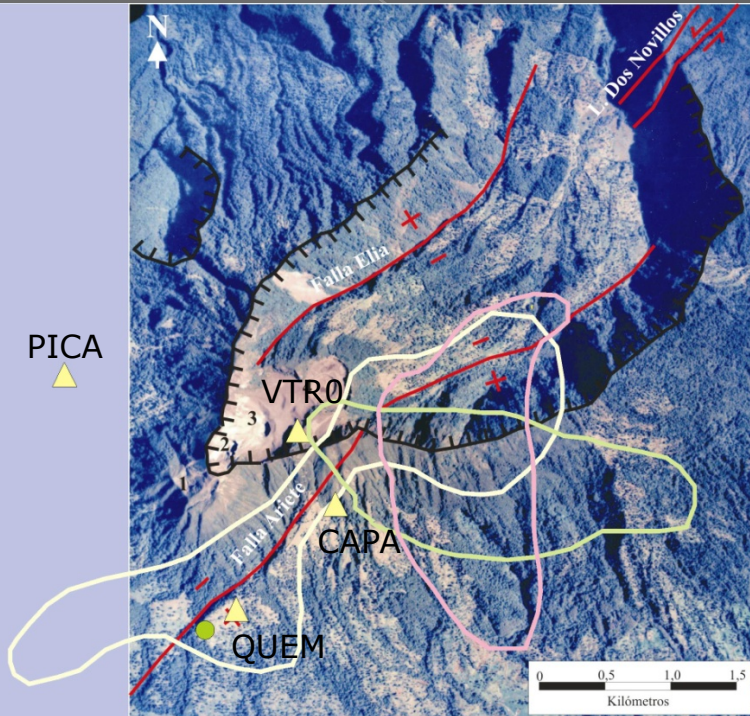
**Common source**



**Superposed signals**



# Example from Turrialba Volcano, Costa Rica (2007)

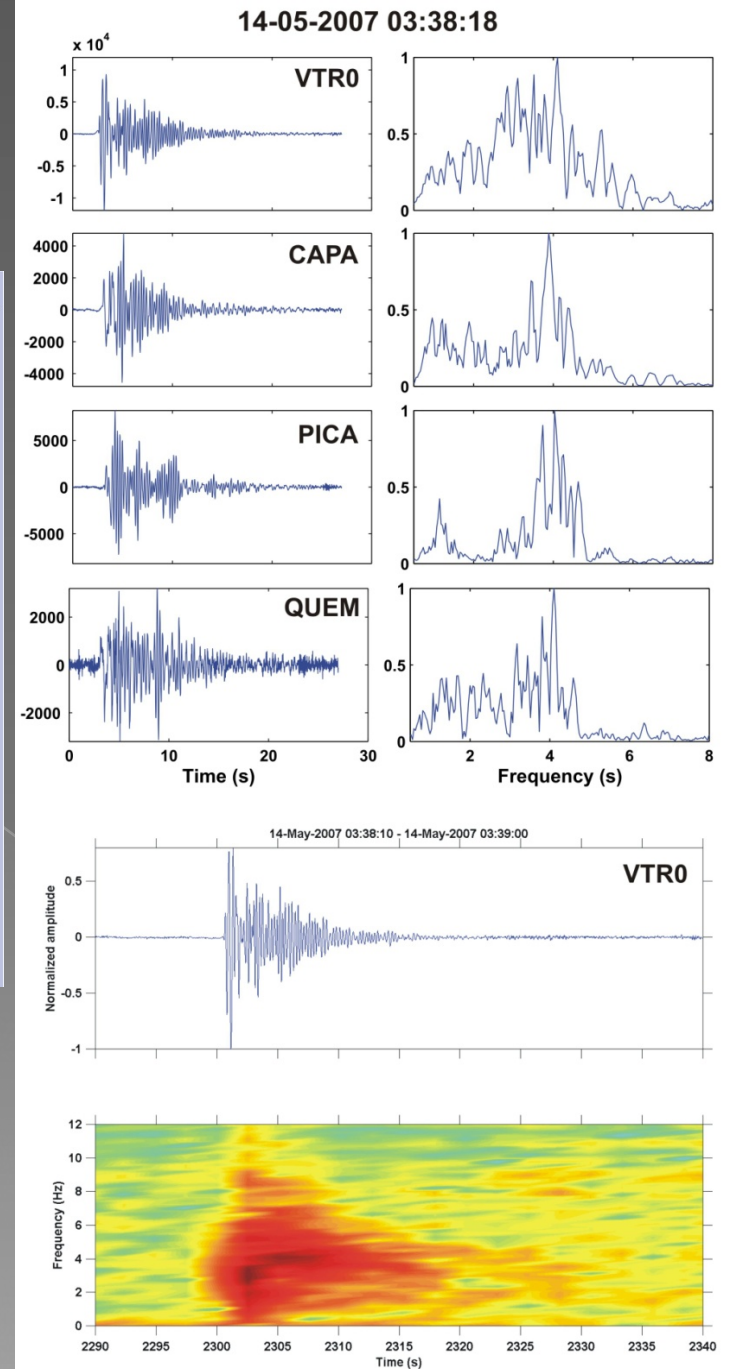


**Ubicación de estaciones portátiles, áreas de sismicidad y otros en vecindad del volcán Turrialba, abril-mayo del 2007**

### Simbología

-  Área de epicentros 01-07 mayo del 2007
-  Área de epicentros 25-30 abril del 2007
-  Área de epicentros 10-24 abril del 2007
-  Estación sísmológica portátil de banda ancha
-  Nueva fractura con vapores de agua

Arreglo fotografía aérea y fallas de Linkimer, 2003.



**TURRIALBA VOLCANO**

**UNREST**

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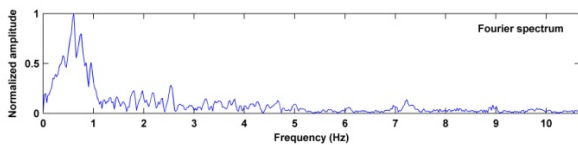
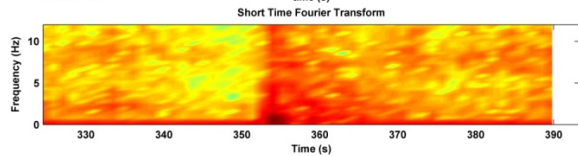
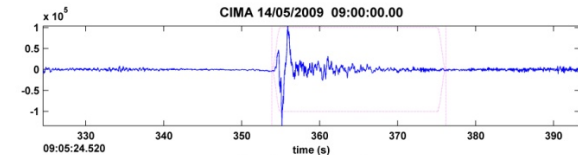
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Spectral Analysis :

Fourier spectrum with nfft = 4096

Maximum value of spectrum = 1.03e+007 Taper: Tukey cosine with taper ratio = 0.1



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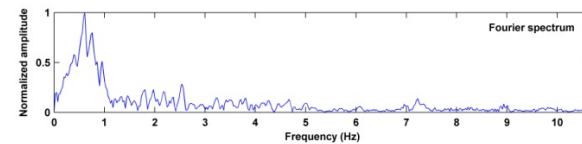
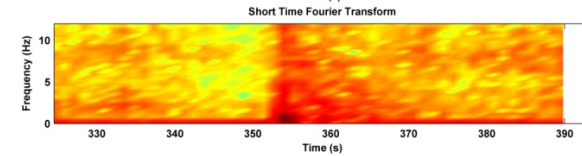
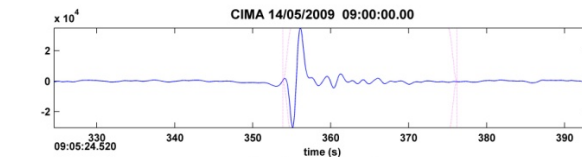
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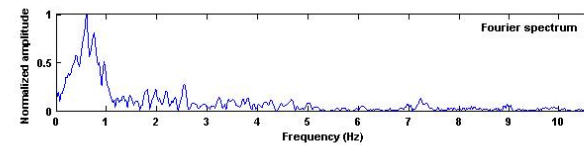
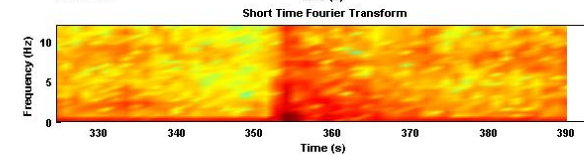
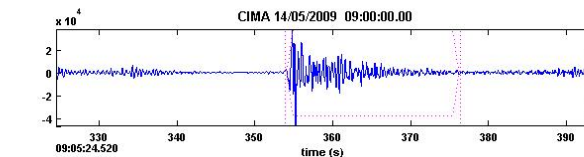
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Time-Freq. Analysis : window = 256 nfft = 256 overlap = 128

Spectral Analysis :

Fourier spectrum with nfft = 4096

Maximum value of spectrum = 1.03e+007 Taper: Tukey cosine with taper ratio = 0.1



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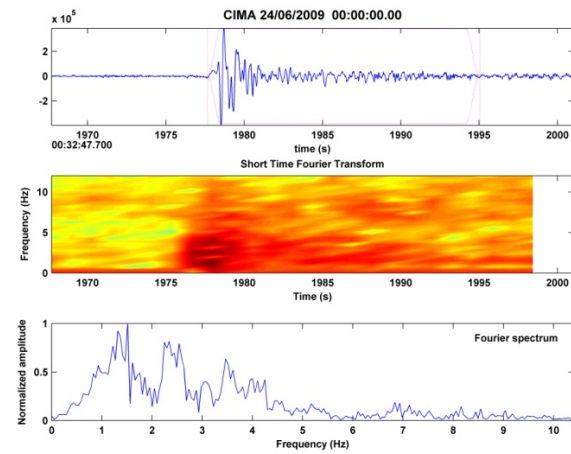
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Spectral Analysis :

Fourier spectrum with nfft = 2048

Maximum value of spectrum =  $2e+007$  Taper: Tukey cosine with taper ratio = 0.1



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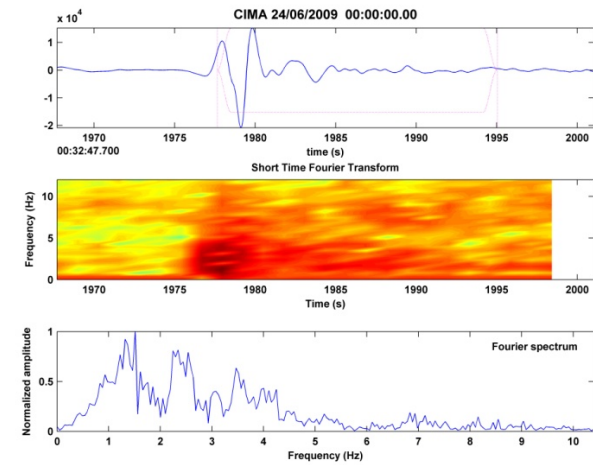
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Spectral Analysis :

Fourier spectrum with nfft = 2048

Maximum value of spectrum =  $2e+007$  Taper: Tukey cosine with taper ratio = 0.1



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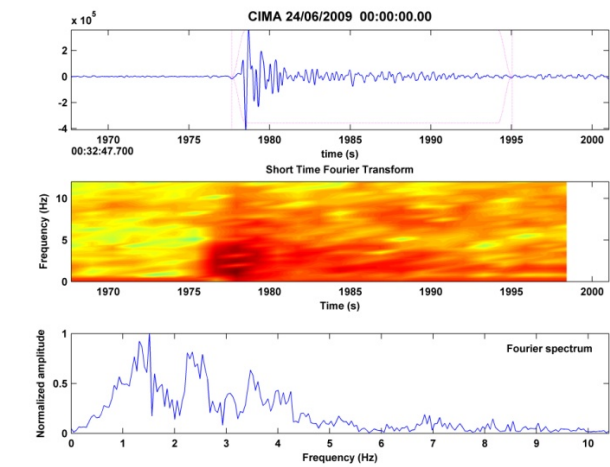
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Spectral Analysis :

Fourier spectrum with nfft = 2048

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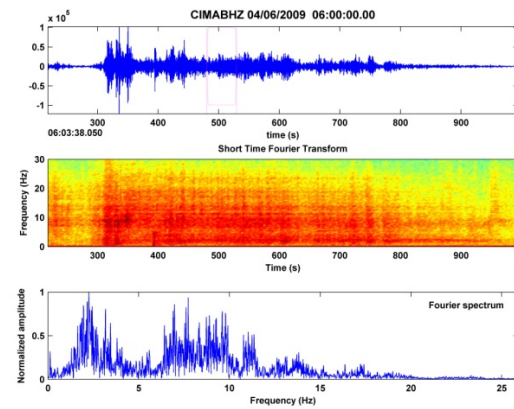
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Spectral Analysis :

Fourier spectrum with nfft = 8192

Maximum value of spectrum =  $4.15e+006$  Taper: Tukey cosine with taper ratio = 0.1



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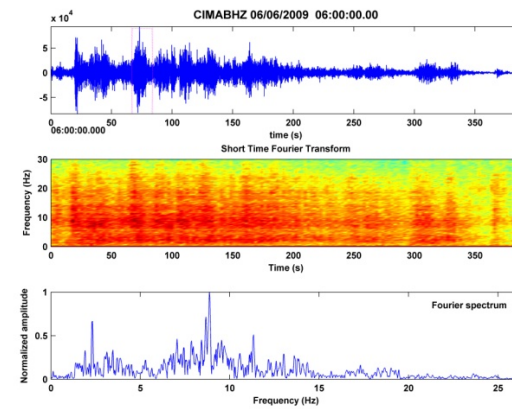
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Spectral Analysis :

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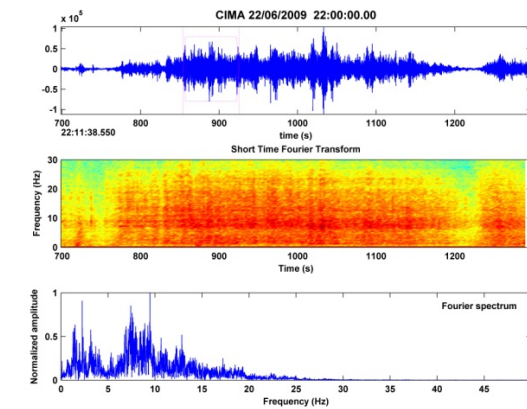
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Spectral Analysis :

Fourier spectrum with nfft = 8192

Maximum value of spectrum =  $1.02e+007$  Taper: Tukey cosine with taper ratio = 0.1



1. Frequencies around 2,5 Hz.
2. No changes on frequencies
3. Amplitude changes.

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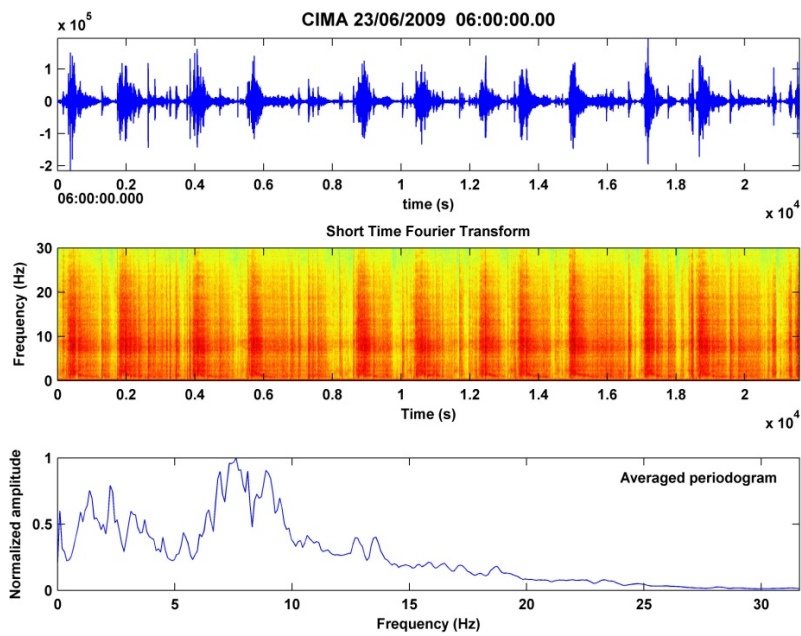
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Spectral Analysis :

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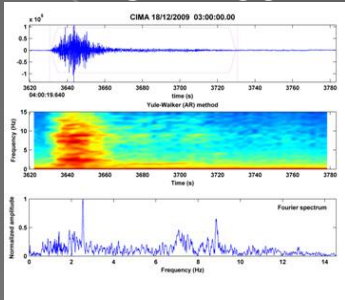
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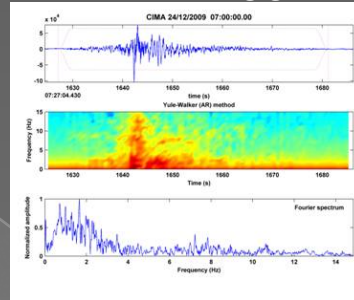
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Tremor pulses of 10 min.

# January 5th activity

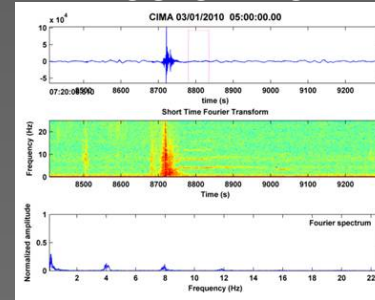
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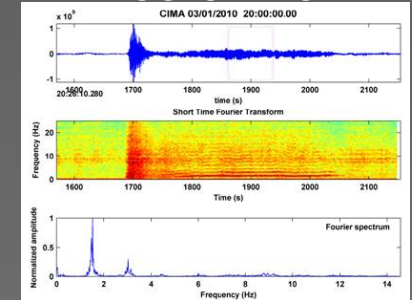
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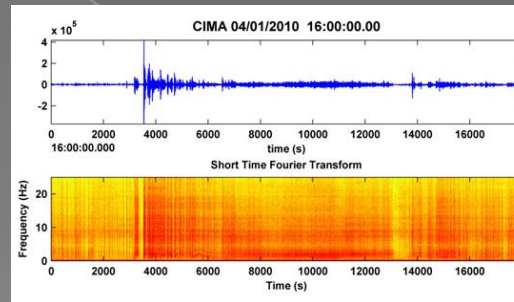
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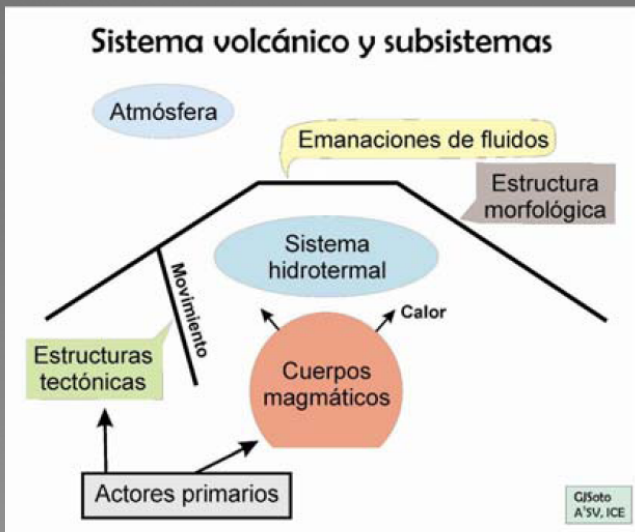
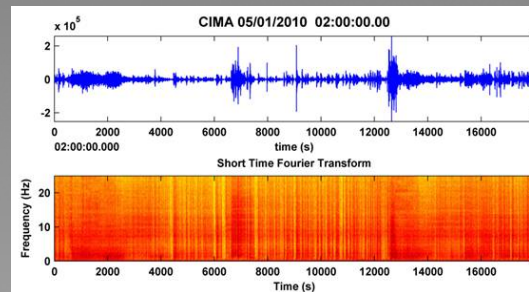


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Eruptive process

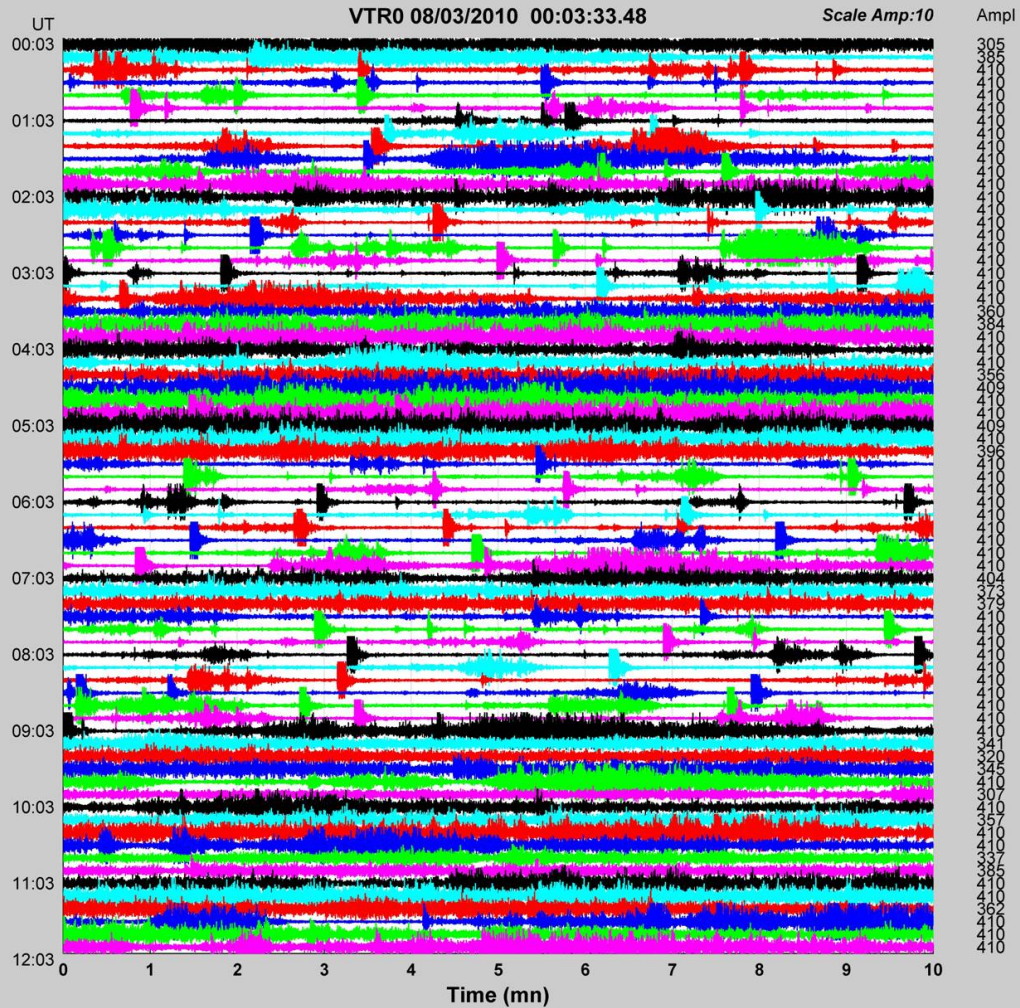
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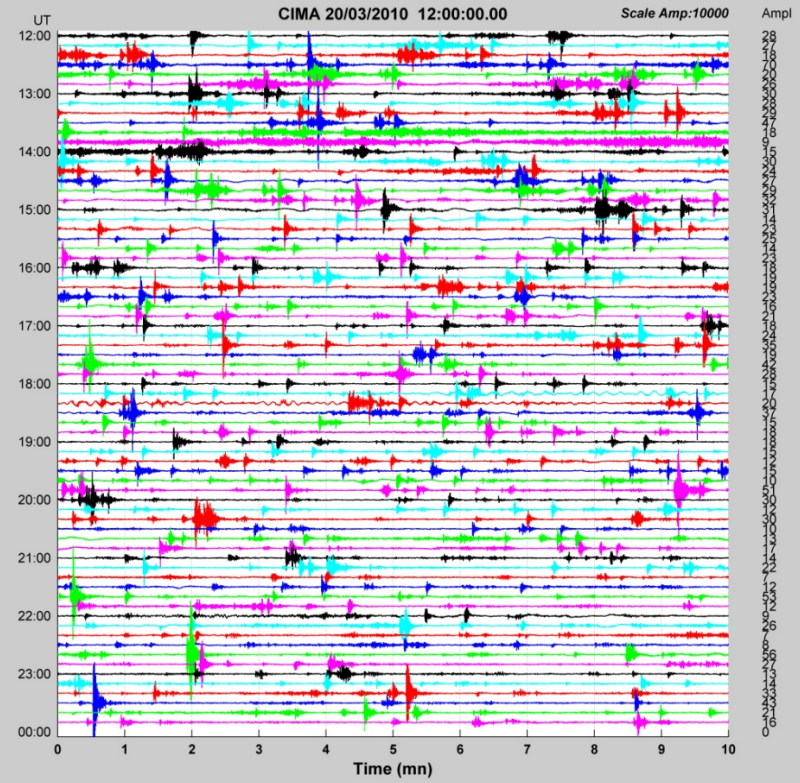
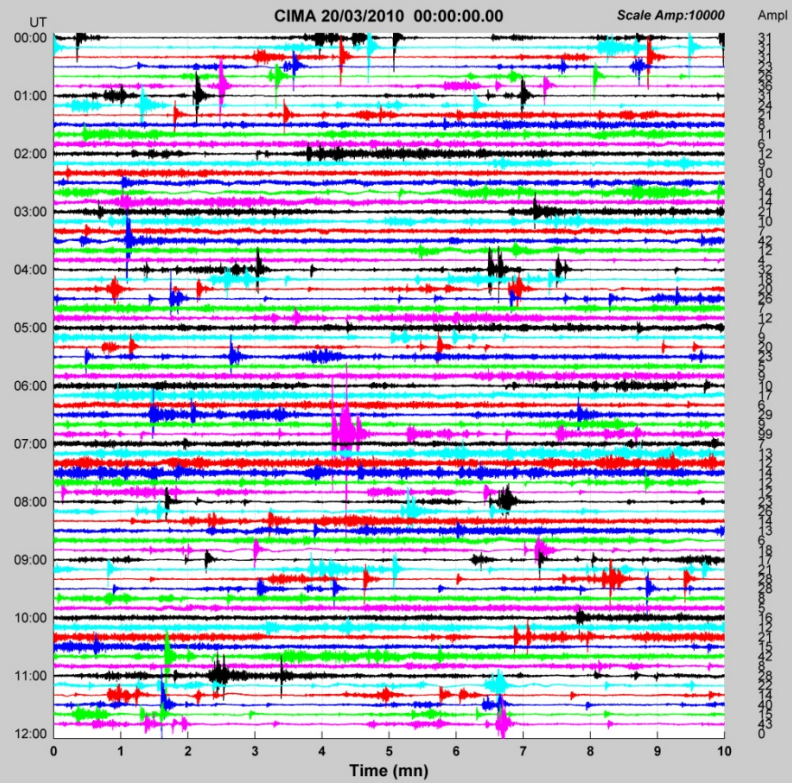




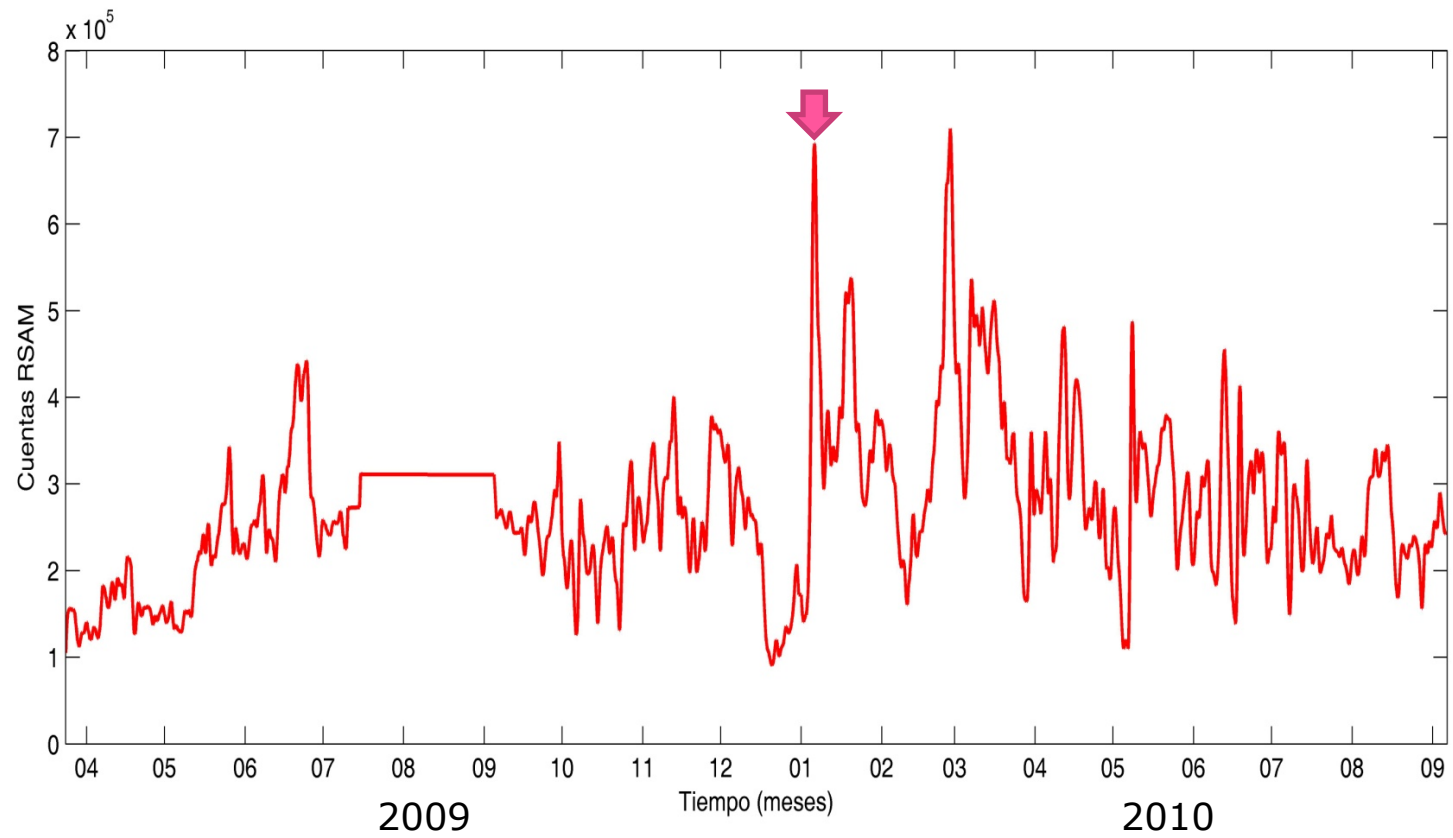


# Drumbeat events (VLP events)??? March 2010





# Turrialba volcano RSAM



## Mapa de sismicidad de los volcanes Irazú y Turrialba (Selecciones 2010)

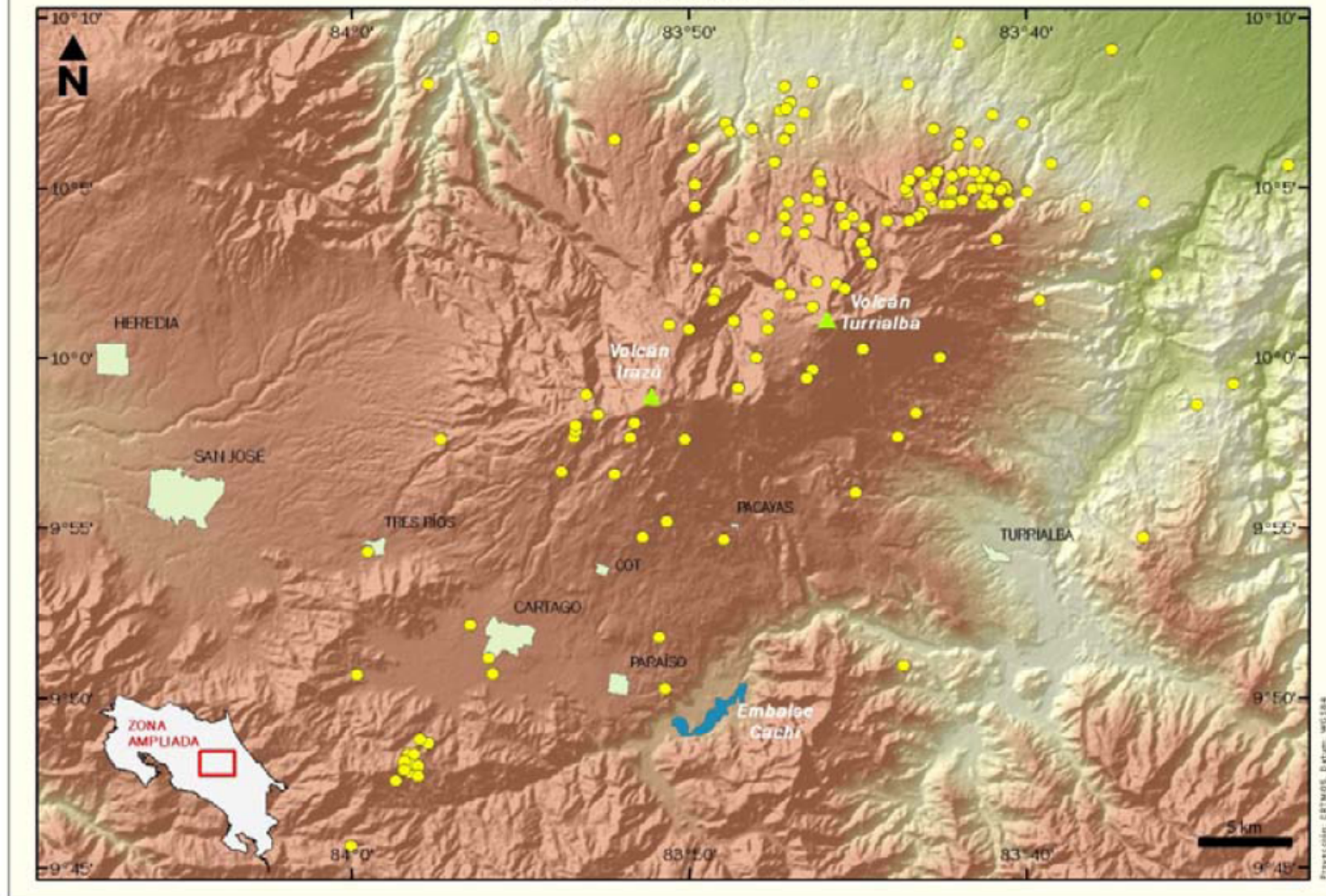


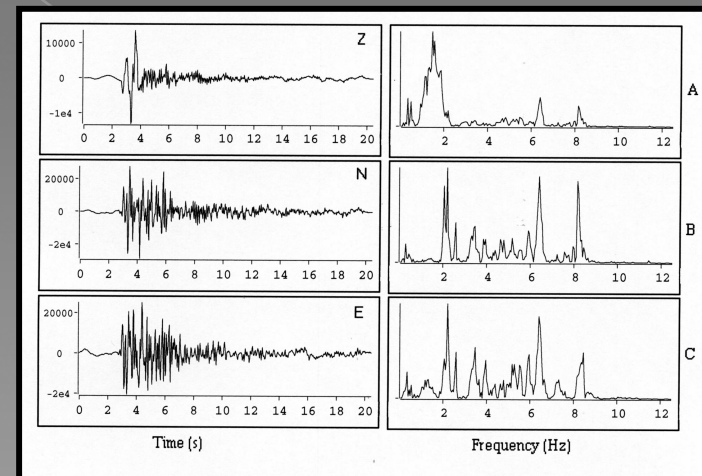
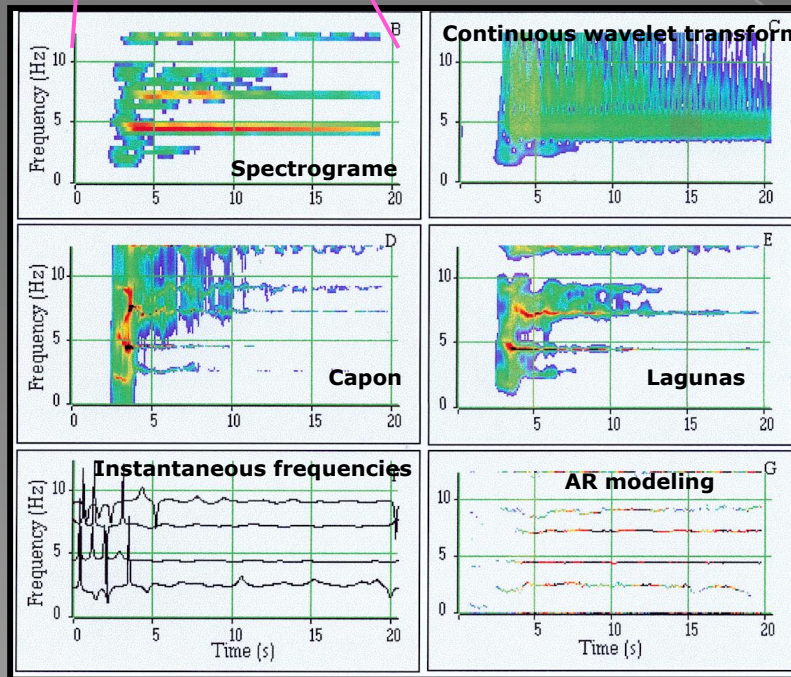
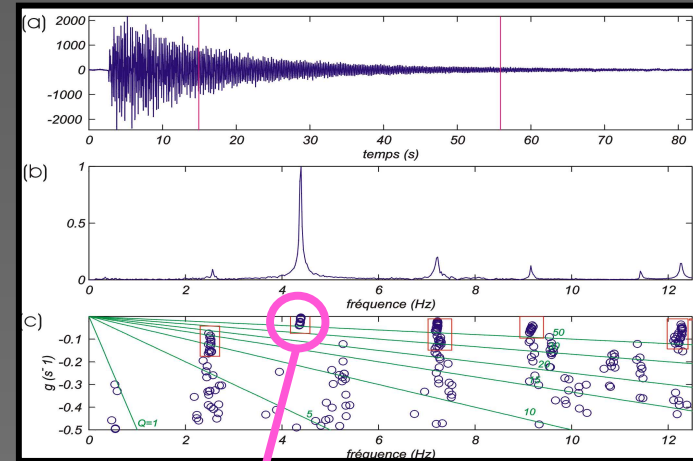
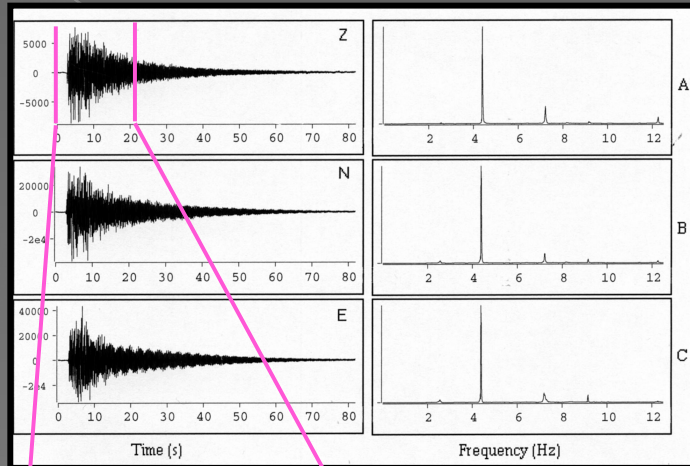
Fig. 10: Actividad sísmica en la zona Irazú-Turrialba en el 2010 (R. Barquero).

# **COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF DIFFERENT VOLCANOES**

**MORA (in prep.)**

# Time–frequency analysis of the vertical component of the LP event at Misti.

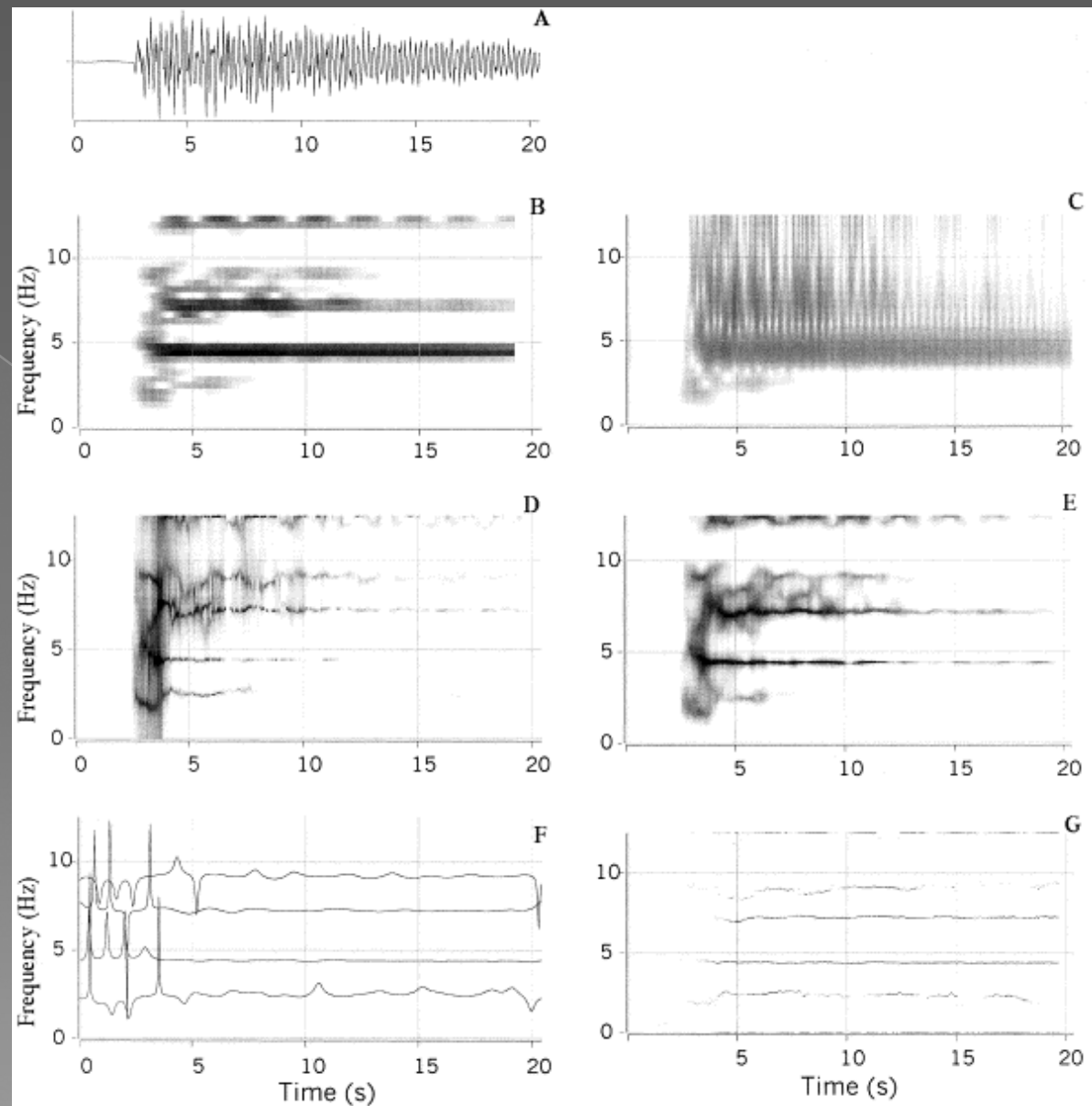
Lesage et al (2002)



Deconvolution of the signal

Time–frequency analysis of the vertical component of the LP event at Misti. (A) First 20.5 s of record. (B) STFT (2.56 s). (C) CWT. (D) Capon's method (0.6 s). (E) Lagunas method (0.8 s). (F) Instantaneous frequencies in spectral bands centered at 2.5, 4.4, 7.2, and 9.2 Hz. (G) AR modeling (0.8 s).

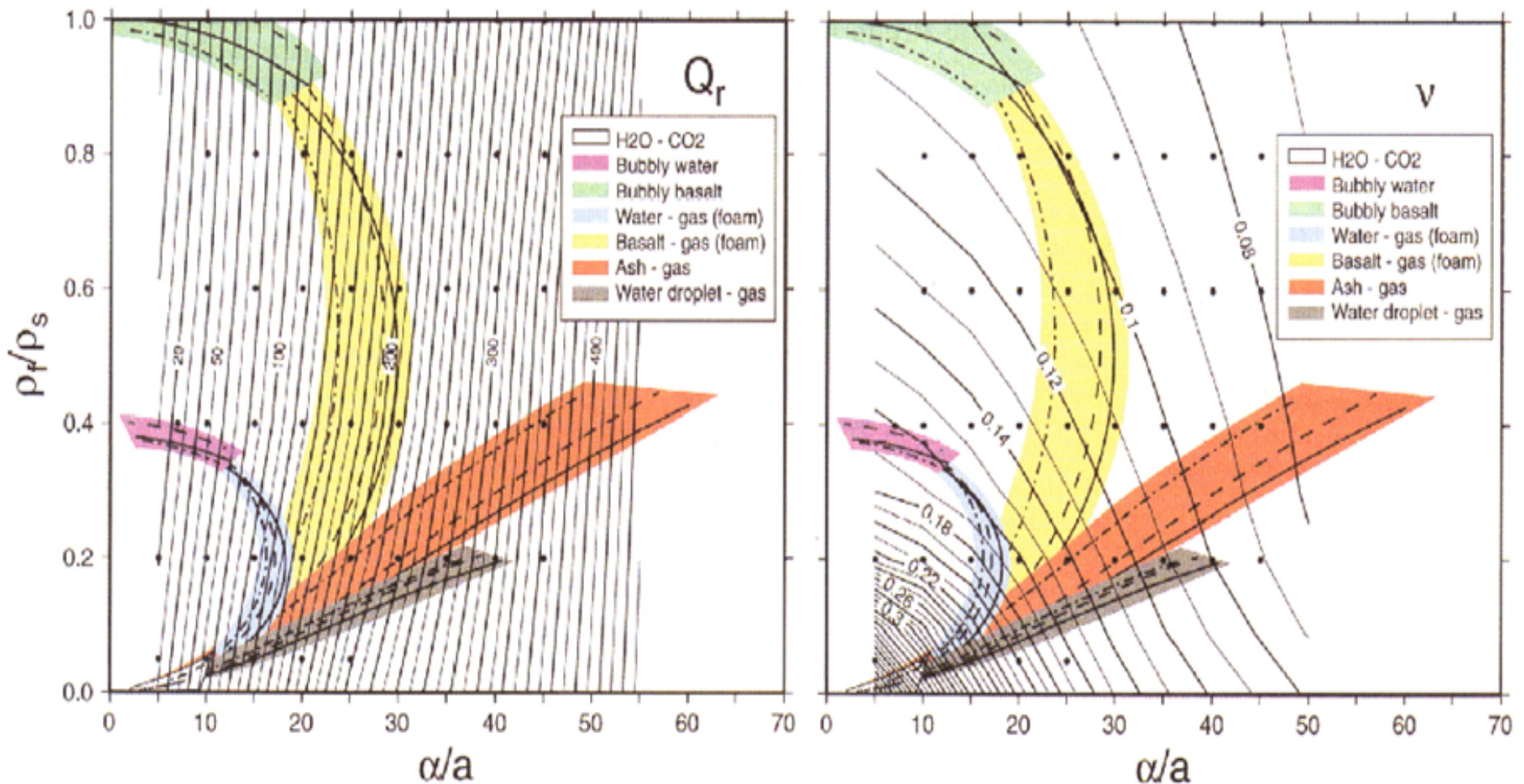
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## AR analysis

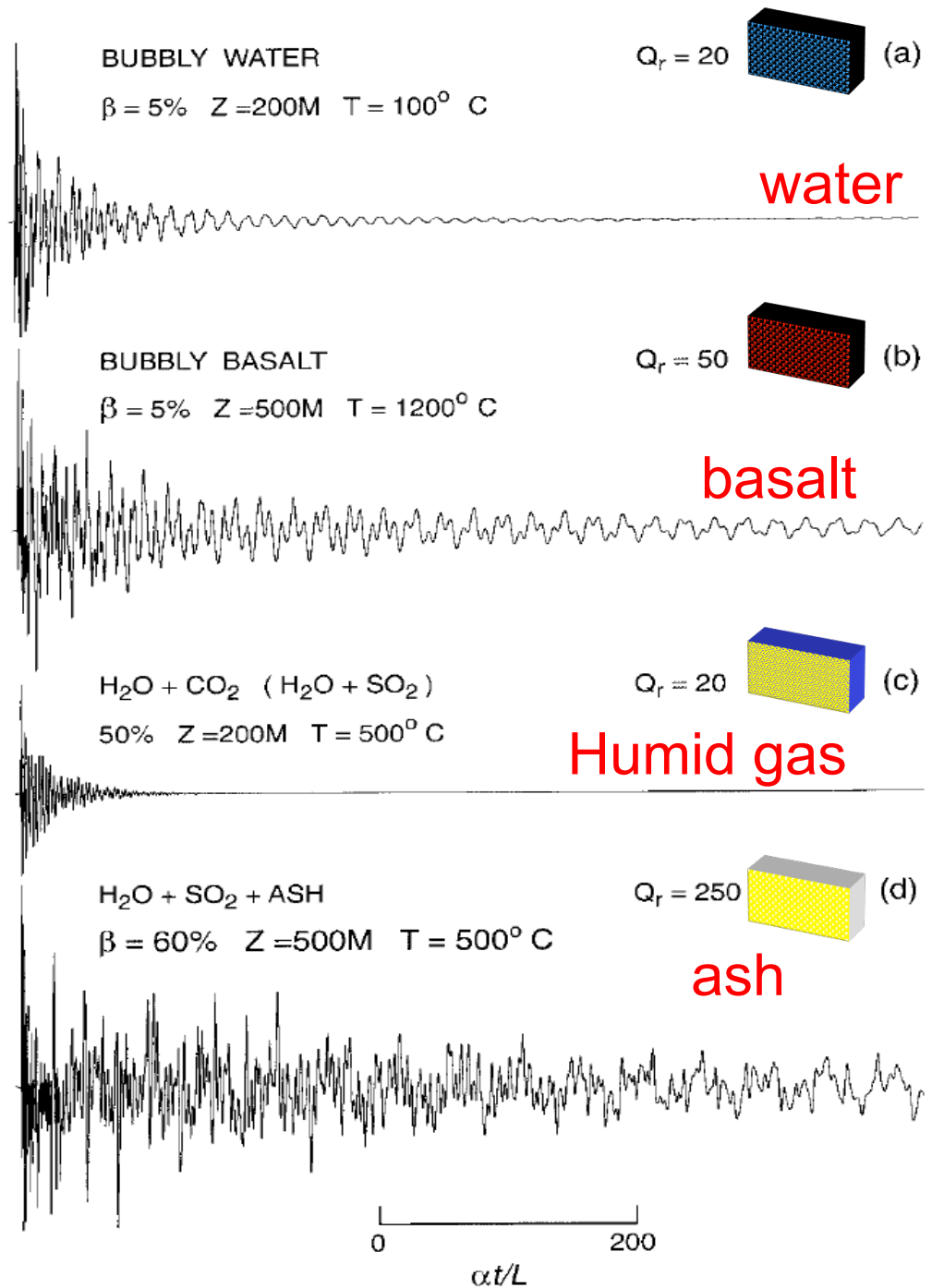
Each fluid has properties (compressibility, density, sound wave velocity, etc) that determine the characteristics of long period events and tremors.

*Q factor analysis approach from Kumagai and Chouet (2001):*



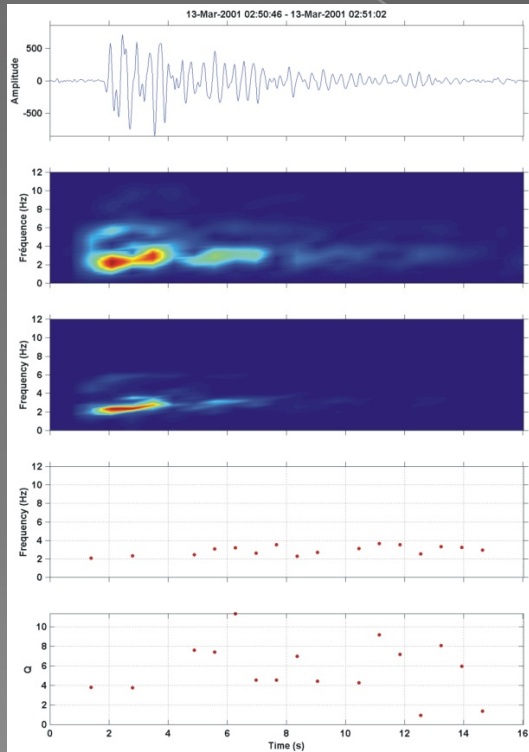


Example: Synthetic LP events calculated using a crack model filled with different kinds of volcanic fluids. (From Chouet).

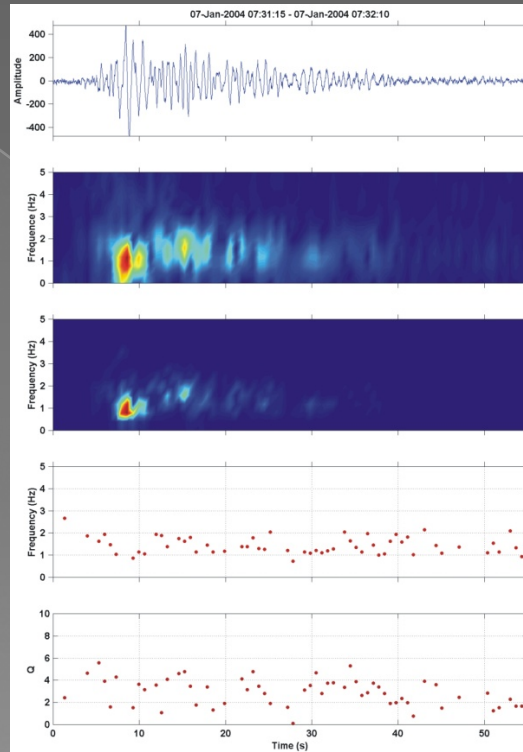


# AR analysis

## Turrialba



## Irazu



## Poas

