



Seismo-acoustic signals of volcanic processes

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Lecture Outline:

- Introduction
- Volcano-seismic signals I – VTs
- Volcano-seismic signals II - LPs, VLPs, tremor
- Acoustic signals
- Future research directions

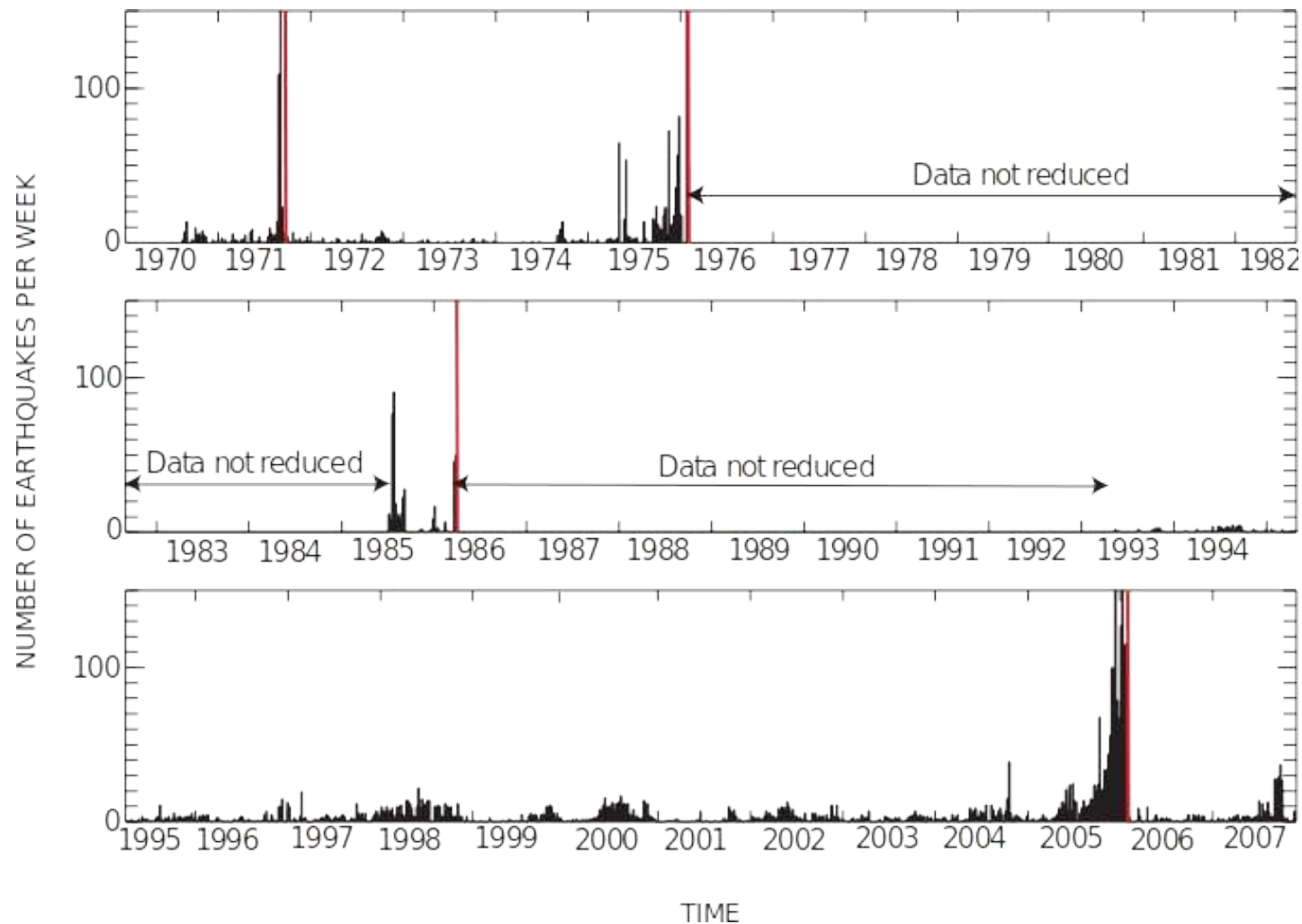


Aims of Volcano Seismo-Acoustics

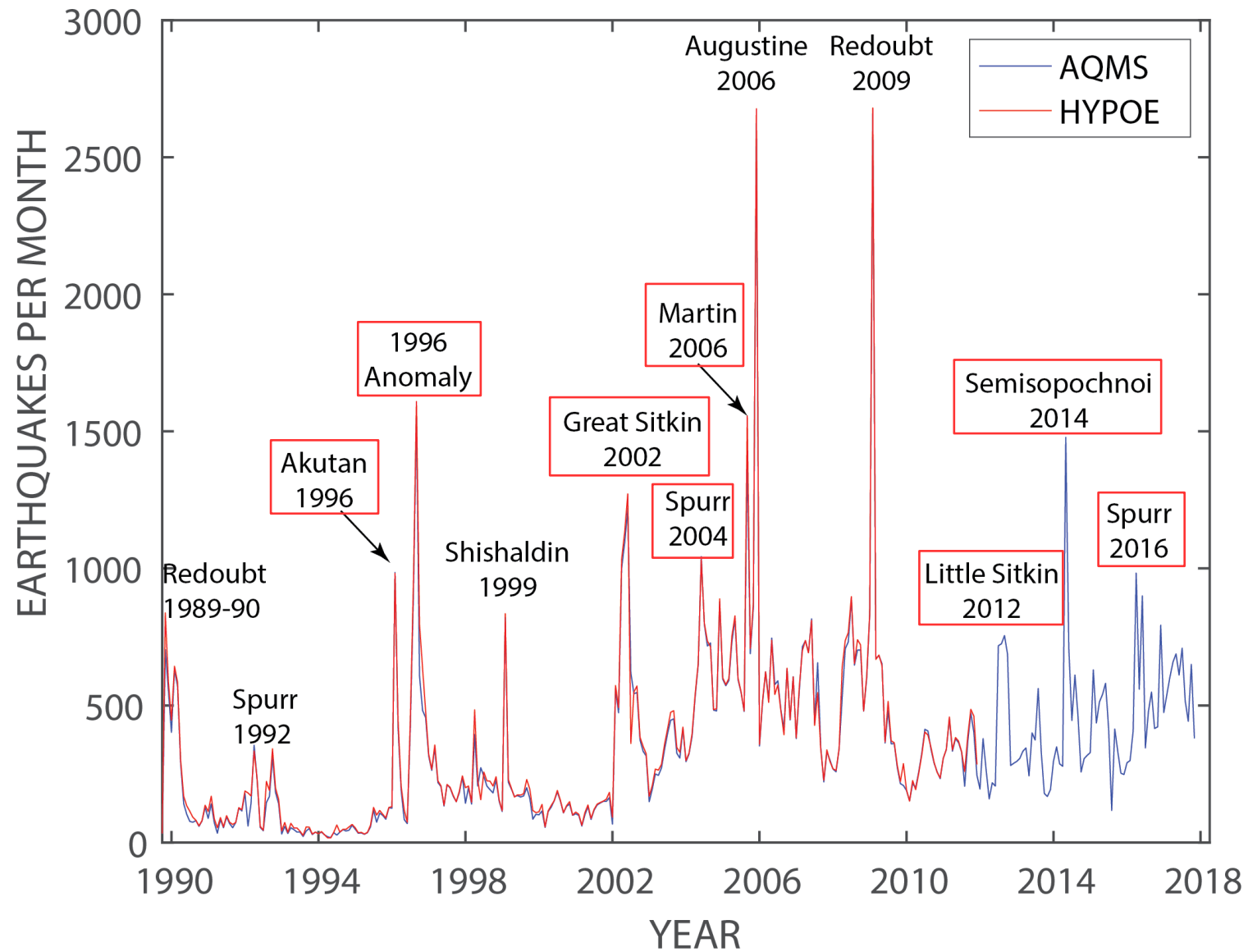
- Volcanology perspective - understand volcanic processes from seismic/acoustic signals and patterns
- Seismology and acoustics perspective - understand seismic and acoustic source processes
- Monitoring and forecasting

Paradigm I: Seismicity accompanies activity

- Seismicity at Augustine Volcano, Alaska, 1970-2007
Red lines = eruptions



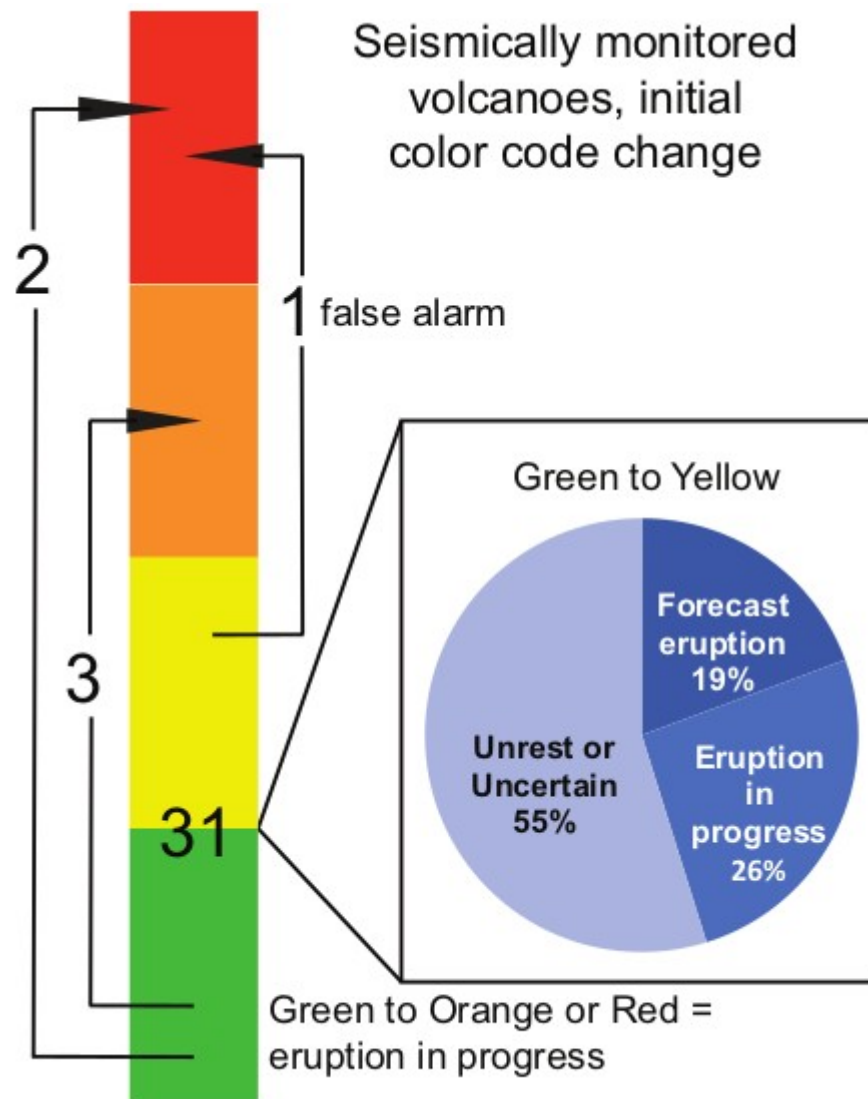
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After Power et al., 2019

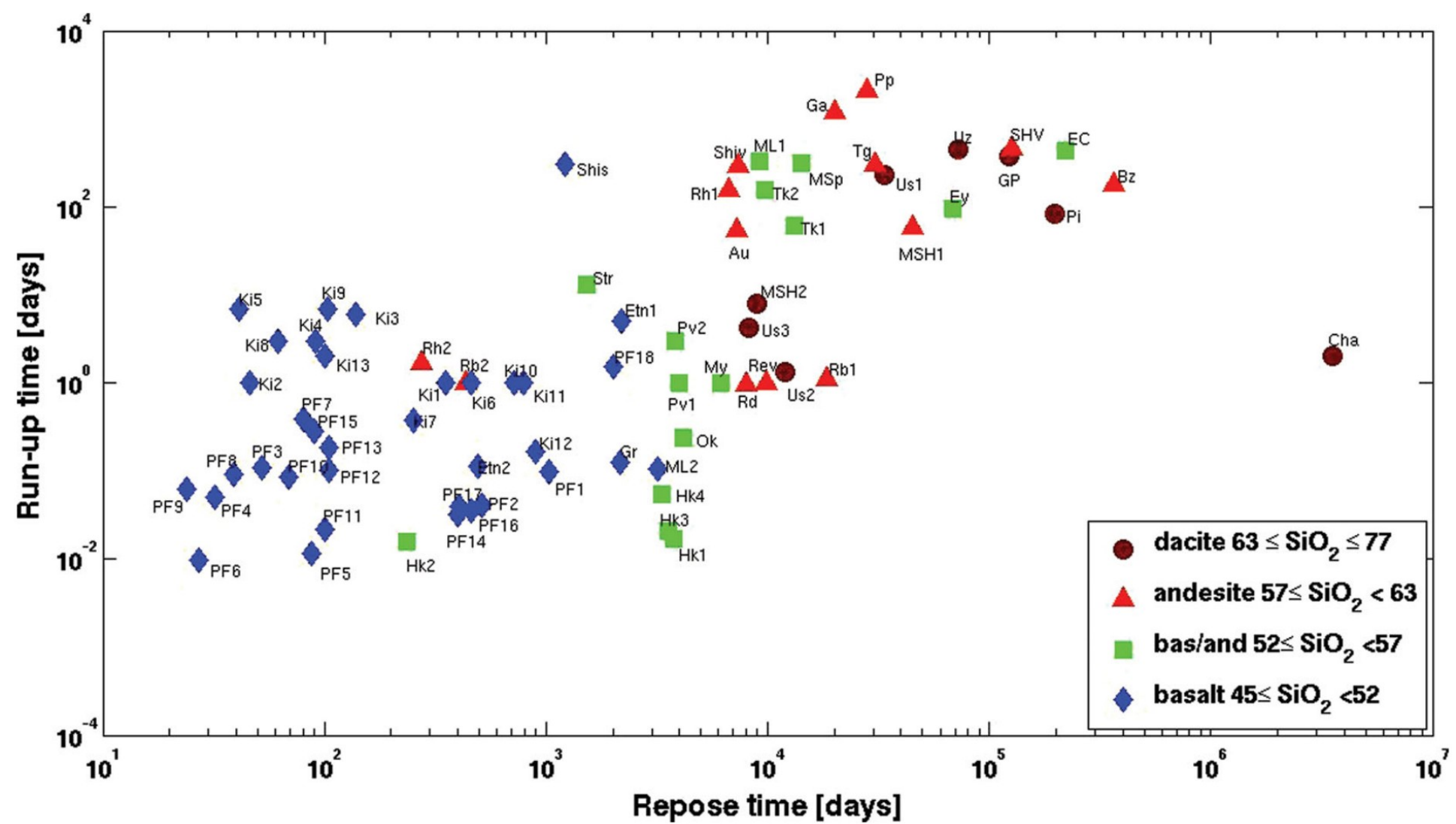
"Failed eruption" problem - see Moran et al. 2011

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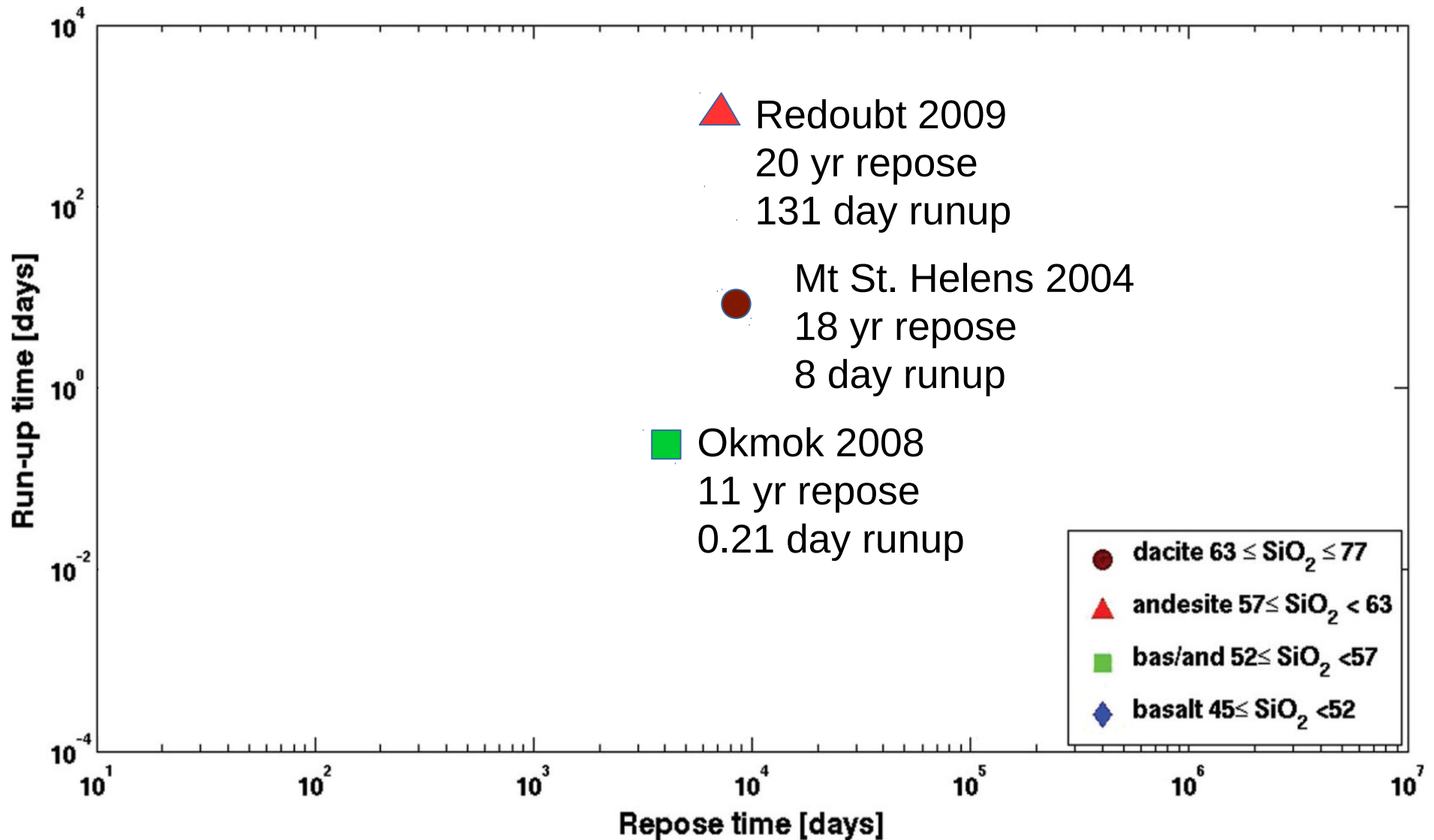
Cameron et al., 2018

Duration of Precursory Seismicity



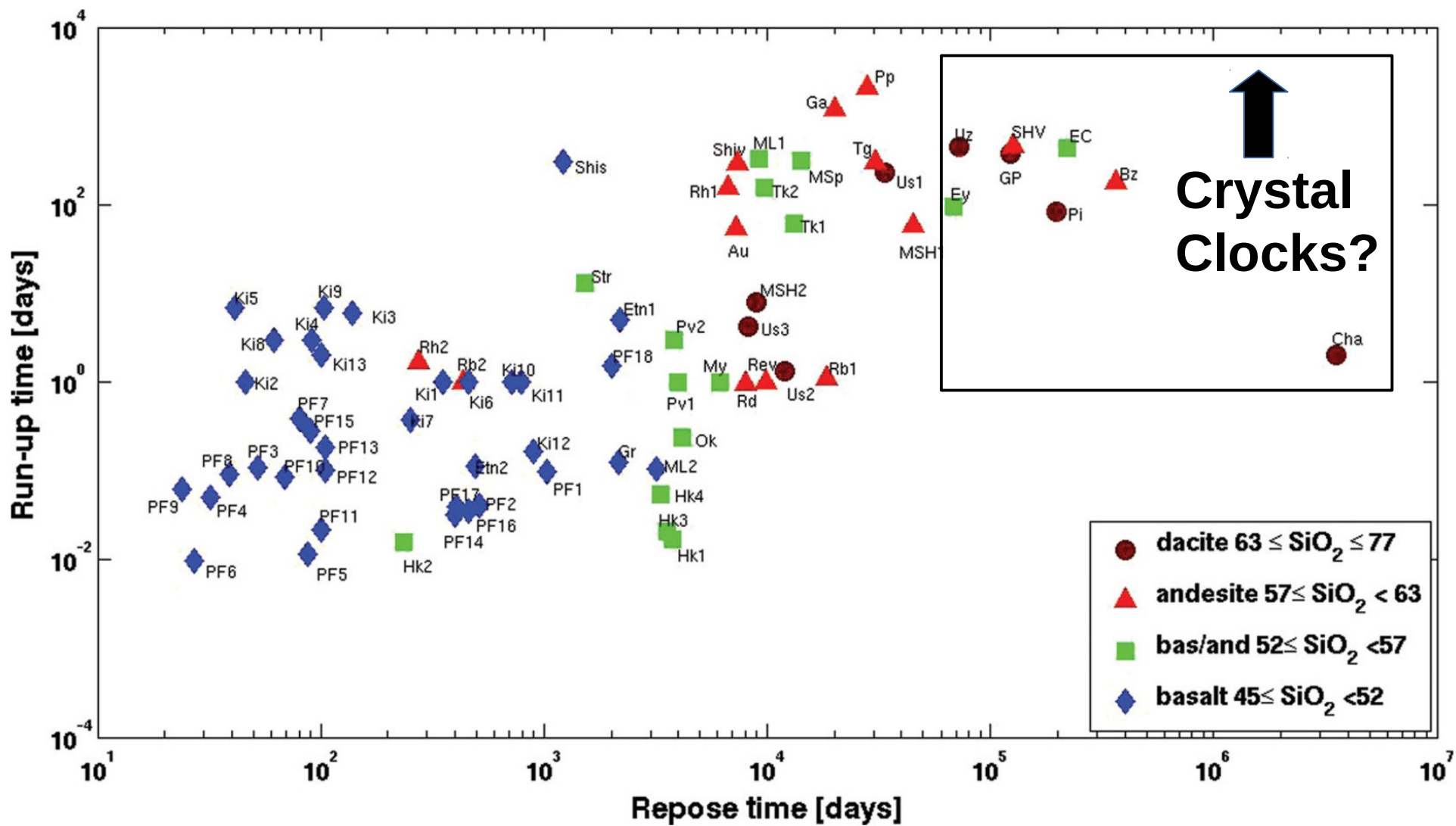
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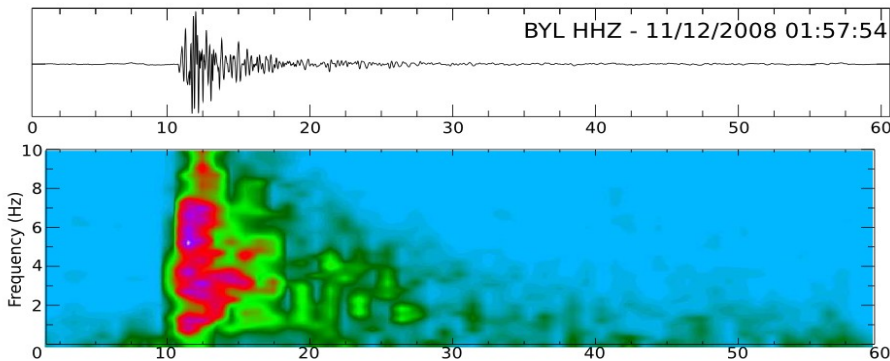
Paradigm II: Seismic Event Classes

- Multiple processes produce seismic signals at volcanoes. The signals are (mostly/sometimes) distinctive and ultimately reflect the nature and underlying physics of the source process
- By looking for different event types, we can identify the processes occurring in a magmatic system and thus gain information about the state of the volcano

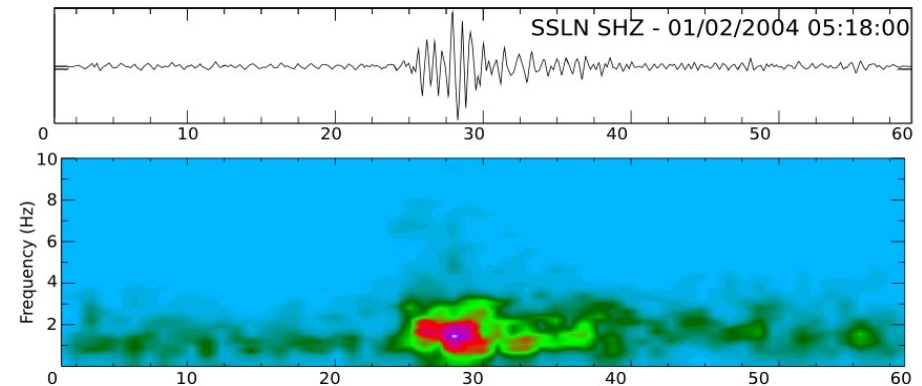
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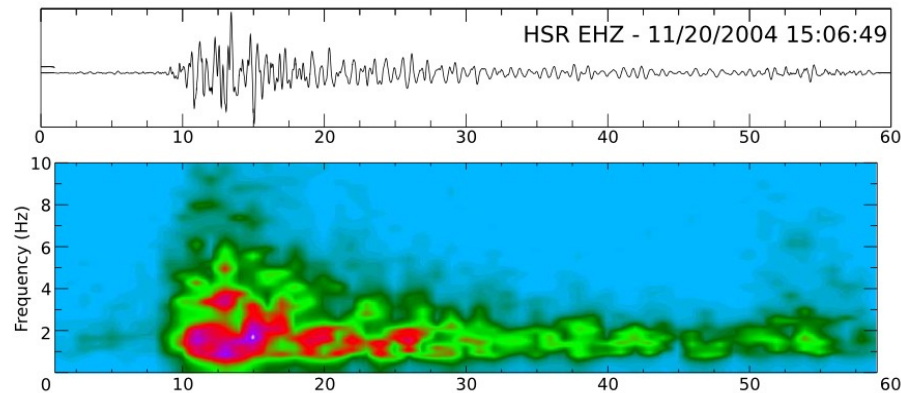
‘VT’ (volcano-tectonic) or ‘HF’ (high-frequency):



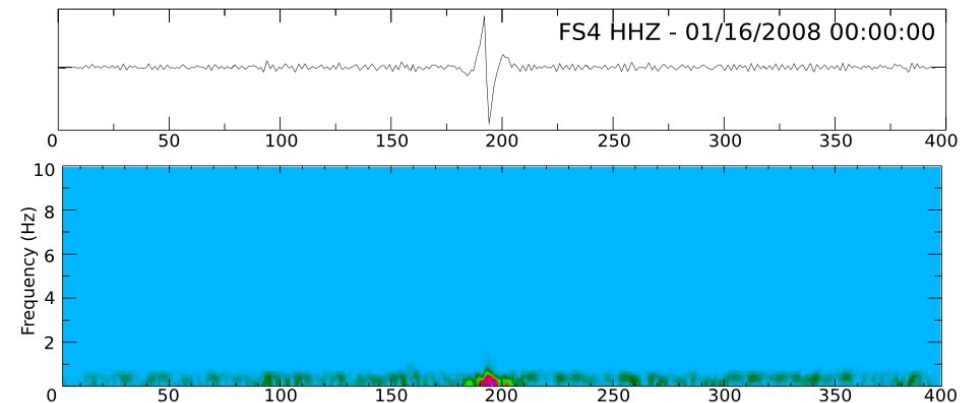
‘LP’ (long-period) or ‘LF’ (low-frequency):



Hybrid event:



‘VLP’ (very-long-period):

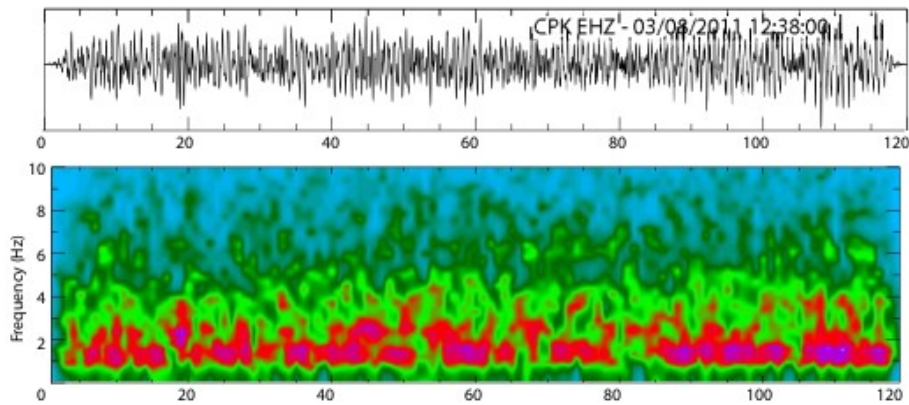


*After McNutt and Roman 2015
see Minakami 1974, Lahr et al. 1994, Miller et al. 1998
for classification scheme descriptions*

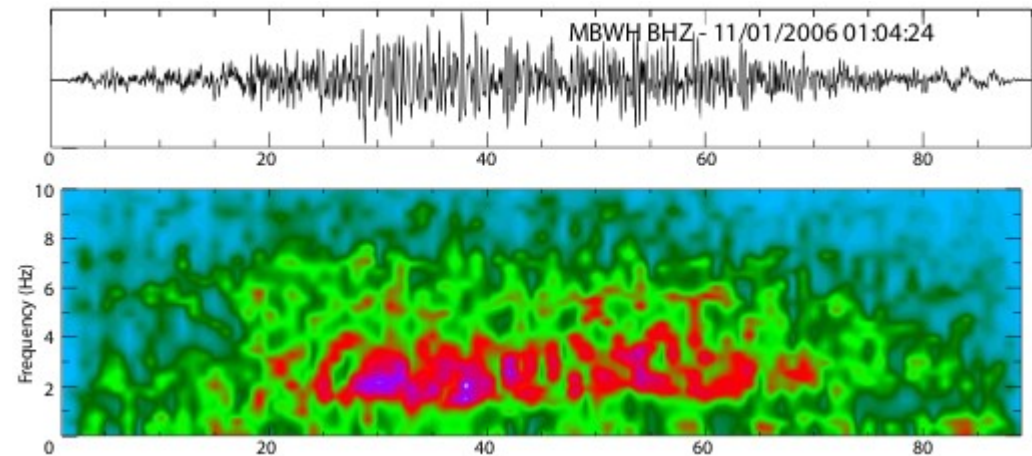
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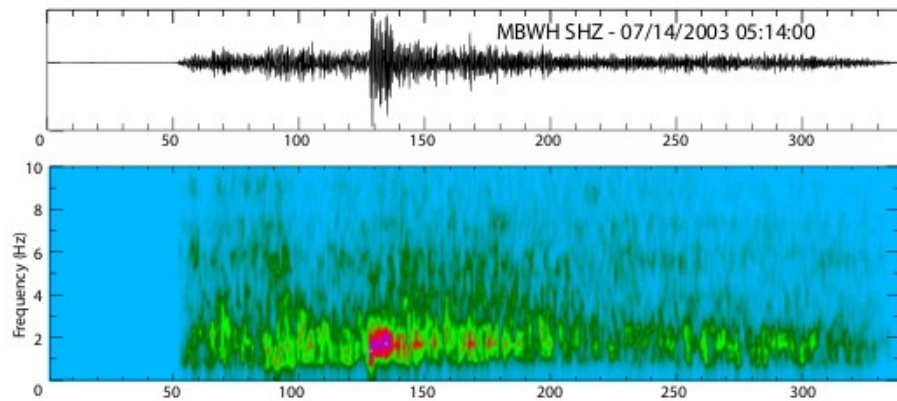
Volcanic tremor (can be harmonic or broadband):



Rockfall signal (note cigar shape):



Explosion with ground-coupled airwave:

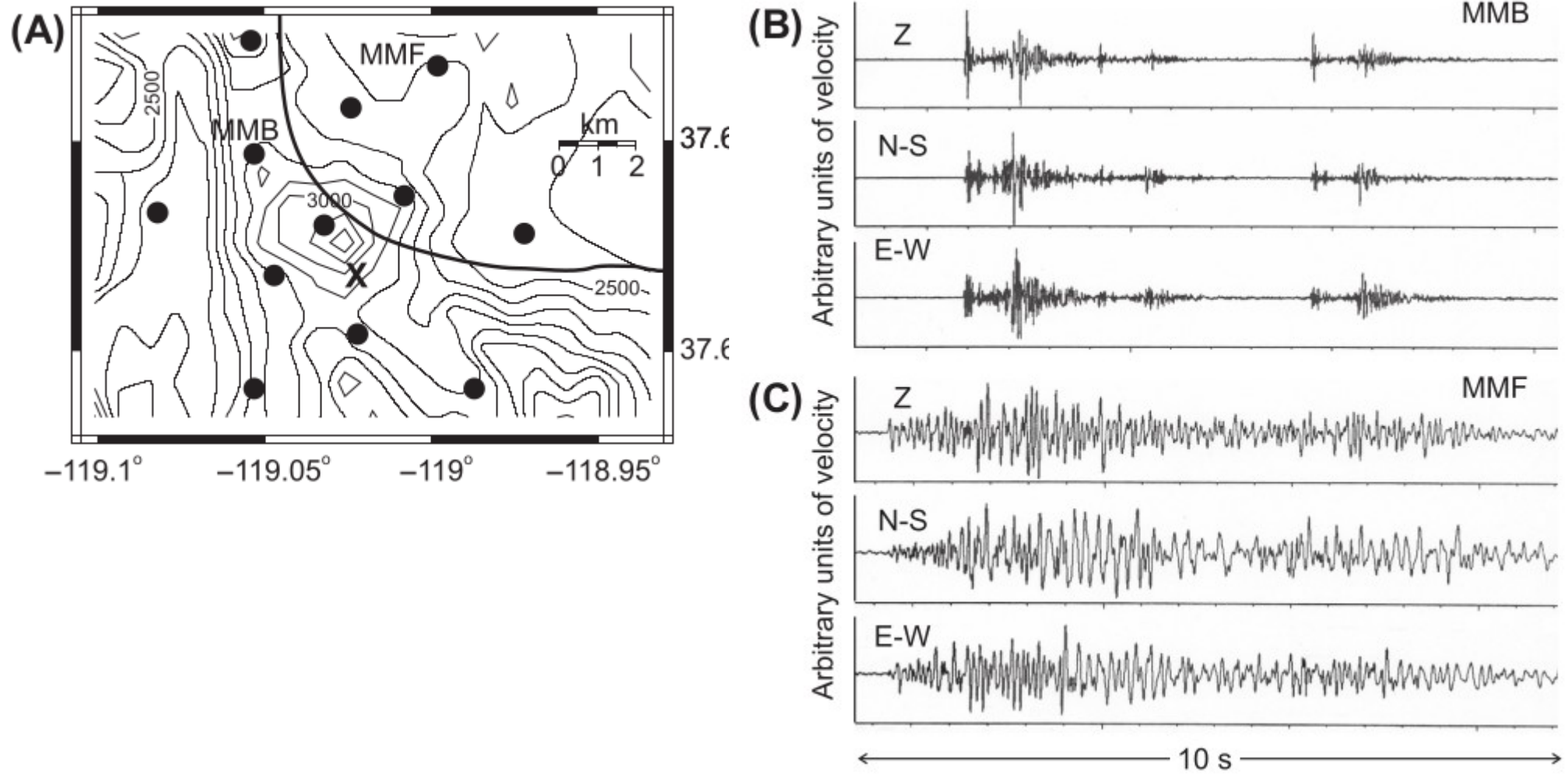


After McNutt and Roman 2015

Utility and appropriateness of a universal event classification scheme?

- Implies the existence of clearly distinct classes rather than a spectrum of event characteristics
- Implies that event classes are uniquely linked to a particular source process
- Implies that events do not interfere/interact with each other

Station-to-station variations: Mammoth 1989

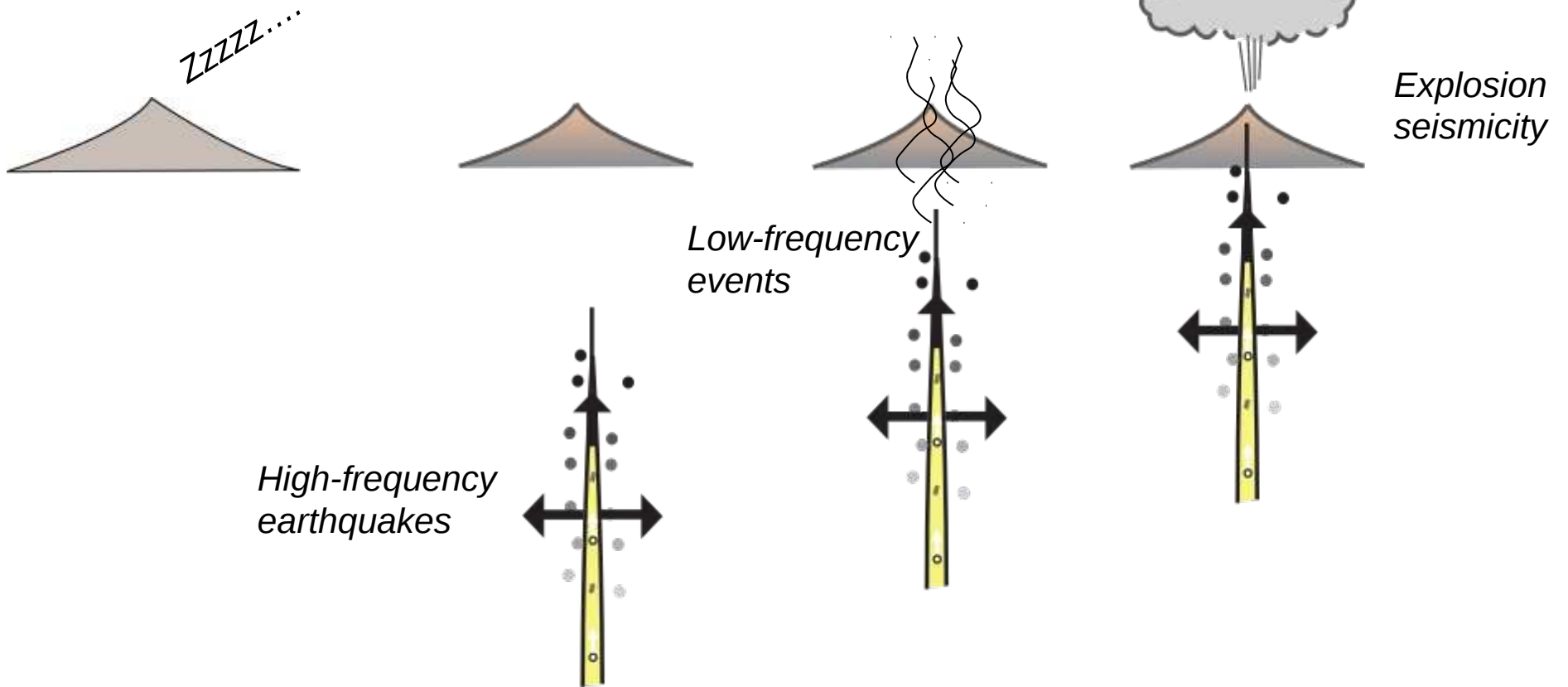


After Julian et al., 1998

Automated Event Detection/Classification

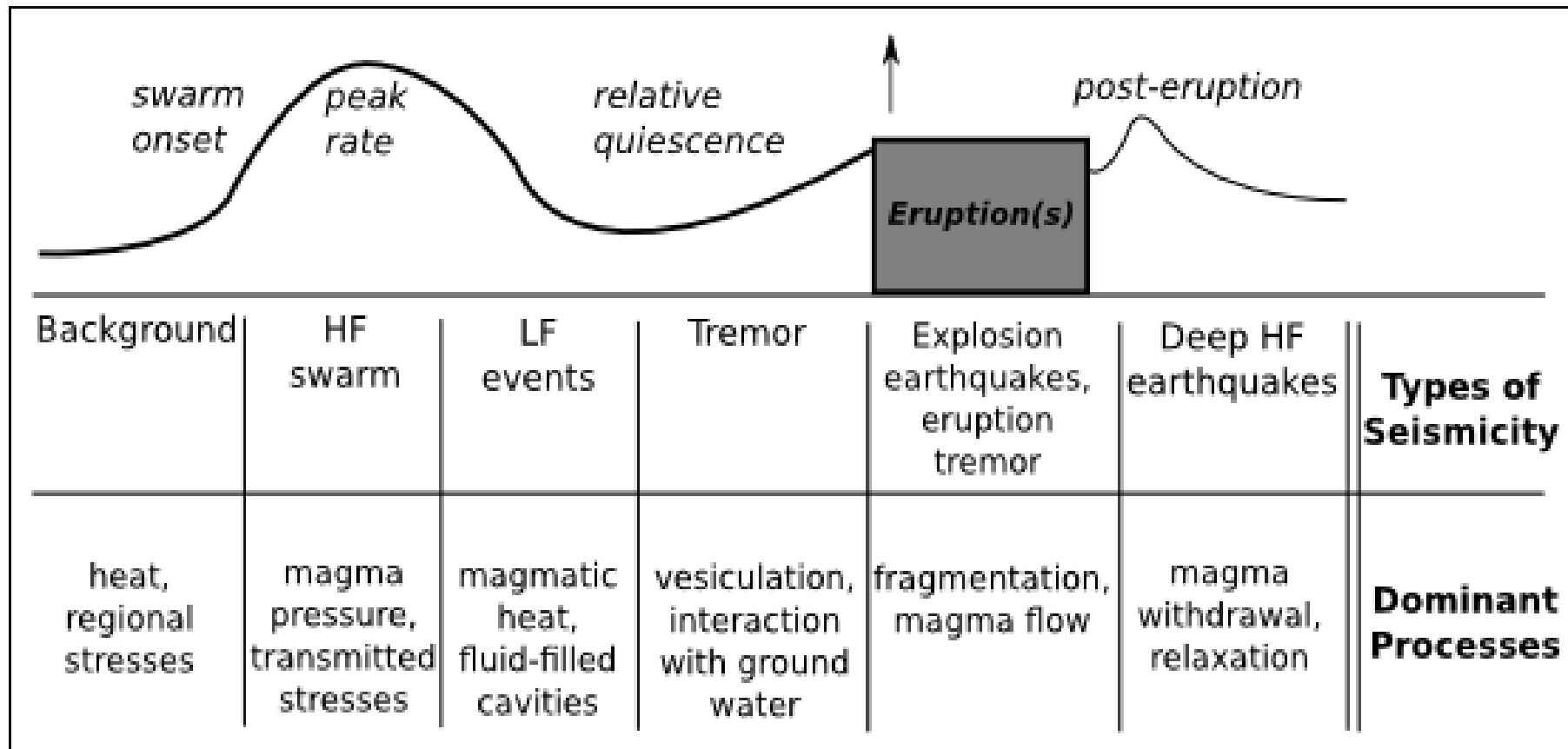
- Bueno et al. 2019, Seismol Res Lett
<https://github.com/srsudo/remos>
- Malfante et al. 2018, IEEE Signal Proc Mag
<https://github.com/malfante/AAA>
- Roman 2017, Geophys Res Lett
<https://github.com/dcroman/Tremometer>
(harmonic tremor detection)
- Wech and Creager 2008, Geophys Res Lett
<https://github.com/awech/AVO-alarms>
(broadband tremor detection)

Precursory Seismicity Patterns



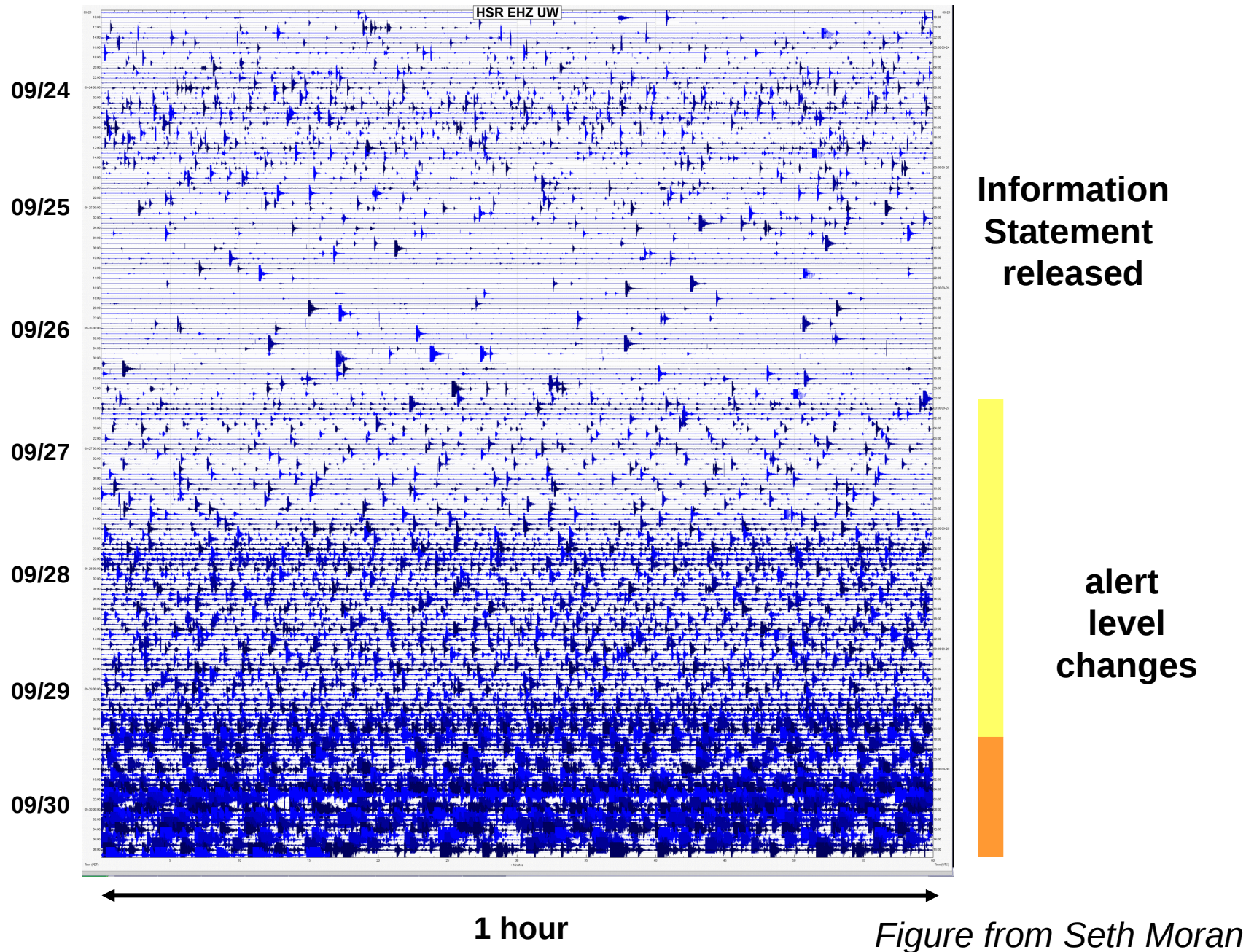
Precursory Seismicity Patterns

Generic Volcanic Earthquake Swarm Model

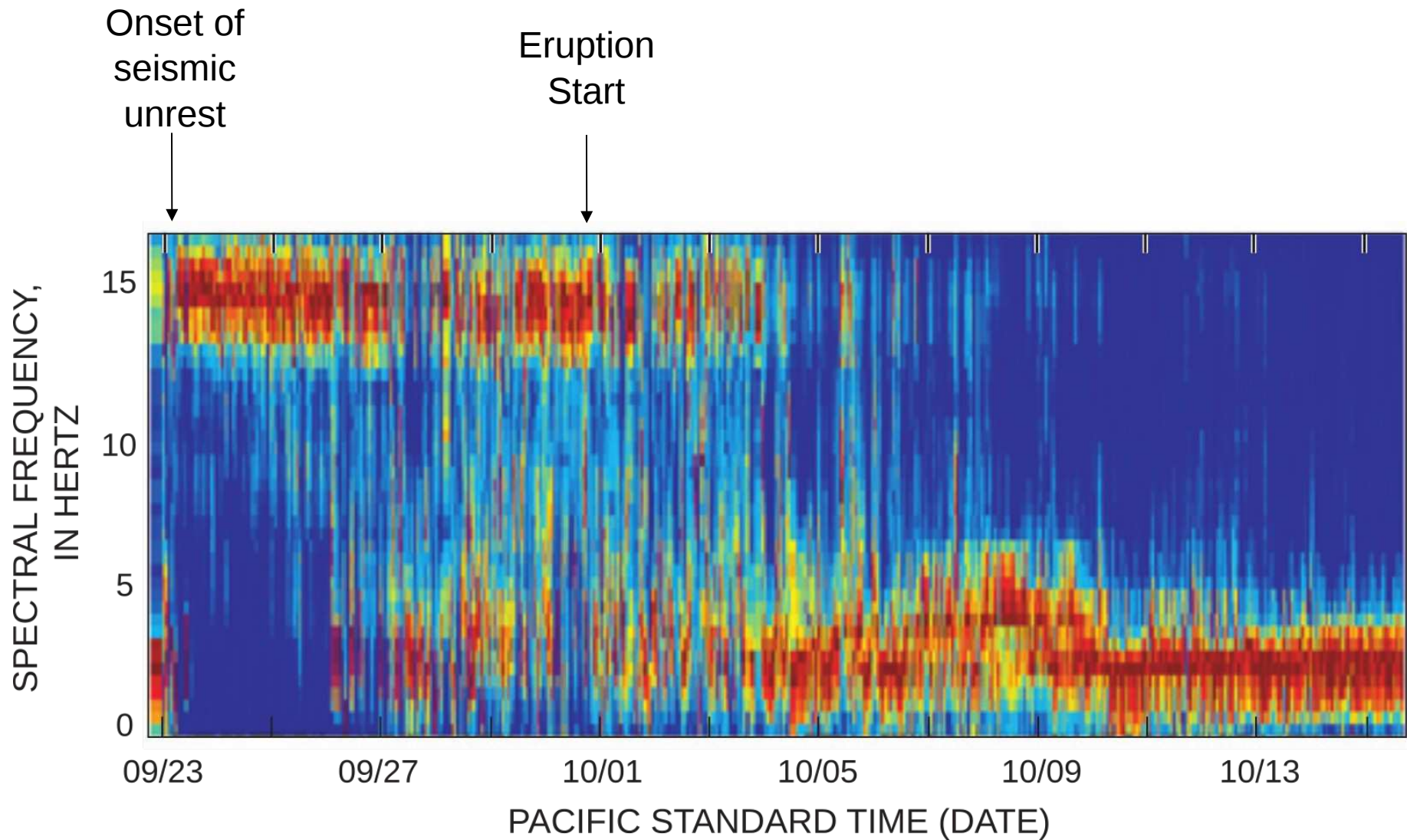


Time →

Precursory Seismicity Patterns: MSH 2004

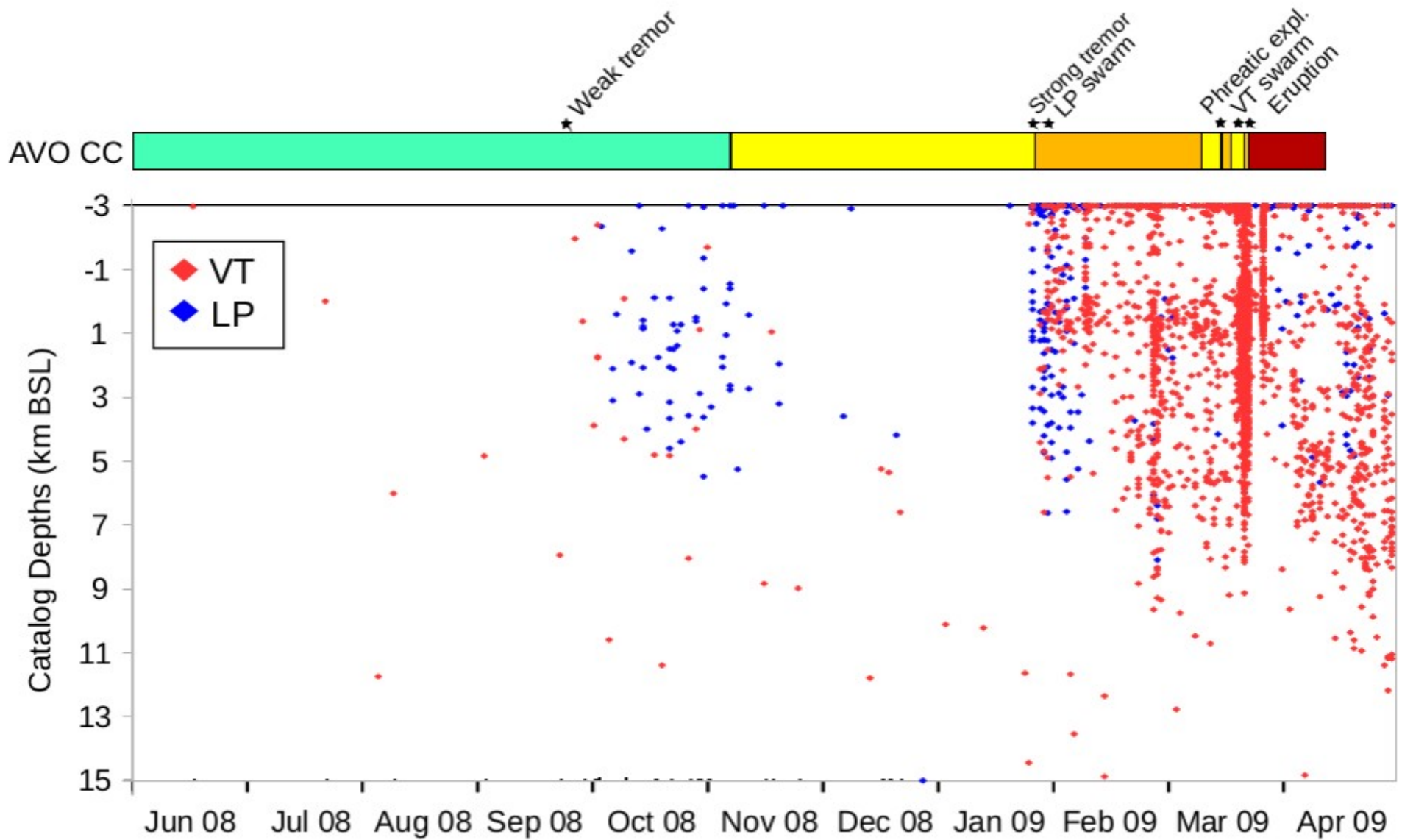


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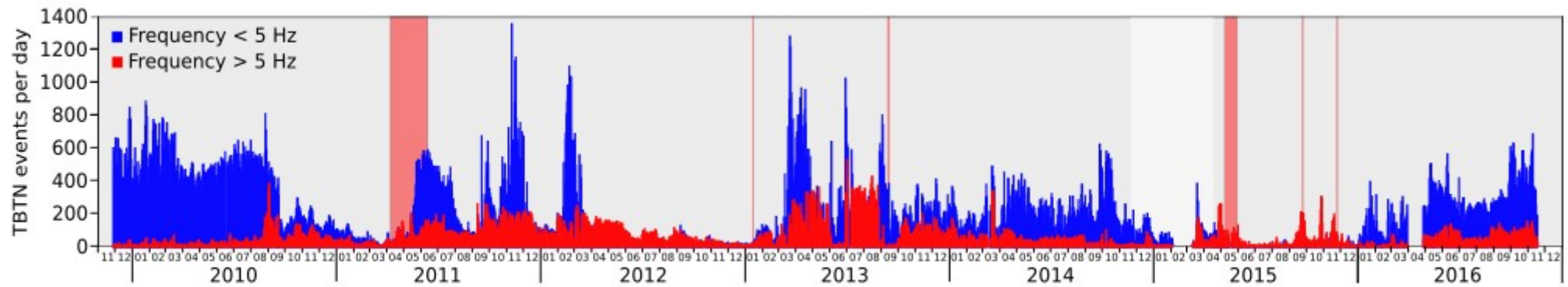
Moran et al., 2008

Precursory Seismicity Patterns: Redoubt 2009



*After Roman and Gardine 2013
and Roman and Cashman 2018*

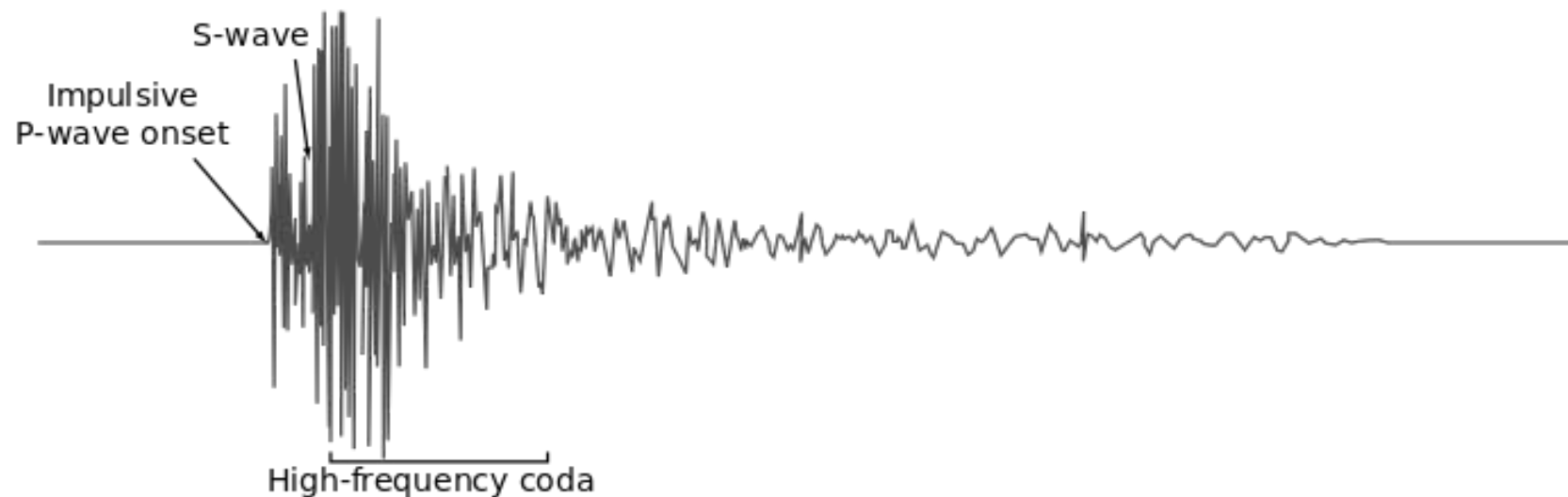
Precursory (phreatic) Seismicity Patterns: Telica



Geirsson et al., 2014
Rodgers et al., 2015
Roman et al., in review

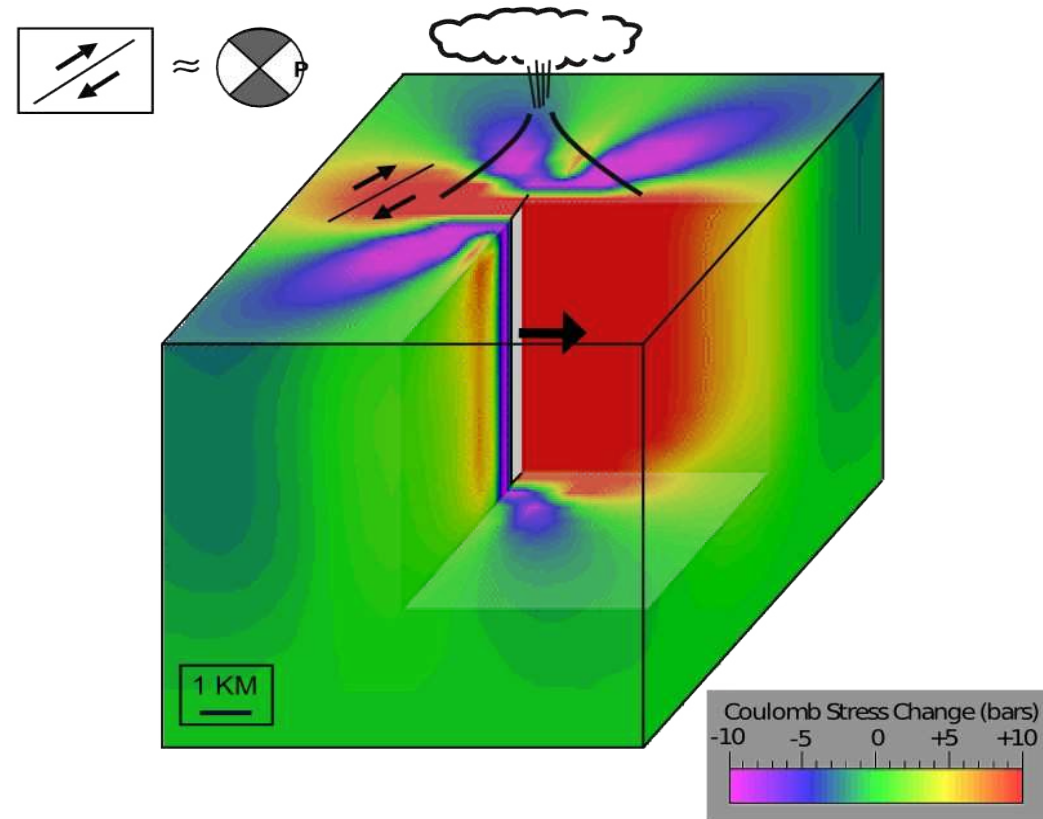
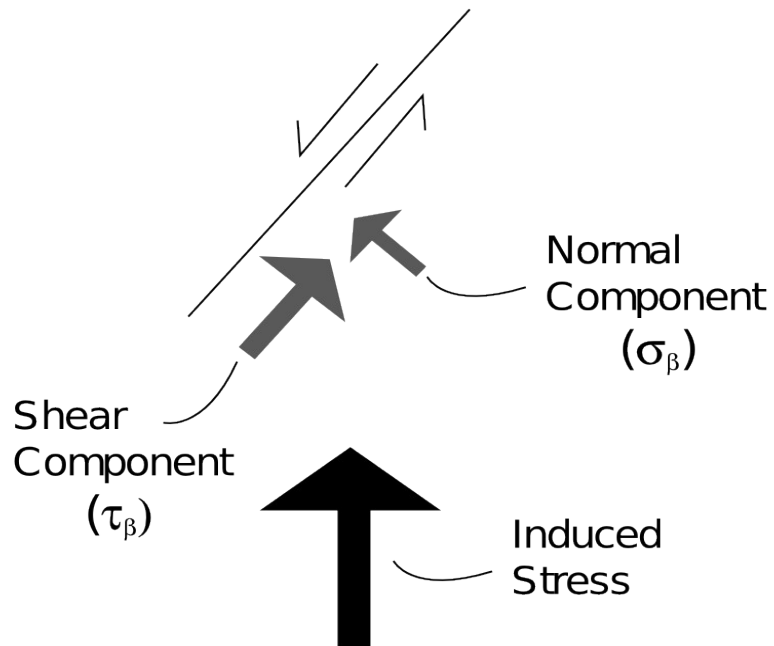
Volcanotectonic (VT) (aka “HF”) earthquake:

- Clear high-frequency P and S waves, peak frequencies above 5 Hz, short coda
- Brittle response of host rock to processes in the magmatic system



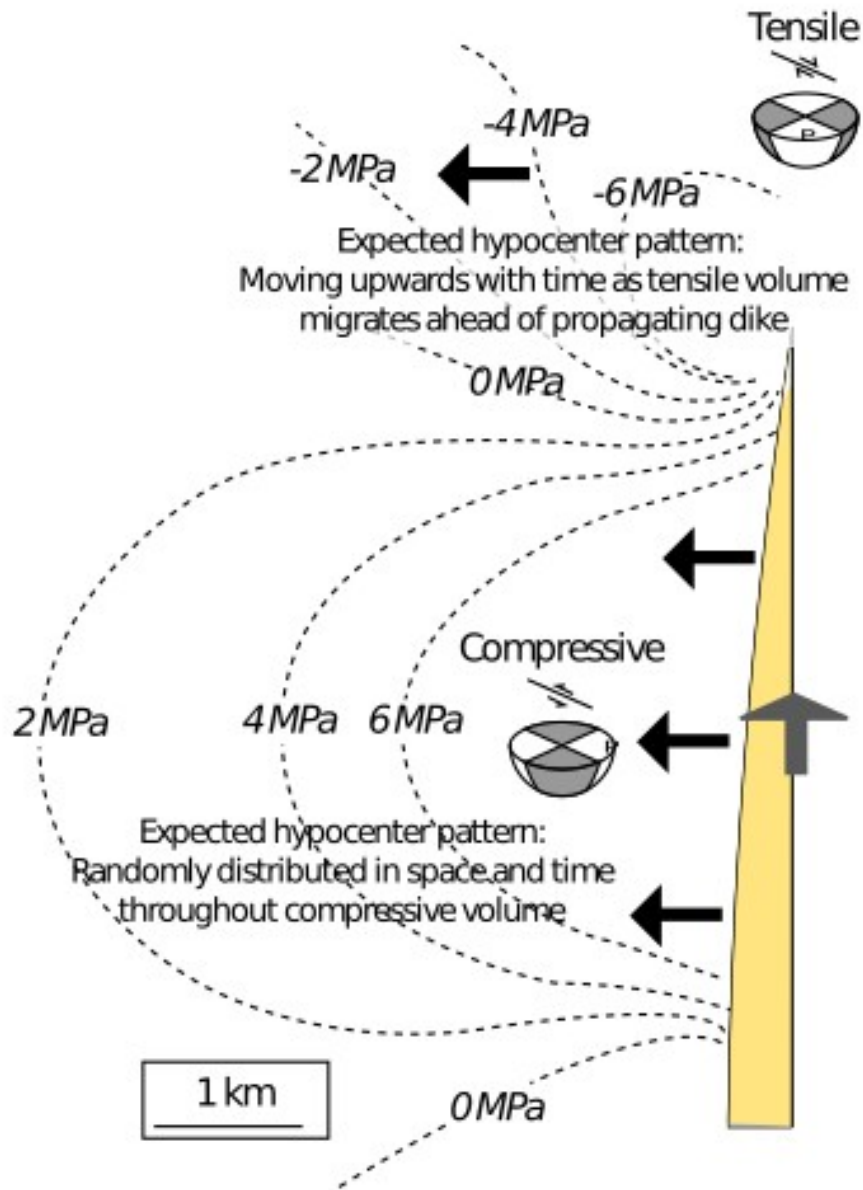
Coulomb stress change:

$$\Delta\sigma_f = \tau_\beta - \mu (\Delta\sigma_\beta - \Delta p)$$



See Toda et al., 2002; Segall et al. 2013;
Coulomb 3.3: <https://earthquake.usgs.gov/research/software/coulomb/>

Dike-induced stress regimes

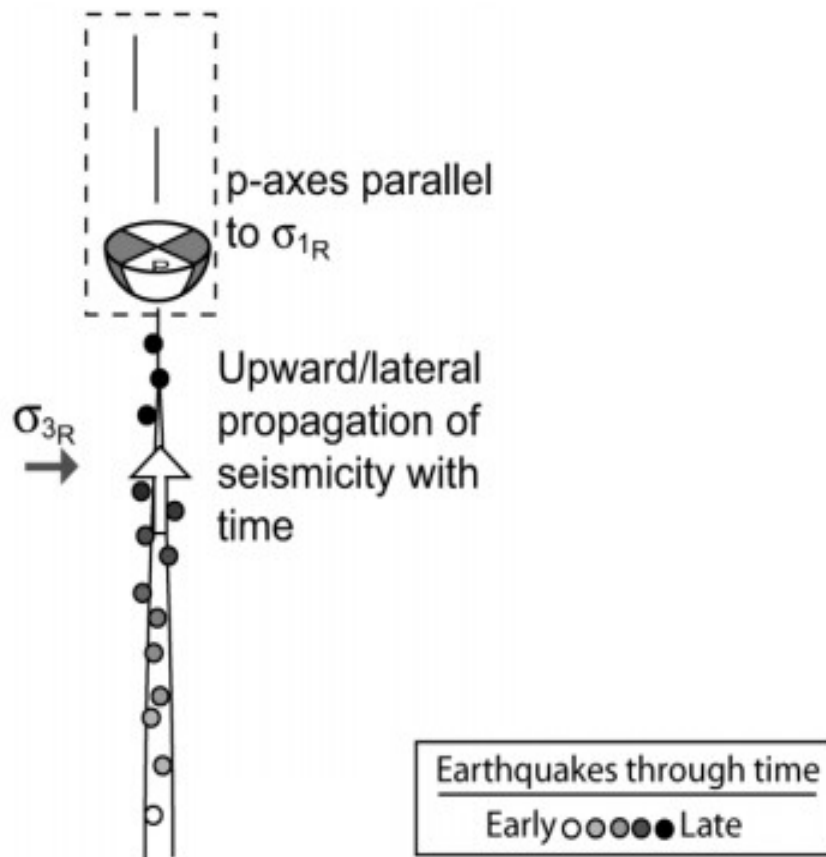


Numerical models show two induced stress regimes:

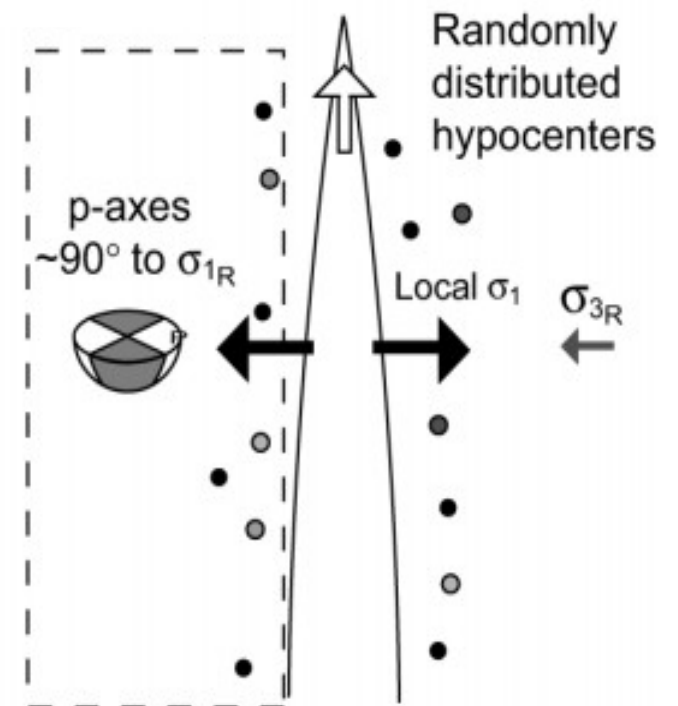
- Compression in walls of dike (perpendicular to dike strike)
- Tension above propagating dike

After Rubin and Pollard 1988

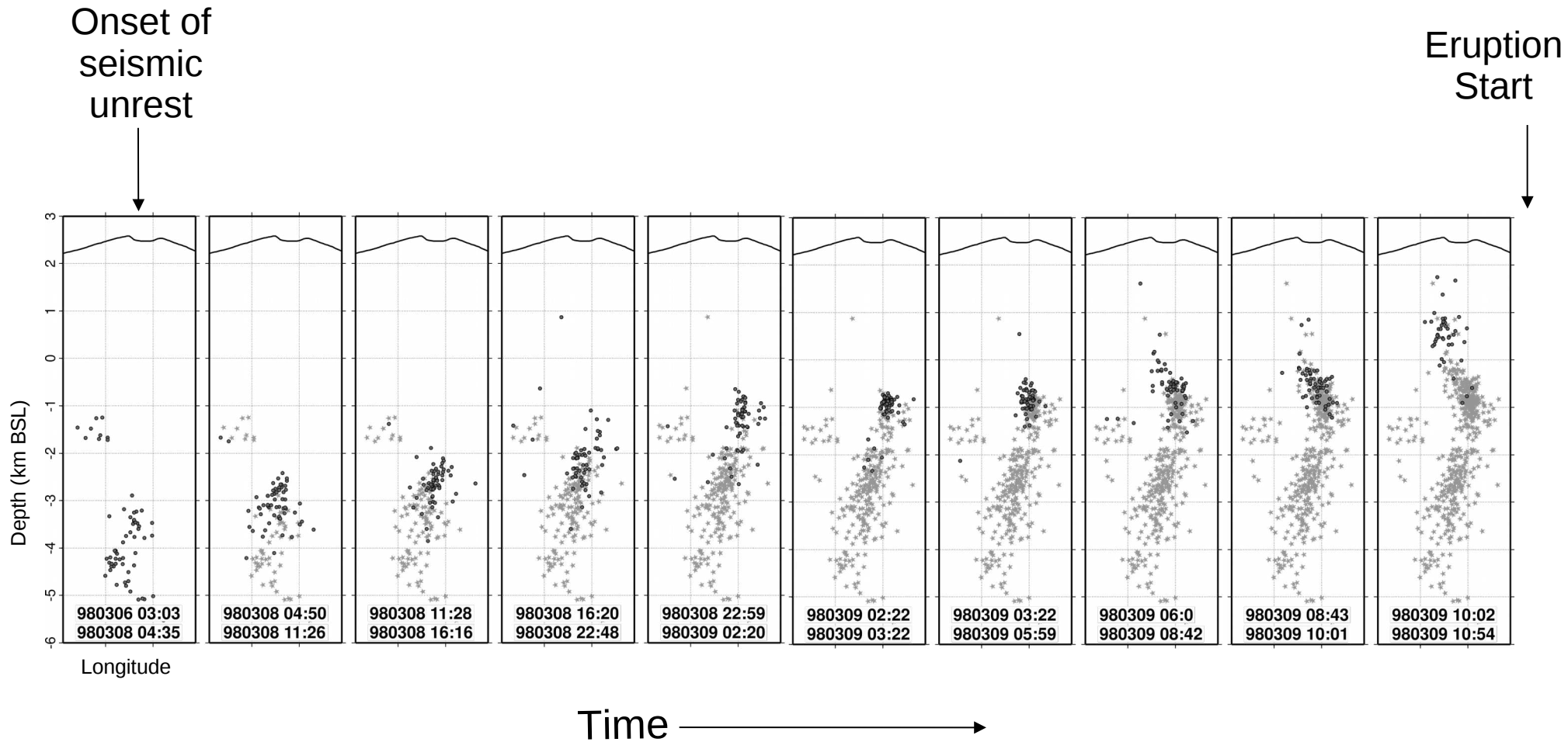
Low-viscosity magmas



High-viscosity magmas

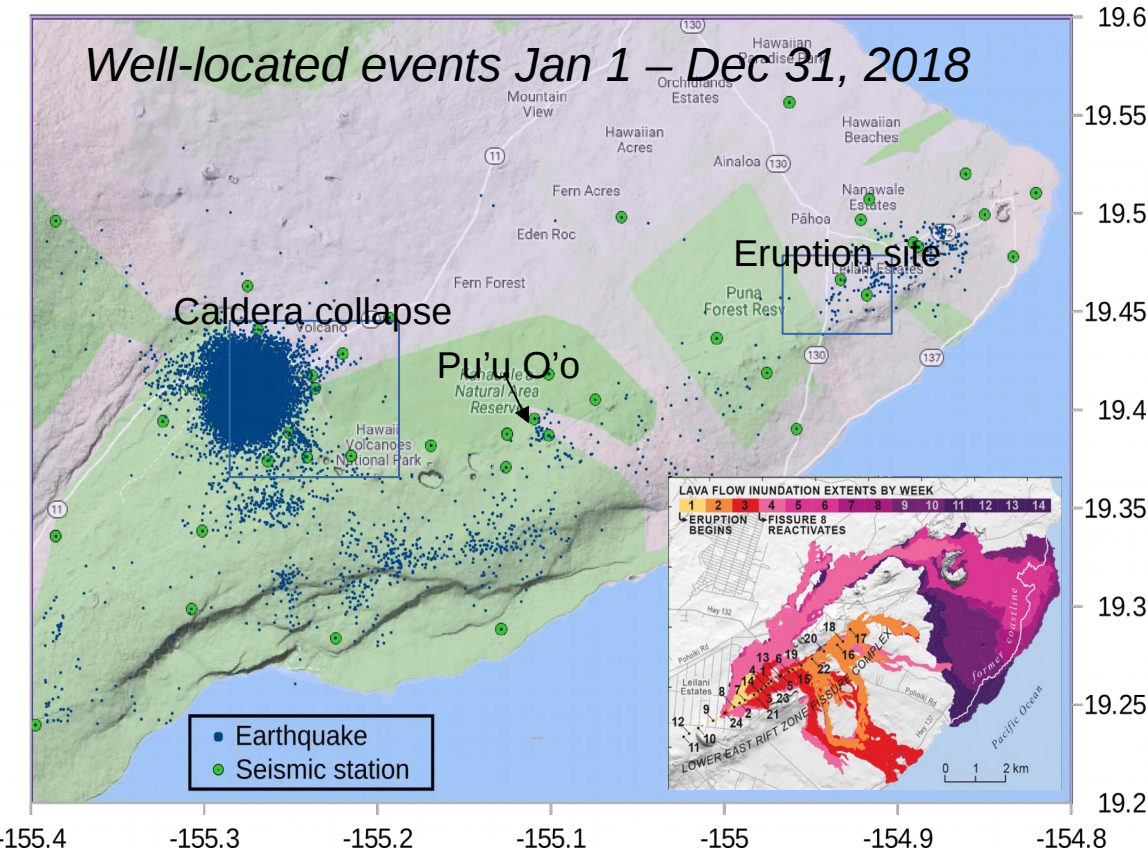


Piton de la Fournaise, La Reunion - 1998

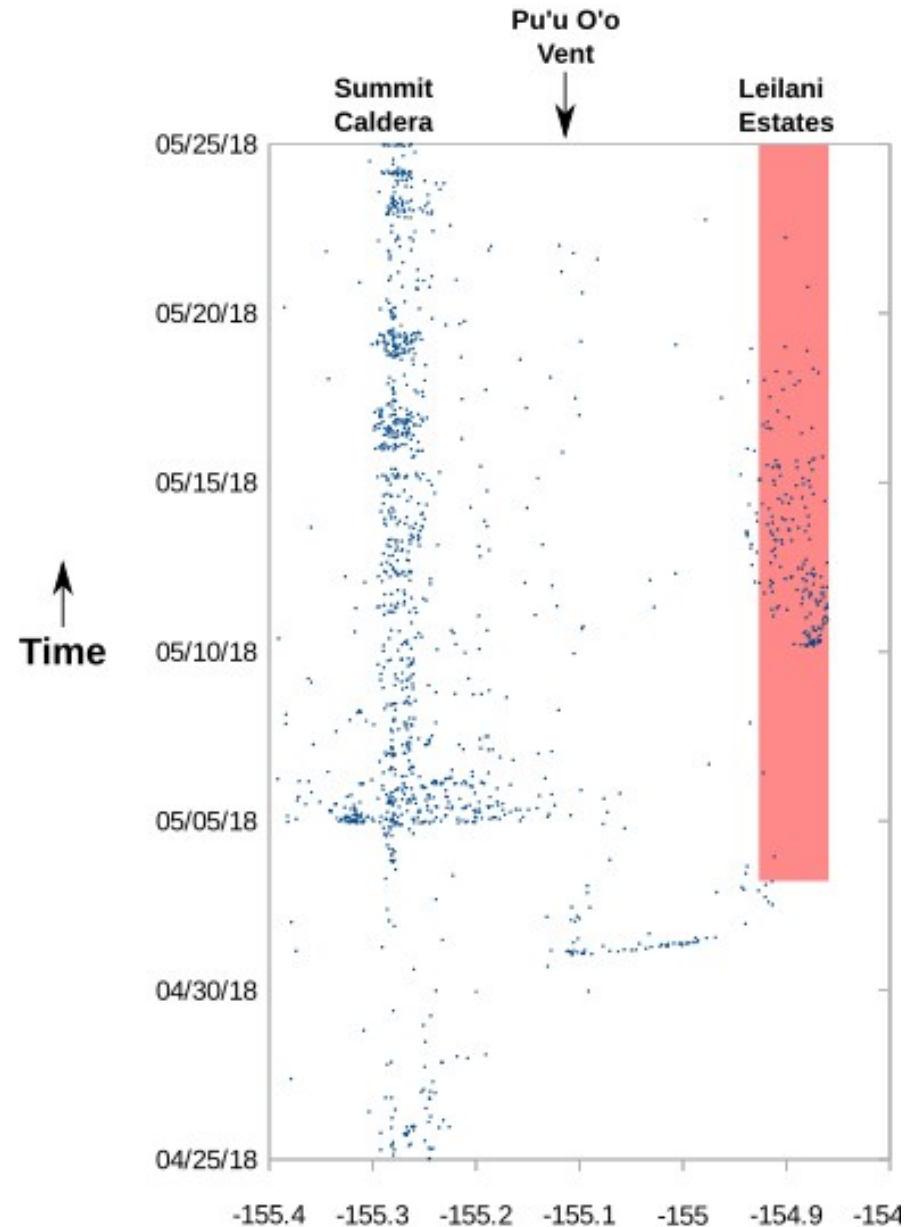


VTs: Low-Viscosity Magmas

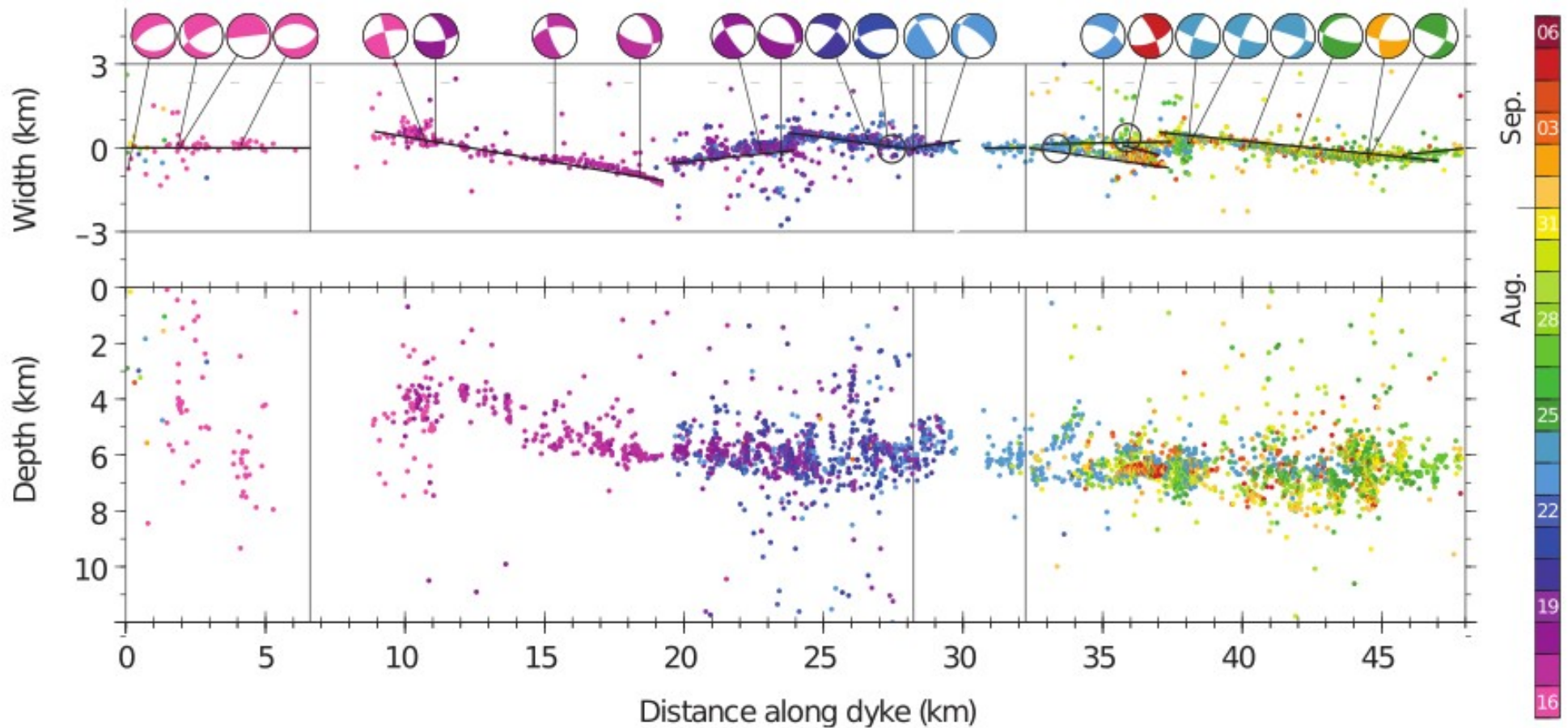
Kilauea, Hawai'i - 2018



Inset: Neal et al. (2018)

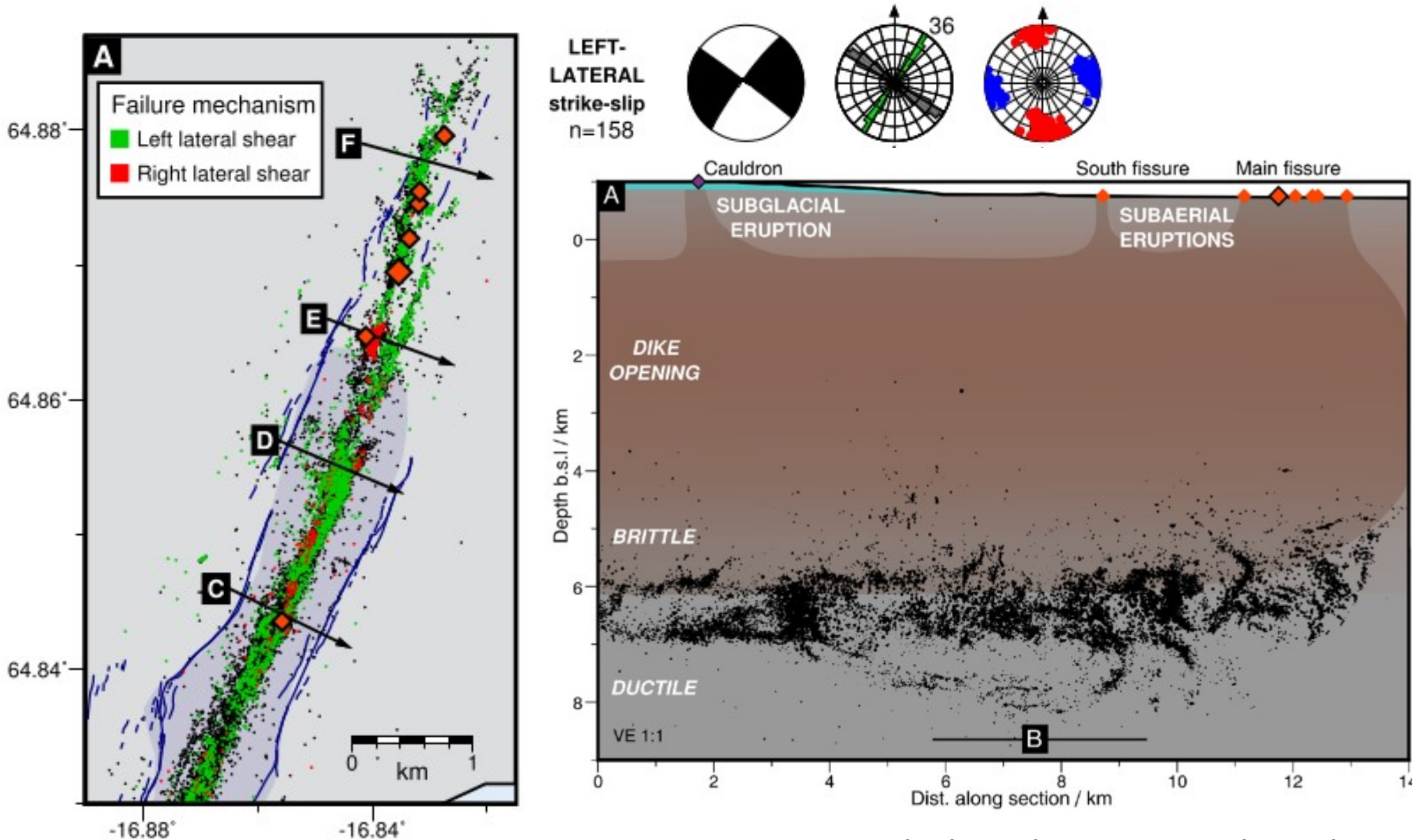


Holuhraun, Iceland - 2014



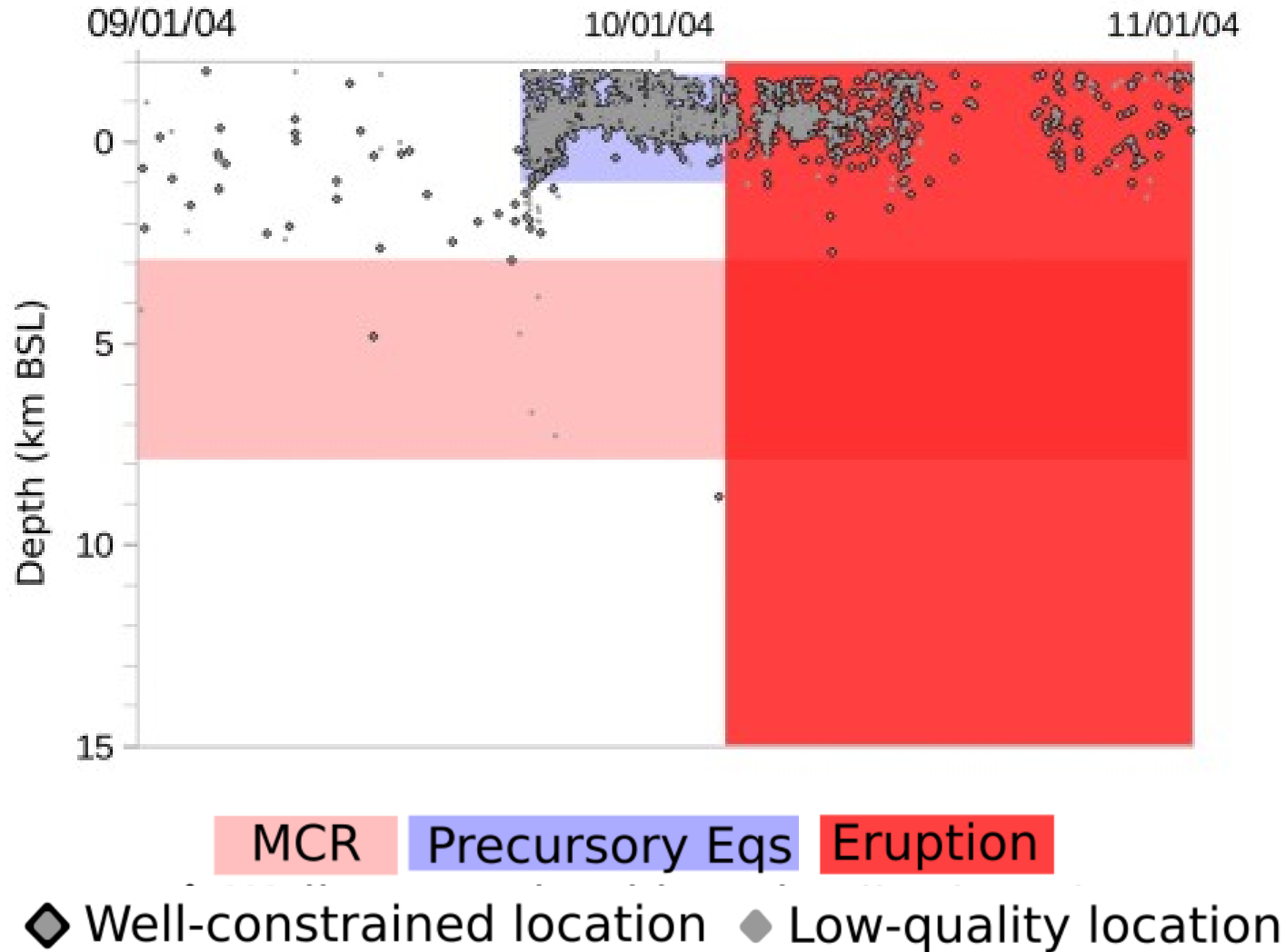
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VTs: High-Viscosity Magmas

Mt. St. Helens, Washington - 2004

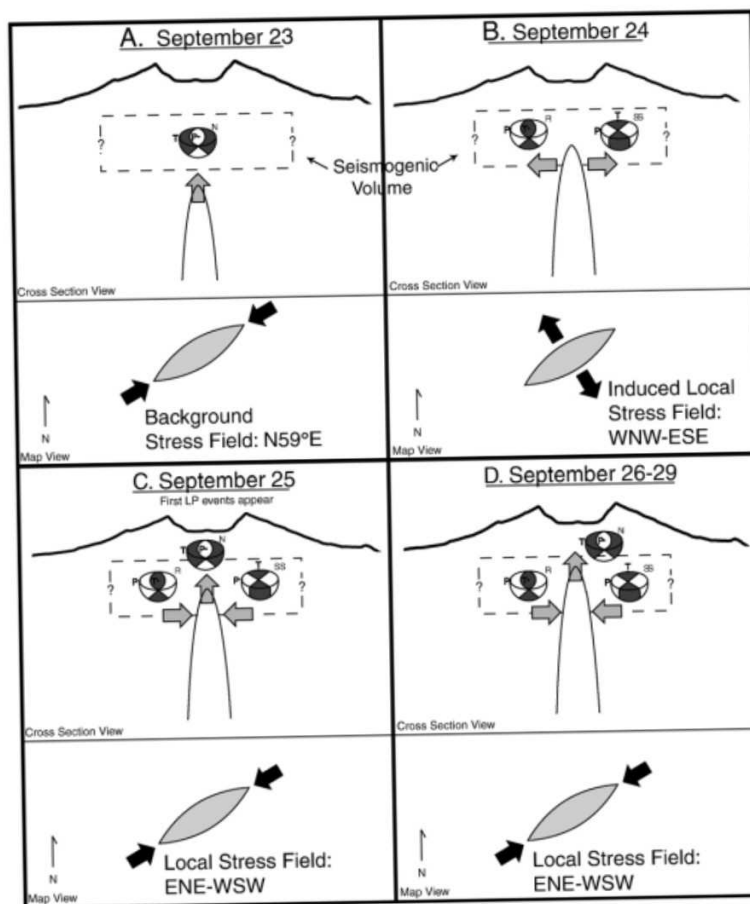
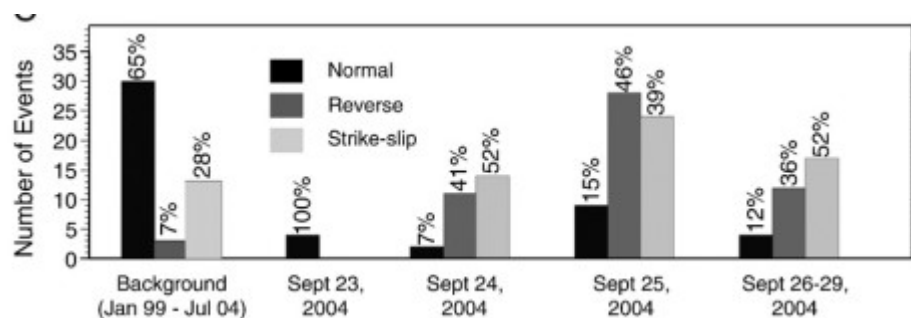
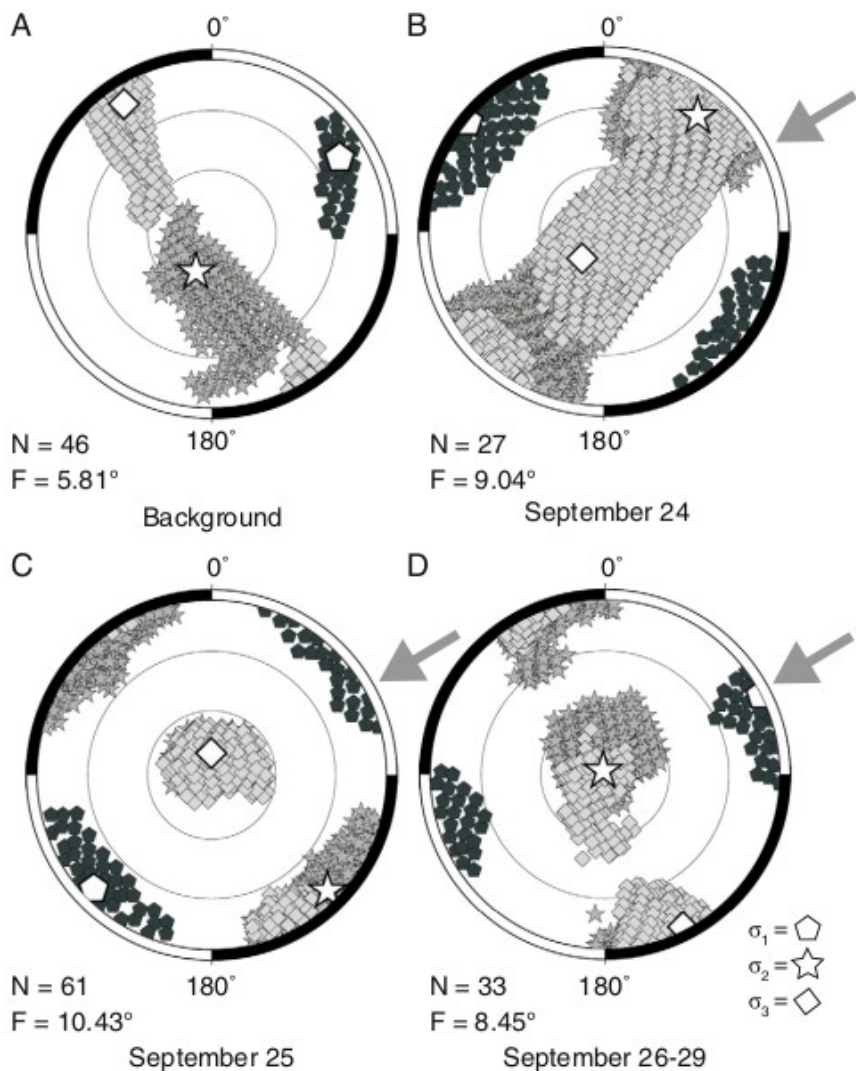


Roman and Cashman (2018)

Seismic: Moran et al. 2008; Geodesy: Dzurisin et al. 2008; Petrology: Pallister et al. 2008

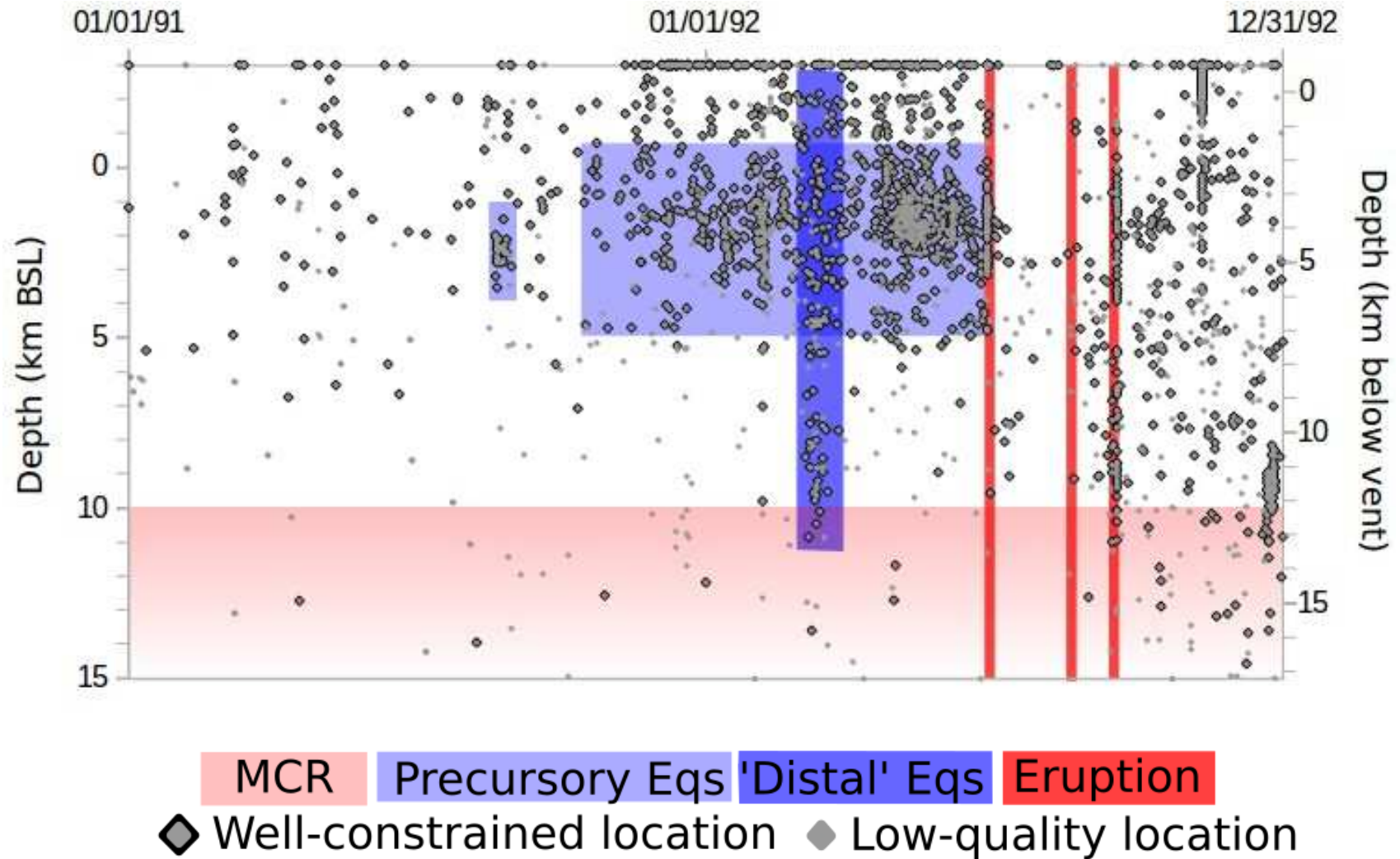
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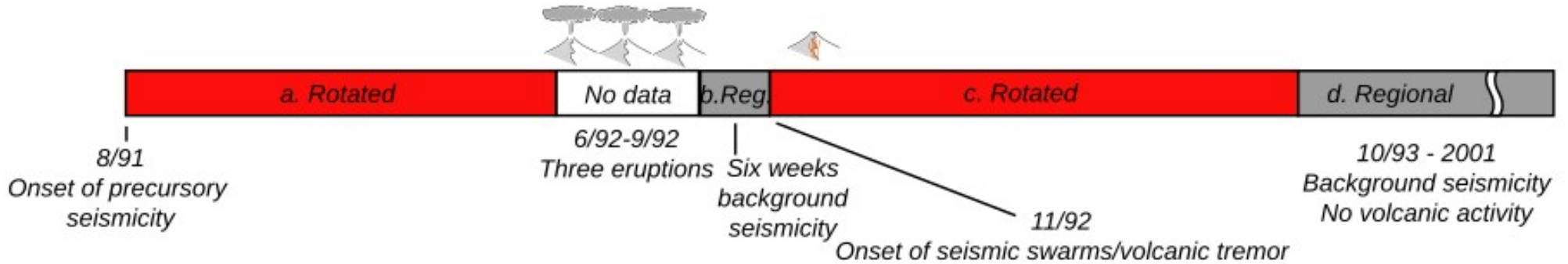
Mt. Spurr/Crater Peak, Alaska - 1992



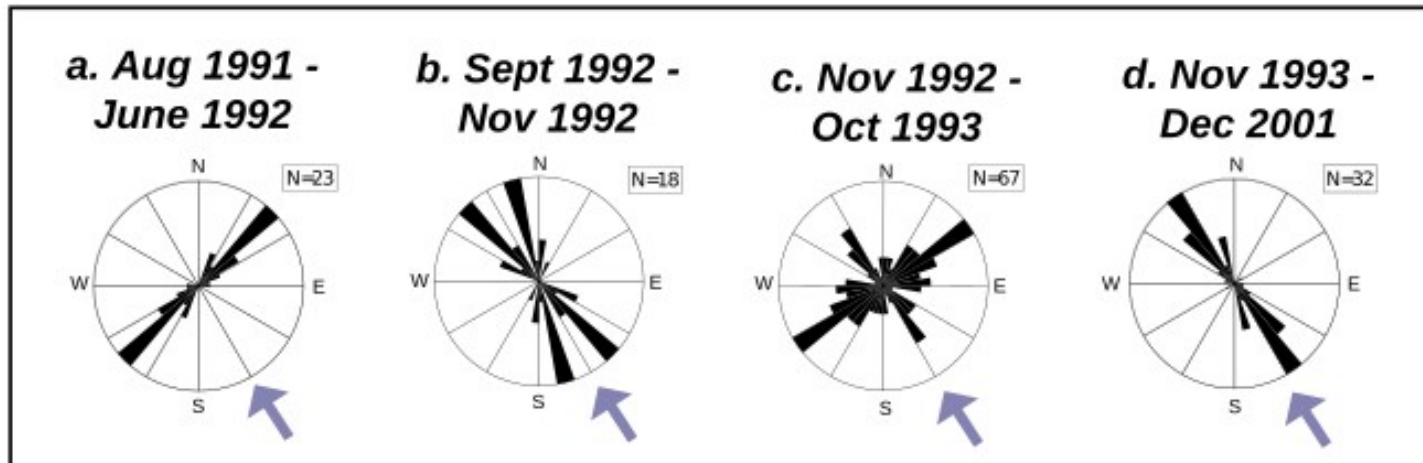
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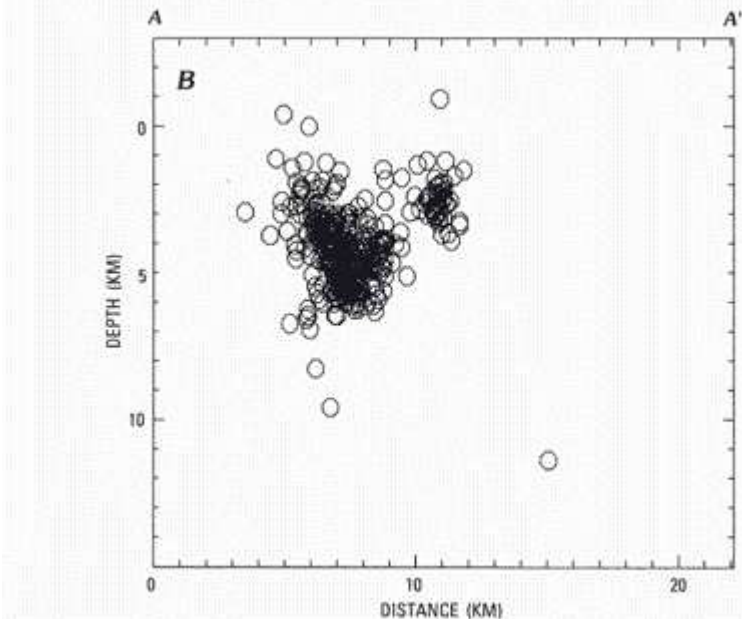
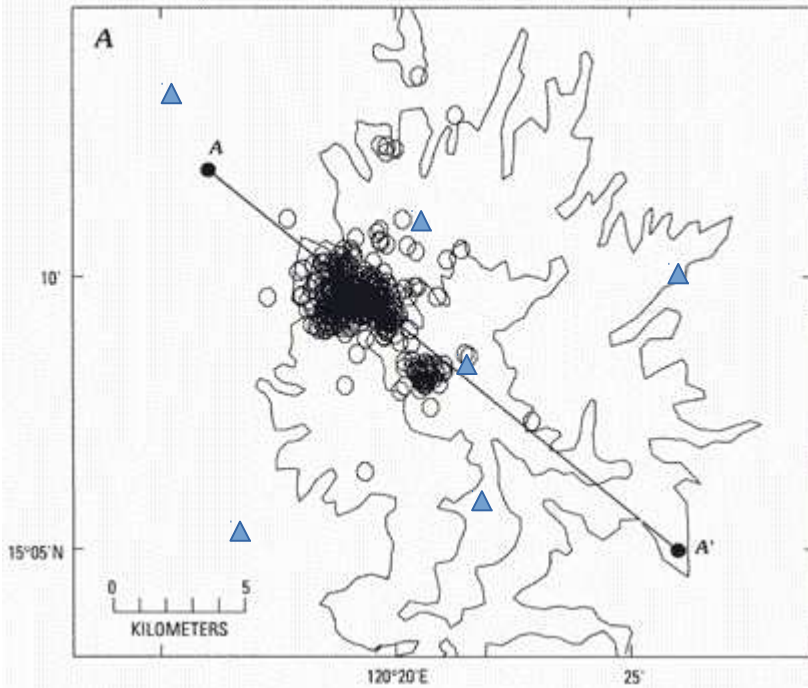
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Fault-plane solution P-Axis azimuths

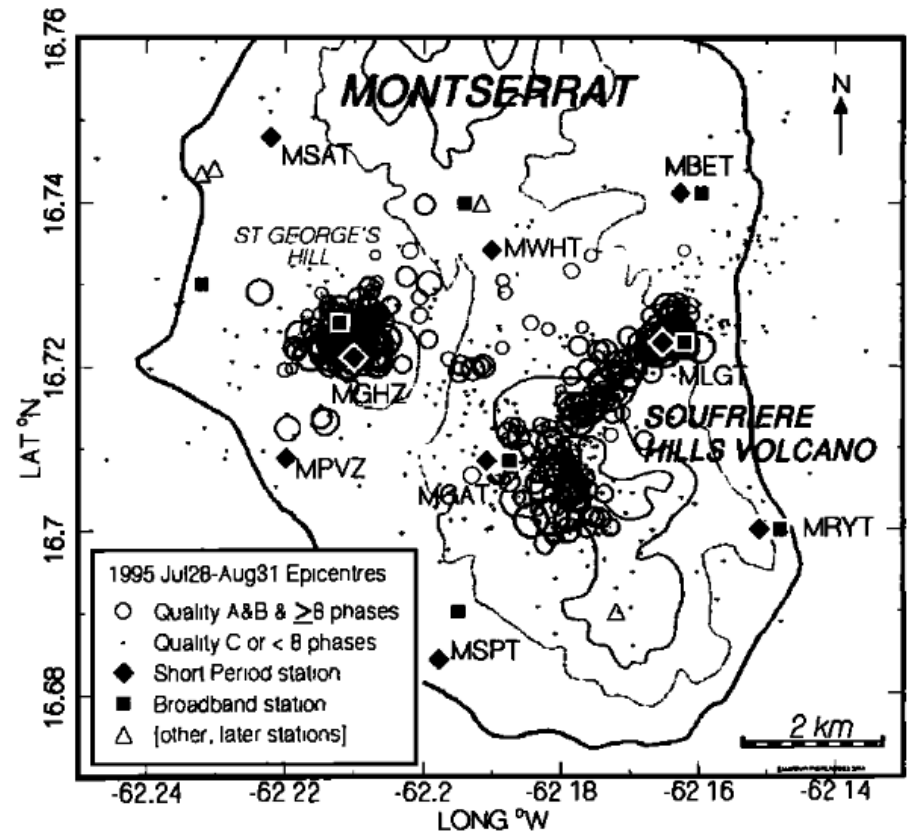


Distal VT Earthquakes



Harlow et al., 1996

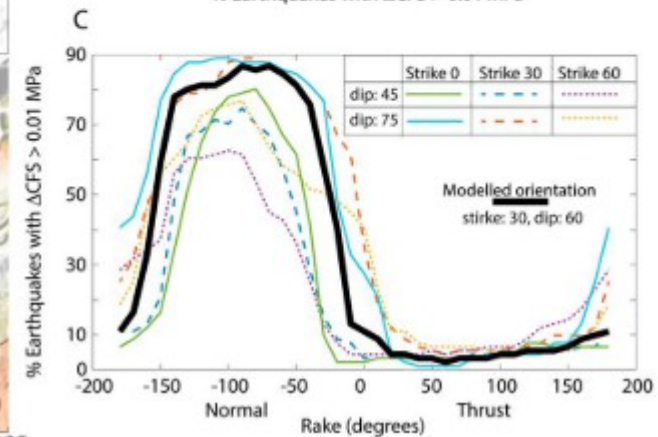
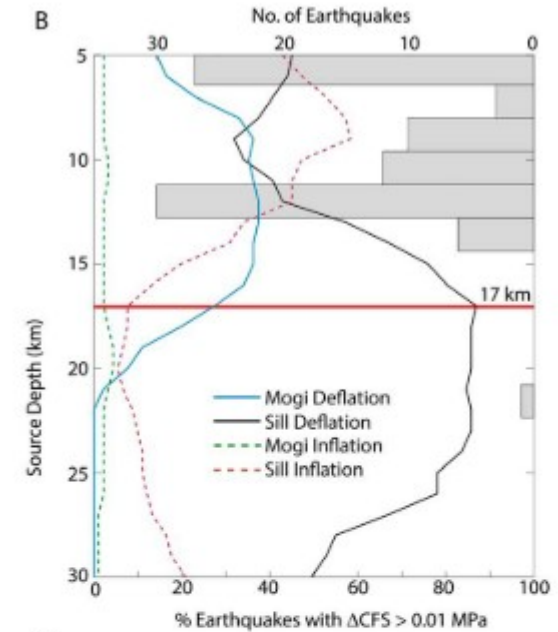
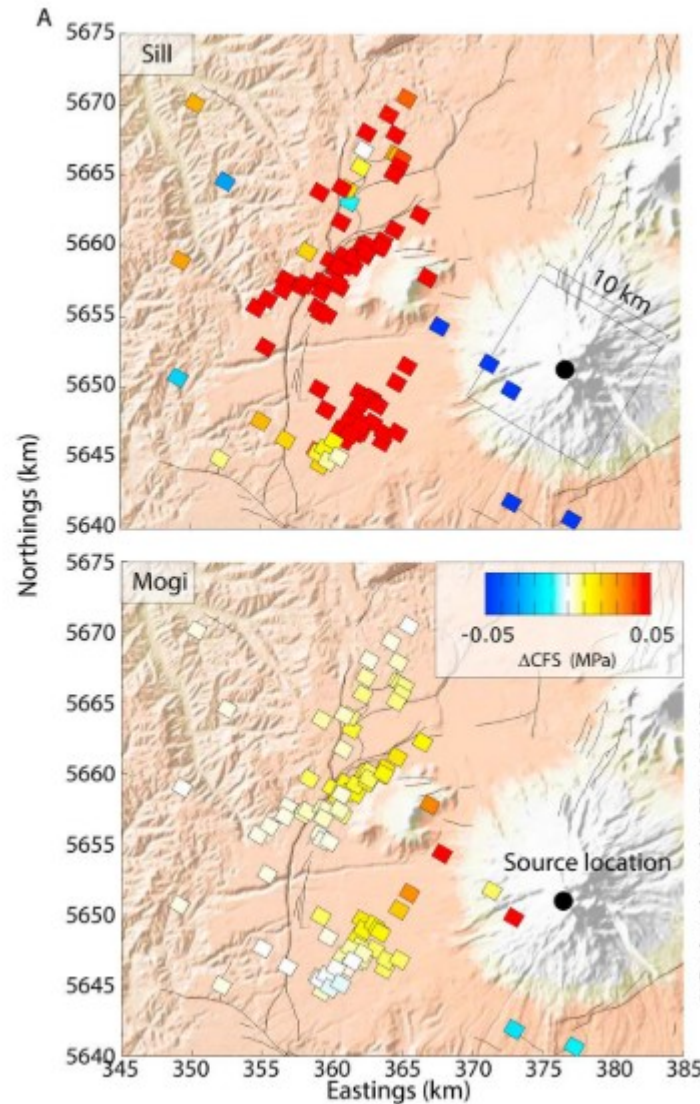
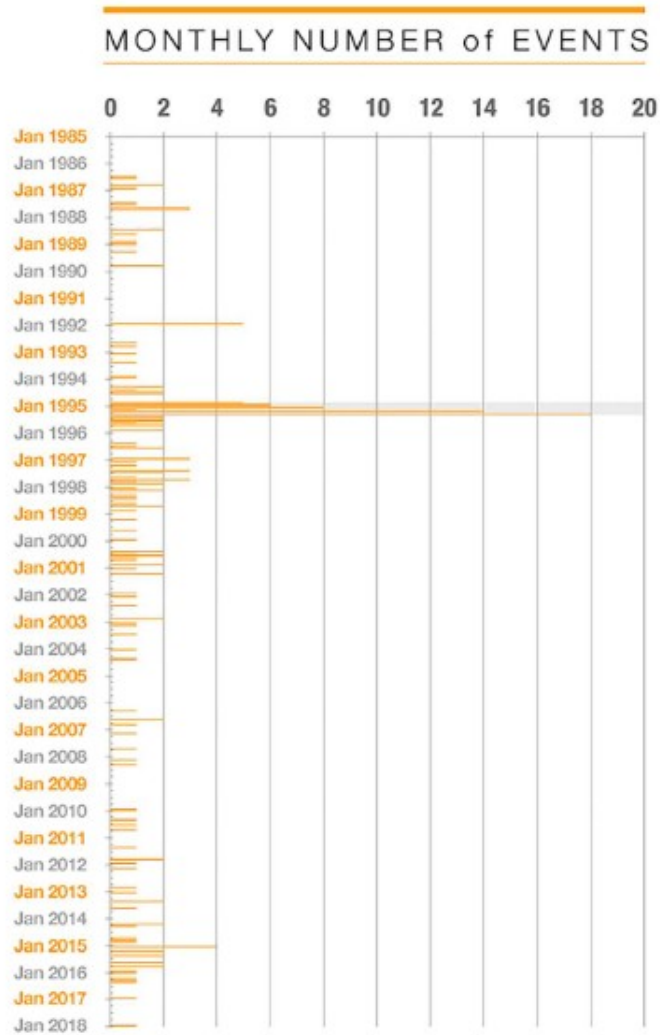
Left: Pinatubo 1991
Below: Soufriere Hills 1995



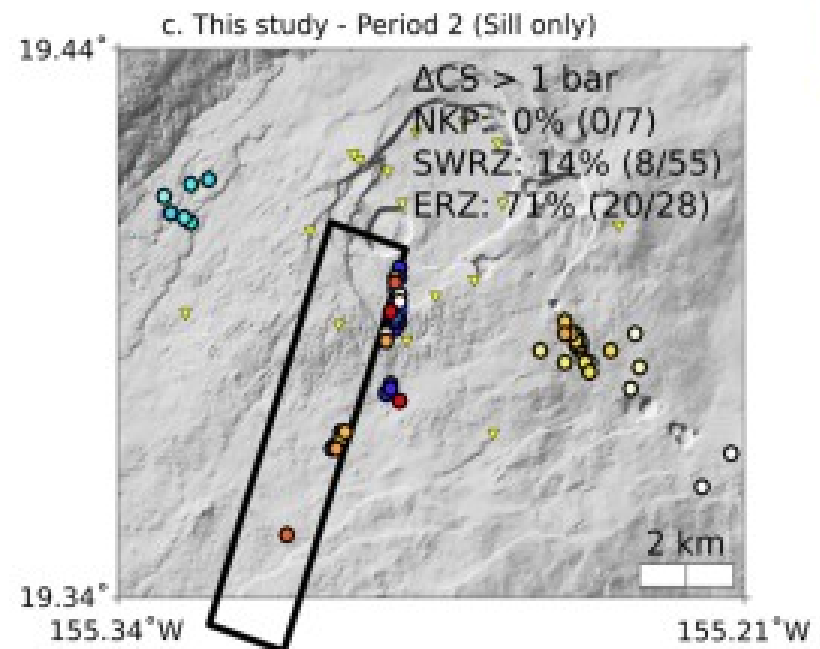
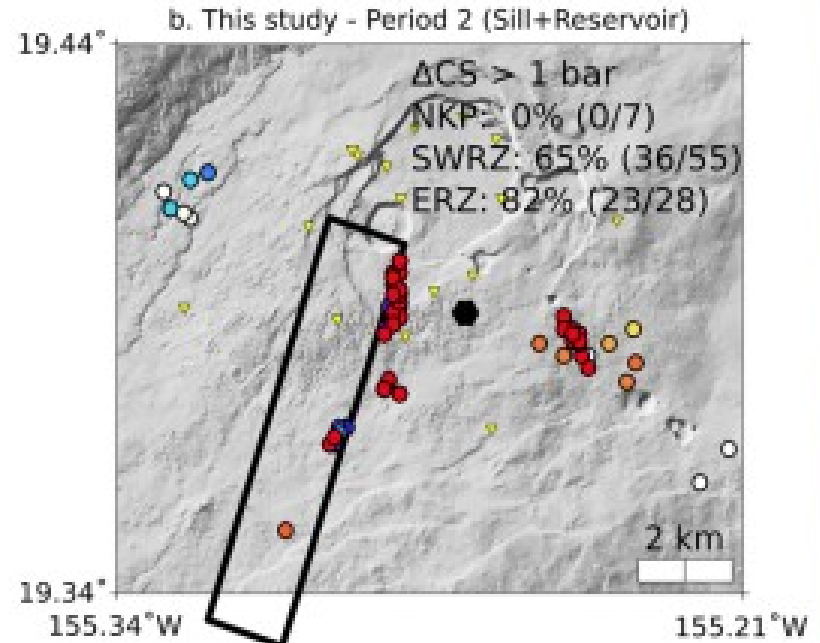
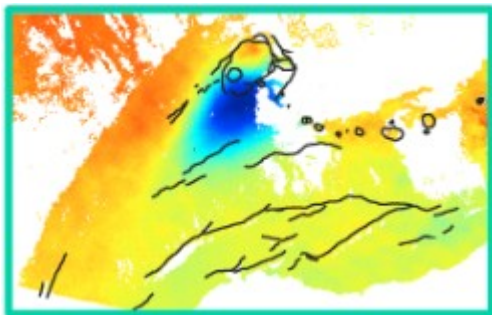
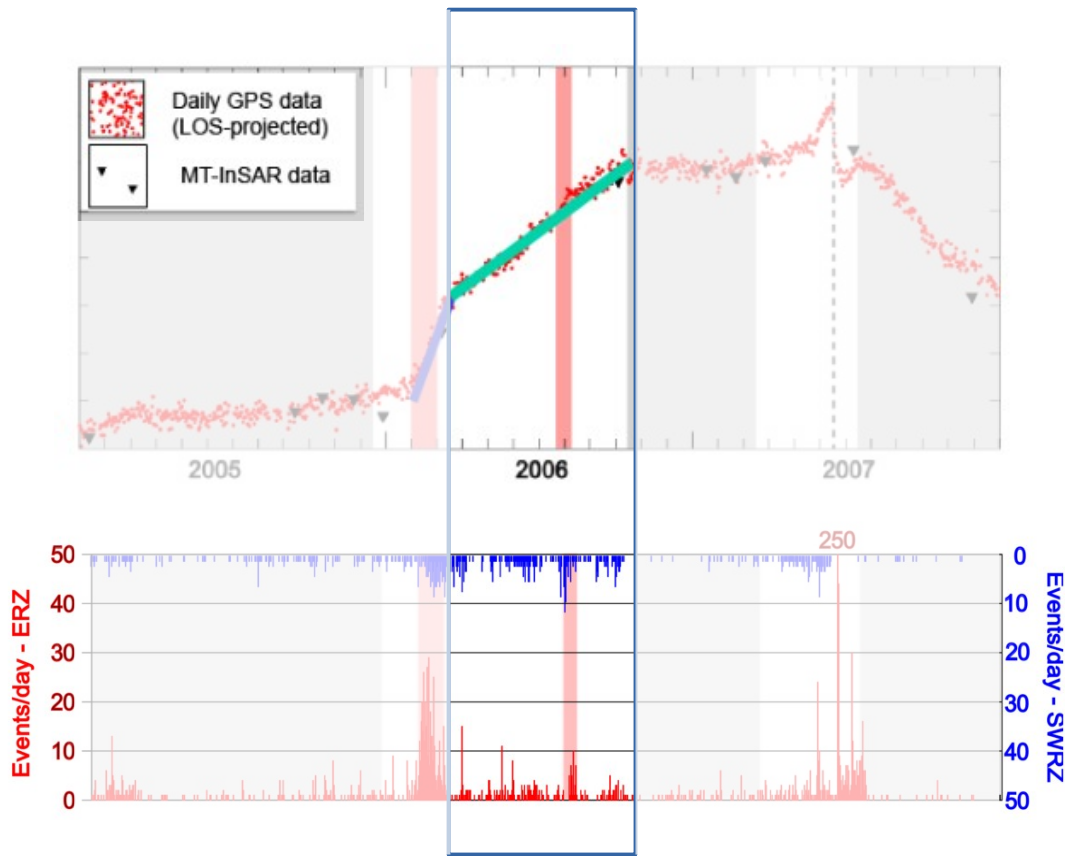
Aspinall et al., 1998

Distal VT Earthquakes

Ruapehu, New Zealand - 1995



Distal VT Earthquakes



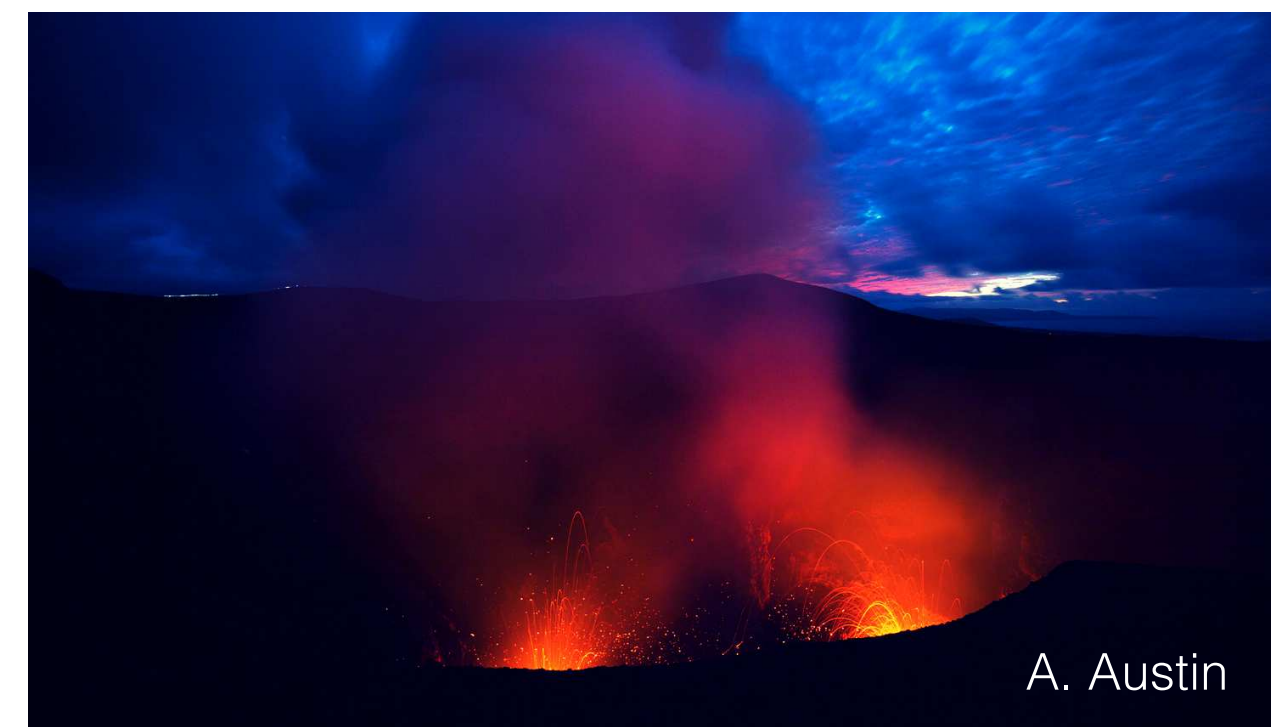


Seismo-acoustic signals associated with volcanic processes II

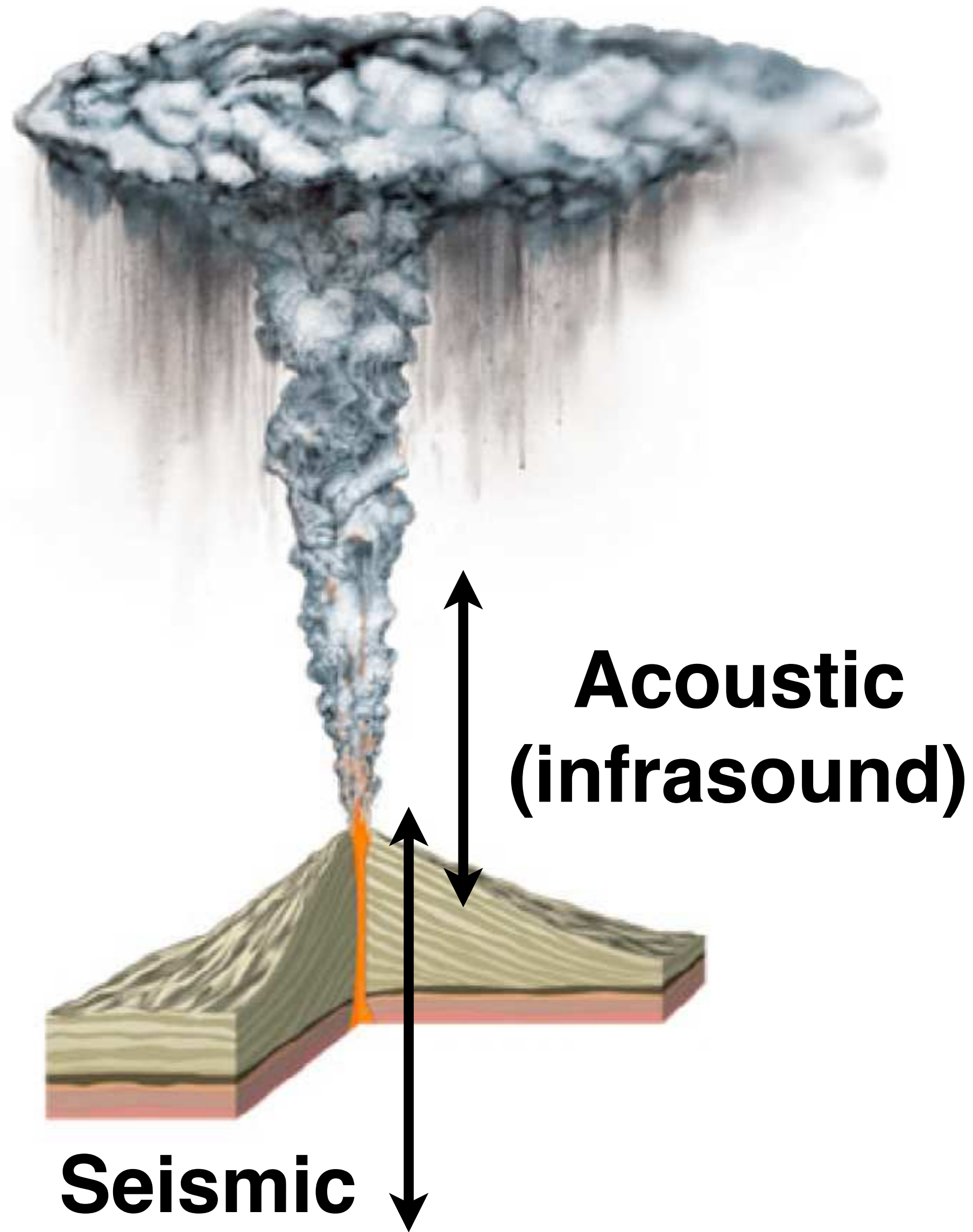
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image: Tyson Fisher



Volcano seismology and acoustics



Acoustic

- Atmospheric acoustics (infrasound): ~ 0.01 -20 Hz
- Variety of shallow and subaerial sources
- Explosive volcanism: powerful signals

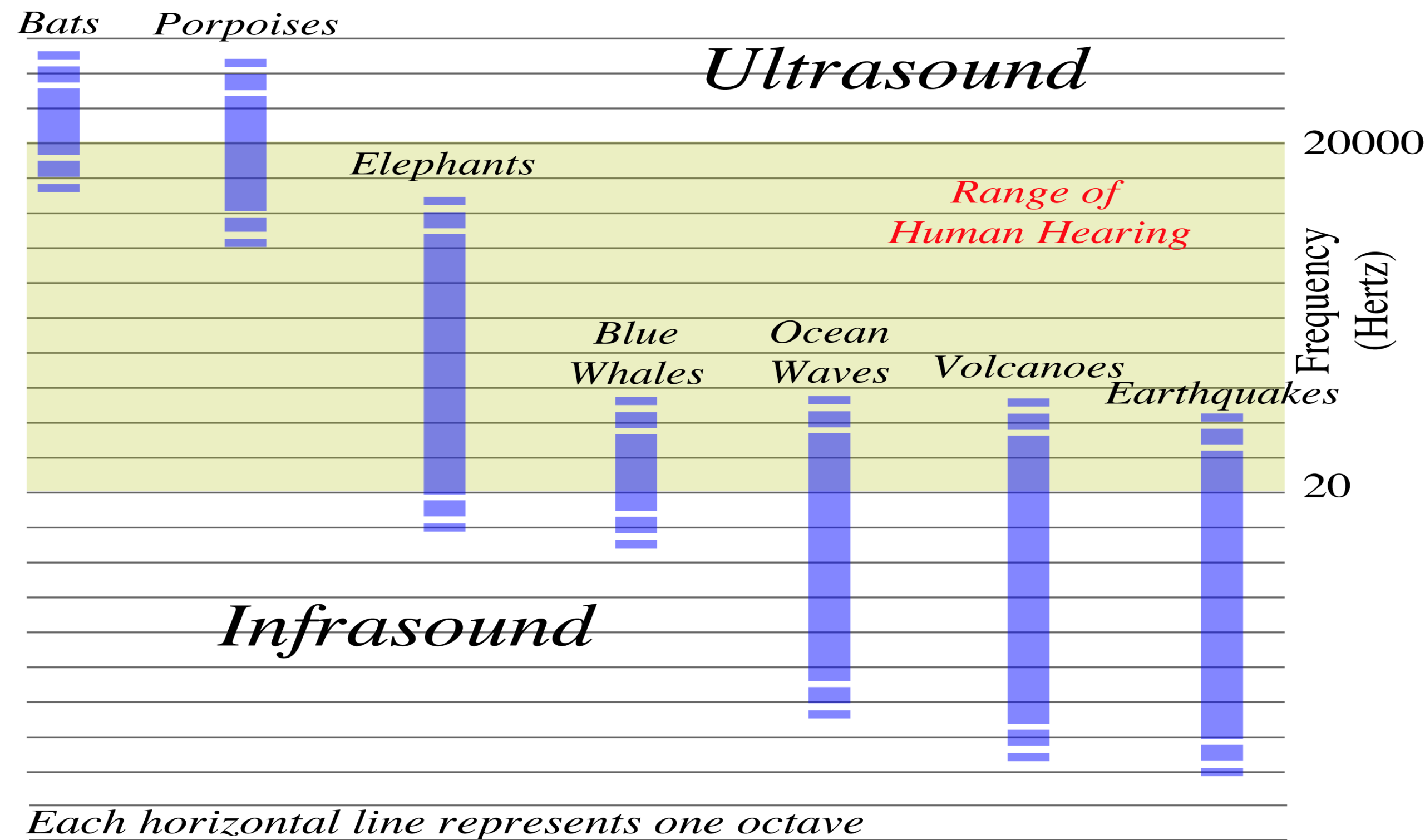
Seismic

- Migration of fluid from mantle depths to surface
- Faulting & fluid transport in the solid earth
- Limited propagation $<$ few hundred km

Infrasound

- Low-frequency acoustic waves below the 20 Hz human hearing threshold
- cf infrared

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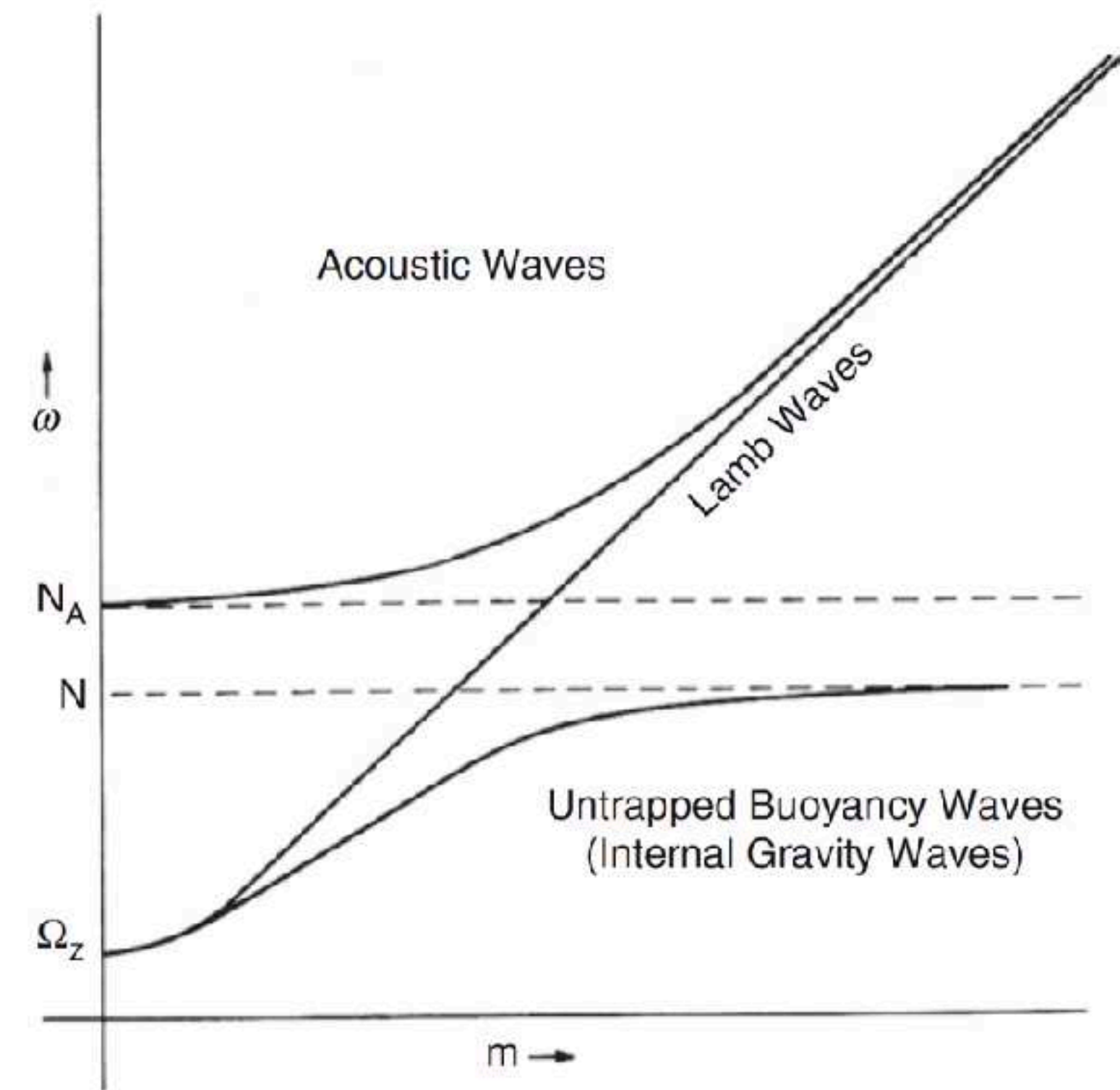


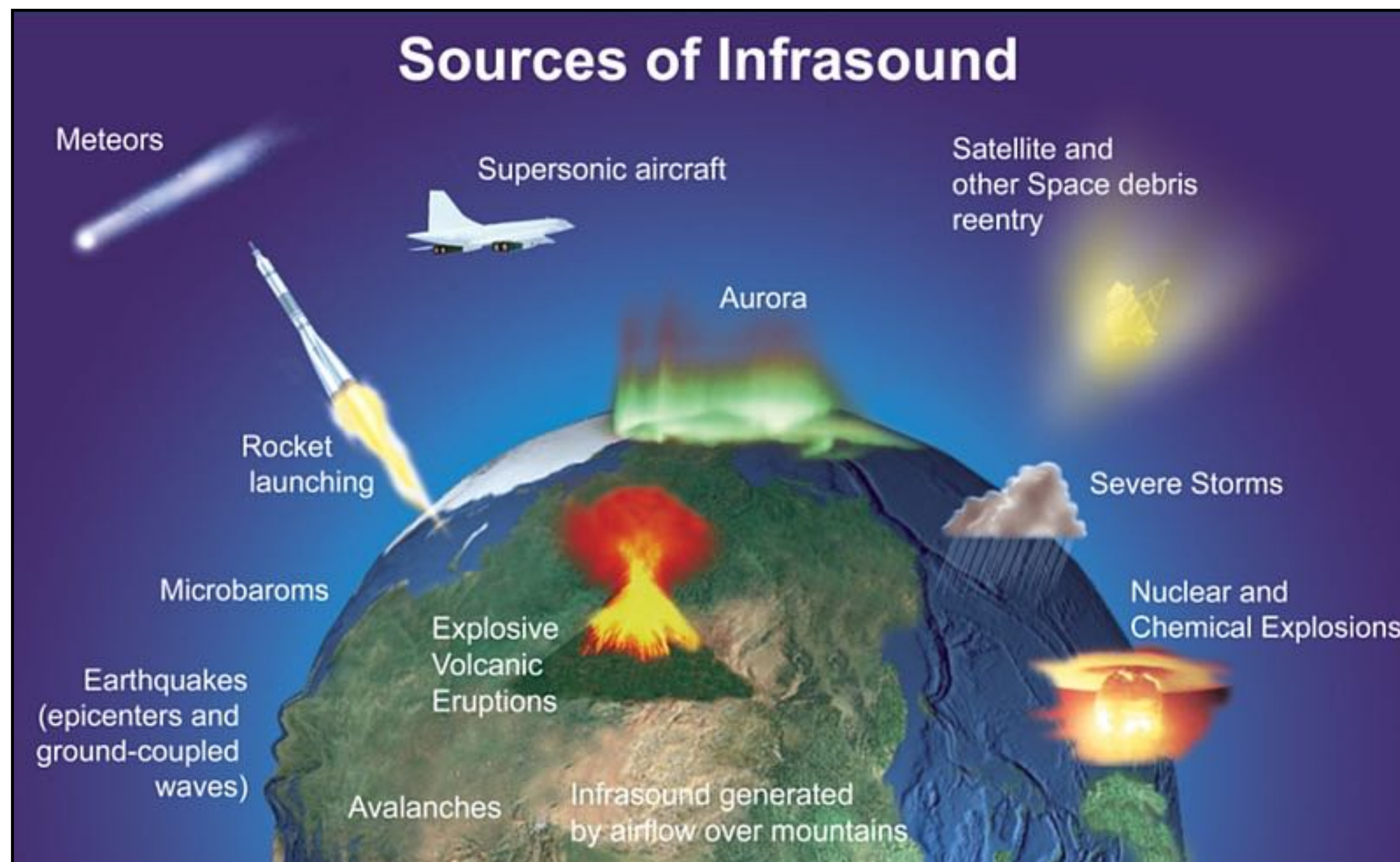
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Evers and Haak [2010] after Gossard and Hooke [1975]

Infrasound

- Large wavelengths ($15 \text{ m} \leq \lambda \leq 100 \text{ km}$), produced by large sources

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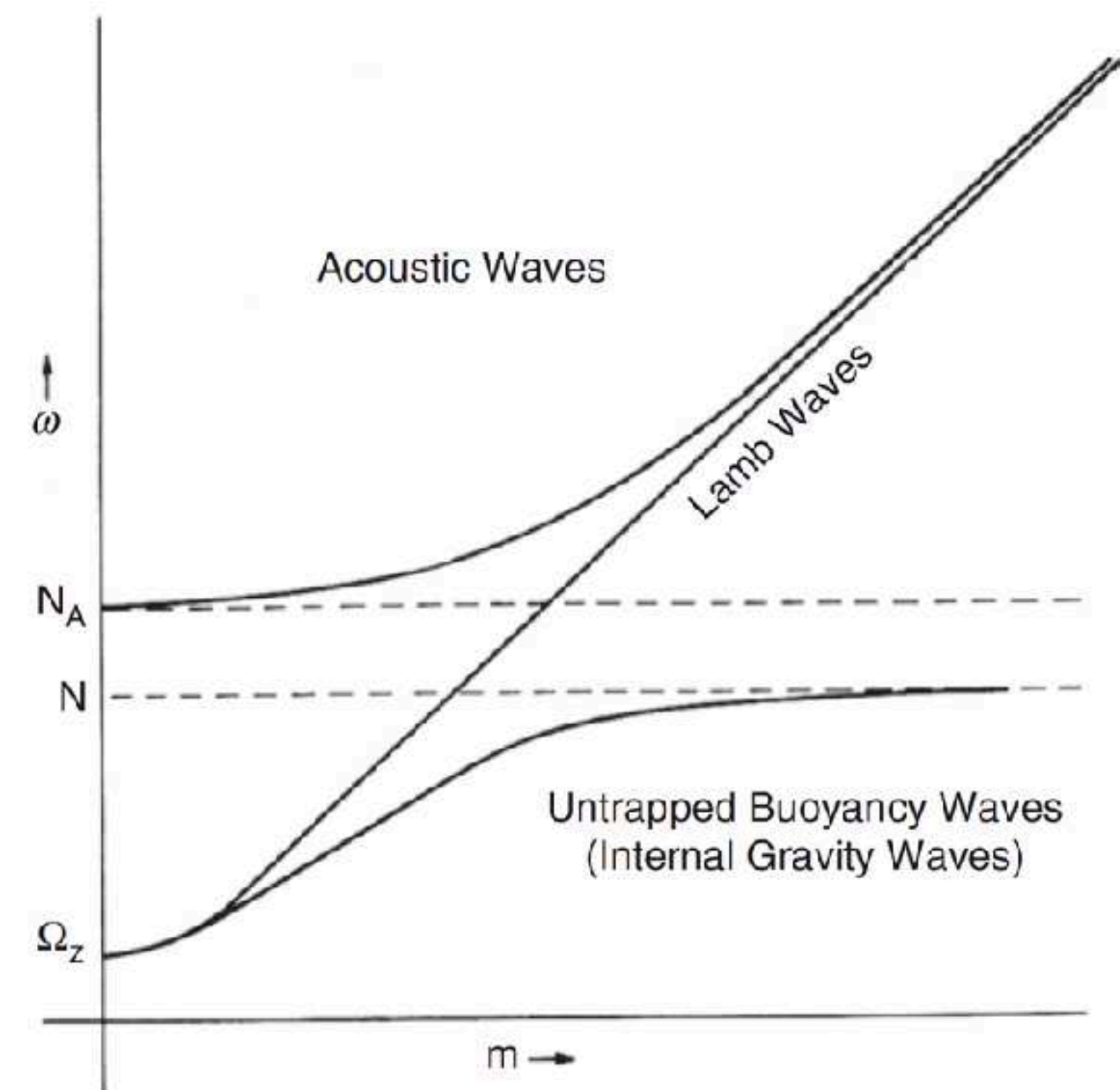


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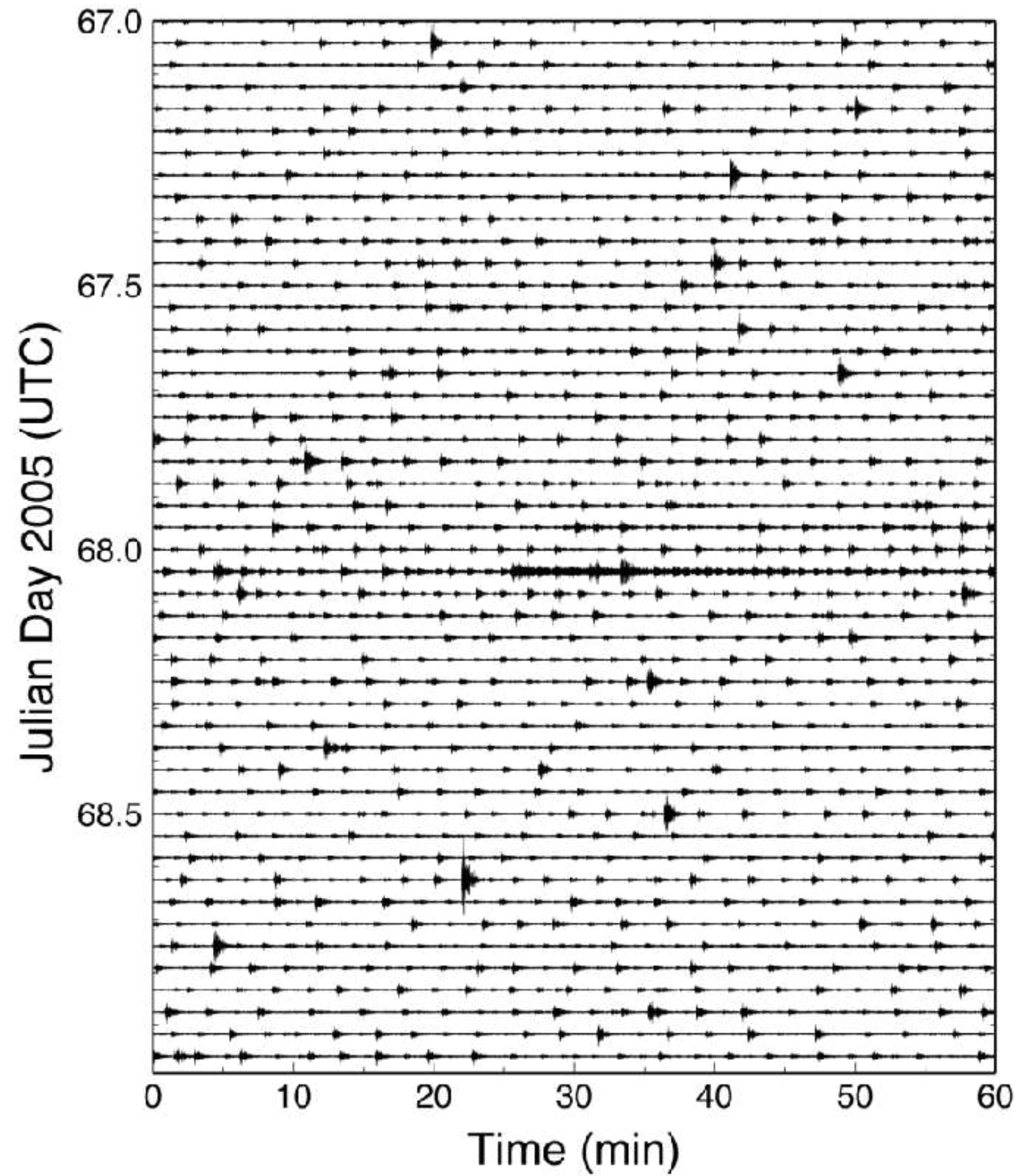
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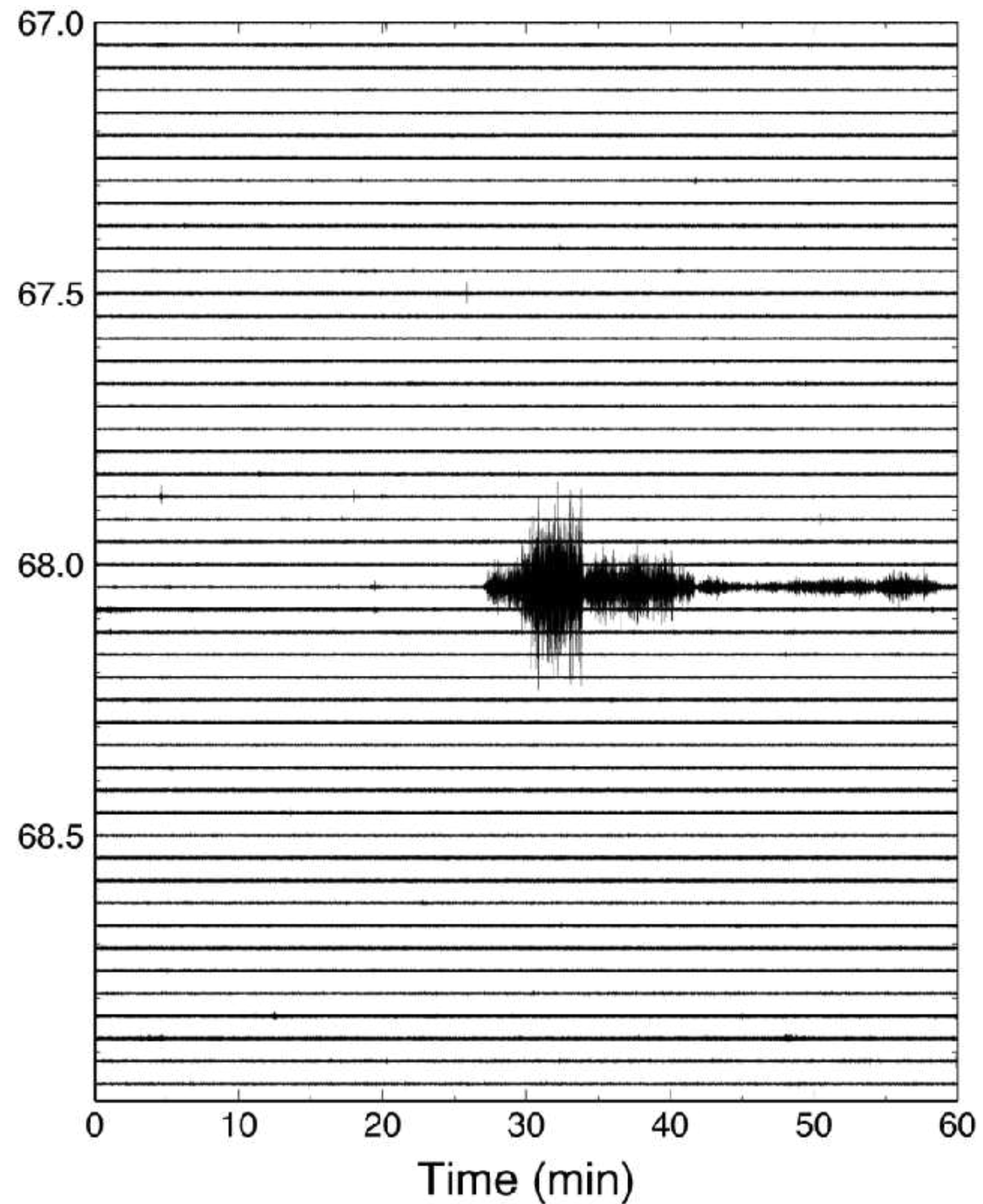


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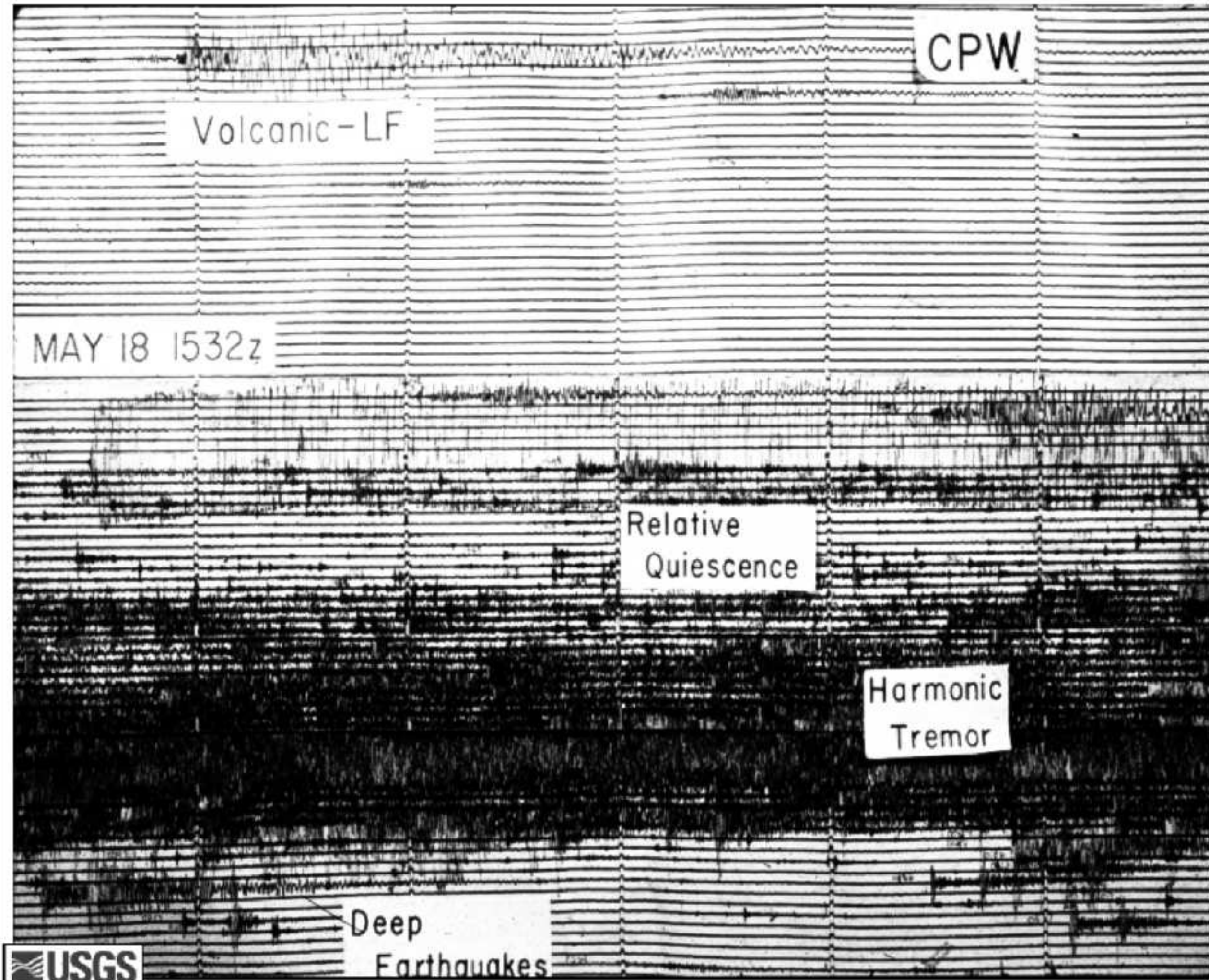


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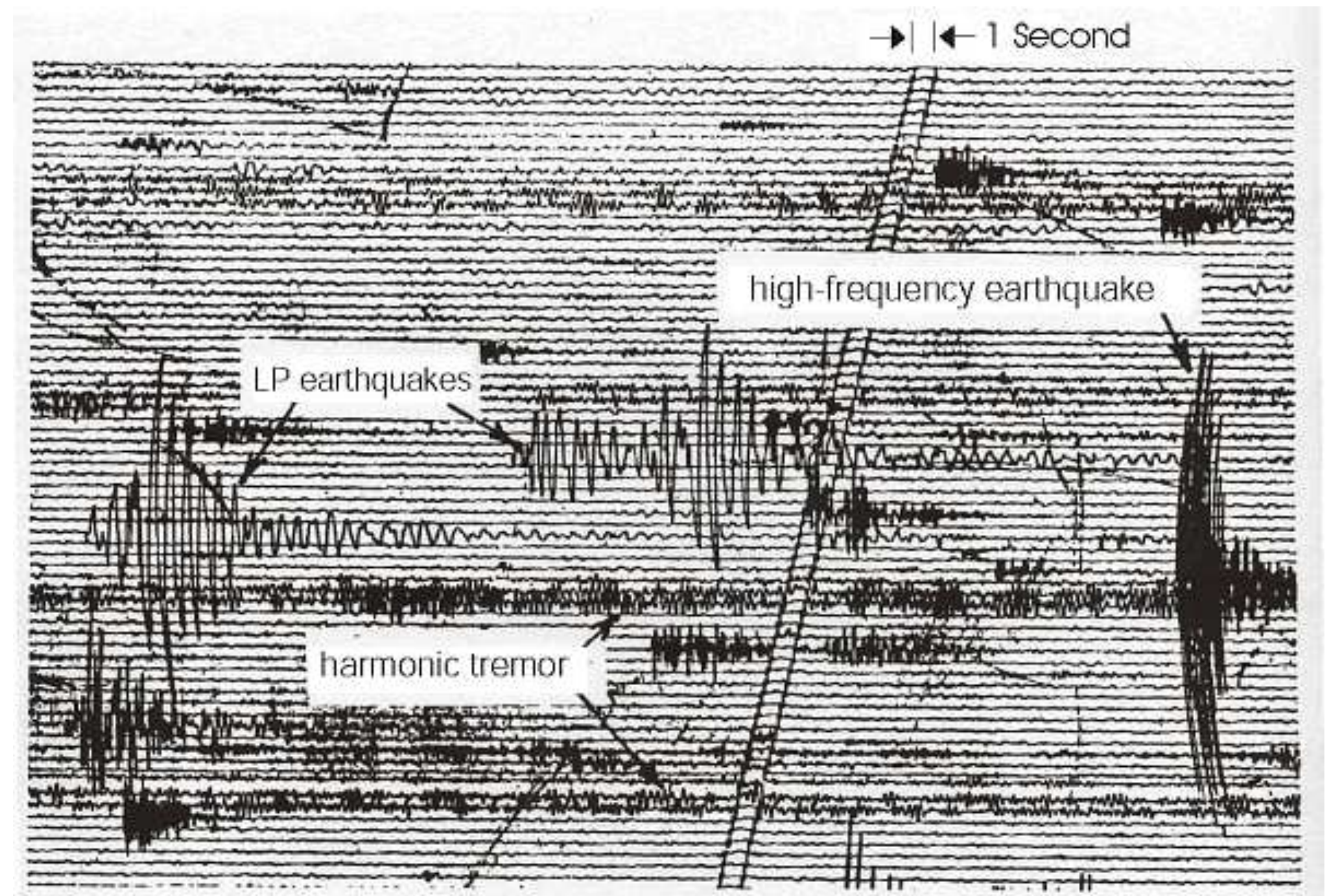


Volcano seismology: signal classification

Mount St. Helens, May 18, 1980, Station CPW, 70 miles to the northwest



- Classifications based on waveform and frequency content
- What you see depends on instrumentation
- Classifications based on physical mechanism

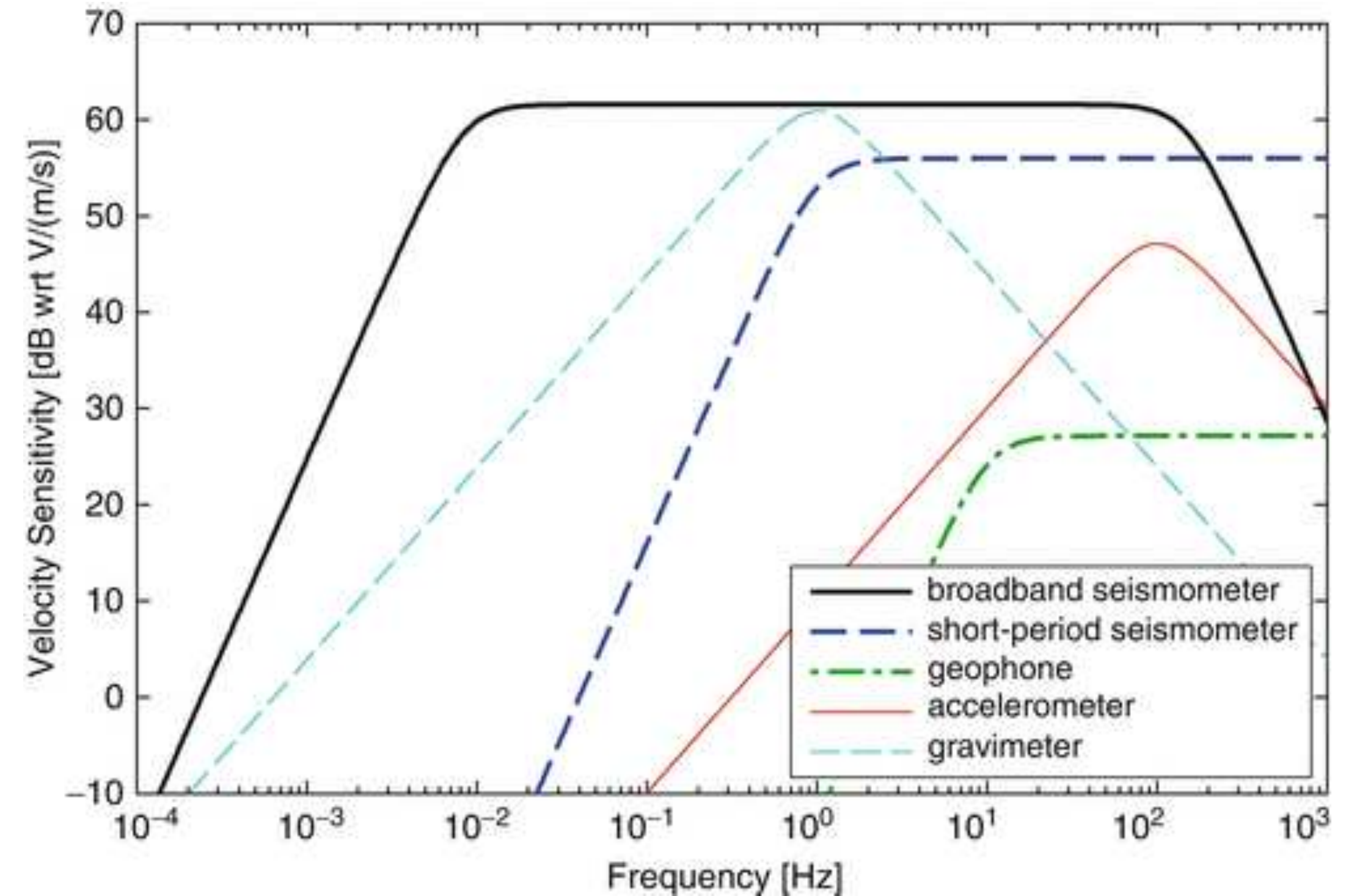


Volcano seismology: signal classification

Classification based on frequency content

Typically (but not always), the following definitions are used [Ohminato et al. 1998]:

	Period	Frequency
• Ultra-long-period (ULP)	>100 s or <0.01 Hz	
• Very-long-period (VLP)	2–100 s or 0.01–0.5 Hz	
• Long-period (LP)	0.2–2 s or 0.5–5 Hz	
• Short-period (SP)	0.05–0.2 s or 5–20 Hz	



Ackerley [2015]

https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-35344-4_172

- Strictly speaking, this terminology refers just to the band of the signal
- However, in general, different physical processes occur on different time and spatial scales
- Observed volcanic signals often do not fall neatly into these bands

The advent of broadband seismometry led to observations of new signals: VLPs and ULPs

VLPs: Strombolian gas slug ascent

Yasur, Vanuatu *Matoza et al. [2018]*

- Short-duration asymmetric explosion waveforms
- Near-continuous broadband infrasonic tremor consisting of repetitive positively skewed pulses

[Marchetti et al., 2013; Meier et al., 2016; Spina et al., 2016]

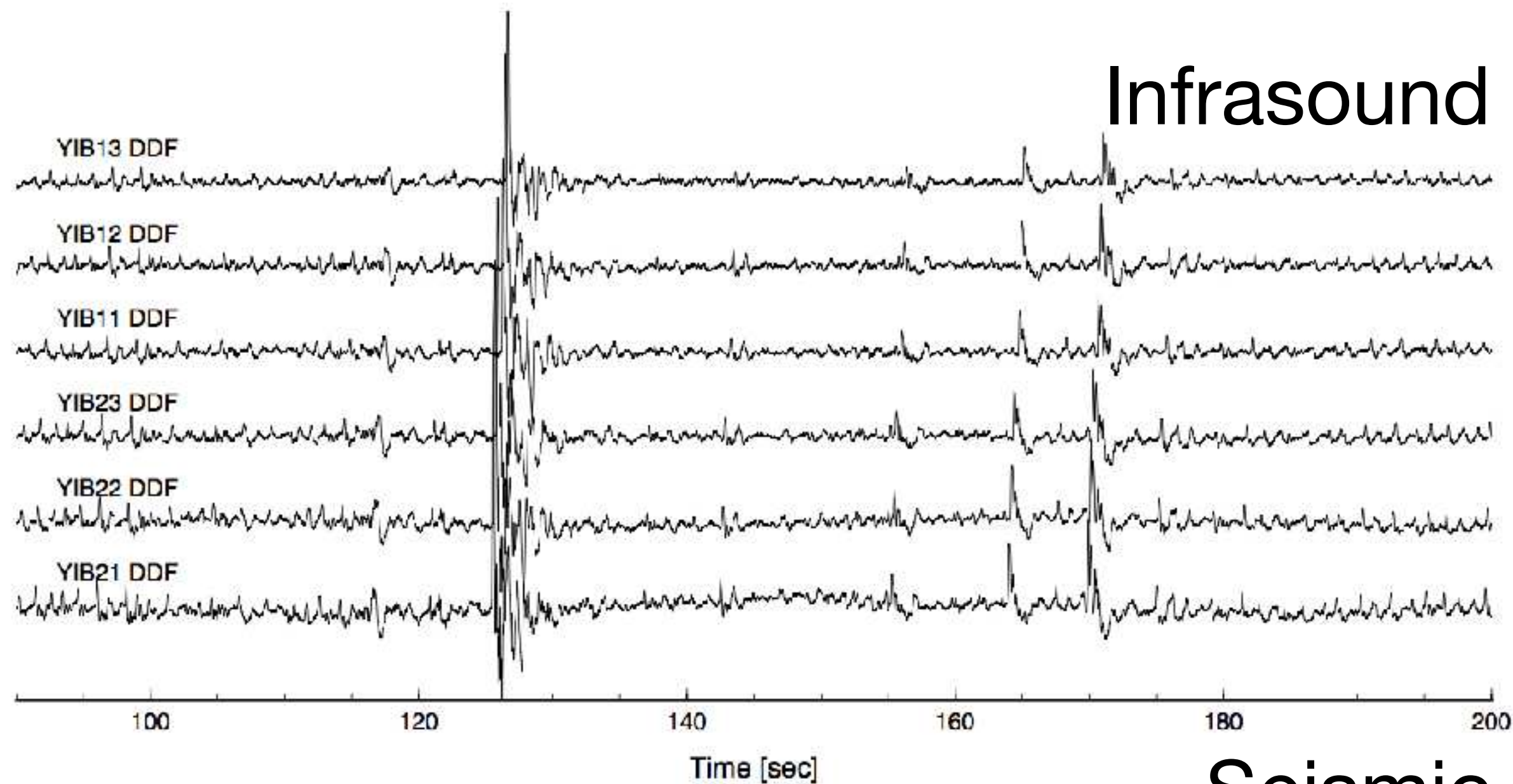
- Numerous repetitive long-period (LP) events
- Underlain by very-long-period (VLP) signals with periods of ~ 10 s

[Kremers et al., 2013; Battaglia et al., 2012; 2016]

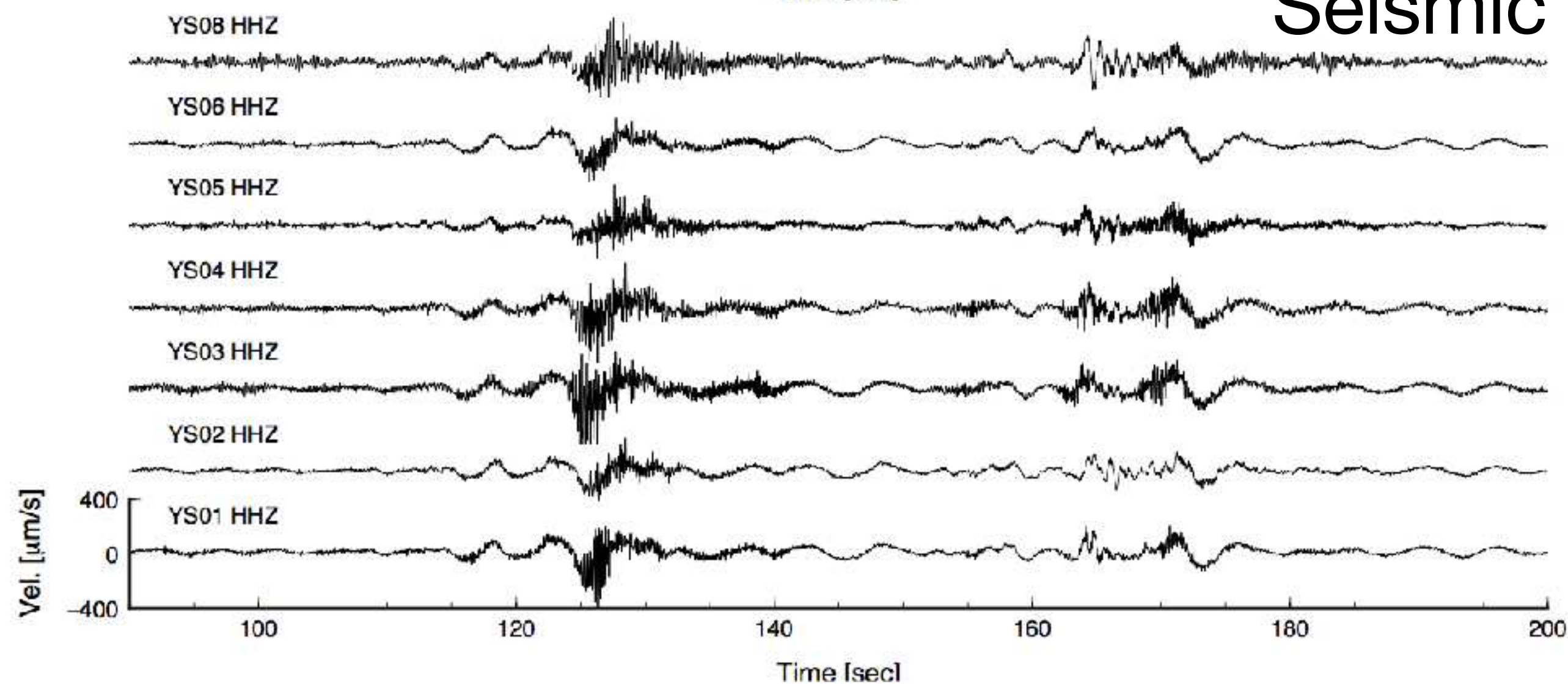
LP: 0.5–5 Hz (0.2–2 s period)

VLP: 0.01–0.5 Hz (2–100 s period)

Infrasound



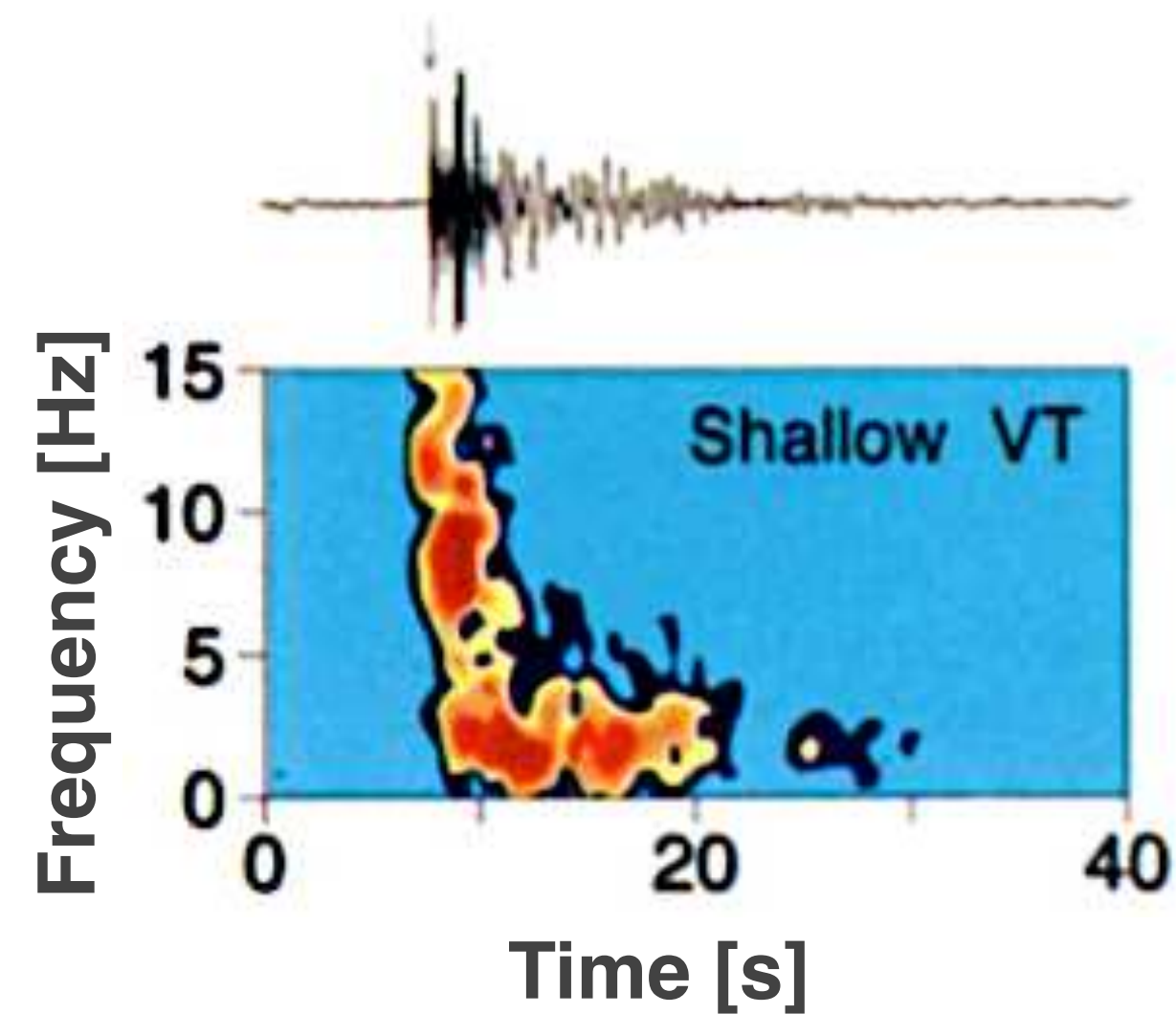
Seismic



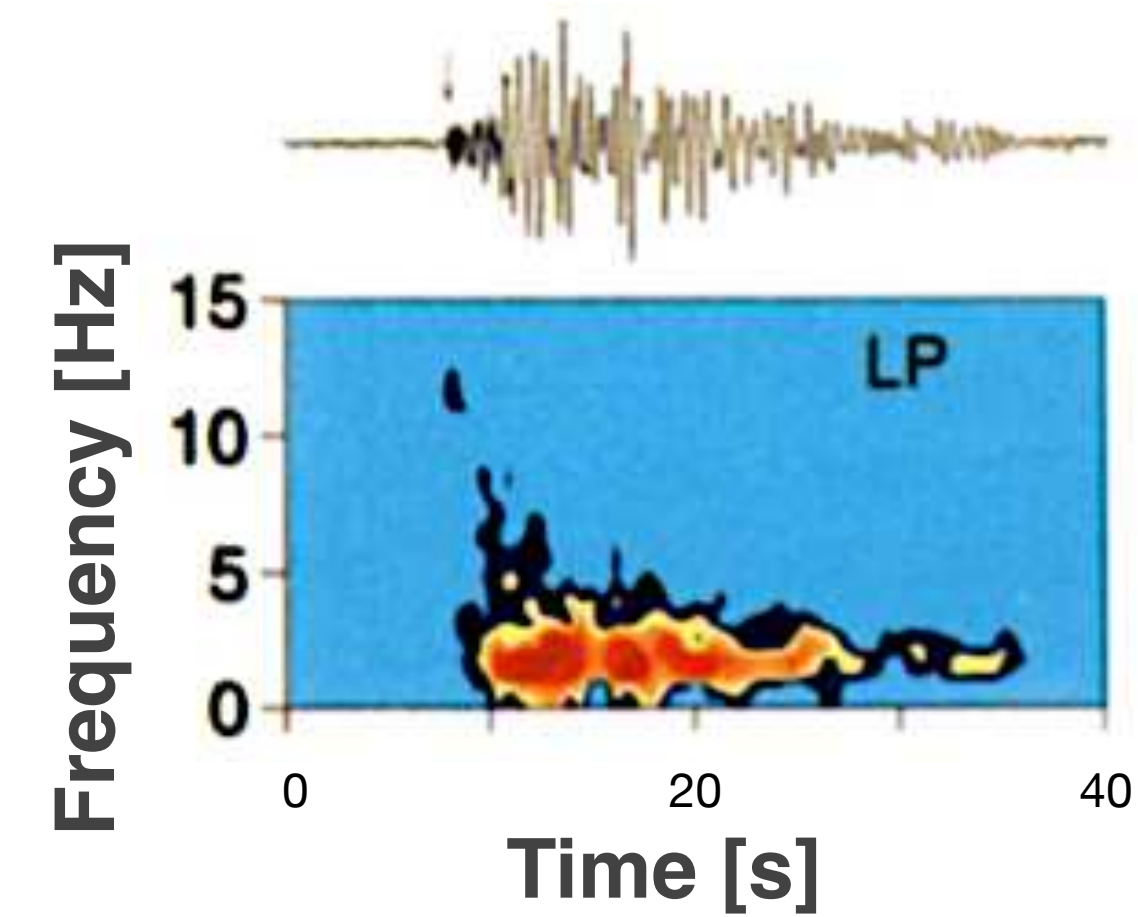
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Classification based on mechanism

1) **Volcano-tectonic (VT)**



2) **Long-period (LP) [0.5-5 Hz]**

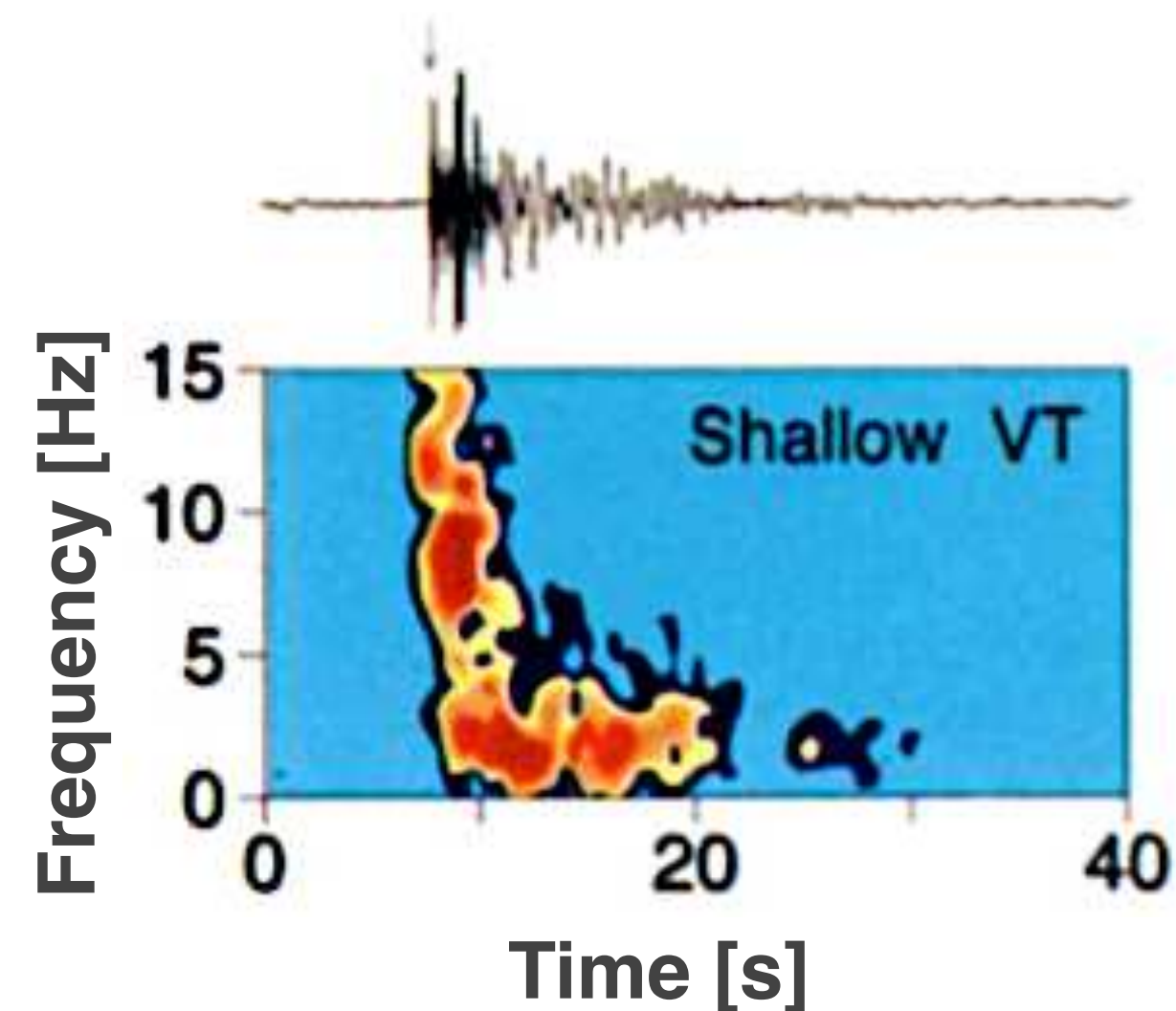


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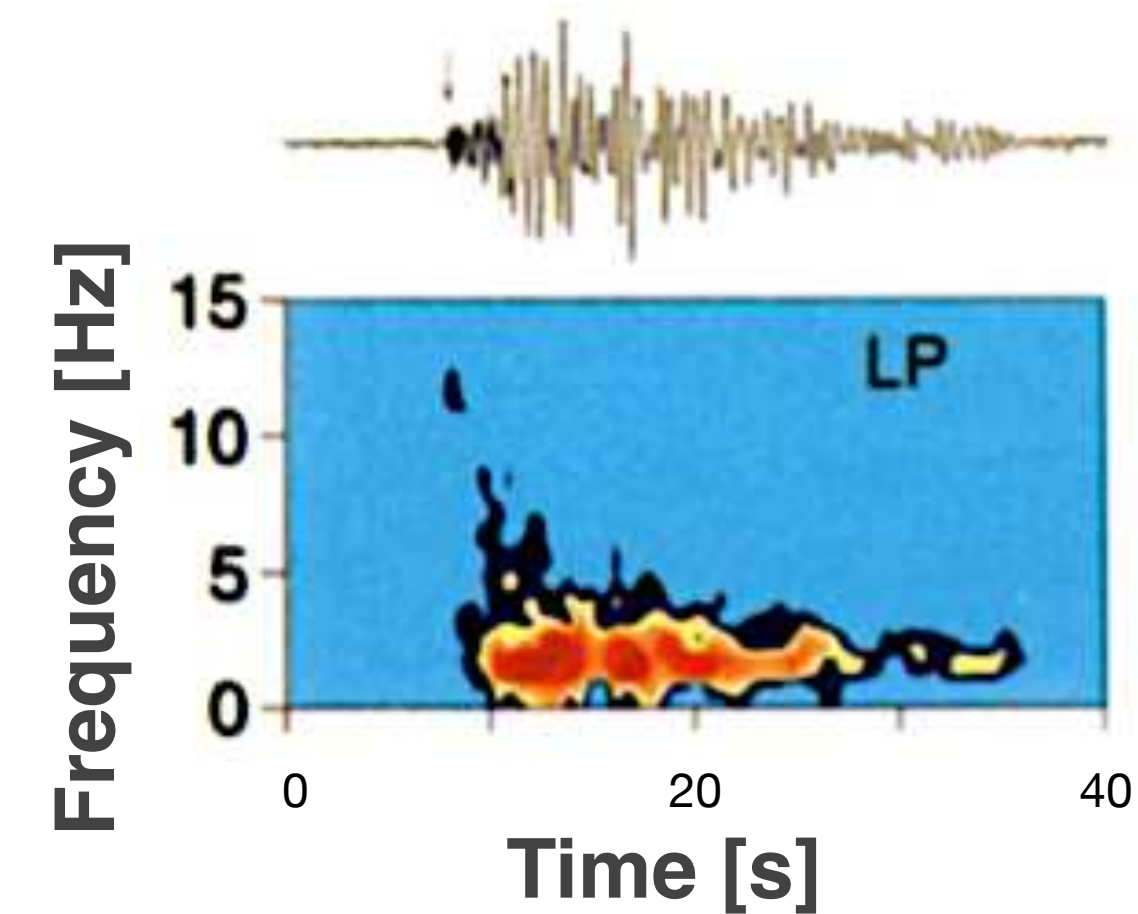
1) Volcano-tectonic (VT)

- Shear/tensile failure in brittle solid
- e.g., intrusions, loading and deformation



2) Long-period (LP) [0.5-5 Hz]

- Actively involve a fluid

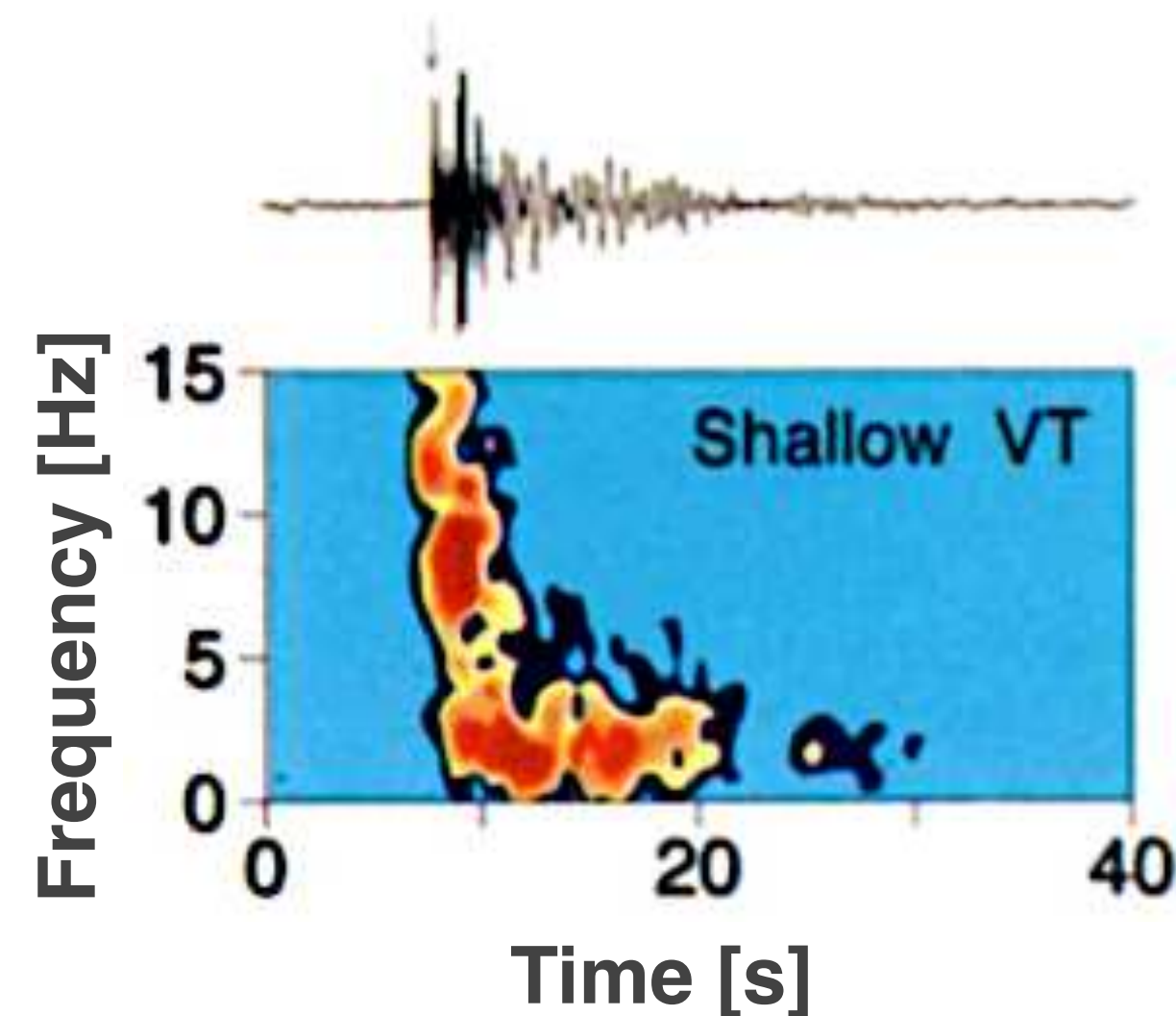


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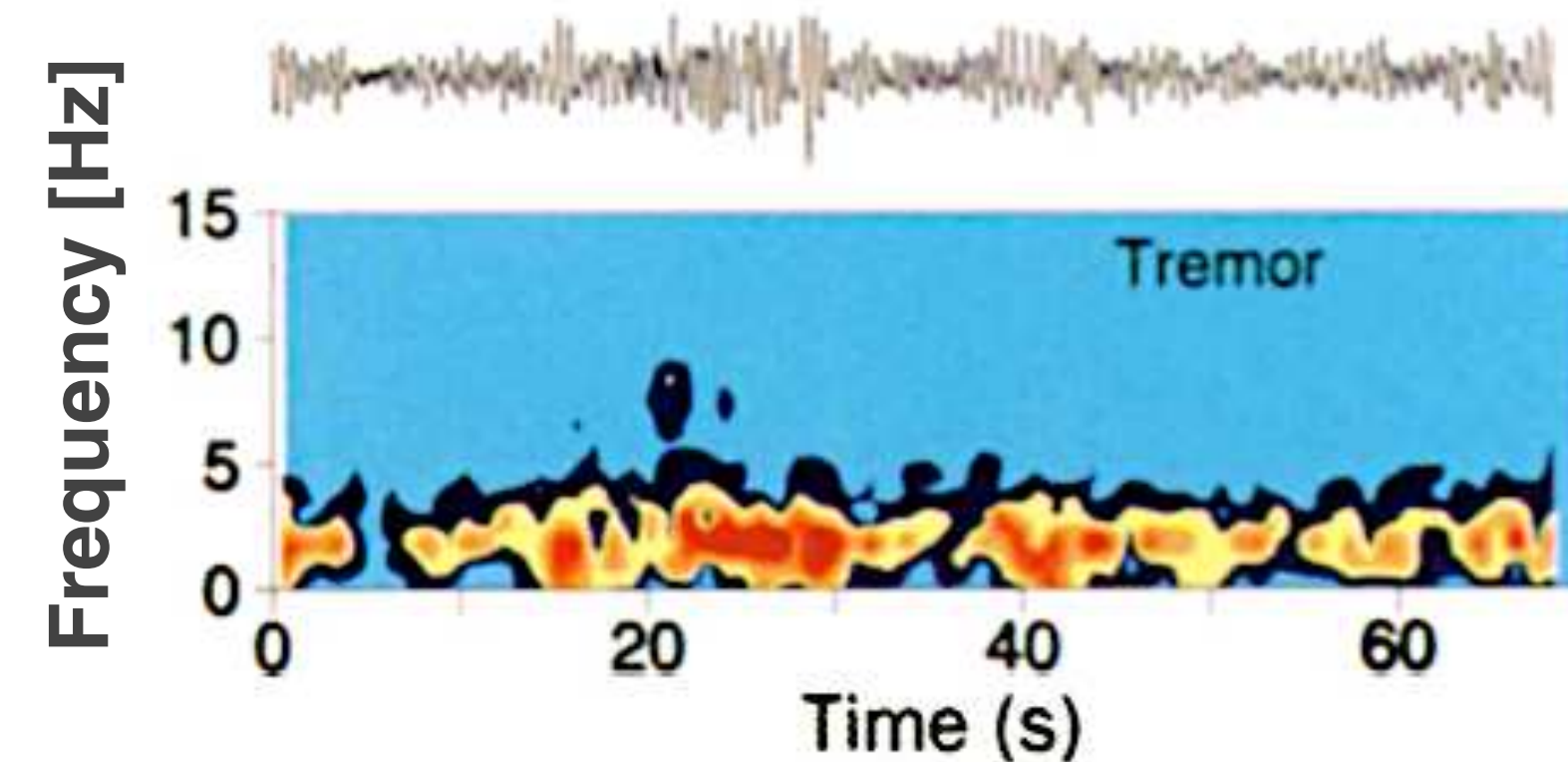
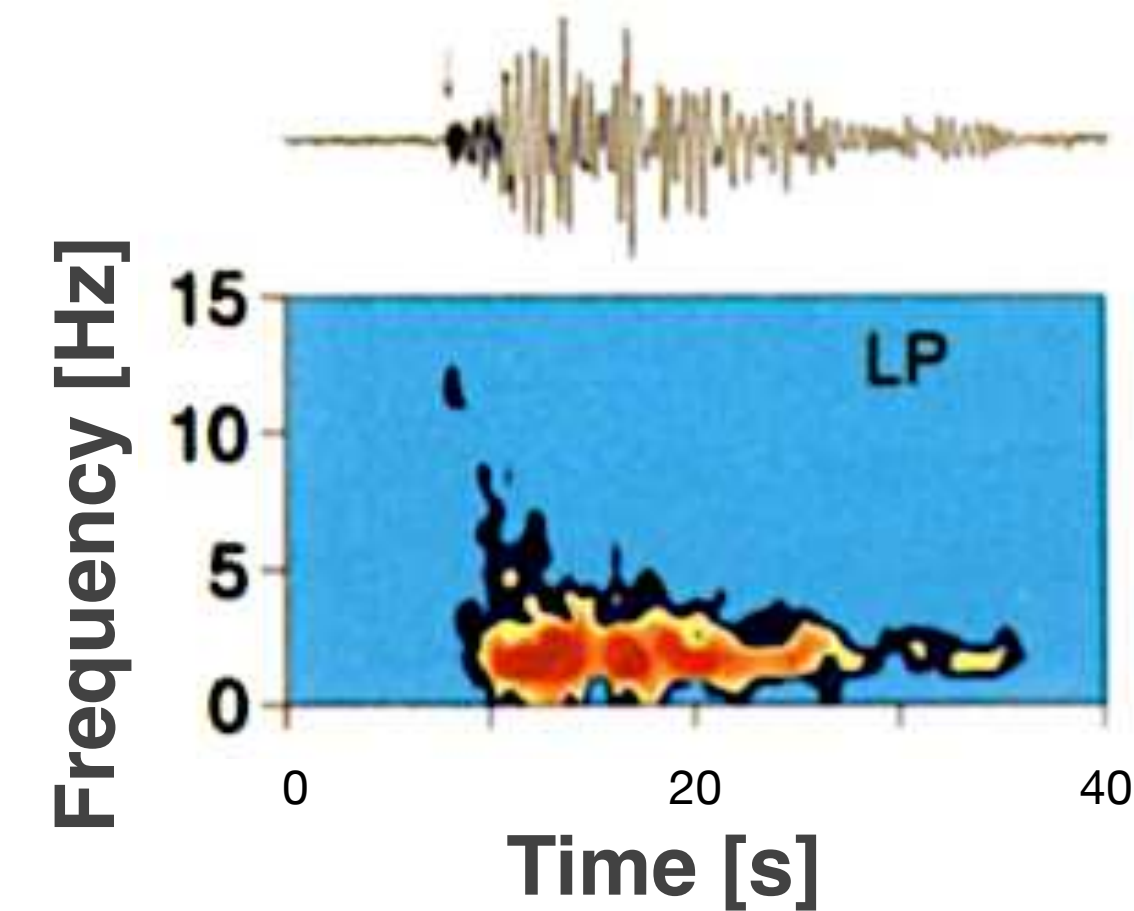
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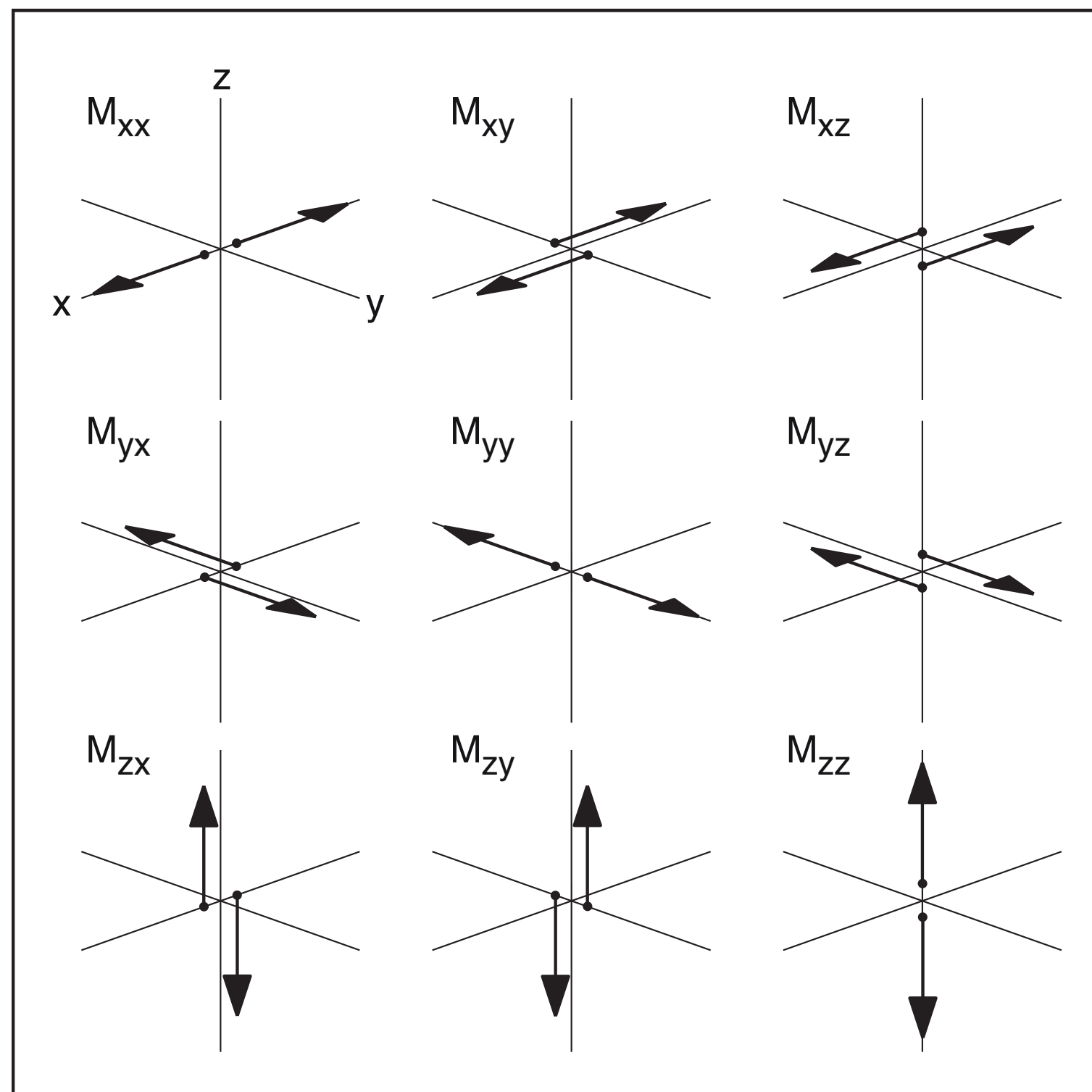
Volcano-seismic sources

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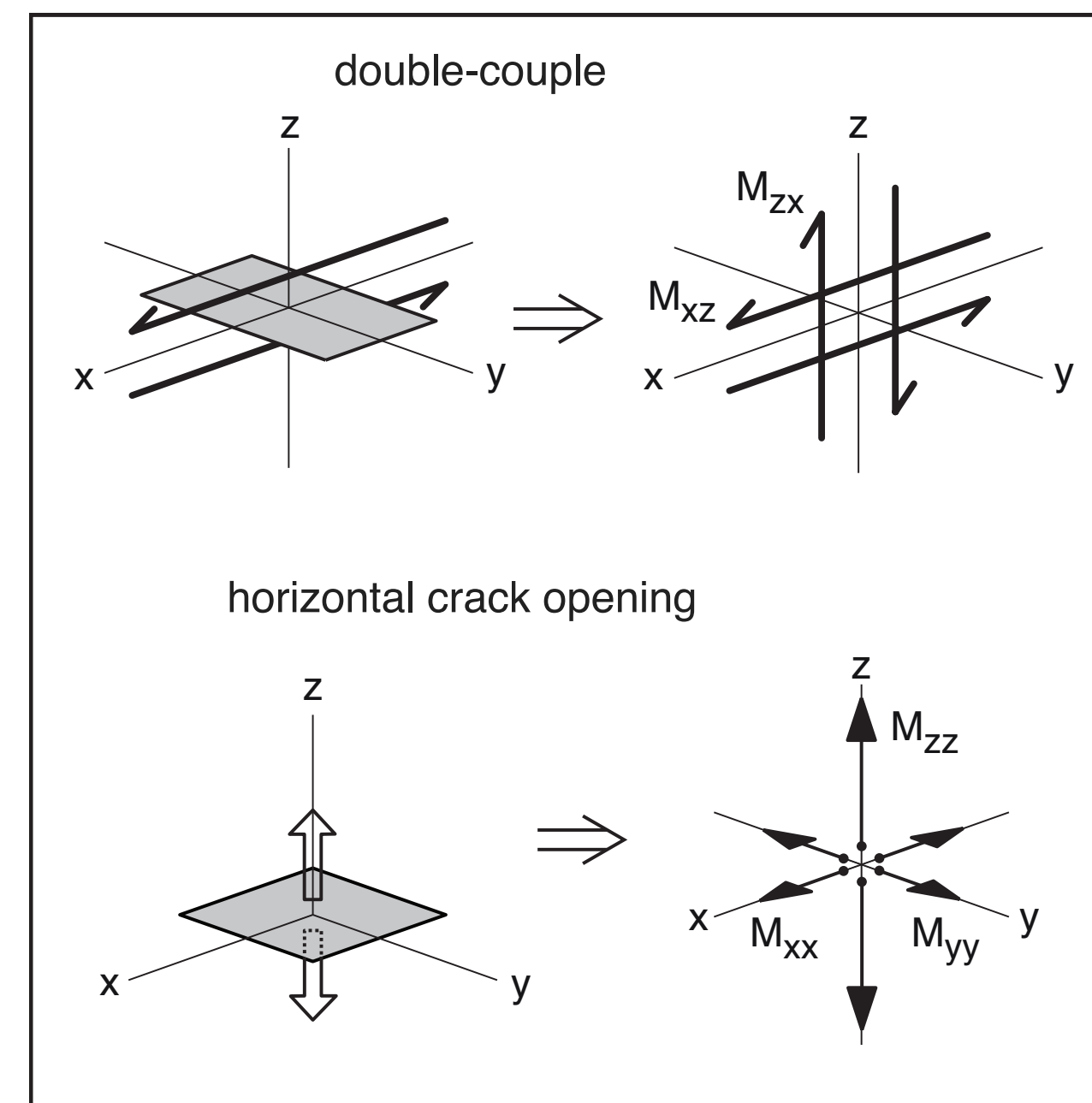
Single-force vector

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{xx} & M_{xy} & M_{xz} \\ M_{yx} & M_{yy} & M_{yz} \\ M_{zx} & M_{zy} & M_{zz} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Moment-tensor



- Represent arbitrary seismic source with equivalent point source: **moment-tensor** and **single-force vector**
- **Moment-tensor**: motion on generally orientated discontinuity (equivalent force couples)
- e.g., slip on a fracture or opening of a crack
- **Single forces**: mass advection



Volcanic tremor:



e.g., Luigi Palmieri 1856
“continuous tremor” at Vesuvius

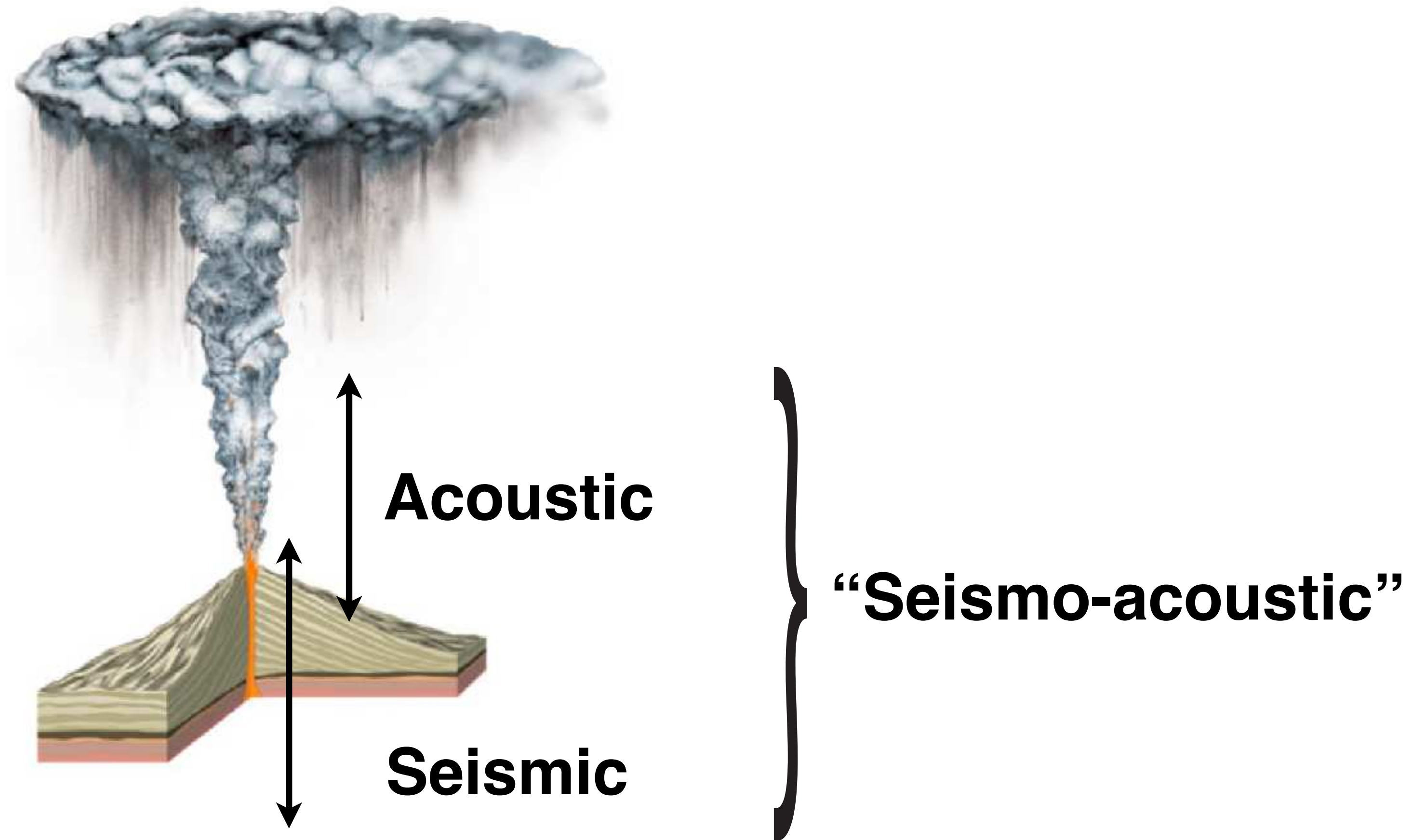
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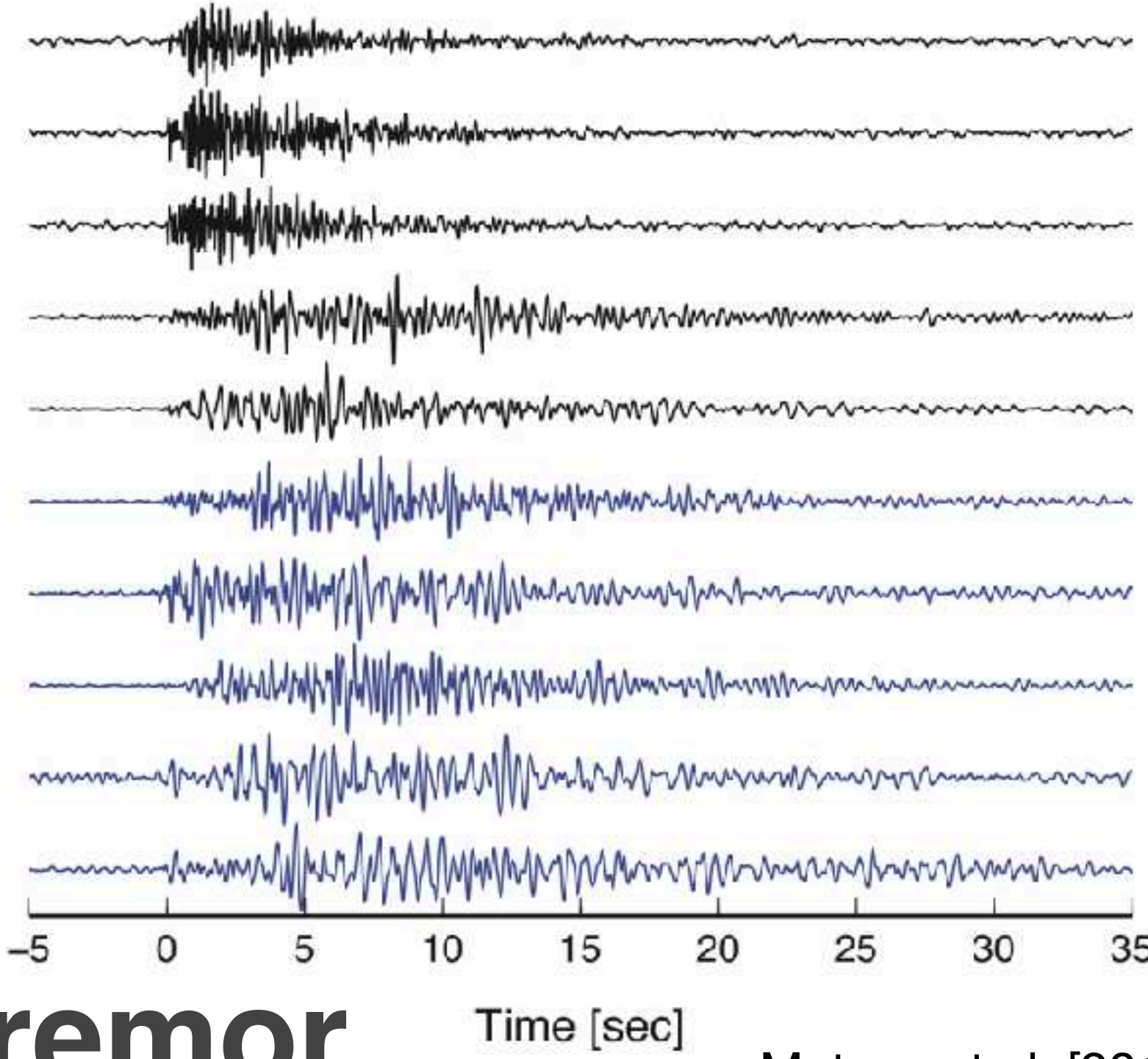
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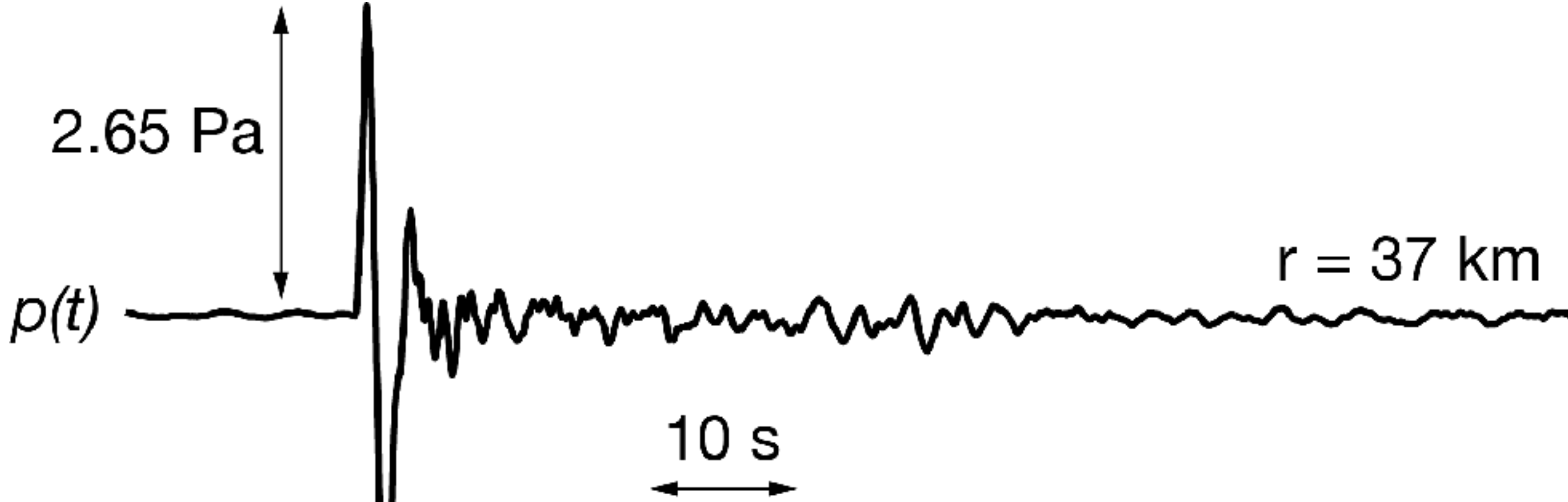
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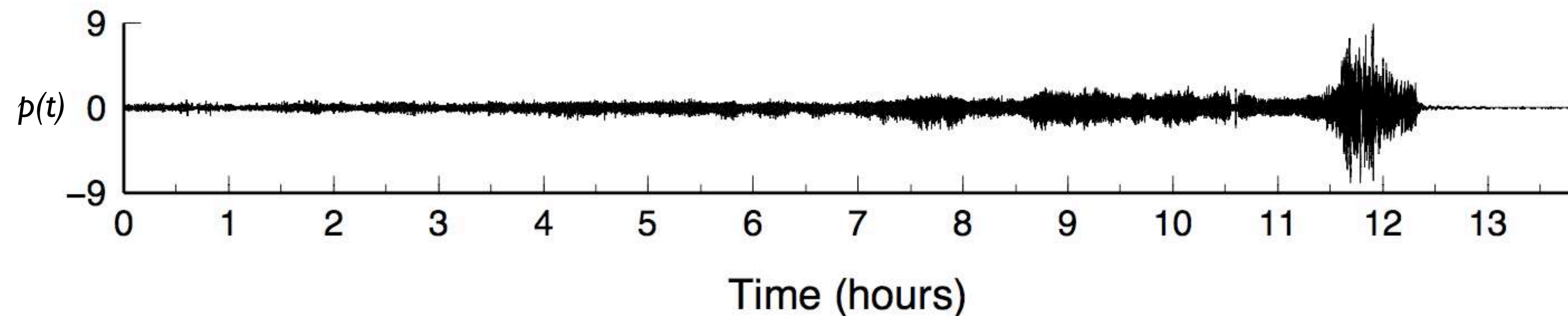
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- **Harmonic**
 - **Monotonic/monochromatic**
 - **Spasmodic**
 - **Eruption**
 - **Banded**
 - **Tremor storm**
- etc.? ...**



Spasmodic vs. harmonic tremor

Jagger/Omori: early 20th Century

Spasmodic tremor:
irregular vibrations

Harmonic tremor:
more rhythmic vibrations

Spasmodic vs. harmonic tremor

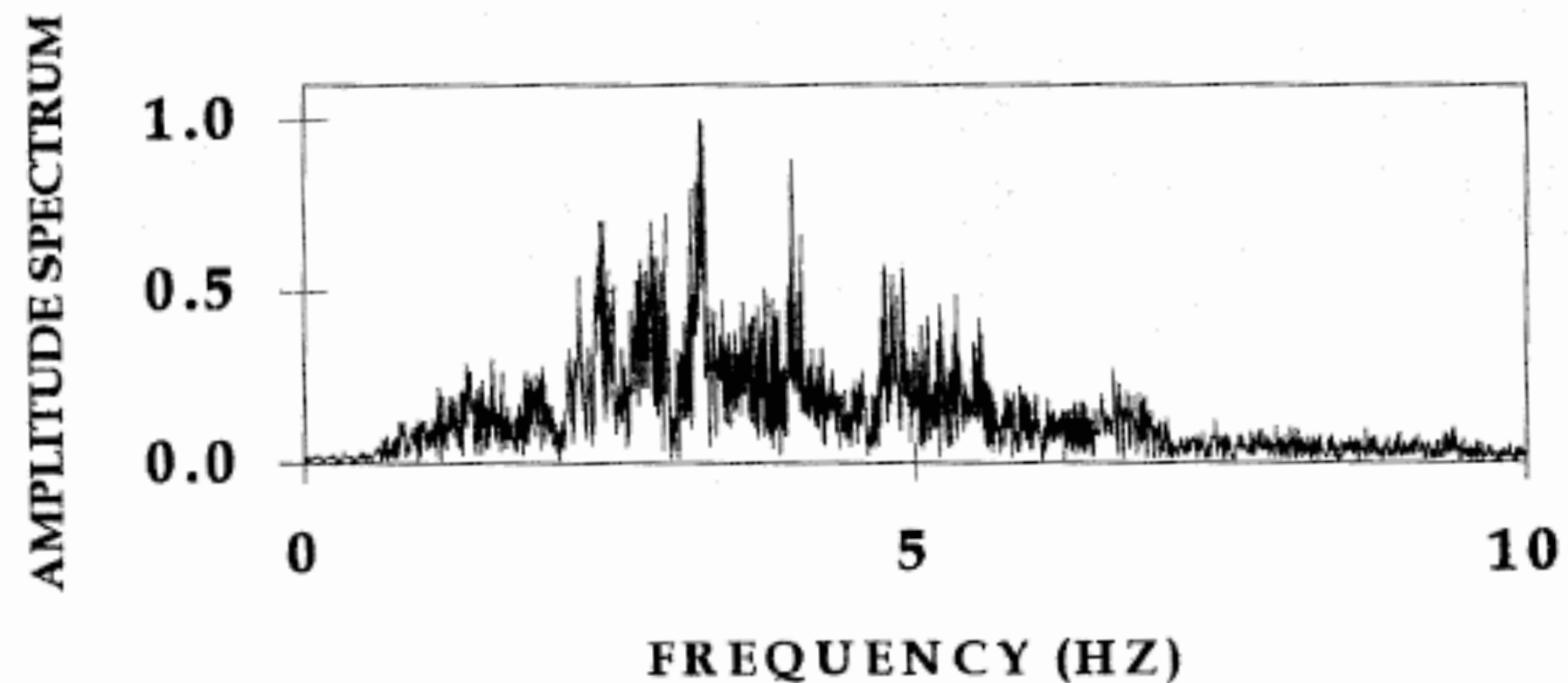
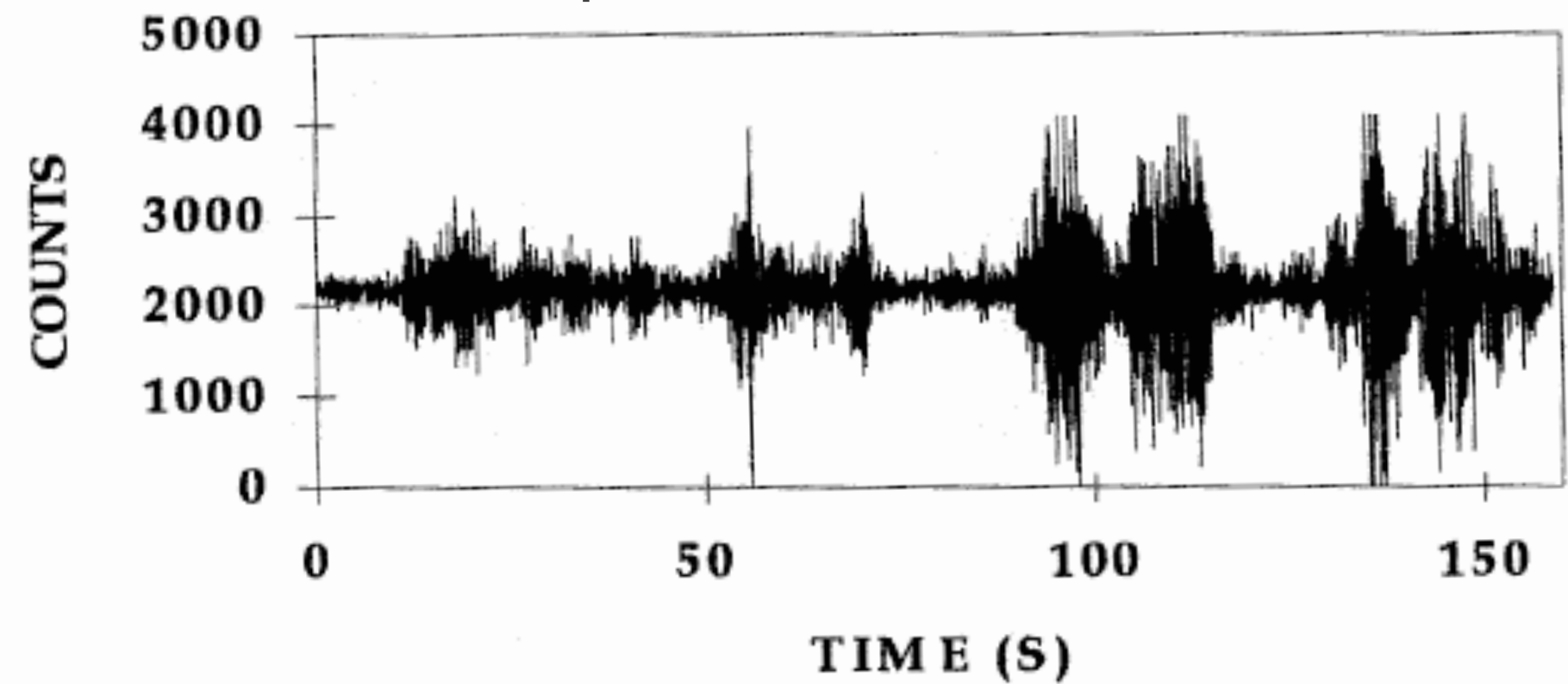
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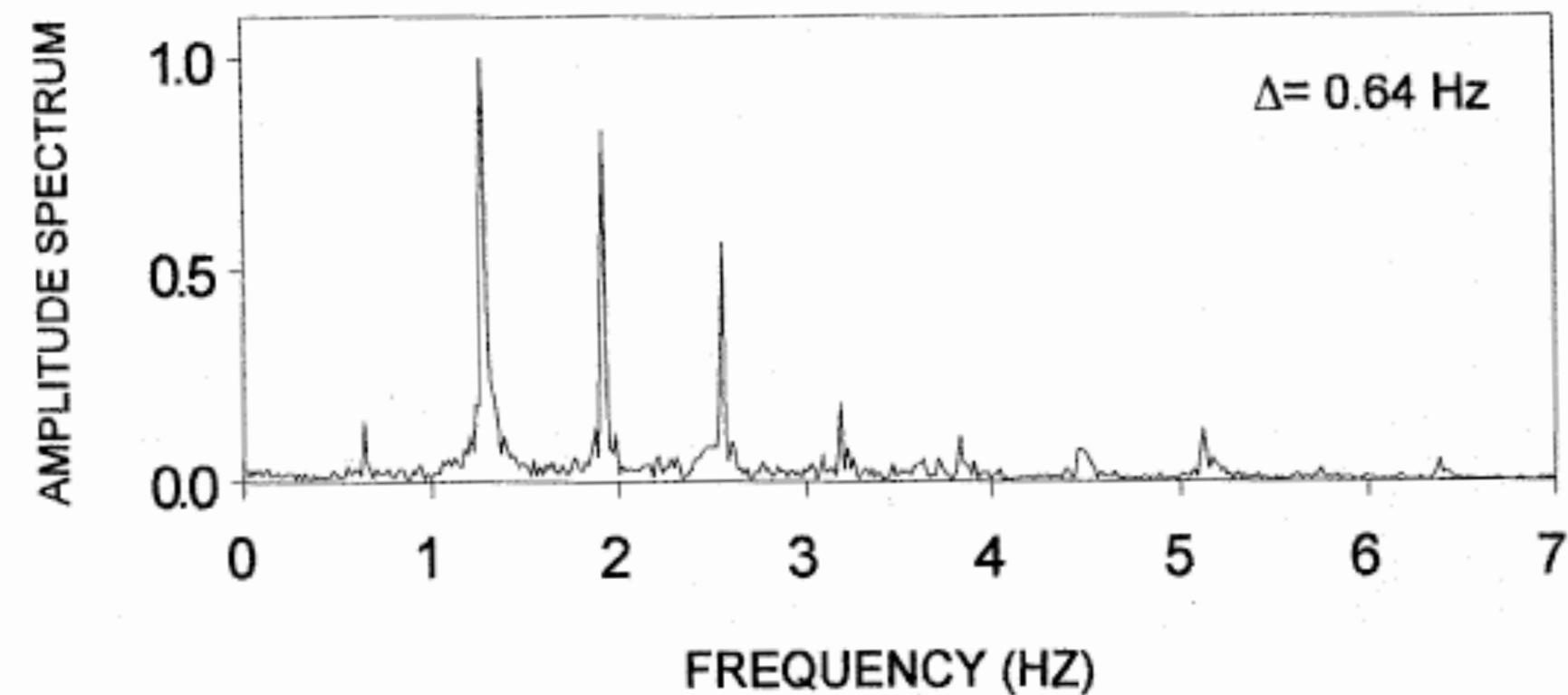
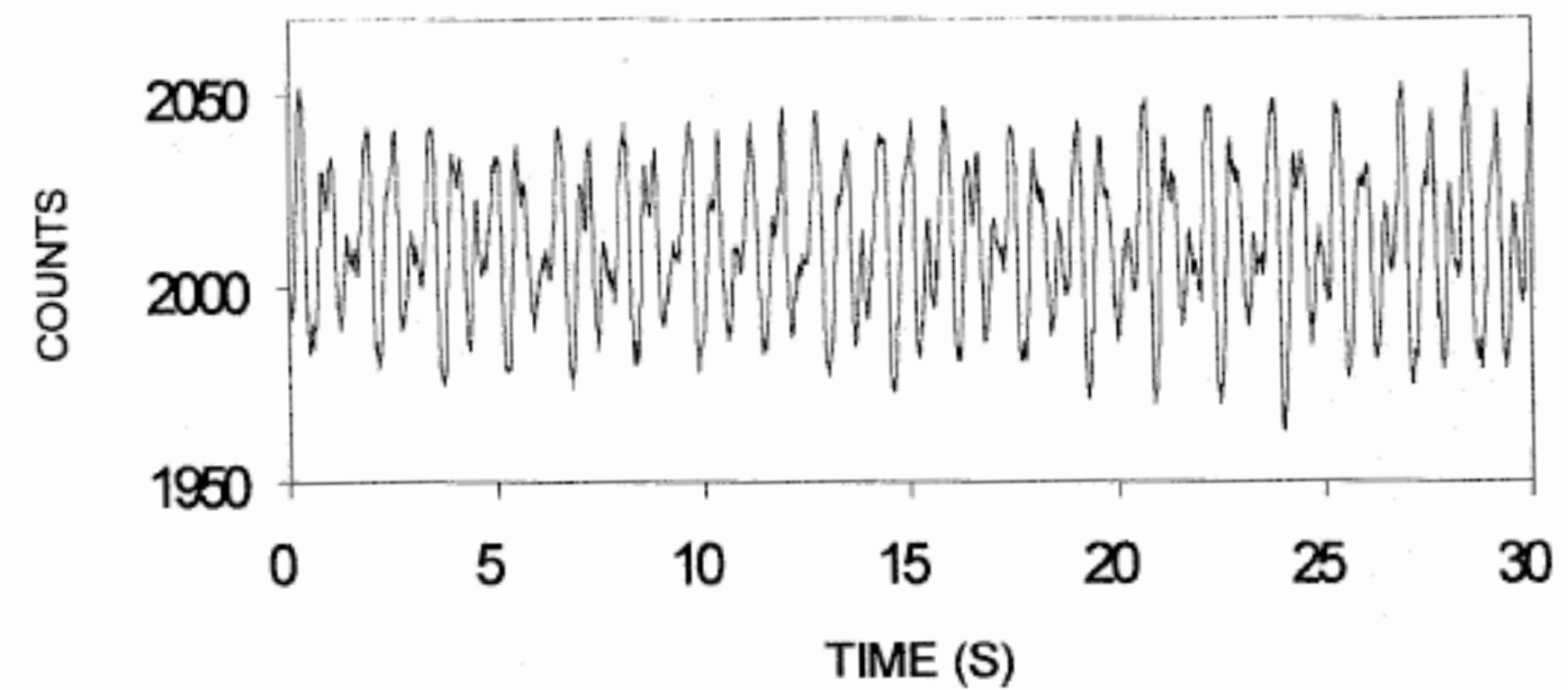
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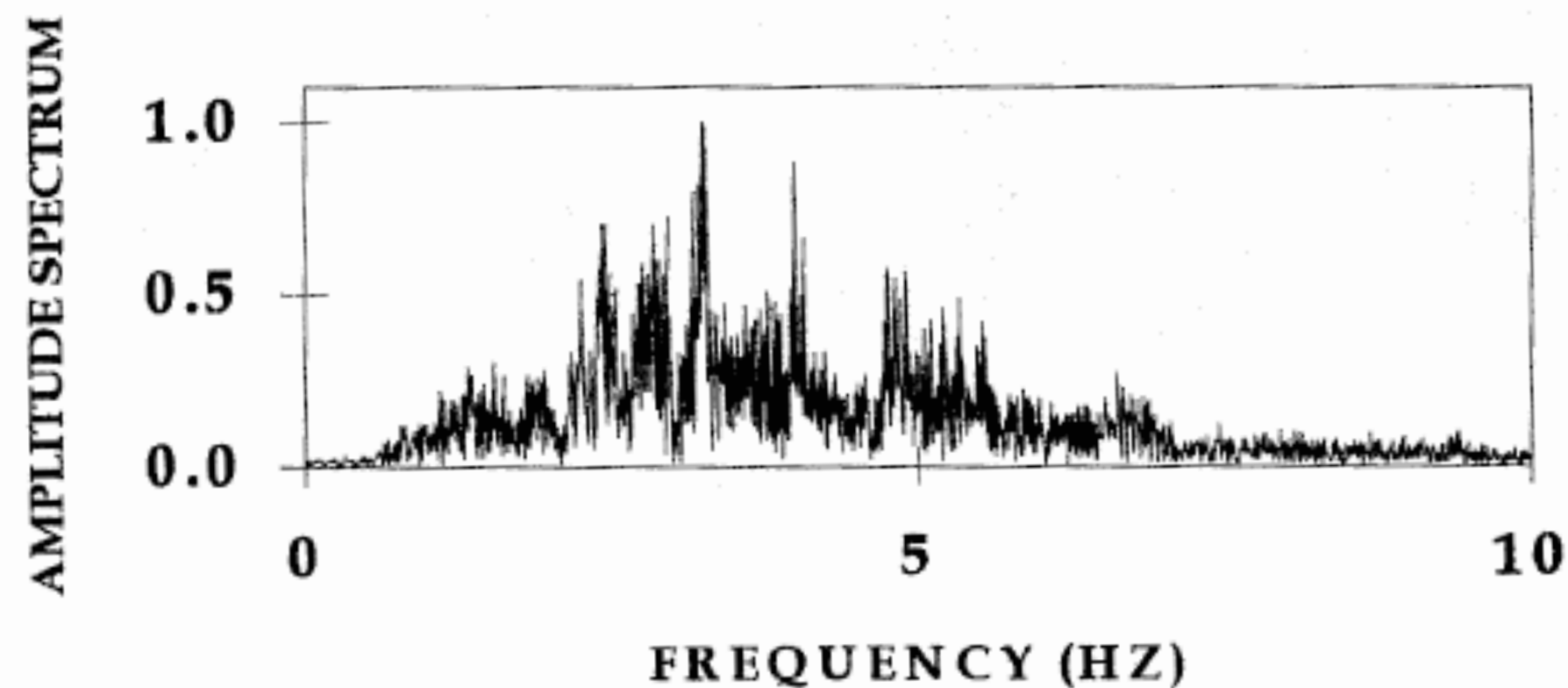
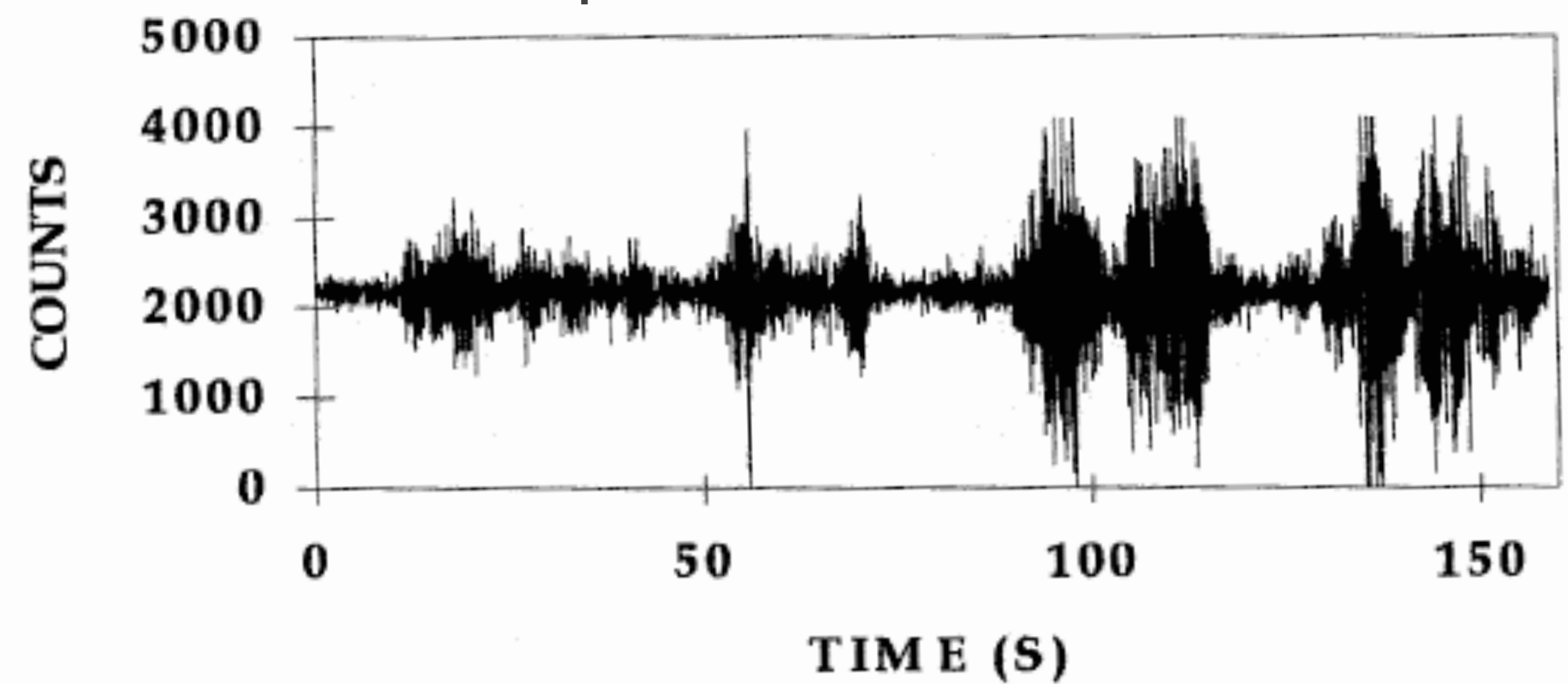
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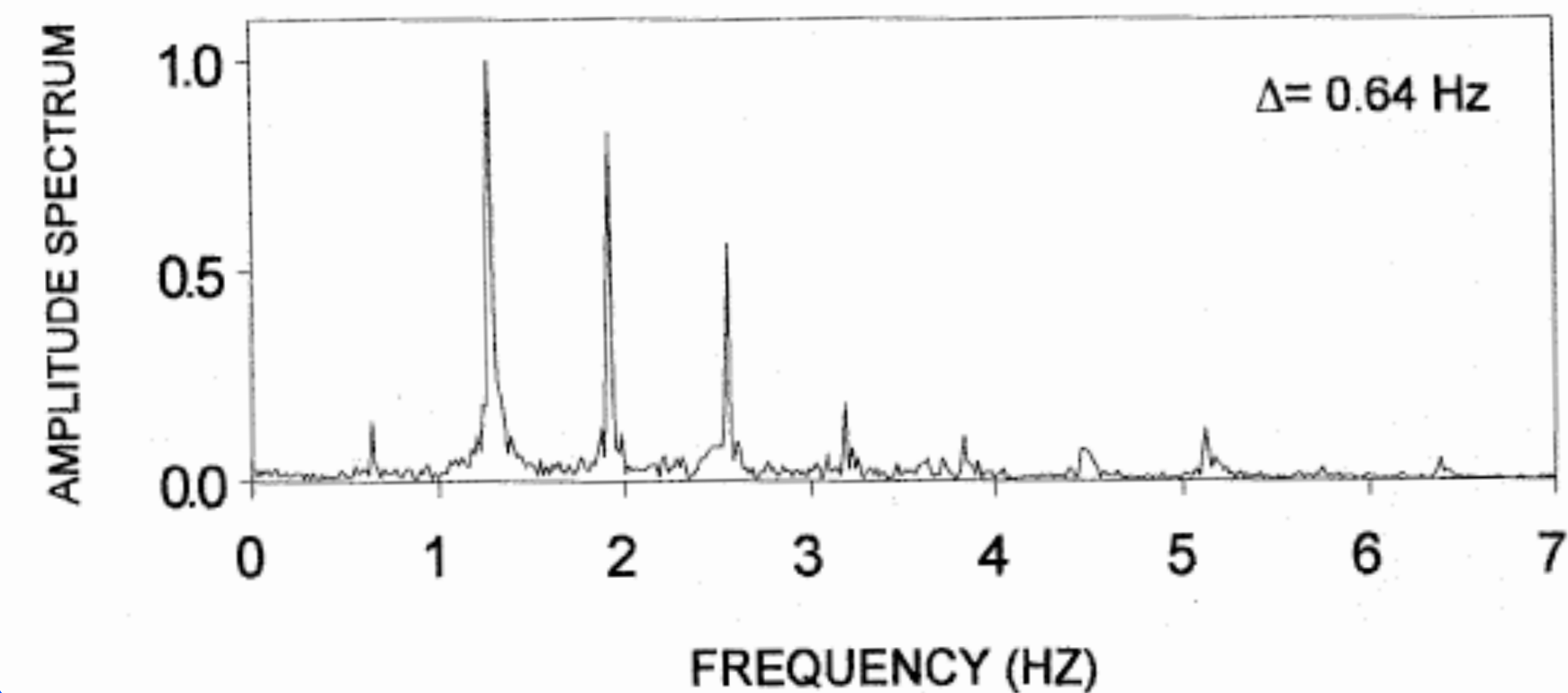
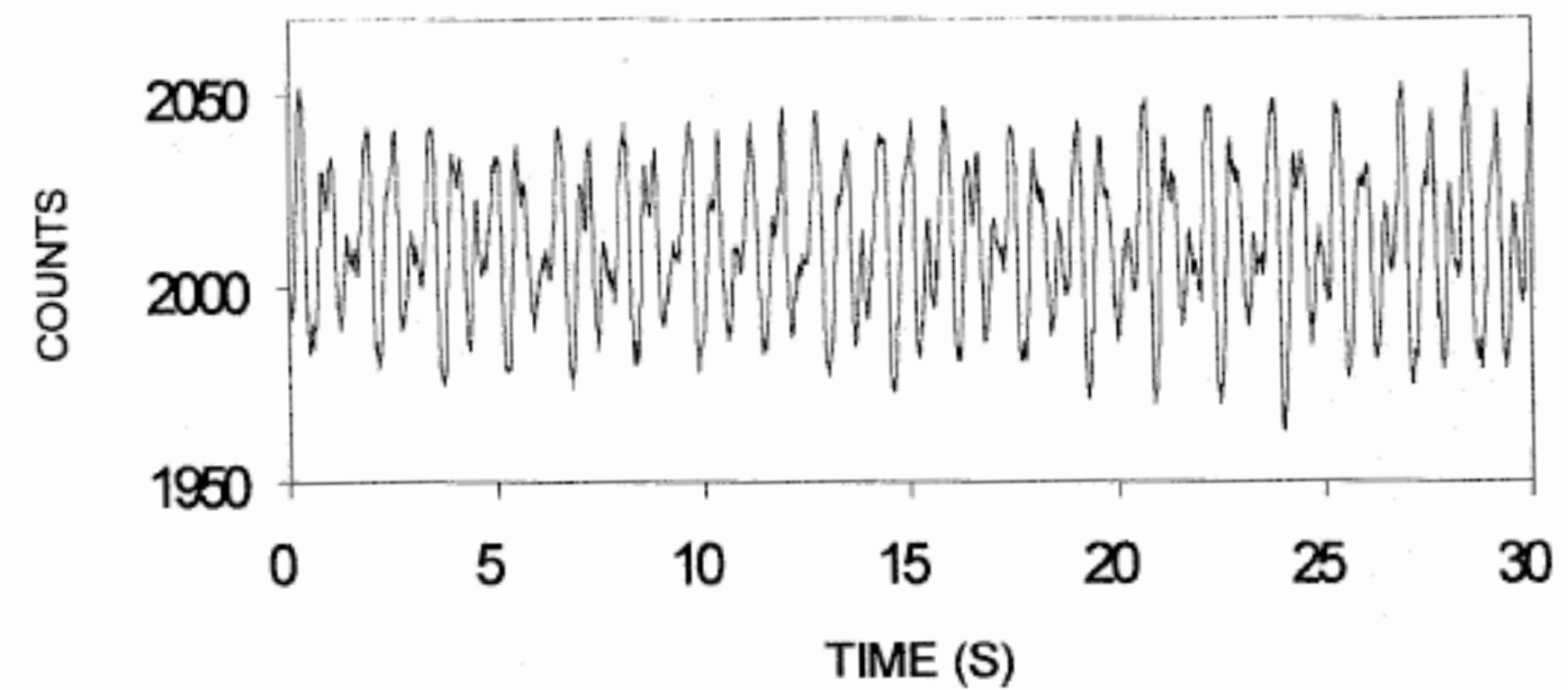
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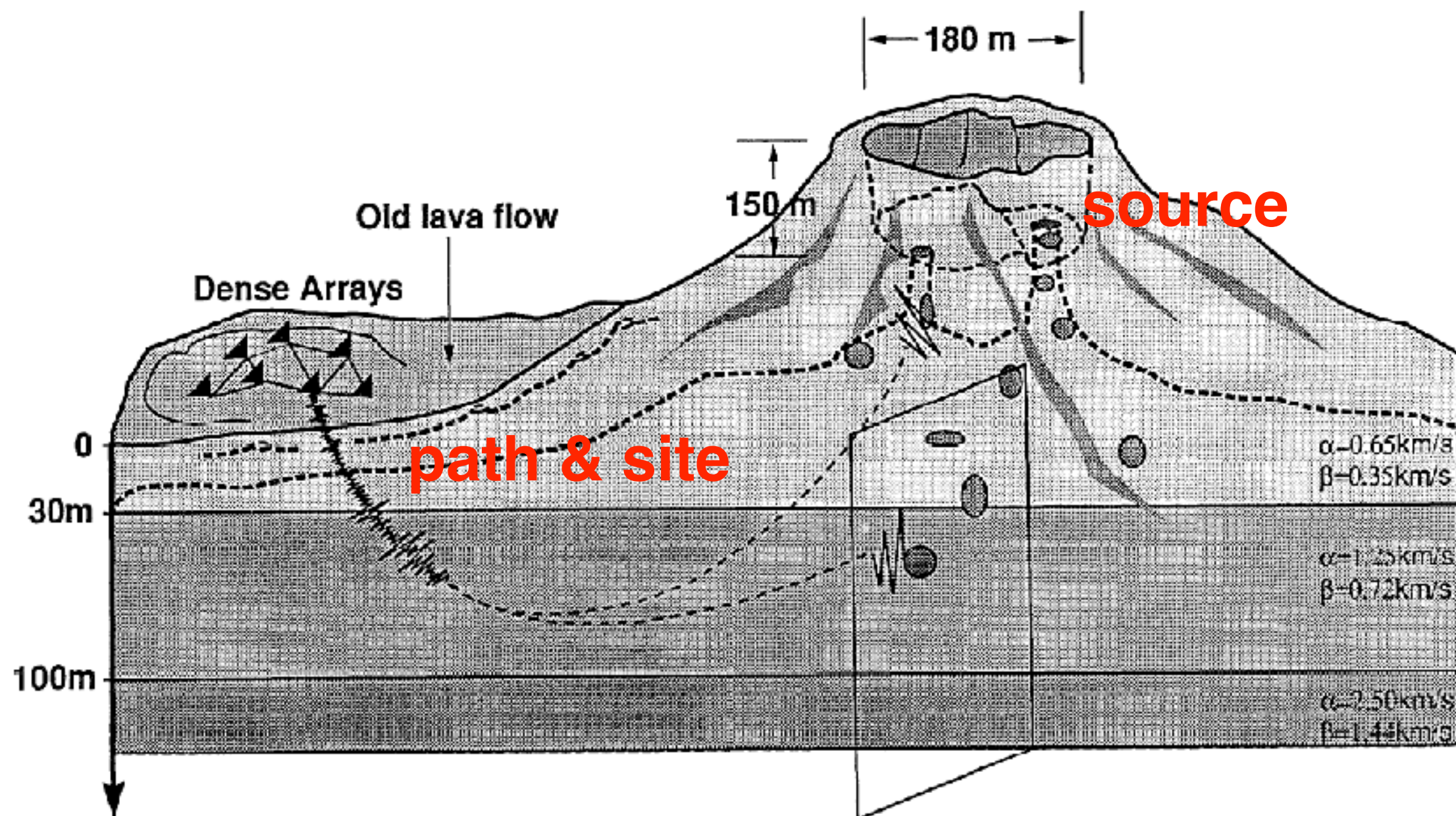
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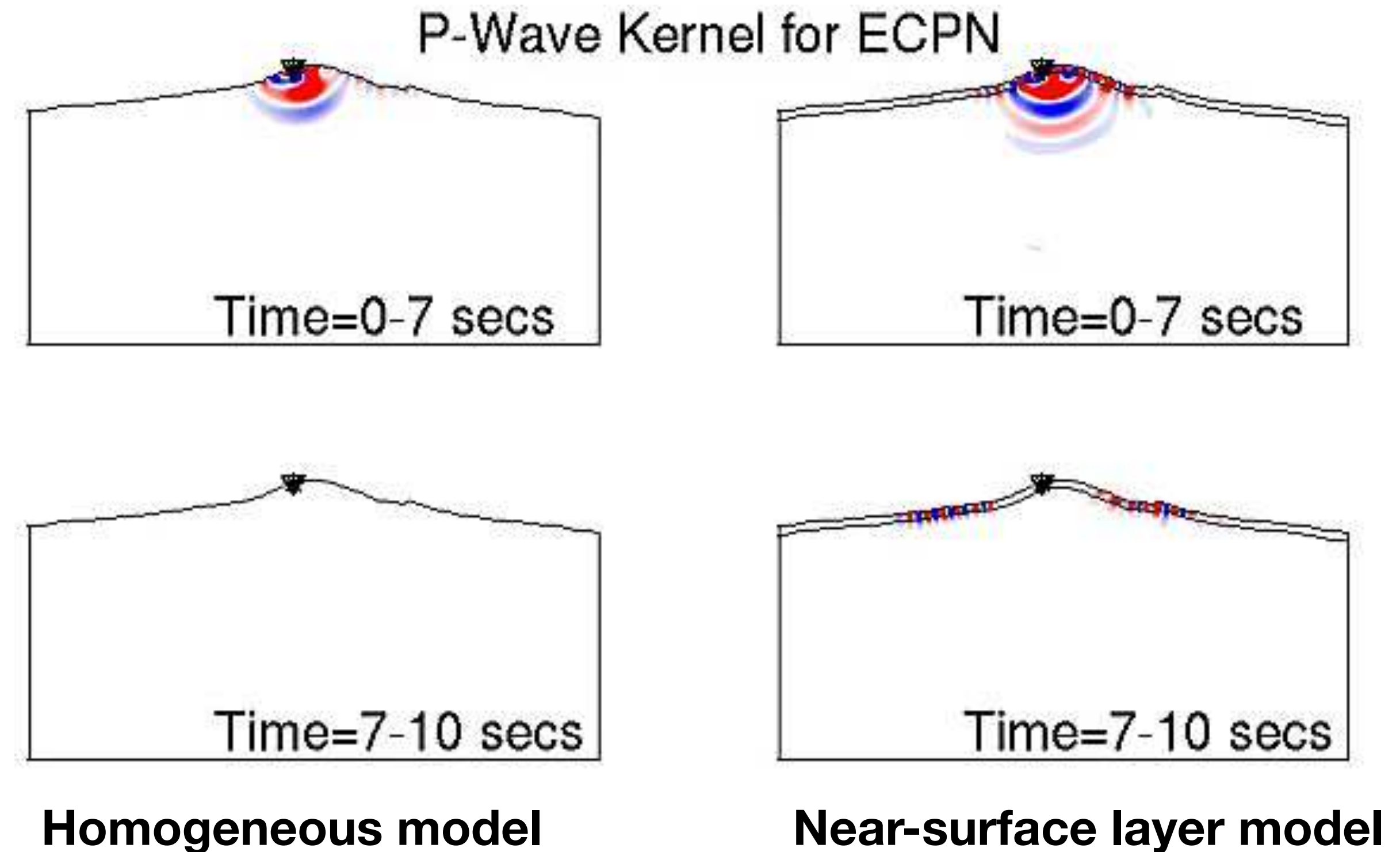
Seismic harmonic tremor: source vs. path effects

seismogram: $w(t) = s(t) * l(t) * g(t)$

$s(t)$: excitation/trigger
 $l(t)$: crack/conduit resonance
 $g(t)$: path & site effects

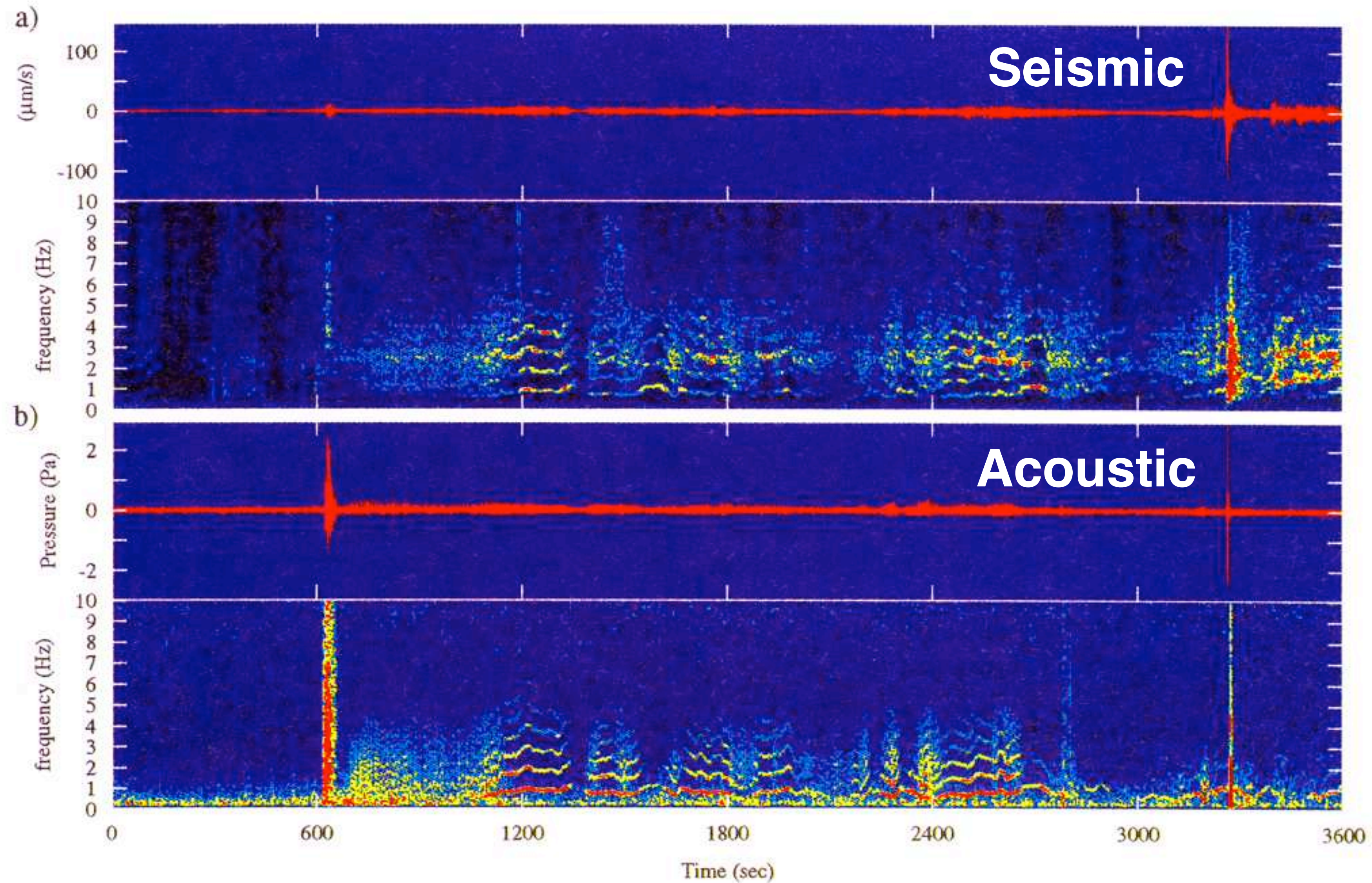


Goldstein and Chouet [1994]



Bean et al. [2008]

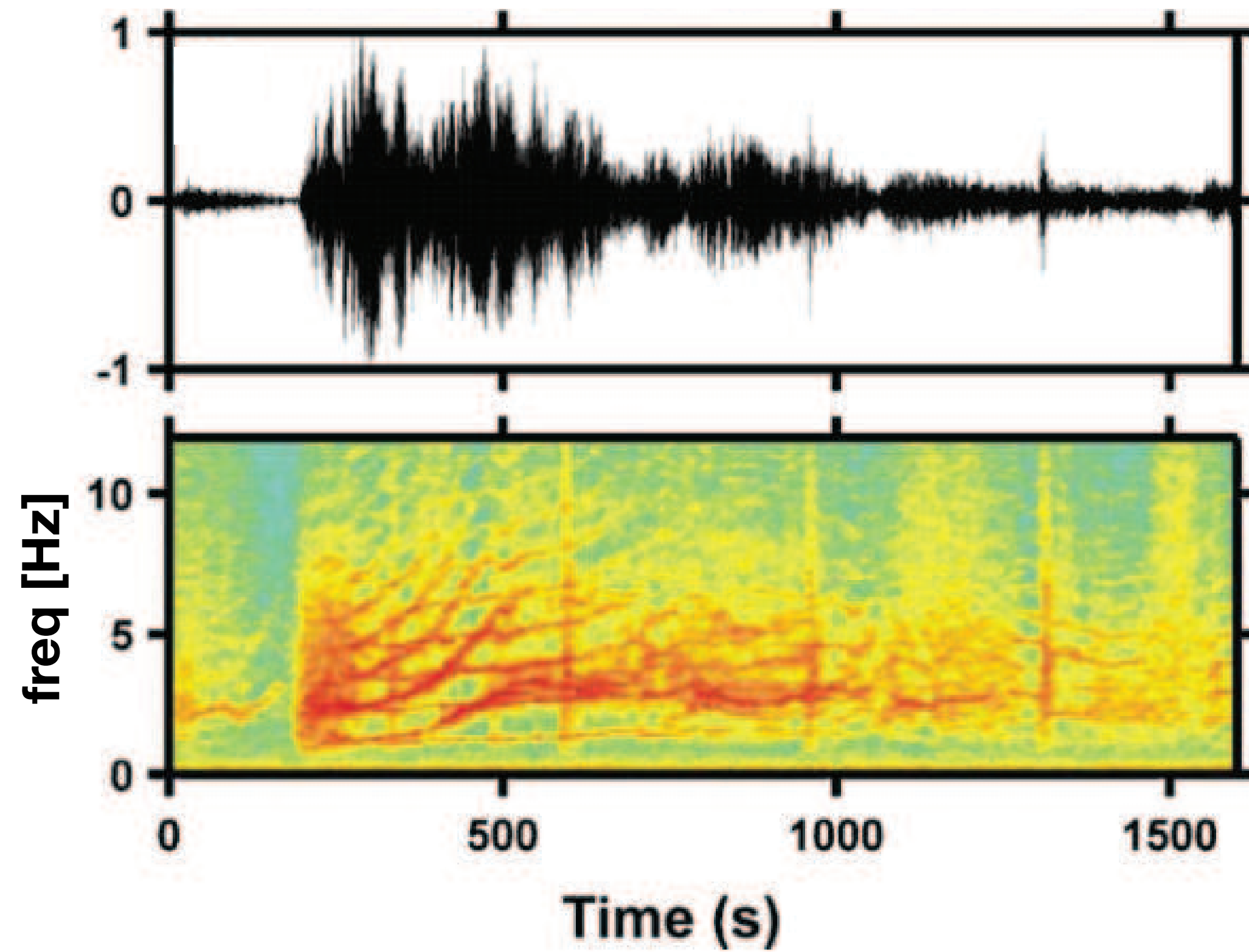
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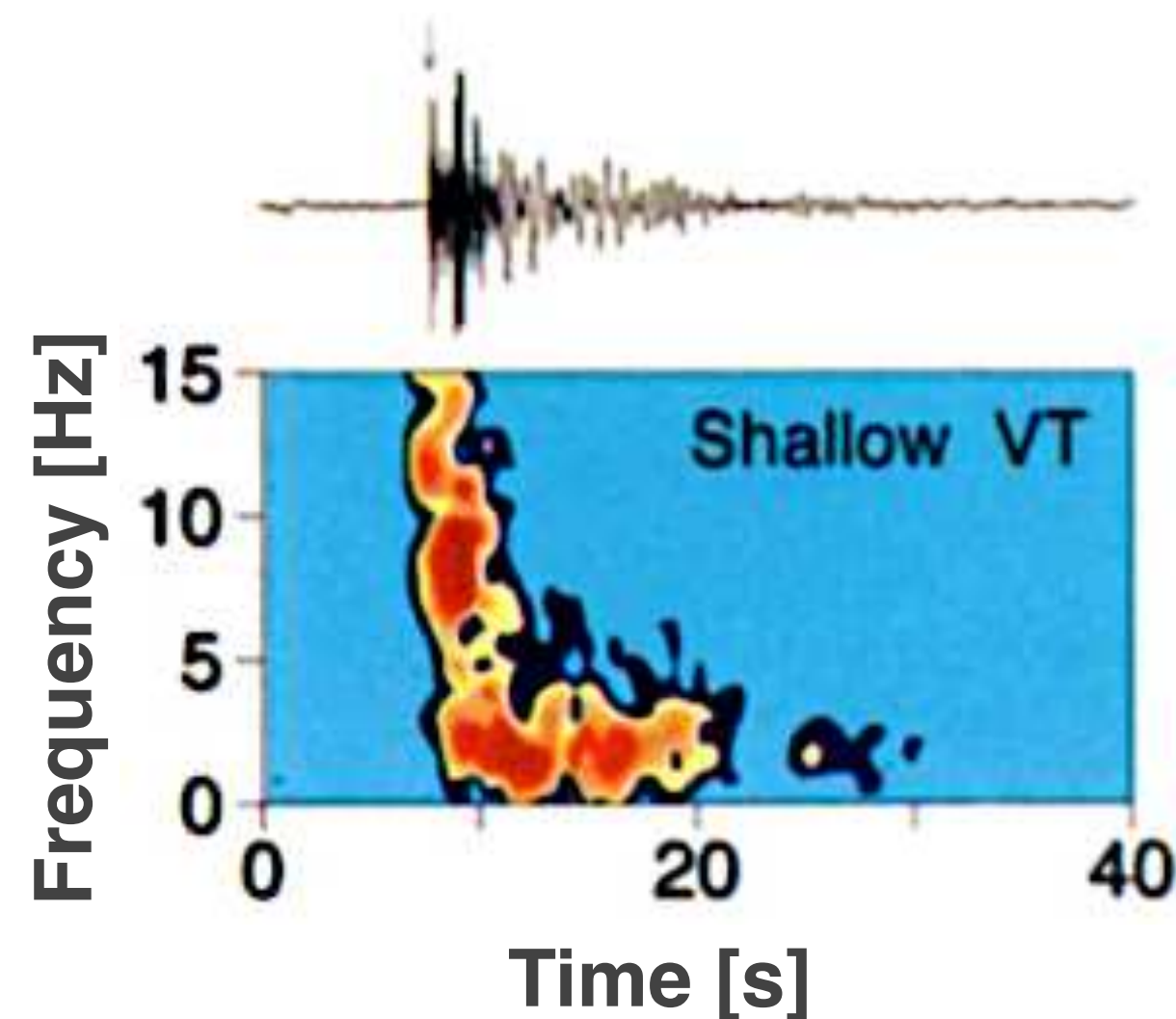
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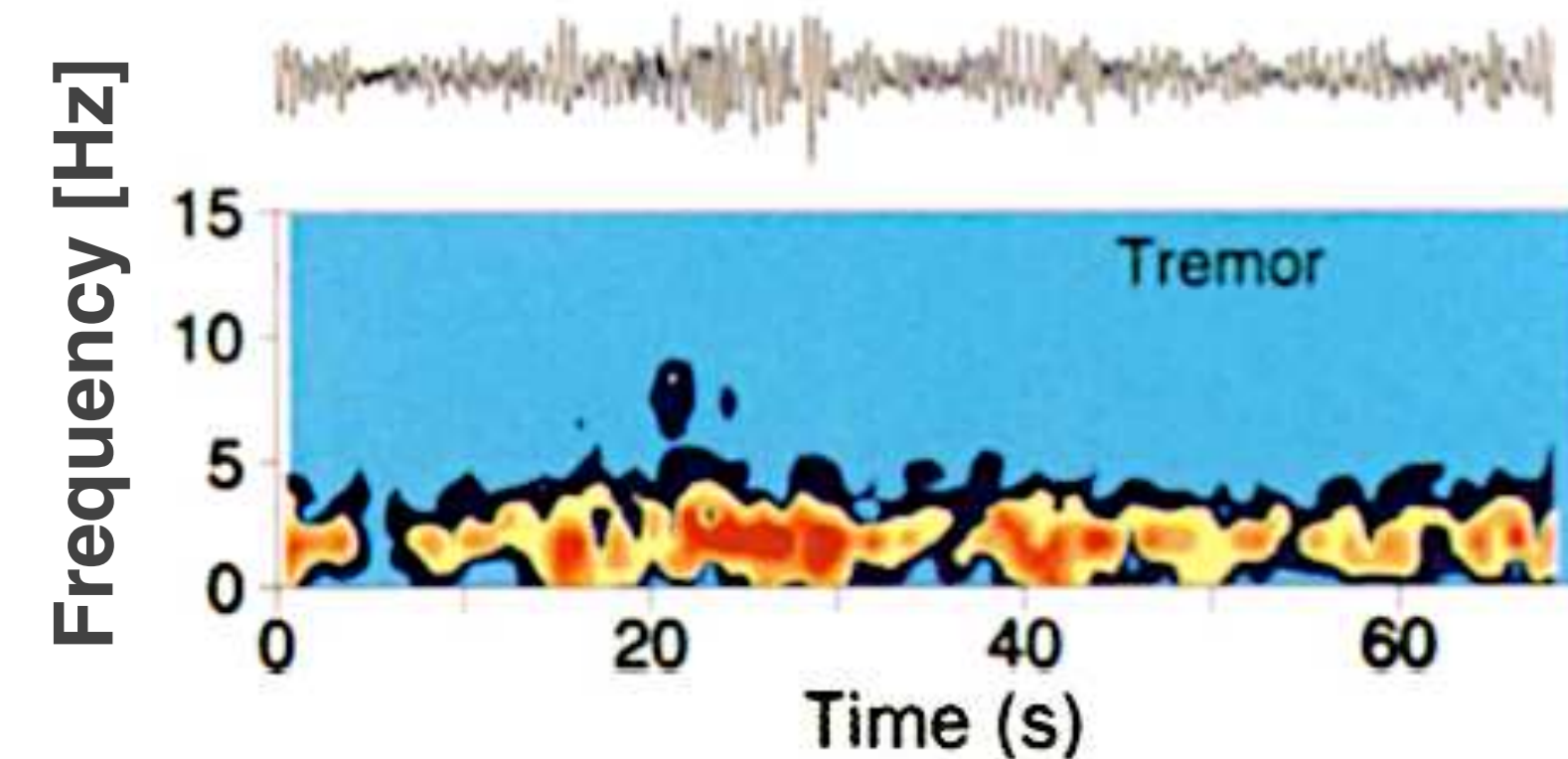
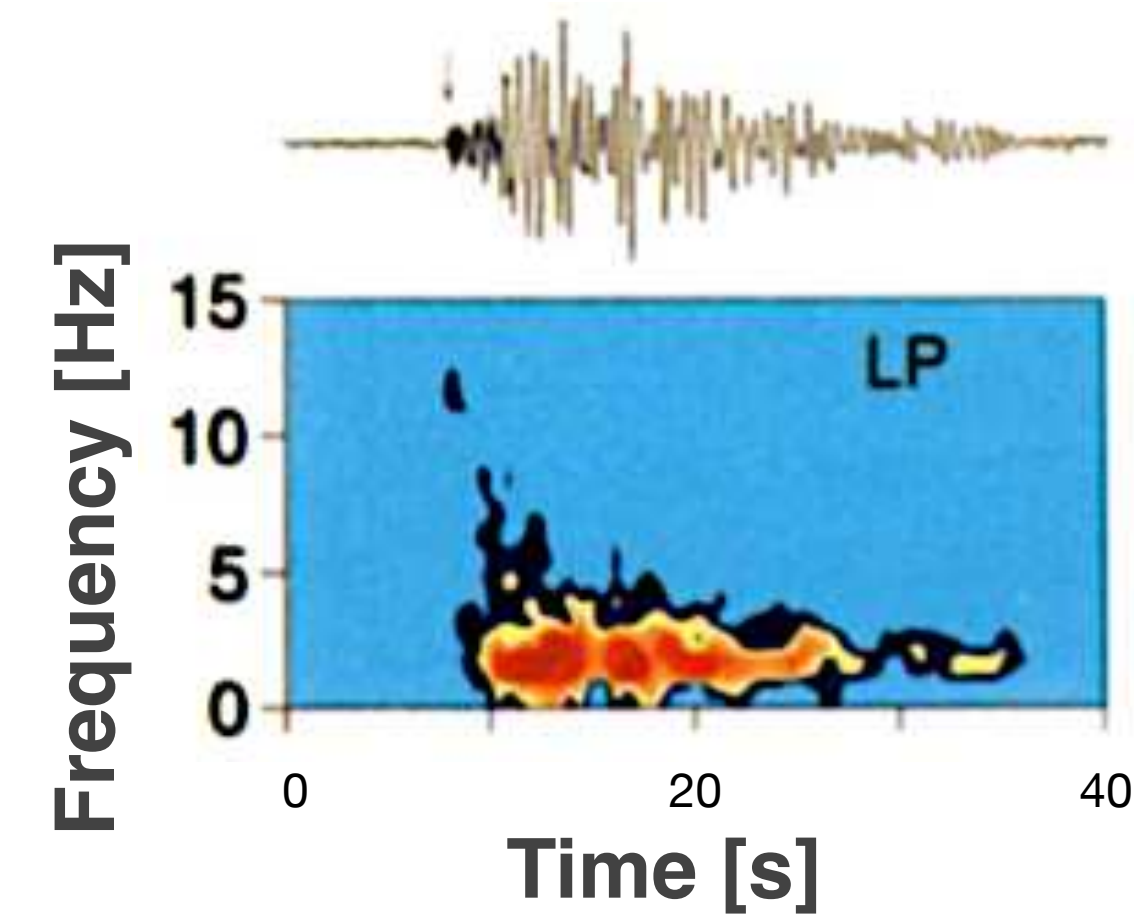
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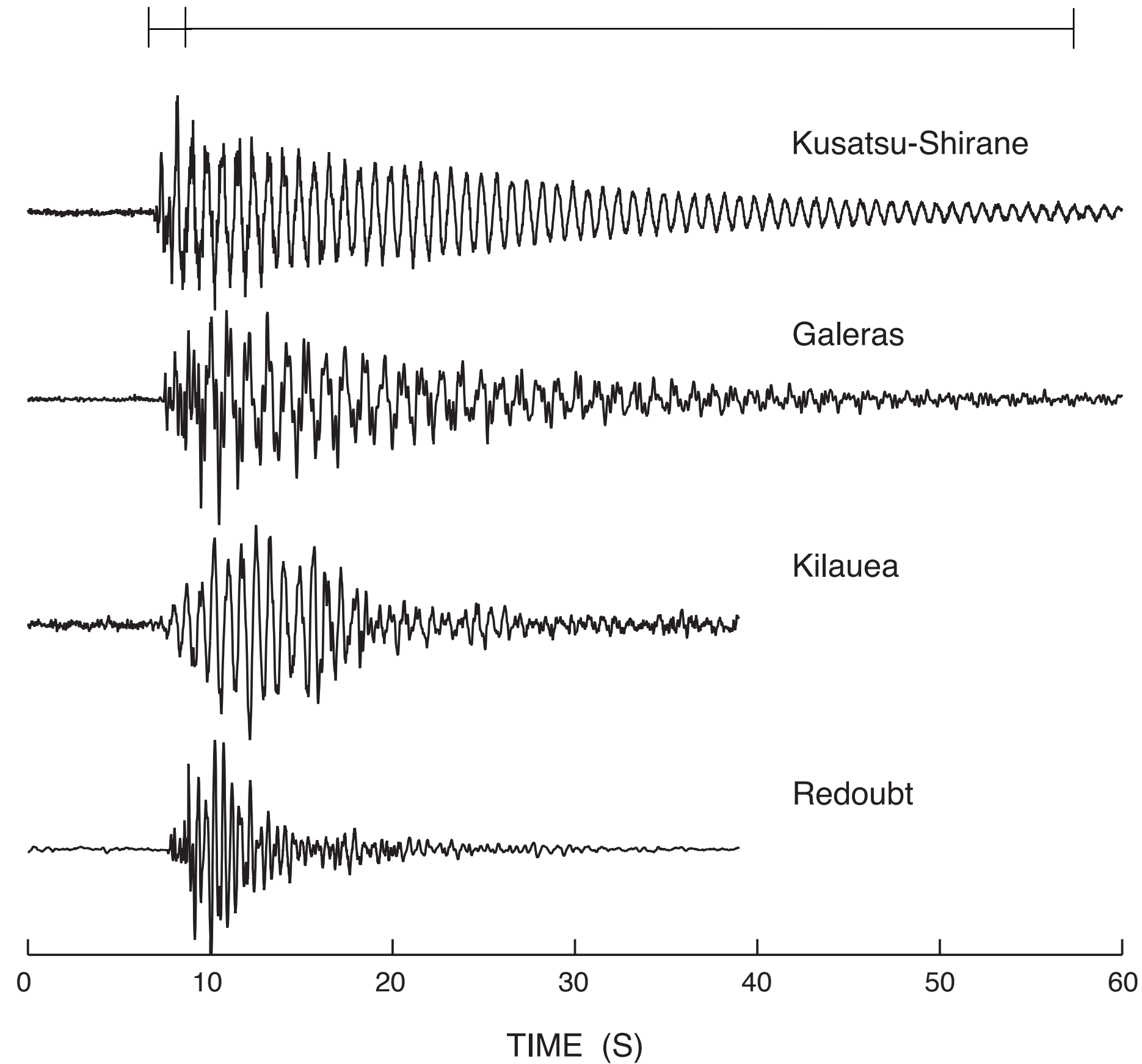
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Long-period (LP) events

broadband onset $s(t) * l(t)$ long-duration coda oscillation



LP events from volcanoes worldwide

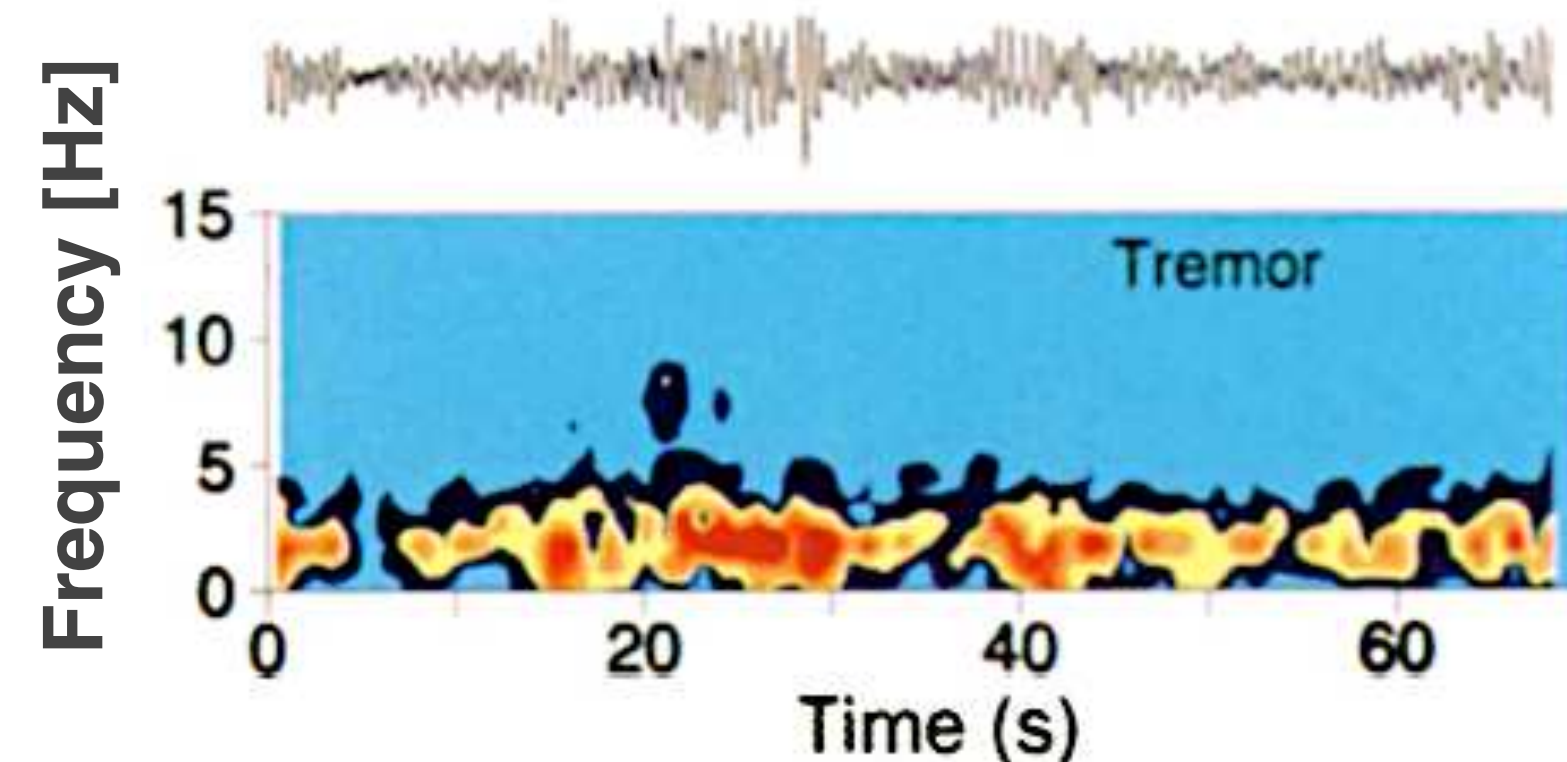
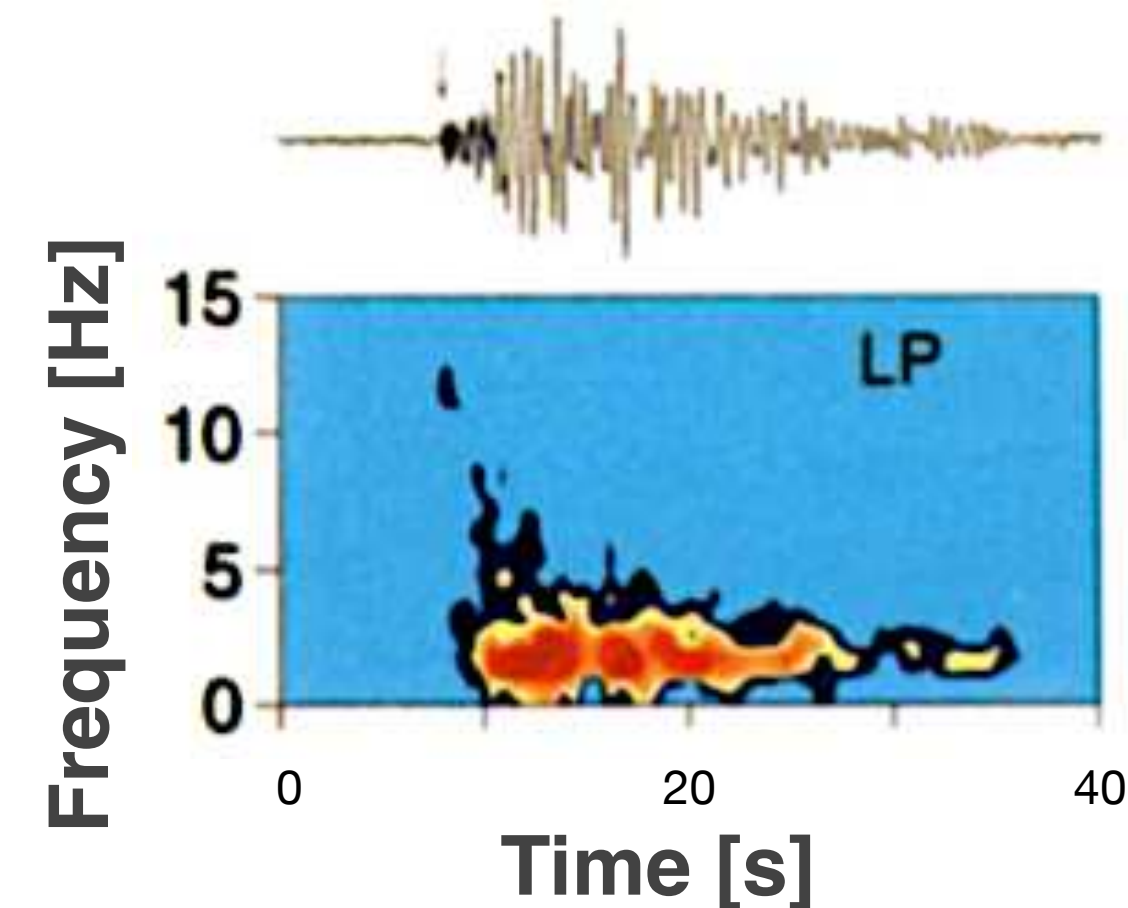
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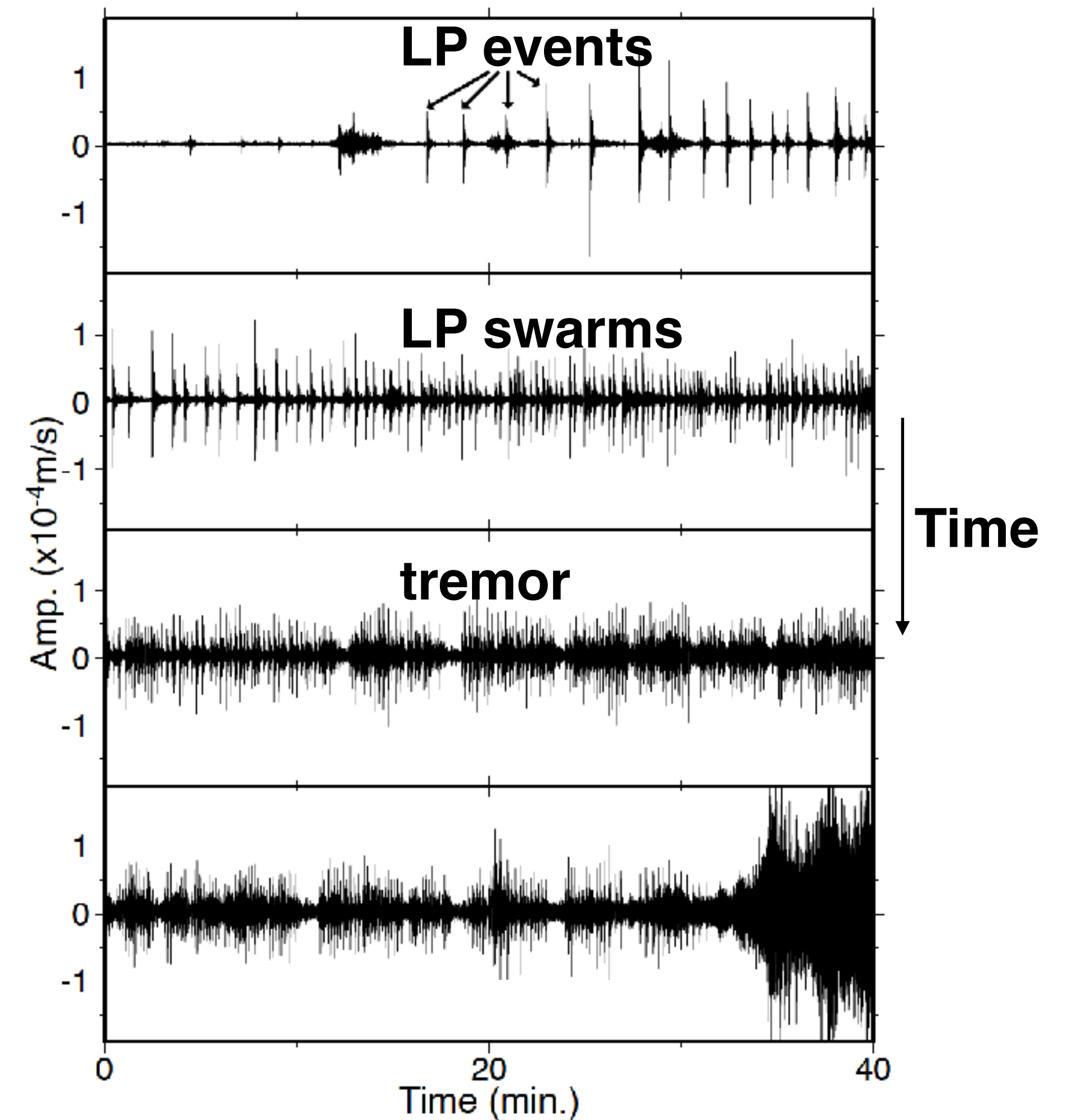
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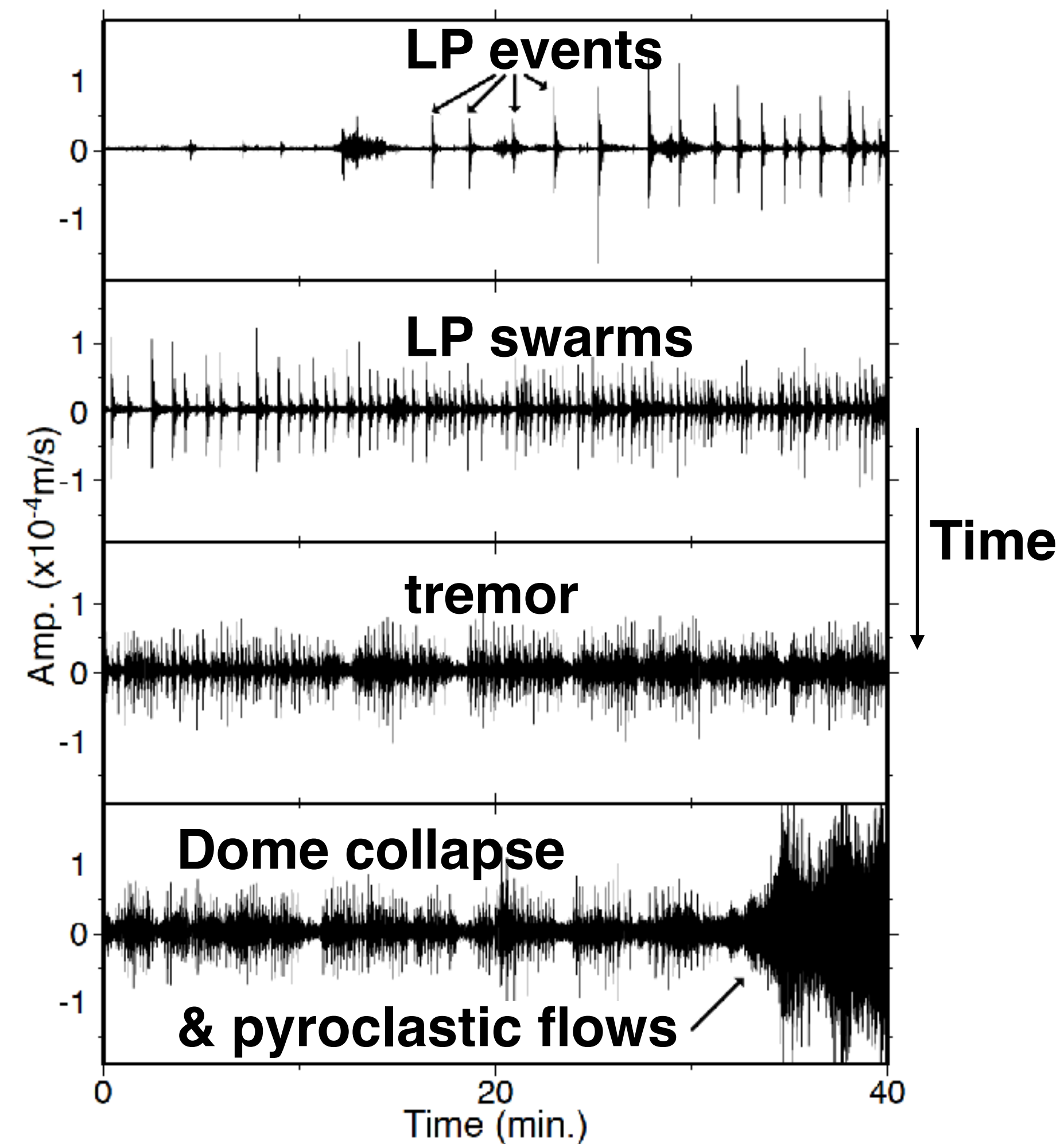
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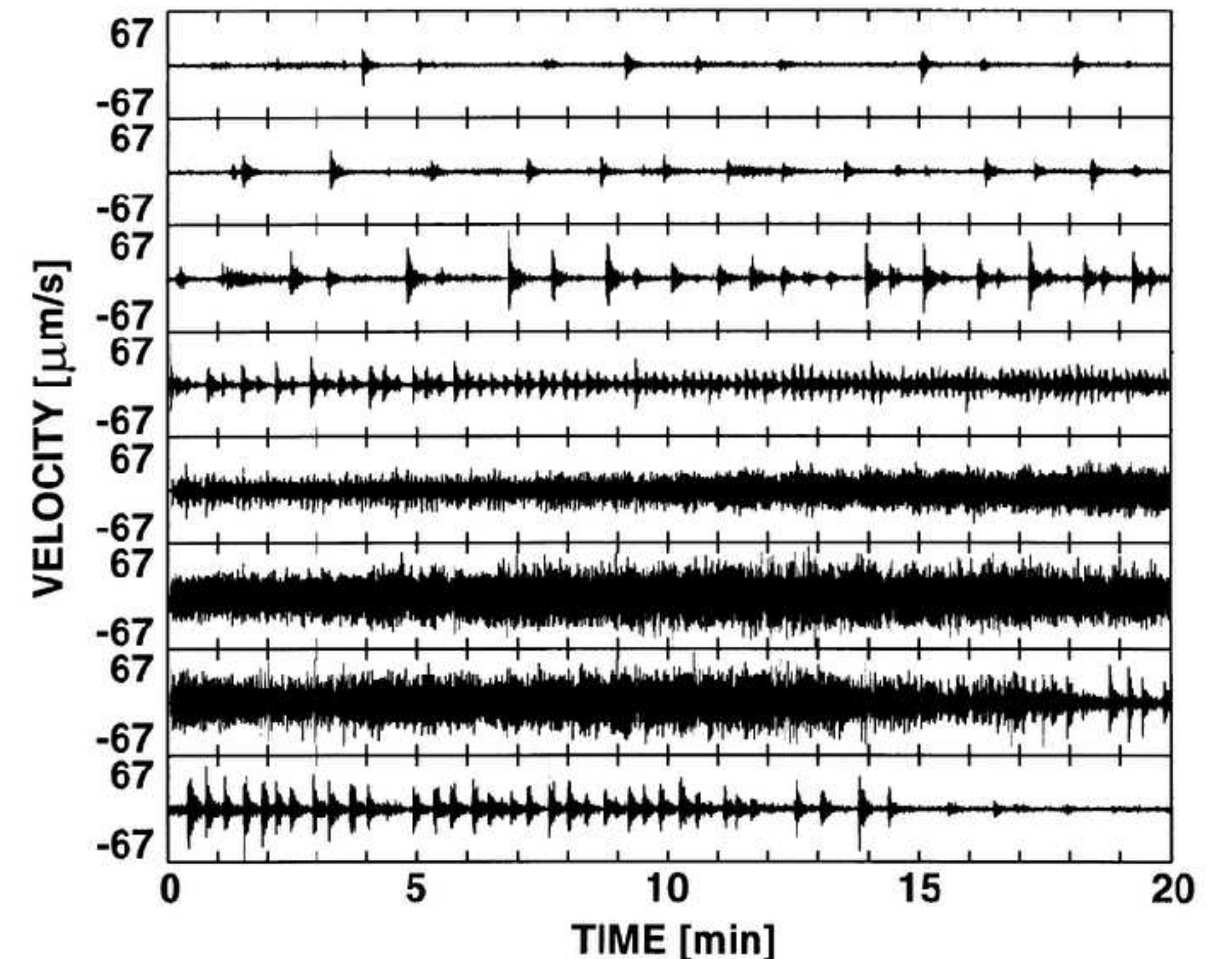
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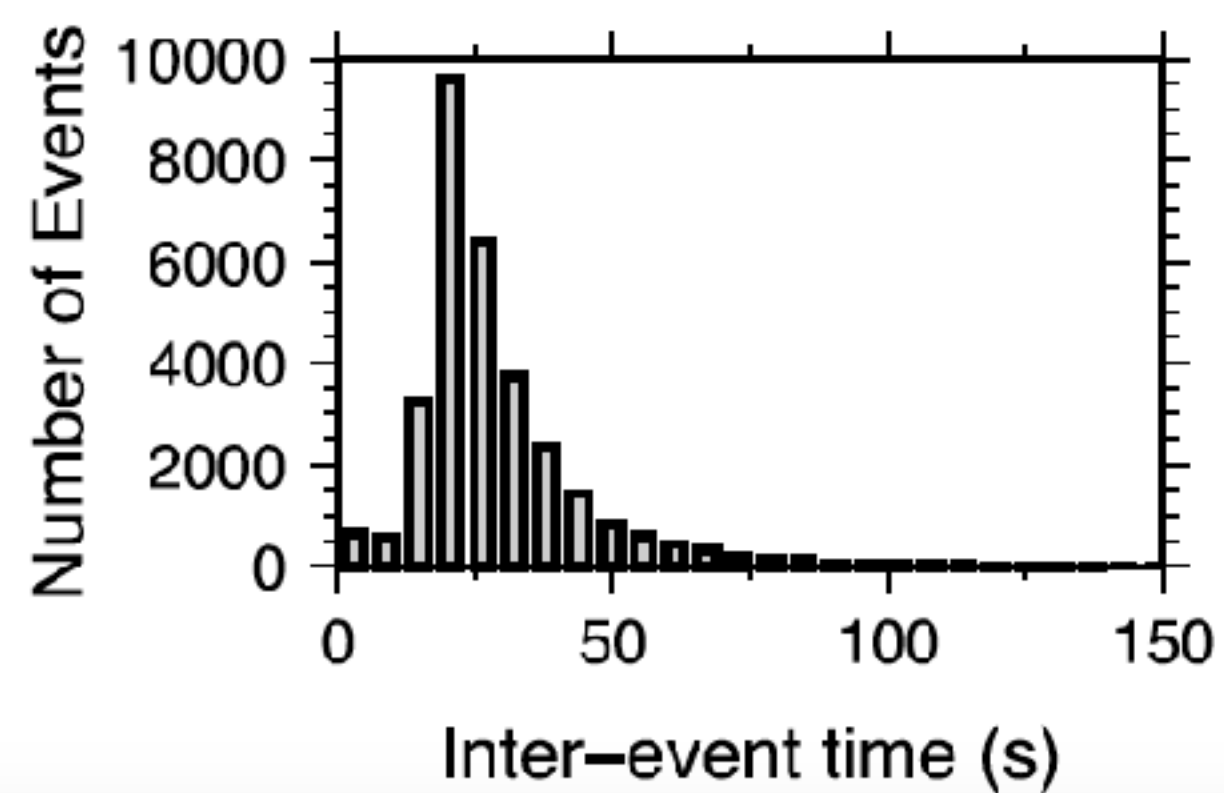


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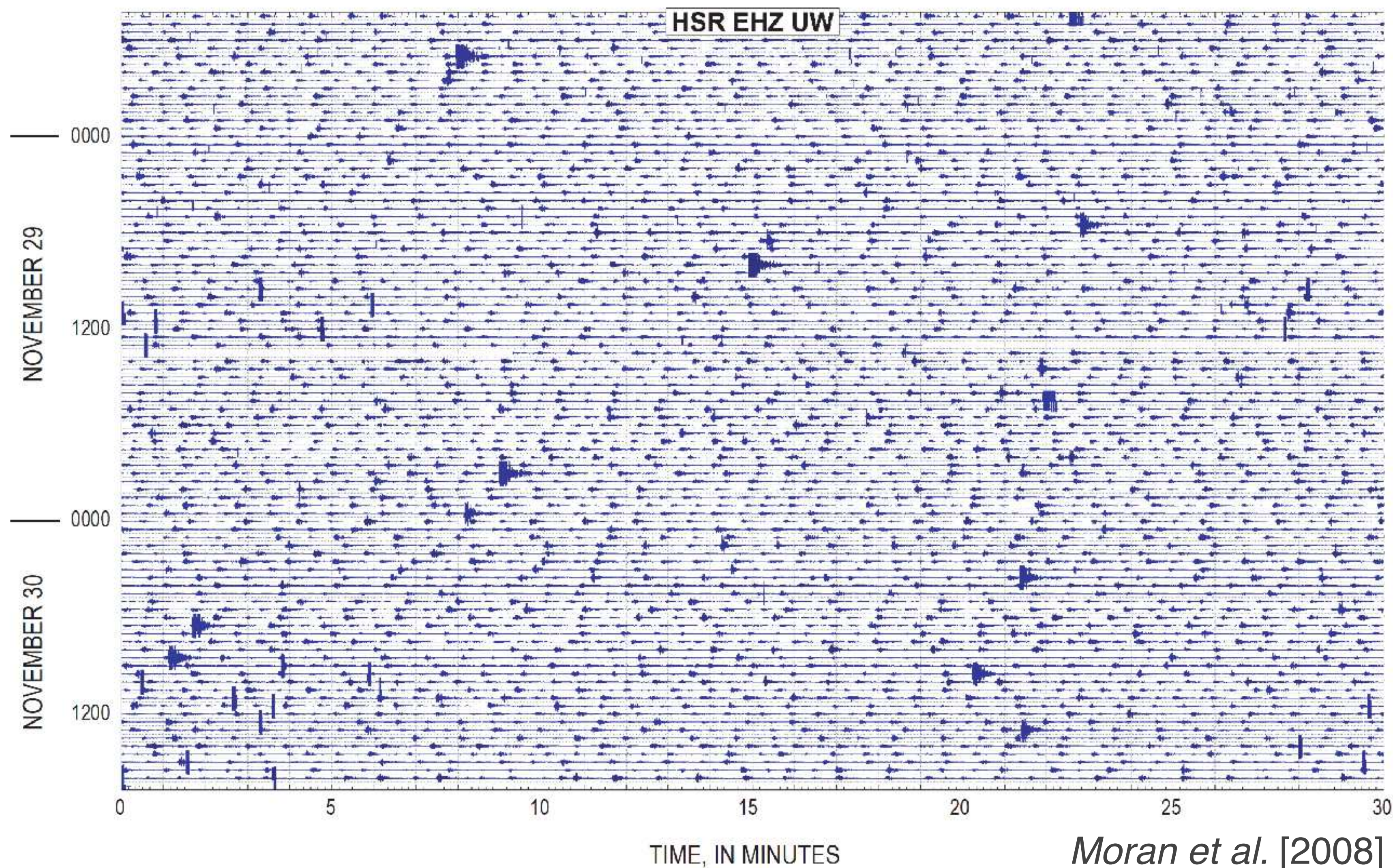
LPs and tremor

- Highly repetitive LPs with regular inter-event times (“drumbeats”)
- May last for years in duration with slow evolution in event characteristics



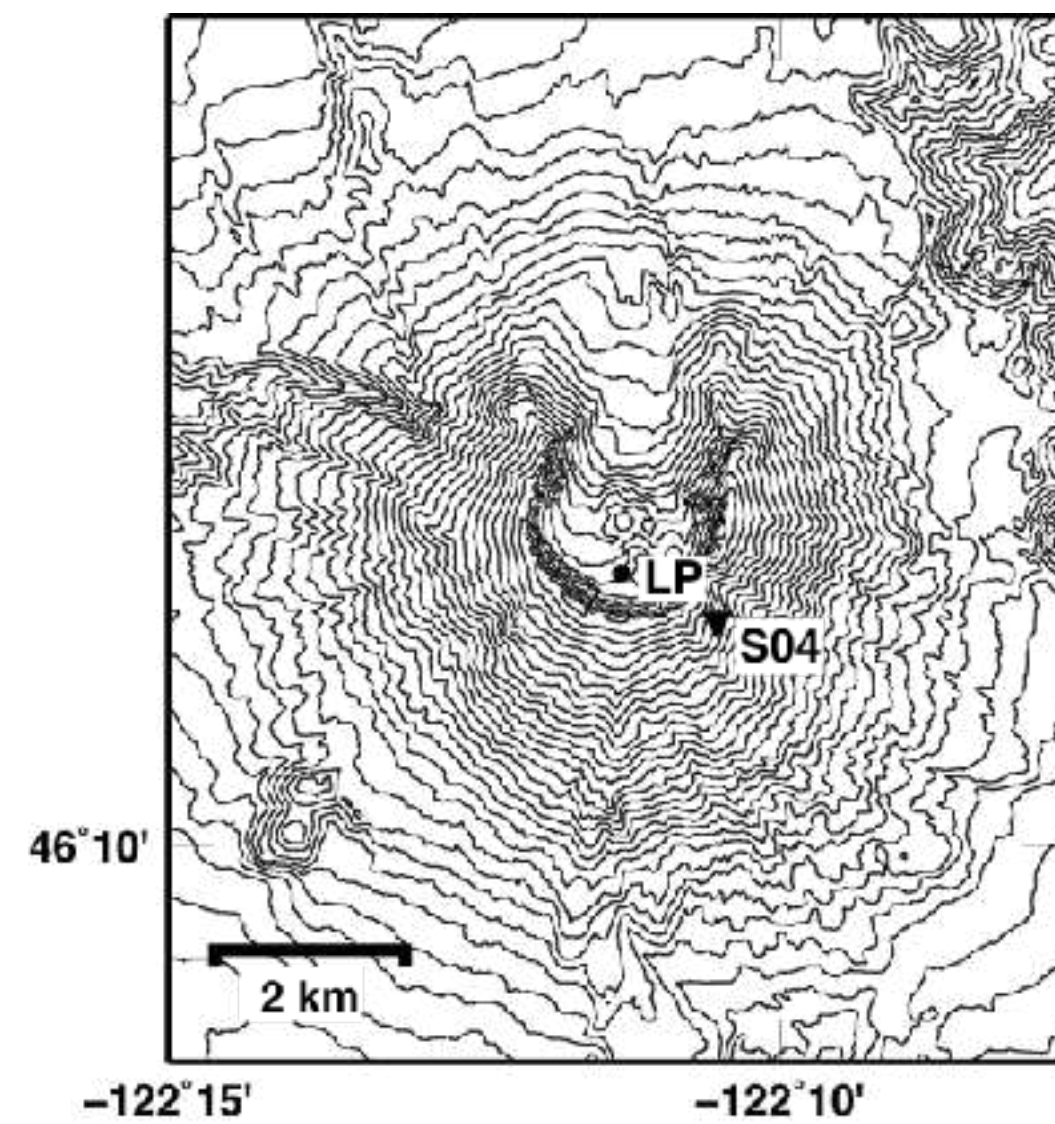
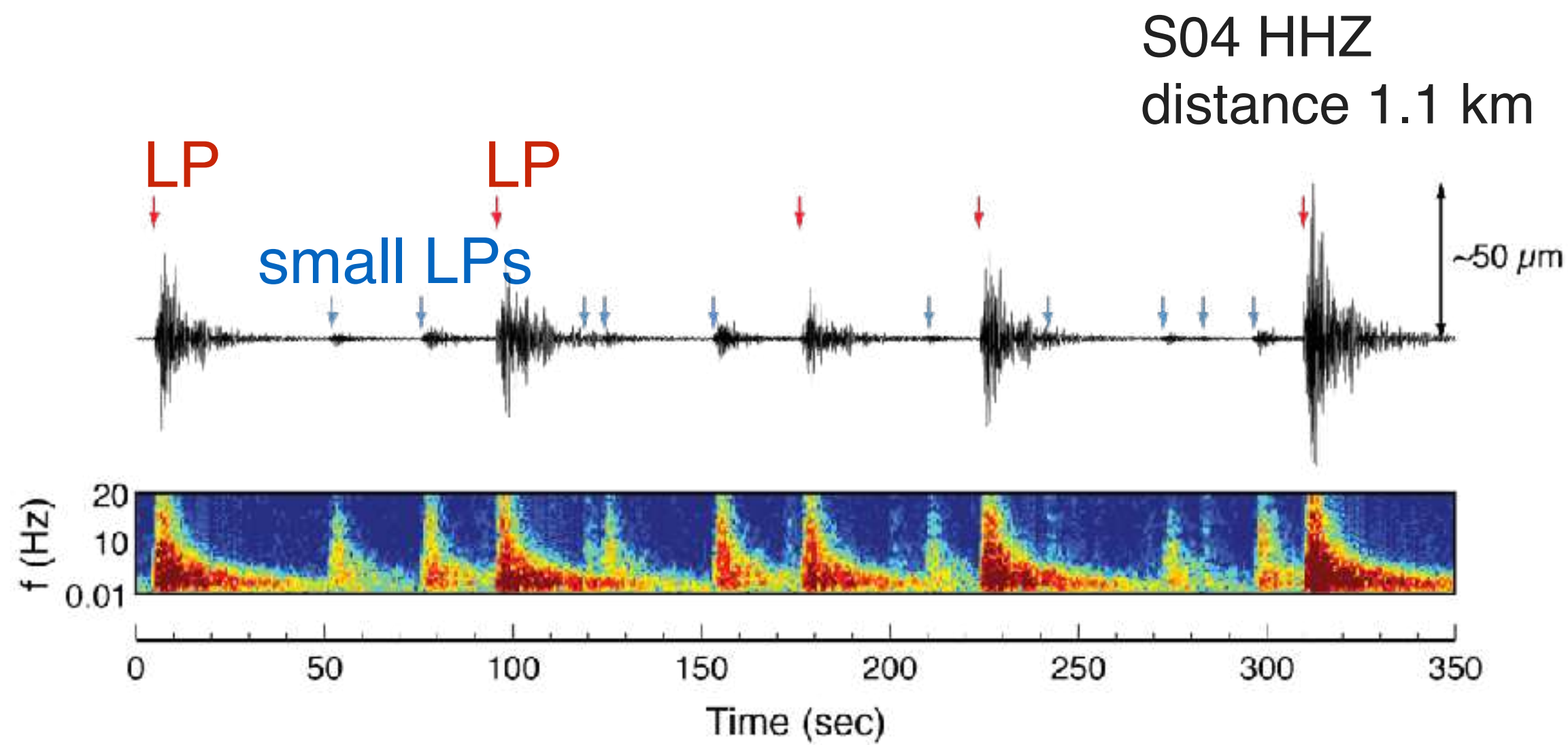
Matoza and Chouet [2010]

Mount St. Helens, WA November 2004; 48-hr seismogram ~2 km from summit

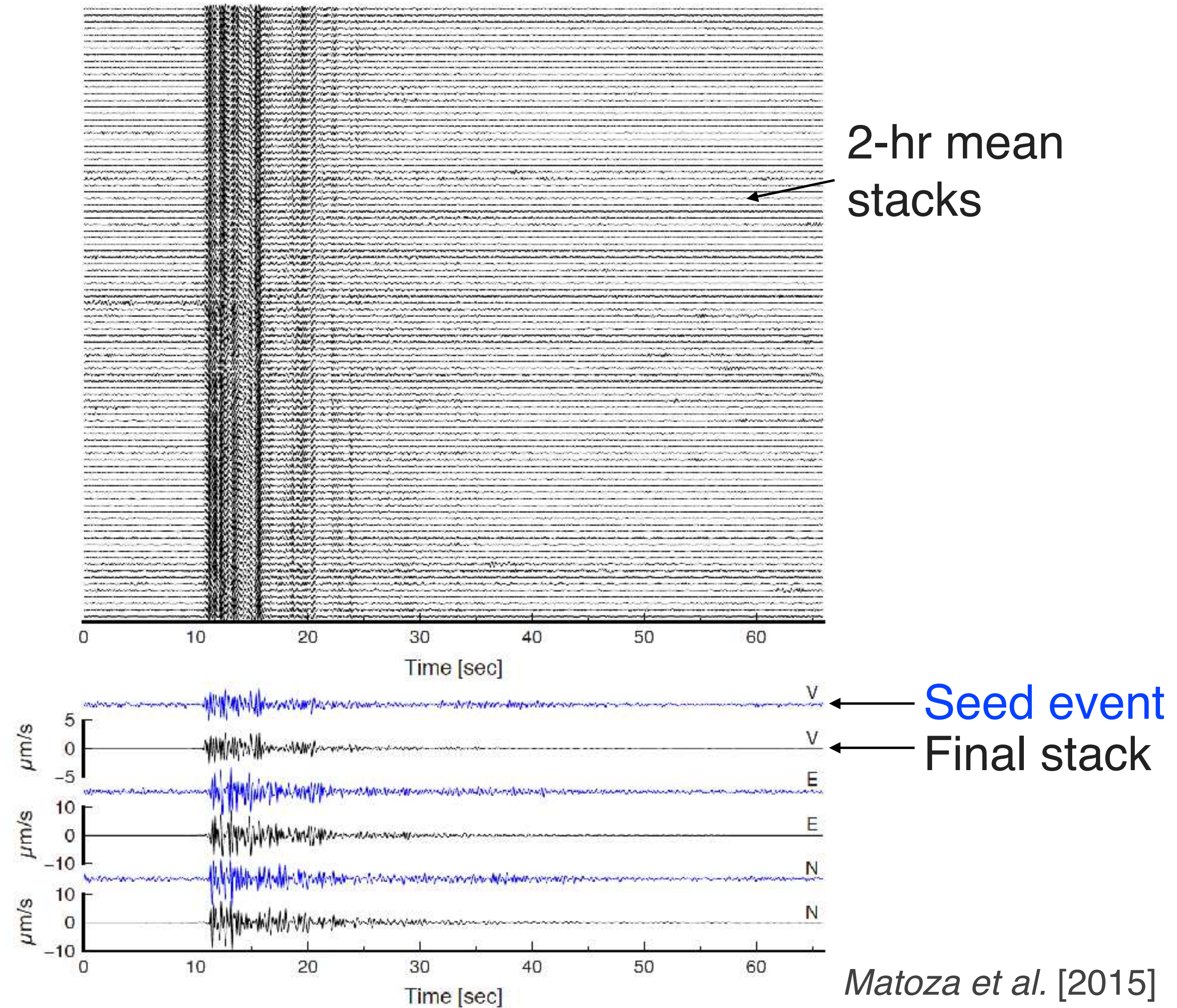


Moran et al. [2008]

LP events: repetitive waveforms

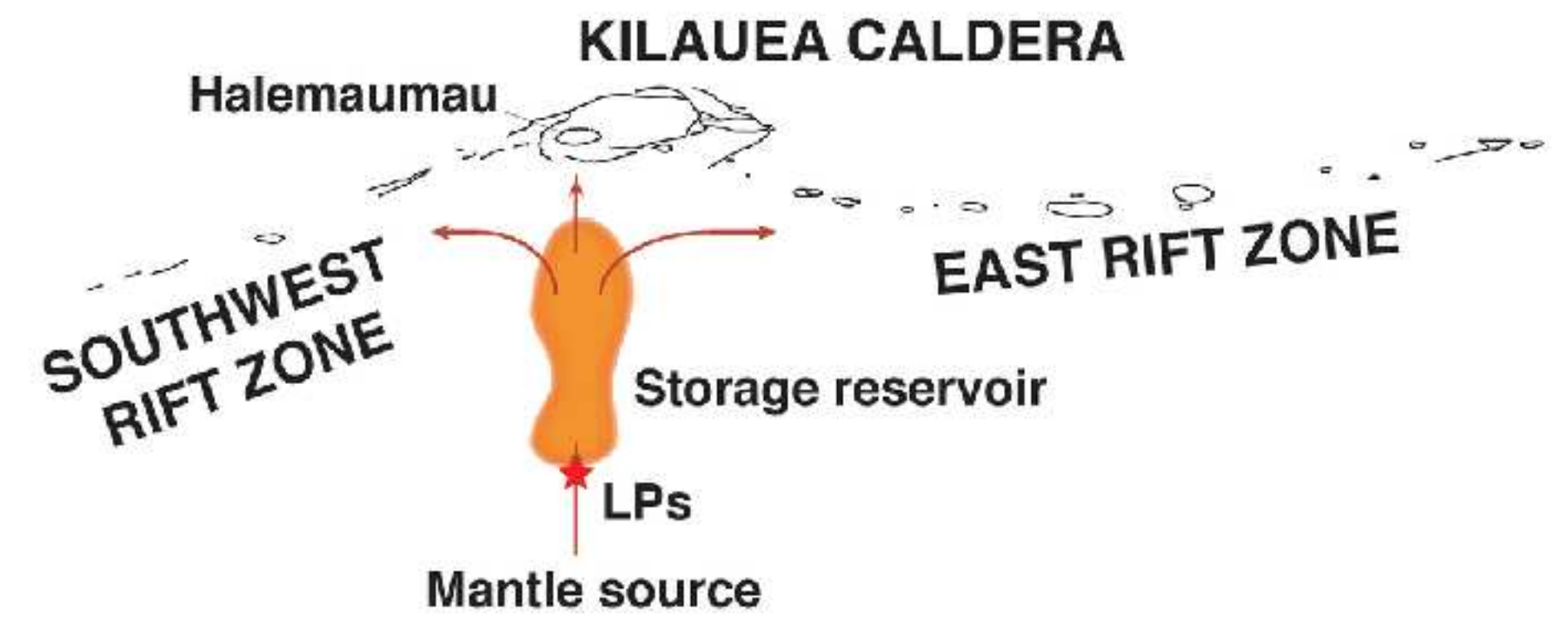
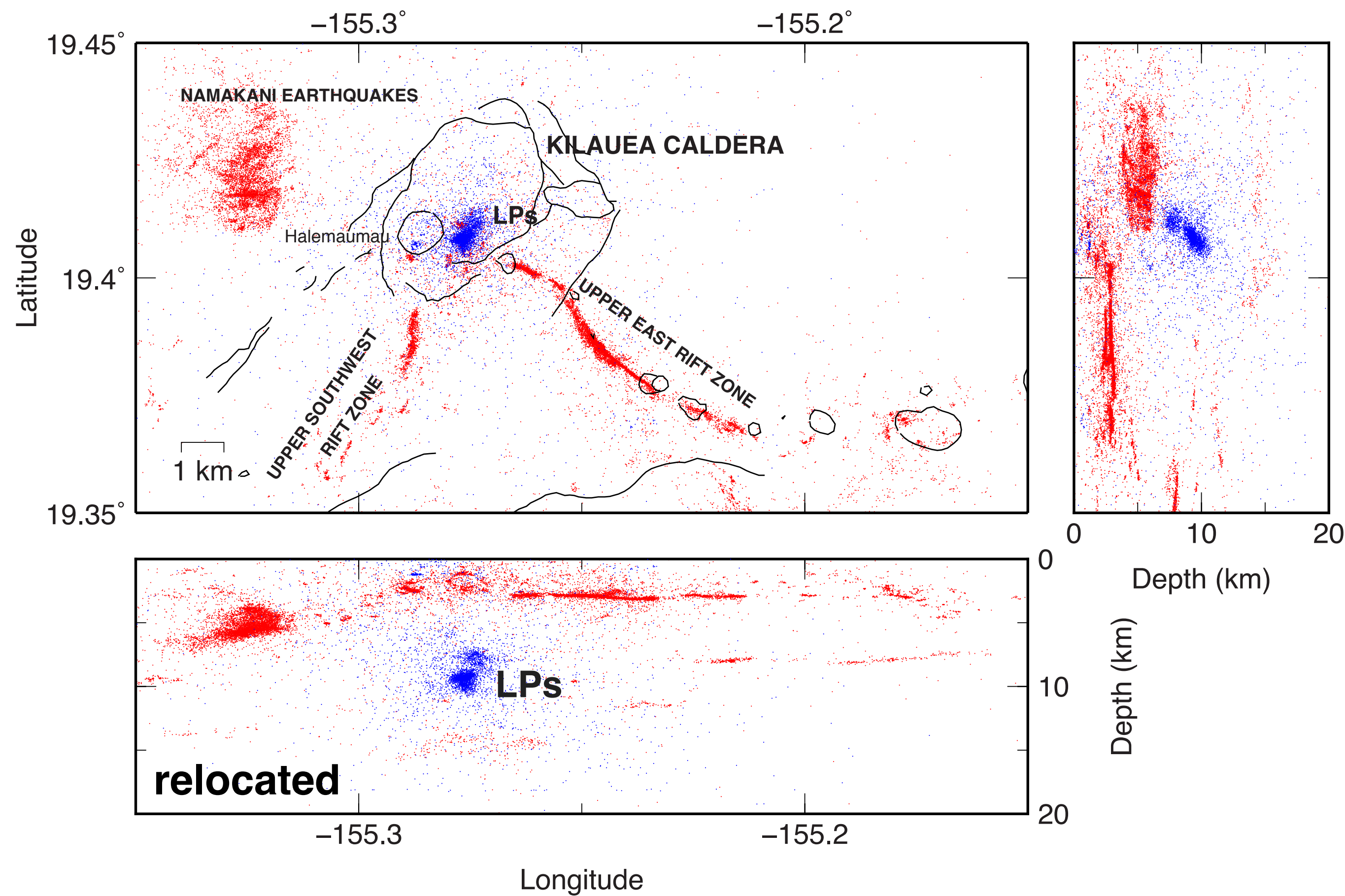


Small LP events at Mount St. Helens



LP events: stable source locations

- LP source location remarkably stable from 1986 to 2009: structurally controlled



LPs as the impulse response of the resonant tremor system

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Excitation of a Buried Magmatic Pipe: A Seismic Source Model for Volcanic Tremor

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Recent observations of seismic events at various volcanoes suggest that harmonic tremor results from the sustained occurrence of so-called long-period or low-frequency events. Accordingly, we can view the long-period volcanic event as the elementary process of tremor and interpret it as the impulse response of the tremor-generating system. We present a seismic model in which the source of tremor is the acoustic resonance of a fluid-filled volcanic pipe triggered by excess gas pressure. The model consists of three elements, namely, a triggering mechanism, a resonator, and a radiator.

Chouet [1985]

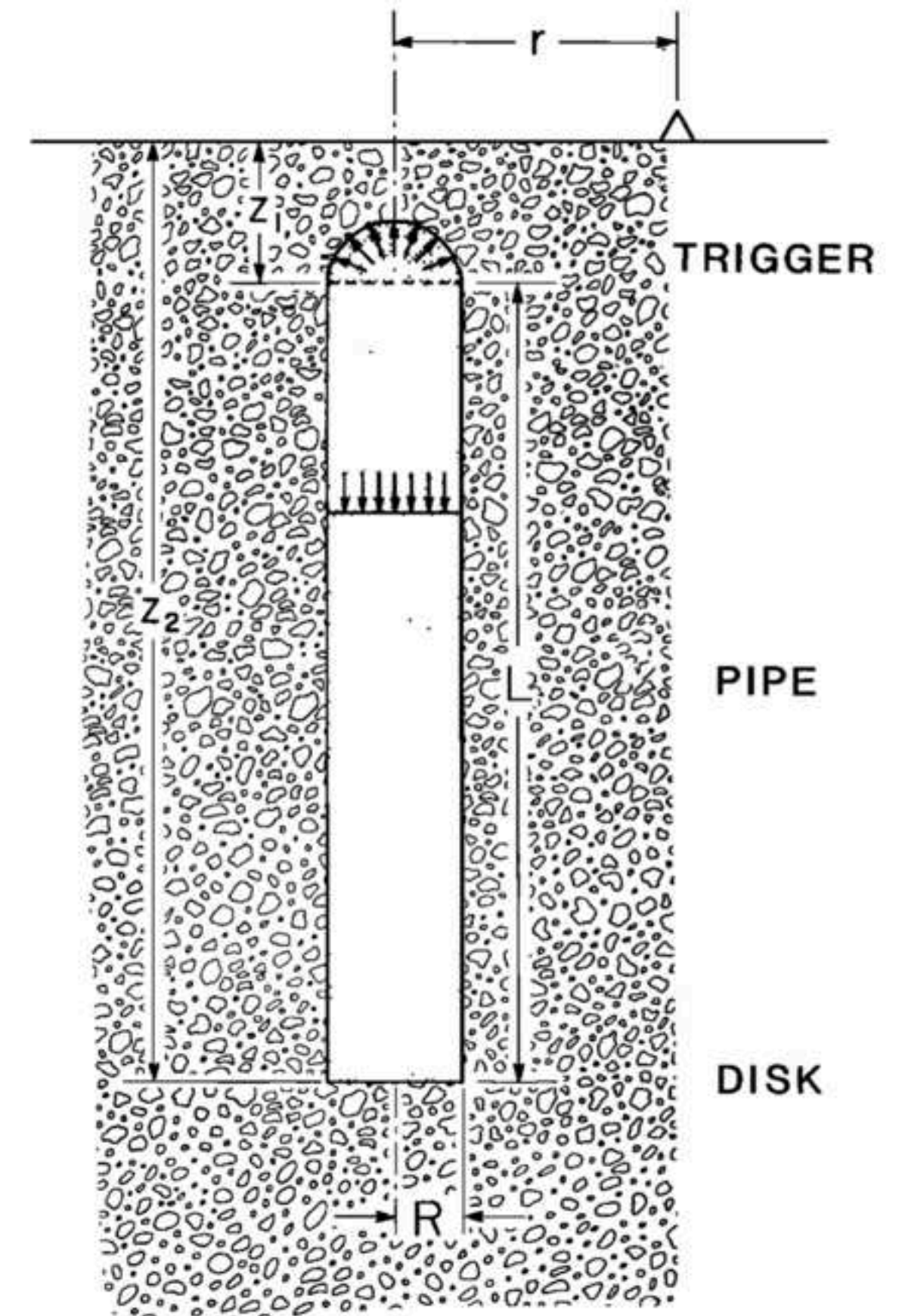
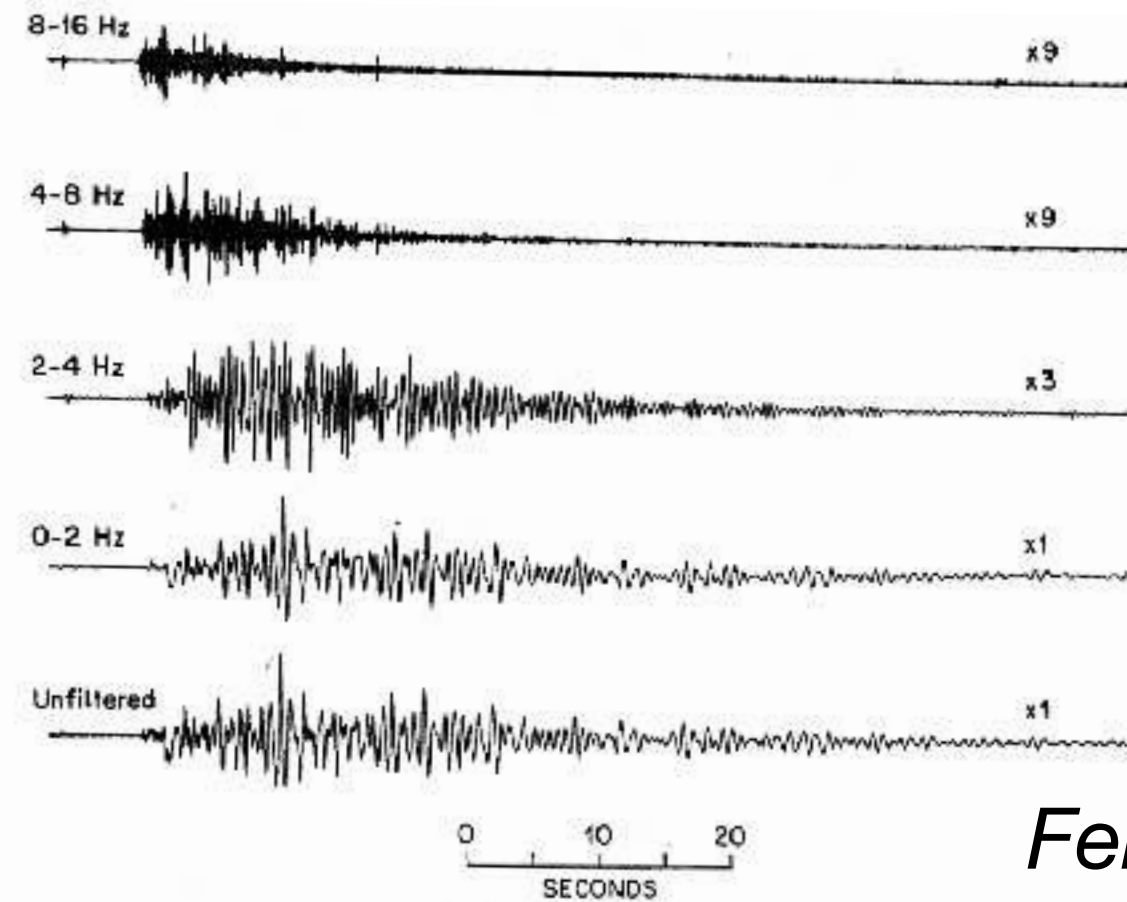
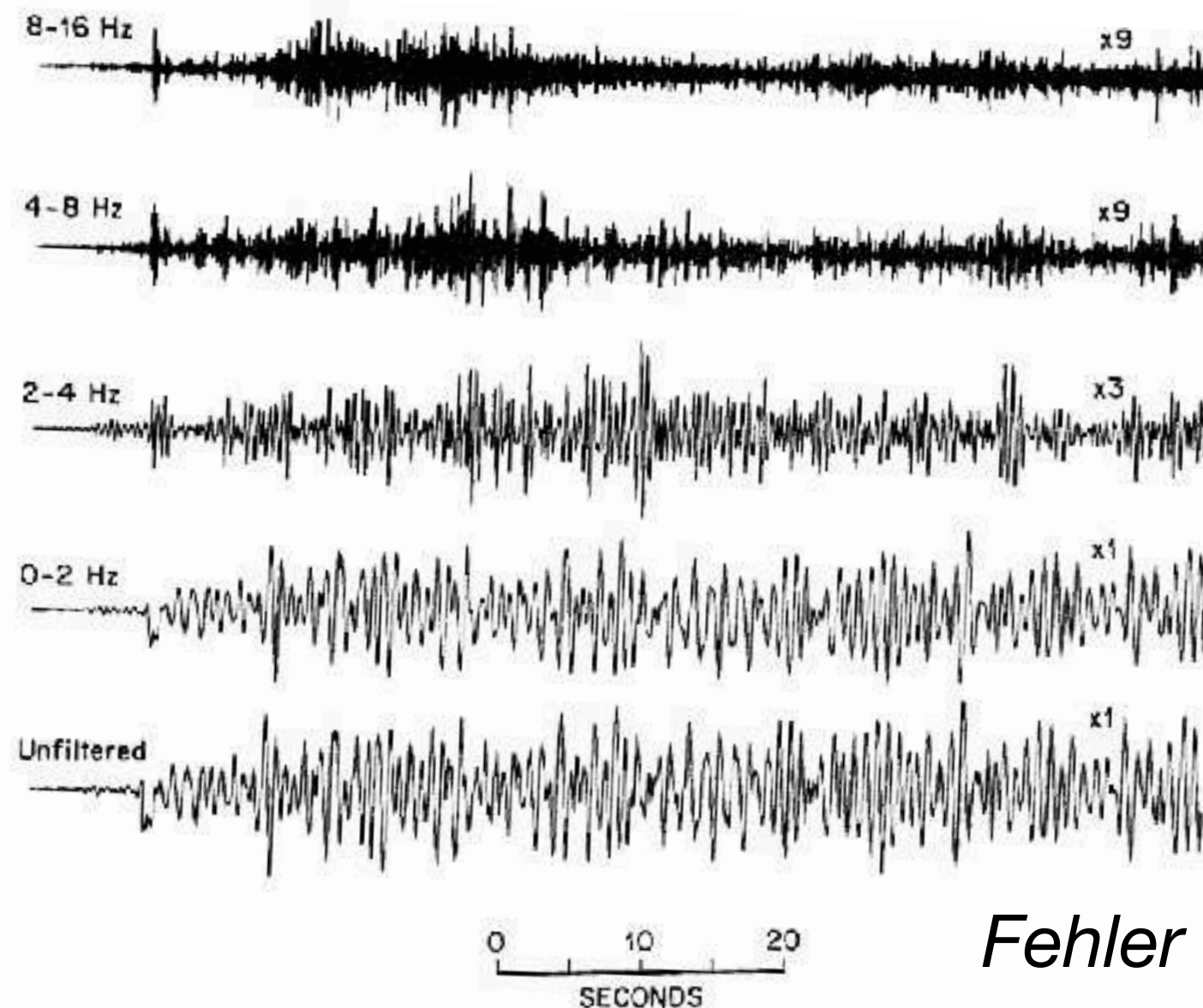


Fig. 1. Configuration of the source, medium, and receiver used in the computation of the ground motion produced by the excitation of a fluid-filled pipe. The composite source consists of a vertical conduit of radius R and length L capped by a hemisphere and shut by a horizontal disk at the bottom. The pipe is filled with a liquid while the hemispherical cap contains a gas. The depth to the pipe inlet is z_1 , and the receiver is located at the epicentral distance r .



Fehler [1983]

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Fig. 10. Waveform of a tremor event and filtered traces.

see also Jousset et al. [2003]; finite-difference solution of conduit resonance

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A dynamic source model is presented, in which a three-dimensional crack containing a viscous compressible fluid is excited into resonance by an impulsive pressure transient applied over a small area ΔS of the crack surface. The crack excitation depends critically on two dimensionless parameters called the crack stiffness, $C = (b/\mu)(L/d)$, and viscous damping loss, $F = (12\eta L)/(\rho_f d^2 \alpha)$, where b is the bulk modulus, η is the viscosity, ρ_f is the density of the fluid, μ is the rigidity, α is the compressional velocity of the solid, L is the crack length, and d is the crack thickness. ...

Chouet [1988]

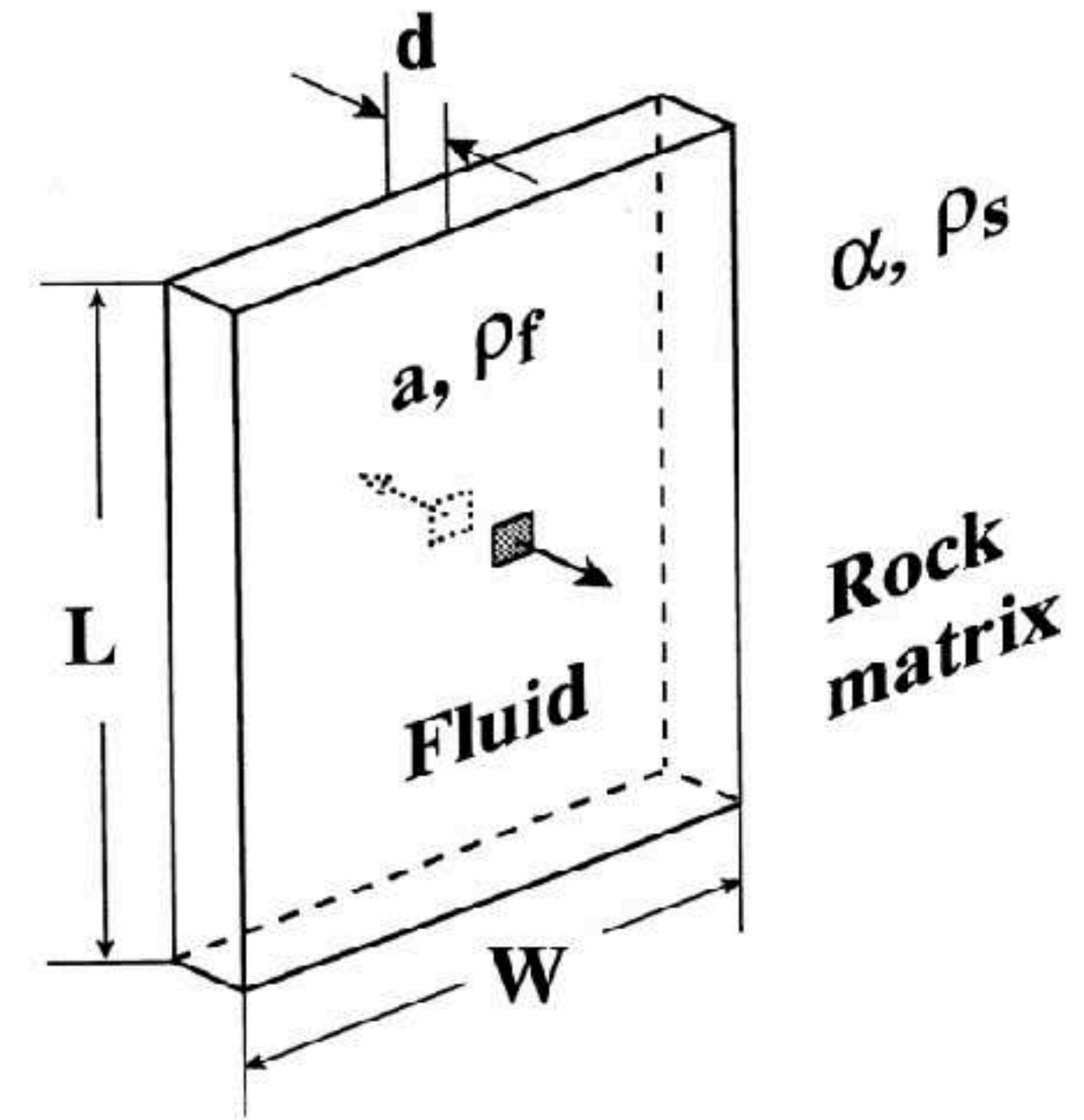
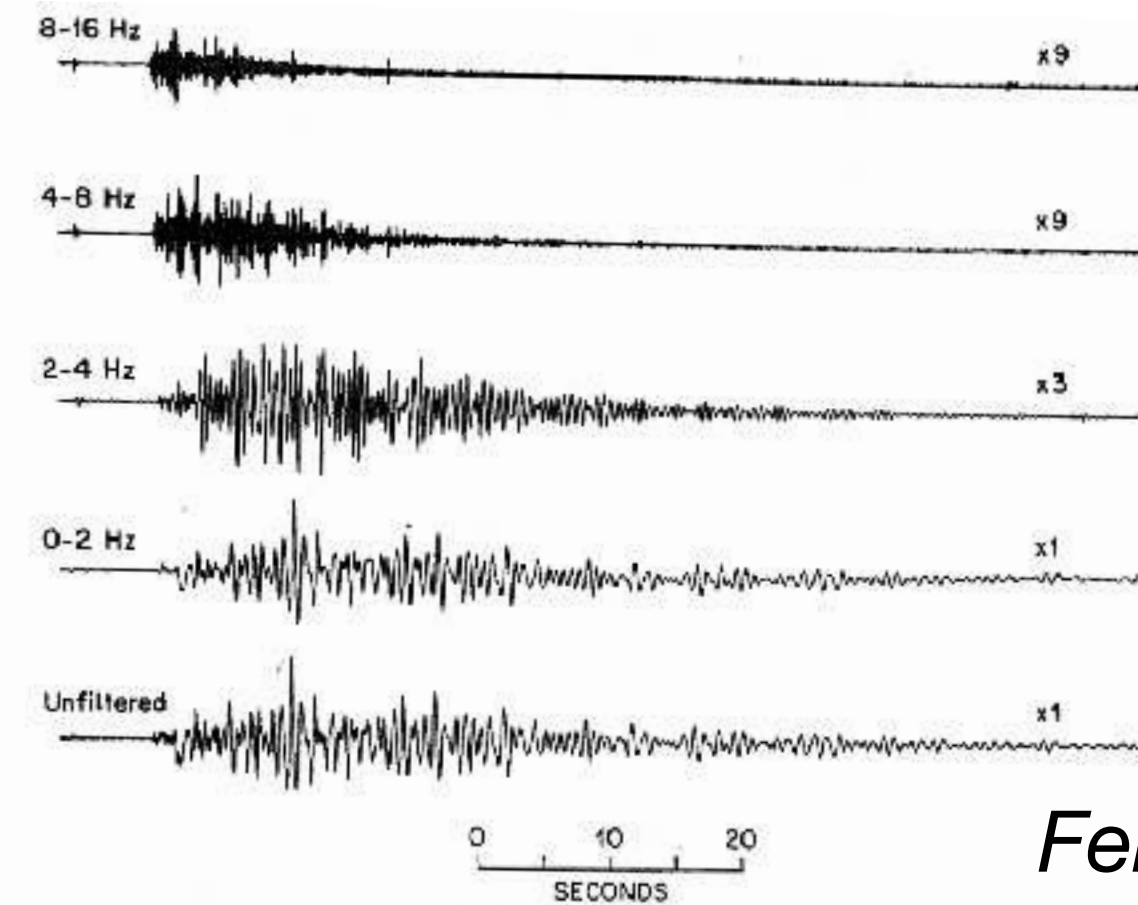
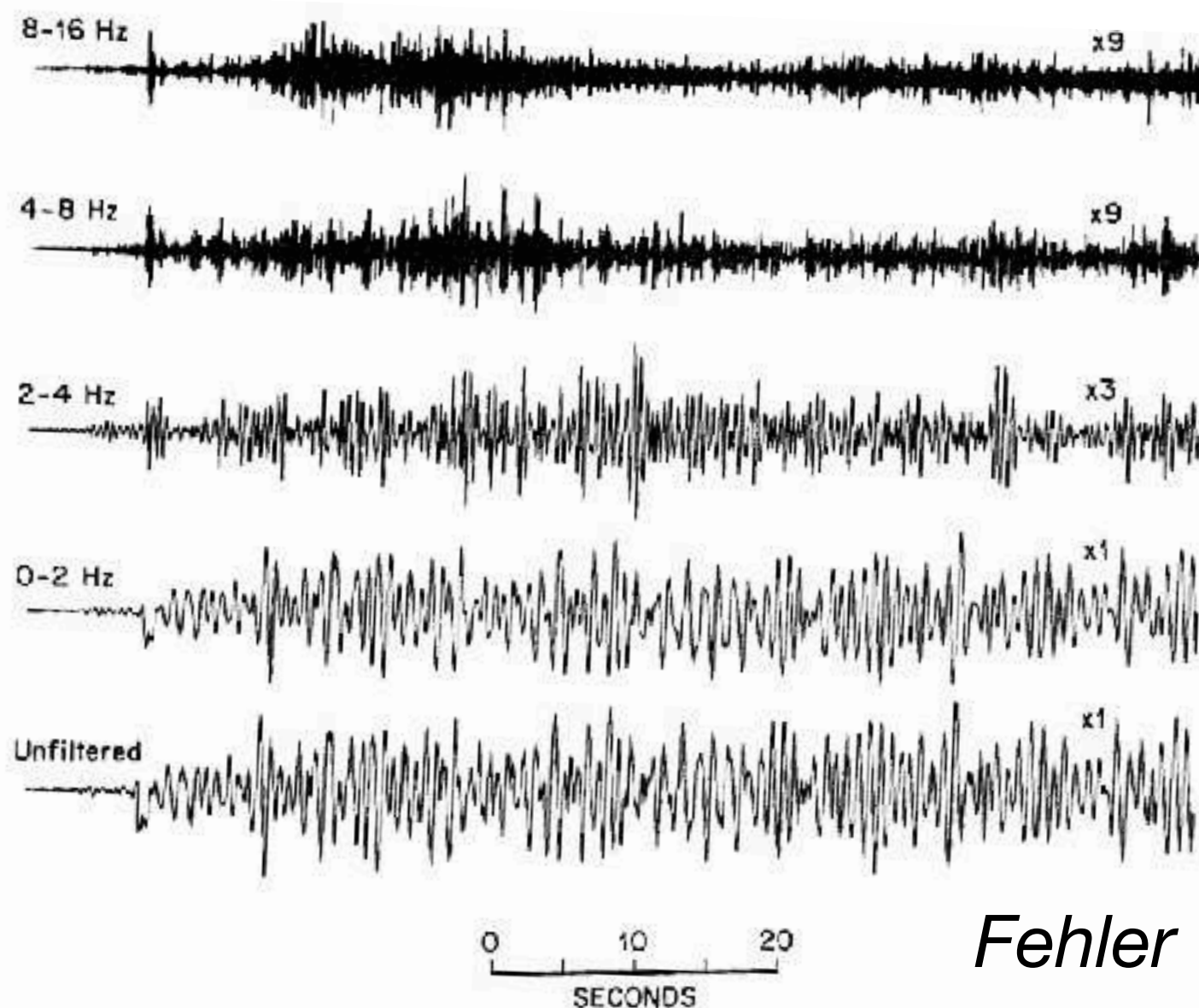


Figure 1. Geometry of the crack model. L , W , and d are the length, width, and aperture of the crack, respectively; a is the sound speed of the fluid in the crack and α is the P wave velocity of the rock matrix, and ρ_f and ρ_s are the densities of the fluid and rock matrix, respectively. We use $W/L = 0.5$, $L/d = 10^4$, and a step increase in pressure applied at the center of the crack as the crack excitation throughout this study.



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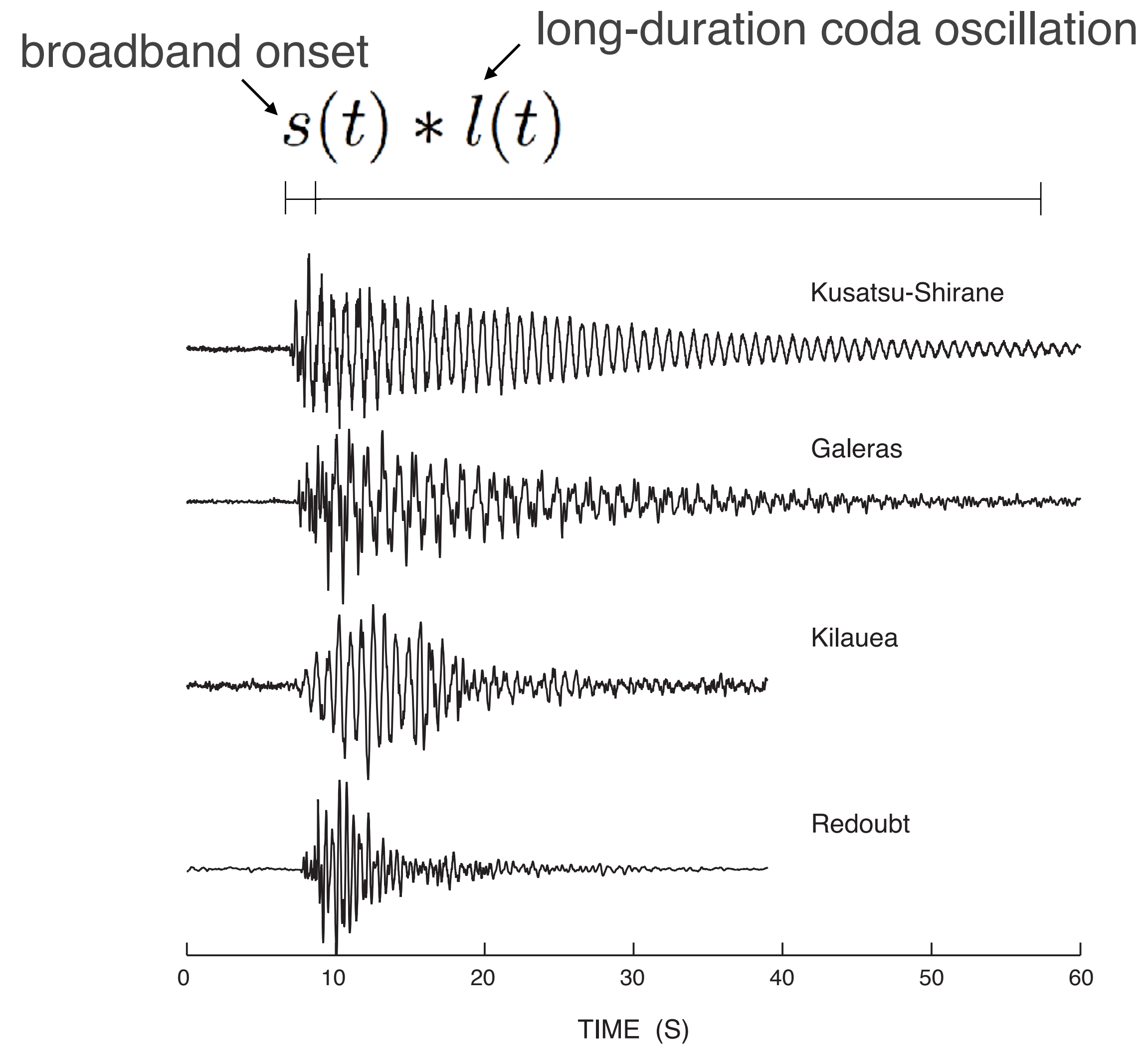


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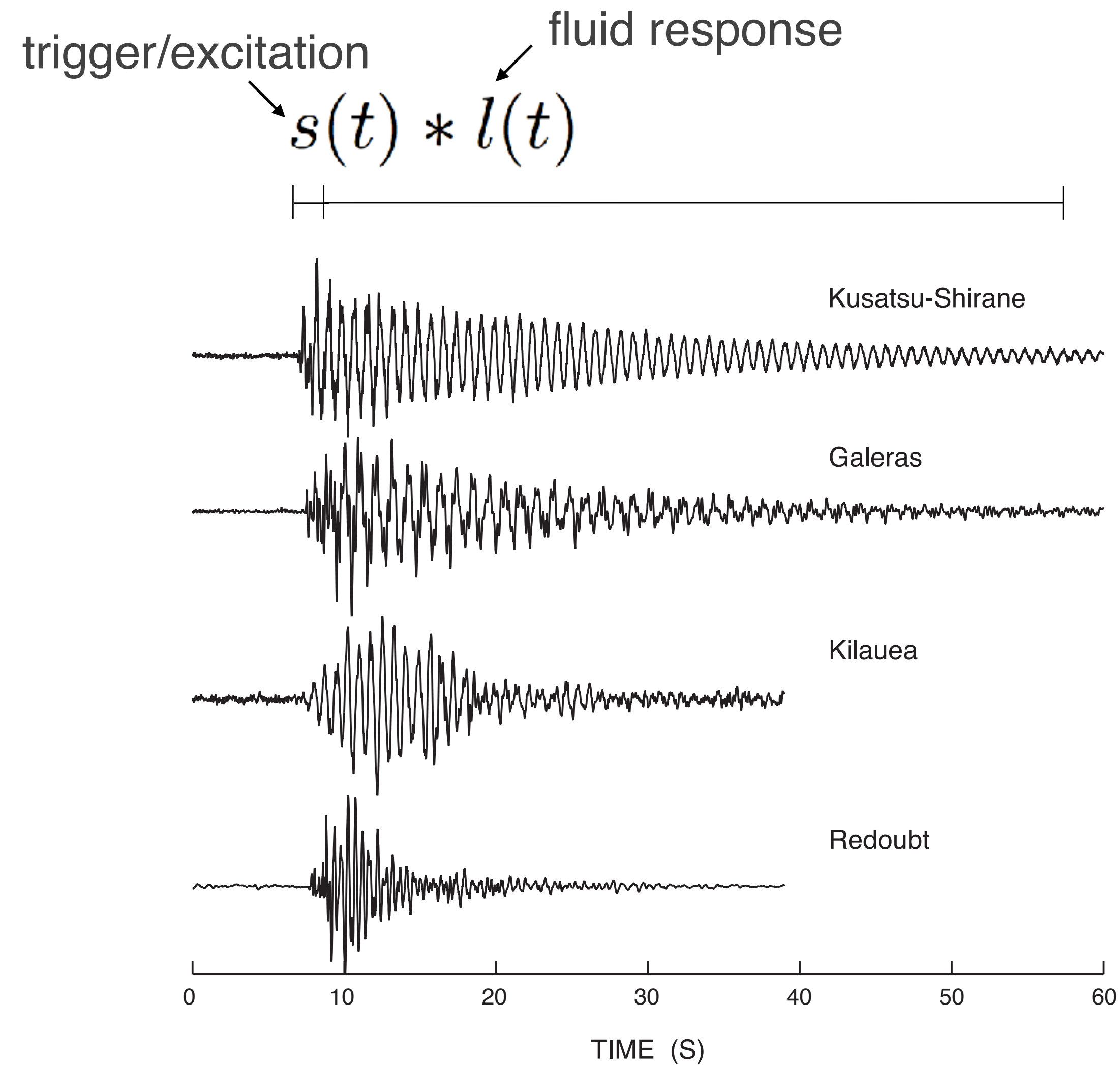
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LPs: the fluid-driven crack model

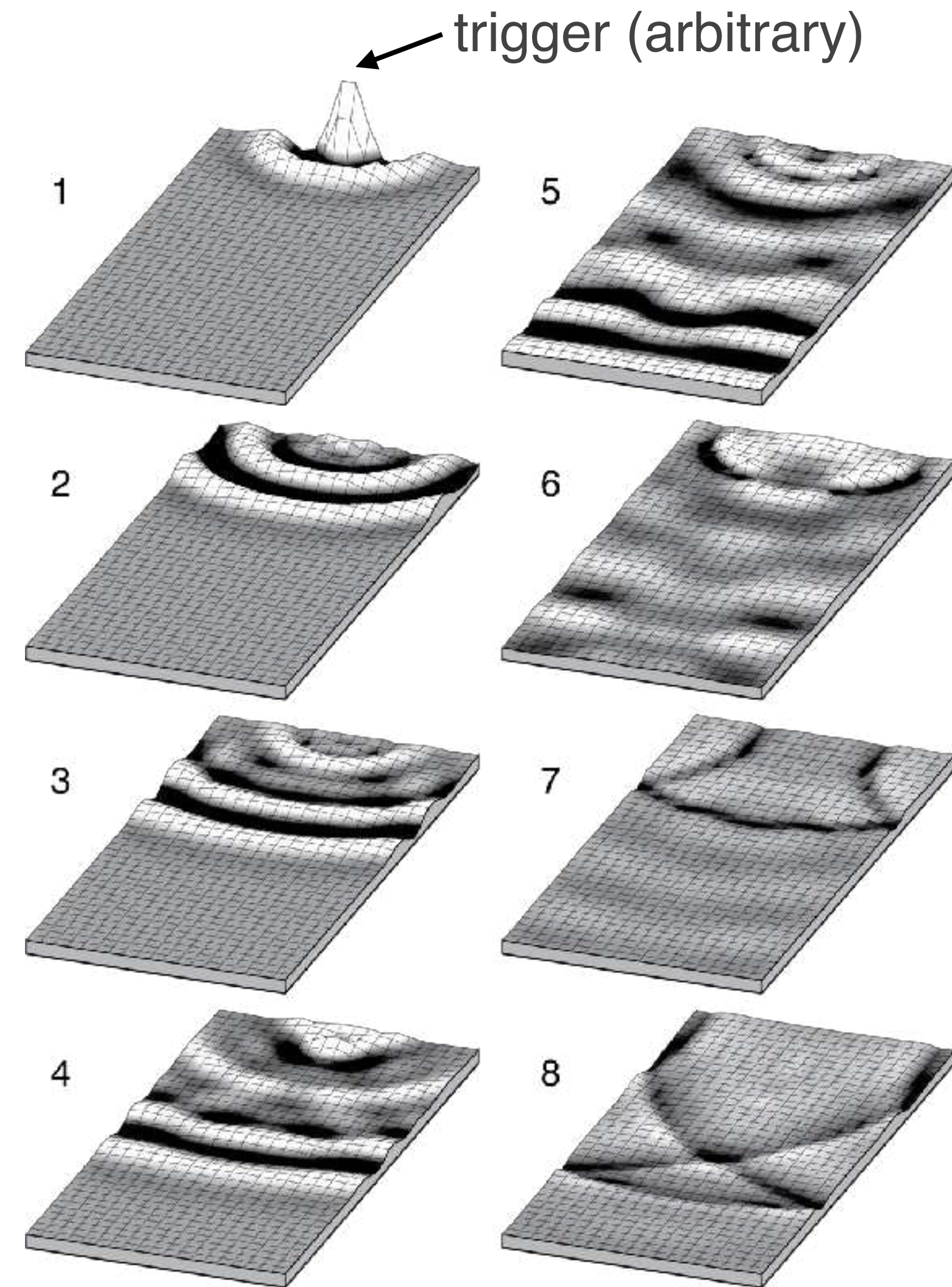
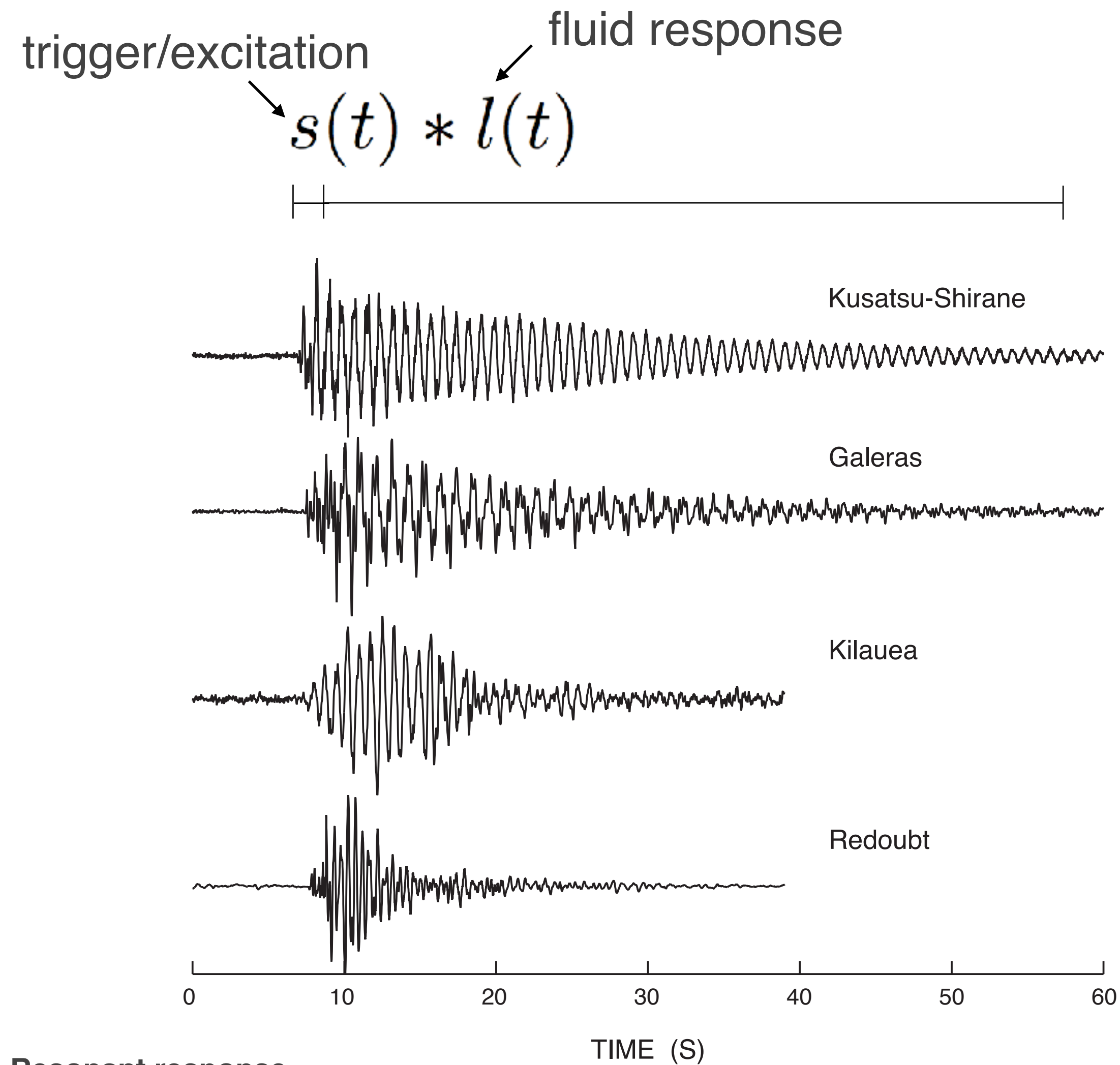


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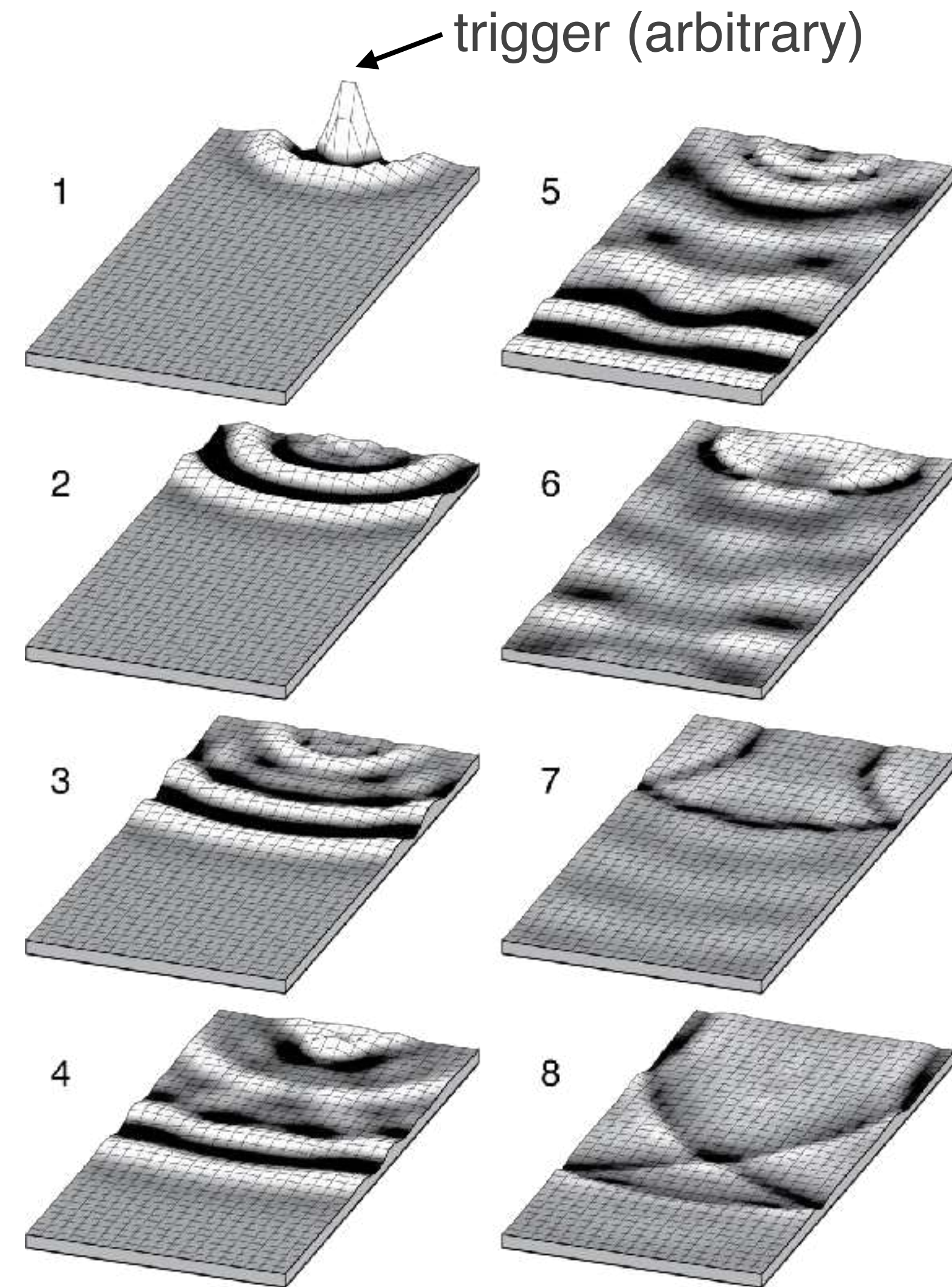
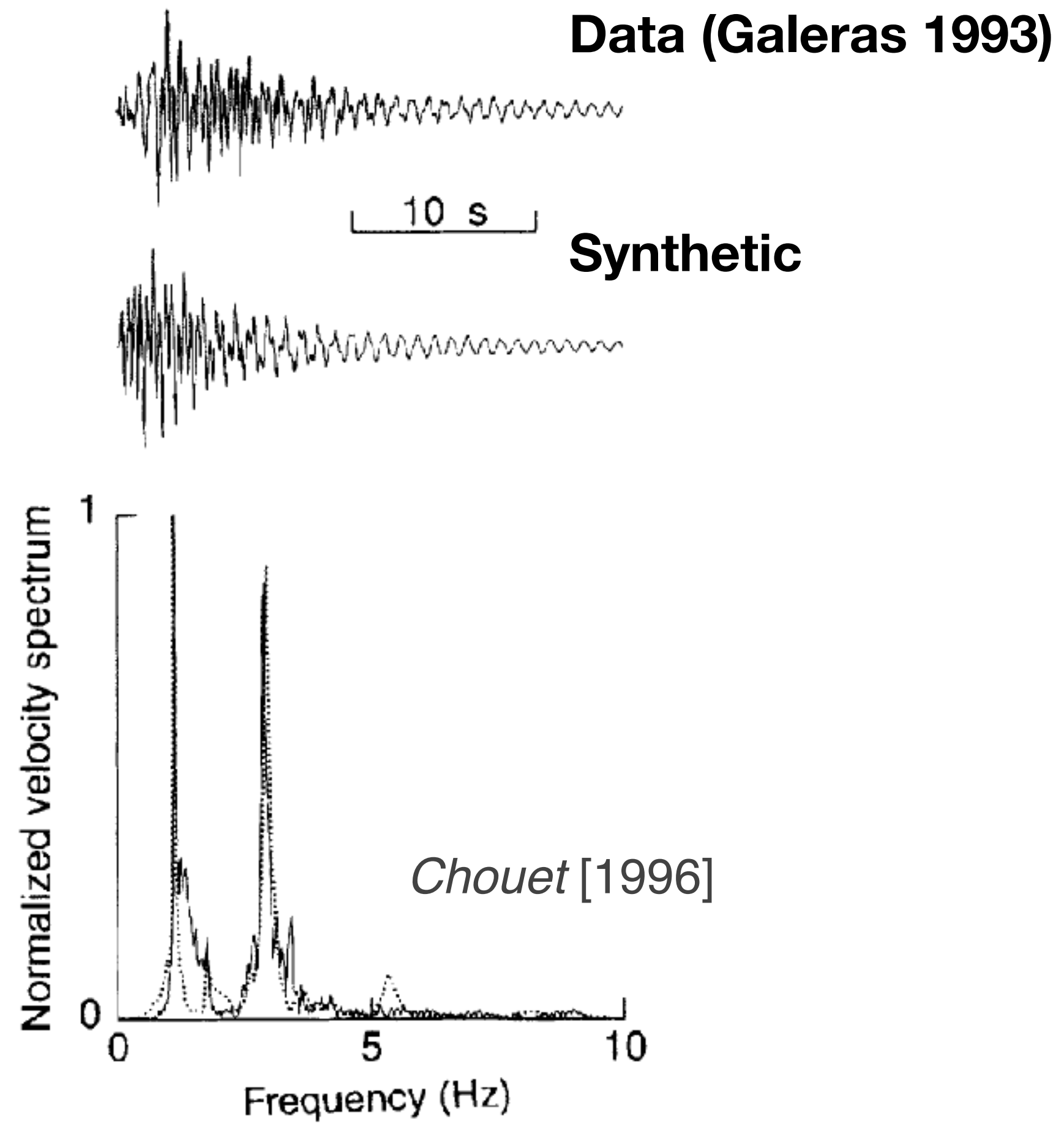
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Chouet and Matoza [2013]

Resonant response

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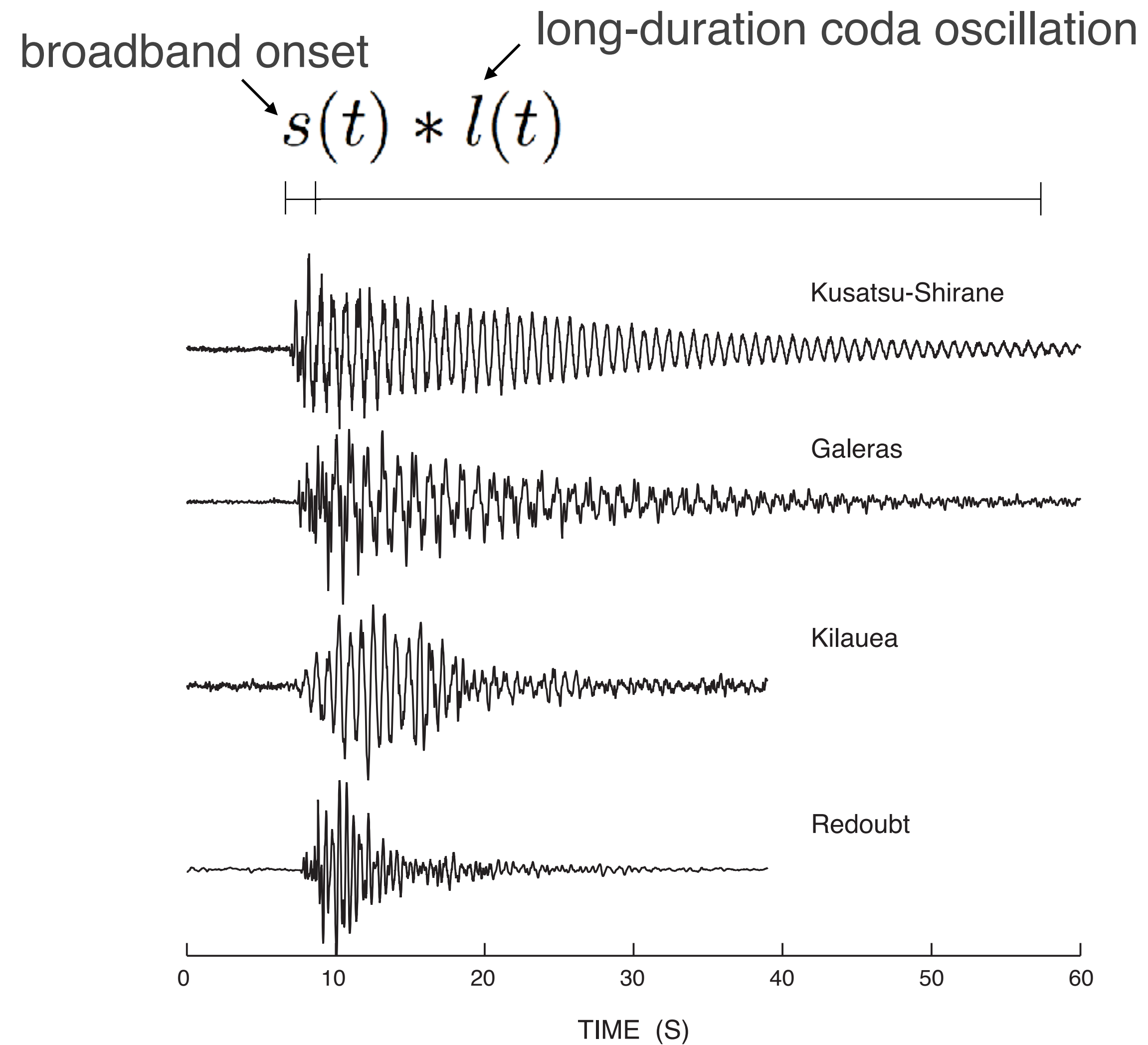
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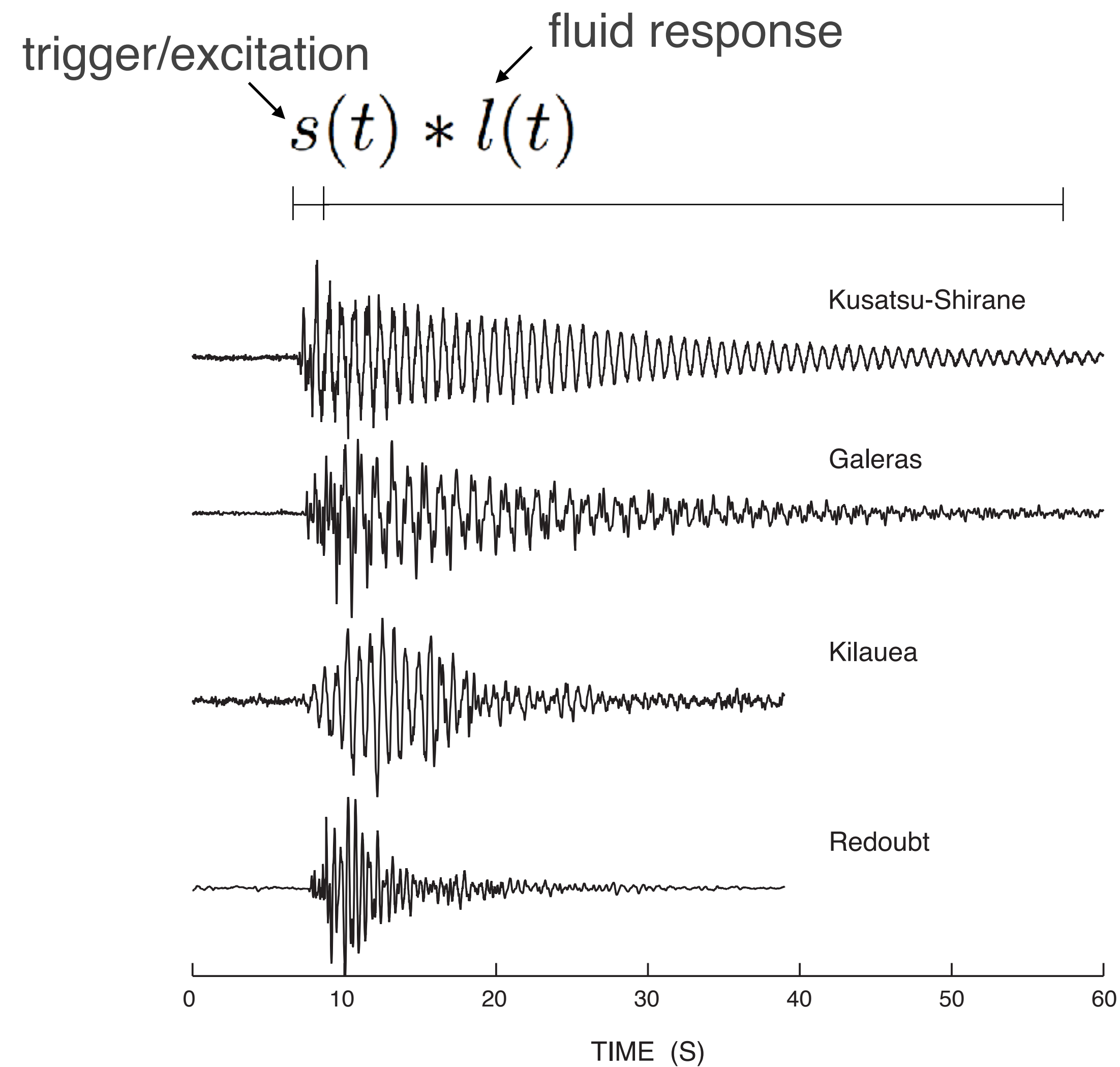
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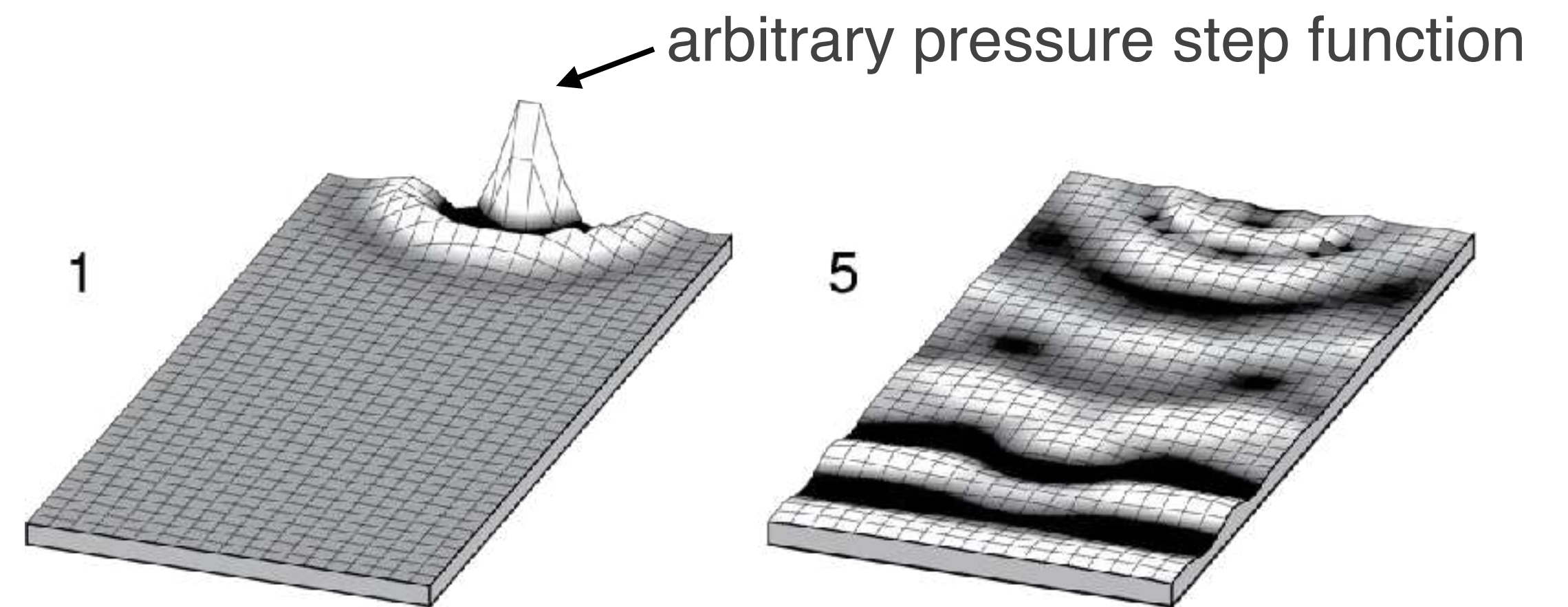
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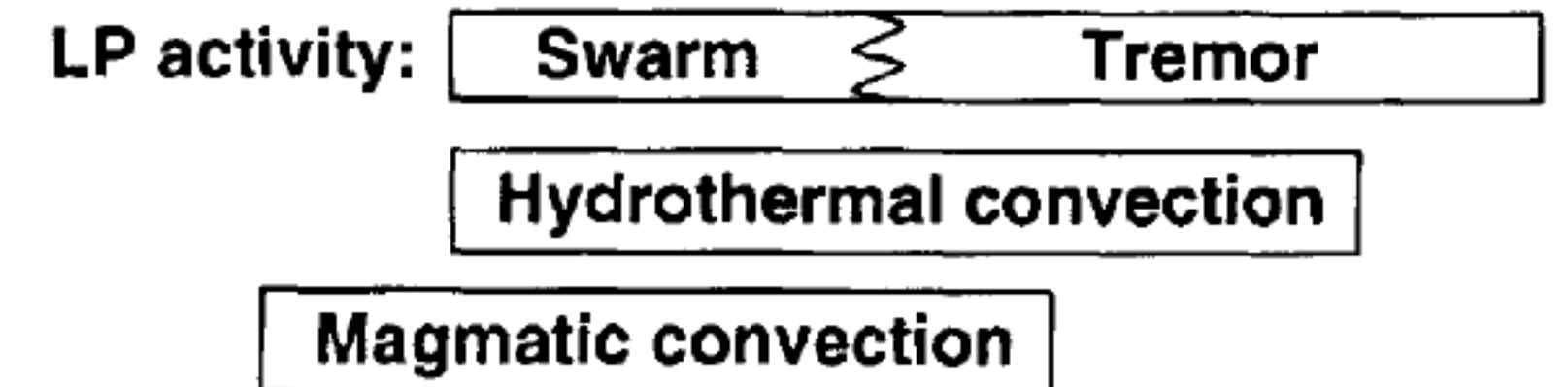
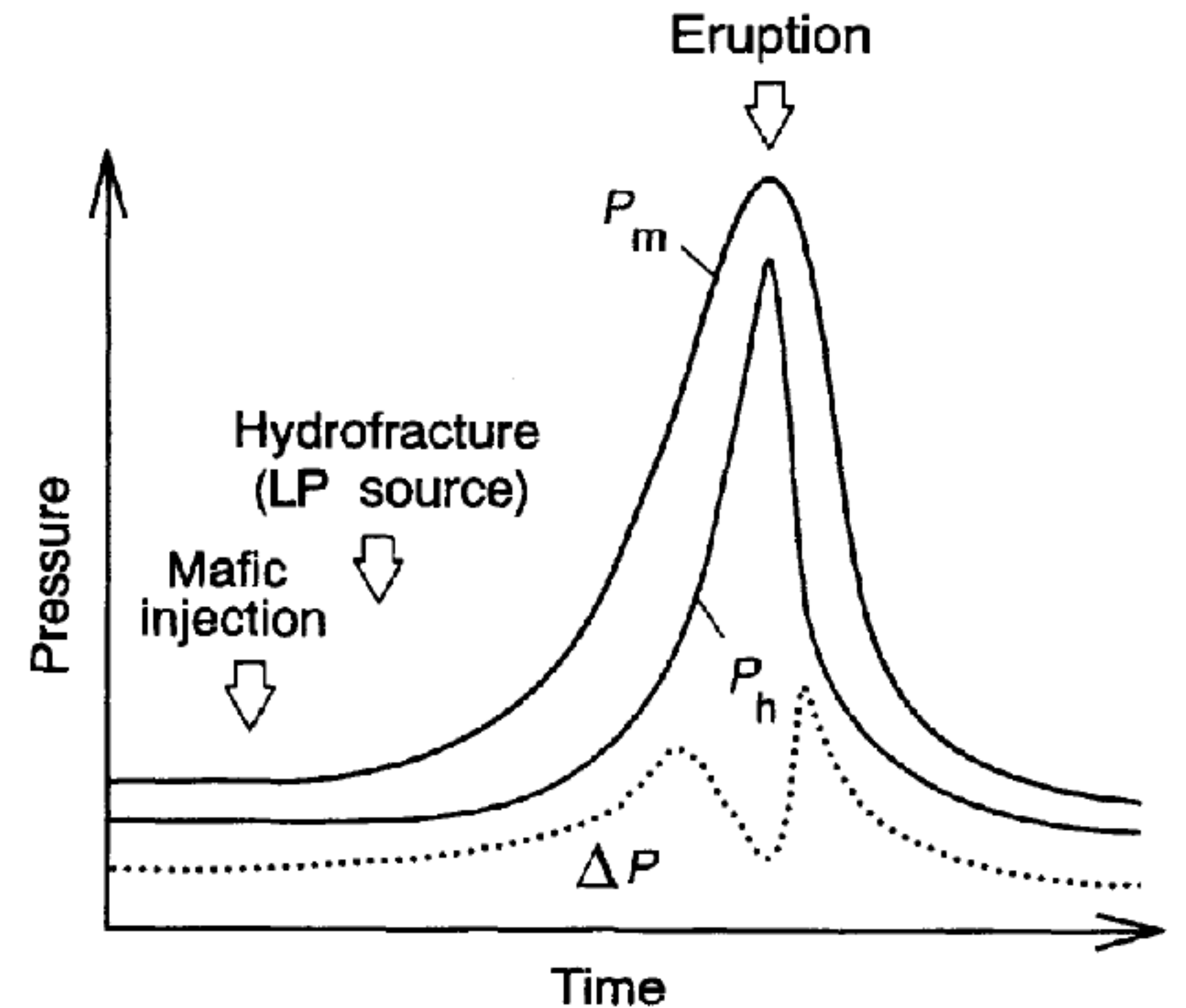
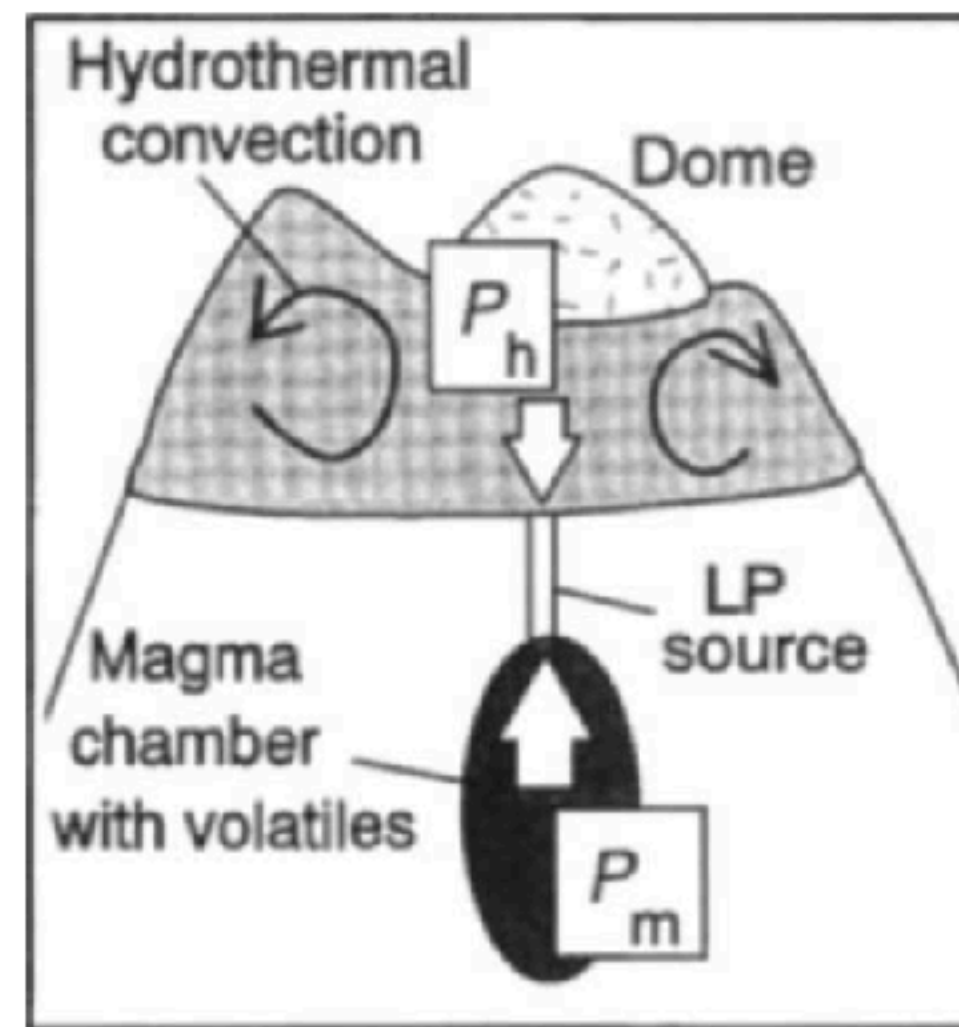
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LPs: the fluid-driven crack model

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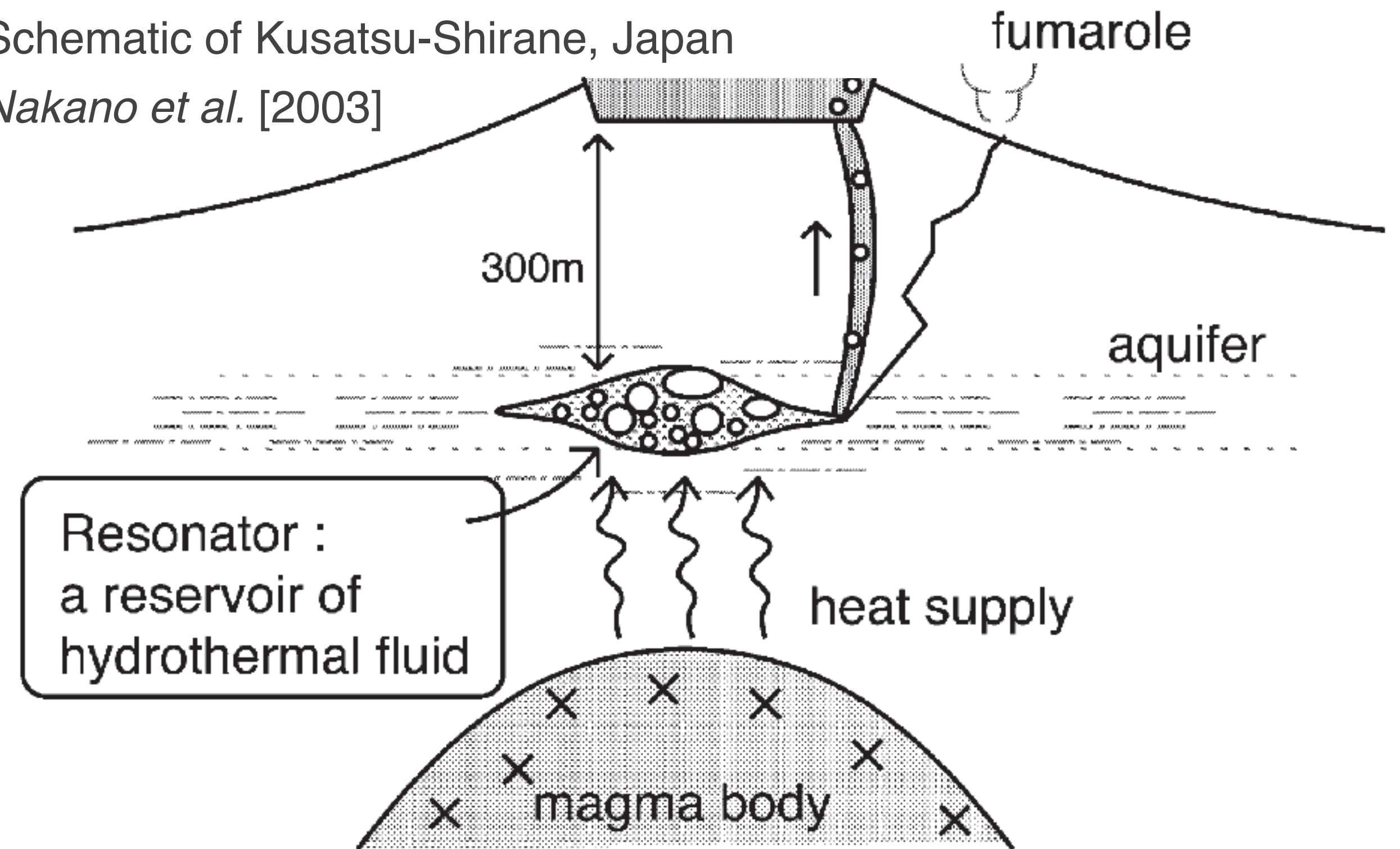


LPs: trigger mechanism in magmatic-hydrothermal systems

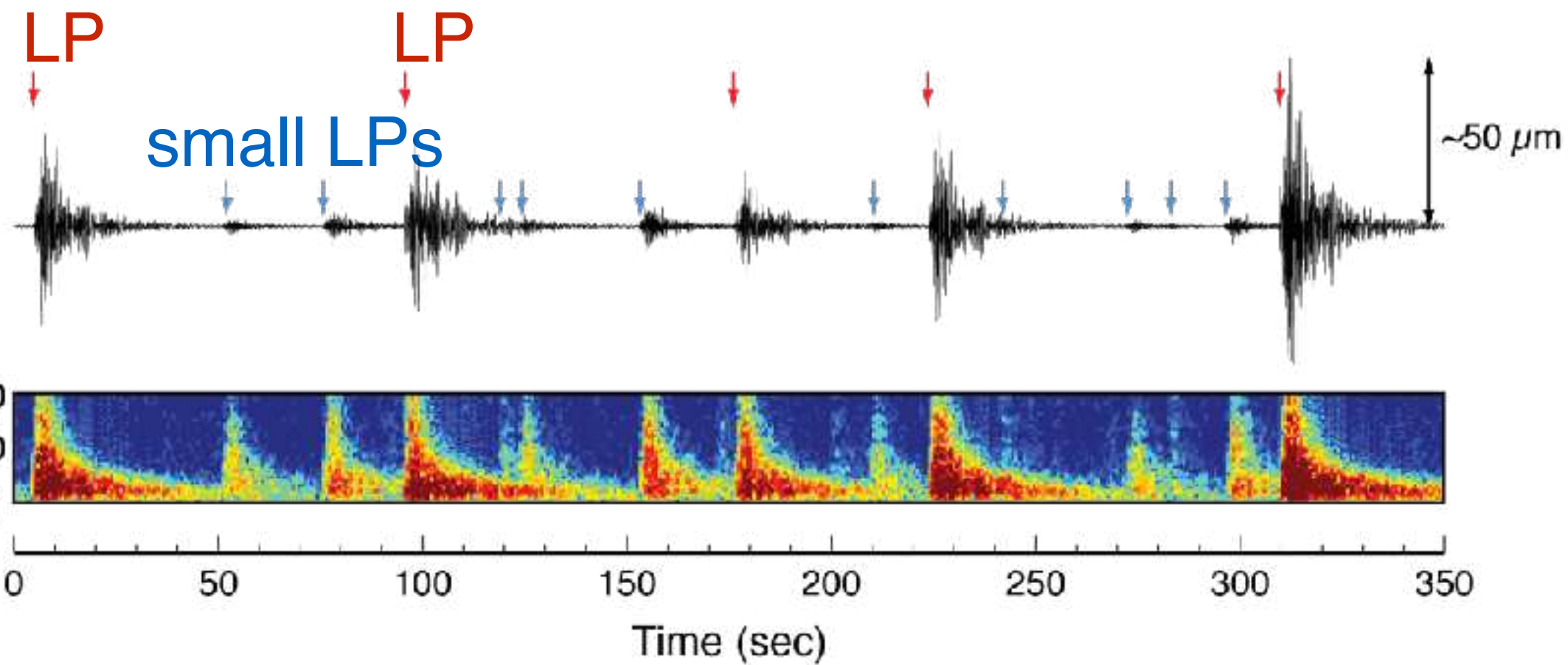
Cyclic recharge-collapse of a hydrothermal crack

Schematic of Kusatsu-Shirane, Japan

Nakano et al. [2003]



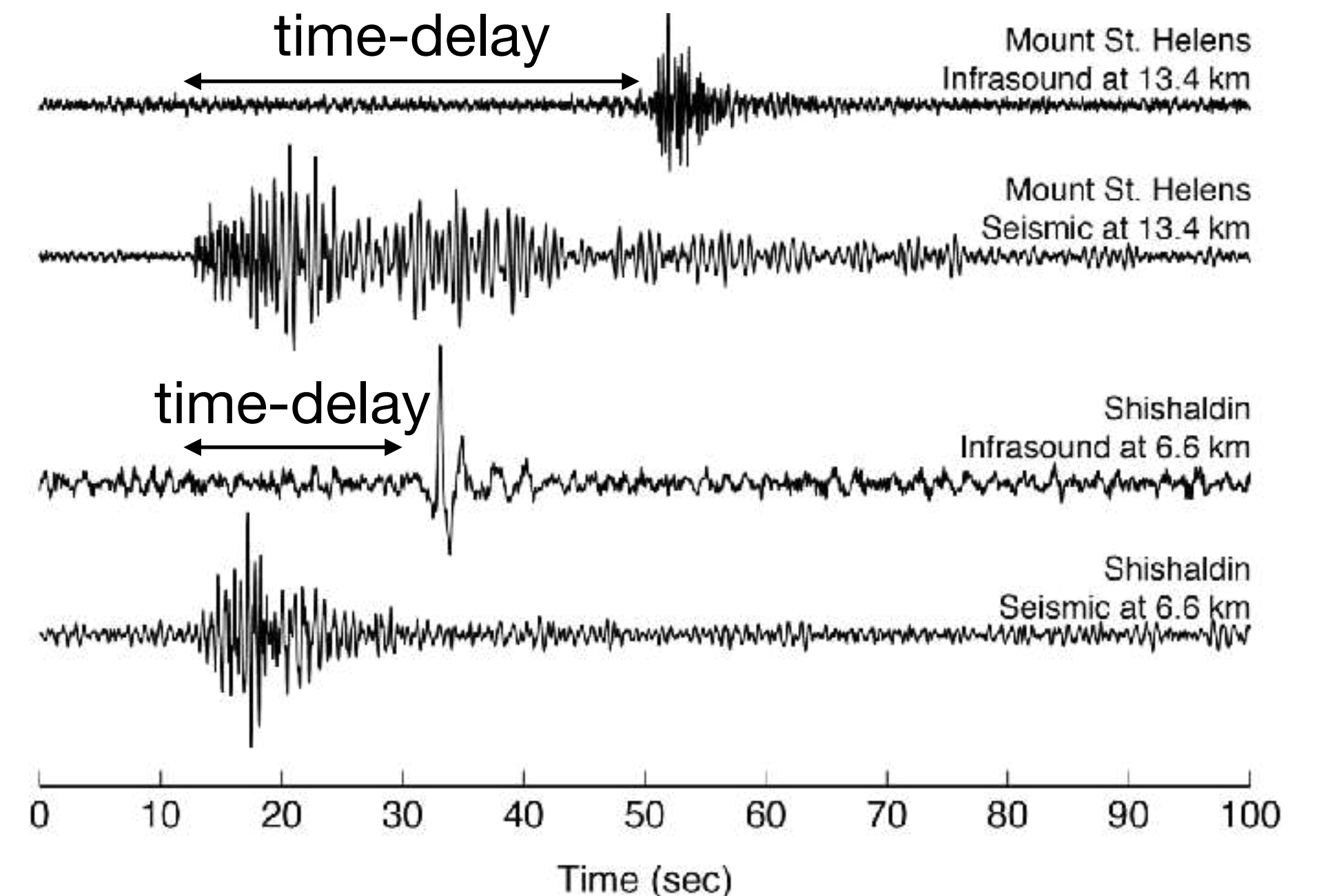
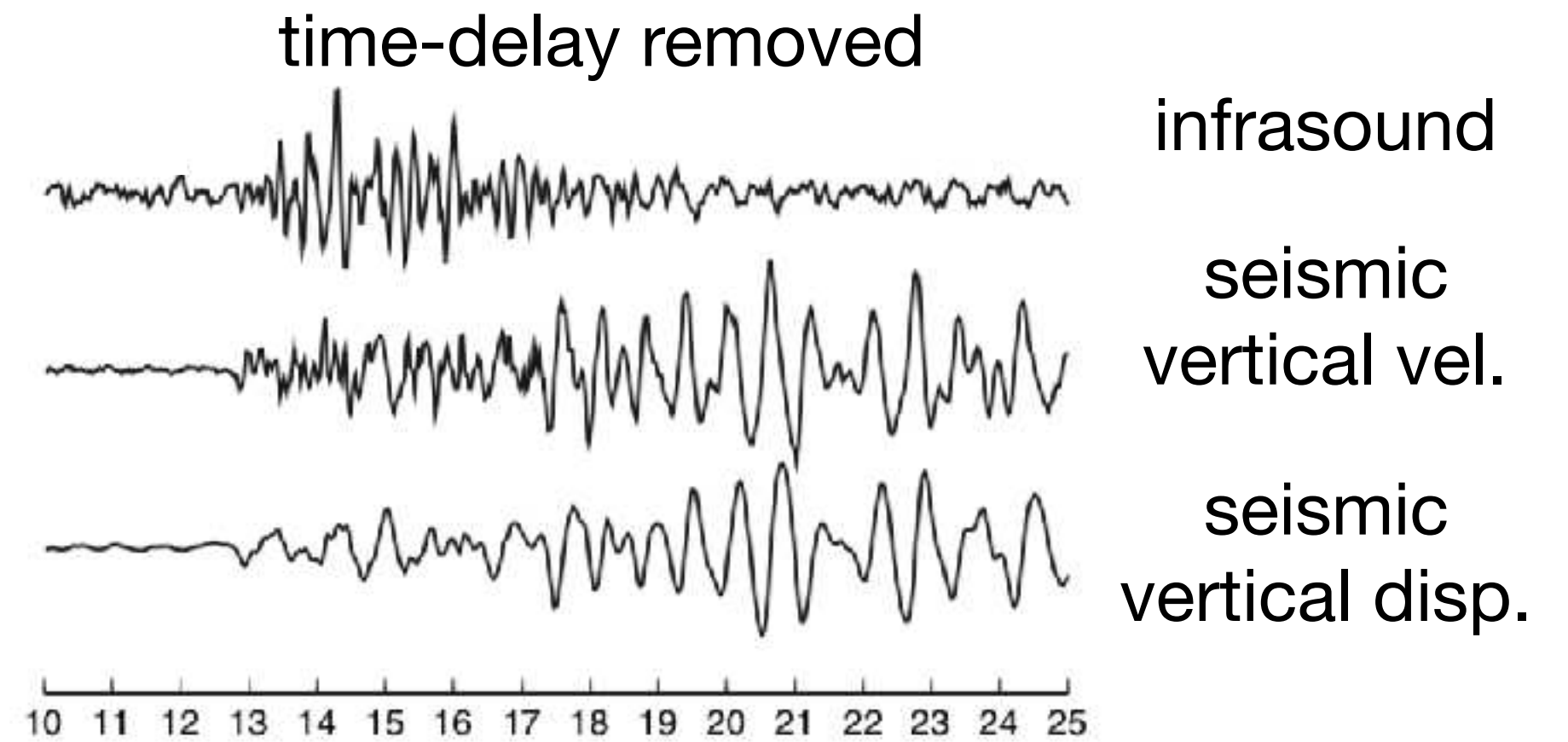
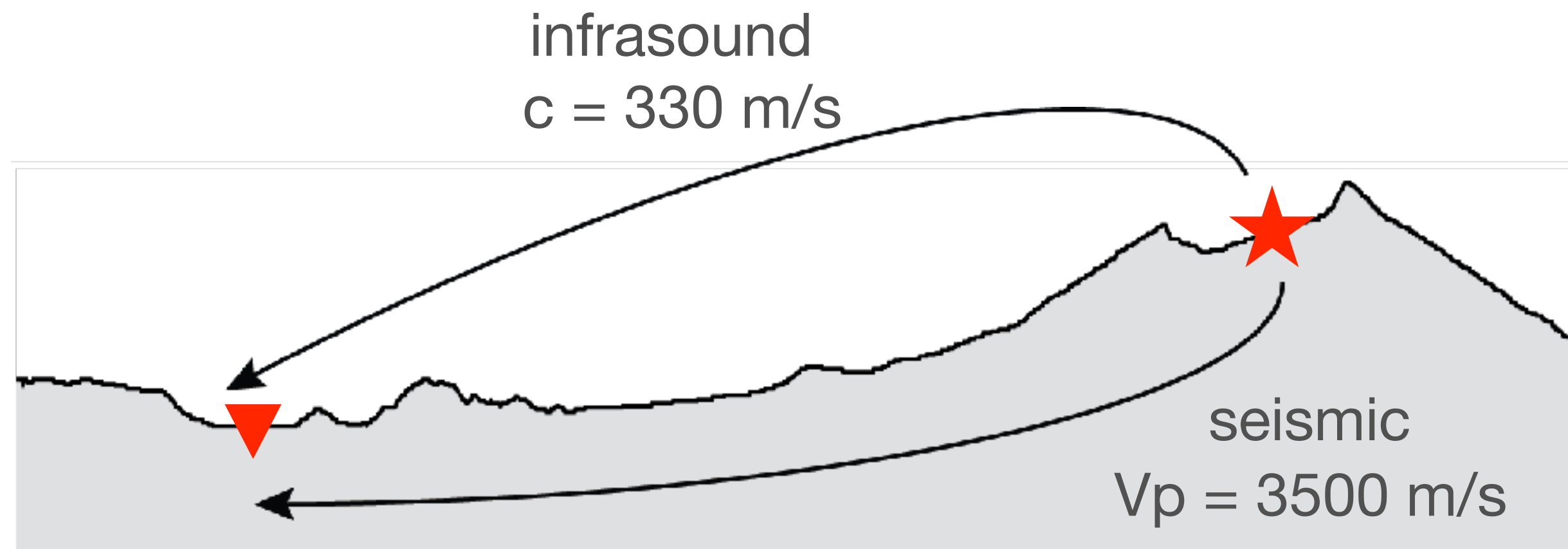
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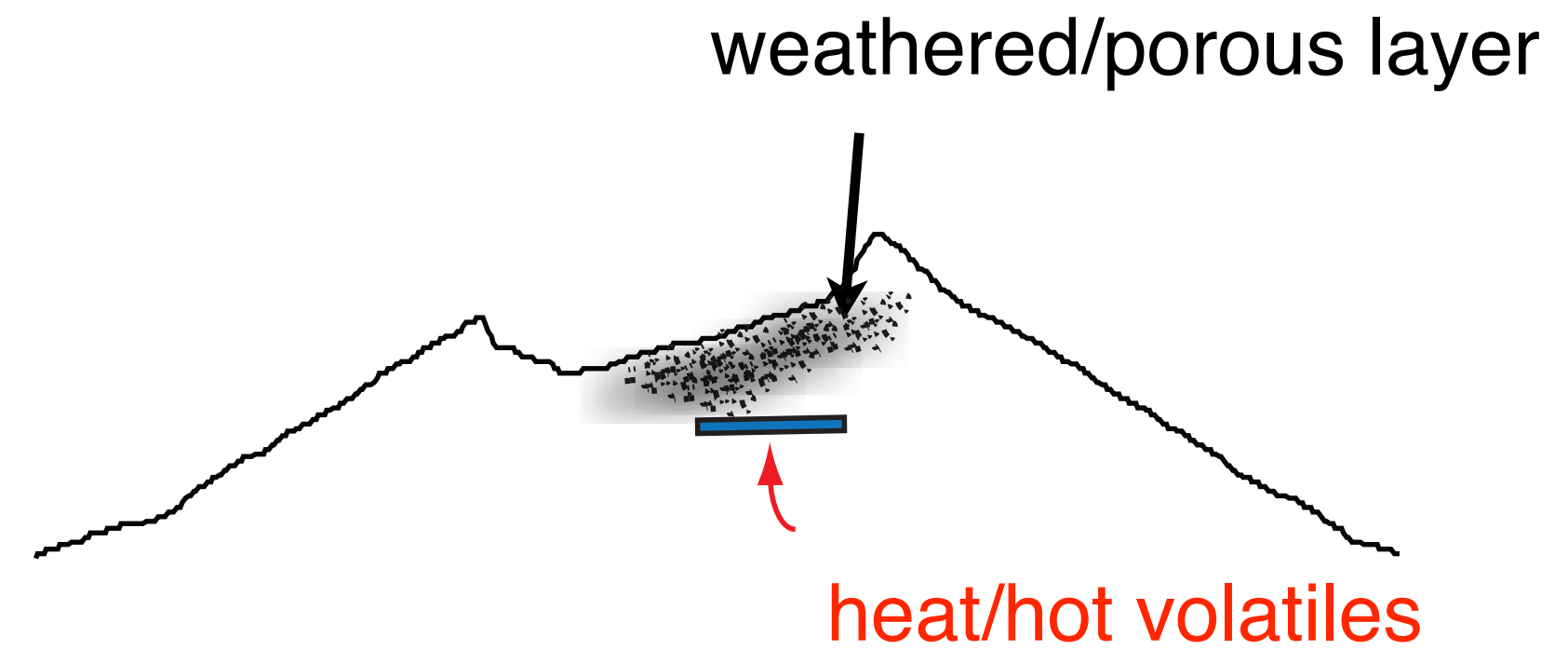
LPs: infrasonic pulse associated with trigger

- Broadband infrasonic pulse arrives time-delayed from seismic LP arrival
- Captures a record of the “trigger” portion of the LP waveform



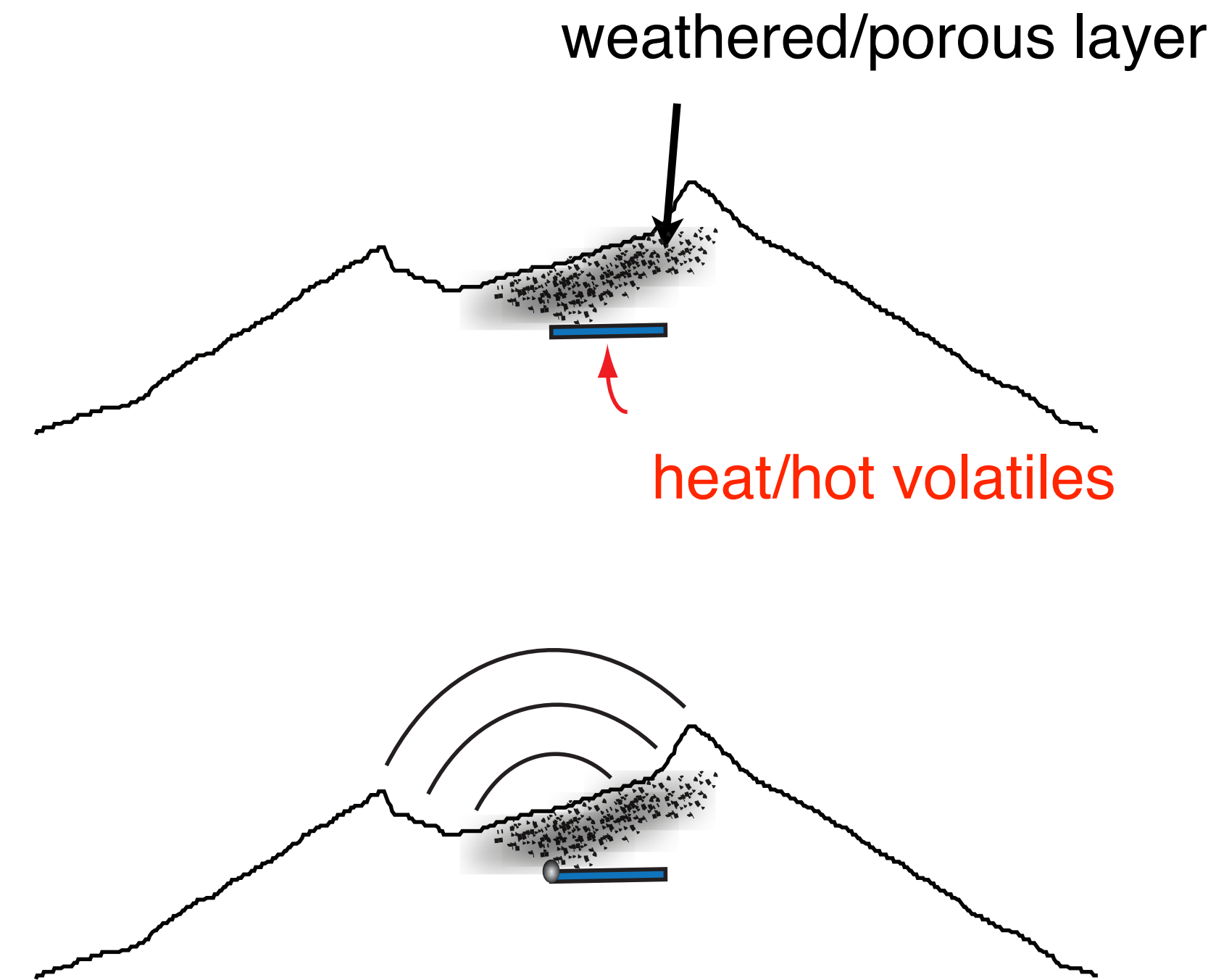
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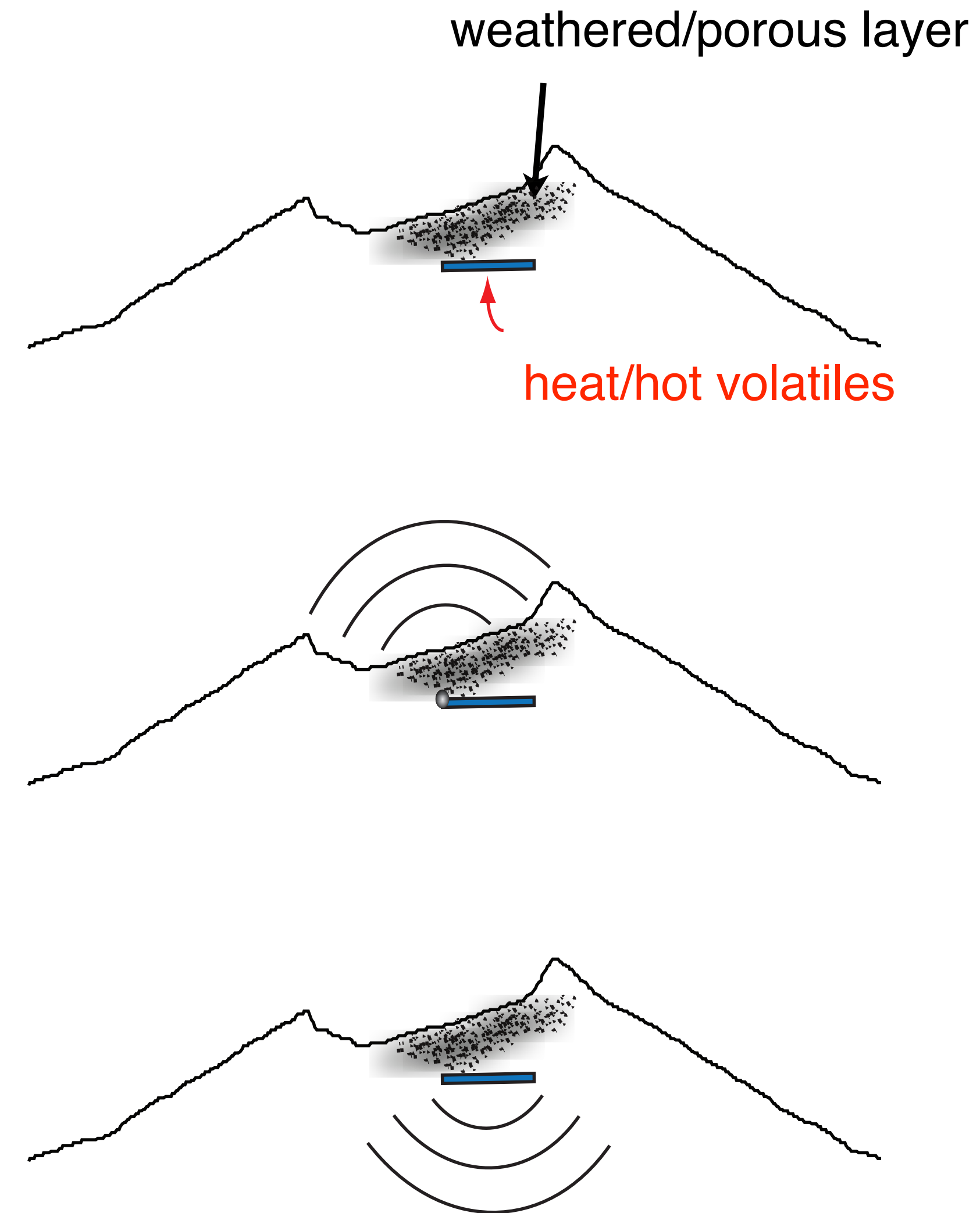
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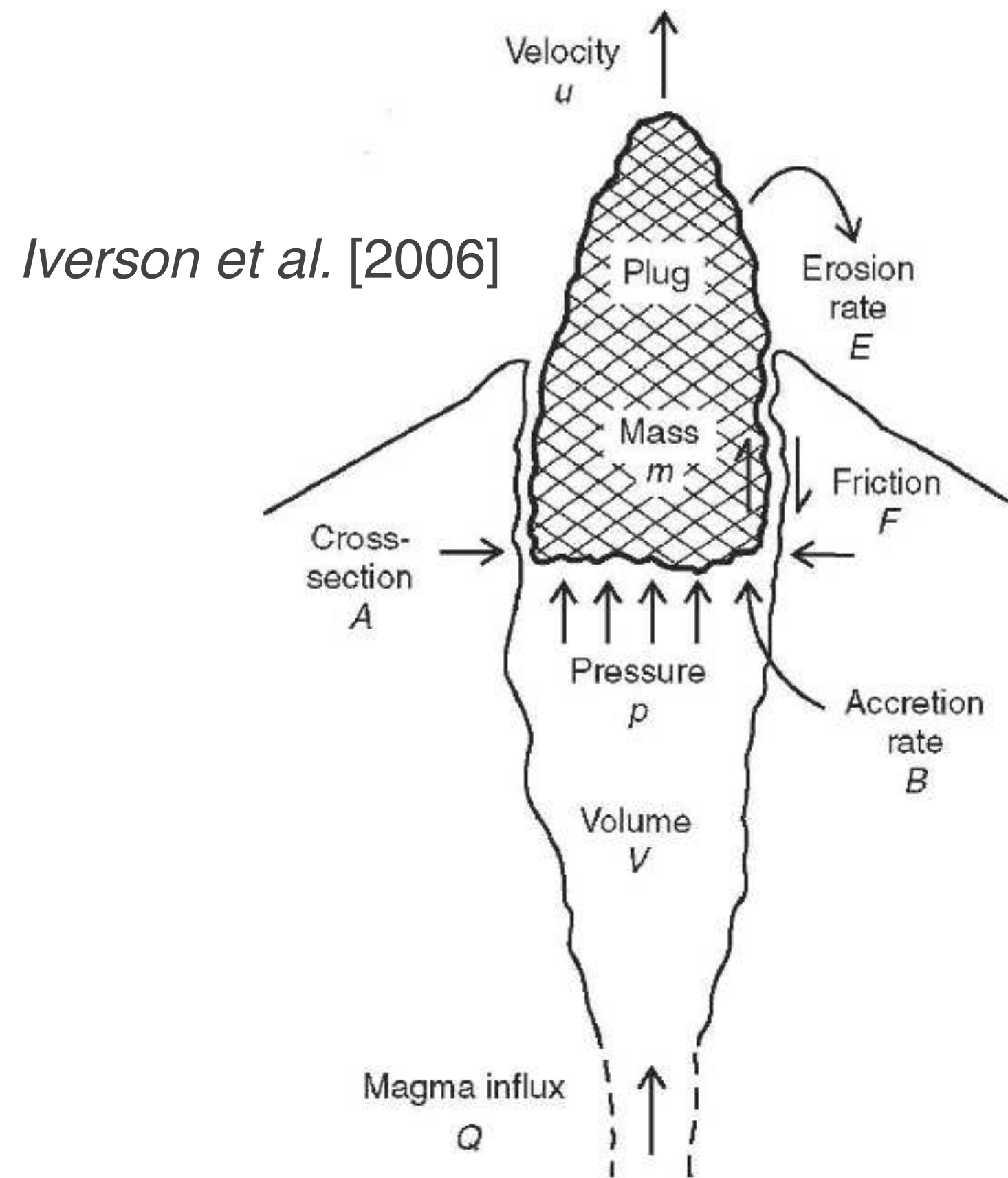
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- Resonance of crack: LP coda
- Re-sealing of “valve”, cyclic recharge, periodic “drumbeats”



Mount St. Helens 2004–2008 eruption

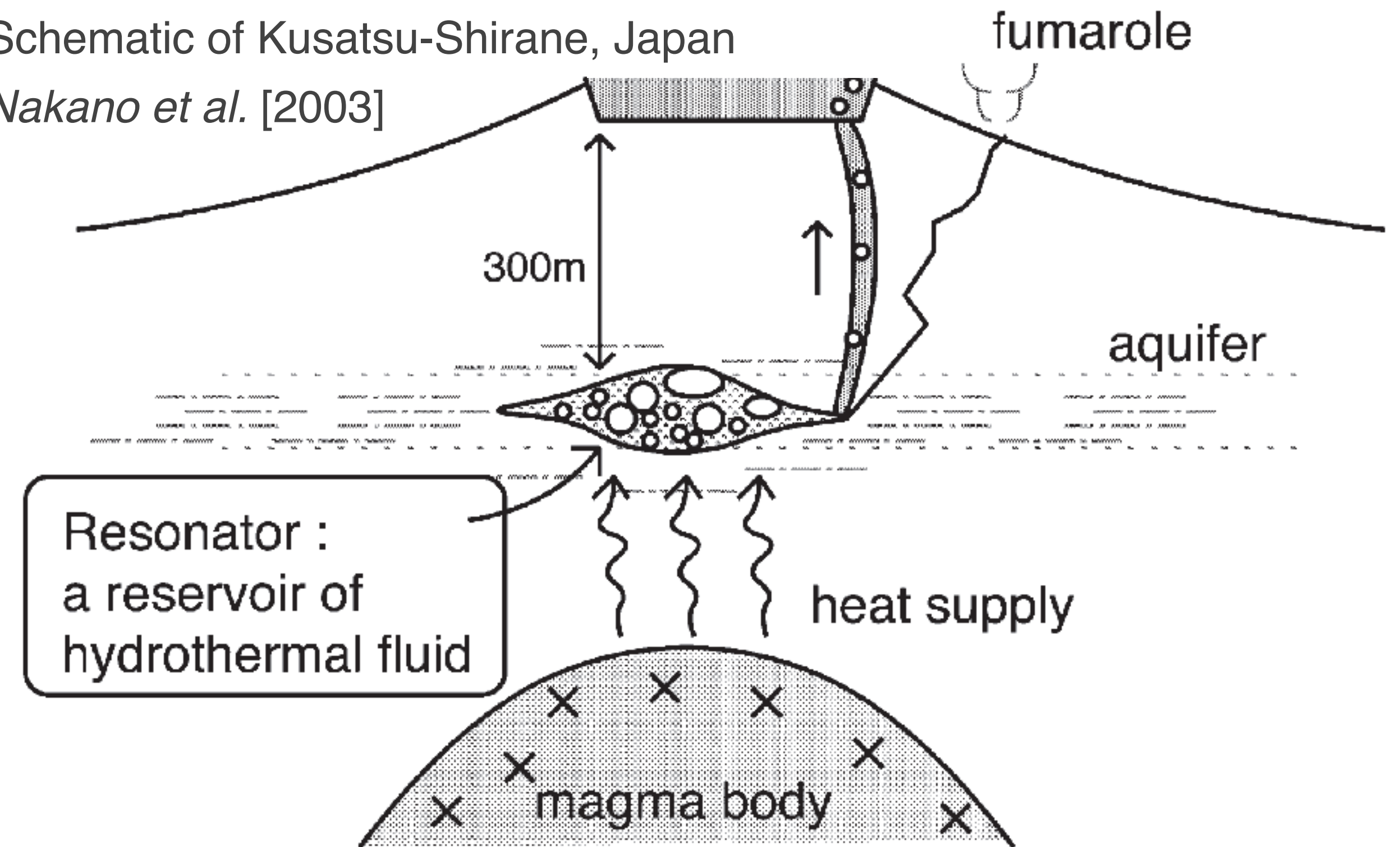
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Cyclic recharge-collapse of a hydrothermal crack

Schematic of Kusatsu-Shirane, Japan

Nakano et al. [2003]

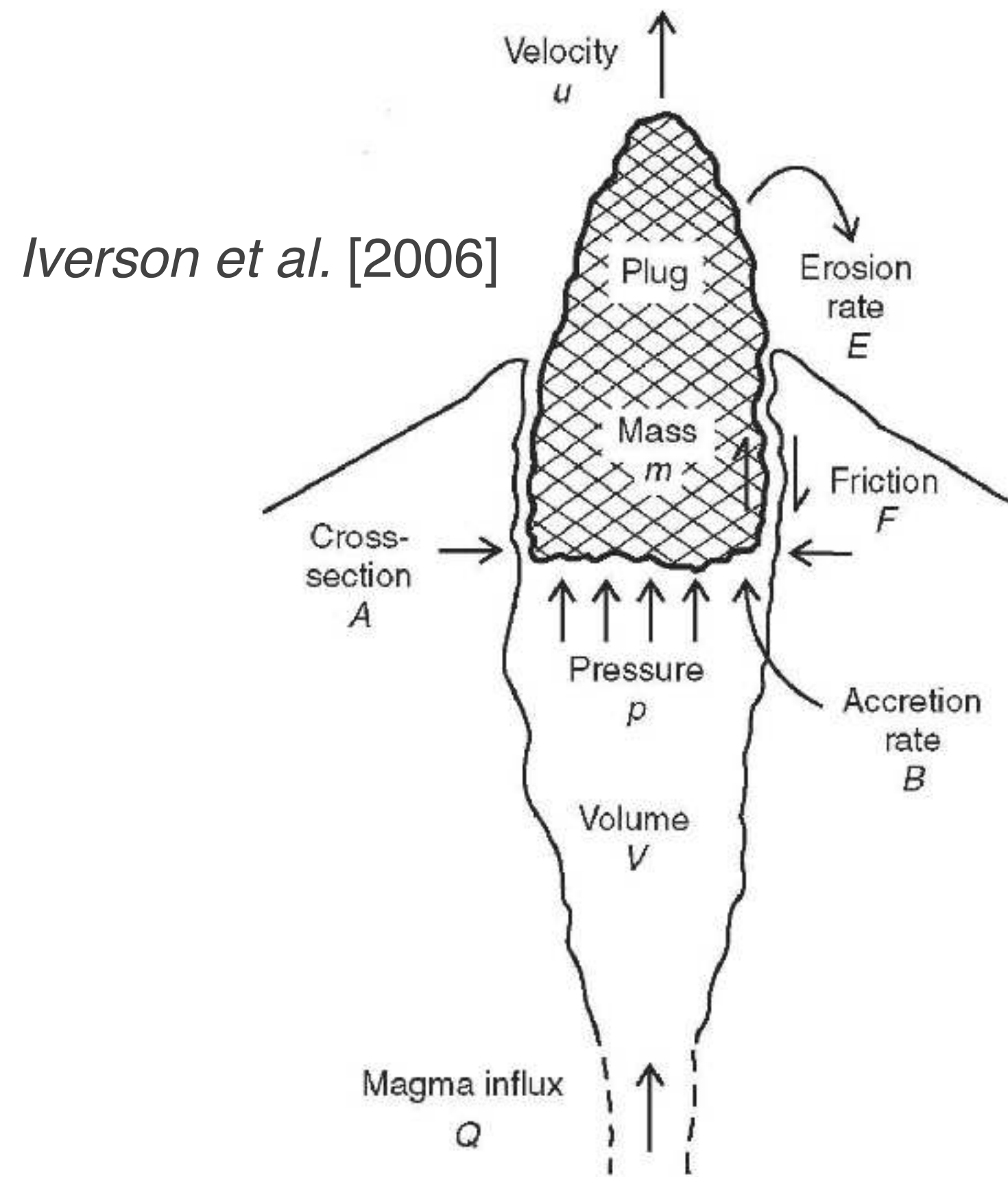


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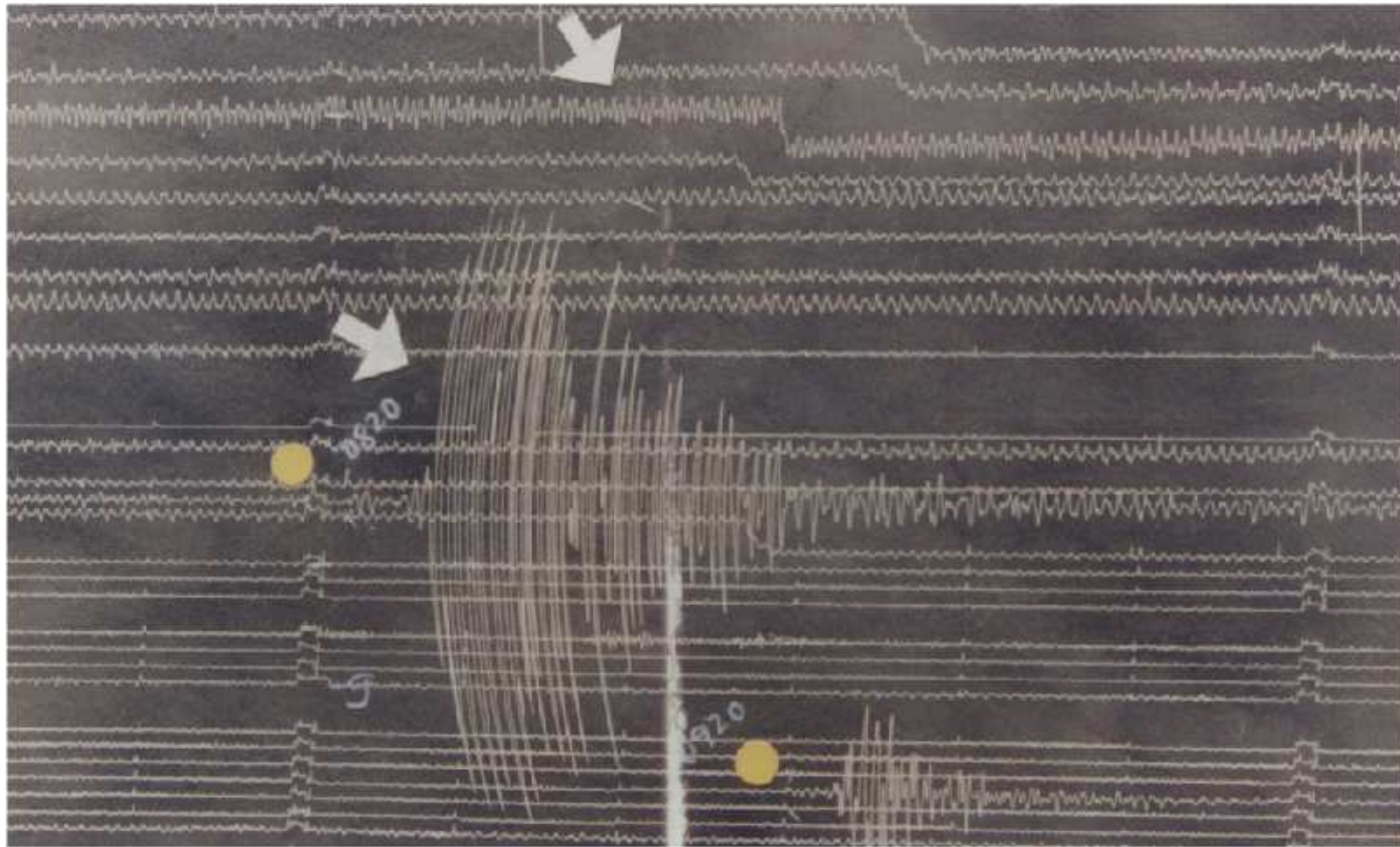
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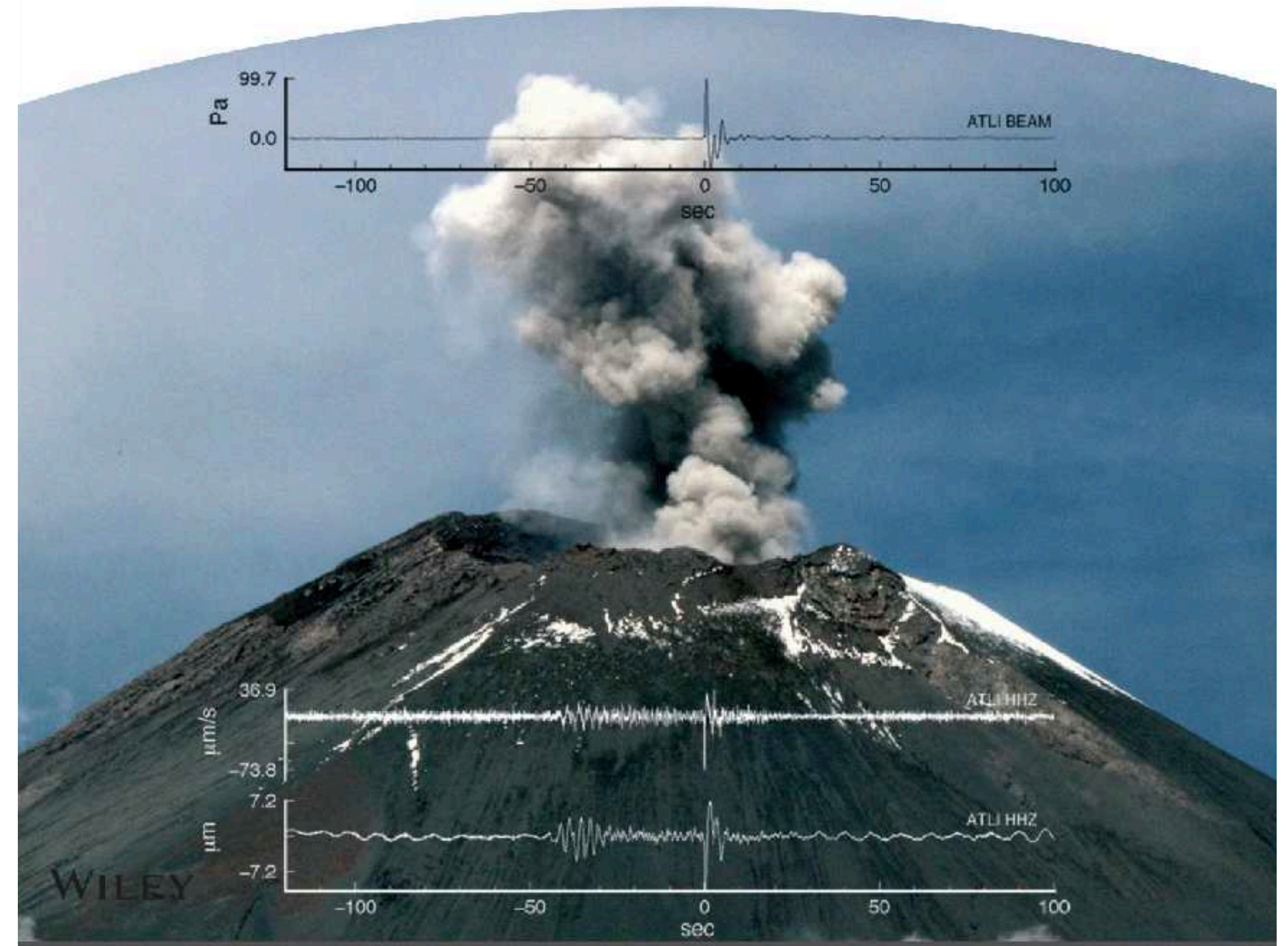
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Magmatic degassing

Galeras, Colombia, 1991



Popocatépetl, Mexico, 2017

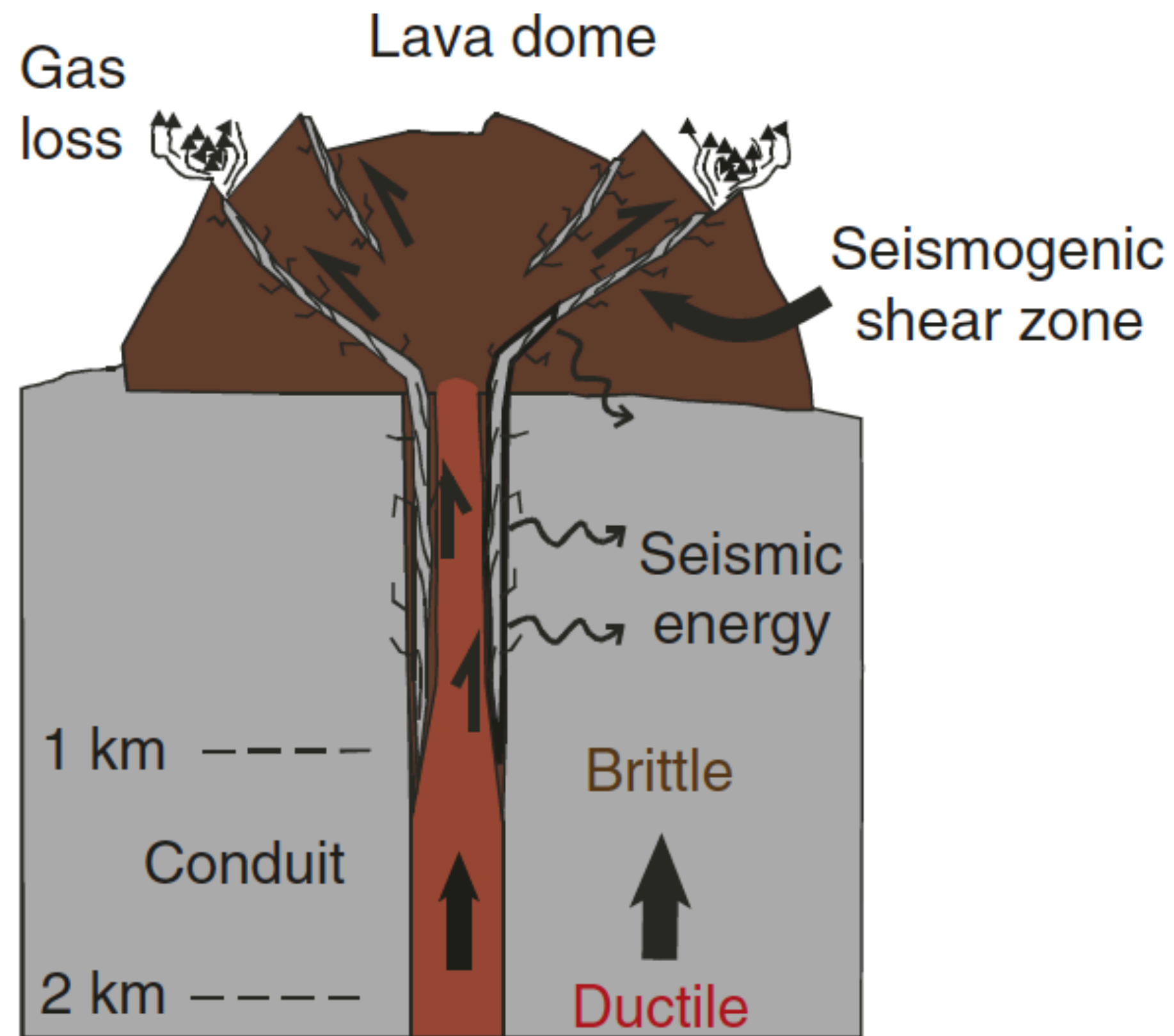


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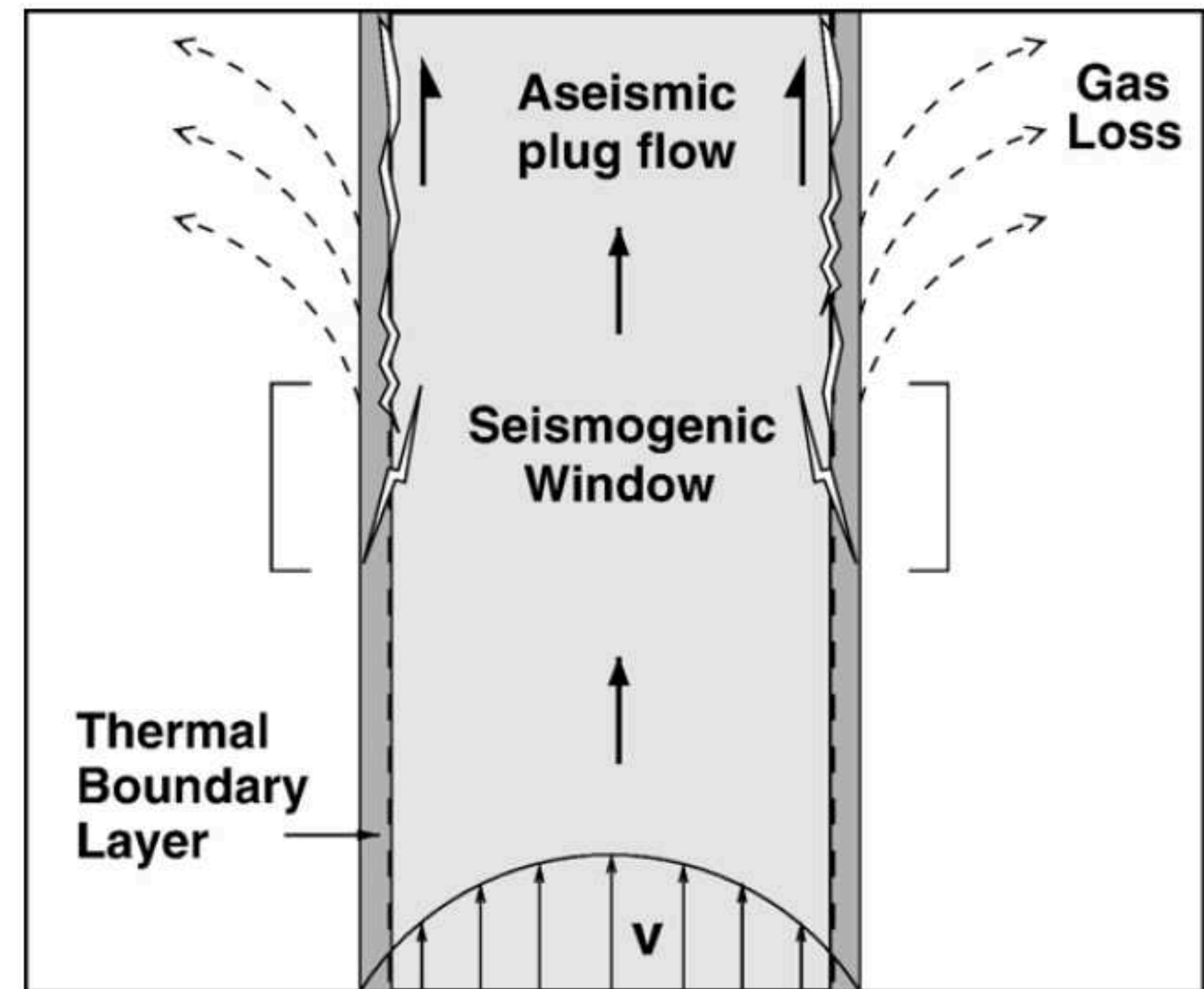
[Gil Cruz and Chouet, 1997]

Brittle failure of melt

- Brittle failure of melt in the glass transition
- Multiplets: repeated fracture and heal or ascent through a limited seismogenic window



Tuffen et al. [2008]



Neuberg et al. [2006]

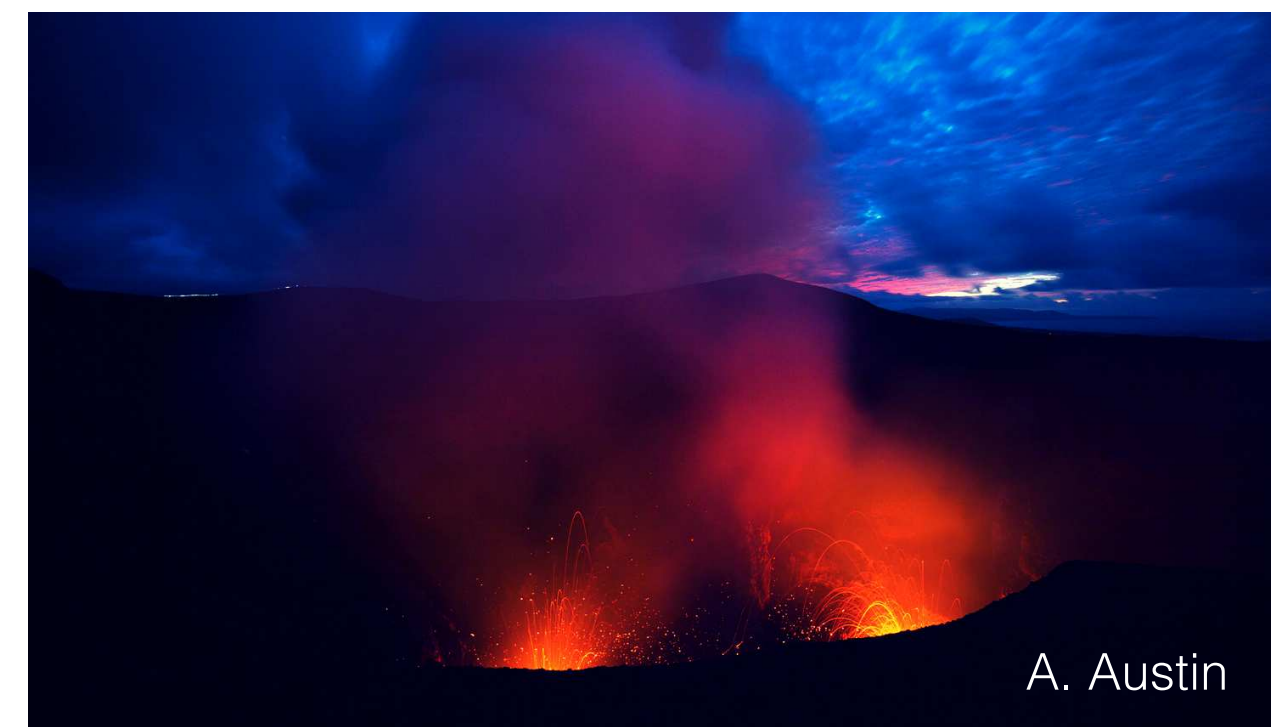


Seismo-acoustic signals associated with volcanic processes III

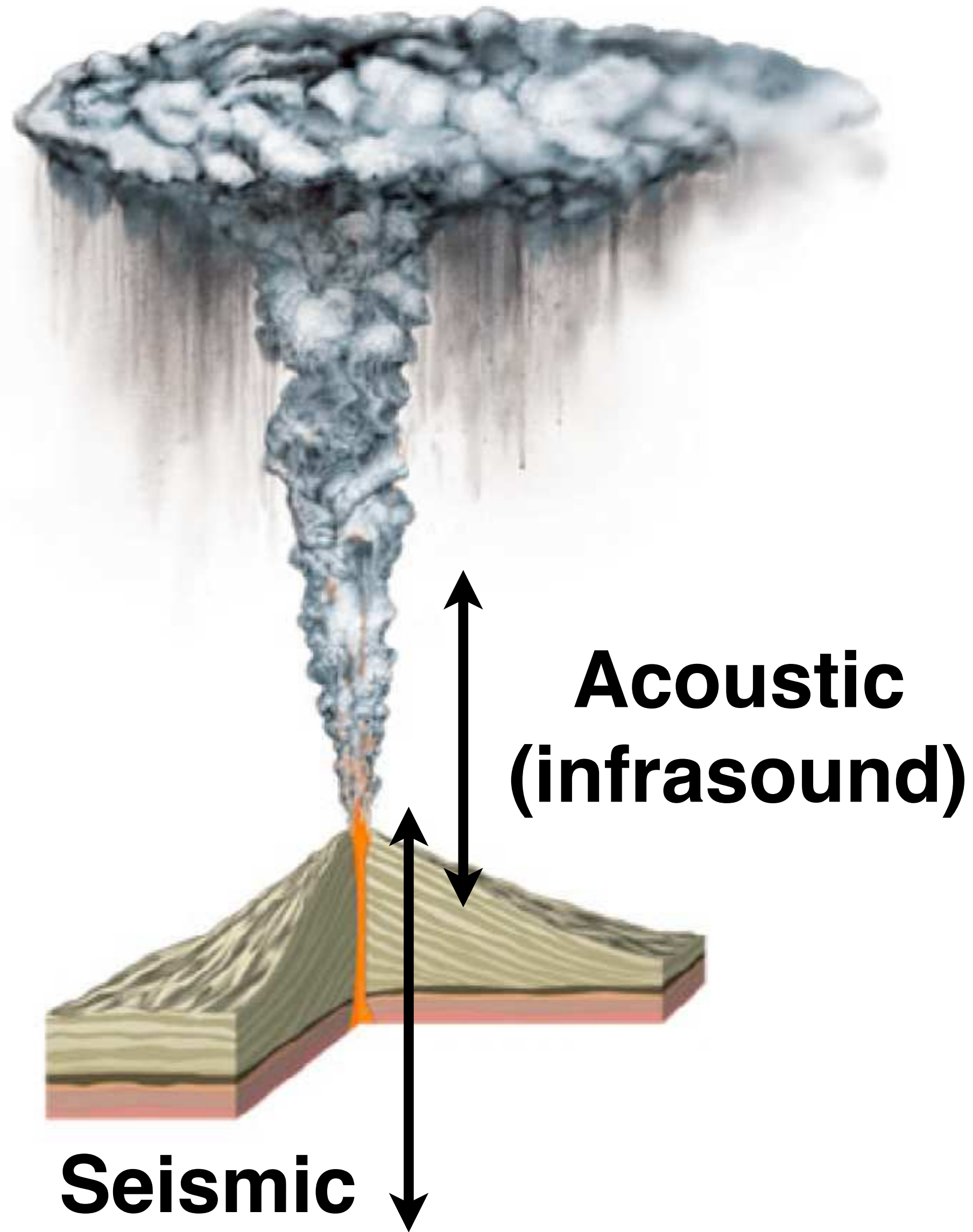
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Volcano seismology and acoustics



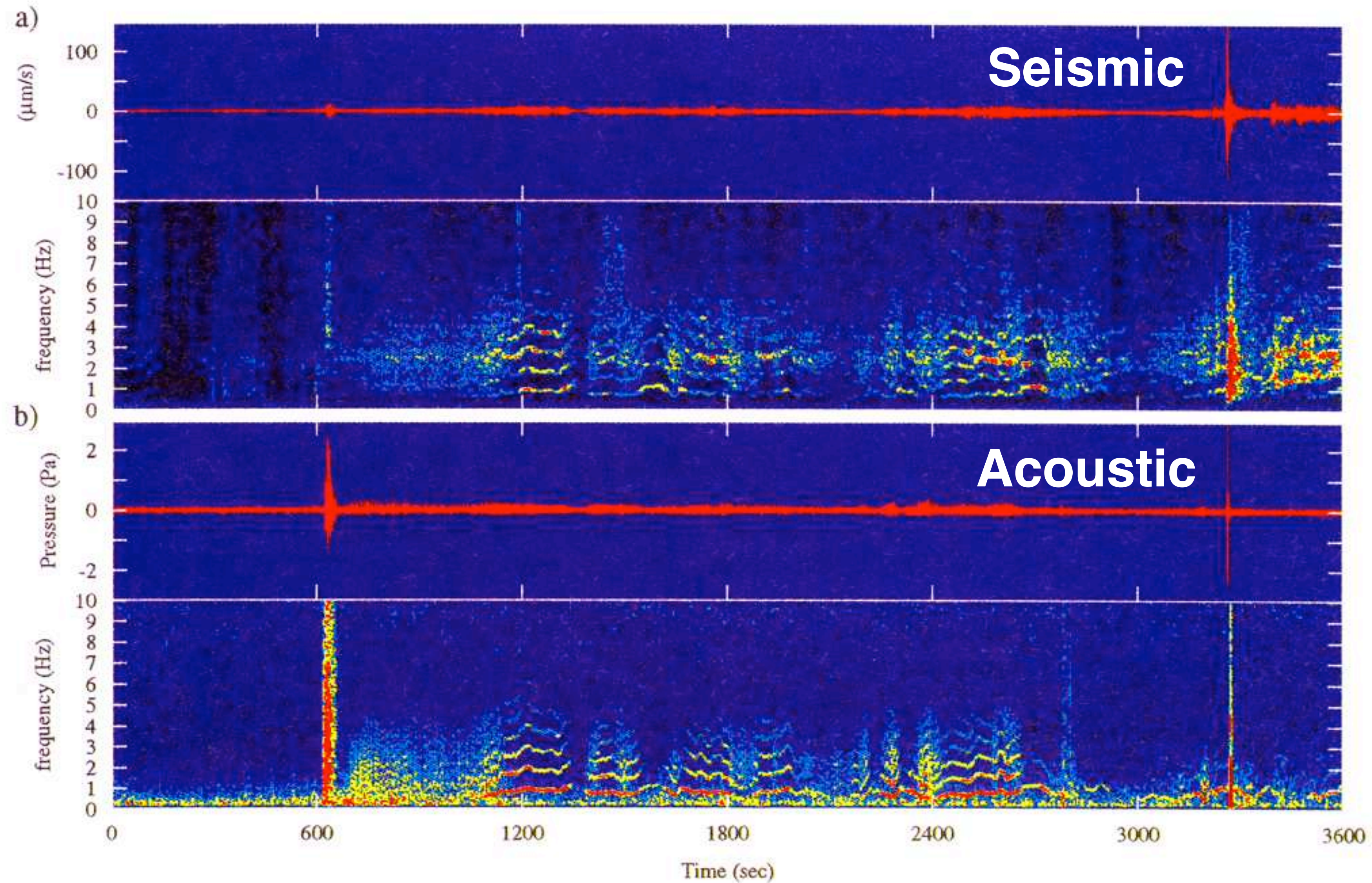
Acoustic

- Atmospheric acoustics (infrasound): ~ 0.01 -20 Hz
- Variety of shallow and subaerial sources
- Explosive volcanism: powerful signals

Seismic

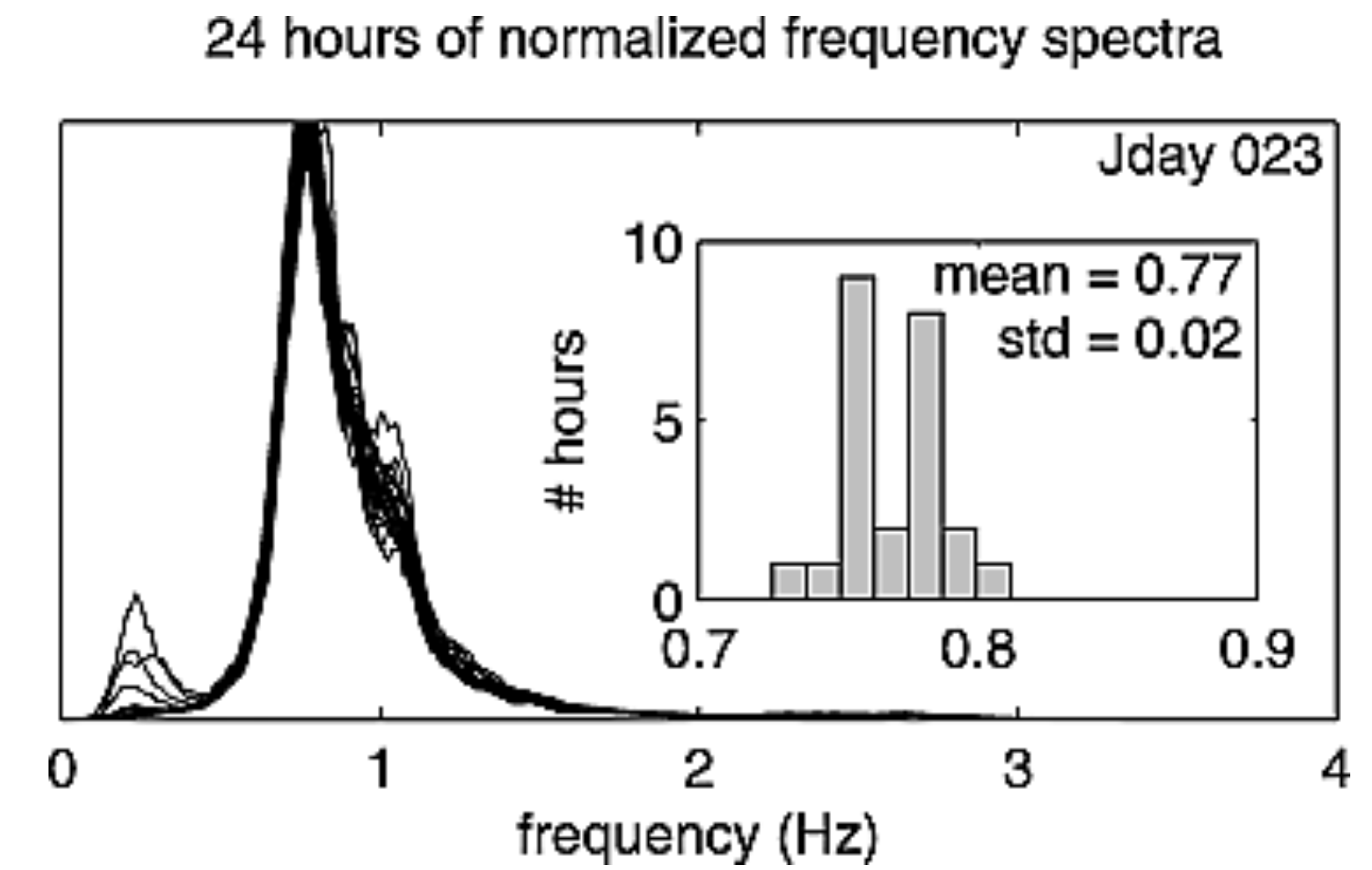
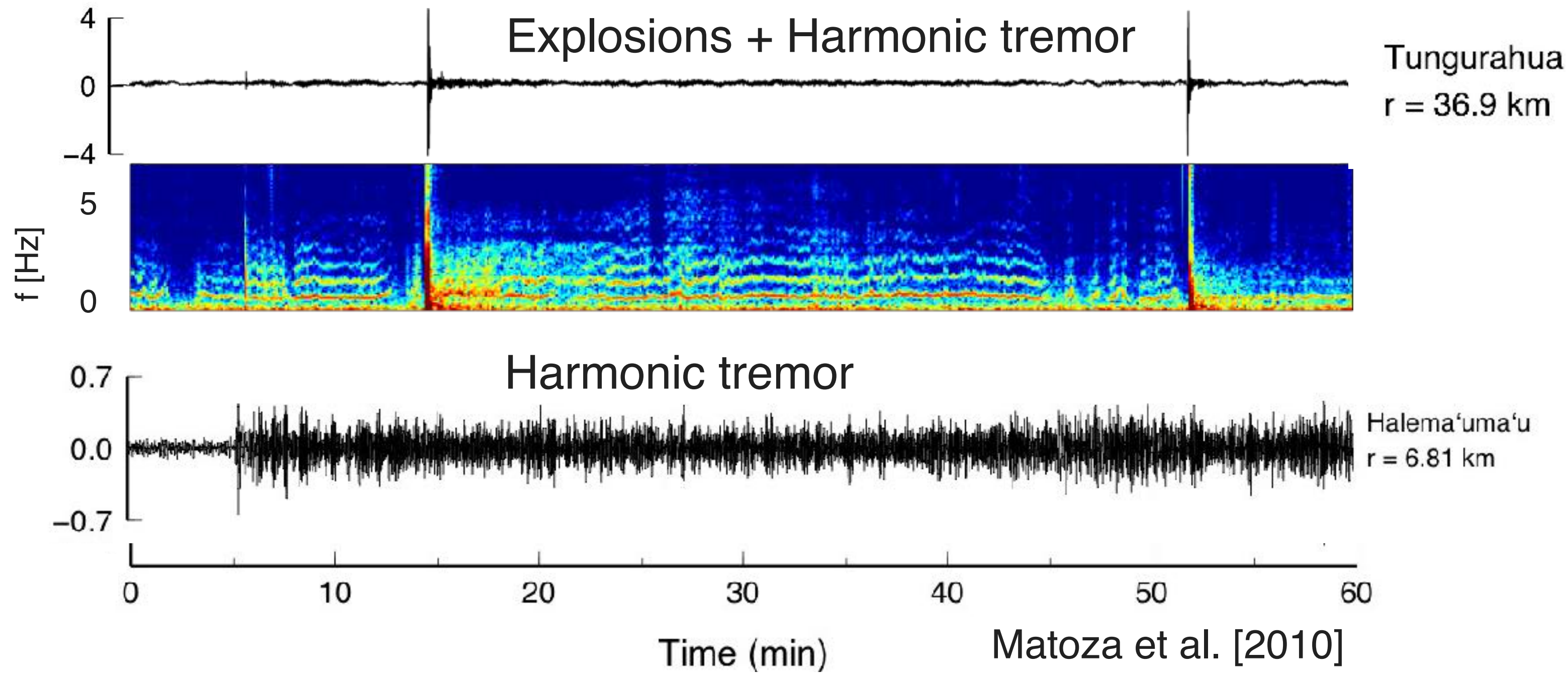
- Migration of fluid from mantle depths to surface
- Faulting & fluid transport in the solid earth
- Limited propagation $<$ few hundred km

Harmomic and monotonic tremor



Arenal, Costa Rica, Garces et al. [1998]

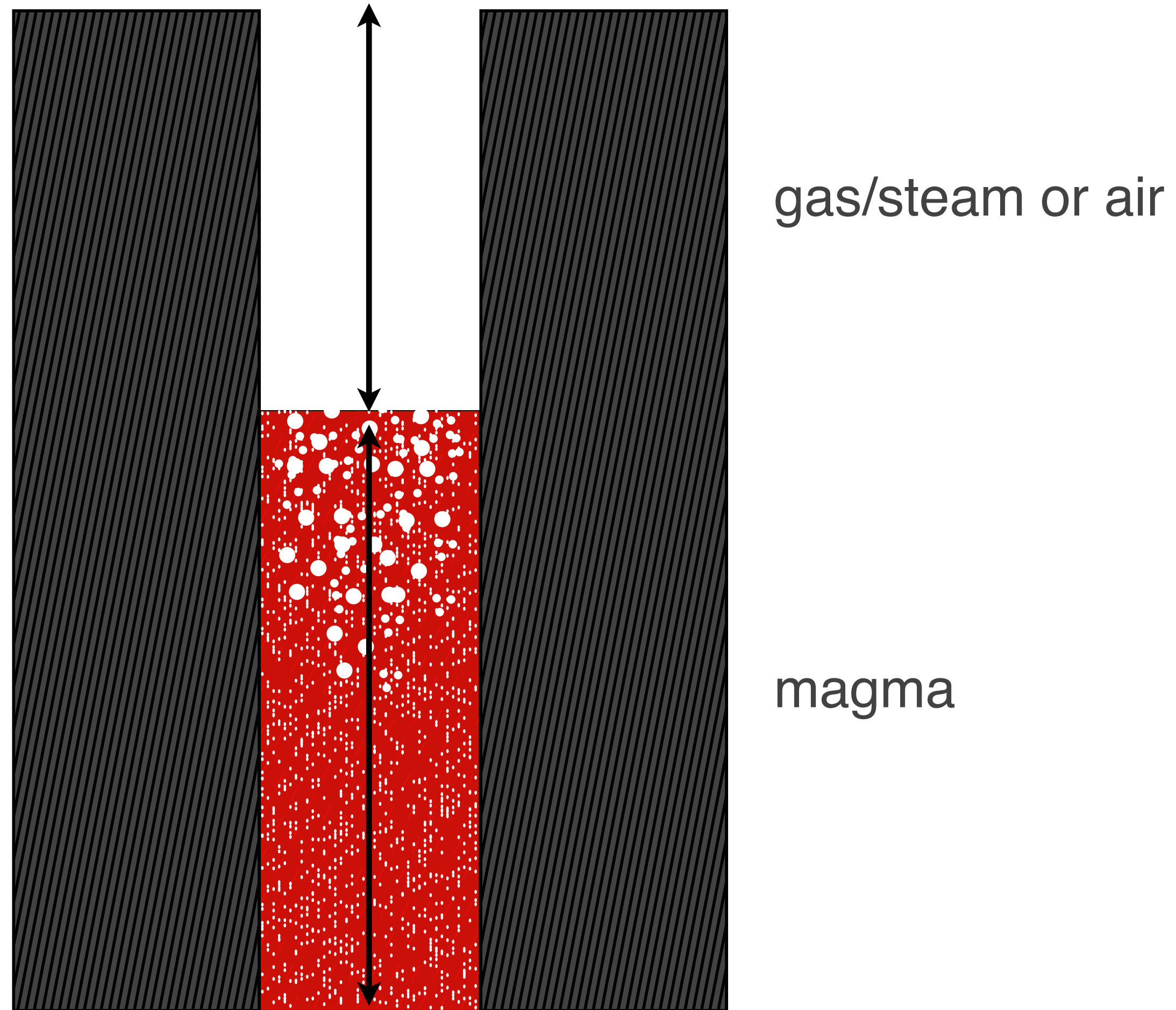
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Goto and Johnson [2011]

Acoustic harmonic tremor: Conduit resonance

Shallow conduit resonance

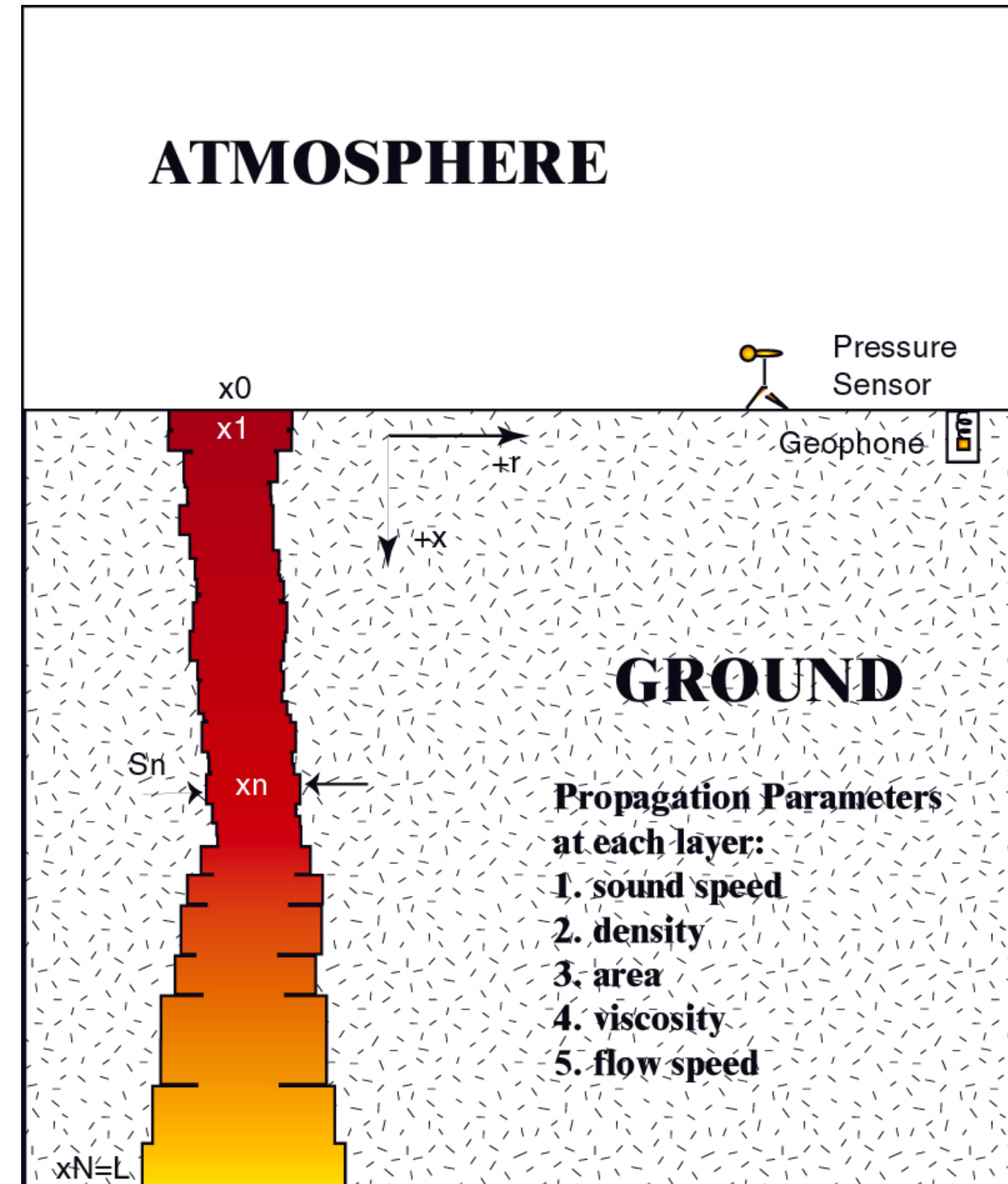


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Analytic solution for airborne sound from a resonant magma conduit

From: Buckingham and Garces [1996]
to: Garces [2000]



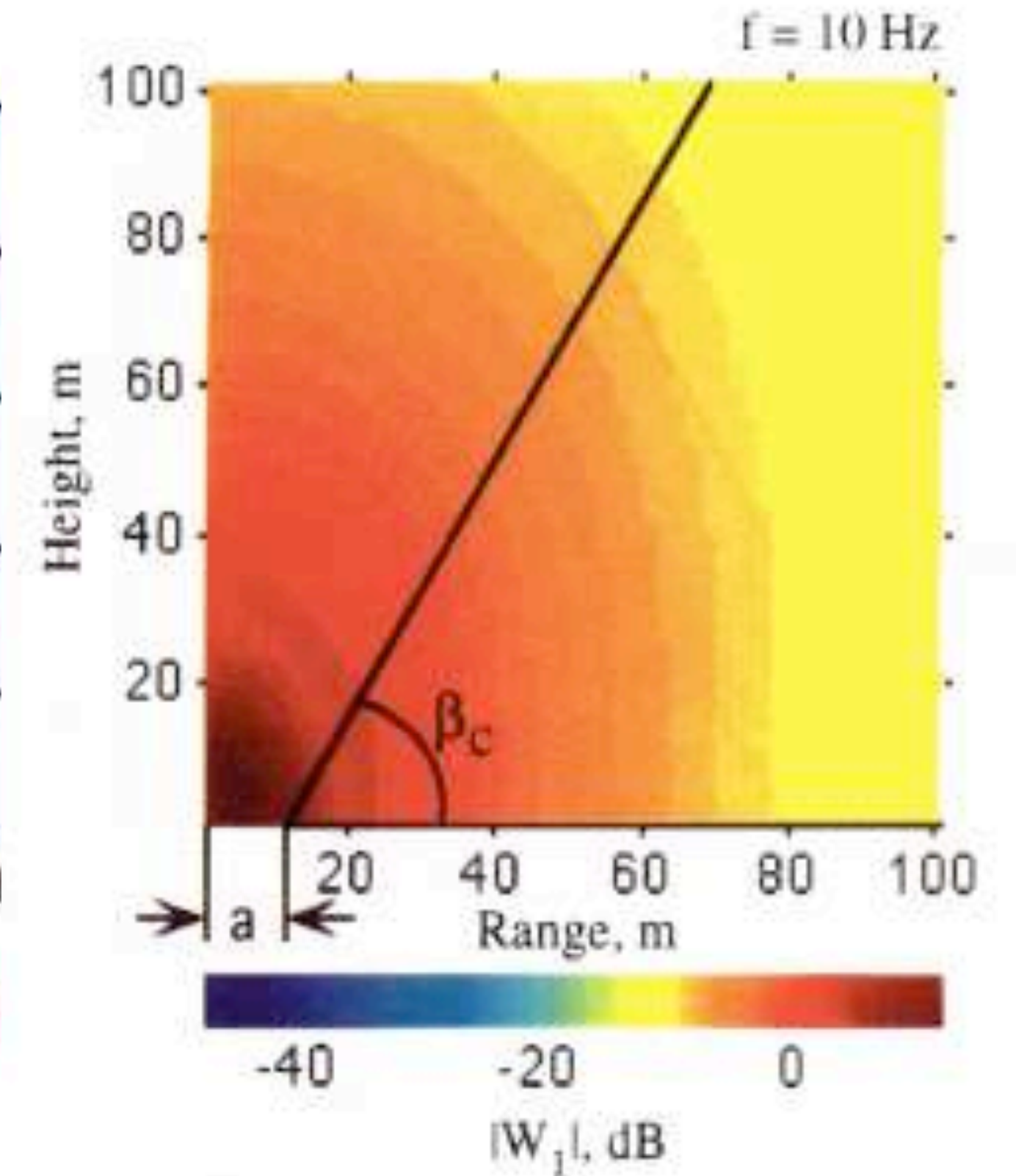
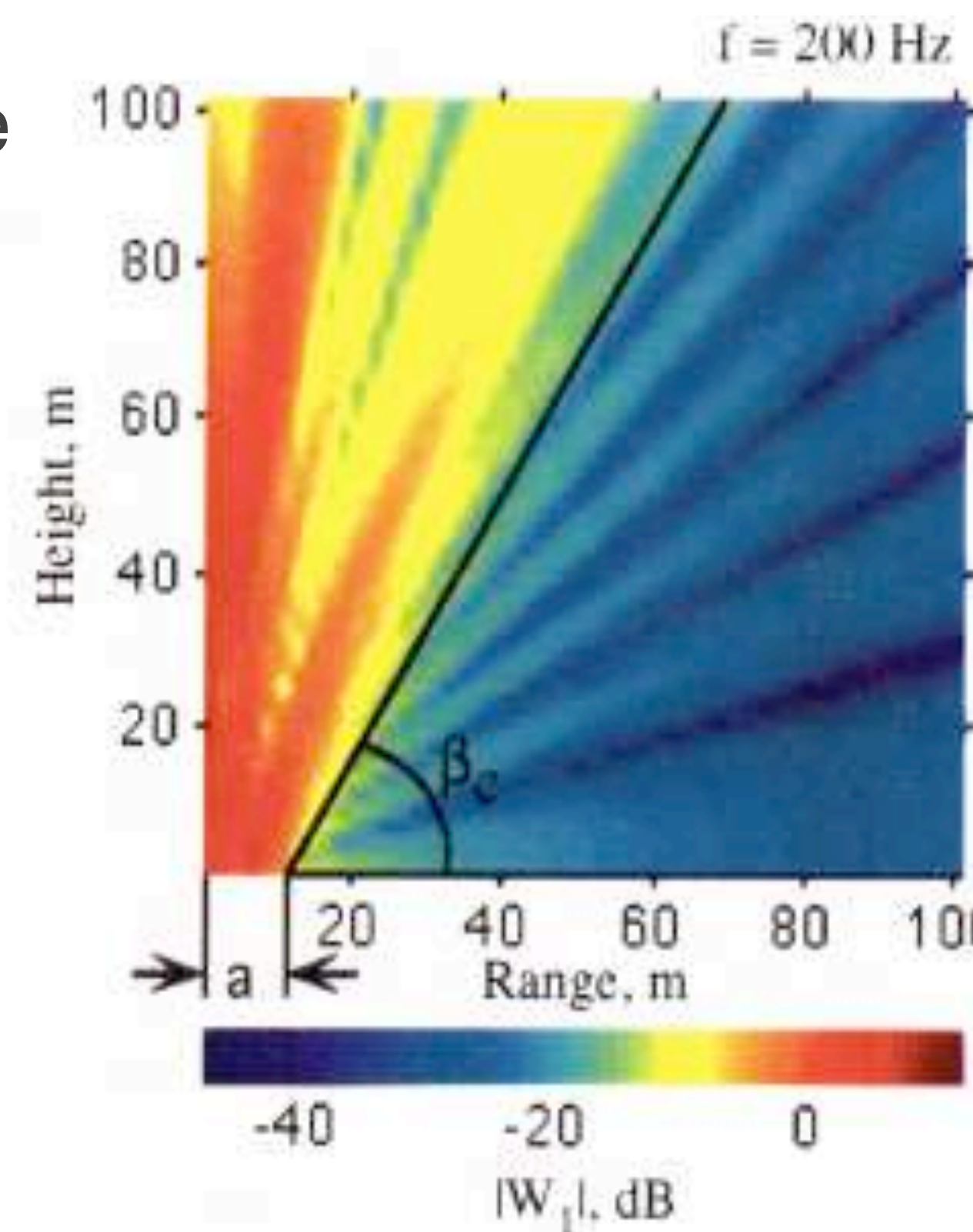
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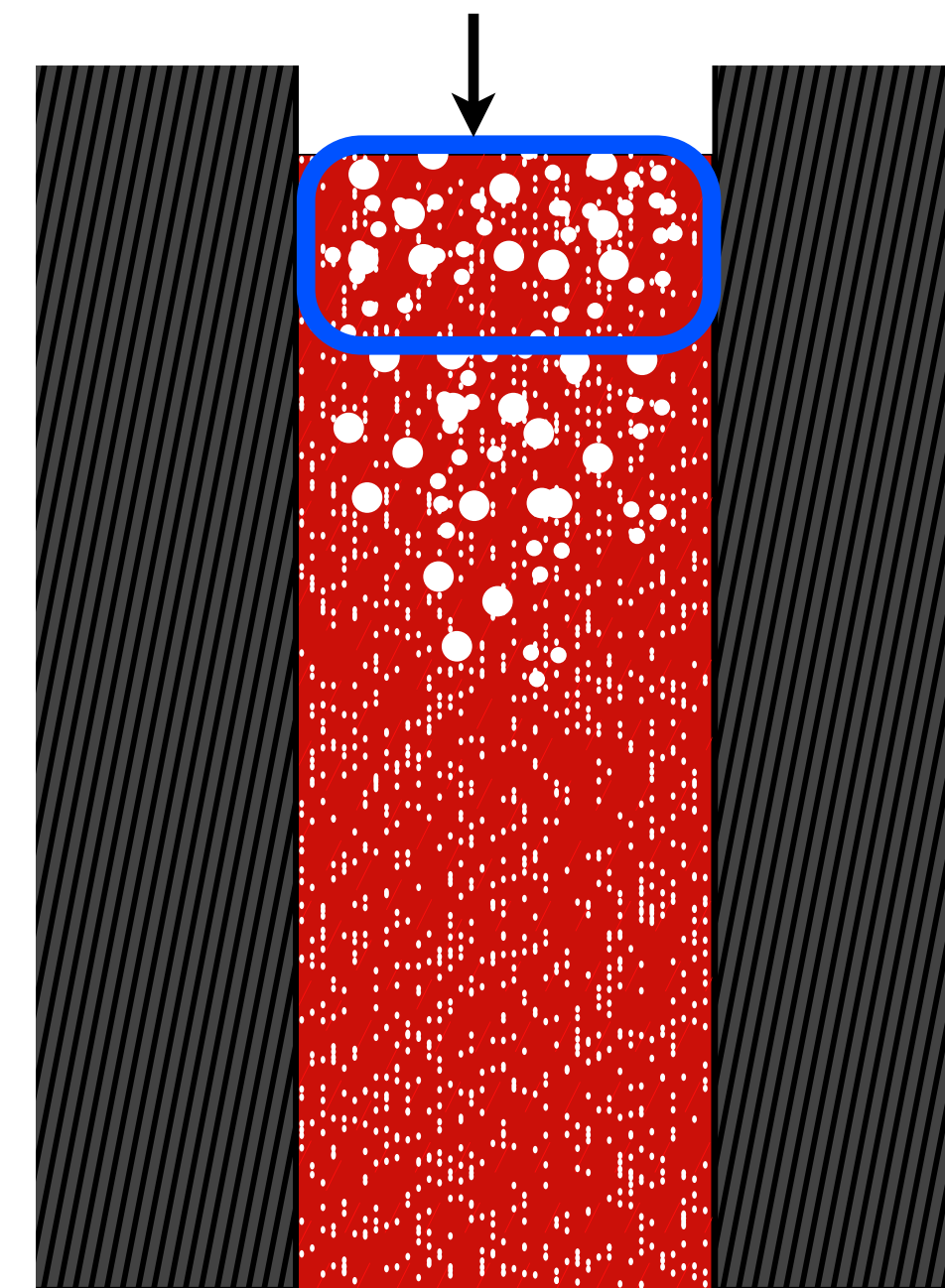
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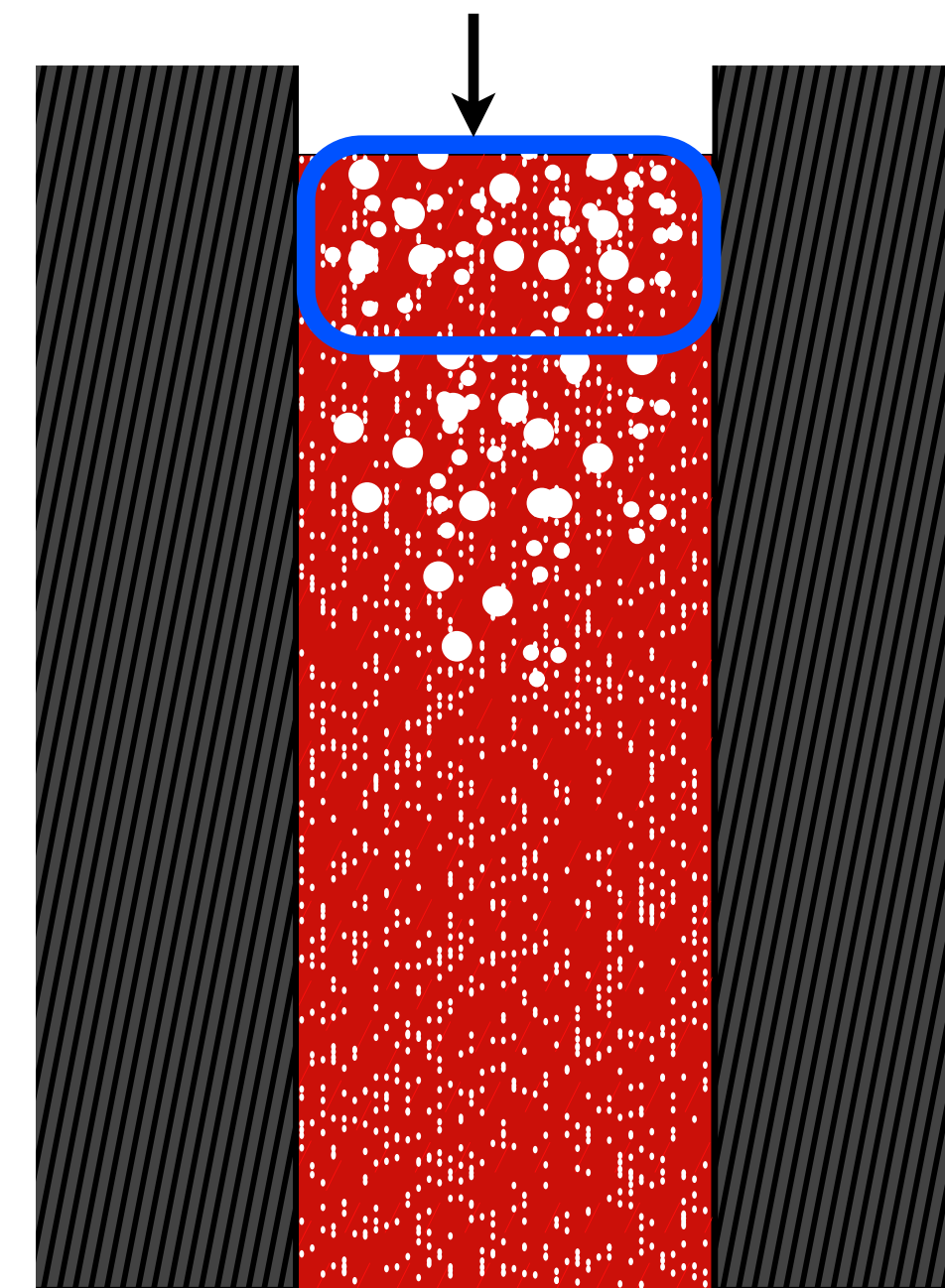
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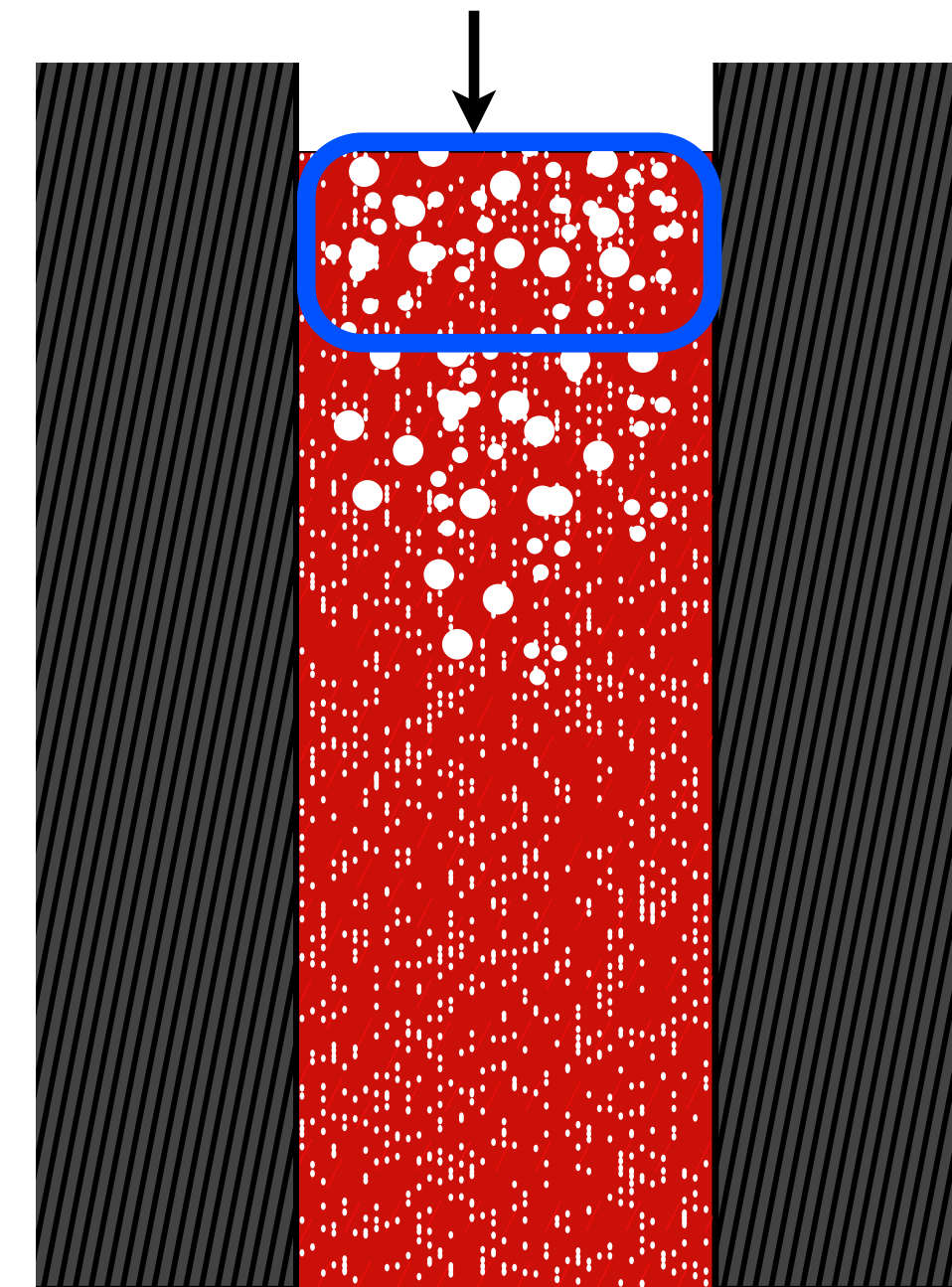
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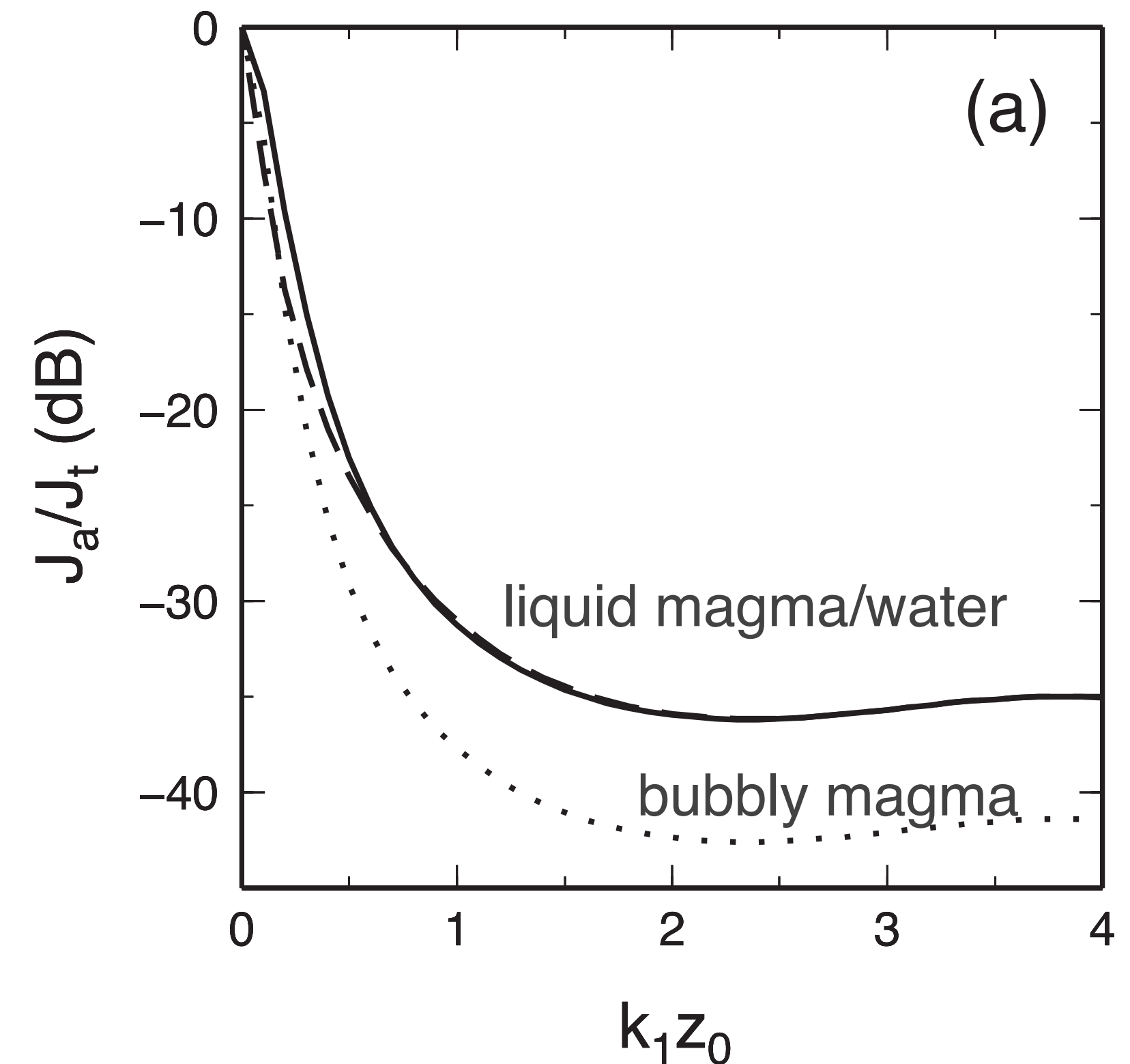


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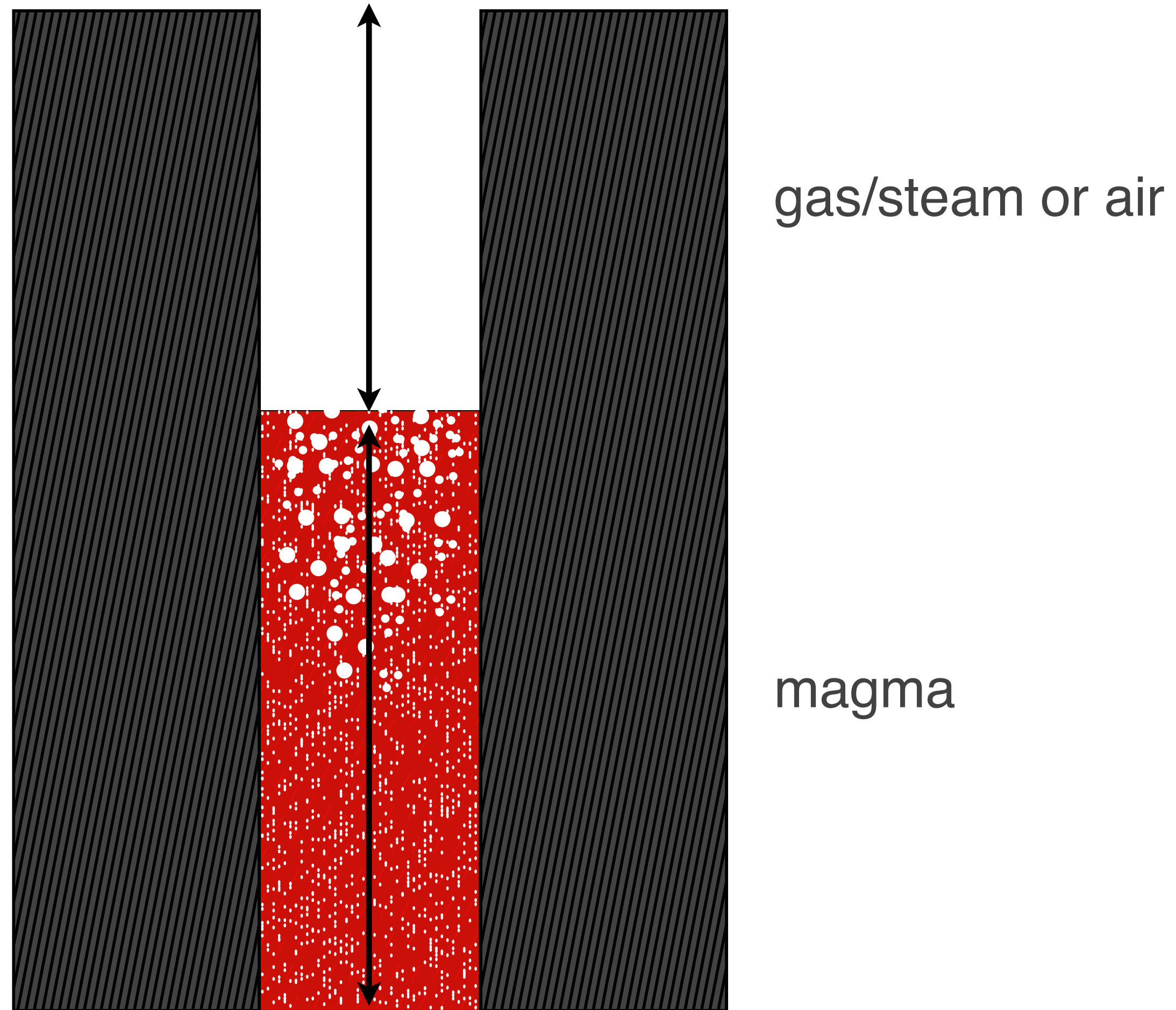


Upper few tens of meters couple well into atmosphere

Matoza et al. [2010]

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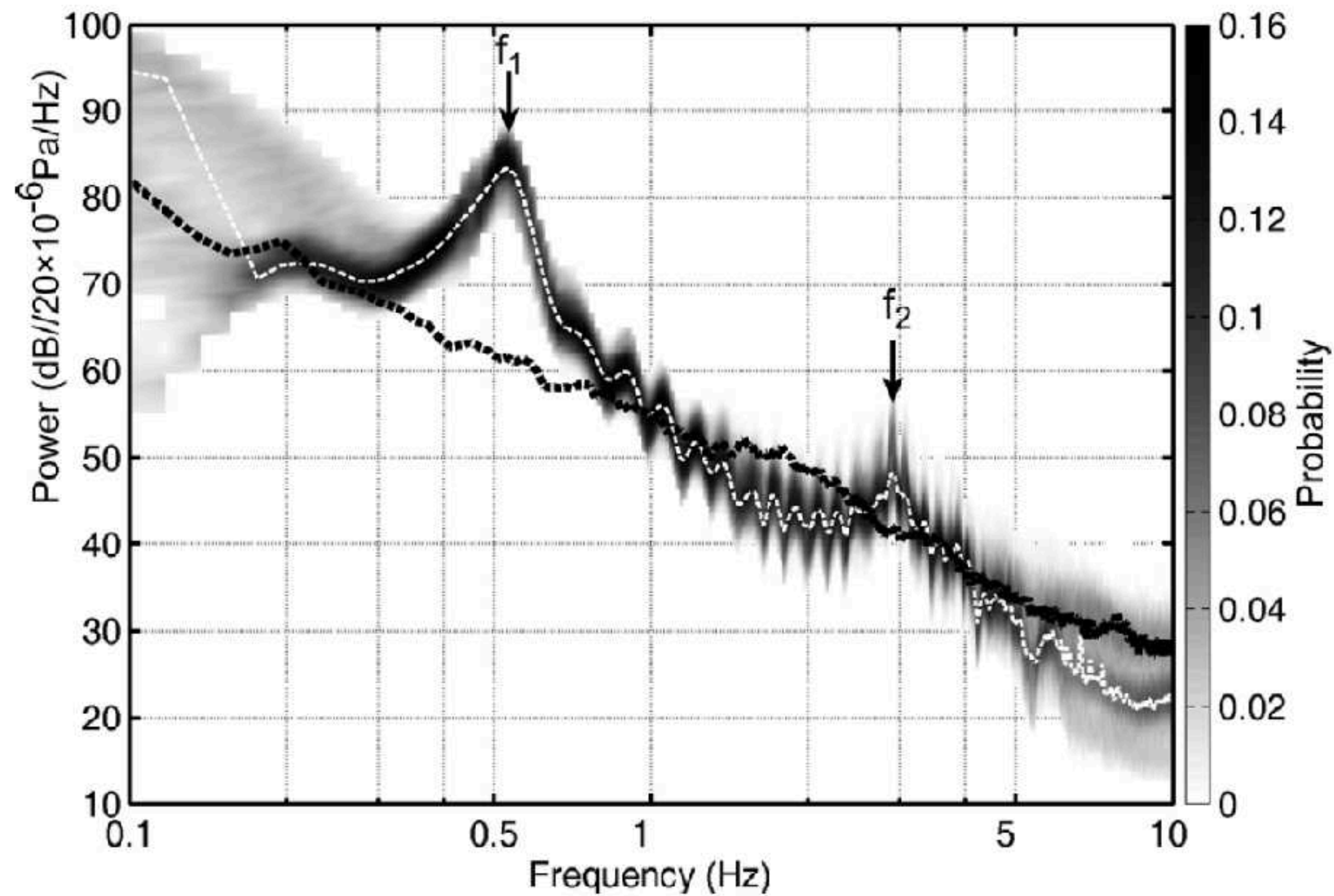
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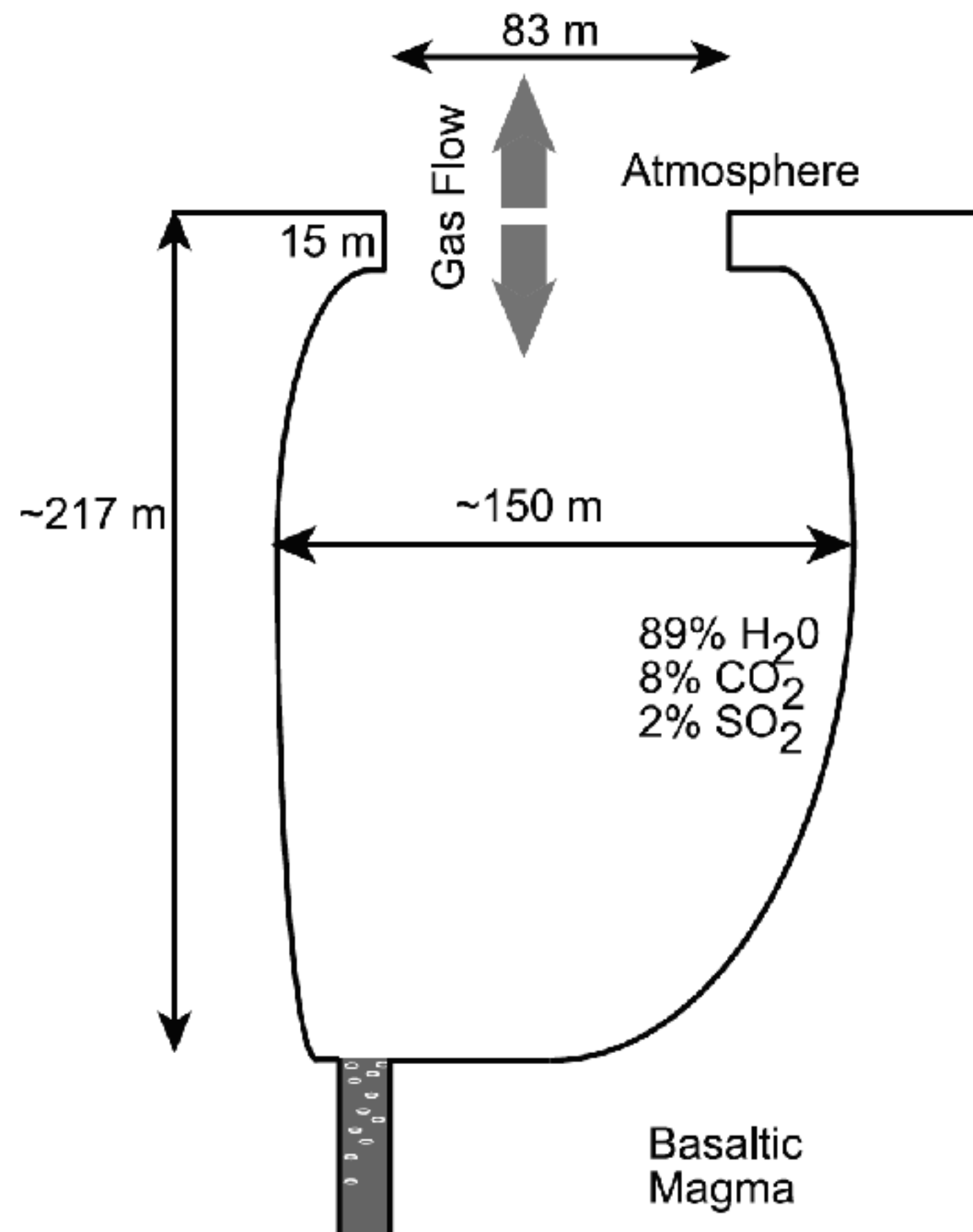
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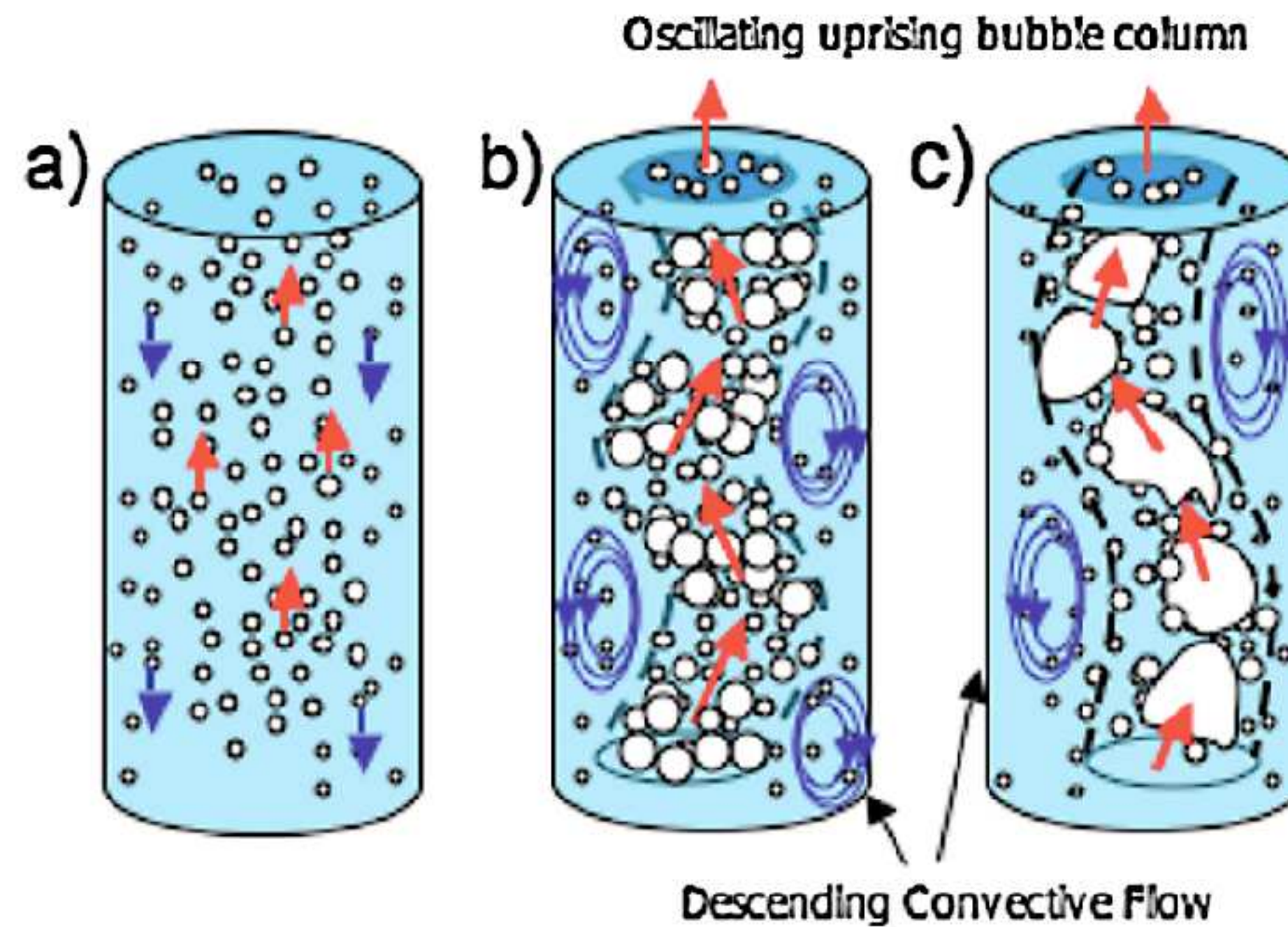
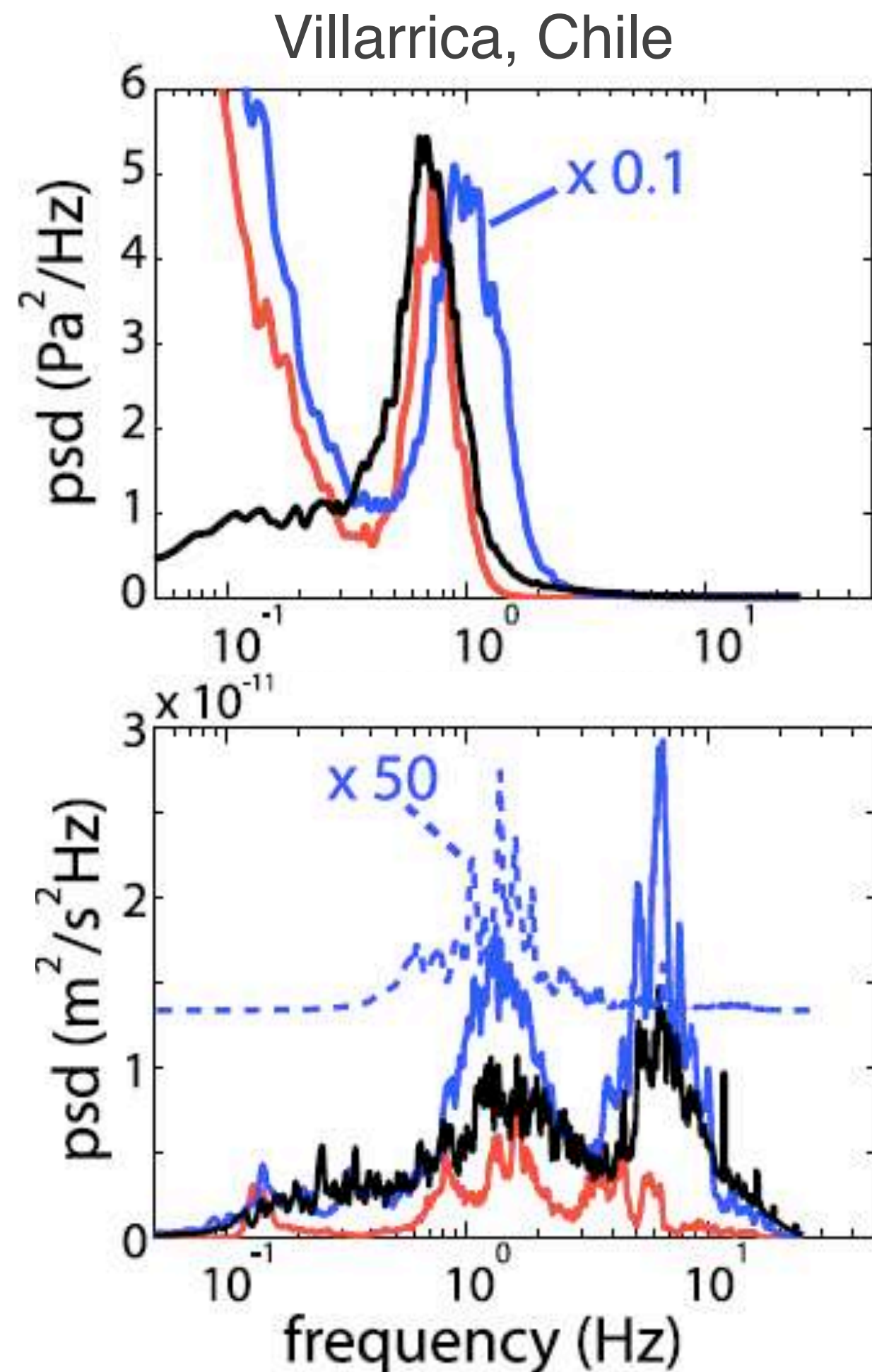


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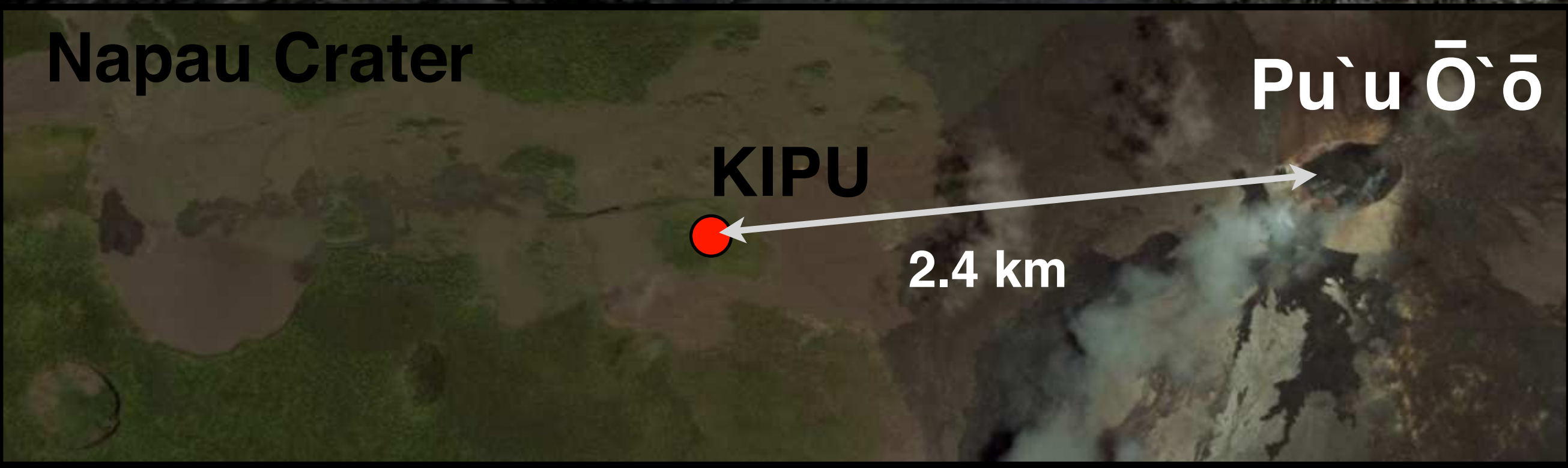
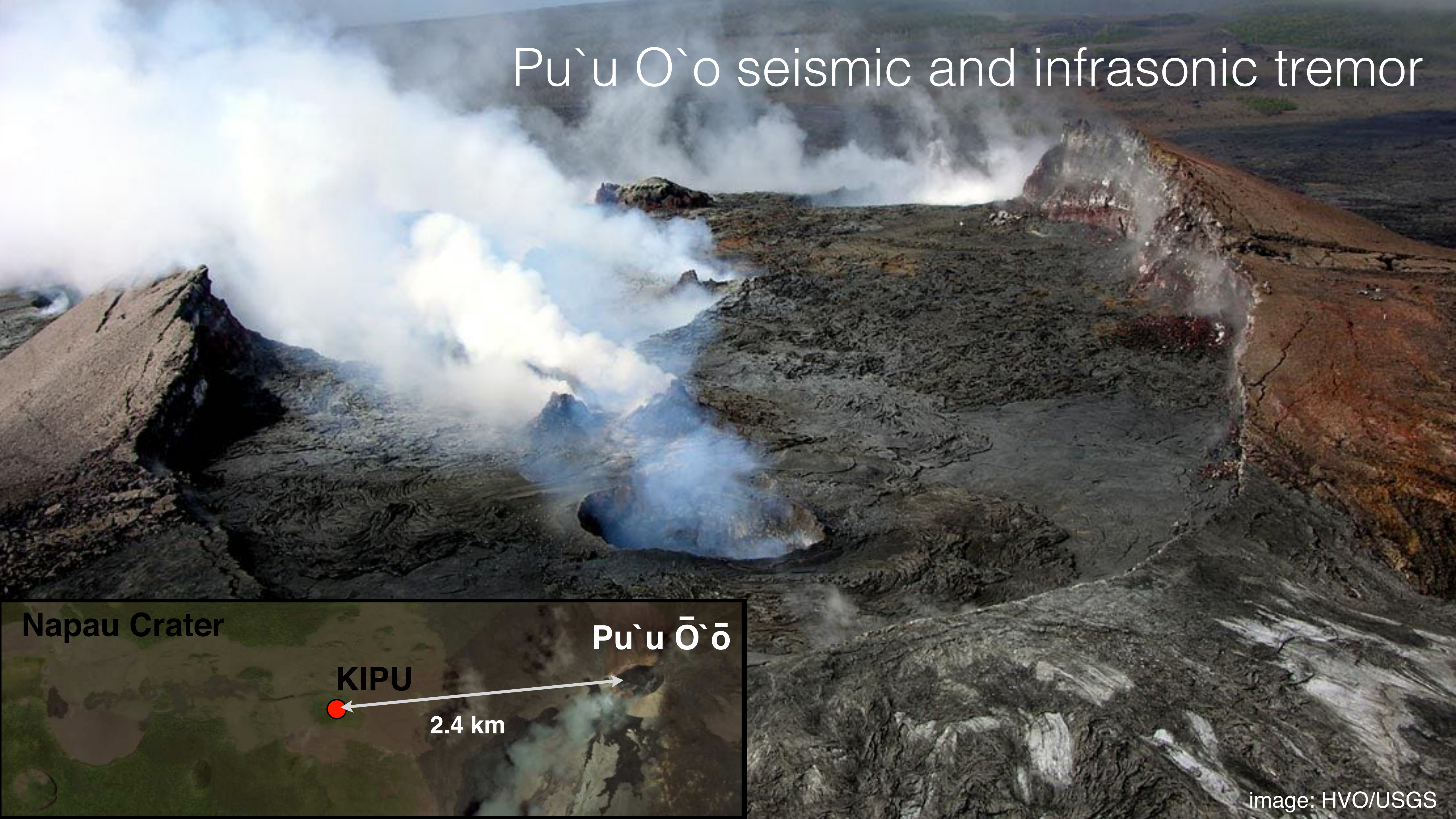
Key question #2: what drives the oscillation?

1. Bubble cloud oscillation [Chouet, 1996; Matoza et al. 2010]
2. Density-driven oscillations of the bubble column [Ripepe et al. 2010]

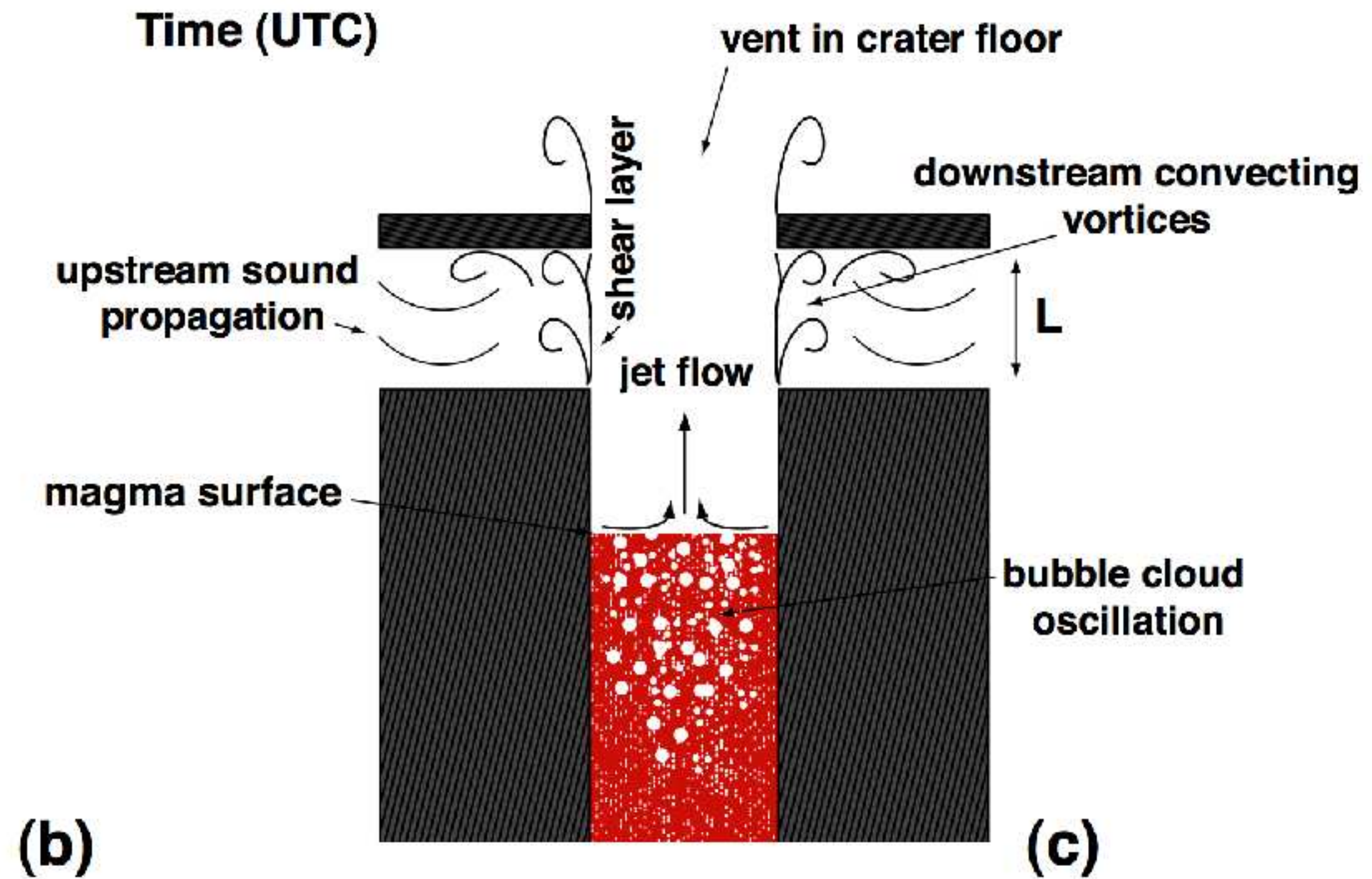
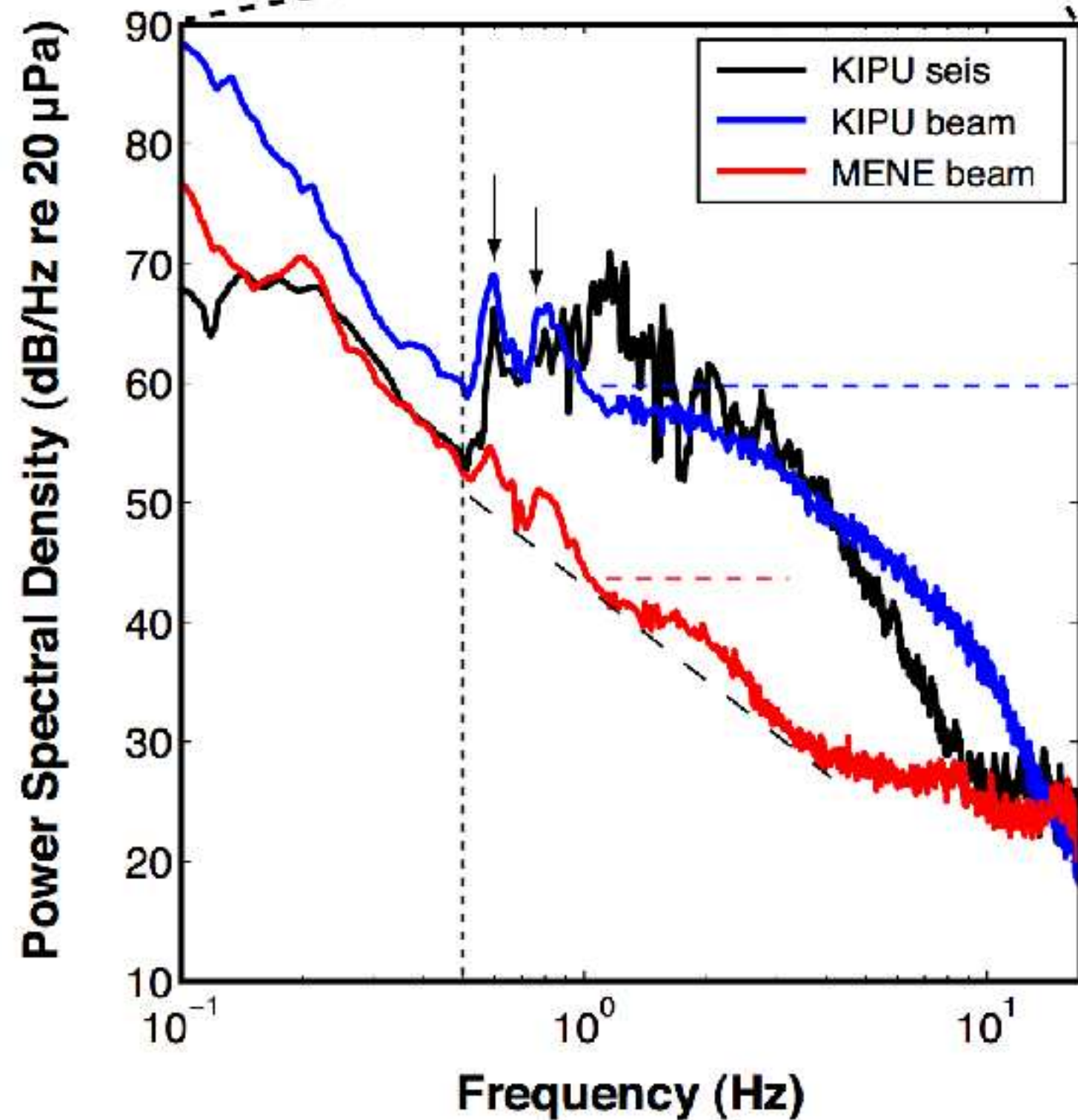
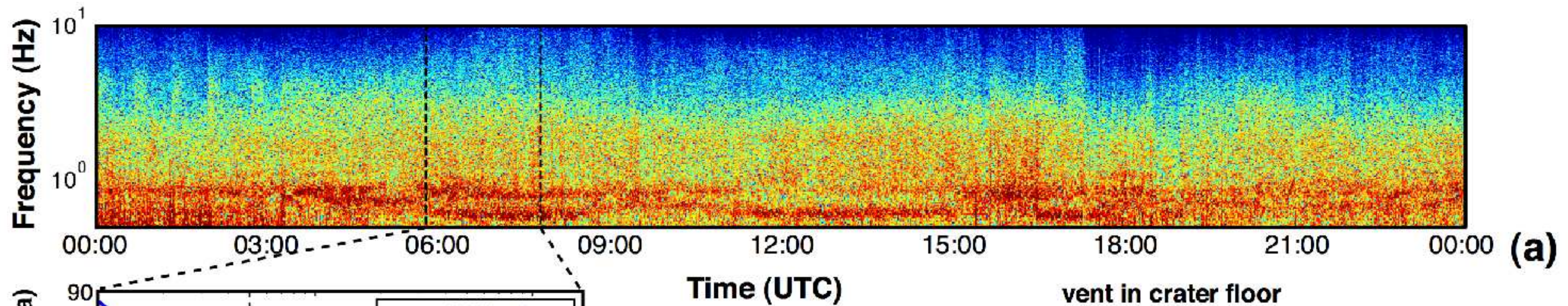


Ripepe et al. [2010] after Mudde [2005]

Pu`u Ō`ō seismic and infrasonic tremor



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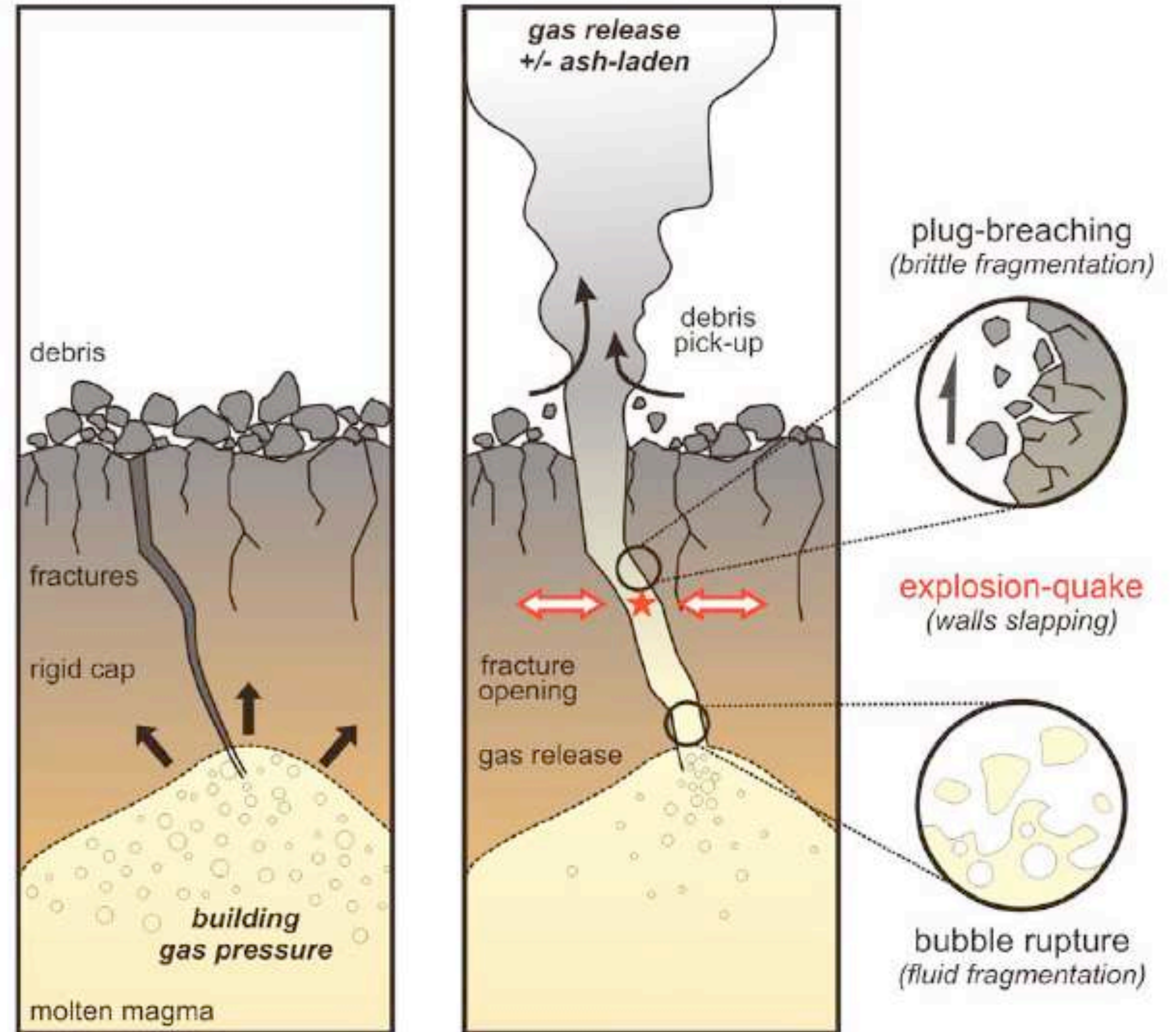
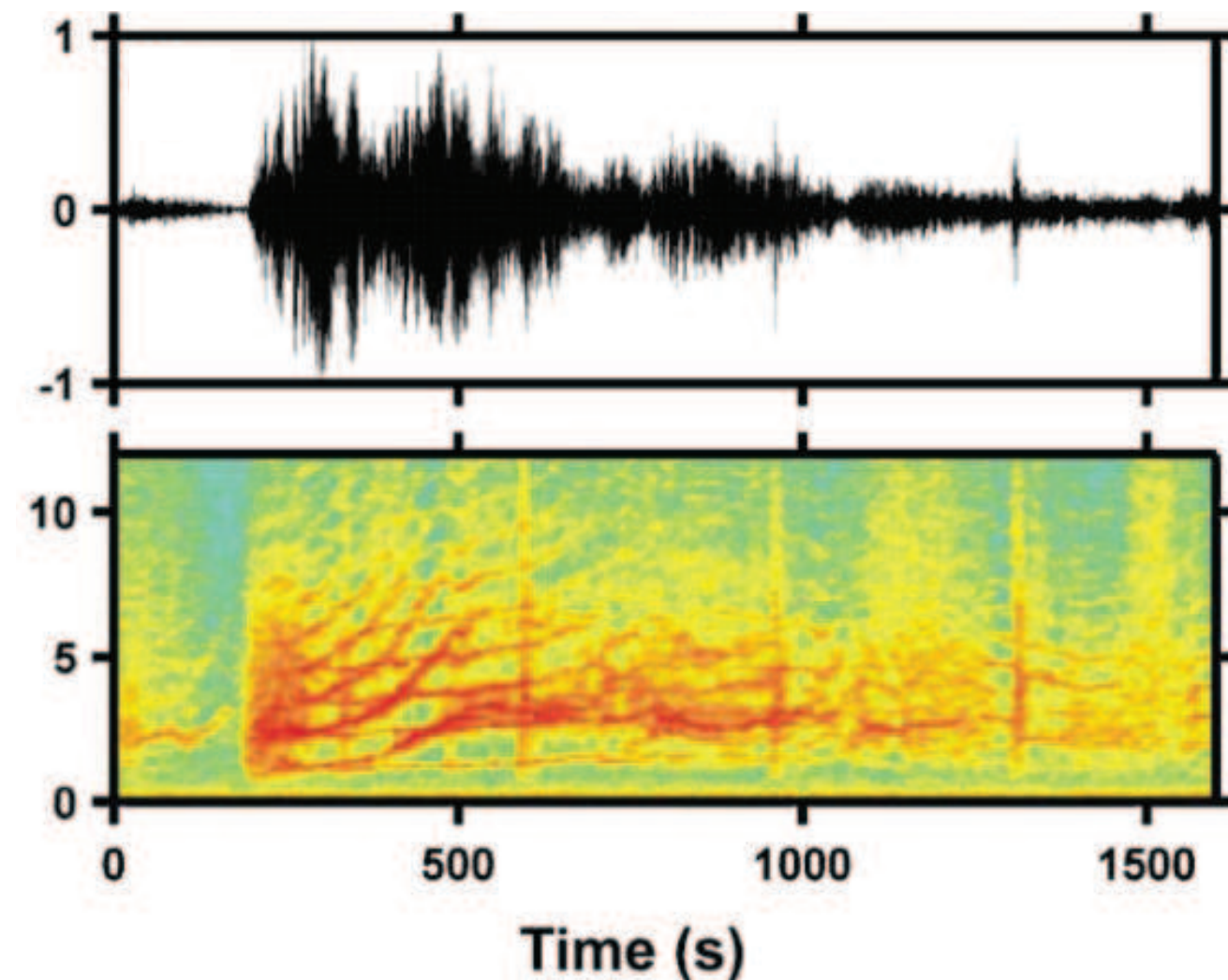
Seismo-acoustic harmonic tremor

Degassing through sealed caps

e.g.,
Gil Cruz and Chouet [1997]
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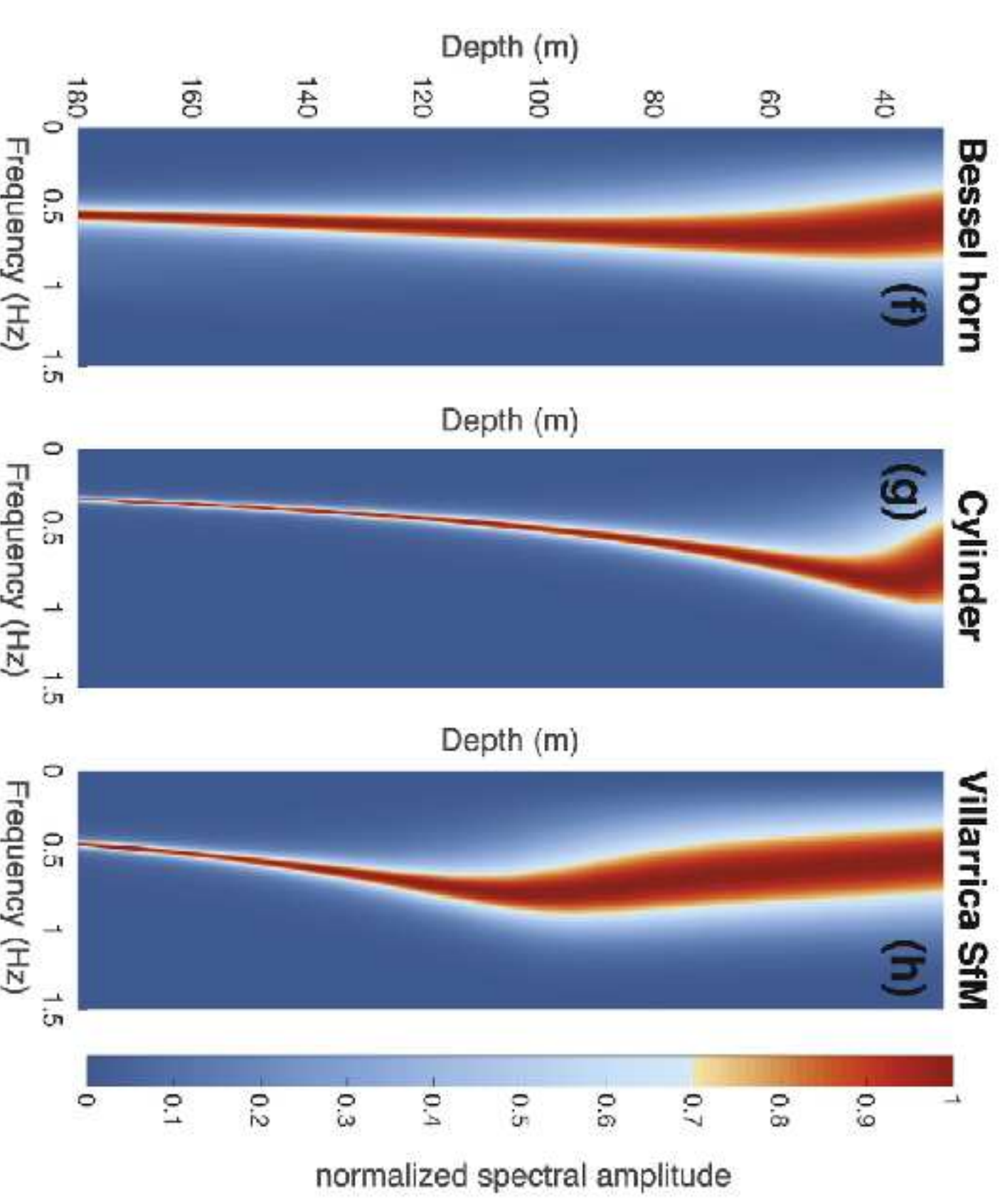
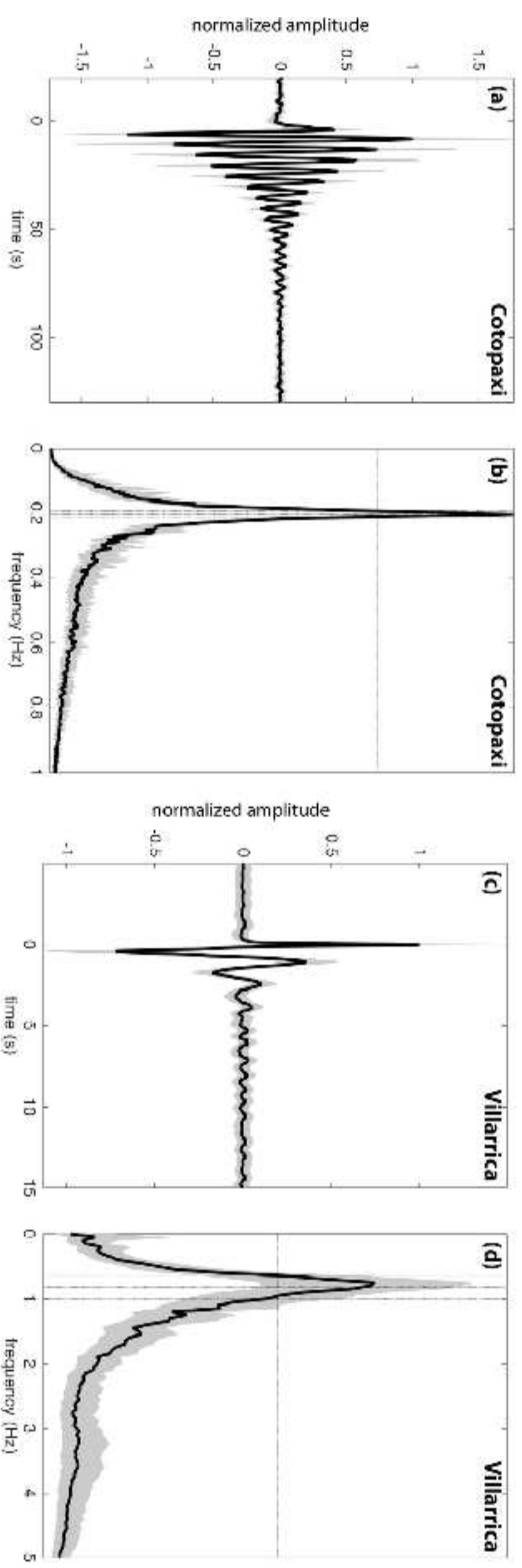
...can be coupled with
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conduit/cavity
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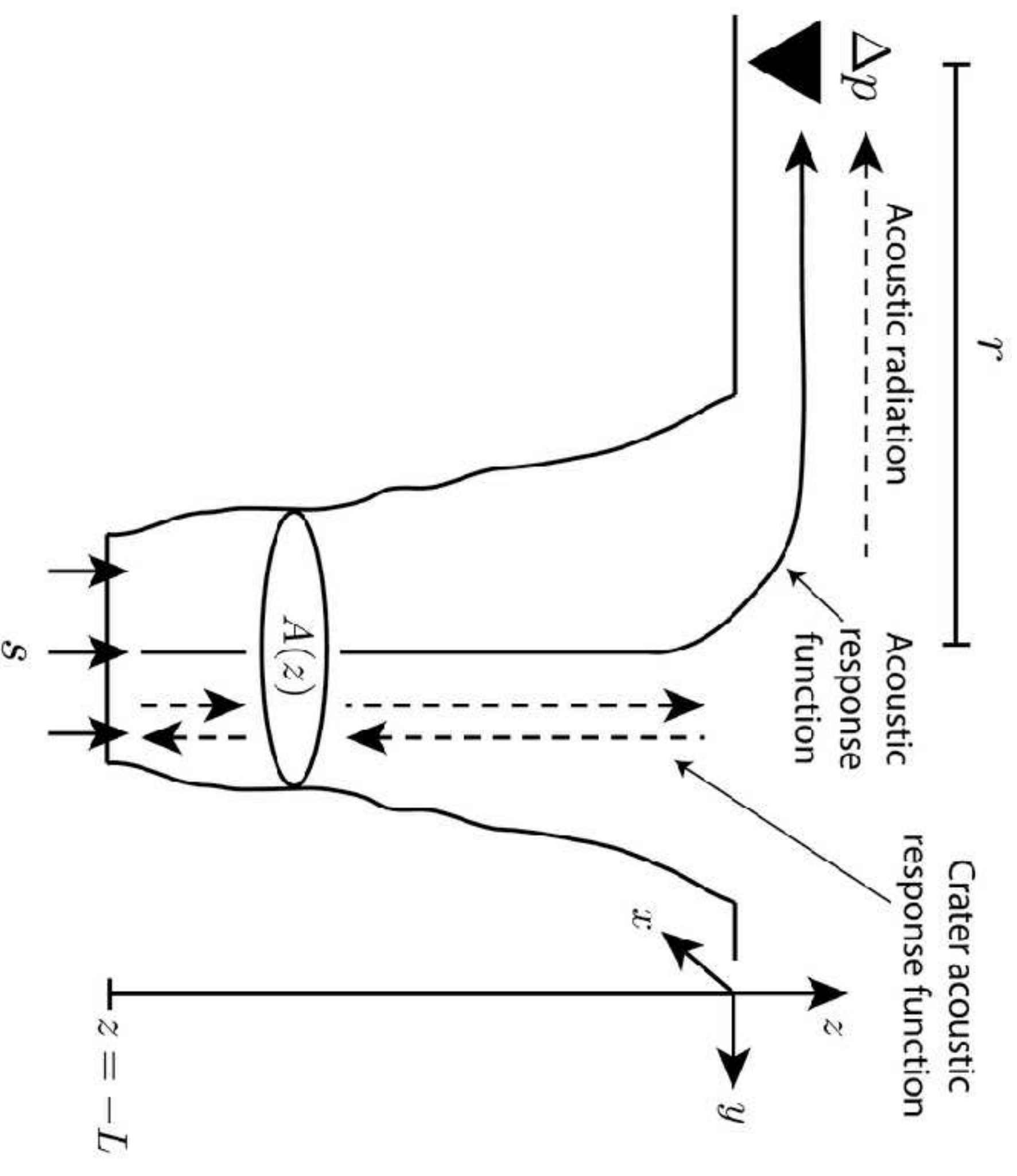


Valade et al. [2012]

Crater resonance

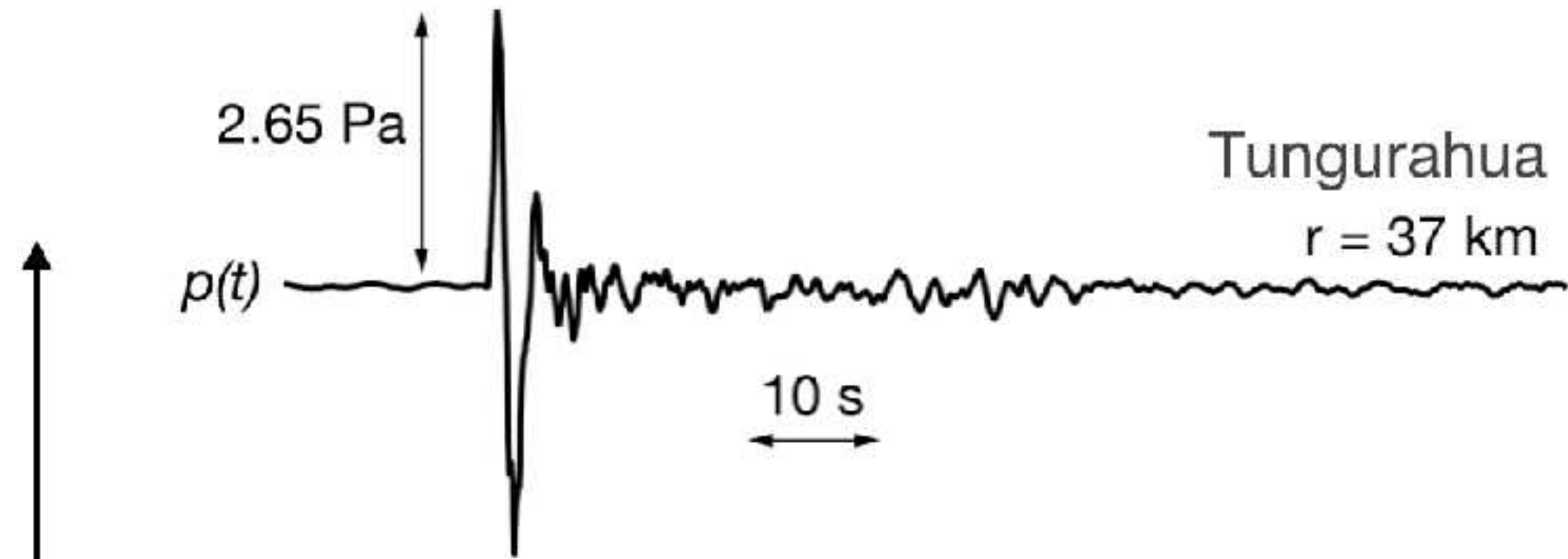


- Bessel horn
(Richardson et al., 2014)
- ⋯ Cylinder
- - - Villarrica SfM
(Johnson et al., 2018b)



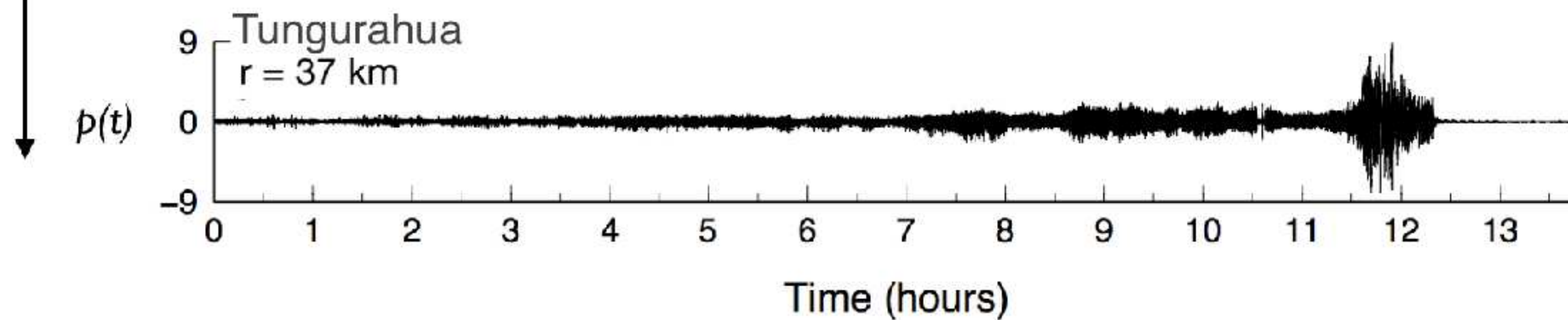
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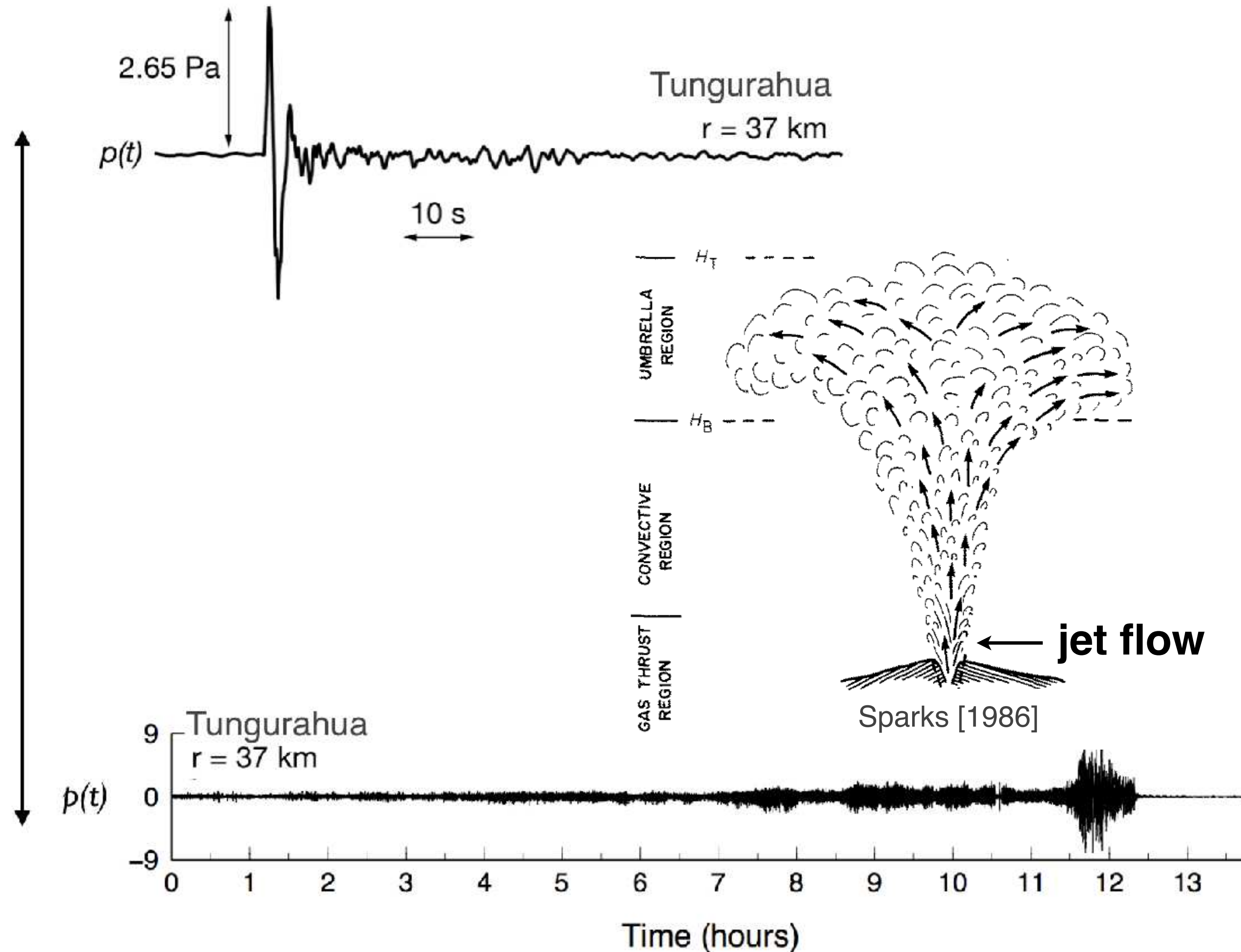
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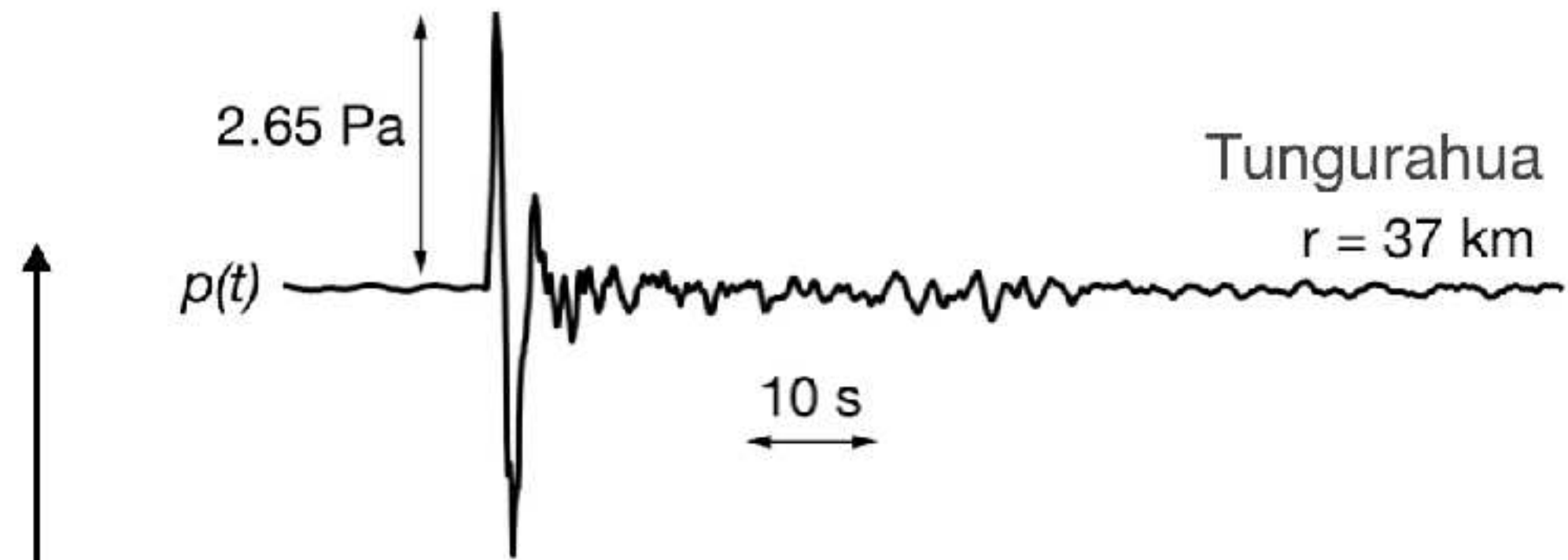
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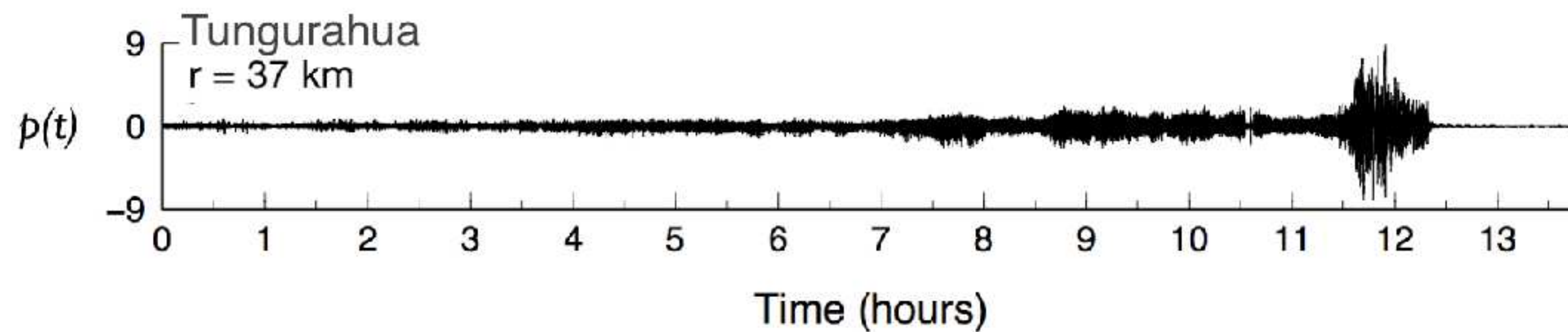
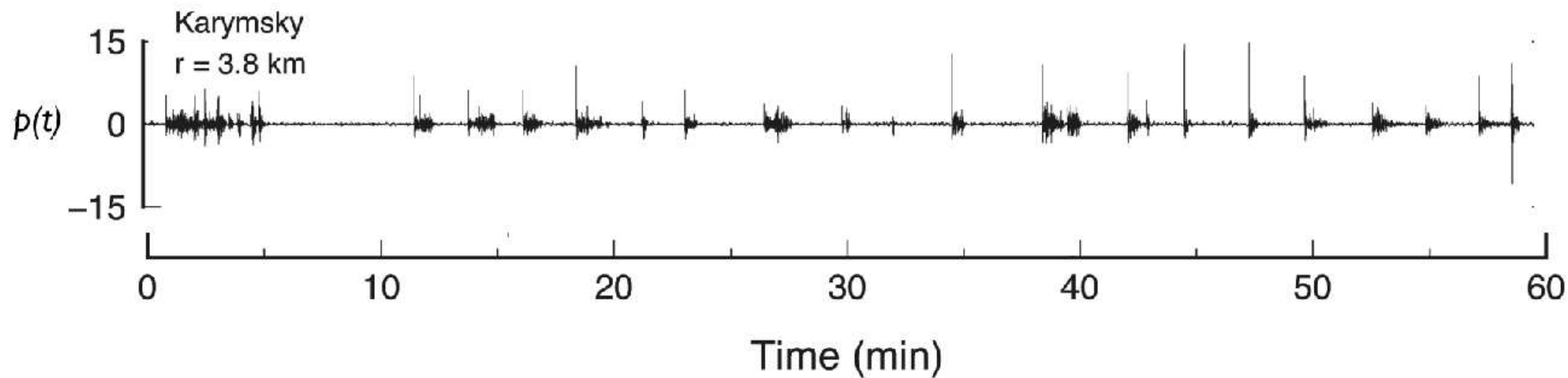
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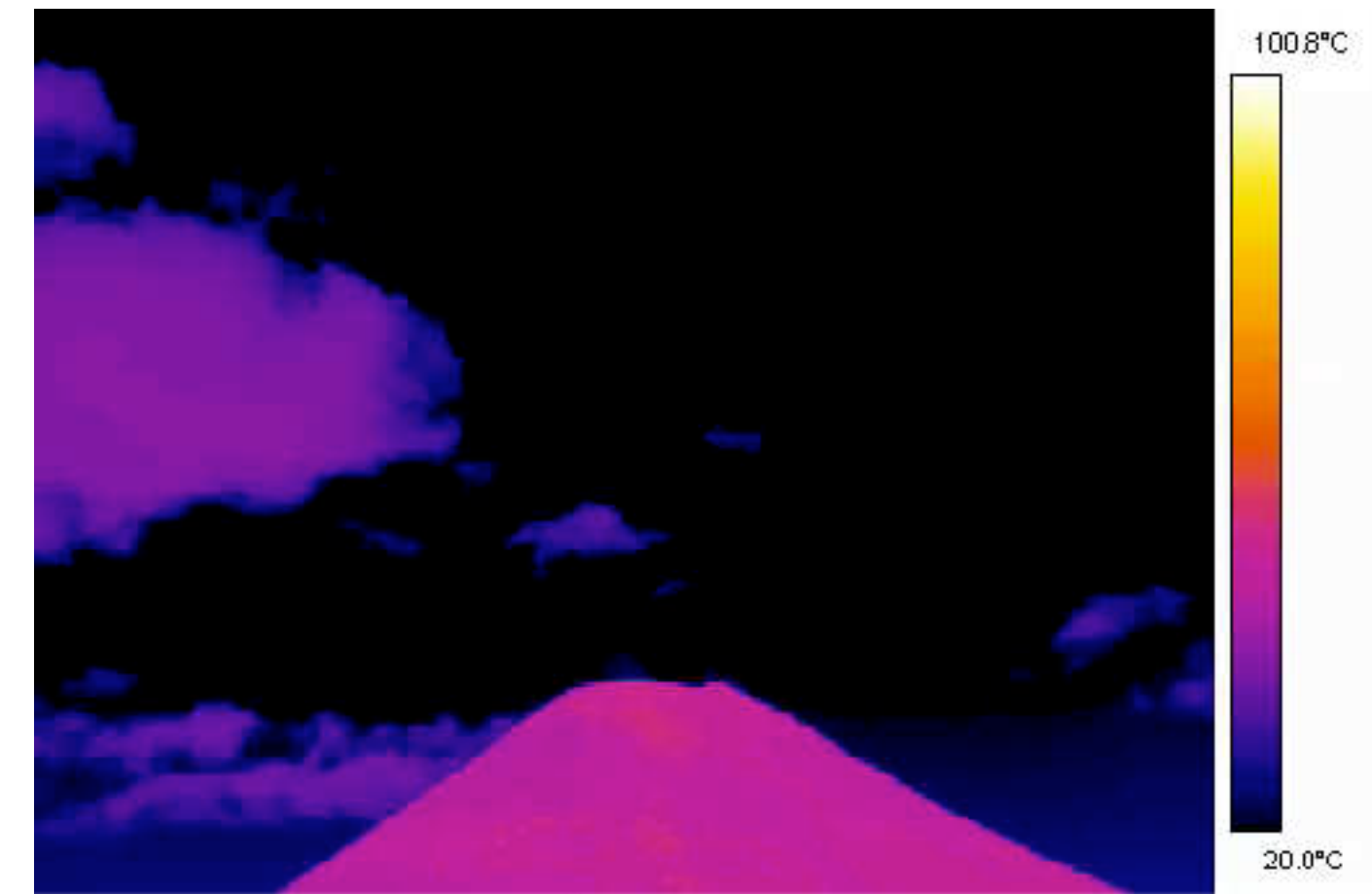
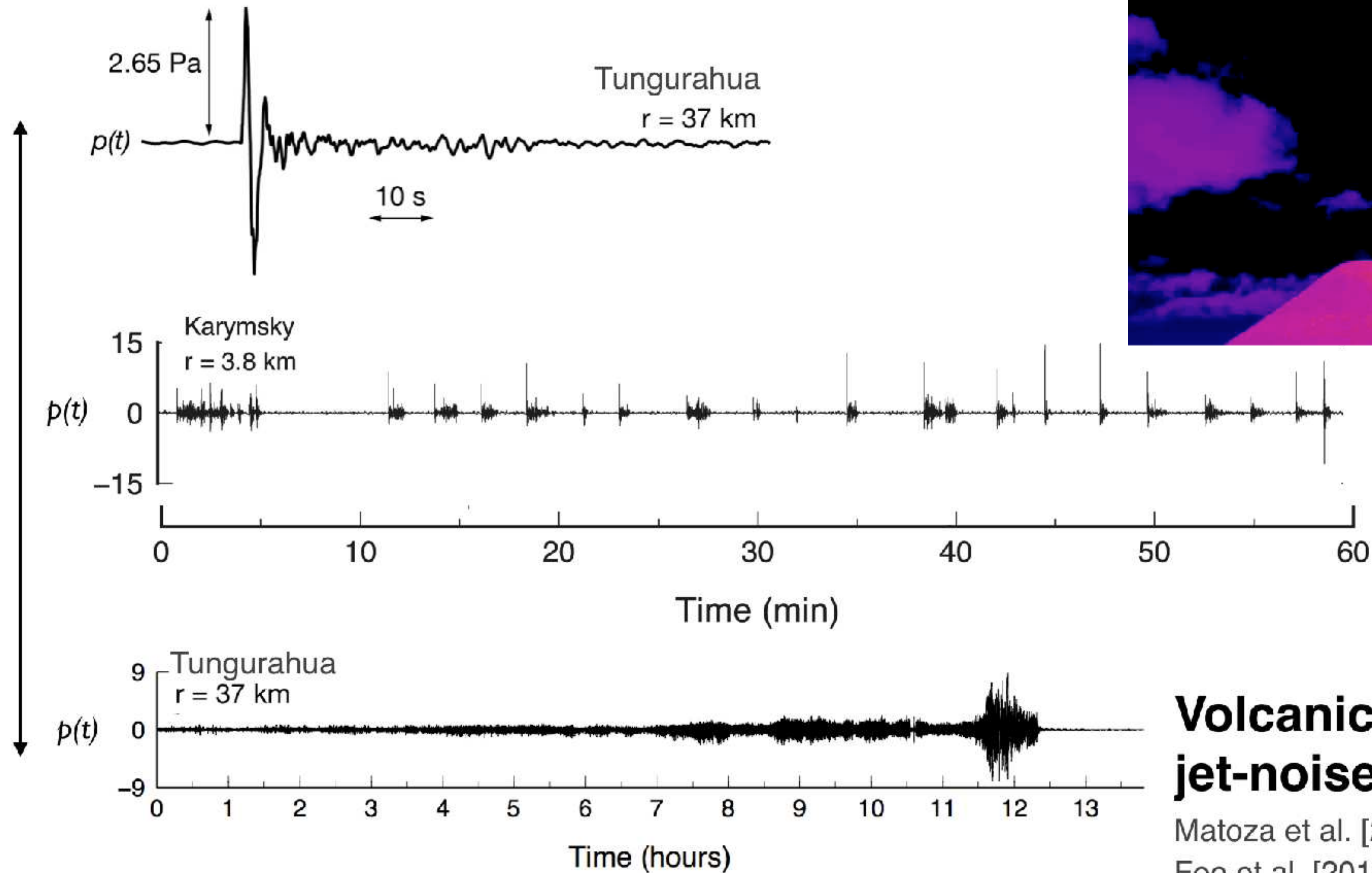
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movie: David Fee, UAF

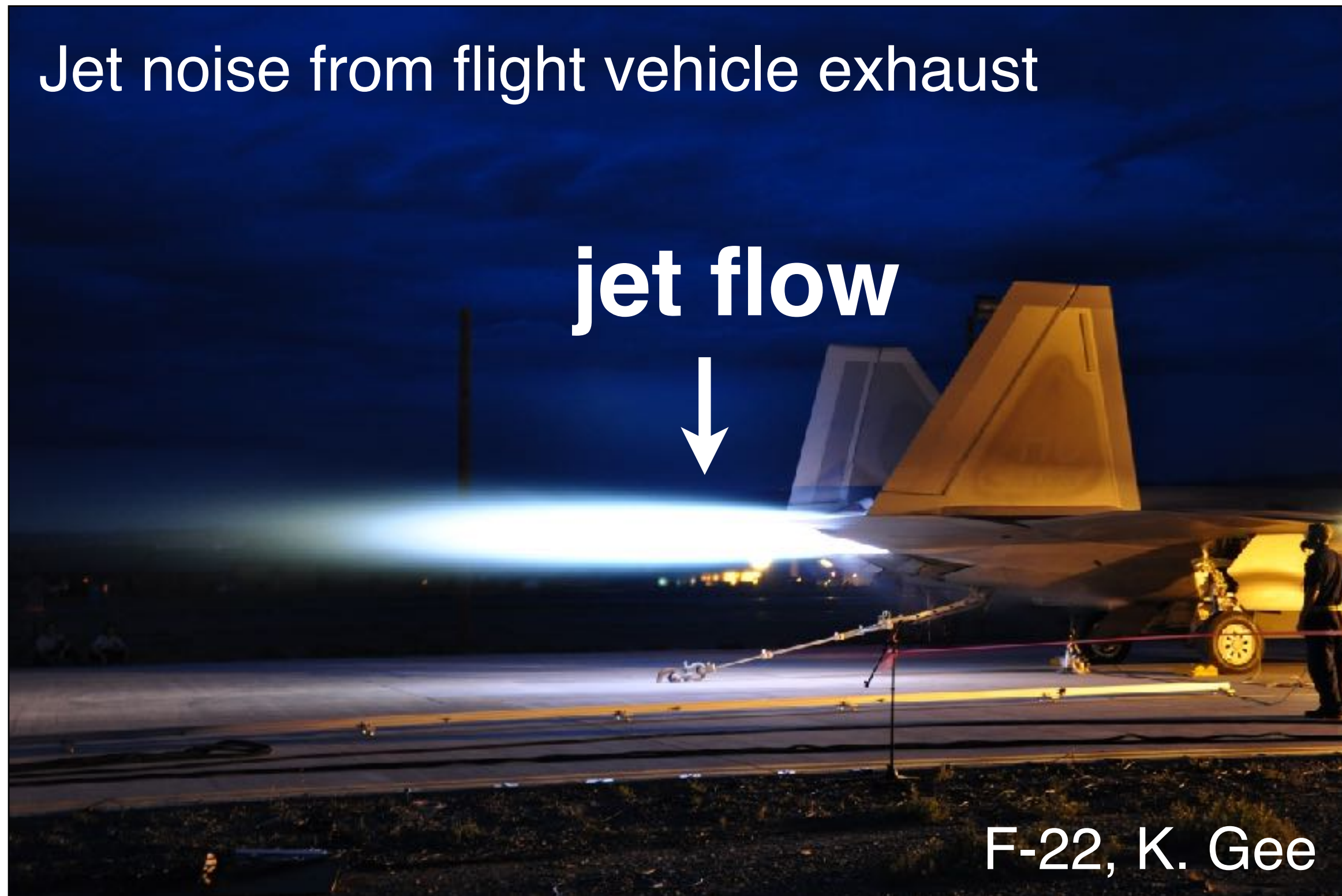
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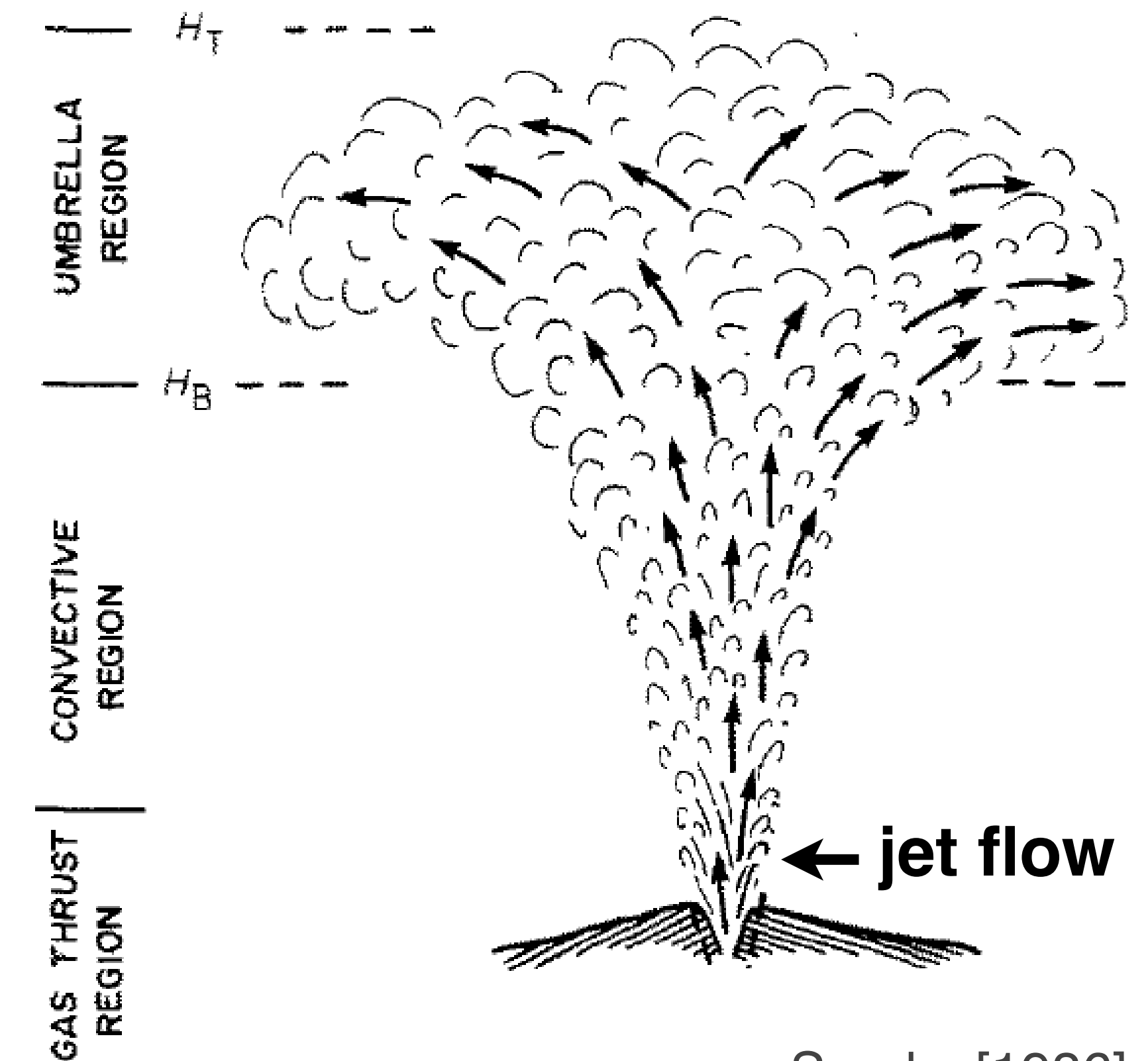
- Noise from the exhaust flow of jet engines and rockets
- Studied for noise and vibration control in mechanical and aerospace engineering

Jet noise from flight vehicle exhaust



- **Hypothesis:** noise-generation mechanisms scale up to volcanic length-scales *Matoza et al. [2009; 2013]; Fee et al. [2013]*

Natural large-scale jet flow (gas-thrust)



Sparks [1986]

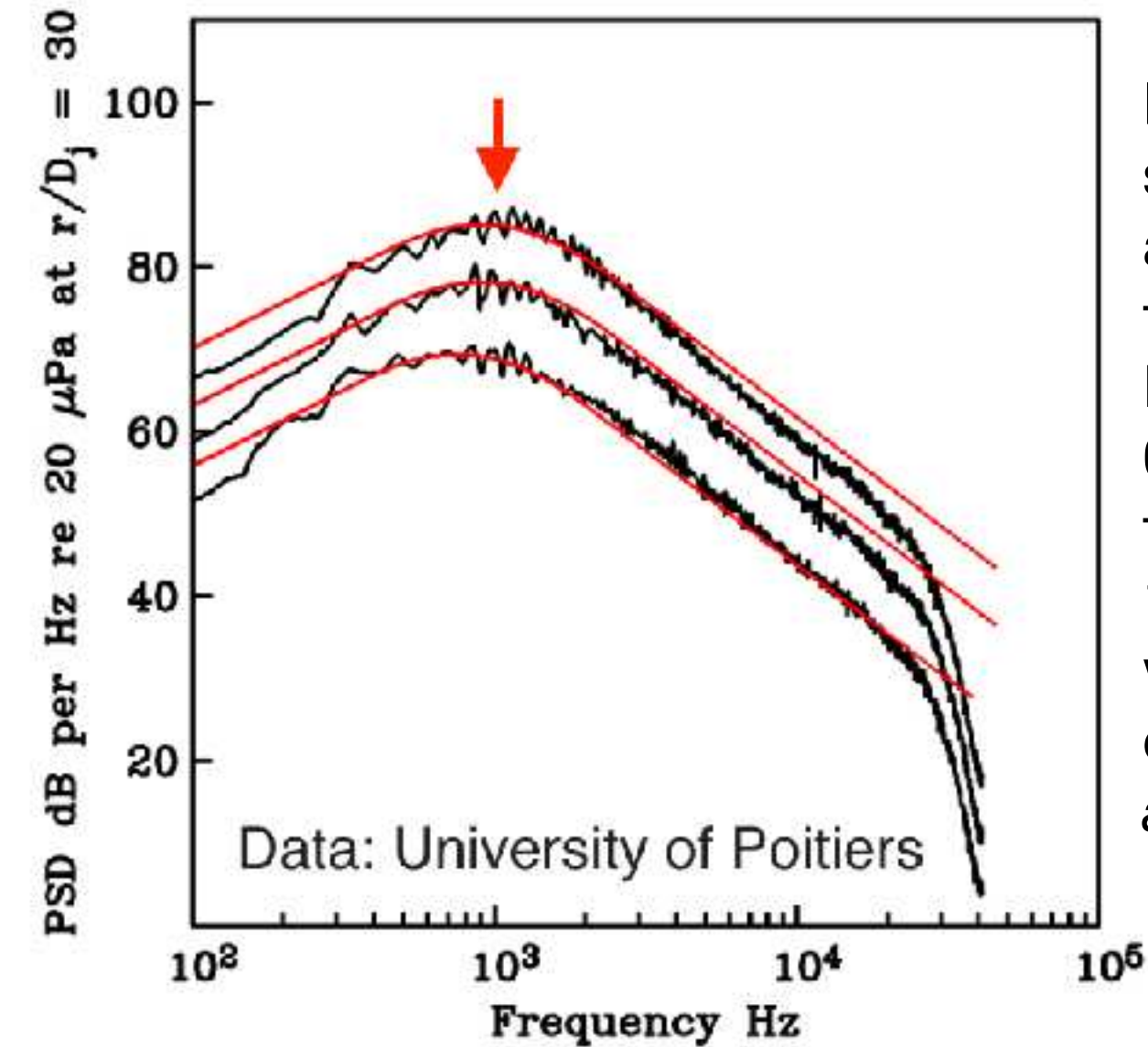
Infrasonic volcanic jet noise

- eruption signal
 - - - ambient noise
 - LST
 - FST
- } Empirical fits to thousands of lab experiments
Tam et al. [1996]

- Noise generation mechanisms appear to scale

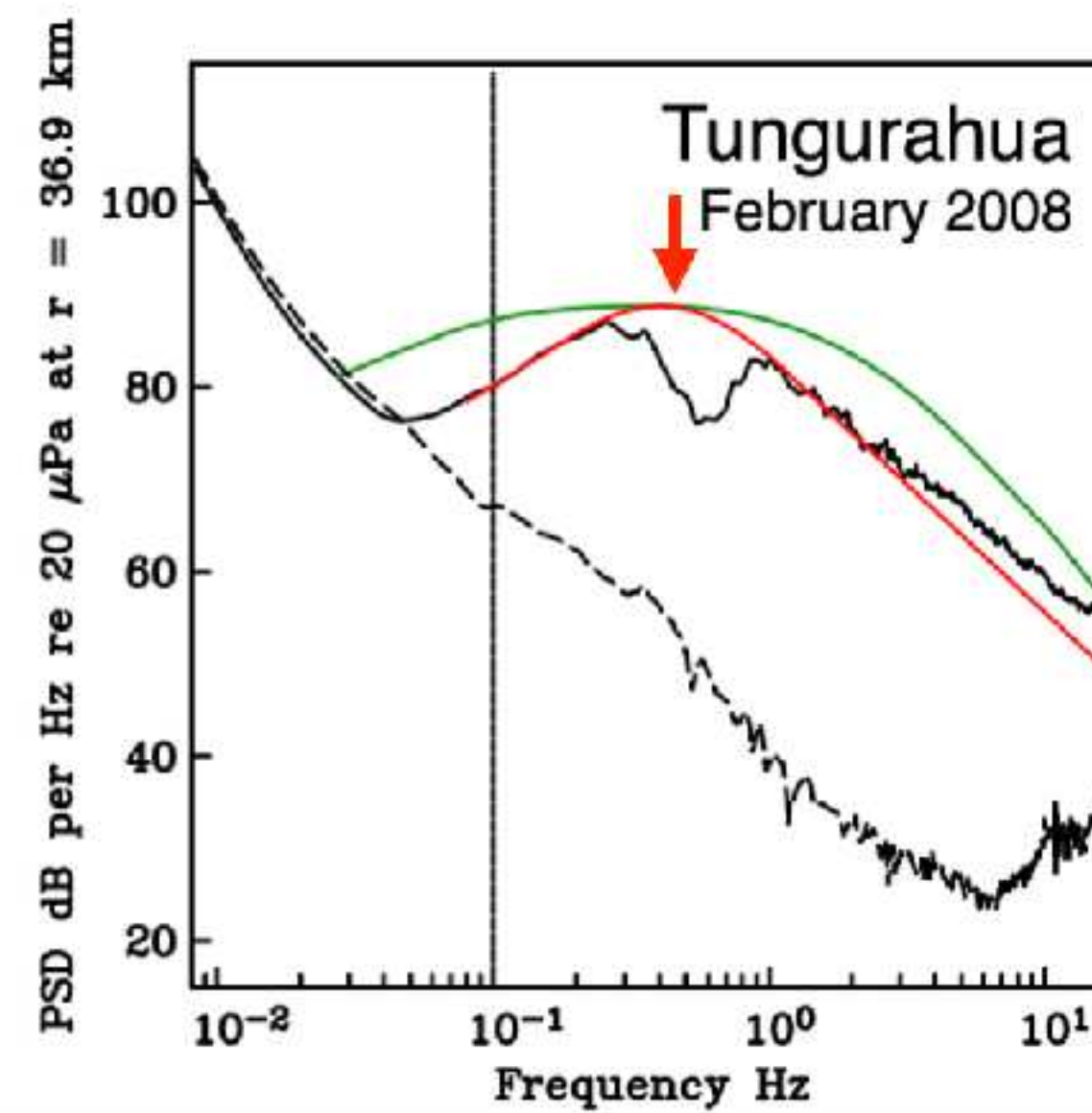
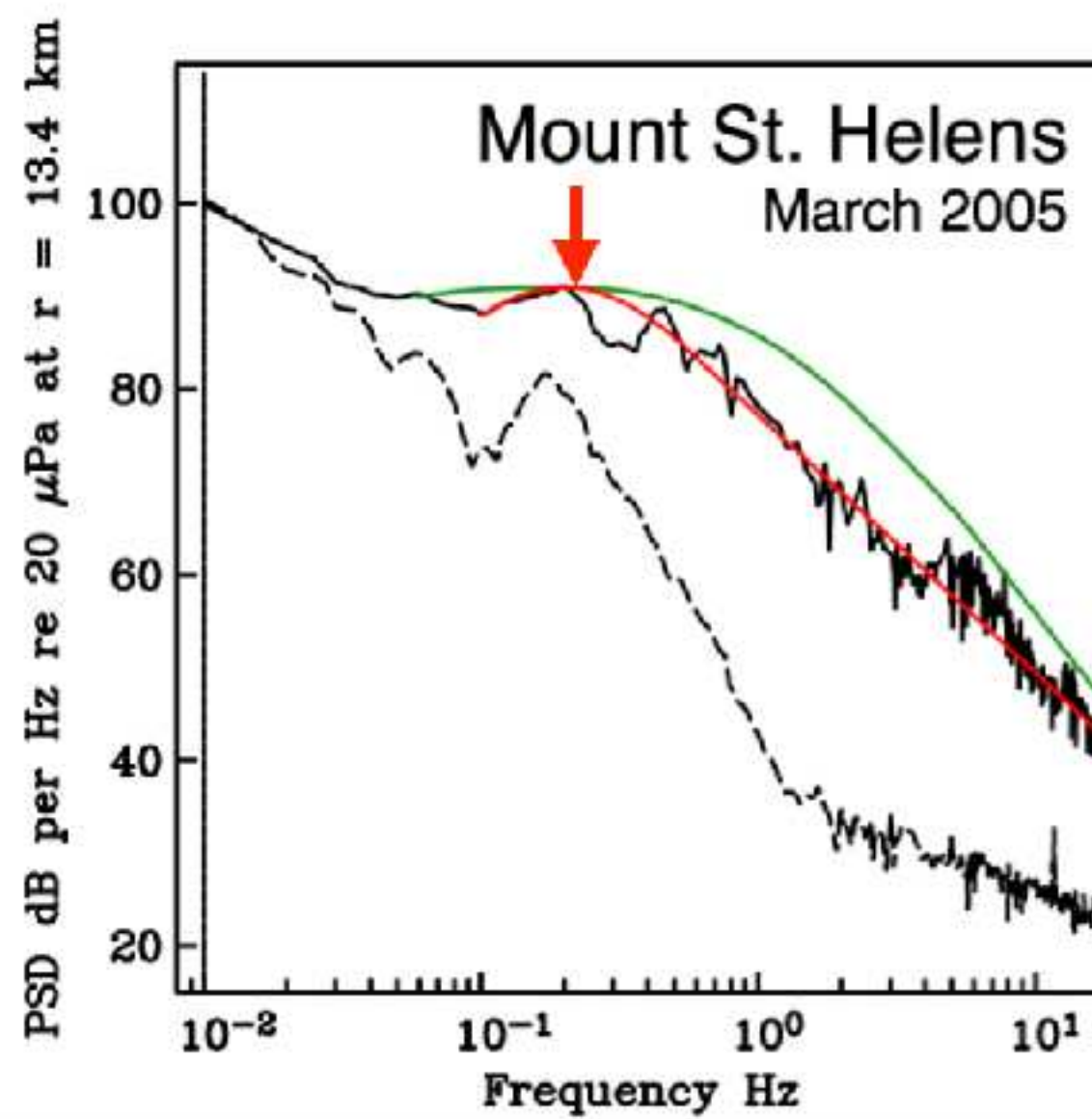
$$St = \frac{f D_j}{U_j}$$

Laboratory jet noise data



Fits of the LST similarity spectrum (red) to acoustic data (black) from 3 laboratory jets: Mach numbers 0.60, 0.75, 0.9; with temperature ratios of 1.0, and $r/D_j = 30$, where $r = 1.5$ m, $D_j = 5$ cm. Data from Koenig et al., [2010, 2011].

Volcano infrasound data



Limitations of fit:

- Spectral notch
- High-frequency roll-off

Hypotheses

Volcanic jet noise likely deviates from pure-air laboratory jets because of, e.g.,

1. Multiphase flow (e.g., tephra particles)
2. Nozzle/crater geometry and roughness
3. High-temperature and density effects
4. Buoyancy effects



image: C. Waythomas AVO/USGS

Redoubt Volcano, AK



image: P.A. Ramon, IG-EPN

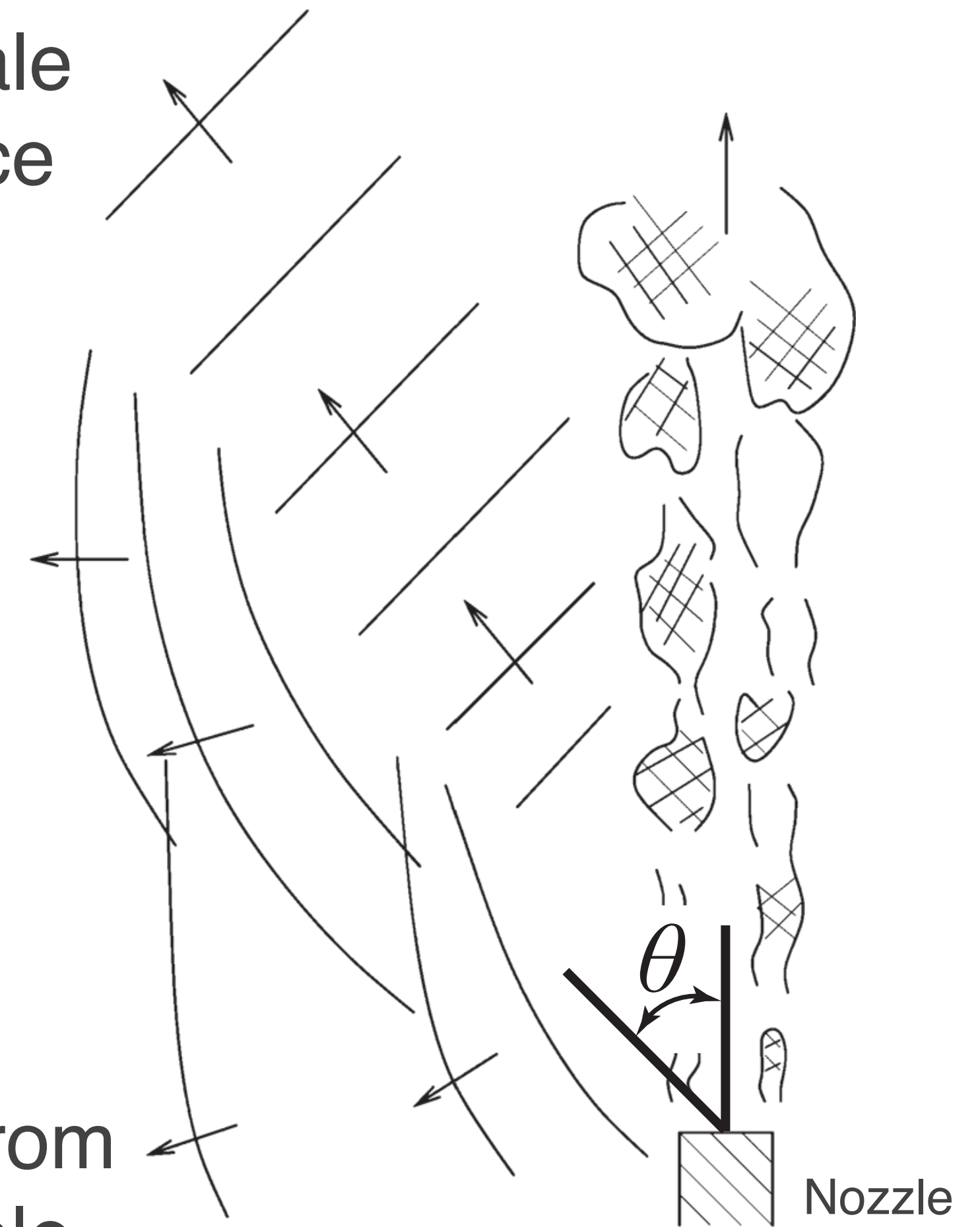
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Jet noise directionality

- Known that jet noise is **highly directional**
(does not radiate sound equally in all directions)

Noise from
large-scale
turbulence

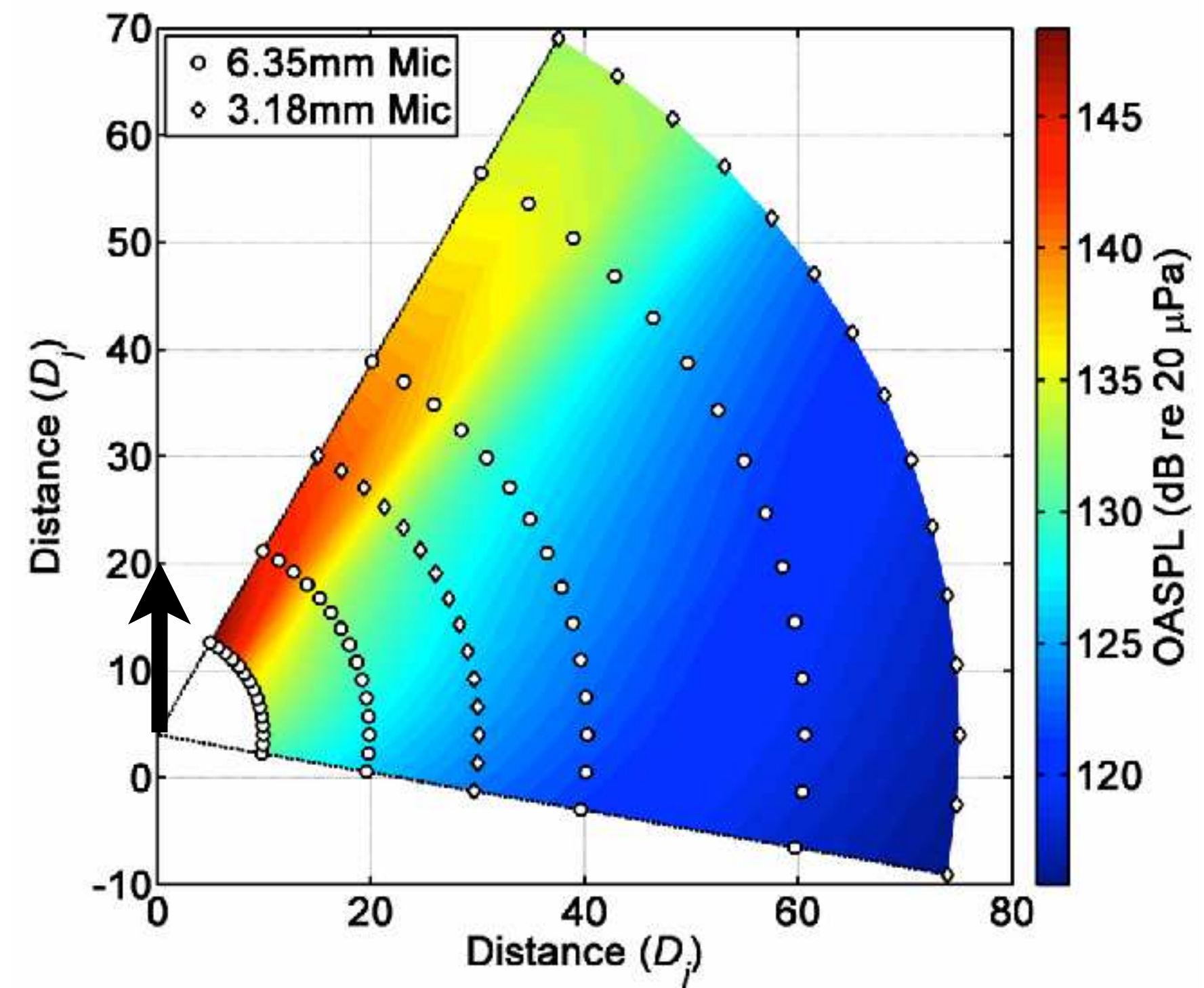
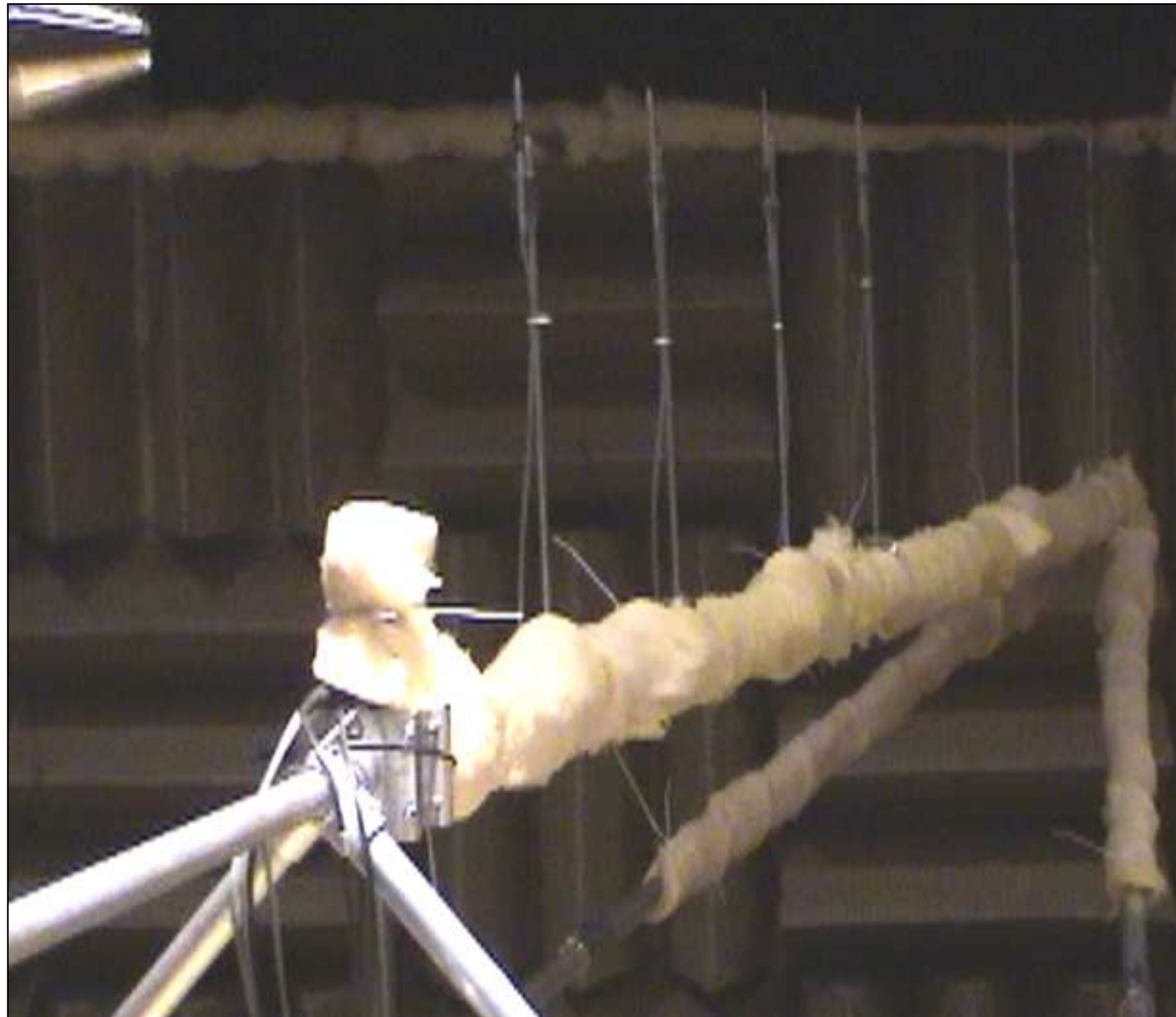
Noise from
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Tam et al., [2008]

Consequences of jet noise directionality

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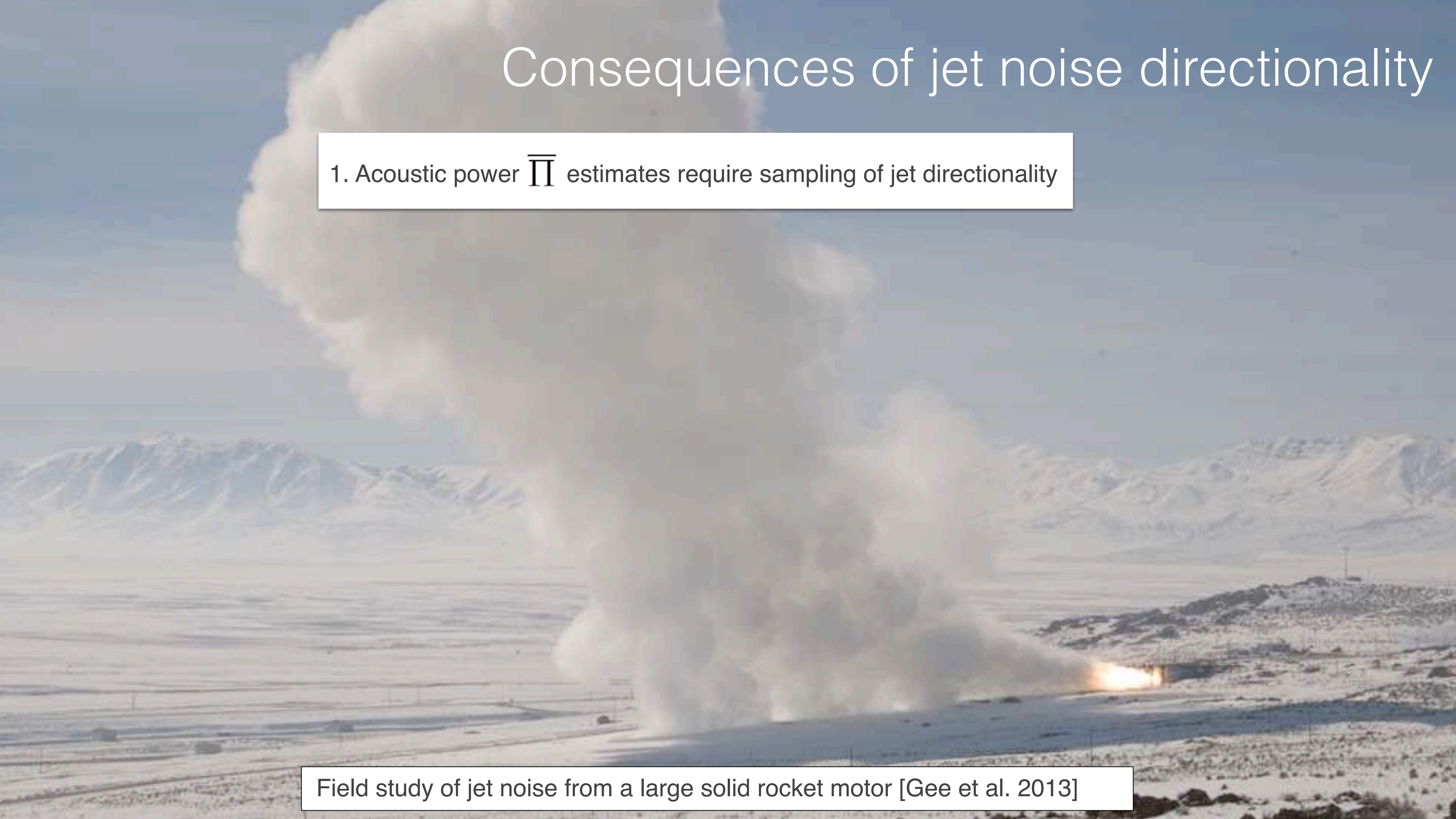


Laboratory study of jet noise [Gee et al. 2010]

Consequences of jet noise directionality

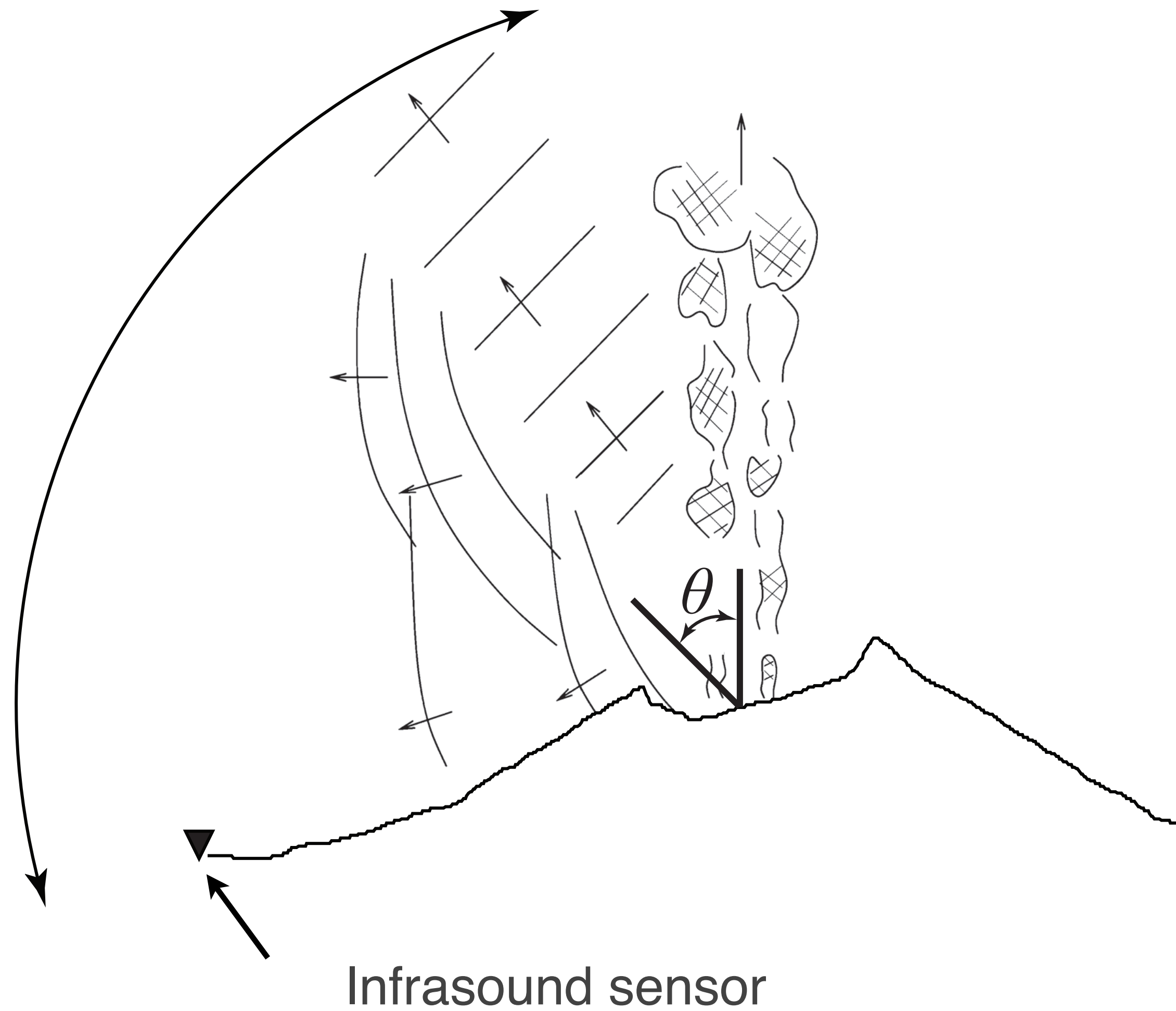
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Field study of jet noise from a large solid rocket motor [Gee et al. 2013]



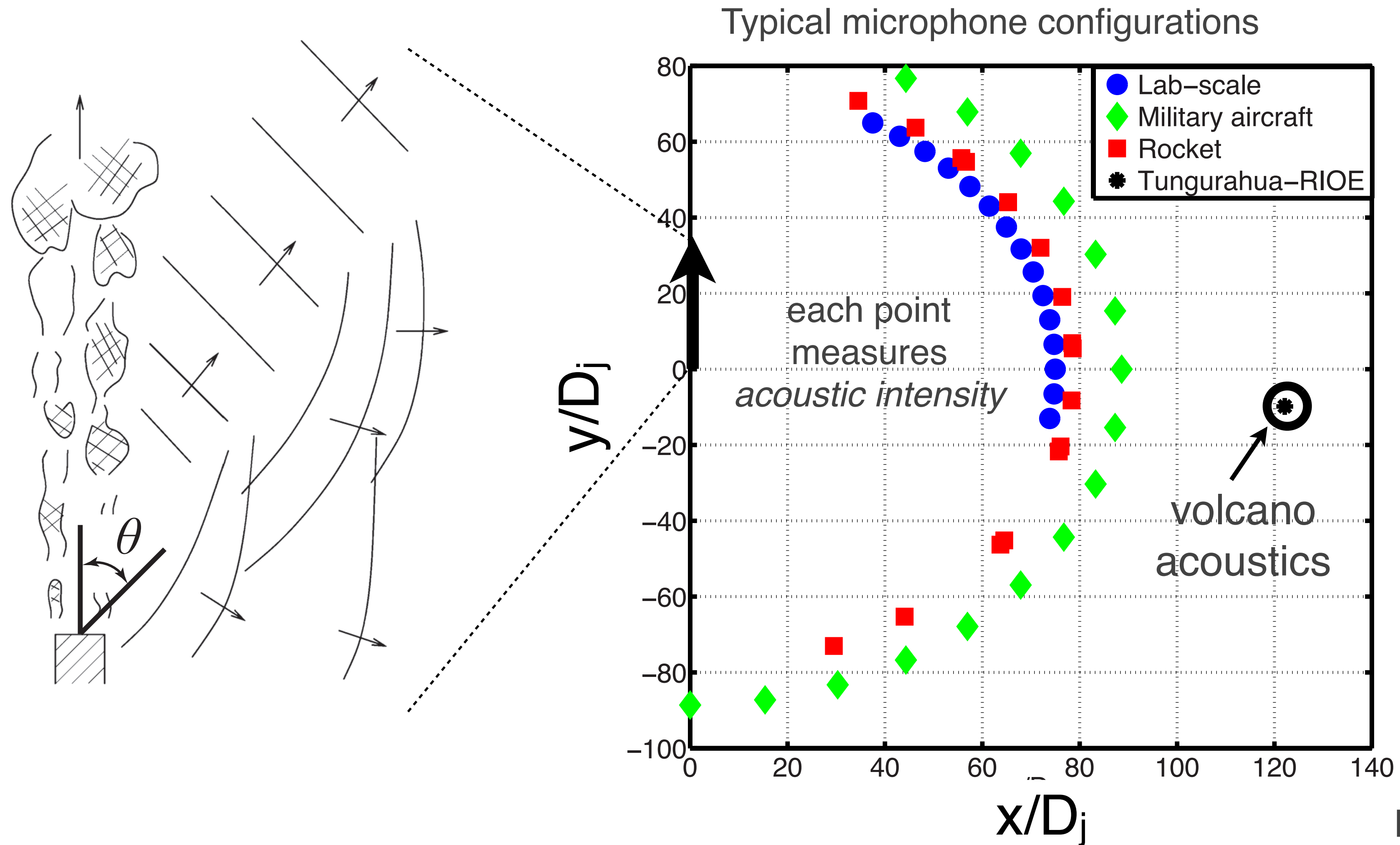
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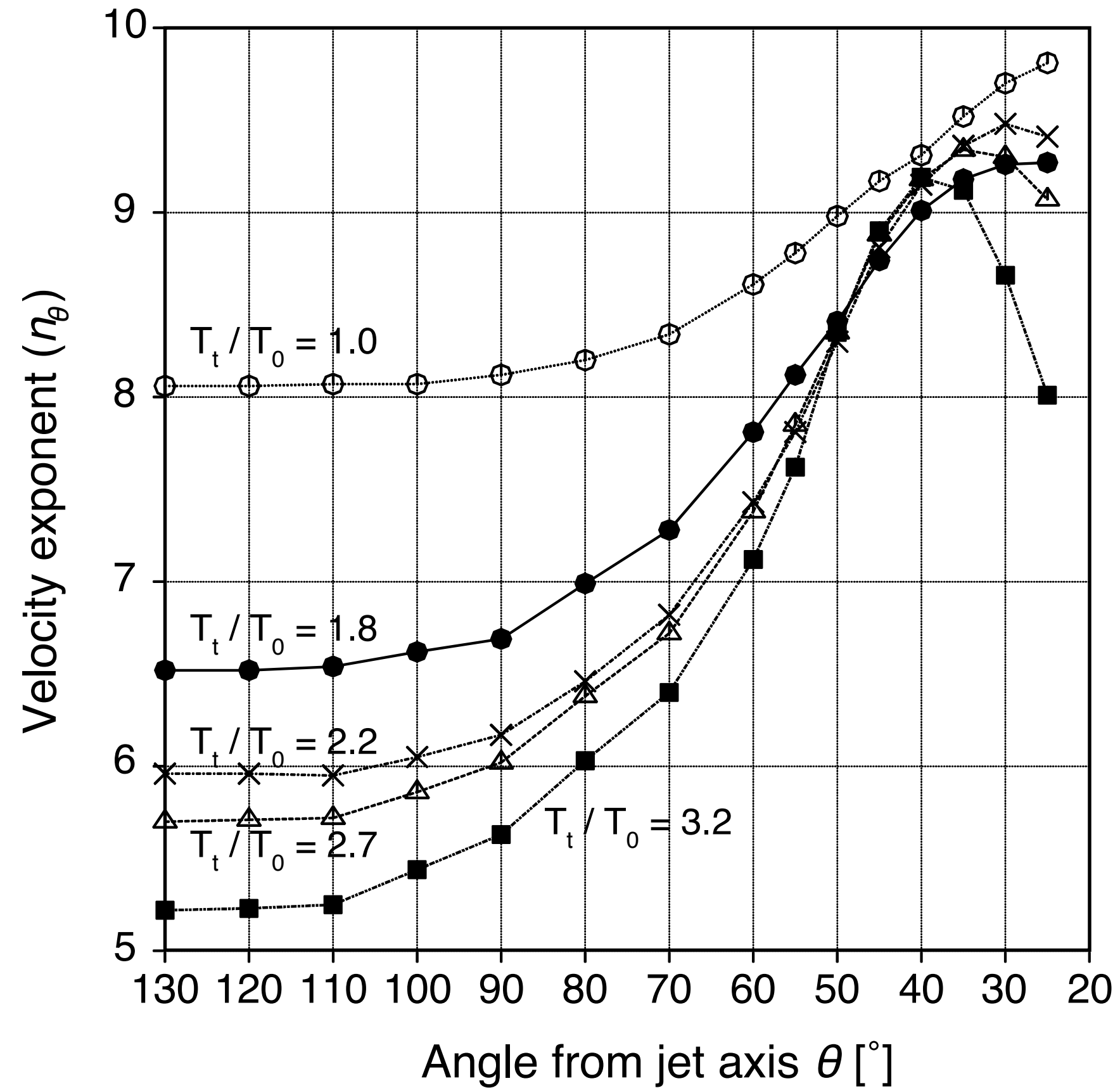
Consequences of jet noise directionality

2. Acoustic *intensity* should be used instead (power per unit area)



Acoustic intensity (power per unit area)

Results from pure-air jet noise studies:



Viswanathan [2006]

acoustic intensity $\rightarrow \bar{I}_\theta \propto \left(\frac{V_j}{c}\right)^{n_\theta}$

velocity \downarrow

$$n_\theta = n_\theta \left(\theta, \frac{T_t}{T_0} \right)$$

Velocity exponent is a non-linear function of:

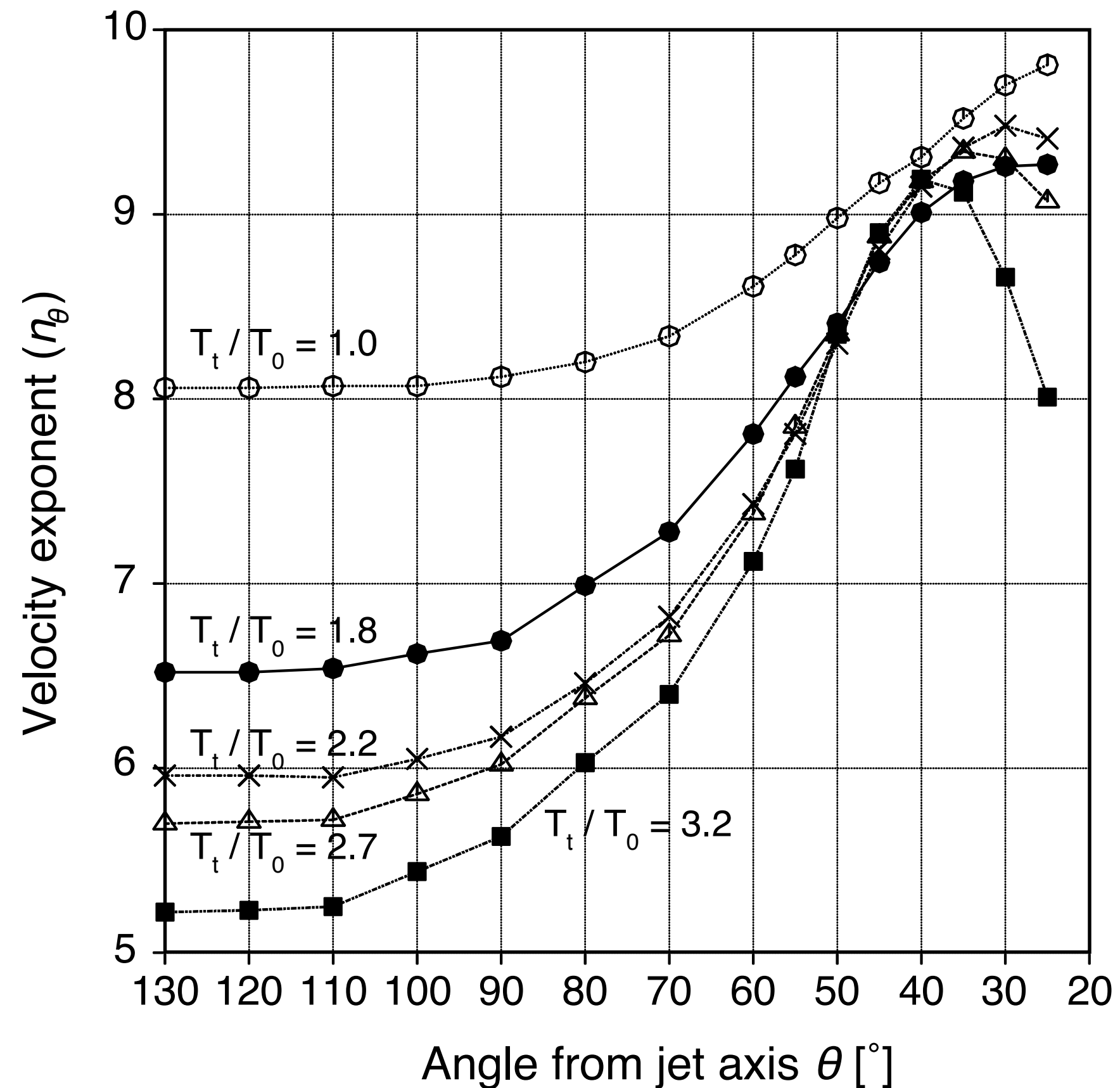
- 1) Angle from the jet axis
- 2) Temperature

Contrast Woulff and McGetchin: 4, 6, or 8

Implications for volcano acoustics

What are the exponents for acoustic intensity for a volcanic jet?

Results from pure-air jet noise studies:



Viswanathan [2006]

What are the effects of ...

1. Ash & multiphase flow?
2. High temperatures, densities?
3. Complex vents and craters?

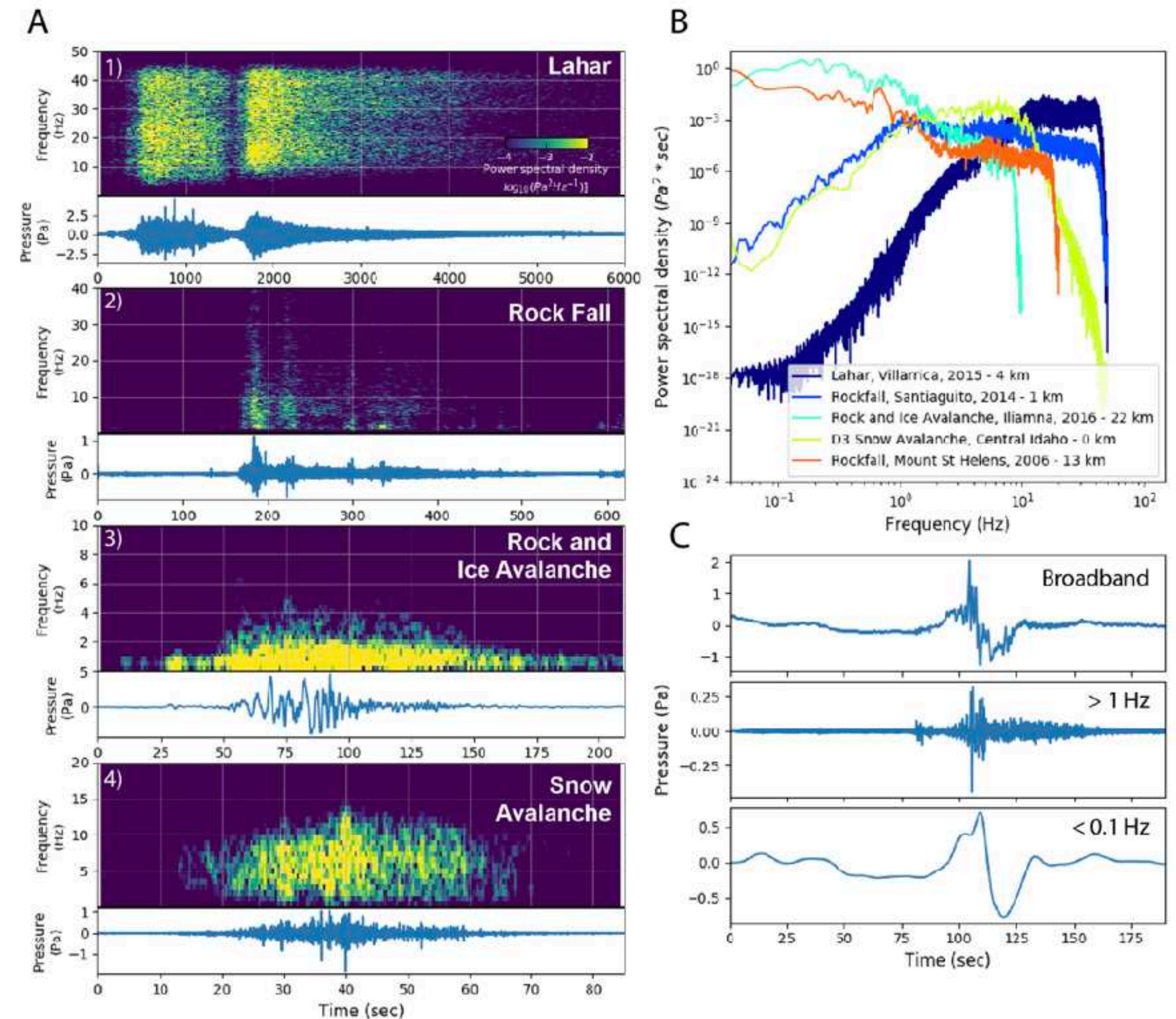
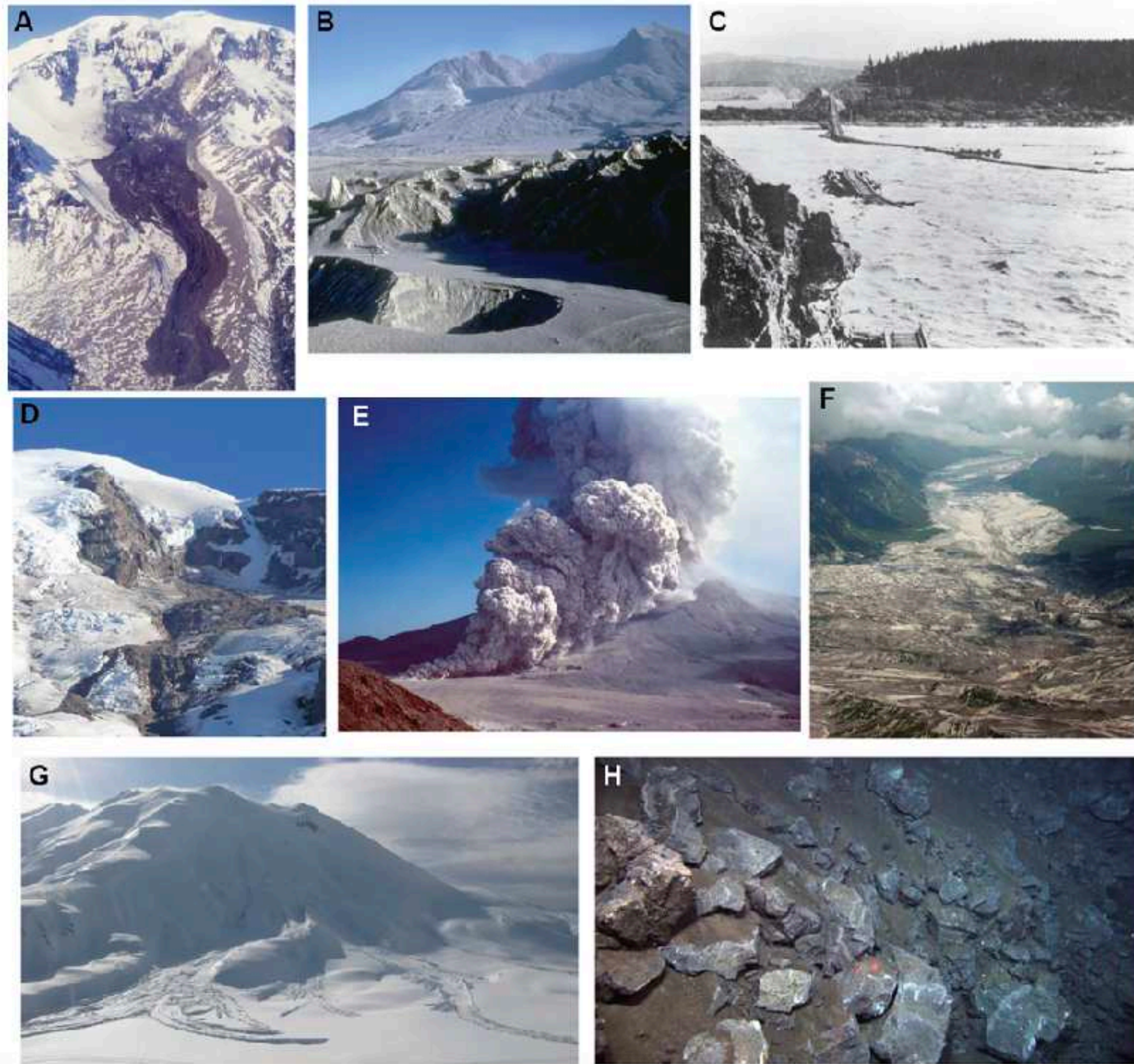
We must address by integrating:

1. Field studies
2. Laboratory modeling
3. Numerical modeling

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Surficial mass movements at volcanoes



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- Reanalysis of key data sets with new auto-classification tools – comparison to SO_2 , tectonics, hydrothermal systems, etc.
- Integrated multi-parametric constraints on volcanic ground water systems
- Multi-parameter quantification of eruption columns