

1 **Volcanic Eruption Forecasting Using Shannon Entropy:** 2 **Multiple Cases of Study**

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24 **Key Points:**

- 25 • While successful volcanic predictions have been achieved, there is no generally valid
26 model suitable for large range of eruptive scenarios.
- 27 • We used signal processing techniques to analyze seismic data from five well studied
28 volcanoes to identify short-term eruptive precursors.
- 29 • Shannon entropy has a uniform temporal pattern of pre-eruptive change and is a
30 recurrent, transferable and differentiable feature for short-term eruption forecasting.

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32 **Abstract**

33 The search for pre-eruptive observables that can be used for short-term volcanic early warning
34 remains a scientific challenge. Pre-eruptive patterns in seismic data are usually identified by
35 analyzing seismic catalogues (e.g., the number and types of recorded seismic events), the
36 evolution of seismic energy, or changes in the tensional state of the volcanic medium as a
37 consequence of changes in the volume of the volcano. However, although successful volcanic
38 predictions have been achieved, there is still no generally valid model suitable for a large range
39 of eruptive scenarios. In this study, we evaluate the potential successful use of Shannon entropy
40 as short-term volcanic eruption forecasting extracted from seismic signals at five well studied
41 volcanoes (Etna, Mount St. Helens, Kilauea, Augustine, and Bezymianny). We identified
42 temporal patterns that can be used as short-term eruptive precursors. We quantified how the
43 Shannon entropy drops several hours before the eruptions analyzed, between 4 days and 12 h
44 before. When Shannon entropy is combined with the temporal evolution of other features (i.e.,
45 energy, kurtosis, and the frequency index) and complementary information on types of seismic
46 sources, the meaning of physical changes in the volcanic system could be obtained. Our results
47 show that pre-eruptive variation in Shannon entropy offers is a confident short-term volcanic
48 eruption forecasting tool.

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53 **Plain Language Summary**

54 Volcanic eruptions represent a major natural hazard. Despite decades of research, the prediction
55 of volcanic eruptions remains a scientific challenge. Subsurface volcanic processes generate
56 seismic waves, which can be measured at the surface using seismometers. To date, the most
57 successful examples of eruption prediction have been based on seismic data. However, we still
58 lack a prediction model that can be applied across the wide range of eruption styles seen around
59 the world. In this study, we implemented a new approach for the analysis of seismo-volcanic
60 data aimed at forecasting eruptions. We used advanced signal processing algorithms to analyze
61 continuous seismic signals from a suite of well-studied volcanoes (Mount St. Helens, Mt. Etna,
62 Kilauea, Augustine, and Bezymianny) in order to create a new and innovative database of
63 features found within the seismic signals. We found that pre-eruptive variation in the Shannon
64 entropy (a statistical parameter associated to the coherence of the seismic sources) of seismic
65 signals offers a successfully feature for short-term volcanic eruption forecasting. The relationship
66 between pre-eruptive seismic signals and Shannon entropy is based on changes in the probability
67 distributions of the type of seismic waves, independent of the signal source. If this information is
68 combined with other seismic features (e.g., energy, kurtosis, and the frequency index), the actual
69 physical changes in the volcanic system can be identified.

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82 **1 Introduction**

83 Volcanic eruptions impact significantly on the Earth and, in particular, on humanity. Although
84 more than 20% of the world population lives under the direct threat of the consequences of volcanic
85 eruptions, currently the advances of the scientific community allow efficient early warning protocols that
86 can save thousands of lives. These advances are based on efficiently interpreting how before an eruption,
87 interactions within the medium cause measurable physical and chemical changes (e.g., Sparks et al.,
88 2012; Girona et al., 2021; Power et al., 2020; Pyle, 2015). Forecasting volcanic eruptions relies on the
89 ability to identify such changes based on the analysis of geophysical and geochemical time series, and in
90 the successful implementation of such data analysis frameworks for pattern recognition in real- or quasi-
91 real-time (e.g., Manga et al., 2017; Dempsey et al., 2020; Girona et al., 2019; Kilburn, 2018; Ardid et al.,
92 2022; Caudron et al., 2020; McKee et al., 2021 a,b). After decades of research, the scientific community
93 is currently having certain degree of success in providing volcanic early warnings to the relevant
94 authorities. However, due to the variety of eruptive styles and the fact that not every unrest episode ends
95 in eruption, forecasting volcanic eruptions remains a challenge (e.g., Jolly et al., 2020; Manley et al.,
96 2021).

97 Today, society is increasingly demanding efficient short-term early warning protocols (e.g.,
98 Thelen et al., 2022) that are sufficiently long to allow for evacuations and/or other defense protocols, but
99 short enough to not lose effectiveness and credibility (Whitehead & Bebbington, 2021). However,
100 identifying short-term volcanic precursors based on broadly-accepted parameters and criteria is a
101 challenging, and as-yet unresolved task. Volcano seismology is one of the most important tools for
102 volcano monitoring and short-term forecasting (McNutt & Roman, 2015; Saccorotti & Lockmet, 2021).
103 Volcanic activity generates a variety of seismic signals that reflect multiple complex processes acting
104 within the volcanic system (e.g., Chouet & Matoza, 2013; Ibáñez et al., 2000), including ground
105 deformations, opening of fractures and conduits, fluids transport and finally a possible eruption. As such,
106 seismic signals contain crucial information for deciphering processes that control the occurrence, timing,
107 and magnitude of eruptions.

108 Because each process energetically interacts with the environment, generating different energy
109 transients, the result is the presence of a series of seismic-volcanic signals that can be associated with a
110 type of source and a potential evolution of the volcanic system, and even with the possible eruption that
111 we wish to forecast. For this reason, majority forecast models are based on the use of seismic data and the
112 search of the relationship between seismo-volcanic signals, the assessment of their source mechanisms,
113 and volcanic activity models. In this sense, the Generic Swarm Model (McNutt & Roman, 2015) is one of
114 the broadly adopted models to forecasting eruptions using seismic data. However, this is a conceptual

115 model based on a limited observational database and in where stochastic processes and nonlinear or
116 quasi-stable volcanic behaviors are not considered. In this model the main assumption is volcanic
117 eruptions are preceded by swarms of earthquakes, long period or hybrid event sequences, and tremor. But
118 this model helps forecast volcanic eruptions, and that is why research efforts in recent years have focused
119 on improving our ability to efficiently process large volumes of seismic data. The use of Machine
120 Learning (ML) to study seismo-volcanic signals offers a unique opportunity to obtain maximum
121 information in the shortest time (e.g., Carniel & Guzman, 2021; Malfante et al., 2018 a,b; Manley et al.,
122 2020; Ren et al., 2020). However, the use of ML suffers from a number of limitations when applied to the
123 study of seismic signals: it requires large training datasets of labelled data (e.g., Benítez et al., 2006;
124 Cortés et al., 2019; Di Luccio et al., 2021; Gutiérrez et al., 2009; Ibáñez et al., 2009); several processes
125 can occur simultaneously at the same location, producing a suite of overlapping signals (e.g., Martínez et
126 al., 2021; Titos et al., 2019, 2018a); the non-uniform application of labelling criteria frequently causes
127 confusion when different volcanic scenarios are compared (e.g., Titos et al., 2018b); new advances need
128 to be confirmed using data from dense, permanent, and high-quality seismic networks (e.g., Arámbula-
129 Mendoza et al., 2011; Bueno et al., 2021a; Power et al., 2020; Spampinato et al., 2019).

130 Contemporaneously, other widely used forecasting models are fundamentally based on the
131 assumption that an acceleration of energy represents an eruption forecast (e.g., Boué et al., 2015, 2016;
132 Power et al., 2013). This idea permitted to include variations of these aspects, such as implementing
133 seismic ratios based on analyzing the energy measured in different frequency bands (Bueno et al., 2019;
134 Caudron et al., 2021; Ardid et al., 2022). Despite their widespread adoption during volcanic crises,
135 significant shortcomings lie in the fact that these models are based on the evaluation of very few
136 parameters (e.g., signal type, number of events). Regardless of these limitations, a number of recent
137 studies have used ML techniques for multi-parametric interpretation of changes in the eruptive states of
138 volcanoes in order to find predictive patterns (e.g., Manley et al., 2021). Bueno et al. (2019) applied
139 Bayesian Neural Network (BNN) methods to frequency analysis of seismic signals at three different
140 volcanoes: Bezymianny, Mount St. Helens, and Mt. Etna and found that the evolution of the uncertainty
141 offers effective eruption short-term early warning that is exportable between volcanic systems.
142 Furthermore, these authors highlighted the importance of analyzing the temporal evolution of seismic
143 features instead of focusing only on the classification of isolated seismic events. Until now, the study of
144 seismic feature evolution has mainly focused on seismic energy (i.e., the real-time seismic amplitude
145 measurement, RSAM; (e.g., Chardot et al., 2015; Endo & Murray, 1991; Ardid et al., 2022) or calculating
146 the energy of earthquakes using their magnitude, their stress release, or the Material Failure Forecasting
147 Method (e.g., Boué et al., 2015, 2016; Cornelius & Voight, 1995; Massa et al., 2016). Satisfactory results
148 have been obtained when applied together with ML methods to obtain the completeness of seismic

149 catalogues (e.g., Alparone et al., 2015; Cortés et al., 2009; Trujillo-Castrillón et al., 2018); however, the
150 resulting models are not exportable to other volcanic systems.

151 In this study, we implemented a new approach for the analysis of seismo-volcanic data aimed at
152 forecasting volcanic eruptions. The previous experience of the study of the seismic features, analyzed on
153 the continuous seismic signal, instead of working with isolated events, allows us to explore new features
154 that could be used as an efficient tool to carry out short term volcanic forecasting. The optimal
155 parametrization of a seismic signal is a crucial issue in seismic signal processing and data analysis.
156 (Alvarez et al. 2011; Cortés et al., 2015; Malfante et al., 2018 a,b). Various methods have been used to
157 transition from the original frame of reference (raw seismograms) to a feature frame. Authors extract
158 parameters (features) from the data and use them to perform a classification of isolated seismic events
159 (e.g., Bueno et al., 2018; Cortés et al., 2014; Titos et al., 2022). These features are mainly grouped into
160 three types according to the information they represent: a) phenomenological features describe
161 seismogram characteristics that are independent of the volcanic system; b) statistical features represent
162 statistical parameters of the waveform and its frequency content; c) signal domain transforms that are
163 determined by applying a transform to the waveform to characterize the signal in a different domain (e.g.,
164 in the frequency domain).

165 Based on these results, we evaluated the potential the pre-eruptive temporal evolution of Shannon
166 entropy for short-term volcanic eruption forecasting. Shannon entropy is a statistical parameter that
167 reveals how similar the seismic signal is to itself in the frequency domain over time. Our starting
168 hypothesis, based on the study of the evolution of energy, is that prior to an eruptive process, all the
169 energy of the volcanic system is addressed to drive the eruption; therefore, the seismic signal should
170 resemble itself, and each time more before the imminent eruption. We used signal processing techniques
171 to analyze continuous seismic signals from five well-studied volcanoes (Mount St. Helens, Mt. Etna,
172 Kilauea, Augustine, and Bezymianny) in order to study the evolution over time of the Shannon entropy to
173 identify potential targets for short-term volcanic eruption forecasting.

174 We believe that our study offer an interesting concept for short-term volcanic forecasting based
175 exclusively on seismology because it is: (a) self-sustaining (it has the ability to carry out volcanic
176 forecasting); (b) agnostic (it does not need established a priori physical models); (c) simple (it is
177 successful with only one input, the seismic signal); (d) direct (it does not need specific previous training);
178 (e) exportable (it can be generalized for different eruptive scenarios); and (f) flexible (it can be adapted to
179 the development of new knowledge). The method presented here can be exported to other volcanoes
180 around the world, offering the potential for high societal impact and widespread interest among the
181 scientific community.

182 2. Feature extraction and model development

183 When characterizing the seismic signal, and especially to apply ML studies on isolated seismic
 184 events, several authors have highlighted the possibility of using a large number of seismic features, even
 185 more than hundreds of them (e.g. Malfante et al., 2018a, b). Cortes et al., 2015, show that this large
 186 number of features can be reduced including a set of representative phenomenological, and statistical
 187 features in the time and frequency domains. Then, we could transform the original long-term series of
 188 seismograms into a multiparametric matrix with the selected extracted features in the time and frequency
 189 domain. Among all of them (see supplementary material) we choose the Shannon Entropy to be tested as
 190 short-term forecasting feature.

191 We studied the temporal evolution of the Shannon Entropy to determine if it is evolving in a
 192 significant way comparing non-eruptive periods with pre-eruptive and eruptive episodes. It was calculated
 193 using the equation from below (Esmaili et al., 2004).

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$$195 \quad -\sum_i P(S_i) \log_2(P(S_i)) \quad (1)$$

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197 From a statistical perspective, the Shannon entropy of seismic signals has been defined as the
 198 distribution of amplitude levels of a given signal (van Ruitenbeek et al., 2020) or a measure of uncertainty
 199 in probability distributions (Malfante et al., 2018a). van Ruitenbeek et al. (2020) suggested that amplitude
 200 levels of a periodic signal are equally likely and the entropy is high, while a single impulse within a
 201 continuous (constant amplitude) signal will have lower entropy. Malfante et al. (2018a) suggested that the
 202 maximum Shannon entropy (i.e., the maximum uncertainty) occurs where all possible outcomes have
 203 equal probabilities (i.e., a distribution characterized by maximum heterogeneity or randomness), while
 204 minimum uncertainty occurs when one possible outcome has a probability of one (i.e., there is no
 205 uncertainty and entropy is zero).

206 In our seismic signals, Shannon entropy represents the uncertainty of the state of the volcanic
 207 system and is related to the type of seismic signal. When the seismic signal is composed of random
 208 signals originating from different sources (i.e., very broad spectral content), Shannon entropy is high,
 209 reflecting the high uncertainty in the types and sources of waves. As such, Shannon entropy provides a
 210 quantitative estimate of the homogeneity of the volcanic process. The rapid decrease towards zero reflects
 211 a single dominant process within the time and frequency domain that generates seismic waves before an
 212 eruption. The seismic source during the eruptive process can manifest in different ways. For example,
 213 multiple fractures induce VT earthquakes, bubbles or fluid resonance generate LP-type events, and a

214 source sustained over time causes volcanic tremor. Each of these source processes results in different
 215 energy behaviors (the occurrence of many low energetic events might not show an increase in the
 216 energy). However, the evolution of Shannon entropy is always in the same direction; it will decrease
 217 towards zero as the state of the volcano evolves towards an eruptive and energetic process.

218 The detailed workflow developed in this study is shown in Figure 1. This procedure is conceived
 219 to extract a single parametric analysis (obtaining a vector) or a multi-parametric feature study (obtaining a
 220 matrix of features). We only used the vertical component of the seismic signal because at the present
 221 many volcanoes continue being seismically controlled by one component seismometer, and one of the
 222 scopes of this work is to generalize the results. The first step is to filter the signal using a bandpass filter
 223 from 1 to 16 Hz to reduce sources of noise. Below 1 Hz, the influence of the oceanic load over the
 224 seismic signal is too strong and must be removed according to the results of Almendros et al. (2007); at
 225 frequencies of > 15–20 Hz, climatic and anthropic conditions (wind, rain, traffic, etc.) affect the seismic
 226 signals. For each seismogram, selected an interval of time (1 or 10 min overlapped by 50%, according the
 227 volcano) over which the parametric transformation is computed.

228 As indicated above, we should expect that previous to an eruptive episode the Shannon Entropy
 229 must evolve towards zero, or reaching a minimum. In order to quantify the decay of this feature we used a
 230 widely accepted algorithm like STA/LTA. We estimated the mean value of the Shannon entropy for each
 231 volcano during resting periods (SE_0) and implemented small windows of analysis to calculate how the
 232 Shannon entropy was evolving ($SE(i)$) according to this resting value, using the formula from below. In
 233 average the LTA value was estimated in an interval of 20 days of volcanic repose for each volcano. The
 234 STA has the same duration of the window used to feature extraction analysis (from 1 to 10 minutes). We
 235 then established a threshold which allows us to forecast the eruption without having false alerts (equation
 236 2). When the value of the decay remains over the 70%, i.e. the STA is lower than 30% of the LTA value,
 237 we consider this is the starting of the potential short term forecast interval. The value of 70% of threshold
 238 is an experimental and compromise value based on the generic value used in many research works to
 239 determine the error interval of experimental results. It is clear that increasing this value of threshold the
 240 short-term forecasting period would be reduced, but reducing it we have the chance to have several false
 241 alarms.

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$$243 \quad \text{Decay Ratio [\%]} = 100 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{SE(i)}{SE_0}\right) \quad (2)$$

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245 3. Data and volcanic scenarios

246 We selected data from five well-studied volcanoes (Mt. Etna, Mount St. Helens, Augustine,
247 Bezymianny, and Kilauea); Table 1 represents a broad range of volcanic processes and eruption styles, as
248 long as several eruptive mechanisms, showing different pre-eruptive seismic patterns with different kind
249 of signals (volcano-tectonic, long period, volcanic tremor, etc.). This makes this comparison among them
250 interesting to test the exportability of our hypothesis. For each volcanic scenario, if available, we analyzed
251 several seismic stations but here will we only present results of one station per eruptive scenario, selected
252 based on proximity to the eruptive center and/or the completeness of the seismic catalogue (Figure 2). We
253 want to emphasize that the volcanoes Mt. Etna, Bezymianny and Mount St. Helen have been selected, in
254 addition to their interest based on their eruptive history, because they were the volcanoes studied by
255 Bueno et al., (2021 a,b) where it was observed how uncertainty could be used as a forecasting indicator.

256 The selection of the databases was conditioned on the availability of public data available online
257 in repositories such as IRIS, or based on data acquired by our work team in temporary field campaigns or
258 through institutional agreements. The corresponding section presents the links to access all the data used
259 for this analysis. The eruptive processes selected for study have been selected based on different reasons:
260 a) relevance of the eruptions, as is the case of Augustine 2006, Mount St. Helens 2004, Kilauea, 2018; b)
261 have been previously analyzed using uncertainty, such as Mt. Etna, 2013, Bezymianny 2007; c) have a
262 long series of quality seismic records and have an eruptive event recorded on video and an eruptive
263 column more than 11 km high, in the case of the Bezymianny 2017 volcano. Noteworthy, even if public
264 repositories offer available volcanic seismic data, long time series of them are not always accessible and
265 only short time intervals around some specific volcanic events are uploaded with enough quality to be
266 successfully analyzed.

267 The eruption of Mount St. Helens (2004) represents the reawakening of this volcano after more
268 than 10 years of calm (Iverson et al, 2006). Itself the size of this eruption is not too large, but it was
269 forecasted by intense seismicity of volcanic tectonic earthquakes and followed by an energetic volcanic
270 tremor prior the explosion of the extruded dome. The eruption of Augustine volcano was a moderate
271 explosion (VEI 3) with an unrest characterized by intense seismicity lasting at least 5 months prior the
272 eruption of 11 of January, 2006 (Manley et al. (2021). This eruption is characterized by two explosions
273 within 30 minutes detected by satellite observations Bailey et al., (2006), generating ash plumes to
274 maximum heights of 6.5 and 10.2 km respectively. This eruptive phase lasted 17 days with at least 14
275 representative explosions. The Kilauea volcano eruption of 2018 represents a special case within the
276 eruptive mechanism of this volcanic system. The eruption is preceded by a collapse of part of the building
277 that occurs on the night of April 30. Several days later, on May 3, the first fissures appear with the

278 emission of lava flows. Finally, on May 5, an earthquake of magnitude Mw 6.9 occurred on the flank of
279 the building, which ended up opening more fissures and larger lava flows (Patrick et al., 2020). Since
280 approximately the year 2000, the Mt Etna volcano has had a continuous eruptive activity, alternating lava
281 flows, lava fountains and some moderate explosive episodes (Spampinato et al., 2019). In general,
282 seismic activity is represented by the occurrence of shallow volcano tectonic earthquakes, long period
283 events and continuous volcanic tremor (Zuccarello et al., 2022). For this analysis we have selected four
284 episodes of lava fountains from 2013, previously studied by Bueno et al. (2021 a,b) and which were
285 forecasted by a strong volcanic tremor and absence of VT earthquakes. For Bezymianny volcano we
286 selected two eruptive phases. In the first one, in 2007, it was observed how the uncertainty always
287 decreased prior to each of the three selected explosions, being the initial motivation of this work. In 2017
288 the Institute of Volcanology and Seismology of the Russian Academic of Sciences (Koulakov et al, 2021)
289 organized a temporary seismic experiment deploying several Broad Band stations around the volcano. On
290 December 20, 2017 a large volcanic explosion occurred with an eruptive column at least 11 km high that
291 will be analyzed in detail later. The advantage of this experiment is that we have a full year of data
292 available, continuously, at various stations. This will allow us to study in depth if the Shannon Entropy
293 can be considered as a recurrent and differentiable parameter as an element of short-term volcanic
294 forecasting as Ardid et al., (2022) define to be used in a general way in early warning volcanic eruption
295 protocols.

296 **4. Results.**

297 The first step to ensure that the idea that the Shannon Entropy is used as a reliable parameter as a
298 forecast of volcanic eruption is to check if it meets the requirements indicated by Ardid et al., (2022).
299 These authors define an eruption precursor as a common pattern that has to be recurrent (occurs prior to
300 multiple events), transferable (occurs prior to eruptions at different volcanoes) and differentiable (absent
301 during non-eruptive unrest and volcanic repose). In advance, we explain why we consider Shannon
302 entropy a differentiable parameter.

303 For this, it is necessary to study long time series. It is evident that the longer the time series, even
304 years, the better, but the continuous availability of data, without interruptions and with the same recording
305 system is a complex task. On the base of the advantage of the seismic experiment performed in
306 Bezymianny volcano we have the capability to analyze a whole year of high-quality data from continuous
307 seismic signals. In this period, we can identify both resting periods and pre-eruptive activity before the
308 energetic explosion of December 20, 2017. We considered these data reliable enough to trust the results
309 obtained and proceed to test the method in different eruptive episodes of this volcano, and also in
310 different volcanoes.

311 Systematic analysis of Shannon entropy at Bezymianny from August 2017 to July 2018 (Figure
312 3) revealed that generally, the mean values obtained remain high. However, we observed some intervals
313 in which this trend decays to lower values. As described above we defined a significant decrease of the
314 values of the Shannon Entropy when the STA value decays until more than the 70% of the LTA value.
315 Following this rule, we detected few intervals with this pattern. The biggest decay occurred in the instant
316 of the largest volcanic explosion of December, 20th 2017 (the STA value 98.3% lower than the LTA one).
317 In addition, low Shannon entropy values were observed on other intervals with decays lower than 70 %.
318 Analyzing data from the KBGS (Kamchatka Branch Geophysical Survey) institution two important
319 explosions were reported at the neighboring Kliuchevskoy volcano (August 2017 and May 2018). Both
320 eruptions are clearly aligned with the first and last drops in Shannon entropy (marked as a red shadow
321 area in figure 3). We suggest that these low Shannon entropy anomalies are potential forecasting
322 evidences of the explosions at Kliuchevskoy volcano. The relatively lower value reached for the
323 Bezymianny event likely reflects the closer distance to the seismic station (BZ01 is < 2 km from the
324 summit of Bezymianny and ~10 km from the summit of Kliuchevskoy; Figure 2). The recorded
325 Kliuchevskoy signals at BZ01 station likely suffered seismic attenuation effects and interference by local
326 signals and other sources of noise. There is a minimum of short duration located on September 2017
327 associated with a local earthquake of magnitude Mw 4.3 as reported in IRIS institution. The decrease
328 observed in March 2018 is associated to an intense volcanic tremor recorded in the volcanic area triggered
329 by another local earthquake of Mw 4.5 (reported in IRIS). We have no evidences of potential volcanic
330 eruptions or lava dome growth that could be associated with this activity, but the presence of this intense
331 volcanic tremor confirms its volcanic source. Finally, during April 2018 an intense volcano-tectonic
332 earthquake swarm was recorded, associated with a set of three minimum values of the Shannon Entropy.
333 According to these observations, and at least for the period of time analyzed, the significant decreases in
334 the Shannon Entropy values seem to be exclusively associated with eruptive processes.

335 The next step is determining if this decrease in Shannon entropy values can be quantified as a
336 promising evidence of short-term volcanic forecasting tool. In figure 4 we show the evolution of the
337 Shannon Entropy a week prior to the explosion of December 20, 2017. The STA/LTA ratio was computed
338 and in shadow green we highlight the instant in which the decay is continuously lower than the 70% (the
339 vertical red line marks the instant of the eruptive process). Notice that its continuous decay appears two
340 days before the eruption, reaching values close to zero in the moment of the explosion (as indicated above
341 a decay of 98.3%). However, as marked in figure 4, at least 5 days before we can consider potential
342 forecasting evidences.

343 Referring to the three explosions of the Bezymianny volcano in 2007, this same procedure for
344 estimating the decay of the STA/LTA ratio of the Shannon Entropy was repeated. In figure 5 we plot
345 these results. As observed in all cases there were a minimum value of the Shannon Entropy at the instant
346 of the volcanic explosion (marked with a red line). These decays were of 99.5%, 99.5% and 100%
347 respectively. Notice as the pre-eruptive forecasting interval change according each explosion, from 1 hour
348 to a day. According the analysis of Bueno et al. (2021 a,b) it seems to be an inverse relationship pre-
349 eruptive forecasting interval duration and energy of the explosion, since the larger explosion occurred on
350 October 14, 2007 and it has the largest pre-eruptive evidences.

351 The analysis of the 4 lava fountain episodes recorded at Mt. Etna in November 2013 is plotted in
352 Figure 6. As noticed in the precedent analysis we observed a significant decrease (below the marked
353 threshold) prior every paroxysm. In all cases, as in Bezymianny, just when the Shannon Entropy start to
354 decrease below the threshold, this is a stable decreasing tendency marking without doubts that some
355 volcanic energetic process will happen, reaching its minimum at the moment of every eruptive episode (in
356 this case lava fountains, marked in red), 98.4%, 98.9%, 97.4% and 95.1% respectively. The short-term
357 pre-eruptive intervals were 12h, 18h, 3 h and 2 h respectively and according again with the size of each
358 volcanic episode.

359 Finally, we applied the procedure to the rest of the volcanic scenarios (Mount St. Helens,
360 Augustine and Kilauea), plotted in Figure 7. In the case of Mount St. Helens and Augustine the decay of
361 the Shannon Entropy is 100% and 96.8% respectively. Noteworthy, as indicated above, the analyzed
362 Augustine eruption is characterized by two moderate/large explosions (marked in Figure 7 with two red
363 lines). The proposed approach identifies well the instant of the first explosion with the highest decay of
364 the Shannon Entropy value. Their respective short-term forecasting intervals were 4 days and 12 hours.
365 The case of Kilauea is much more complex, observing different decays according the three different
366 processes described above. The decay of the Shannon Entropy reaches 99.1% when the summit collapsed,
367 80.7% when the first fissure and lava flow appeared, and 98.0% when the 6.9 Mw earthquake occurred.
368 There is no measurable forecasting interval for the collapse of the summit and the potential failure of this
369 decay will be discussed in next section.

370 Thus, we propose, according to Ardid et al., (2022), Shannon entropy is a short-term eruptive
371 precursor, and demonstrated to be recurrent (occurs prior to every eruption studied), transferable (occurs
372 in different volcanoes with different pre-eruptive behavior) and differentiable, as it only changes
373 whenever an eruption occurs, as we conclude after analyzing a year of data recorded continuously.

374 **5. Discussion.**

375 After studying 5 different volcanoes with different eruptive sources, lava types and pre-eruptive
376 behavior we demonstrated the Shannon entropy approach works efficiently as short-term volcanic
377 eruption forecasting tool independently of the eruptive mechanism. In addition, it is interesting to notice
378 each volcanic process is dominated for different pre-eruptive type of seismic signals. We have examples
379 of eruptions driven by volcano-tectonic events, like Bezymianny 2017 (Koulakov et al., 2021); others by
380 mainly volcanic tremor like Mt. Etna (Spampinato et al., 2019) or another like Mount St. Helens with the
381 presence of mixed seismicity, first intense swarm of volcano-tectonic events and later by volcanic tremor
382 (Lehto et al., 2010). In order to quantify objectively the evolution of the Shannon Entropy and therefore to
383 use it as an accurate short-term forecast volcanic eruptions tool we used an STA/LTA algorithm
384 quantifying the decay ratio. This procedure permits to objectively identify the time intervals in which we
385 can consider we are a pre-eruptive period. As we indicated above the developed approach has some
386 important advantages as a powerful tool: it is agnostic (it does not need established a priori physical
387 models); it is simple (it is successful with only one input, the seismic signal); it is direct (it does not need
388 specific previous training). That is, we can obtain a pre-eruptive indicator without knowing what is the
389 physical mechanism that dominates the eruption, without having previously trained the system for each
390 different eruptive scenario and of easy integration in the procedures of surveillance in real time.

391 It is interesting to combine our results with another pre-eruptive seismic evidences to better
392 understand their physical meaning. As Kilburn (2018) indicated ground deformation, volcanic seismicity
393 (mainly VT events) and their associated energy release could be considered one of the most reliable pre-
394 eruptive evidences. As is broadly known, scientific community has been using the energy of the seismic
395 signal to forecast volcanic eruptions (Ortiz et al. 2003; Boue et al., 2016; Power et al., 2013) and recently
396 some variations of the use of the energy have obtained promising results (Caudron et al., 2021; Dempsey
397 et al., 2020; 2022). Despite of several successfully results, some limitations were found. For example, the
398 energy reflects the size of the seismicity prior to an eruption; more energetic events will display bigger
399 energy values independently if they are directly linked with the eruptive process. In addition, the energy is
400 a growing parameter and to determine its maximum or its exactly timing relationship when the eruption
401 will happen is a complex task.

402 In some volcanoes it is possible to access to seismic catalogs and perform additional analysis on
403 the registered seismicity. We have evidences that some seismic features (see supplementary material) are
404 directly related to the type of seismicity, and therefore to the earthquake-volcanic source. These features
405 can reflect changes in the seismic signal patterns, and they could be associated with possible physical
406 models. Thus, to analyze these patters we transform the original features vector into a features matrix, as

407 highlighted in Figure 1. As Cortés et al. (2015) and Bueno et al., (2021 a,b) indicated, the Kurtosis and
 408 the Frequency Index can be used as indicators of the type of recorded seismic events and their evolution
 409 according changes in the volcanic system. The Kurtosis (eq. 3) evaluates how the frequencies of the
 410 signal are distributed, and the Frequency Index (eq. 4) takes into consideration the ratio of the energy
 411 content between high and low frequencies of the signal (we considered low frequencies between 1-6 Hz,
 412 and high frequencies between 6-16 Hz). Therefore, their changes can be directly associated to changes or
 413 evolution in the seismic sources.

$$414 \quad KUR = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \left(\frac{S[i] - \mu_s}{\sigma_s} \right)^4 \quad (3)$$

$$415 \quad FI = \log_{10} \left(\frac{E_{high\ frequencies}}{E_{low\ frequencies}} \right) \quad (4)$$

416 VT events recorded in a near field have high frequency contains in confront to the background
 417 signal, making increase the obtained value of the Kurtosis, as observed by Bueno et al., (2021a). In
 418 addition, a shift of the seismic foci from depth to the surface will include an enrichment of the high
 419 frequency contains of the signals (since the seismic attenuation will be less effective) showing again
 420 increases in the value of the Kurtosis. On the other hand, volcanic tremor is dominated by lower
 421 frequency signals (Konstantinou and Schlindwein, 2003; Zuccarello et al., 2022). Therefore, the
 422 increasing of the volcanic tremor should move the Frequency Index toward negative values in comparison
 423 to the background signal. In other word, the kurtosis is more sensitive to the occurrence of VTs and the
 424 Frequency Index to the occurrence of volcanic tremor.

425 To show the relationship between Kurtosis and occurrence of VTs we will study the case of the
 426 Bezymianny eruption of December 20th, 2017. Koulakov et al, (2021) indicated the occurrence of an
 427 intense seismic swarm prior the eruption, however there is no a complete seismic catalogue of this period.
 428 Using Hidden Markov Model (HMM) we were able to obtain a VT seismic catalogue of Bezymianny for
 429 the whole month of December 2017 (Benítez et al., 2006; Ibáñez et al., 2009; Cortés et al., 2021).
 430 Simultaneously we computed the Kurtosis using the same window length as for the Shannon Entropy. In
 431 Figure 8 we compare the variations of the Kurtosis and the cumulative number of VTs for intervals 1 h
 432 long. As observed, both evolve in parallel in the days before the eruption. The green shadow area
 433 represents the pre-eruptive short-term forecasting interval predicted by the Shannon Entropy with the
 434 70% of decay threshold. Notice as these three parameters seem to evolve in a similar way. The advantage
 435 to use the seismic features in confront to the identification of seismic events is the faster evaluation
 436 procedure and the absence of previous training process (the application of the HMM to obtain a realizable
 437 seismic catalog takes longer time). On the other hand, a seismic catalogue itself is not a direct eruptive

438 precursor, since it is the input of different precursory algorithms that evaluate the probability of an
439 eruption. However, the evolution of the seismic features could be used directly as precursors.

440 However, not all eruptions have VT swarms as precursory activity, as it was the case of the lava
441 fountains of Mt. Etna occurred in 2013. The Frequency Index reflects the temporal variation of the
442 spectral relationship between certain frequency bands, even if it has a complex interpretation. These
443 changes may reflect different volcanic dynamics, both in terms of source and medium; for example, the
444 appearance of VTs, LPs, or tremor could be linked with an increase in the frequency index, and
445 sometimes with a decrease. As the volcano deforms (inflates) prior to an eruption, the increase in system
446 stress will shift the spectral content of the signal towards high frequencies; deflation would shift the
447 spectral content of the signal towards low frequencies. A change in the impedance contrast at the source,
448 or in the volcanic system, would also cause changes in spectral content. Impedance is the ratio between
449 the elastic properties of confining (volcanic fluids) and confined, the volcanic edifice (Chouet & Matoza,
450 2013). Thus, evolution of a resonant system from a "dry" or pure gas to ash-rich content would lead to a
451 shift towards low frequencies, and vice versa. The geometry of the system affects the frequency index, as
452 does magma ascent, which is associated lower frequencies of tremor. In summary, changes in the
453 frequency index are a common pre-eruptive observation, but the style of variation depends on many
454 factors that cannot be controlled a priori, precluding its use in early warning. However, there are "easier"
455 situations as was the case of Mt. Etna in 2013. The volcanic tremor of Mt. Etna uses to appear at
456 frequencies between 1 to 3 Hz (Zuccarello et al., 2022) and the background seismic signal is over 6 Hz
457 (seismic noise). Therefore, it is expected that the Frequency Index must be shifted towards negative
458 values as the volcanic tremor is increasing. In parallel the energy of the seismic signal should increase
459 too. To confirm this hypothesis, we evaluated the temporal evolution of the Frequency Index and the
460 Energy for the Mt. Etna lava fountains and compared them with the evolution of the Shannon Entropy
461 (Figure 9).

462 Notice as when the volcanic tremor appeared we observed a sudden change in both, Shannon
463 Entropy (moving toward zero), the Frequency Index (moving toward negative values) and Energy
464 (growing significantly). All used parameters marked a clear pre-event time. However, the Shannon
465 Entropy is the only one feature which trend could be associated with the timing of the eruption (marked in
466 the moment of the lower value, 98.4% lower than the LTA). The energy continues growing until the
467 paroxysmal moment of high energetic lava fountain; meanwhile the Frequency Index reveals the different
468 mechanism associated to the eruption and timing of the tremor appearance, with a non-homogeneous
469 pattern.

470 The two previous examples were dominated by a single type of seismicity, VT events for
471 Bezymianny and volcanic tremor of Mt. Etna. The Mount St. Helens eruption of 2004 is an example of
472 multiple pre-event seismicity, as indicated above. In Figure 10 we plot the temporal evolution of the three
473 features introduced in this section. Green region represents the moment when the Shannon entropy decays
474 over the 70%. The energy starts its growth more than a day and a half later than the instant the Shannon
475 entropy works as short-term forecast indicator. In addition, the energy reaches a maximum and then
476 decrease, without erupting yet. Notice the high values of the cumulative Kurtosis between the days 25 and
477 28 reflects the high number of VT events detected. Later, the pre-eruptive process starts to be dominated
478 by the volcanic tremor, as reflected by the negative values of the Frequency Index and the decrease of the
479 Kurtosis.

480 It is noteworthy that kurtosis and the frequency index cannot be used individually as universal
481 predictive elements. However, when combined with the Shannon Entropy, they provide information on
482 the type of prevailing seismic activity, the medium, elastic properties, and more; they are therefore useful
483 for investigating the mechanisms of the volcanic source.

484 Previous studies have shown that Entropy can be used to characterize very energetic seismic
485 series or catastrophic energetic events (e.g., Posadas et al., 2021). To identify potential external factors
486 that could affect entropy, we selected a fifth volcanic scenario with completely characteristics—the
487 April–May 2018 eruption of Kilauea. This eruption was preceded by a caldera collapse and subsequent
488 Mw 6.9 earthquake. A proposed triggering mechanism was precipitation (Farquharson & Amelung,
489 2020), which may have changed the pore pressure in the rift zone. Figure 7c shows Shannon entropy and
490 seismic energy from April 29 to May 7, 2018. Sharp drops, with the values approaching zero, occurred at
491 the same time as (but not before) the caldera collapse and earthquake. Then, during the eruptive episode,
492 Shannon entropy remained very low. As such, Shannon entropy was not a precursory feature.

493 If rainfall was the eruption trigger, the eruption was not a classic example of an inner-source
494 driven volcanic system, but was a sudden eruptive phenomenon triggered by external factors. This could
495 explain why pre-eruptive Shannon entropy was not a suitable precursory indicator for this unrest. Based
496 on this example, we suggest that decreasing Shannon entropy towards zero can only be for short-term
497 early warning in systems controlled by internal factors; those eruptions triggered by external events (e.g.,
498 heavy rainfall) cannot be predicted using this method.

499 As a resume:

- 500 a) We observed that in all analyzed volcanic scenarios there is always a quantitatively evaluated
501 decrease of the Shannon Entropy prior to different type of eruptions independently of the
502 characteristics of pre-eruptive state and seismic sequences. Therefore, is a good “agnostic” short-
503 term volcanic eruption forecast indicator.
- 504 b) The Shannon Entropy remains high and almost constant when the volcano is resting or when the
505 activity is minor.
- 506 c) In all cases the energy is a valuable feature to confirm this observation, but it does not always be
507 used as short-term forecasting feature.
- 508 d) The use of other seismic parameter, such as Kurtosis or Frequency Index, helps to constrain
509 potential physical models driving the eruption.
- 510 e) We suggest the use of this seismic feature since it is fast and easy to implement, works in real
511 time, it does not need previous training and it is transferable among different volcanoes.

512 **6. Conclusions**

513 The results of this study suggest that the Shannon entropy of pre-eruptive seismic signals offers a
514 robust and reliable feature for short-term volcanic eruption forecasting. Comparing the energy evolution
515 and the Shannon entropy we can find some interesting features. The main observation is Shannon Entropy
516 is inversely proportional to the log energy, entropy decays to zero when the system reorganizes itself and
517 the signals are more similar between them, allowing us to easily identify changes in the volcanic system.
518 The relationship between pre-eruptive seismic signals and Shannon entropy is direct and based on
519 changes in the probability distributions of the type of seismic waves, independent of their source. As a
520 uniform volcanic source processes towards an eruption there is high homogeneity of recorded seismic
521 wave types, regardless of the energy and underlying source processes. This homogeneity can be measured
522 quantitatively through the Shannon entropy and the trend towards zero will mark the imminent start of the
523 volcanic eruption.

524 Combining this with other features, such as energy, kurtosis, frequency index and interesting
525 parameters selected in future works, offers even greater predictive certainty, along with insight into the
526 types of seismic sources and physical changes in the volcanic system. In general, this approach is
527 exportable from one volcanic system to another. However, it falls short of universality because eruptions
528 triggered by external processes (e.g., rainfall) cannot be predicted in this way. Shannon entropy is simple
529 and rapid to evaluate, and the relevant pre-eruptive changes (i.e., a decrease towards zero) occur over

530 intervals of between 4 days and 12 h prior to eruption, which is sufficient for the relevant authorities to
531 implement alert and evacuation protocols.

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543 **Data availability statement**

544 Data of the five volcanoes analyzed in this work are publically accessible in the links that will be
545 detailed below. The used software of this work (all programmed developed by us) are also publically
546 accessible (link provided below) and are also presented with specific use examples to be able to
547 independently reproduce all the results obtained in this work. The repository sites used are stable,
548 publically accessible for free and recognized by the scientific community.

549 1.- Augustine Volcano (2006) data were obtained by using the facilities of IRIS Data Services, and
550 specifically the IRIS Data Management Center. Direct links to access to the data of this volcano are:

551 <https://ds.iris.edu/mda/AV/>

552 <https://ds.iris.edu/mda/HV/JOKA/?starttime=2012-09-17T00:00:00&endtime=2599-12-31T23:59:59>

554 2.- Kilauea Volcano (2018) data were obtained by using the facilities of IRIS Data Services, and
555 specifically the IRIS Data Management Center. Direct links to access to the data of this volcano are:

556 <https://ds.iris.edu/mda/HV/>

557 <https://ds.iris.edu/mda/HV/JOKA/?starttime=2012-09-17T00:00:00&endtime=2599-12-31T23:59:59>

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559 3.- Mount St. Helens (2004) data were obtained by using the facilities of IRIS Data Services, and
560 specifically the IRIS Data Management Center. Direct links to access to the data of this volcano are:

561 <https://ds.iris.edu/mda/UW/>

562 [https://ds.iris.edu/mda/UW/SHW/?starttime=1972-10-01T00:00:00&endtime=2599-12-](https://ds.iris.edu/mda/UW/SHW/?starttime=1972-10-01T00:00:00&endtime=2599-12-31T23:59:59)
563 [31T23:59:59](https://ds.iris.edu/mda/UW/SHW/?starttime=1972-10-01T00:00:00&endtime=2599-12-31T23:59:59)

564 4.- Bezymianny volcano.

565 Data from 2007 were obtained by using the facilities of IRIS Data Services, and specifically the
566 IRIS Data Management Center.

567 Data for the temporary experiment (2017-2018) are available in the compressed folder
568 “Dataset_volcanoes.Rar”, located in the ZENODO repository at the following address and DOI.

569 <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6821530>

570 <https://zenodo.org/record/6821530#.YvyeUS7P1PY>

571 5.- Etna volcano data (2013) are available in the ZENODO repository at the following address
572 and DOI.

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574 <https://zenodo.org/record/6849621#.YvyetS7P1PY>

575 B) Instructions for downloading the data associated with the IRIS network, as well as the access
576 to the download software developed by us, can be found in the “Readme.txt” file, available in the
577 ZENODO repository at the following address and DOI.

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581 our results, are available in the compressed folder “Software.Rar”, located in the ZENODO repository at
582 the following address and DOI.

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585 D) The software related to the automatic recognition of seismic signals used for the study of the
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587 repository at the following address and DOI.

588 <https://zenodo.org/record/3594080#.YvydiC7P1PY>

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889 TABLES

890

891 **Table 1.** Volcanic Data and Seismic Stations

VOLCANO (LOCATION)	PERIOD	SEISMIC STATION	DESCRIPTION AND ACTIVITY	MONITORING	REFERENCES
Mt. Etna (Sicily, Italy)	November 2013 11 th , 17 th , 23 rd , 28 th	EBEM	Basaltic Stratovolcano. Volcanic tremor. Strombolian activity and Lava Fountain	INGV-OE (Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia – Osservatorio Etneo)	Aloisi et al., 2020; Barreca et al., 2018, 2020; Presti et al., 2020; Bonaccorso et al., 2014 Spampinato et al., 2019 Zuccarello et al., 2022
	December 20 th , 2017	BZ01 (Fig. 2: blue)	Andesitic volcano. VT activity.	Temporary Field Experiment (2017)	Mania et al., 2019 Koulakov et al., 2021 Davydova et al., 2022
Bezymianny (Kamchatka, Russia)	September 25 th	BELO (Fig. 2: green)	Dome growth. Very energetic explosions	KGBS (Kamchatkan Branch of Geophysical Survey)	Girina, 2013 Thelen et al., 2010 Bueno et al., 2019
	October 14 th , November 5 th , 2007				
Mount St. Helens (Washington, USA)	October 1 st , 2004	SHW	Andesitic-Dacitic Stratovolcano. VT and tremor. Phreatic Eruption	Pacific Northwest Seismic Network University of Washington	Iverson et al., 2006 De Siena et al., 2014 Sherrod et al., 2008 Berlo et al., 2004 Gabielli et al., 2020 Anderson & Segall, 2013 Lehto et al., 2010
	January 11 th , 2006	AUH	Andesitic-Dacitic Stratovolcano VT activity. Vulcanian activity	AVO (Alaska Volcano Observatory)	DeRoin & McNutt, 2012 DeShon et al., 2010 Buurman & West, 2006 Bailey et al., (2006) Coombs et al., 2010 Manley et al., 2021 Power et al., 2010 Zhan et al., 2022
Kilauea (Hawaii, USA)	May 3 rd , 2018	JOKA	Basaltic Shield Volcano Summit Collapse and fissure eruptions	HVO (Hawaiian Volcano Observatory)	Patrick et al., 2020 Neal et al., 2019 Roman et al., 2021

892 **FIGURE CAPTIONS.**

893 **Figure 1.** Schematic workflow illustrating the methodology used to transform the seismic data from the amplitude-
894 time space of seismograms to the temporal matrix space of features.

895 **Figure 2.** Study region locations and maps of the seismic networks for each of the five volcanoes: Mount St.
896 Helens, Bezymianny, Augustine, Kilauea and Mt. Etna. Red triangles denote the main eruptive center, squares
897 represent the used seismic stations and blue square are the seismic stations used to plot the figures of this work. In
898 the map of the Bezymianny volcano we denoted in black triangle and with a letter K the position of the volcano
899 Kliuchevskoy and added the letter B to the main eruptive center of Bezymianny volcano. In Bezymianny map blue
900 square represents the station BZ01 and the green square is the station BELO.

901 **Figure 3.** Temporal variation of Shannon Entropy at station BZ01 of Bezymianny from August 2017 to July 2018.
902 The biggest decay occurred in the instant of the largest volcanic explosion of December, 20th 2017. Additional low
903 Shannon entropy values were observed. Data from the KBGS (Kamchatka Branch Geophysical Survey) institution
904 reported two important explosions at the neighboring Kliuchevskoy volcano (August 2017 and May 2018) marked
905 as a red shadow area. There is a minimum of short duration located on September 2017 associated with a local
906 earthquake of magnitude Mw 4.3 as reported in IRIS institution. The decrease observed in March 2018 is associated
907 to an intense volcanic tremor recorded in the volcanic area triggered by another local earthquake of Mw 4.5
908 (reported in IRIS). In April 2018 an intense volcano-tectonic earthquake swarm was recorded, associated with a set
909 of three minimum values of the Shannon Entropy.

910 **Figure 4.** (Up) Temporal evolution of the Shannon entropy before and after eruptive episode of Bezymianny,
911 December 2017 marked with a vertical red line. Green region indicates a stable decay bigger than the 70%. Decay at
912 the moment of the eruption: 98.3%. (Down) Temporal evolution of the STA/LTA ratio making in red values bigger
913 than 70%.

914 **Figure 5.** Temporal evolution of the Shannon entropy before and after three explosive episodes of Bezymianny in
915 2007, all of them marked with vertical red lines. Green region indicates a decay bigger than the 70%. Decay at the
916 moment of the eruption: 99.5%, 99.5% and 100%.

917 **Figure 6.** Temporal evolution of the Shannon entropy before and after four lava fountain paroxysms of Mt. Etna
918 during November 2013 all of them marked with vertical red lines. Green region indicates a decay bigger than the
919 70%. Decay at the moment of the eruption: 98.4%, 98.9%, 97.4% and 95.1%.

920 **Figure 7.** a) Temporal evolution of the Shannon entropy before and after the October 1st, 2004, eruptive episode of
921 Mount St. Helens marked with the vertical red line. Blank spaces in the graph represent data gaps; the vertical red
922 line denote the time of the eruption. b) Temporal evolution of the Shannon entropy before and after the January
923 11th, 2006, eruption of Augustine. The two main explosions are marked with vertical red lines. c) Temporal
924 evolution of energy (blue line) and Shannon entropy (orange line) at Kilauea from April 29 to May 7, 2018. The
925 solid black line marks the caldera collapse and the dashed line marks a local Mw 6.9 earthquake. The solid red line

926 denotes the start of the eruptive episode. Green region indicates a decay bigger than the 70%. Decay at the moment
927 of the eruption in Mount St. Helens and Augustine: 100% and 96.8%. Kilauea: induced by summit collapse (99.1%),
928 first fissure (80.7%) and earthquake (98.0%).

929 **Figure 8.** Cumulative number of volcano tectonic (VT) earthquakes (orange line) and the temporal evolution of
930 kurtosis (blue line) at station BZ01 of Bezymianny prior to the explosion of December 20st, 2017 marked with the
931 vertical red line. Green region indicates a decay of the Shannon Entropy larger than the 70%.

932 **Figure 9.** (Upper figure) Comparison between the temporal evolution of the logarithm of the energy (orange line)
933 and the temporal evolution of Frequency Index (blue line) at station EBEM of Mt. Etna prior to the lava fountain of
934 November 23rd, 2013, marked with the vertical red line. Green region indicates decay of the Shannon Entropy
935 bigger than the 70% of the average value until the starting of the eruption. (Lower figure) seismogram and
936 spectrogram of the volcanic tremor associated to the lava fountain eruption.

937 **Figure 10.** Temporal evolution of energy, kurtosis, and frequency index prior to the eruption of Mount St. Helens,
938 October 2004, marked with the vertical red line. Green region indicates a decay bigger than the 70%.

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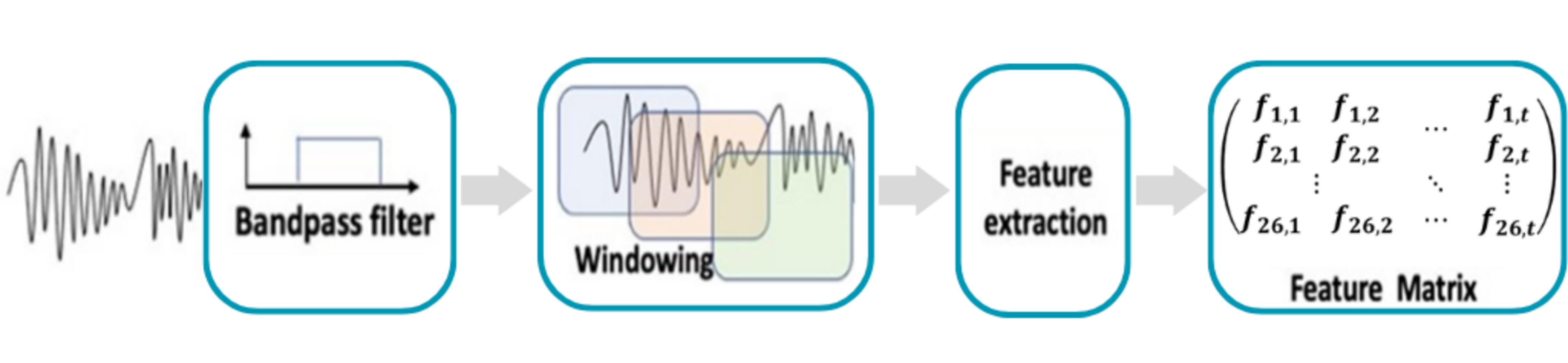


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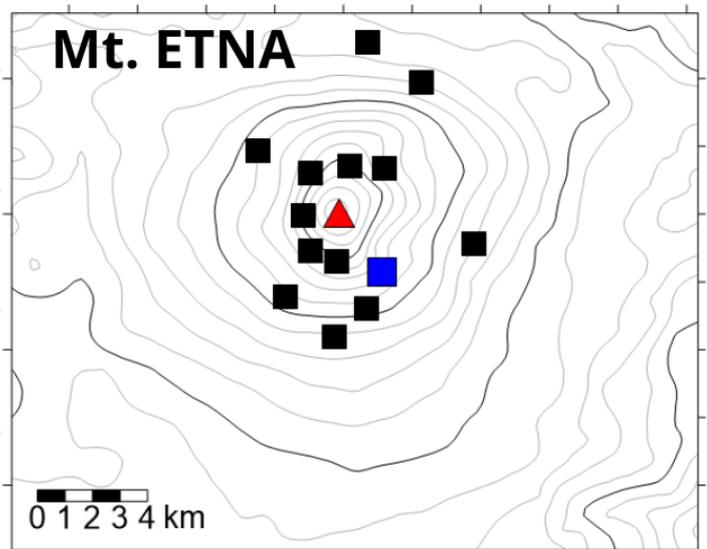
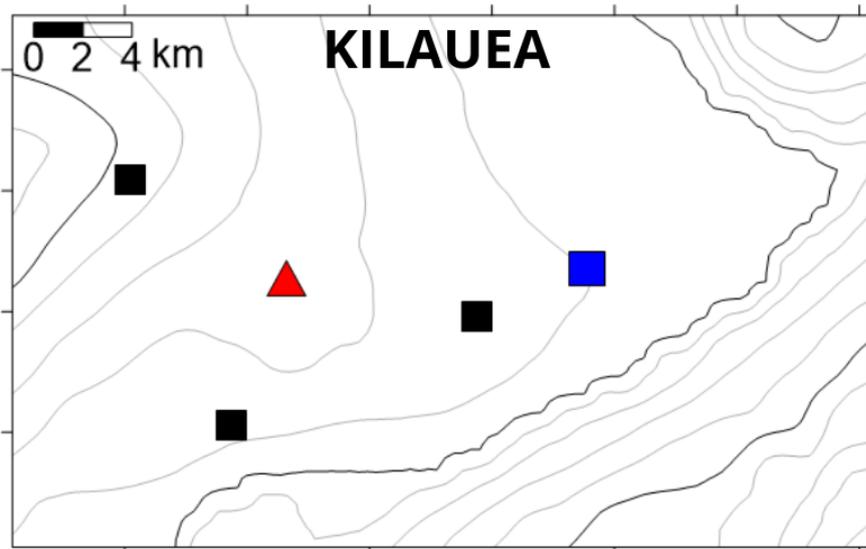
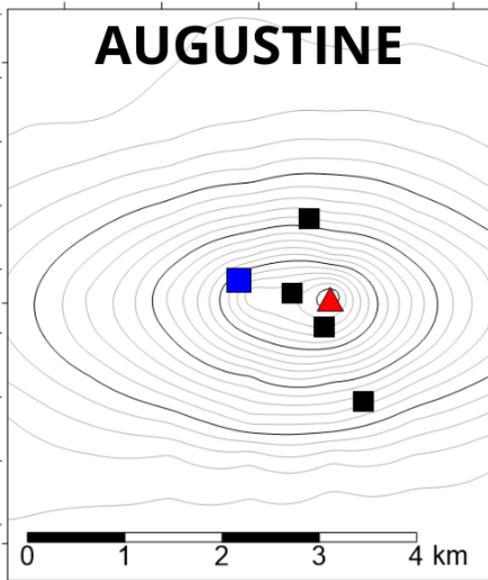
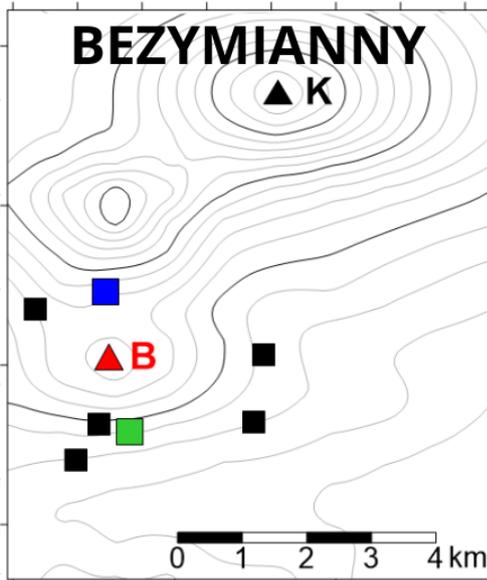
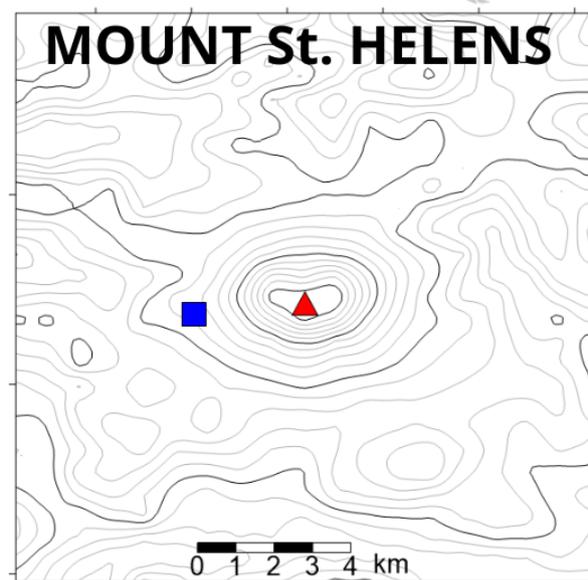
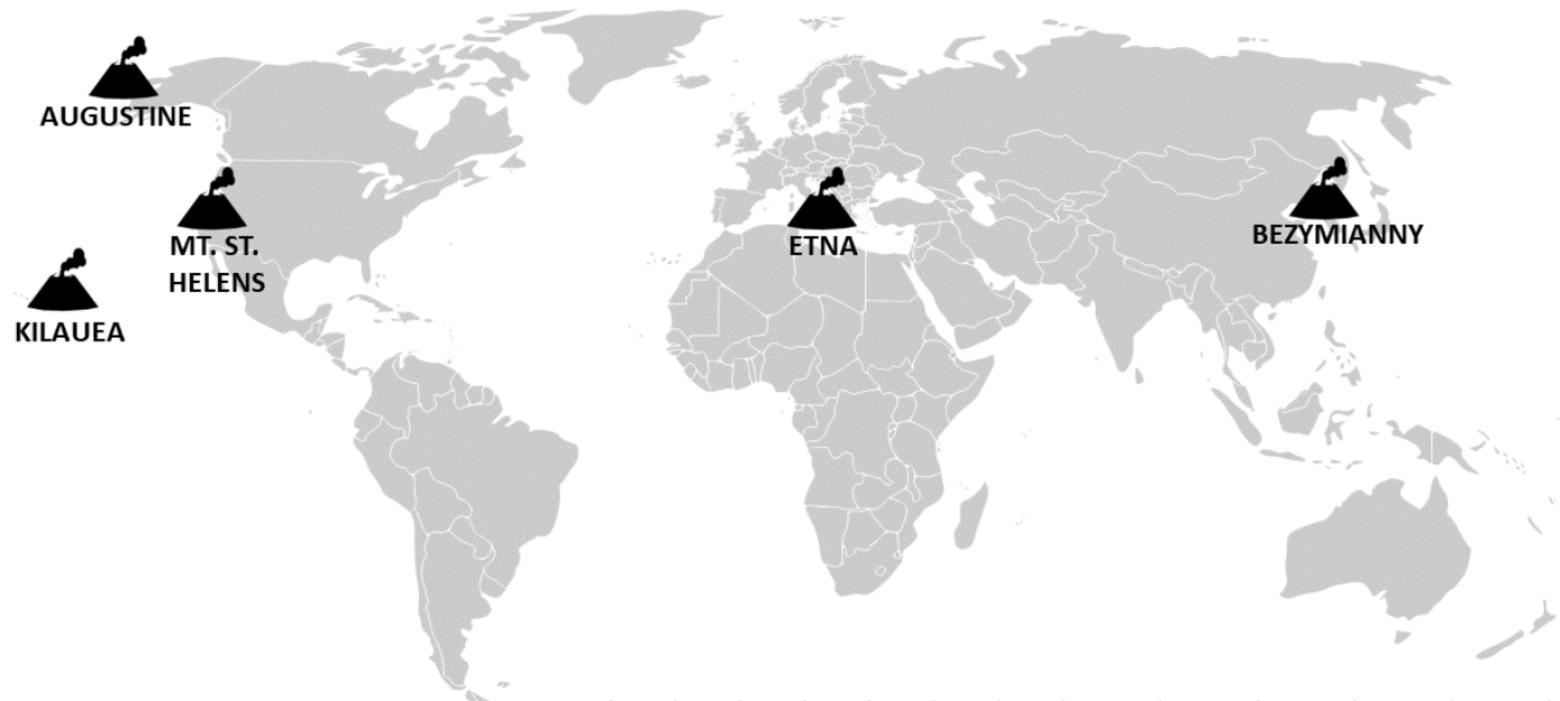


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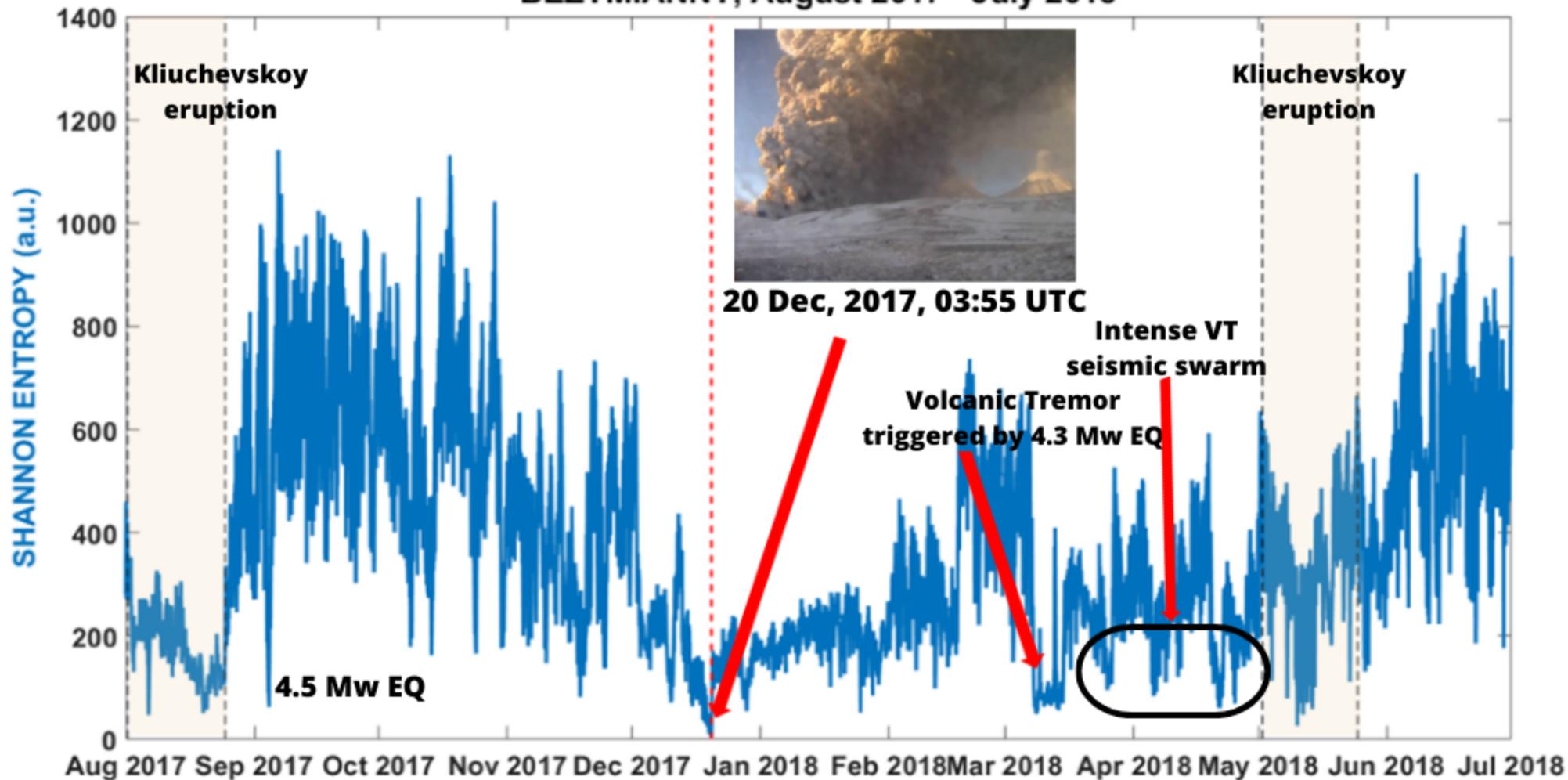


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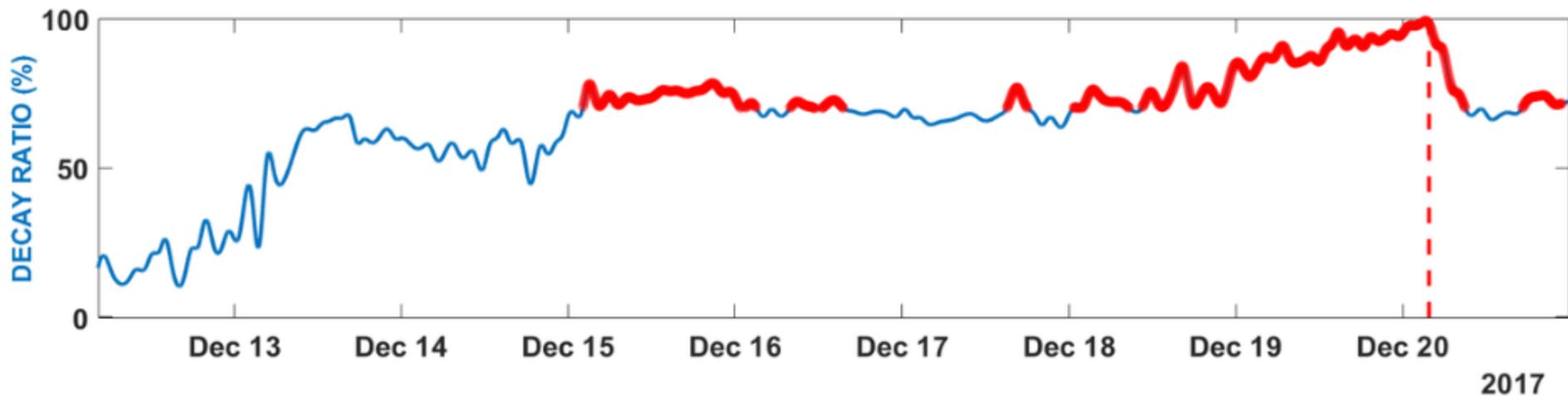
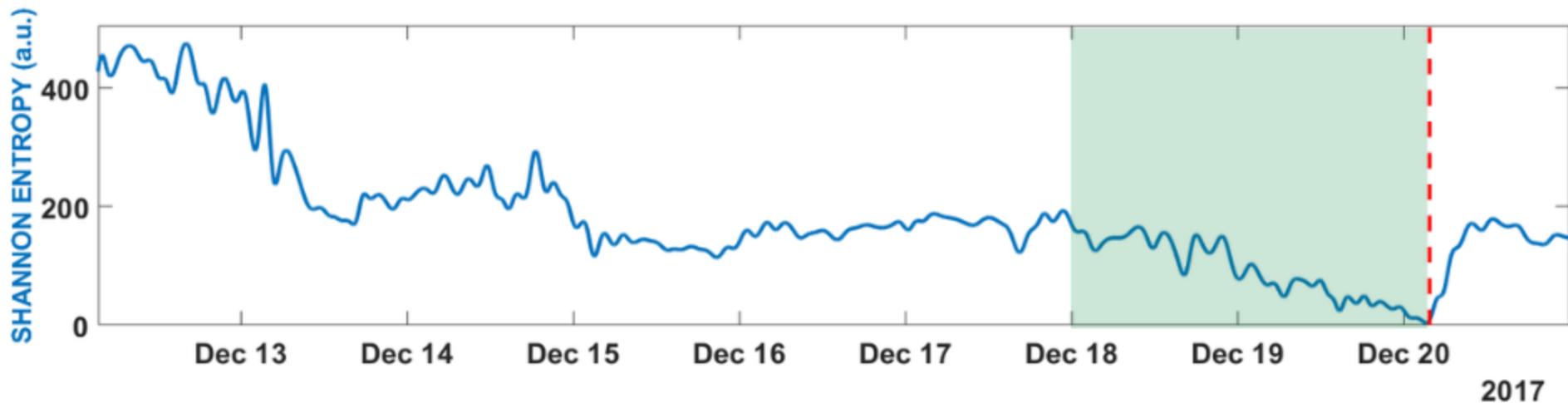


Figure5.

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SHANNON ENTROPY (a.u.)

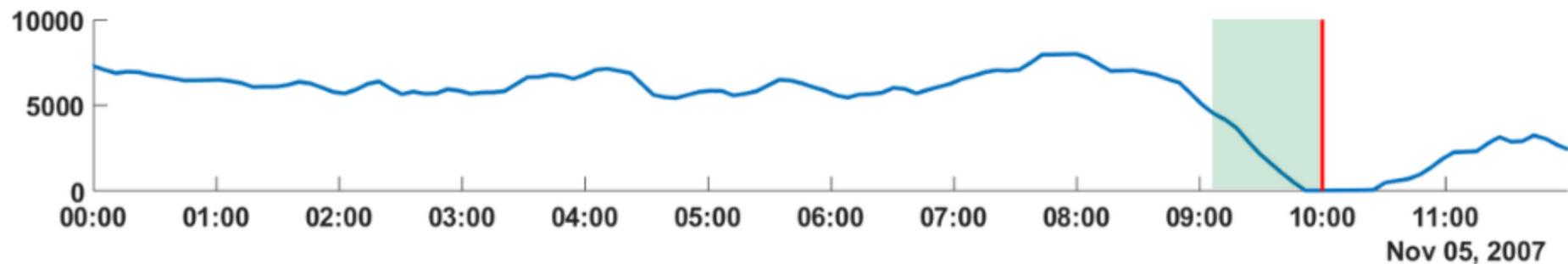
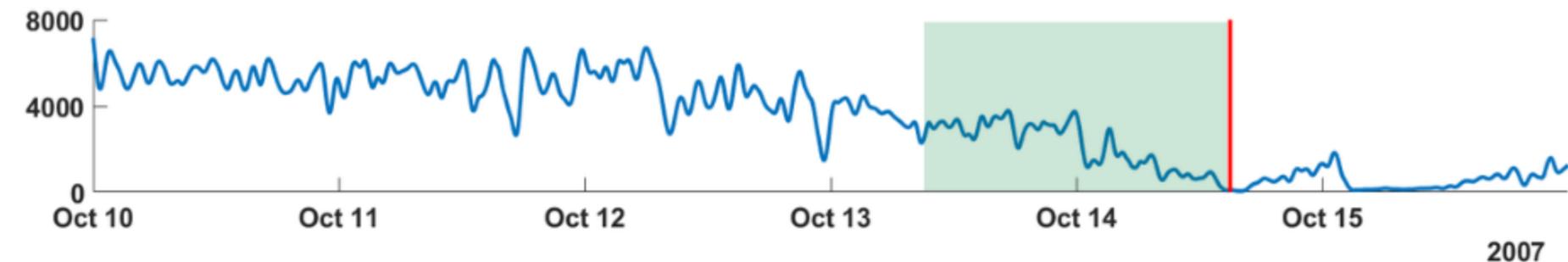
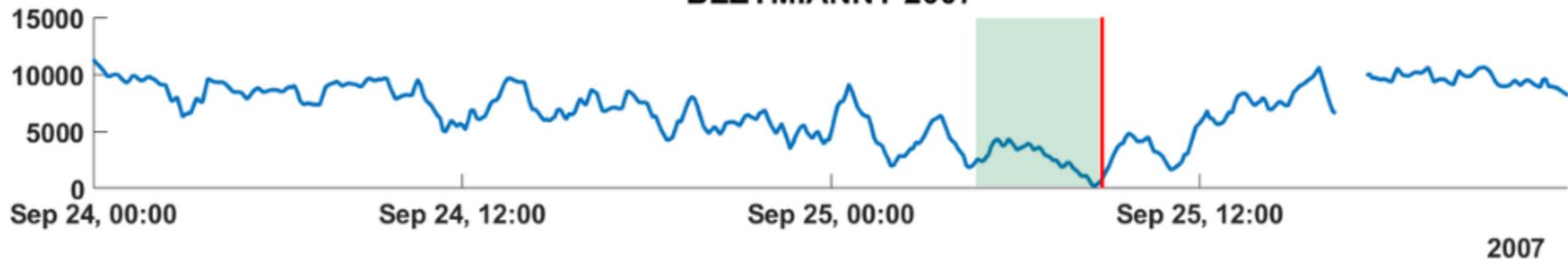
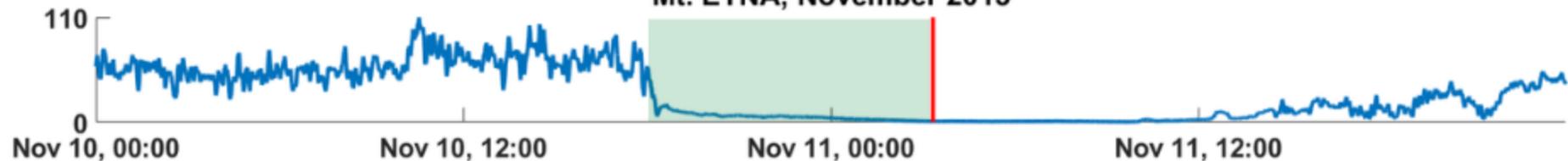


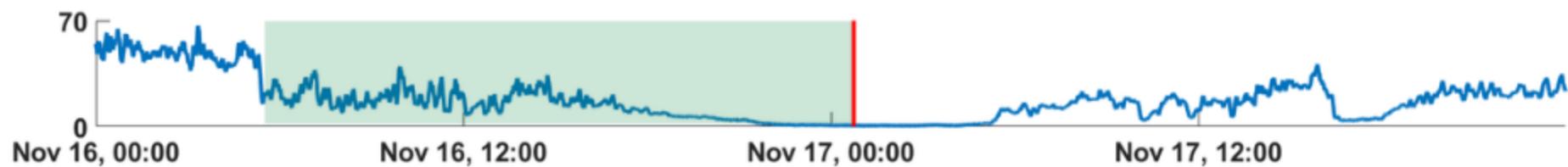
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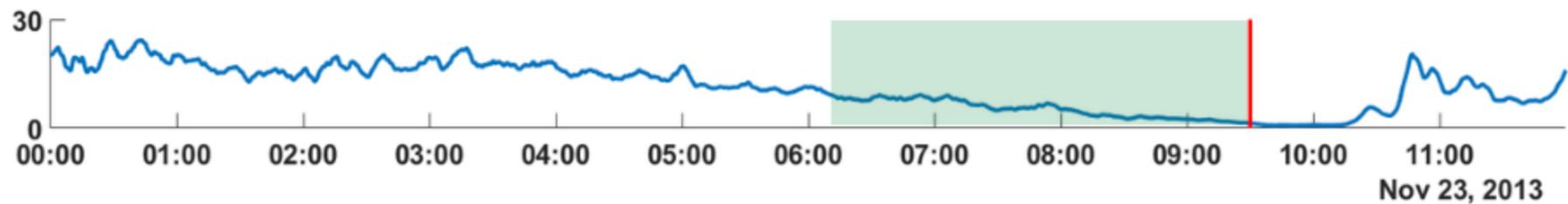
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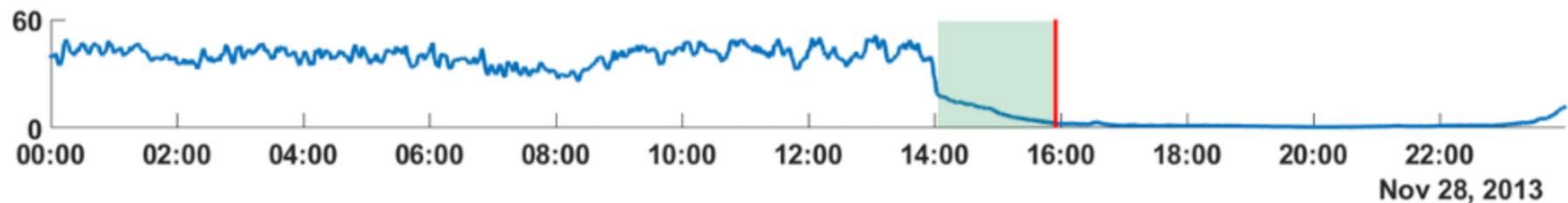
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Figure7.

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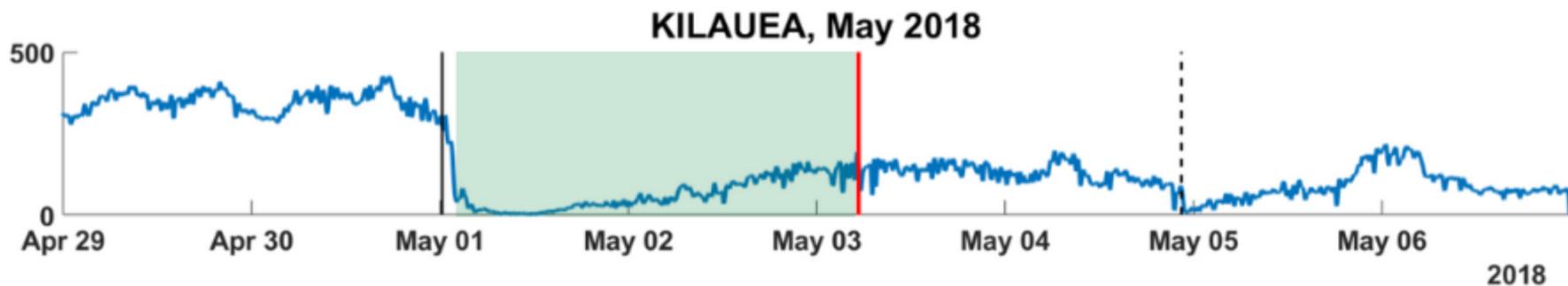
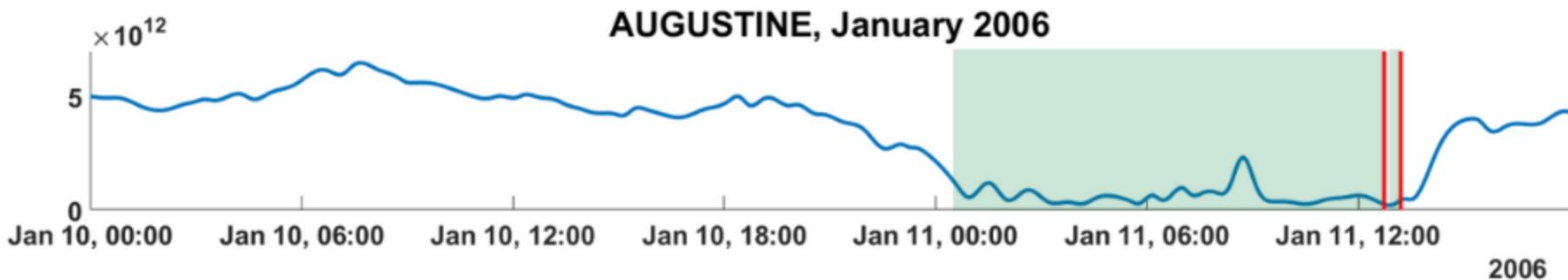
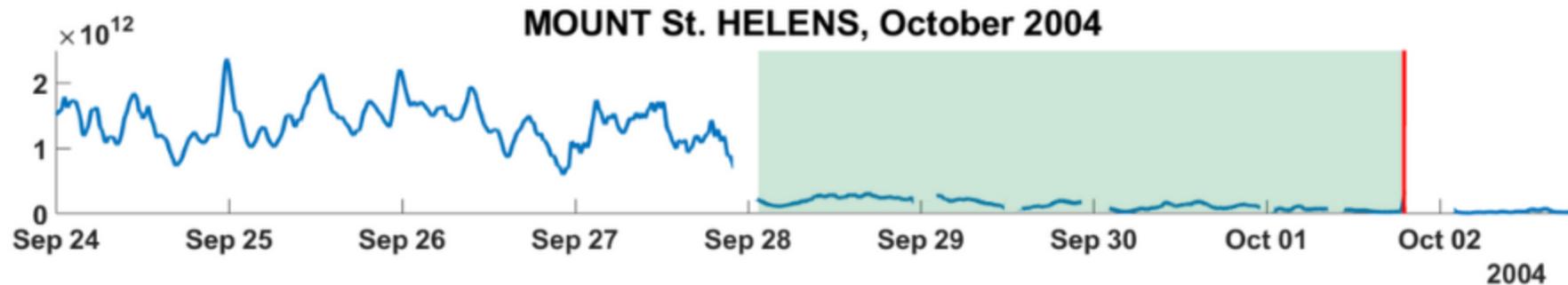


Figure8.

VT events vs Kurtosis, Bezymianny, December 2017 (1-16 Hz)

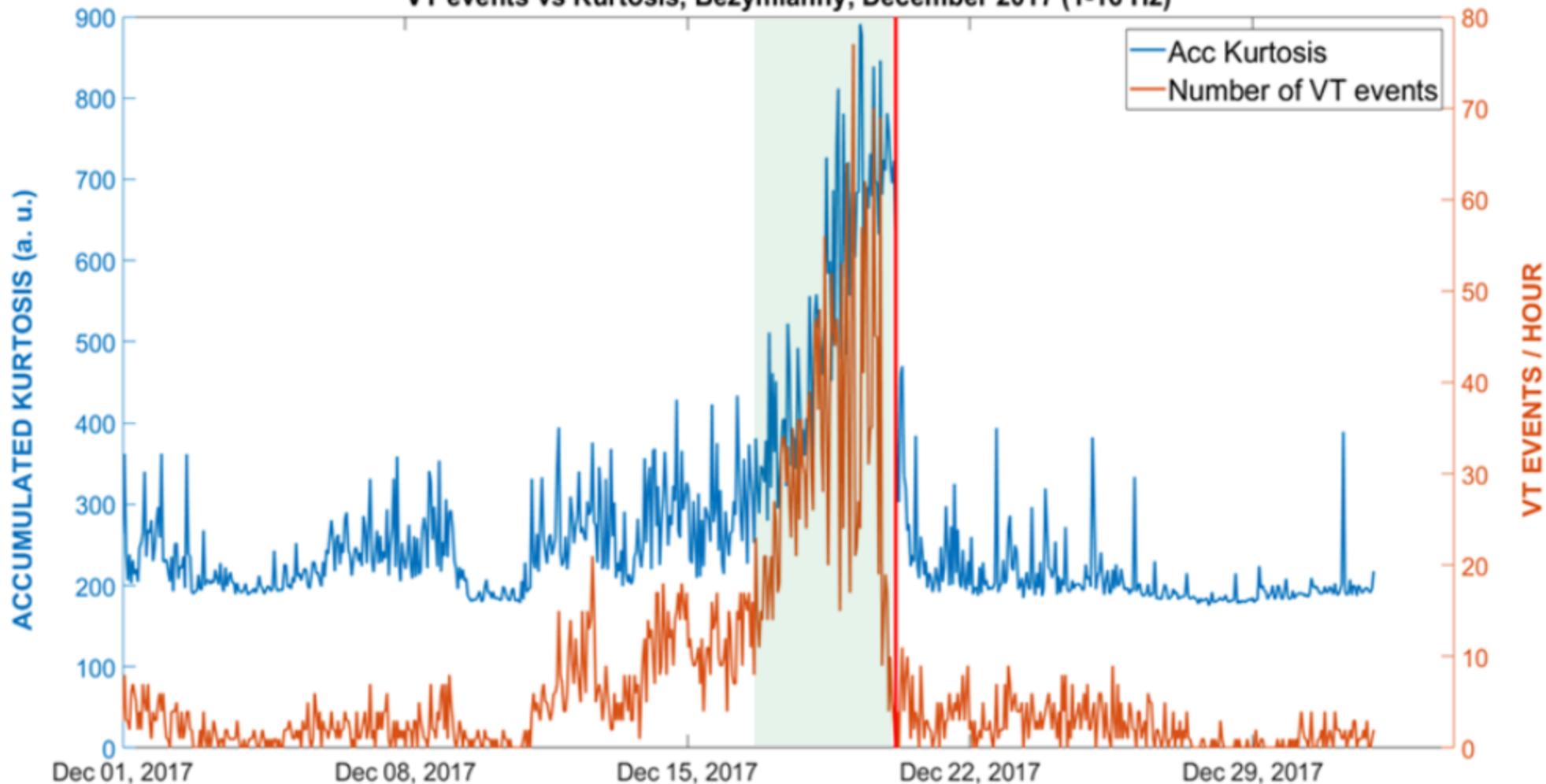


Figure9.

FREQUENCY INDEX VS LOG ENERGY (Mt. Etna, November 11th 2013)

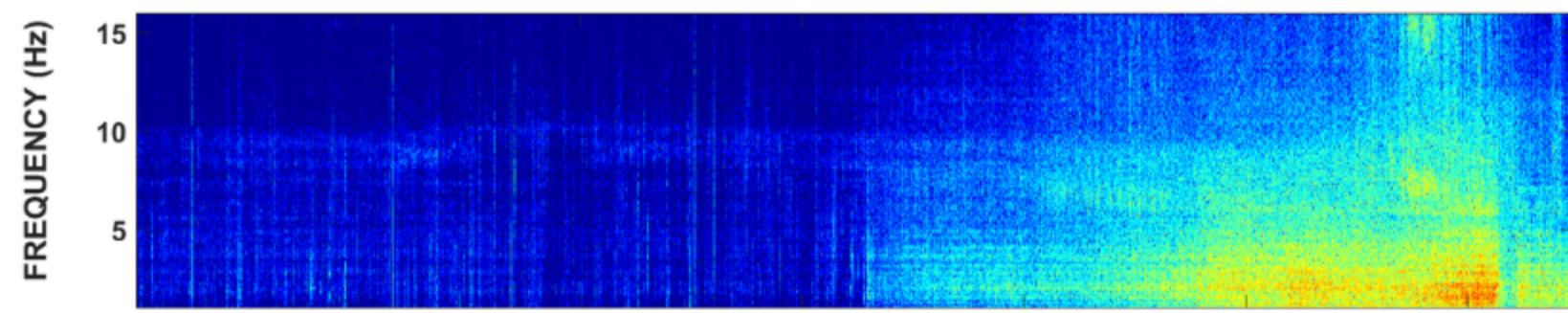
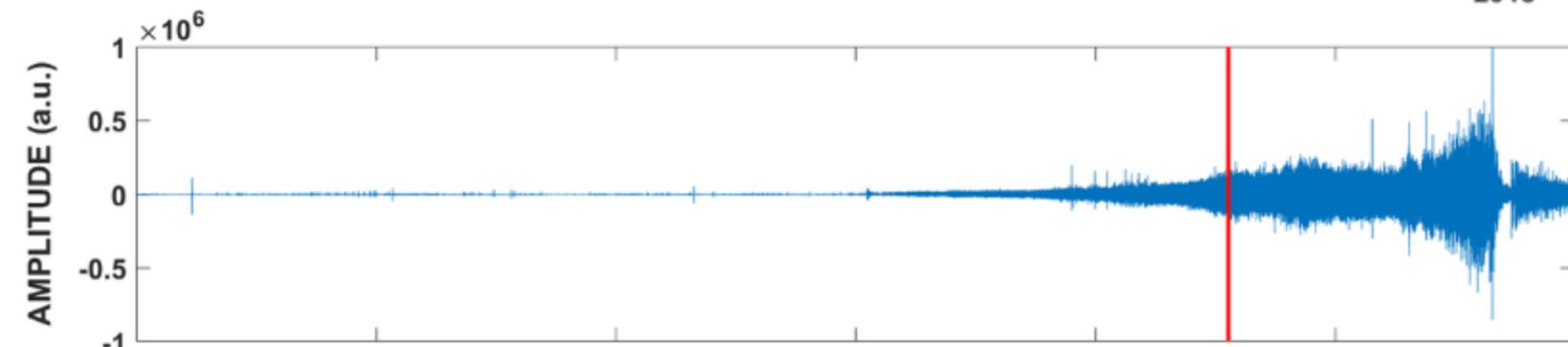


Figure10.

MOUNT St. HELENS, October 2004

