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Cyclic activity of Fuego de Colima volcano (Mexico): insights from satellite thermal data and non-linear models

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Abstract

The Fuego de Colima volcano (Mexico) shows a complex eruptive behaviour with periods of rapid and slow lava dome growth, punctuated by explosive activity. We reconstructed the weekly discharge rate average between 1998 and 2018 by means of satellite thermal data integrated with published discharge rate data. By using spectral and wavelet analysis, we found a multi-year long-, multi-month intermediate-, and multi-week short-term cyclic behaviour during the period of the investigated eruptive activity, as those of many others dome-forming volcanoes. We use numerical modelling in order to investigate the non-linear cyclic eruptive behaviour considering a magma feeding system composed of a dual or a single magma chamber connected to the surface through an elastic dyke [developing](#) into a cylinder conduit in the shallowest part. We investigated the cases in which the periodicity is controlled by i) the coupled deep-shallow magma reservoirs, ii) the single shallow chamber, and iii) the elastic shallow dyke when is fed by a fixed influx rate or a constant pressure. [Due to the limitations of the current modelling approach, there is no single configuration that can reproduce all the periodicities on the three different time scales.](#) The model outputs indicate that the observed multi-year periodicity (1.5-2.5 years) can be described by the fluctuations controlled by a shallow magma chamber with a volume of 20-50 km³ coupled with a deep reservoir of [ca. 500 km³](#), connected through a deep elastic dyke. The multi-month periodicity (ca. 5 - 10 months) appears to be controlled by the shallow magma chamber for the same range of volumes. The short-term multi-week periodicity (ca. 2.5 - 5 weeks) can be reproduced considering a fixed influx rate or constant pressure at the base of the shallower dyke. This work provides new insights on the non-linear cyclic behaviour of Fuego de Colima, and a general framework for the comprehension of eruptive behaviour of andesitic volcanoes.

37 1. Introduction

38 Lava dome forming eruptions are relatively long-lived events, lasting from several months to
39 several decades (e.g. Merapi, Indonesia, Siswawidjono et al., 1995; Kelut, Indonesia, De Bézizal et
40 al., 2012; Fuego de Colima, Mexico, Lamb et al., 2014; Santiaguito, Guatemala, Harris et al.,
41 2002), and usually punctuated by dome collapses and explosive (Vulcanian) episodes. Discharge
42 rates can change widely over a range of time scales, reflecting the physical mechanisms involved in
43 the transfer of magma to the Earth's surface (Melnik et al., 2008; Odbert and Wadge, 2009). Dome
44 growth [shows a periodic behaviour, which](#) has been commonly observed at several volcanoes,
45 including Santiaguito (Guatemala, Harris et al., 2003), Mt St Helens (USA, Swanson and Holcomb,
46 1990), and Soufrière Hills (Montserrat, Voight et al., 1998; Loughlin et al., 2010; Wadge et al.,
47 2010; Nicholson et al., 2011). Periodic behaviours can be complex, showing systematic or non-
48 systematic temporal changes as the eruption progresses (Denlinger and Hoblitt, 1999; Costa et al.,
49 2007a; Melnik et al., 2008; Bernstein et al., 2013; Wolpert et al., 2016), and [can](#) be characterized by
50 short-, intermediate- and long-term periodicities (Costa et al., 2007a; Melnik et al., 2008; Costa et
51 al., 2012; 2013; Melnik and Costa, 2014). [Short-](#) and intermediate-term periodicities (hours or
52 weeks) are generally explained by the upper conduit pressurization related to the non-linear ascent
53 of magma flow (Denlinger and Hoblitt, 1999; Melnik and Sparks, 1999; Voight et al., 1999; Wylie
54 et al., 1999; Ozerov et al., 2003; Lensky et al., 2004, Costa et al., 2007a,b; 2012; Kozono and
55 Koyaguchi, [2009; 2012](#)). This is because the lower part of the dyke-conduit [can](#) act as a capacitor
56 that allows magma to be stored temporarily and released during the more intense phase of discharge
57 (Costa et al., 2007a,b; Melnik et al., 2008; Costa et al. 2012; 2013). The long-term periodicity, with
58 time scales from [several](#) months to decades (Voight et al., 2000; Belousov et al., 2002; Sparks and
59 Young, 2002; Wadge et al., 2006), is usually controlled by pressure variations in magma reservoirs
60 (Barmin et al., 2002; Costa et al., 2007b; Melnik et al., 2008; Melnik and Costa, 2014). Since
61 historical times, the Fuego de Colima volcano (Mexico; Fig.1a) has been characterised by decade-
62 lasting cycles of dome growth alternating with Vulcanian explosions, ended with sub-Plinian

63 | eruptions (the last two occurred in 1818 and 1913; Luhr, 2002; Saucedo et al., 2005; Norini et al.,
64 | 2010; Heap et al., 2014; Massaro et al., 2018a). The most recent cycle started after the 1913
65 | eruption, and it is characterized by lava domes extruded with minor seismicity at high magma
66 | temperatures (960-1020°C; Savov et al., 2008). As for other dome eruptions (Sparks, 1997), dome
67 | growth at Fuego de Colima can be explained by complex non-linear pressure variations during
68 | magma ascent from magma reservoirs (e.g. Melnik and Costa, 2014), cooling, crystallization,
69 | degassing (e.g. Melnik and Sparks, 1999; Lensky et al., 2004; Nakanishi and Koyaguchi, 2008;
70 | Kozono and Koyaguchi, 2012) and upper conduit geometric configurations characterized by
71 | multiple pathways (e.g. Lavallée et al., 2012; Reubi et al., 2015).

72 | Two magma chambers located at different depths characterize the feeding system of Fuego de
73 | Colima volcano (Fig. 1b), with roofs located at ca. 6 (shallow magma chamber) and ca. 15 km
74 | (deep magma chamber) of depth, as indicated by petrographic studies (Macias et al., 2017) and
75 | geophysical data (Spica et al., 2017).

76 | The purpose of this study is to investigate the existence of pattern of fluctuations in discharge rates
77 | during the 1998-2018 erupted activity at Fuego de Colima volcano. The available geological,
78 | geophysical, and petrological data for this recent activity provide a remarkable opportunity to
79 | improve the characterization and our understanding about the physical processes underlying cyclic
80 | extrusion of lava domes. In particular, we used thermal remote sensing data along with published
81 | effusion rates for reconstructing the oscillatory magma discharge rate behaviour of effusive activity
82 | at Colima.

83 | The availability of satellite thermal images in the last decade has strengthened the use of thermal
84 | data for observing volcanic activity (e.g. Ramsey and Harris, 2012), especially in studying the
85 | relationships with lava discharge rates (Coppola et al., 2009; Harris et al., 2010; Garel et al., 2012).
86 | Coppola et al. (2013) propose that the radiant density of effusive/extrusive activity can be used to
87 | estimate lava discharge rates and erupted volumes by means of empirical relationship based on SiO₂
88 | content of the erupted lava. Although it is still under debate, the so-called “thermal approach”

89 (Dragoni and Tallarico, 2009) offers a good way for monitoring volcanic activity, especially when
90 direct observations are limited or absent. Here we focus our attention to the dynamics of
91 fluctuations in magma discharge rate at different timescales at Fuego de Colima volcano during
92 1998-2018. By using time series analytical techniques (i.e. Fourier and wavelet analysis) we have
93 identified three fundamental periodicities in subsets of the time series: i) long-term (ca. 1.5-2.5
94 years), ii) intermediate-term (ca. 5-10 months), iii) short-term (ca. 2.5-5 weeks), similar to those
95 observed at many lava-dome eruptions (e.g. Costa et al., 2012; Melnik and Costa, 2014; Christopher
96 et al., 2015). These periodicities were compared with numerical simulations provided by the model
97 of Melnik and Sparks (2005) as generalized by Costa et al. (2007a) for accounting the presence of a
98 shallow dyke, and Melnik and Costa (2014) for describing the control of a coupled dual chamber
99 system. Numerical modelling of the different parts of the plumbing system can successfully
100 reproduce the first-order cyclic behaviour of Fuego de Colima during the 1998-2018 erupted
101 activity. Our results highlight that the dual magma chamber dynamics controls the long-term
102 periodicity evident during 2002-2006 and 2013-2016, while the single magma chamber dynamics
103 are more effective to explain the intermediate-term periodicity in the same periods. Finally, the
104 shallow dyke dynamics regulate the multi-week cycles observed during 2002-2006 and 2011-2016.
105 The present work is divided in five main sections. The first describes the historical activity of the
106 Fuego de Colima, with particular attention to the recent period, from 1998 to 2018. The second
107 section describes the methods applied to the dataset composed of the satellite thermal data
108 integrated with published data. The third section is dedicated to the input and target data used for
109 numerical simulations. The fourth section presents the results obtained by the spectral and wavelet
110 analyses. This latter allows us to establish significance levels for the wavelet power spectrum. The
111 periodicities observed in this spectrum were compared to the results obtained by numerical
112 simulations. The last fifth section contains a discussion on the eruptive behaviour occurred at Fuego
113 de Colima during 1998-2018, providing new insights from the observed data and non-linear models.

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115 2. The historical activity of Fuego de Colima volcano

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117 Since historical times Fuego de Colima represents the most active volcano in Mexico, posing a
118 serious threat to all surrounding populations (Cortés et al., 2005; Gavilanes-Ruiz et al., 2009;
119 Bonasia et al., 2011; [Roverato et al., 2011](#)). The earliest accounts of the volcano activity can be
120 found in *Historia Antigua de Mexico* (Clavijero, 1780), where the destructive effects of its
121 explosive activity are carefully described (Bretón-Gonzales et al., 2002). The historical activity of
122 Fuego de Colima was described and interpreted by several authors (Luhr and Carmichael, 1980;
123 Medina-Martínez, 1983; De la Cruz-Reyna, 1993; Bretón-Gonzales et al., 2002; Luhr, 2002). The
124 Fuego de Colima has shown a transitional eruptive behaviour spanning from effusive to explosive
125 activity, dominated by dome growth and Vulcanian eruptions. Occasionally sub-Plinian events
126 occurred (1576, 1606, 1690, 1818 and 1913), indicating a recurrence time of approximately 100
127 years (De la Cruz-Reyna, 1993; Luhr, 2002; Saucedo et al., 2005; Gavilanes-Ruiz et al., 2009;
128 Massaro et al. 2018a). The sub-Plinian event occurred in 1913 (Saucedo et al., 2010) is the largest
129 historical eruption and it has been used as benchmark for volcanic hazard studies (Martin Del Pozzo
130 et al., 1995; Saucedo et al., 2005; Bonasia et al., 2011).

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132 2.1. The 1998-2018 eruptive activity

133 The 1998-2018 is the only period of post 1913 activity for which there is sufficiently available
134 information to explore the cyclic activity of Fuego de Colima. Different periods of effusion (domes
135 and lava flows) punctuated by Vulcanian eruptions and dome collapses characterised the volcano
136 activity between 1998 and 2018 (Savov et al., 2008; Varley et al., 2010a; Hutchinson et al., 2013;
137 Mueller et al., 2013; Zobin et al., 2015; GVP, 2017). The duration of extrusive activity and magma
138 discharge rate varied through time, that was generally divided into five eruptive phases up to 2015;
139 I) 1998-1999; II) 2001-2003; III) 2004-2005; IV) 2007-2011; V) 2013-2015 (Zobin et al., 2015;
140 Aràmbula-Mendoza et al., 2018).

141 | The first dome extrusion [of the 1998-1999 phase](#) started in November 1998, and quickly filled the
142 | 1994 explosion crater, forming lava flows that descended the southern flanks of the Fuego de
143 | Colima cone during most of 1999 ($> 5 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ in average for Mueller et al., 2013; $4.11 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ in
144 | average for Reubi et al., 2013).

145 | At the beginning, this dome grew rapidly (ca. $4.4 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$) reaching a volume of ca. $3.8 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3$ in
146 | 24 hours. During this period the effusion rate reached a peak value around $30 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Navarro-
147 | Ochoa et al., 2002; Zobin et al., 2005; Reubi et al., 2015) and showed a cyclic damped behaviour
148 | soon after. During 1999-2001 a series of explosions destroyed the dome and excavated a large
149 | apical crater (Bretòn-Gonzales et al., 2002).

150 | A slow outpouring of lava ($< 1 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ for Mueller et al., 2013; $0.17 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ for Reubi et al., 2013;
151 | 2015) resumed in May 2001 and continued for 22 months. In February 2002, the lava dome
152 | overflowed the crater rims producing lava flows. During this eruptive phase, the magma extruded
153 | from three separate vents with only minor explosive activity, at a rate of ca. $0.9 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (GVP, 2002).
154 | Vulcanian explosions dismantled the dome during July and August 2003 (GVP, 2003).

155 | In September 2004, low-frequency seismic swarms heralded the onset of the new effusive phase
156 | (Varley et al., 2010a; Arámbula-Mendoza et al., 2011; Lavallée et al., 2012) with a small increase
157 | in average discharge rate of $0.6 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Reubi et al., 2013; 2015). The lava dome building occurred
158 | from the end of September until the beginning of November, with a magma effusion rate up to 7.5
159 | $\text{m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ in October (Zobin et al., 2008; 2015). The effusive activity was accompanied and followed
160 | by intermittent Vulcanian explosions. The explosive activity diminished in intensity during
161 | December 2004-January 2005. From February to September 2005, effusion and large explosions
162 | occurred.

163 | In the following months, small, short-lived domes were observed, with an estimated effusion rate
164 | between $1.2 - 4.6 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Varley et al., 2010b; Reubi et al., 2015). In May and June, the explosive
165 | activity produced pyroclastic density currents reaching distances up to 5.4 km from the volcano
166 | summit (Varley et al., 2010a). In February 2007, a new lava dome began to grow and explosions

167 were reported in the period between January 2009 and March 2011. The 2007-2011 period of dome
168 extrusion represents the slowest growth rate in the recent history of Fuego de Colima. Hutchinson et
169 al. (2013) calculated a mean effusion rate of ca. $0.02 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ from 2007 to 2010 using digital
170 photographic data, in good accordance with Zobin et al. (2015) that reported extrusion rates of 0.03
171 $\text{m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ during 2007. Mueller et al. (2013) estimated the magma extrusion rate between 0.008 ± 0.003
172 $\text{m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ to $0.02 \pm 0.007 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ during 2010, which dropped down to $0.008 \pm 0.003 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ again in
173 March 2011. On 21 June 2011 an explosion heralded the cessation of dome growth and marked the
174 end of the effusive period.

175 After 1.5 years of rest, in January 2013 a sequence of explosions cored out the 2011 dome and
176 generated pyroclastic density currents that reached distances of up to 2.8 km from the summit
177 (GVP, 2013). From March to October, the calculated discharge rate was in the range of $0.1 - 0.2 \text{ m}^3$
178 s^{-1} (Reyes-Dávila et al., 2016). Successively, the mid-low explosive activity took place up to
179 February-March 2014, until a new pulse of magma observed in July, with an approximate rate of 1-
180 $2 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Aràmbula-Mendoza et al., 2018). On [11](#) January 2015, a new lava dome was observed
181 inside the crater (Thiele et al., 2013) and its growth continued until July, with effusion rate of ca.
182 $0.27 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Zobin et al., 2015). Between 10-11 July 2015 the recent dome was destroyed by the
183 most intense activity since the 1913 eruption (Capra et al., 2016; Reyes-Dávila et al., 2016). In the
184 2013-2015 period, the average extrusion rate was of ca. $0.2 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Thiele et al., 2017), with peak
185 values $> 10 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Varley, 2015). After that, the eruptive activity ceased until January 2016 when
186 daily ash plumes started to occur along with active lava flows and explosions. In early July a new
187 dome began to grow, overtopping the crater rim. A large explosion was recorded on 10 July 2016,
188 followed by daily and multiple-daily ash plumes up to the end of year. Multiple flows descended
189 from lava dome during September-December. In 2017 frequent strong explosions and ash emissions
190 were recorded until March. Through June decreasing seismicity and minor landslides were reported
191 with no evidence of effusive activity or new dome growth (GVP, 2017). Here we provide a more
192 systematic overview of the 1998-2018 erupted activity, obtained by satellite thermal data along with

193 | some published data, explained in the following section.

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195 **3. Methods**

196 We analysed the thermal energy spectrum of Fuego de Colima volcano available from March 2000
197 to October 2018, detected Middle Infrared Observation of Volcanic activity (MIROVA) hot-spot
198 detection system (Coppola et al., 2016). The period 1998-1999 was integrated using published
199 discharge rates (Navarro-Ochoa et al., 2002; Zobin et al., 2005). The MIROVA NRT system is
200 based on the near real time (NRT) analysis of the MODerate resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer
201 (MODIS) data, distributed by the LANCE-MODIS data system (<http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/>).

202 The thermal emission from an object is attenuated by the atmosphere resulting from absorption by
203 gases and scattering by particles. MIROVA system focuses on the Middle InfraRed region (MIR),
204 which shows the lowest attenuation levels, to better detect and analyse thermal radiation emitted
205 from volcanic sources. While the standard MODIS forward processing delivers Aqua and Terra
206 images within 7-8 hours of real time, LANCE-MODIS allows for the creation of MIROVA radiant
207 flux time_series within 1-4 hours from the satellite overpass (www.mirovaweb.it). This thermal data
208 collection was converted into lava discharge rate estimates and integrated with some published data
209 in order to reconstruct the weekly mean discharge rate spectrum from 1998 to 2018 (Fig. 2a).

210 In this work, we refer to Coppola et al. (2013), who describes the relationship between the heat lost
211 by lava thermal radiance variations and discharge rates, by means of a unique, empirical parameter.
212 They compared the energy radiated during several distinct eruptions to the erupted lava volumes
213 (m^3). The relationship between the Volcanic Radiated Energy (VRE) and the erupted volume was
214 defined by introducing the concept of radiant density (c_{rad} , in J m^{-3}). This parameter is analysed as a
215 function of the SiO_2 content and the bulk rheological properties of the related lava bodies. It is
216 strongly controlled by the characteristic thickness of the active lavas at the time of a satellite
217 overpass, whereas the effects of variable degree of insulation, morphology and topographic

218 conditions produce only a limited range of variability ($\pm 50\%$) (Coppola et al., 2013). For the Fuego
219 de Colima we used a value of $c_{rad} = 3.90 \times 10^7 \text{ (J m}^{-3}\text{)}$ for a SiO_2 content of 59.6% (Savov et al.,
220 2008; Coppola et al., 2013). We obtained the cumulative volumes of effusion per year (from 2000
221 to 2018) considering the ratio between the average *VRE* estimations and c_{rad} . It is important to stress
222 that the instrumental limit of the MIROVA system is not able to detect thermal anomalies below
223 0.5–1 MW. Since we used a radiant density (c_{rad}) of $3.90 \times 10^7 \text{ J m}^{-3}$, the minimum reliable value of
224 discharge rate is $0.01 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Coppola et al., 2013). As reported by Coppola et al. (2016), the
225 thermal data obtained from MIROVA are not corrected due to the presence/attenuation of clouds.
226 For this reason, the estimates of effusion rates and volumes are to be considered as minimum
227 estimates.

228 Because the 2002-2006 and 2013-2016 intervals are the most active in the analysed period, we
229 firstly applied the Fourier analysis to the monthly average of discharge rates (Fig. 2b) of these time
230 intervals, in order to explore the modal spectrum of the signal. Although Fourier analysis is well
231 suited to the quantification of constant periodic components in a time series, it cannot recognise
232 signals with time-variant frequency content. Whereas a Fourier Transform analysis may determine
233 all the spectral components embedded in a signal, it does not provide any information about timing
234 of occurrence. To overcome this problem, several solutions have been developed in the past
235 decades that are able to represent a signal in the time and frequency domain at the same time.

236 The aim of these approaches is to expand a signal into different waveforms with local time–
237 frequency properties well adapted to the signal structure (Cazellas et al., 2008). In order to get
238 information on the amplitude of the periodic signals within the Fuego de Colima (MIROVA) time
239 series, we performed a wavelet analysis by decomposing the weekly time series (Fig. 2a) into
240 time/frequency space (Fig. 3).

241 Wavelet analysis is a powerful tool largely used in many scientific fields (i.e., ecology, biology,
242 climatology, geophysics) and engineering. It is especially relevant to the analysis of non-stationary

243 systems (i.e., systems with short-lived transient components, Cazellas et al., 2008). In particular, the
244 wavelet analysis is well suited for investigations of the temporal evolution of aperiodic and
245 transient signals (Lau and Weng, 1995; Mallat, 1998).

246 For this study, practical details in applying wavelet analysis were taken from Torrence and Compo
247 (1998) and Odbert and Wadge (2009). It is worth noting that wavelet analysis considers a wave
248 that decays over a finite time and whose integral over infinite time is zero. Many forms of wavelet
249 (called “wavelet functions” $\psi(\eta)$, or “mother functions”, which depend on a non-dimensional time
250 parameter “ η ”) have been designed for analytical use (Farge, 1992; Weng and Lau, 1994;
251 Daubechies, 1994), each with its own characteristics that make it suitable for certain applications.
252 The choice of the wavelet can influence the time and scale resolution of the signal decomposition.
253 Wavelet analysis is popular in geosciences (Trauth, 2006) as it does not require any a priori
254 understanding of the system generating the time series.

255 Our time series (weakly average discharge rates acquired mainly by the MIROVA system; Fig. 2a),
256 called (x_n) , has equal time spacing ($\delta t = 7$ days) and number of points $n = 0 \dots N-1$. Using the
257 approximately orthohogonal Morlet function as wavelet function $\psi(\eta)$ (it must have zero mean and
258 be localized in both time and frequency space; Farge, 1992), we here define the wavelet transform
259 $W_n(s)$ as the convolution of x_n with a scale (s) and translated version of $\psi_0(\eta)$ (mother function). In
260 formula:

$$261 \quad W_n(s) = \sum_{n'=0}^{N-1} x_{n'} \psi * \left[\frac{(n' - n)\delta t}{s} \right] \quad (1)$$

262 where the (*) indicates the complex conjugate. The scale s should be equal to approximately $2\delta t$,
263 according to the Nyquist theorem. Therefore, the smallest wavelet we could possibly resolve is $2\delta t$,
264 thus we choose $s_0 = 14$ days. Generally, $\psi(\eta)$ is a complex function, therefore the wavelet transform
265 is also complex. It is possible to reconstruct the “local” wavelet power spectrum as the absolute-

266 value squared of the wavelet coefficients, $|Wn(s)|^2$. The way to compute the wavelet transform for a
267 time series is to find the Fourier transform of both the wavelet function (Morlet in our case) and the
268 time series. Following Torrence and Compo (1998), we made the normalization by dividing by the
269 square-root of the total wavelet variance (σ^2).

270 Usually, a periodic component in a time series may be identified in a power spectrum if it has
271 distinctly greater power than a mean background level (that would correspond to a Gaussian
272 background noise) (Odbert and Wadge, 2009). However, the spectra generated from many
273 geophysical systems indicate that the noise in time series data tends not to have a Gaussian
274 distribution (Vila et al., 2006) but it can be better described by coloured noise, specifically red noise
275 (Fougere, 1985). For this reason, we use a simple model for red noise given by the univariate lag-1
276 autoregressive or Markov process (Torrence and Compo, 1998) in order to determine the
277 significance levels for our wavelet spectrum. These background spectra are used to establish a null
278 hypothesis for the significance of a peak in the wavelet power spectrum. The null hypothesis is
279 defined for the wavelet power spectrum considering that the time series has a mean power
280 spectrum: if a peak in the wavelet power spectrum is significantly above this background spectrum,
281 then it can be assumed to be a true feature with a certain percentage of confidence. For definitions,
282 “significant at the 5% level” is equivalent to “the 95% confidence level” (Torrence and Compo,
283 1998). The confidence interval is defined as the probability that the true wavelet power at a certain
284 time and scale lies within a certain interval about the estimated wavelet power (Torrence and
285 Compo, 1998). Because we deal with finite-length time series, errors occur at the beginning and end
286 of the wavelet power spectrum. A solution is to pad the end of the time series with zeroes to bring
287 the total length N up to the next-higher power of two, thus limiting the edge effects. However,
288 padding with zeroes introduces discontinuities at the endpoints and, especially towards larger
289 scales, decreasing the amplitude near the edges as more zeroes enter the analysis (Torrence and
290 Compo, 1998). The cone of influence (COI) is the region of the wavelet spectrum [beyond](#) which

291 edge effects become important. The criterion for applying wavelet analysis is very similar to those
292 employed with classic spectral methods. In other words, the wavelet transform can be regarded as a
293 generalization of the Fourier transform, and by analogy with spectral approaches, we compute the
294 local wavelet power spectrum as described above. Successively, this can be compared with the
295 “global” wavelet power spectrum which is defined as the averaged variance contained in all wavelet
296 coefficients of the same frequency (Torrence and Compo, 1998; Cazellas et al., 2008).

297 Numerical simulations have been carried out using the magma flow model of Melnik and Costa
298 (2014), who generalized the model proposed by Melnik and Sparks (2005) [and Costa et al. \(2007a\)](#)
299 for a magma chamber connected to a dyke that [develops](#) into a cylindrical conduit near surface. In
300 particular, the model of Melnik and Costa (2014) accounts for the possibility of a dual magma
301 chamber system. The model accounts for rheological changes due to volatile loss and temperature
302 driven crystallization. These processes are both effective during dome extrusion eruptions because
303 of the typical low magma ascent velocities (from millimetres to few centimetres per second), which
304 can result in magma transit times from days to weeks. These ascent times are often comparable with
305 those of crystal nucleation and growth (Melnik and Sparks, 1999; 2005; Costa et al., 2007c).

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307 **4. Input and target data for numerical simulations**

308 4.1 Geometrical configurations of the magma plumbing system

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310 [Within](#) the physical framework used in the Melnik and Costa (2014), the model (Fig. 1b) consists of
311 two [elastic](#) magma chambers located at different depths, with chamber pressures P_{chs} and P_{chd} able
312 to drive the magma ascent in elliptical cross-section volcanic conduit (approximating a dyke). Near
313 surface the conduit [develops](#) into a cylinder at depth L_T (named “transition level”).

314 Numerical simulations were carried out considering the shallower magma chamber (single magma
315 chamber configuration) or the double magma chamber. The single magma chamber model

316 considers a conduit feeding system composed of a shallow dyke (d_s) that connects the magma
317 chamber to a shallower cylinder, in agreement with geological and geophysical evidence from
318 different volcanoes (Melnik and Sparks, 2005; Costa et al., 2007a; Melnik et al., 2008; Melnik and
319 Costa, 2014). The double magma chamber model includes the addition of a deep reservoir
320 connected to the shallow chamber through a [deep](#) elastic dyke (d_d) (Fig. 1b).

321 In order to reproduce the observed fluctuations in discharge rates recorded in some periods of the
322 1998-2018 erupted activity, we considered a discharge rate regime where the period of pulsations is
323 controlled by the elasticity of the shallow dyke, and a discharge rate regime where the periodicity is
324 controlled by the volume of the single or dual magma chamber(s) (Barmin et al., 2002; Melnik and
325 Sparks, 2005; Costa et al., 2007a; Melnik and Costa, 2014).

326 In Appendices [A1](#) and [A2](#) we reported some test simulations in order to show the control of the
327 most sensitive parameters (i.e. water content in magma, dyke dimensions, volume of magma
328 chamber, magma influx rate into the magma chamber) affecting the model outputs in case of the
329 single magma chamber model. The volumes of the magma chamber (V_{ch}) range from 20 to 50 km³
330 and the width of the feeder dyke $2a$ [varies](#) from 200 to 400 m (Massaro et al., 2018a).

331 In Appendix [A3](#) is shown the sensitivity test aimed to explore a broad range of chamber volumes
332 and aspect ratios in the case of double magma chamber configuration. The deep chamber has its top
333 at 15 km of depth, it is pressurised and fed from below by a constant influx $Q_{in,d}$. The volumes of
334 shallow magma chamber (V_{chs}) range from 30 to 50 km³, and [the volumes of the deep magma](#)
335 [chamber \(\$V_{chd}\$ \)](#) from 550 to 750 km³, according to geophysical data (Cabrera-Espindola, 2010;
336 Spica et al., 2017). The aspect ratios for shallow and deep magma chambers ($AR_s - AR_d$) varied
337 from 1 to 2. For each run included in the sections 1-3 of A4, we used a fixed influx $Q_{in,d}=2.3 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$,
338 and variable widths of the deeper dyke ($2a_{od}$) from 200 to 3000 m ([representative from weak to](#)
339 [strong coupling of the magma chambers; Melnik and Costa, 2014](#)). The lower dyke thickness $2b_{od}$ is
340 not an input data of the model as it changes as function of local pressure conditions, therefore it
341 does not appear in the diagrams. In Section 4 of [A3](#) we show two sets of runs having $Q_{in,d}$ equal to

342 1 and 3 m³ s⁻¹ respectively, and the following fixed parameters: AR_s and $AR_d = 1$, $V_{chd} = 650 \text{ km}^3$,
343 $V_{chs} = 40 \text{ km}^3$.

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345 4.2 Petrological data

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347 Erupted products at Fuego de Colima are chemically intermediate and primarily andesitic lavas with
348 ca. 61 wt.% SiO₂, (Lavallè et al., 2012). The observed dome growth phases are usually fed by
349 prolonged magma ascent times, which allow efficient degassing and crystallization. This is in
350 agreement with the low mean porosity (14-16% e.g Lavallè et al., 2012; Farquharson et al., 2015)
351 and low water contents of the products of the recent activity (2 wt. % for 1998-1999, Mora et al.,
352 2002; 0.1-2.5 wt. % for 1998-2005 products, Reubi and Blundy, 2008). Dome lava currently
353 erupted exhibits a range of crystallinities (phenocrysts, 20–30 vol.%; microlites, 25–50 vol.%), and
354 the groundmass constitutes as much as 68 vol.% (Luhr, 2002). The andesites show a porphyritic
355 texture with plagioclase (13–25 vol.%), orthopyroxene (2– 4 vol.%), clinopyroxene (3–4 vol.%) and
356 minor hornblende (<0.5%) and Fe–Ti oxides (ca. 2 vol.%). Olivine occurs rarely as xenocrysts
357 (Lavallè et al., 2012).

358 As reported in Melnik and Costa (2014), the magma viscosity μ is calculated according to Costa et
359 al. (2007a) considering the melt viscosity, μ_m , times a correction for the effects of crystallinity, θ ,
360 and for the bubbles, η . In formula:

$$361 \mu = \mu_m(c, T) \theta(\beta) \eta(\alpha, Ca) \quad (2)$$

362 which depends on the melt viscosity μ_m (that is function of the water content c and temperature T),
363 on the crystal content β , on bubble fraction α and on bubble capillarity number Ca . The rheological
364 model is described in detail in Costa et al. (2007a). Table 1 summarises the value ranges used for
365 the input parameters of the model.

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367 **5. Results**

368 In Figure 2 we showed the averages of discharge rates at Fuego de Colima volcano from November
369 1999 to October 2018. Here we define as “high” discharge rates values $> 0.1 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (highlighted as
370 dark blue areas). All values below $0.1 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ are considered “low” discharge rates (light blue areas).
371 Volcanological observations are reported at the top and the bottom of the diagram. It is worth
372 noting that the “high” and “low” explosive activity correspond to the high and low discharge rate,
373 respectively. In addition, we distinguished between lava flows and lava domes accordingly to the
374 dominant emplacement style typical of each eruption, and between “low” (i.e. ash plumes, gas
375 emissions) and “high” (i.e. strong explosions, Vulcanian eruptions) magnitude explosive activity.

376 The weekly average of discharge rates represents the complete dataset used in this study, and is
377 reported in Figure 2a. These data have been calculated by using the MIROVA data (black dots) for
378 the 2000-2018 period, and complemented with published data (blue crosses) for the 1998-1999
379 period (Navarro-Ochoa et al., 2002; Zobin et al., 2005). Even if the data detection of satellite
380 thermal energy represents a continuous spectrum of information, it is worth noting that it suffers of
381 some limitations connected to cloud covering, magma composition, rheology, and emplacement of
382 the investigated lava body due to topographic conditions (Harris and Rowland, 2009; Harris et al.,
383 2010; Coppola et al., 2013). Figure 2b shows the monthly discharge rate spectrum from 1998 to
384 2018 using the MIROVA dataset (black dots), integrated with available published data (blue
385 crosses) (Navarro-Ochoa et al., 2002; Zobin et al., 2005; Capra et al., 2010; Varley et al., 2010a;
386 Sulpizio et al., 2010; James and Varley, 2012; Hutchinson et al., 2013; Reubi et al., 2013; Varley,
387 2015; Reyes-Dávila et al., 2016; Thiele et al., 2017; GVP, 2000; 2017). Figure 2c summarizes the
388 yearly average of discharge rates from MIROVA dataset, highlighting the good agreement with the
389 available average estimation of yearly discharge rates from literature (Mueller et al., 2013; Reyes-
390 Dávila et al., 2016; Aràmbula et al., 2018; GVP, 1998-2017).

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392 5.1 Fourier analysis

393 [We applied Fourier analysis to the 1998-2018 dataset \(Fig. 2a\). In particular, we chose two time](#)
394 [windows: i\) 2002-2006 period which showed two periodic components, \$T_0 = 24.70\$ and \$T_1 = 6.17\$](#)
395 [corresponding to ca. 24 and ca. 6 months, respectively \(Appendix A4 Fig. a\), and ii\) 2013-2016](#)
396 [period that provided similar results: \$T_0 = 24.94\$ and \$T_1 = 6.23\$ corresponding to ca. 25 and ca. 6](#)
397 [months, respectively \(Appendix A4, Fig. b\).](#)

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399 5.2 Morlet wavelet analysis

400 The whole analysed dataset is composed of 825 data points, representing the time evolution of the
401 oscillating components of the 1998-2018 eruptive activity (Fig. 2a). Figure 3a shows the normalised
402 local wavelet power spectrum of the signal. The colours scale for power values vary from light
403 orange (low values) to dark red (high values). The thick black contours represent the 95%
404 confidence level. The blue line indicates the cone of influence (COI) that delimits the region not
405 influenced by edge effects. From this analysis, it is easy to observe three main periodicities during
406 2002-2006 and 2013-2016 periods: i) long-term periodicity of ca. 1.5–2.5 years; ii) intermediate-
407 term periodicity of ca. 5-10 months; and, iii) short-term periodicity of ca. 2.5-5 weeks. [The](#)
408 [volcanological observations \(about “high” and “low” discharge rates\) are also reported in order to](#)
409 [provide a closer link between the observational datasets and the identification of frequency change](#)
410 [in the extrusion rate time series.](#) The short-term periodicity is also present in 2011 (Fig. 3a). Figure
411 3b shows the global wavelet spectrum corresponding to the local wavelet power spectrum plotted in
412 Fig. 3a. The green dashed line shows the position of the best-fitting red noise model at the 95%
413 confidence level.

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415 5.3 Numerical simulations

416 Appendices [A1-A3](#) provide some sensitivity tests in order to explore the effects of different
417 parameters on discharge rate fluctuations for the single ([A1-A2](#)) and dual magma chamber models
418 ([A3](#)). In particular, in Appendix [A1](#) is reported the general steady-state solution of the numerical
419 model, with both stable and unstable branches (e.g. Melnik et al., 2008; Nakanishi and Koyaguchi,
420 2008), showing that the cyclic behaviour can occur only between 2 and 4 m³ s⁻¹, for the fixed input
421 data (panel (a)). Varying the width of the shallow dyke $2a$ (from 200 to 400 m) and water content in
422 the melt phase, we observed how the unstable branch changes its shape. This implies different
423 periods of possible oscillations in discharge rate (panels (b)-(c)).

424 Appendix [A2](#) provides a set of simulations carried out varying the width of the shallow dyke $2a$
425 (panel (a)). The resulting periodicities vary from ca. 1000 days ($2a = 200$ m) ca. 500 days ($2a = 300$
426 m) to ca. 250 days ($2a = 400$ m). These results highlight negative correlation between dyke widths
427 and periods of oscillation (Costa et al., 2007a). In this case, the variable widths influence the
428 intensity and periodicity of discharge rates: the wider the dyke, the lower the intensity and
429 periodicity of discharge rates. Differences in the amplitude of oscillations are observed in panel (b),
430 highlighting a positive correlation between the volume of the magma chamber V_{ch} and periodicities.
431 Periodicities of ca. 500 days correspond to 20 - 30 km³, while larger values of ca. 970 and ca. 1176
432 days are provided for 40 and 50 km³, respectively. In panel (c), we reported also a set of simulations
433 considering the modelled discharge rate controlled by the elasticity of the shallower dyke with fixed
434 influx rates Q_{in} (in the range of 0.01 - 0.1 m³ s⁻¹).

435 Appendix [A3](#) contains [four sections dedicated to](#) the sensitivity tests for the dual magma chamber
436 model. As reported in Melnik and Costa (2014), the dual chamber model shows cyclic behaviour
437 with a period that depends on the intensity of the influx rate and the chamber connectivity
438 (described as the horizontal extent of the dyke connecting the two chambers). For a weak
439 connectivity, the overpressure in the deeper chamber remains nearly constant during the cycle and

440 the influx of fresh magma into the shallow chamber is also nearly constant. For a strong
441 connectivity between the two chambers, their overpressures increase or decrease during the cycle in
442 a synchronous way. Influx into the shallow chamber stays close to the extrusion rate at the surface
443 (Melnik and Costa, 2014). We explored different cases considering various fixed parameters as
444 follow: *i*) volumes of the shallow and deep magma chambers ($V_{chs} = 40 \text{ km}^3$, $V_{chd} = 650 \text{ km}^3$); *ii*)
445 aspect ratios ($AR_s = 1$, $AR_d = 1$) and the deep magma chamber volume ($V_{chd} = 650 \text{ km}^3$); *iii*) aspect
446 ratios ($AR_s = 1$, $AR_d = 1$) and the shallow magma chamber volume ($V_{chs} = 40 \text{ km}^3$). For *i*), *ii*) and
447 *iii*) cases, the deep influx rate $Q_{in,d}$ has fixed values from 3 to 1 m^3/s . In conclusion, these
448 sensitivity tests showed the passage from weakly connected magma chambers (lack of simultaneous
449 oscillation of $Q_{in,s}$ and Q_{out}) when $2a_{0d} = 200 \text{ m}$ to strongly connected magma chambers
450 (synchronous oscillations of $Q_{in,s}$ and Q_{out}) when $2a_{0d} = 3000 \text{ m}$.

451 [Figure 4 reported the results of numerical simulations aimed to reproduce the Fuego de Colima](#)
452 [fluctuations during 1998-2018.](#) Figure 4a shows a representative example of time-dependent
453 solution for a discharge rate controlled by the elasticity of the shallower dyke. Simulations were
454 carried out using fixed values of pressure (blue line) and influx rate (green line) at the source region
455 of the shallower dyke, [which is ca. 6000 m long. The dyke](#) has width $2a = 400 \text{ m}$ and thickness $2b =$
456 2 m and a dyke-cylinder transition [TL](#) at 1300 m of depth. The magma chamber volume is fixed to
457 30 km^3 . Solutions present periodicities from 16 to 40 days in agreement with the weekly
458 periodicities of ca. 38-18 days (ca. 2.5-5 weeks) derived from the wavelet analysis (Fig. 3a).

459 Figure 4b describes a representative example of the single magma chamber model simulations. We
460 set the magma feeding system composed of a dyke long 6500 m, having a width $2a = 600 \text{ m}$,
461 thickness $2b = 4 \text{ m}$, and a dyke-cylinder transition [TL](#) fixed at 1000 m of depth. The chamber has a
462 volume fixed to 30 km^3 and receives a constant $Q_{in,s} = 2.3 \text{ (m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$. The transient solution is
463 accounted for the discharge rate controlled by the magma chamber volume, showing an
464 intermediate-term periodicity of ca. 220 days, in agreement with the intermediate-term periodicity
465 of ca. 146-292 days (ca. 5-10 months) obtained from the wavelet analysis (Fig. 3a).

466 Figure 4c reports a representative example of the solution obtained with the dual magma chamber
467 model in order to assess the effect of the deep chamber on the discharge rate. We fixed the volumes
468 of deep and shallow magma chamber at 40 and 650 km³, respectively. The shallow dyke is 6500 m
469 long with a width $2a = 260$ m and thickness $2b = 4$ m. The deep dyke has a width $2a_{od} = 500$ m and
470 a deep influx rate $Q_{in,d} = 2.3$ (m³ s⁻¹). A cyclic behaviour of ca. 825 days is observed, reaching a
471 peak discharge rate of ca. 6 (m³ s⁻¹). This result is in agreement with the long-term periodicity of ca.
472 547-913 days (ca. 1.5 - 2.5 years) derived from the wavelet analysis (Fig. 3a).

473 Considering uncertainties in both modelling results and parameters and the fact that the thickness
474 and width of the dykes are function of the local overpressure, results are quite consistent, although
475 with a single model configuration the current approach cannot reproduce at the same time the
476 periodicity observed at different time scales.

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479 **6. Discussions**

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481 In recent years, many studies have focused on magma flow dynamics in volcanic conduits during
482 lava dome building eruptions (Melnik and Sparks, 1999; Wylie et al., 1999; Barmin et al., 2002;
483 Melnik and Sparks, 2002; 2005; Costa et al., 2007a,b; Nakanishi and Koyaguchi, 2008; Kozono and
484 Koyaguchi, 2012), highlighting periodic variations in discharge rate due to the transition from low
485 regime (allowing efficient crystals growth leading to an increase in magma viscosity) to high
486 regime (with negligible crystallization). This difference in discharge rates can be of orders of
487 magnitude, with strongly non-linear responses to the variation of governing parameters from the
488 volcanic system. This behaviour allows periodic oscillations of the discharge rate (Nakada et al.,
489 1999; Watts et al., 2002), as observed in different dome extrusion eruptions (e.g. Mt St. Helens,
490 Santiaguito, [Soufrière Hills](#); Melnik et al., 2008). Although each volcano usually shows its complex
491 pattern of discharge fluctuations, the cause can be explained as the superimposition of long,

492 intermediate, and short-term effects of the coupled magma chamber(s) and conduit dynamics. The
493 long-term oscillations in discharge rate are function of magma chamber size, magma
494 compressibility, amount and frequency of magma recharge and withdrawal (Barmin et al., 2002;
495 Costa et al., 2007b; Melnik et al., 2008; Costa et al., 2013). The short-term and intermediate
496 oscillation dynamics can also superimpose to the main long-term periodicity, through small changes
497 in magma temperature, water content, and kinetic of crystallization during magma transit in the
498 conduit (e.g., Melnik et al., 2008). The aforementioned eruptive behaviour characterized also the
499 Fuego de Colima activity in the 1998-2018 period, as demonstrated by the wavelet analysis of
500 satellite thermal data. It is [important to stress](#) that the oscillating behaviour is not regular, having a
501 period, between 2007 and 2012, that does not show any significant periodicity ([Fig. 3a](#)), [possibly](#)
502 [indicating a damped oscillation \(Appendix A2\)](#). During this period the volcano enter in an almost
503 quiescent status with very low discharge rates. This period of low discharge rates is punctuated by
504 low explosive activity, triggered by dome collapse or pressurization of the upper conduit.

505 [It is well known for Fuego de Colima that Vulcanian explosions can evacuate significant portions of](#)
506 [the upper conduit and destroy the lava dome. The influence of these processes on the periodicity of](#)
507 [at least short-term periodic regimes could be significant. However, it is expected that such](#)
508 [processes should affect mainly sub-daily periodicities, as explained by Costa et al. \(2012\) who](#)
509 [analysed the periodicity variations due to the collapse of 200 m high plug at Montserrat. These](#)
510 [changes should also have significant effects on the multi-week periodicity analysed here. Certainly,](#)
511 [it is not excluded that an exceptional large evacuation of the upper conduit would be able to](#)
512 [influence longer periodicities as those investigated here, causing a transition to a more explosive](#)
513 [eruptive style \(i.e. Plinian\) \(Massaro et al., 2018a\).](#)

514 In order to investigate the relationship between the periodic components observed in wavelet
515 analysis and the dynamics of the Fuego de Colima feeding system, we run simulations using the
516 numerical model Melnik and Costa (2014) (Fig. 4). The model can reproduce the results of the
517 wavelet analysis in terms of observed periodicities, allows us to relate short-, intermediate- and

518 long-term oscillations in discharge rates to the dynamics of upper conduit, shallow magma
519 chamber, and coupled shallow and deep magma chambers, respectively. This implies that the
520 pressurization of the deep magma chamber has cascade effects on the whole feeding system of the
521 Fuego the Colima, similarly to what observed in other recent lava dome eruptions (i.e. Montserrat;
522 (Melnik and Costa, 2014). It is of particular interest that the best output with the dual magma
523 chamber model indicates that chambers do not oscillate simultaneously (“decoupled oscillation”;
524 Fig. 4c). Although the presented data provide, for the first time, a framework able to [describe](#) the
525 periodic behaviour of effusive activity at Fuego de Colima volcano, both numerical model and
526 wavelet analysis suffer of some limitations that need to be taken into account in interpreting the
527 results:

- 528 | *i)* the available data of discharge rates and dome_volumes collected for the 1998-2018
529 period do not have the same quality. For this reason, this lead us to extract only averages of
530 discharge rate for the entire period, with biasing effects to lower amplitudes;
- 531 | *ii)* a common weakness of the spectral and wavelet analysis techniques is their inability to
532 distinguish the source of any given periodic component (i.e. whether it is a signal from a
533 volcanic process, an external process or if it is noise in the [dataset](#)). Elucidating the exact
534 mechanism requires competing robust models and multiple independent field observations
535 (Odbert and Wadge, 2009);
- 536 | *iii)* assumptions behind the numerical model imply several limitations, such as those due to
537 the constant value of the dyke width and simplified Newtonian rheology. The first
538 assumption greatly oversimplifies the physics. In the case of large overpressures, stress at
539 the dyke tips will exceed the fracture toughness of the rocks and the dyke will expand
540 horizontally (Massaro et al., 2018b), reaching some equilibrium configuration. When the
541 deep chamber deflates, overpressure in the deeper dyke will decrease and, as flow rate
542 decreases, magma at the dyke tips can solidify, leading to a decrease in $2a_{0d}$ (Kavanagh and
543 Sparks, 2011; Melnik and Costa, 2014). [Thermal exchange with wall rock can also affect](#)

544 [the nonlinear dynamics of the system \(Costa and Macedonio, 2002; Melnik et al., 2008\)](#). In
545 addition, a more realistic estimate of the magma viscosity during lava dome eruptions
546 should account for the coupling with energy loss, viscous dissipation, and stick–slip effects
547 (e.g. Costa and Macedonio, 2005; Costa et al. 2007c; 2013).

548 [Although this study revealed that different periodic signals are controlled by different mechanisms](#)
549 [occurring in the plumbing system, the current model approach is not able describe the three](#)
550 [periodicities \(long-, intermediate- and short-term\) using a unique model configuration.](#)
551 [Nevertheless, we hope this work will motivate further numerical modelling approaches in order to](#)
552 [develop more sophisticated models able to describe the three time scales together, by incorporating](#)
553 [further physical aspects \(e.g. full thermal effects\) and considering fully 3D geometries.](#)

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556 **7. Conclusions**

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558 The coupling of wavelet analysis and numerical modelling allowed [to decipher the](#) eruptive
559 behaviour of Fuego de Colima in the period 1998-2018, as revealed by satellite thermal data. Three
560 periodicities emerged from the study: i) long-term ii) intermediate-term, and, iii) short-term.

561 The long-term periodicity extracted from wavelet analysis [is](#) ca. 913-547 days [\(ca. 1.5-2.5 years\)](#). [It](#)
562 [was](#) replicated by the dual magma chamber model [which provided](#) a periodicity of ca. 1000-500
563 days. The intermediate-term periodicity obtained from wavelet analysis [is](#) ca. 146-292 days [\(ca. 5-](#)
564 [10 months\)](#), [fairly](#) replicated by the single magma chamber model [with](#) a periodicity of ca. 220
565 days. The short-term periodicity of ca. 18-38 days (ca. 2.5-5 weeks) is matched by model outputs
566 considering the dynamics of the upper conduit (ca. 16-40 days). The depicted behaviour of effusive
567 activity at Fuego de Colima is here presented for the first time, showing how the volcano presents

568 similarities with eruptive dynamics of other recent lava dome eruptions (i.e. [SHV](#), Montserrat,
569 Costa et al., 2013).

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572 **Code availability**

573 Melnik and Costa (2014) code is a research software and is not still available for distribution as it
574 lacks of documentation. It can be used by contacting the authors under their supervision.

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577 **Data availability**

578 The original thermal dataset is available on www.mirovaweb.it. Excel worksheets can be obtained
579 by contacting the authors.

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583 **Appendices**

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585 **Appendix A1.** Sensitivity tests for steady state solutions of discharge rate vs chamber pressure (top)
586 and time evolution of discharge rates (bottom). These solutions are referred to the following main
587 input parameters: i) dyke thickness $2b = 40$ m as the conduit diameter at the top ($D=2b$), the
588 transition from the dyke to cylindrical conduit $L_T = 500$ m below the surface, the length of the dyke
589 $L_d = 6$ km, and the volume of the magma chamber $V_{ch} = 50$ km³. (a) General solution showing the
590 transient regime where the periodicity can occur; (b) Solutions influenced by the dyke width $2a$
591 (from 200 to 400 m); (c) Solutions influenced by the proportion of the water content in the melt
592 (H₂O from 4 to 5 %).

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594 **Appendix A2.** Sensitivity tests for transient solutions using the single magma chamber model. As a
595 reference these solutions have the same main input parameters used for [A1](#). (a) Dependence of
596 discharge rate on time considering the influence of the dyke width $2a$ (from 200 to 400 m); (b)
597 Influence of the magma chamber volume V_{ch} (from 20 to 50 km³); (c) Dependence of discharge rate
598 on time considering the dyke elasticity. Each curve shows a solution with a constant influx rate Q_{in}
599 (in the range of 0.01- 0.1 m³ s⁻¹).

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601 **Appendix A3.** Sensitivity tests for transient solutions using the dual magma chamber model. The
602 shallow feeding system has dyke with a width $2a = 200$ m, $2b = 40$ m, and $L_T = 500$ m. The
603 cylindrical conduit diameter $D = 2b$. For each diagram, is indicated the outflow (Q_{out} ; black red and
604 green lines), the flux entering into the shallower magma chamber (Q_{ins} ; blue line) and periods in
605 days (T). Runs of Section 1-2-3 have [fixed](#) $Q_{in,d} = 2.3$ (m³ s⁻¹).

- 606 • *Section 1)* The volumes of the shallow and deep magma chambers are fixed to 40 km^3 and
607 650 km^3 , respectively. A set of runs is carried out for three different aspect ratios (AR) of the
608 shallow and deep chambers ($AR_s = 1$; $AR_d = 1$, $AR_s = 2$; $AR_d = 1$, $AR_s = 2$; $AR_d = 1.5$)
609 considering three widths of the deeper dyke ($2a_{od} = 200 \text{ m}$ - black line, 1000 m - red line,
610 3000 m - green line).
- 611 • *Section 2)* The volume of the deeper magma chamber and the aspect ratios of both shallow
612 and deep chambers are fixed to 650 km^3 and $AR_s = AR_d = 1$. A set of runs is provided for
613 three different shallow chamber volumes ($V_{chs} = 30 \text{ km}^3$, 40 km^3 , 50 km^3) considering three
614 widths of the deeper dyke ($2a_{od} = 200 \text{ m}$ - black line, 1000 m - red line, 3000 m - green
615 line);
- 616 • *Section 3)* The shallow chamber volume and the aspect ratios of both shallow and deep
617 chambers are fixed to 40 km^3 and $AR_s = AR_d = 1$, respectively. A set of runs is carried out
618 for three deep chamber volumes ($V_{chd} = 550 \text{ km}^3$, 650 km^3 , 750 km^3) considering three
619 widths of the deeper dyke ($2a_{od} = 200 \text{ m}$ - black line, 1000 m - red line, 3000 m - green
620 line).
- 621 • *Section 4)* The shallow and deep chamber volumes are fixed to 40 km^3 and 650 km^3 ,
622 respectively. Two set of runs are carried out for $Q_{in,d}$ equal to 1 and 3 ($\text{m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$). The aspect
623 ratios (AR) of the shallow and deep chambers are both equal to 1, considering three widths
624 of the deeper dyke ($2a_{od} = 200 \text{ m}$ - black line, 1000 m - red line, 3000 m - green line).

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627 [Appendix A4. Results of the Fourier analysis. \(a\) The 2002-2006 period shows two main periodic](#)
628 [components, \$T_0 = 24.70\$ and \$T_1 = 6.17\$ months, corresponding to ca. 2 years and ca. 6 months,](#)
629 [respectively; \(b\) The 2013-2016 period shows similar results: \$T_0 = 24.94\$ and \$T_1 = 6.23\$ months,](#)
630 [corresponding to ca. 2.1 years and ca. 6 months, respectively.](#)

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633 **Author's contribution**

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636 provided and processed the satellite thermal data. LC provided the volcanological data. SM and RS
637 wrote the manuscript with the input of all_co-authors. All authors worked on the interpretation of
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L045 **Tables**
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Table 1: Input parameters used in numerical simulations.

Notation	Description	Value
c_o	Concentration of dissolved gas (wt.%)	5-6
C_f	Solubility coefficient (Pa ^{-1/2})	4.1×10^{-6}
C_m	Specific heat (J kg ⁻¹ K ⁻¹)	1.2×10^3
I_0	Max nucleation rate (m ⁻³ s ⁻¹)	3×10^{10}
L_*	Latent heat of crystallization (J kg ⁻¹)	3.5×10^5
μ_g	Gas viscosity (Pa s)	1.5×10^{-5}
ρ_m	Density of the melt phase (kg m ⁻³)	2300-2500
ρ_c	Density of the crystal (kg m ⁻³)	2700-2800
T_{ch}	Magma chamber temperature (K)	1150
P_{ch}	Magma chamber pressure (MPa)	130 – 210
β_{ch*}	Magma chamber crystal content	0.35-0.45
μ	Magma viscosity (Pa s)	3.7×10^5
ρ_r	Host rock density (kg m ⁻³)	2600
G	Host rock rigidity (GPa)	6
ν	Poisson's ratio	0.25
ε		8.6

Conduit geometry parameters using a single magma chamber model

D	Diameter of the cylindrical conduit	30-40
L_T	Dyke-cylinder transition depth (m)	1300-500
$2a$	Dyke width (m)	200 – 600
$2b$	Dyke thickness (m)	4-40
L	Magma chamber depth (top) (m)	6000-6500
V_{ch}	Magma chamber volume (km ³)	20-50
AR	Magma chamber aspect ratio	1-2
$Q_{in,s}$	Influx into the shallow magma chamber (m ³ s ⁻¹)	0.01-3.5

Parameters used for simulations carried out with dual magma chamber model

Deep magma chamber

$2a_{od}$	Deeper dyke width (m)	200 – 3000
L_0	Deep magma chamber depth (top) (m)	15000
AR_d	Deep magma chamber aspect ratio	1-2
V_{chd}	Deep magma chamber volume (km ³)	550-750
ΔP	Deep magma chamber overpressure (MPa)	20
$Q_{in,d}$	Influx into the shallow magma chamber (m ³ s ⁻¹)	1-3

L047 **Figures Captions**

L048 **Fig. 1.** (a) Digital elevation model of the Colima Volcanic Complex (NC = Nevado de Colima
L049 volcano; FC = Fuego de Colima volcano) and Colima Rift with the main tectonic and volcano-
L050 tectonic structures (modified from Norini et al. 2010). In the inset, the location of the Colima
L051 Volcanic Complex (CVC) within the Trans-Mexican Volcanic Belt (TMVB) is shown in the frame
L052 of the subduction-type geodynamic setting of Central America. (b) Schematic view of the conduit
L053 feeding system framework used for numerical simulations (modified after Melnik and Costa, 2014).

L054 **Fig. 2.** Dataset about the averaged discharge rates of Fuego de Colima during 1998-2018, derived
L055 by the MIROVA thermal data (black points) and published data (blue crosses) (Navarro-Ochoa et
L056 al., 2002; Zobin et al., 2005; Reubi et al 2013; Mueller et al., 2013; Varley, 2015; Reyes-Dávila et
L057 al., 2016; Thiele et al., 2017; GVP, 2002-2017). Values > 0.1 (m³ s⁻¹) are considered to be as “high”
L058 (dark blue area) and values < 0.1 (m³ s⁻¹) as “low” discharge rate (light blue area). The 0.01 (m³ s⁻¹)
L059 is the threshold under which the MIROVA system does not provide reliable data (blue line); (a)
L060 Weekly average discharge rates. The boxes contain symbols of volcanological observations
L061 reported in literature; (b) Monthly average discharge rates; (c) Yearly average discharge rates.

L062 **Fig. 3.** (a) Local wavelet power spectrum normalized by $1/\sigma^2$ (σ^2 in $(\text{m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})^2$). The left axis is the
 L063 period (in years). The bottom axis is time (in years). The shaded contours are at normalized
 L064 variances of 0.5, 1, 2, and 4 $(\text{m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})^2$. The black thick contour encloses regions of greater than 95%
 L065 confidence for a red-noise process with a lag-1 coefficient of 0.72. It shows three orders of
 L066 periodicities of: long-term (ca. 1.5-2.5 years), intermediate-term (ca. 5-10 months) during 2002-
 L067 2006 and 2013-2016, and short-term (ca. 2.5-5 weeks) during 2001-2006 and 2011-2016. Blue line
 L068 indicates the “cone of influence” where edge effects become important outside it; (b) Global
 L069 wavelet power spectrum. The green dotted line represents the best-fitting red noise spectrum at the
 L070 95% confidence level.

L071 **Fig. 4.** Results of numerical simulations. The physical framework of the conduit feeding system has
 L072 deep and shallow chambers connected to surface via vertical elastic dykes evolving into non-elastic
 L073 cylinder. The length of the shallow dyke L_{ds} is in the range of 6000-6500 m. The passage to cylinder
 L074 conduit L_r occurs at ca. 1300-500 m below the cone. (a) Discharge rates vs. time considering the
 L075 elasticity of the shallower dyke, with a width $2a = 400$ m and thickness $2b = 2$ m. The cylinder
 L076 diameter $D = 30$ m. Two cases are shown: *i*) constant pressure (blue line) and *ii*) constant influx rate
 L077 at the source region of the dyke, providing different periodicities of 16 and 40 days, in good
 L078 agreement with the short-term (weekly) periodicities observed in Fig. 3a; (b) Discharge rate vs. time
 L079 using the single magma chamber model. The dyke width $2a = 600$ and thickness $2b = 4$ m. The
 L080 chamber has a volume $V_{ch} = 30 \text{ km}^3$, receiving a constant influx $Q_{in,s} = 2.3 (\text{m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$; Periodicity is of
 L081 ca. 220 days, in good agreement with the intermediate-term (monthly) periodicities observed in Fig.
 L082 3a; (c) Discharge rate vs. time using the dual magma chamber model. The aspect ratio of the
 L083 shallow and deep chambers ($AR_s - AR_d$) are both equal to 1.3 and 1.4, respectively. The upper
 L084 feeding system has a chamber ($V_{chs} = 30 \text{ km}^3$) connected to a dyke (width $2a = 260$ m; $2b = 4$ m)
 L085 evolving into a cylinder ($D = 30$ m) at $L_r = 1000$ m. The shallow chamber is connected to the deep
 L086 one ($V_{chd} = 500 \text{ km}^3$) through a feeder dyke ($2a_{od} = 500$ m). A constant $Q_{in,d} = 2.3 (\text{m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1})$ is
 L087 injected from below. Periodicity is in the range of ca. 825 days, in good agreement with the long-
 L088 term (yearly) periodicities observed in Fig. 3a.

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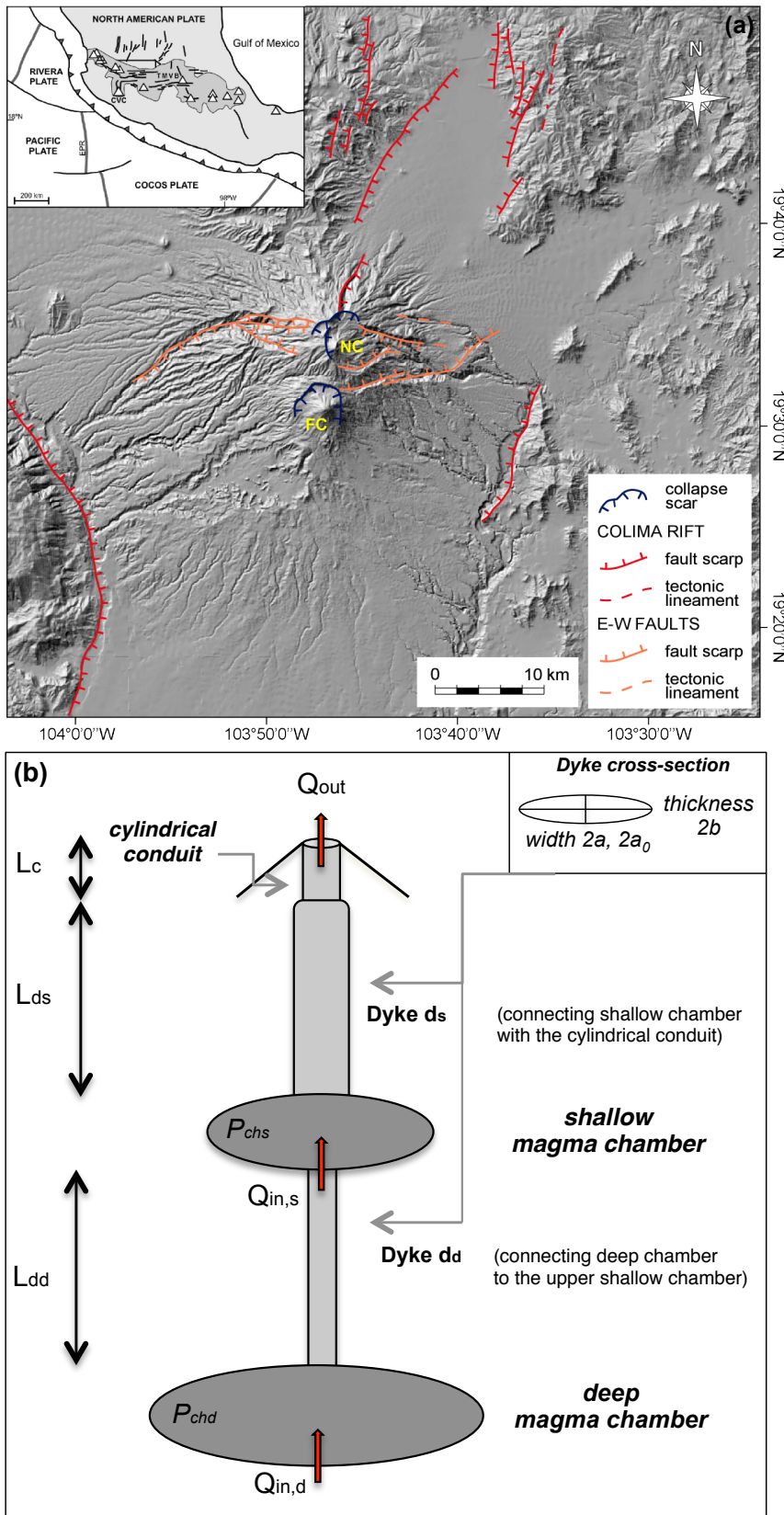
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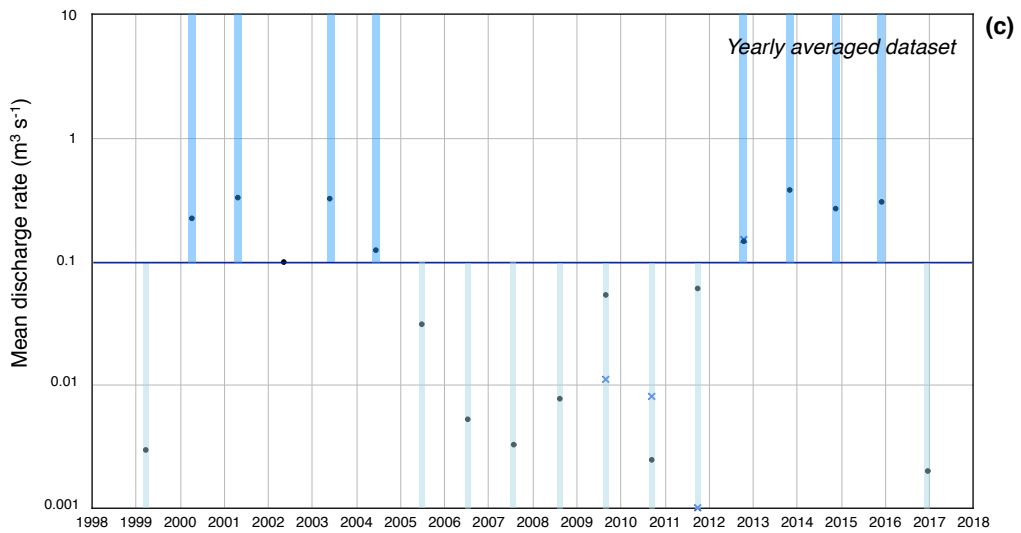
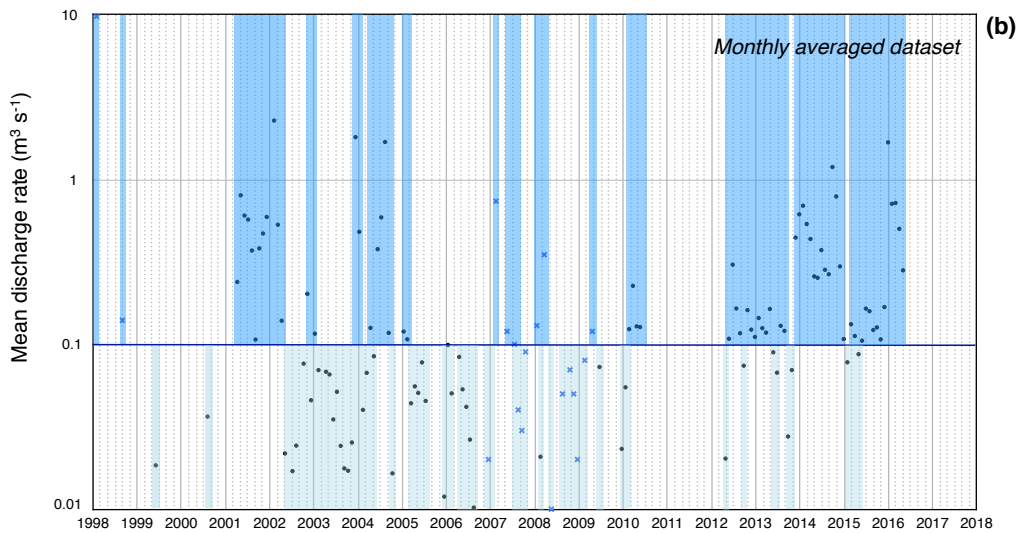
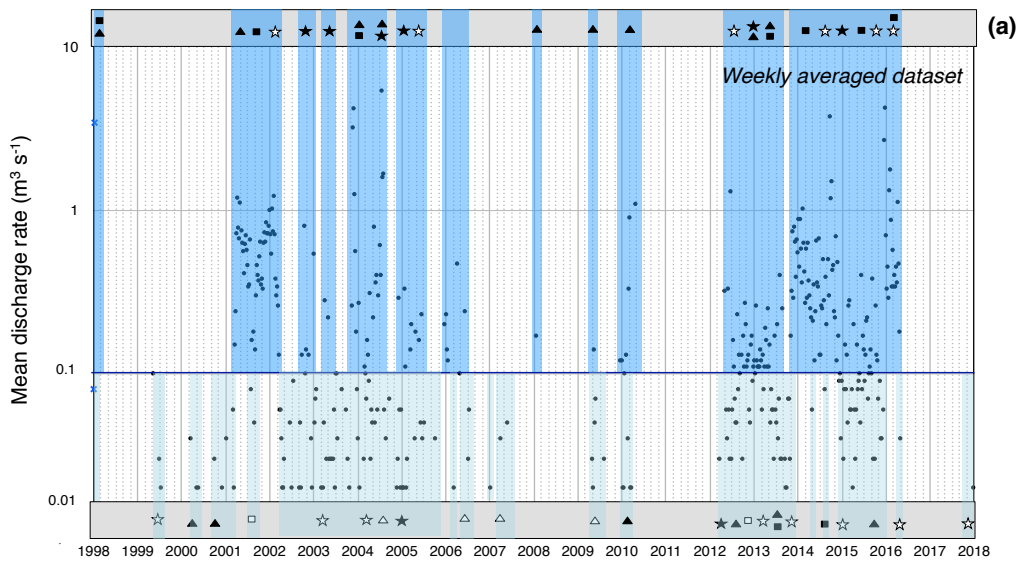
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Legend

- ✦ DR by published data
- DR by MIROVA data
- ★ high explosive activity (i.e. Vulcanian)
- ☆ low explosive activity (i.e. ash plumes)
- lava flows
- ▲ dome growth
- DR "low" (< 0.1)
- DR "high" (> 0.1)

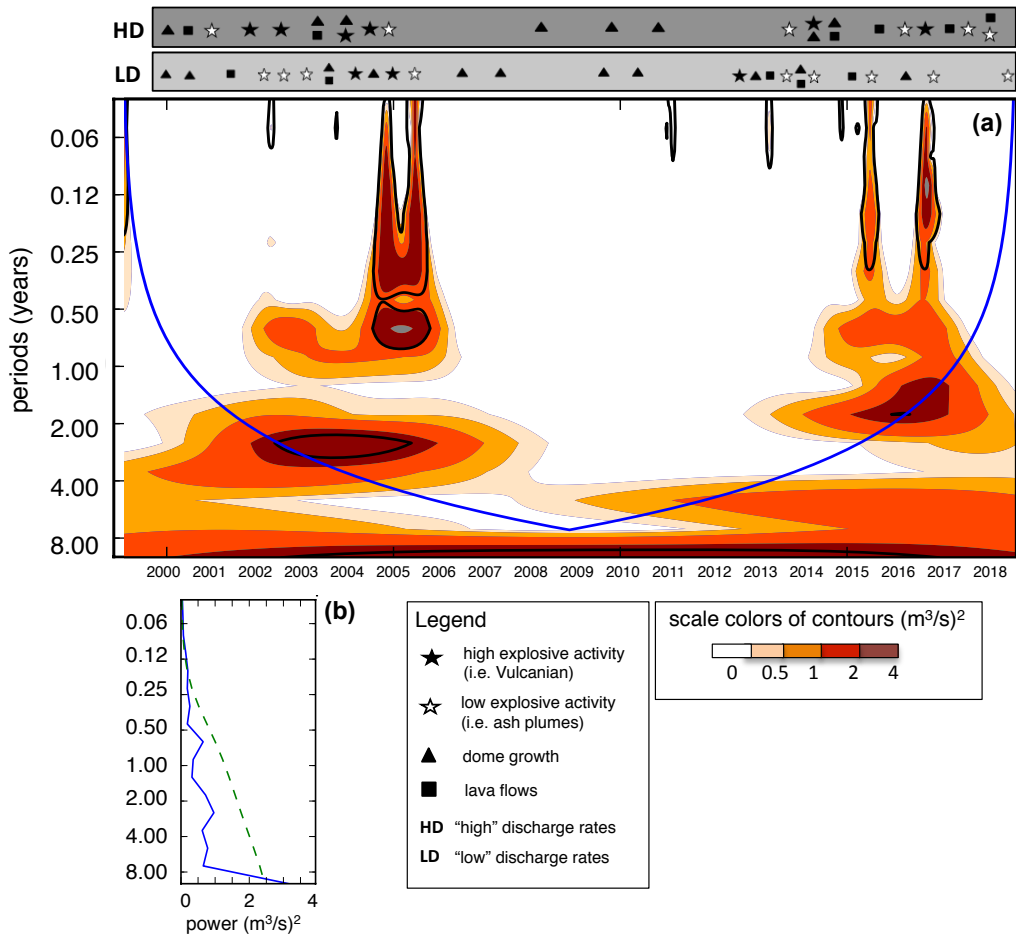
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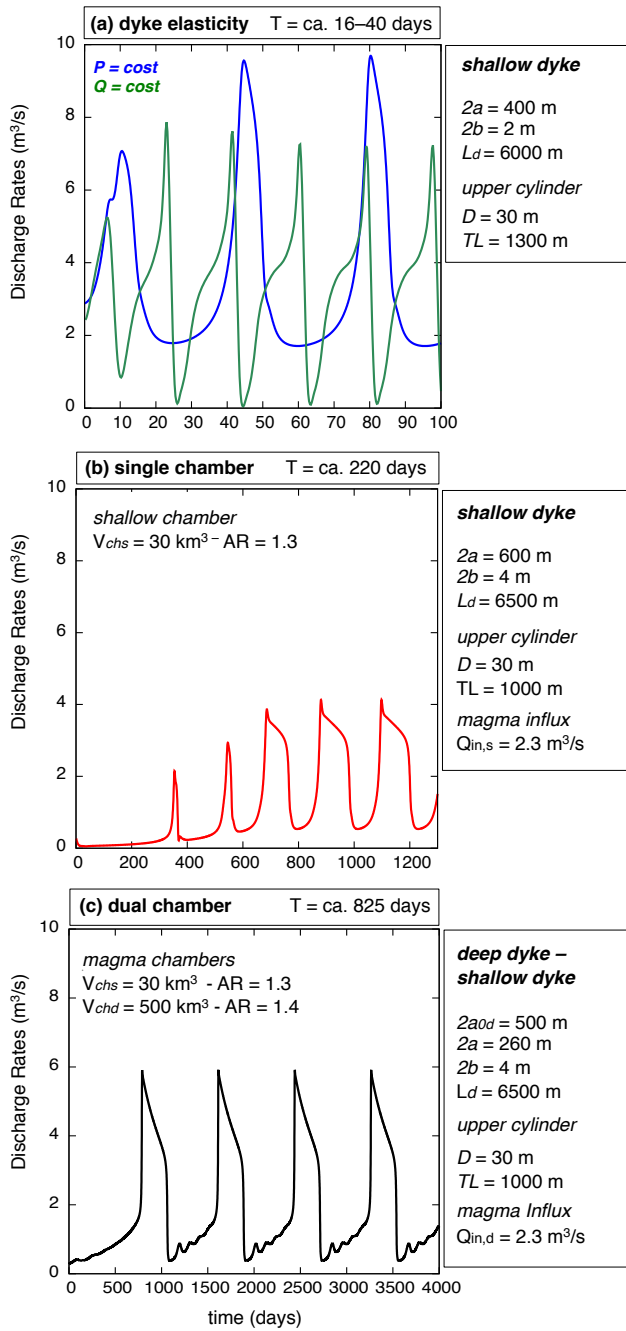
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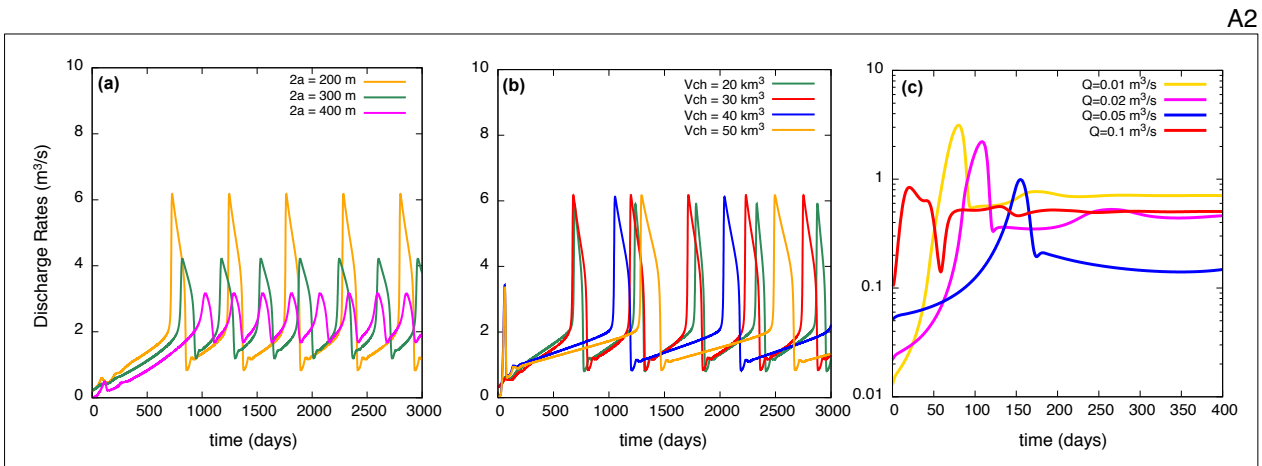
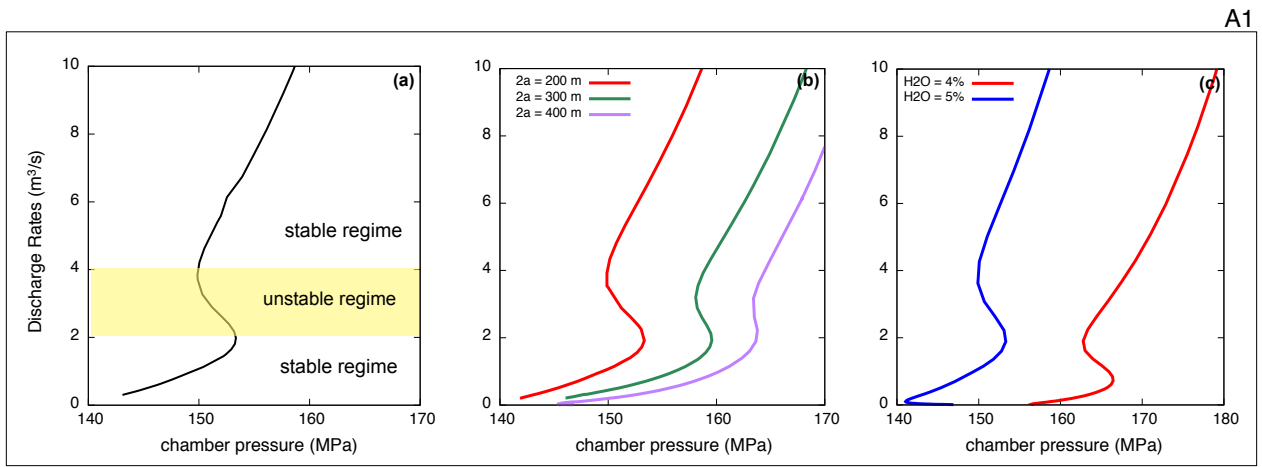


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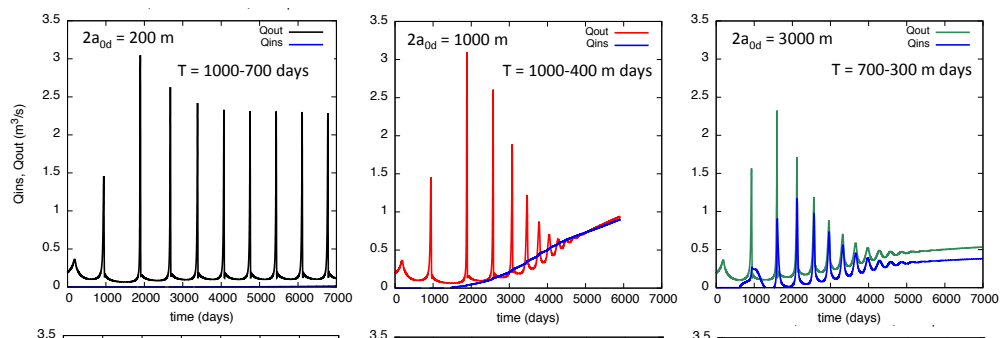
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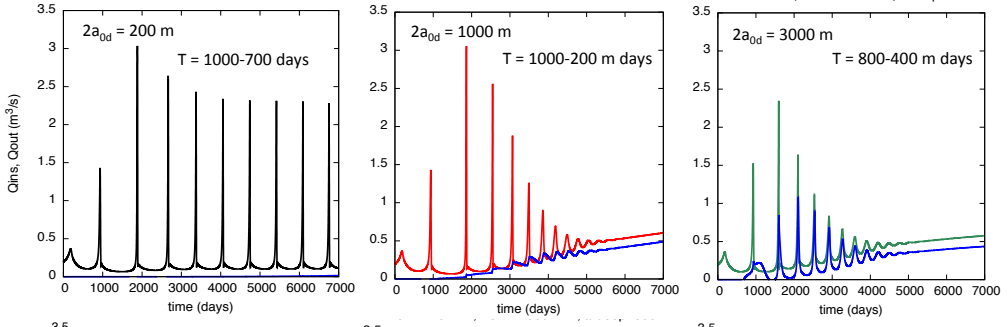
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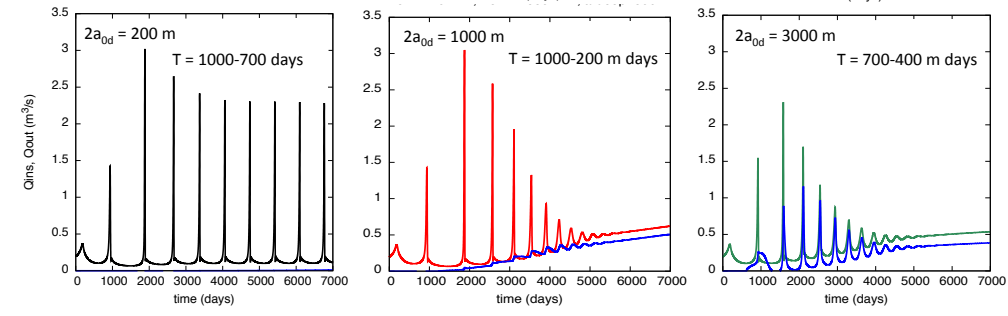
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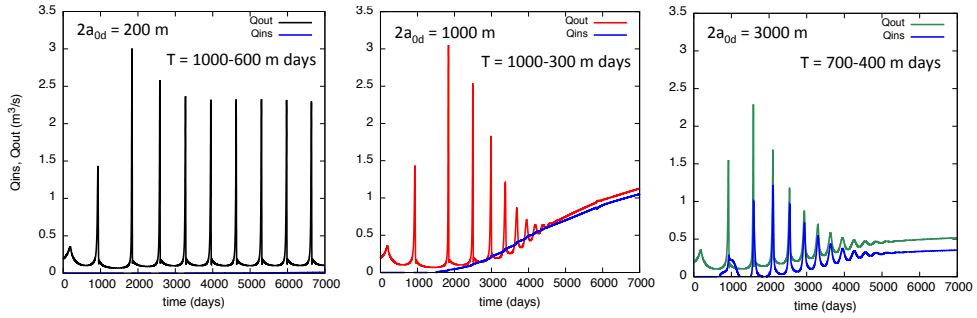


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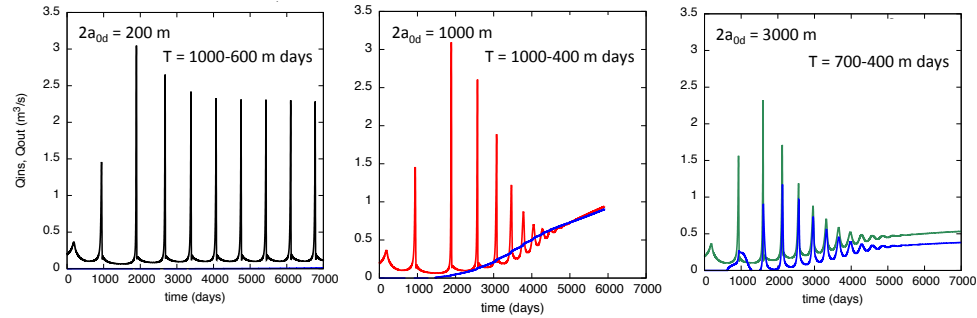


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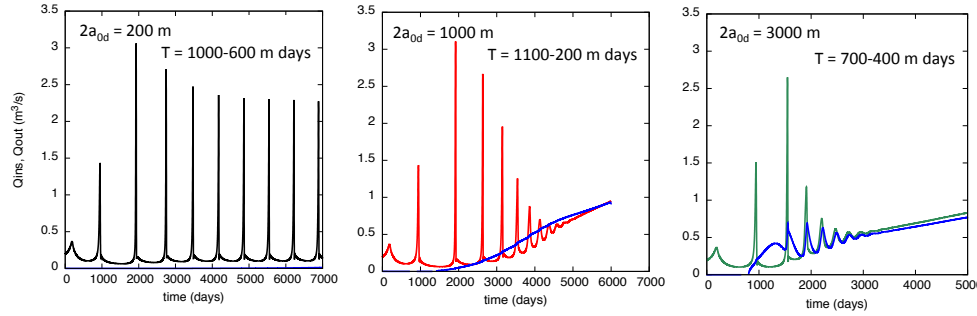
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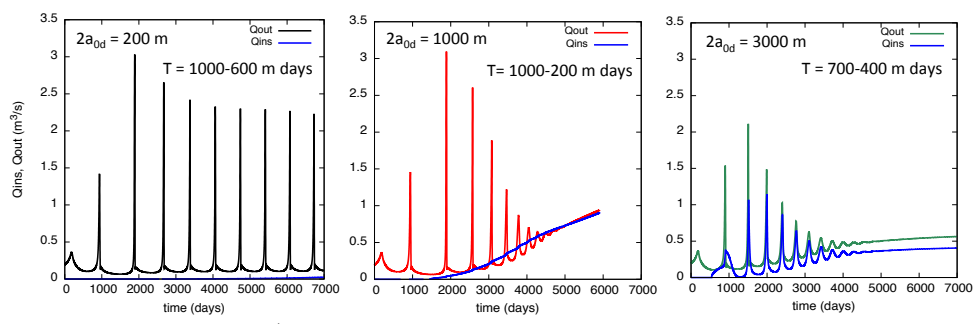


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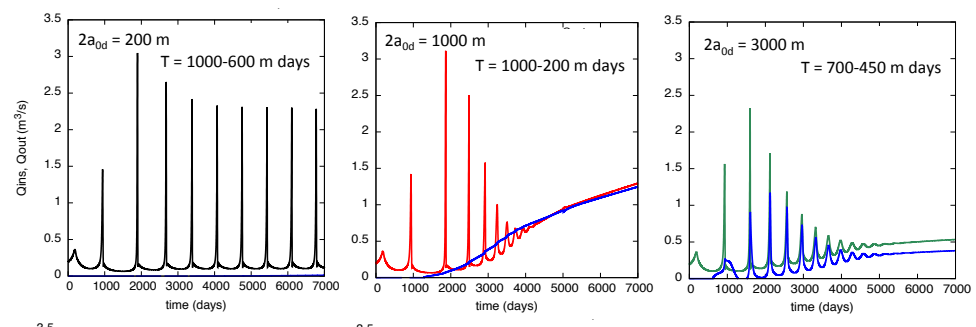


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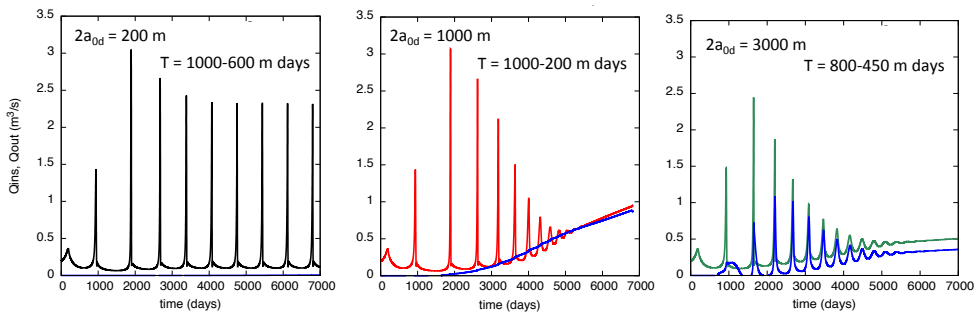
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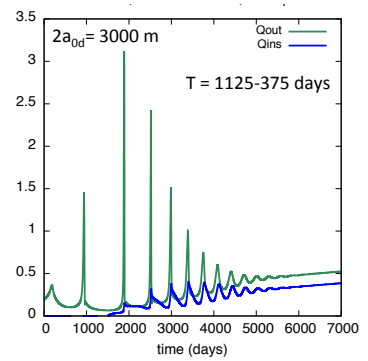
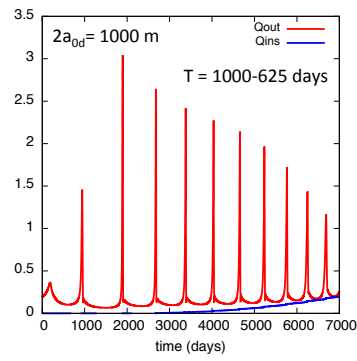
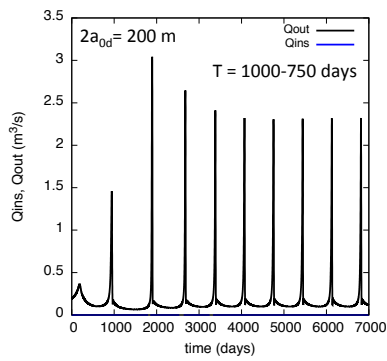
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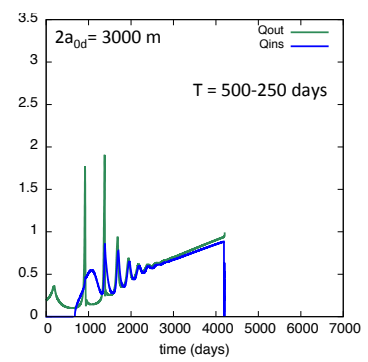
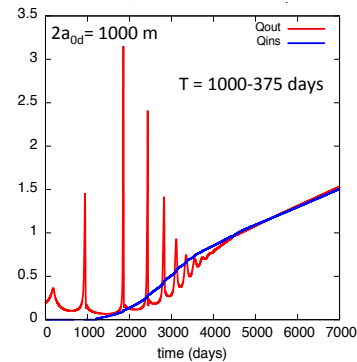
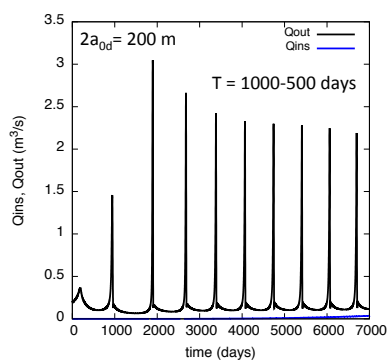
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▪ $Q_{in_depth} = 1 \text{ m}^3/s$



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