



# Machine Learning in Volcanology

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# Volcanoes deliver messages from depth

Tree not to scale... 

Kola Superdeep Borehole SG-3: 12.2 km

From magma source to the surface



La Palma, October 2021

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Our documents

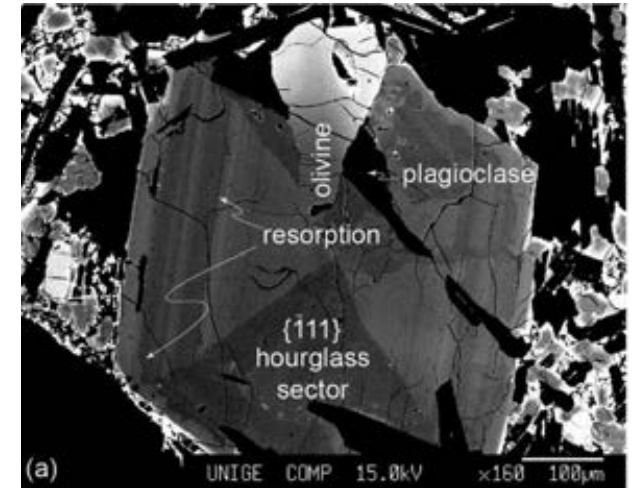


1.5 cm



# How do we extract data?

Clinopyroxene crystal



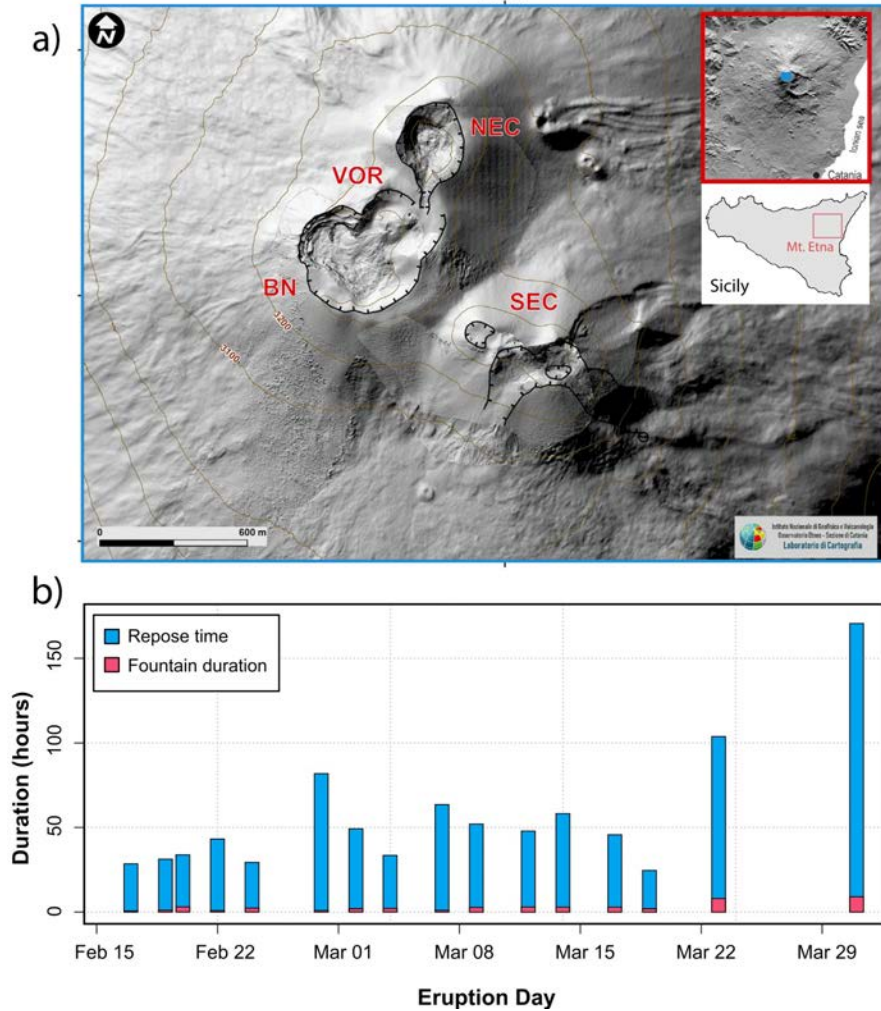
Spatial resolution  $\sim 1\mu\text{m}$  😊

Analytical error  $\pm 1\%$  relative 😊

Expensive 😞

X	No.	SiO <sub>2</sub> .cpx	CaO.cpx	Na <sub>2</sub> O.cpx	MnO.cpx	FeO.cpx	MgO.cpx	NiO.cpx	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> .cpx	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> .cpx	TiO <sub>2</sub> .cpx	Total
1	151	49.76	23.51	0.4522	0.1000	6.50	14.34	0.0047	4.75	0.0890	1.9600	101.4658
2	152	49.21	23.09	0.4246	0.1397	7.12	14.22	0.0335	4.88	0.1537	2.2600	101.5315
3	153	47.69	23.26	0.7886	0.2158	7.98	12.48	0.0362	6.98	0.0342	2.6100	102.0748
4	154	47.79	23.08	0.6346	0.1374	7.26	13.27	0.0000	6.80	0.0192	2.6500	101.6412
5	155	48.63	23.00	0.6070	0.1066	7.16	13.70	0.0262	6.07	0.0372	2.2700	101.6069
6	156	48.09	23.33	0.5556	0.1019	7.18	13.57	0.0103	6.27	0.0561	2.4200	101.5838
7	157	48.79	23.48	0.5368	0.1417	6.98	13.87	0.0359	5.36	0.0744	2.2000	101.4688
8	158	45.61	23.20	0.6397	0.1649	7.45	12.28	0.0040	8.04	0.0386	3.2500	100.6771
9	159	49.65	23.51	0.4950	0.1363	6.83	14.42	0.0201	4.59	0.1330	1.9700	101.7544
10	160	48.55	23.15	0.5490	0.1398	7.12	13.93	0.0154	5.41	0.0872	2.3400	101.2914
11	161	47.02	23.30	0.8615	0.1989	8.50	11.78	0.0208	7.17	0.0572	2.7200	101.6283
12	162	47.31	23.19	0.9840	0.2026	8.94	11.66	0.0248	6.47	0.0355	2.4400	101.2569
13	163	48.15	23.42	0.7273	0.1397	7.19	13.10	0.0000	6.18	0.0537	2.5200	101.4807
14	164	48.29	23.49	0.6686	0.1460	7.12	13.56	0.0000	5.98	0.0276	2.5100	101.7922
15	165	49.58	23.62	0.5460	0.1387	6.44	14.21	0.0074	4.95	0.0877	2.1000	101.6797
16	166	47.80	23.71	0.5732	0.1224	7.12	13.26	0.0272	6.16	0.0516	2.7100	101.5343
17	167	47.85	23.63	0.6599	0.1344	7.54	13.09	0.0007	6.36	0.0090	2.4900	101.7639
18	168	49.13	23.46	0.6192	0.1500	6.84	14.10	0.0000	5.22	0.0487	2.0500	101.6179
19	169	45.45	22.96	0.5827	0.1079	7.69	12.66	0.0560	8.02	0.2962	3.4300	101.2528
20	170	46.25	23.03	1.1695	0.2966	10.61	10.32	0.0000	7.25	0.0231	2.6100	101.5592
21	171	45.76	22.99	1.0753	0.3462	10.60	10.20	0.0003	7.42	0.0068	2.8000	101.1985
22	172	44.77	23.19	1.0207	0.3026	10.34	10.34	0.0101	8.14	0.0000	3.1700	101.2833
23	173	46.84	22.94	1.1271	0.3400	11.20	10.44	0.0157	6.33	0.0000	2.0700	101.3027
24	174	45.93	23.01	1.1093	0.3453	10.49	10.50	0.0060	7.54	0.0056	2.7400	101.6761

# Unsupervised learning



Alessandro Musu

Bulletin of Volcanology (2023) 85:33  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00445-023-01643-2>

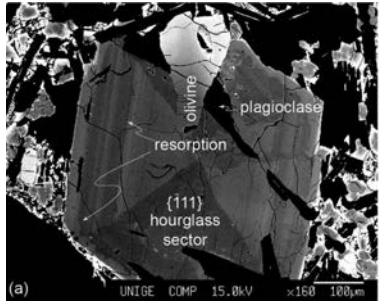
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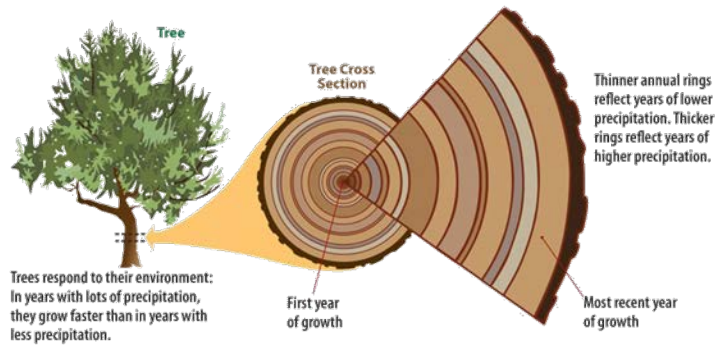
The magmatic evolution of South-East Crater (Mt. Etna) during the February–April 2021 sequence of lava fountains from a mineral chemistry perspective

Alessandro Musu<sup>1</sup> · Rosa Anna Corsaro<sup>2</sup> · Oliver Higgins<sup>3</sup> · Corin Jorgenson<sup>1</sup> · Maurizio Petrelli<sup>4</sup> · Luca Caricchi<sup>1</sup>

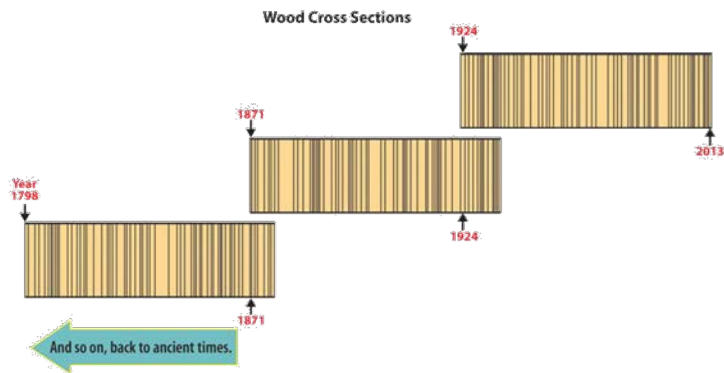




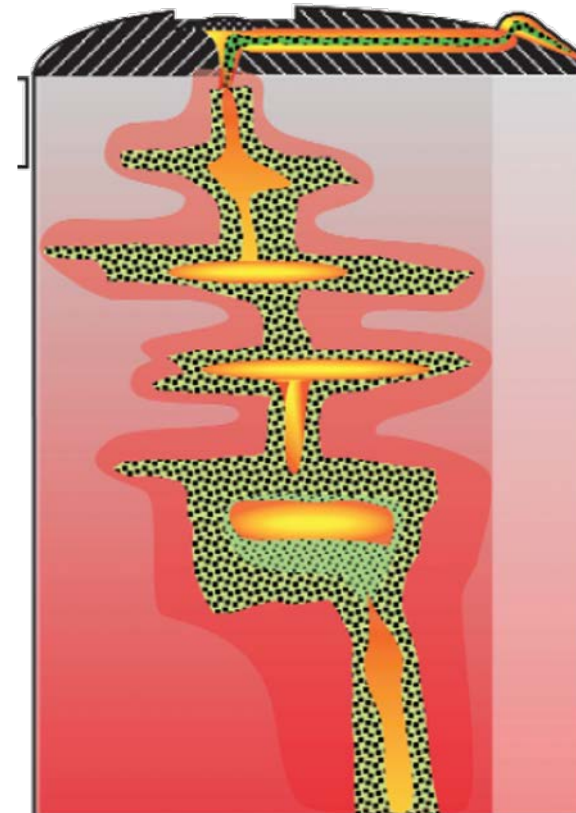
Crystals are similar to trees...but not really



Scientists build tree-ring chronologies by starting with living trees and then finding progressively older specimens—including archaeological wood—whose outer rings overlap with the inner rings of more-recent specimens.



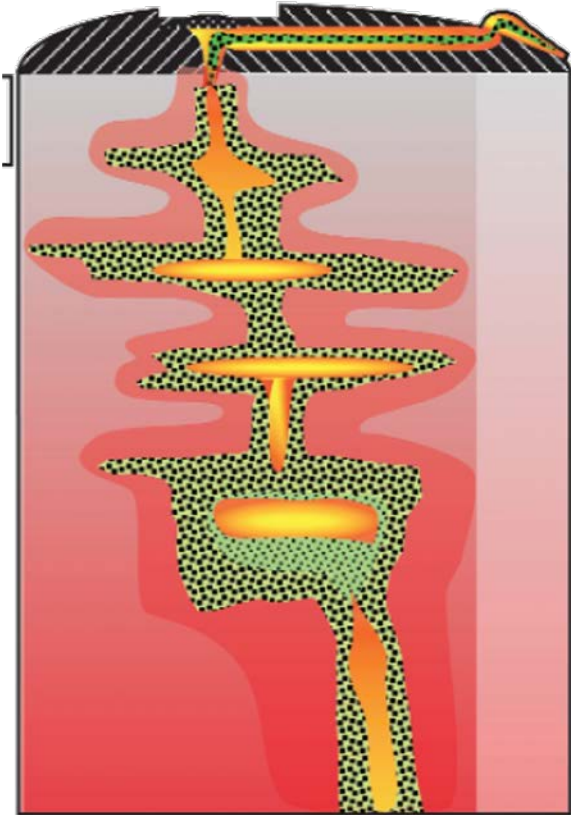
## Magmatic Mush Column



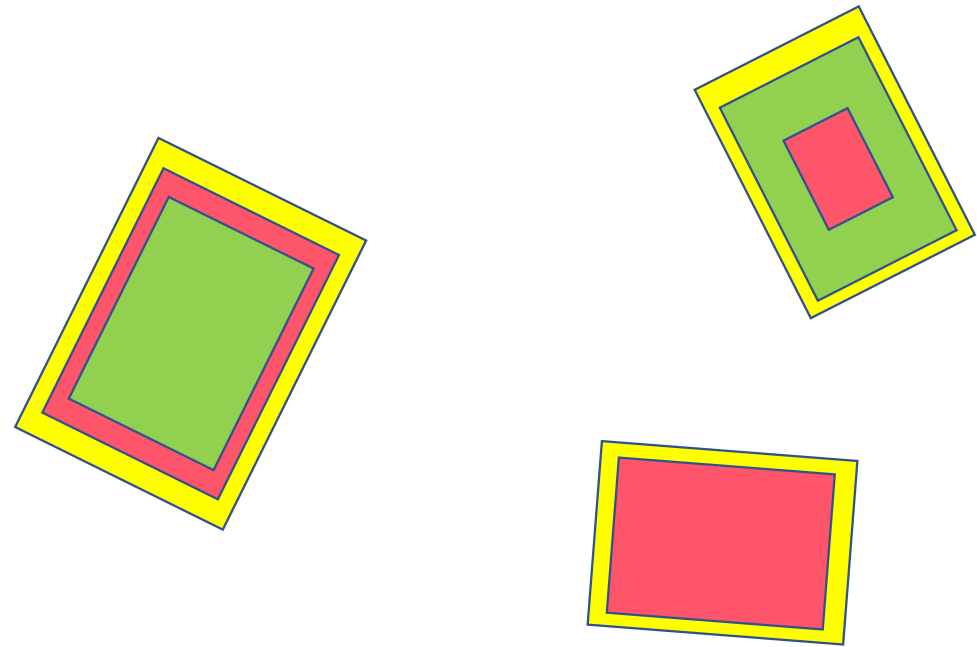
Marsh, 2004, EOS

# Pros and Cons

Magmatic Mush Column



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1. Each crystal is unique (i.e. might experience a different evolution of the conditions of growth over time) 😞
2. Crystals provide representative samples of the distribution of intensive parameters within volcanic plumbing systems 😊

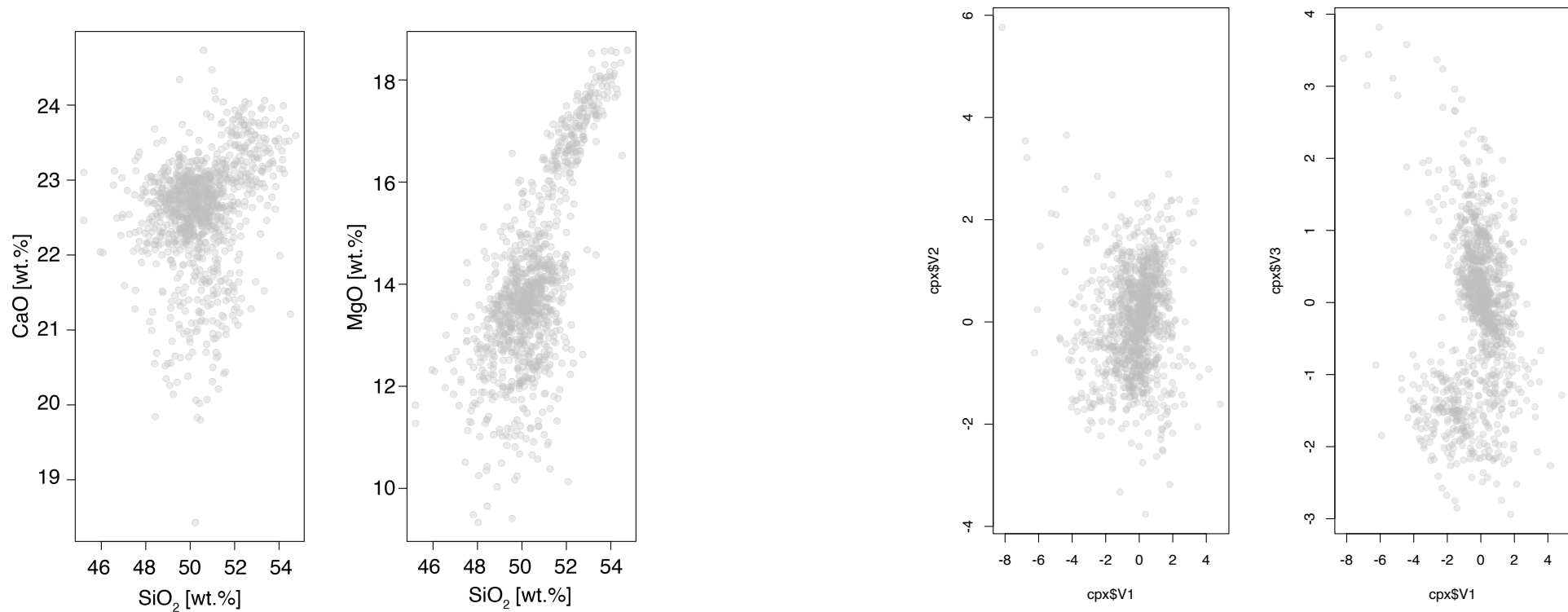


# Transformation: isometric log ratio

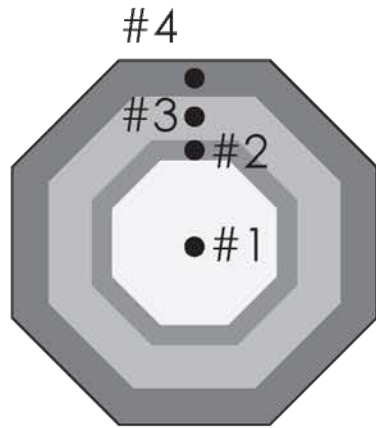
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Geochemical analyses are "closed datasets", as their total should be always 100 wt.%

- This implies that the variables (e.g.  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  etc...) are NOT independent



# Normalization and clustering

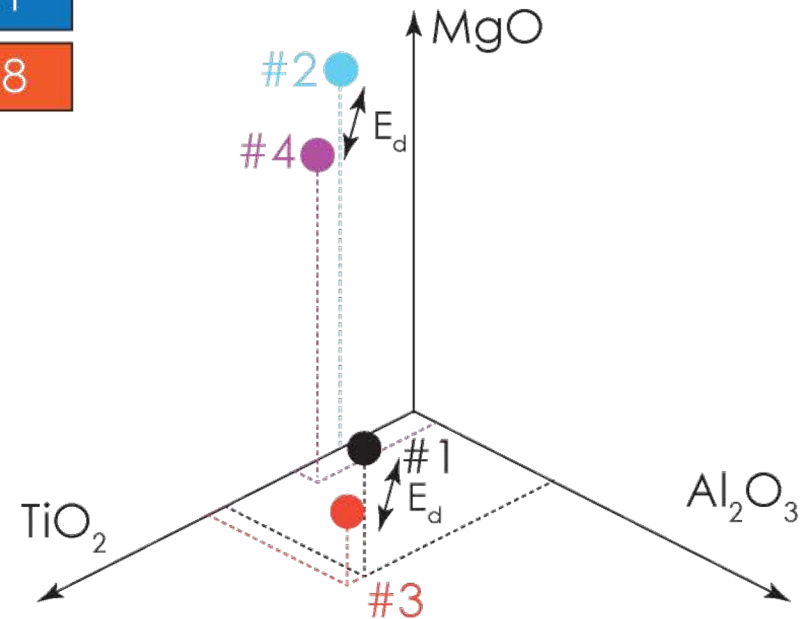


spot analysis	TiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MgO
#1	0.9	0.6	0.3
#2	0.3	0	1
#3	1	0.6	0.1
#4	0.6	0.1	0.8

Euclidean distance ( $E_d$ )

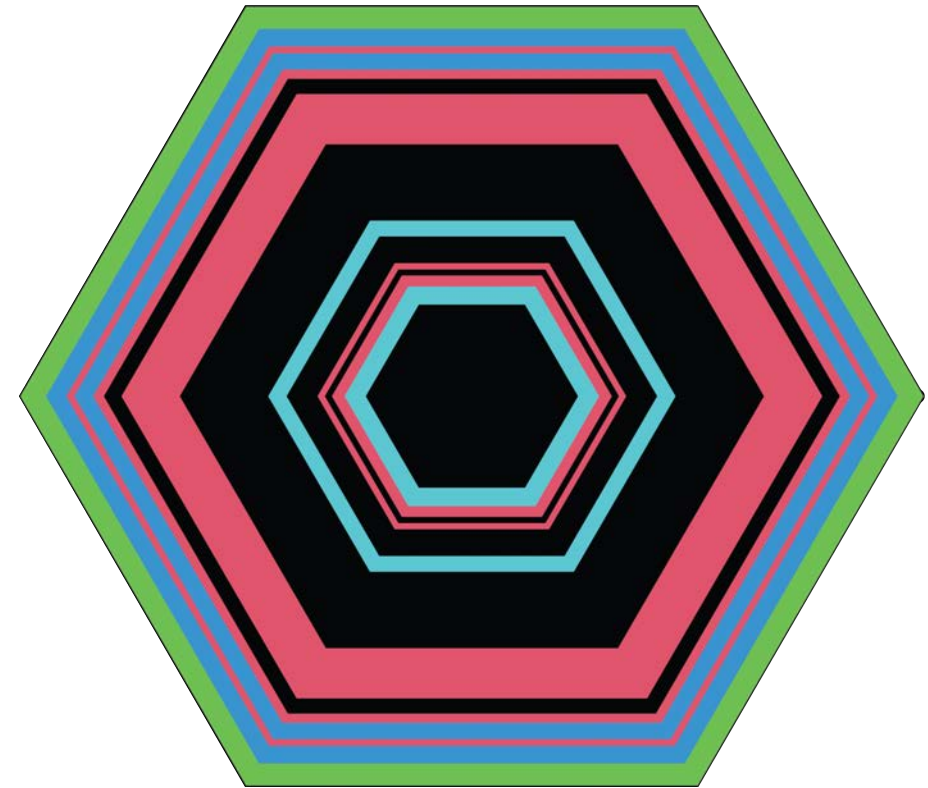
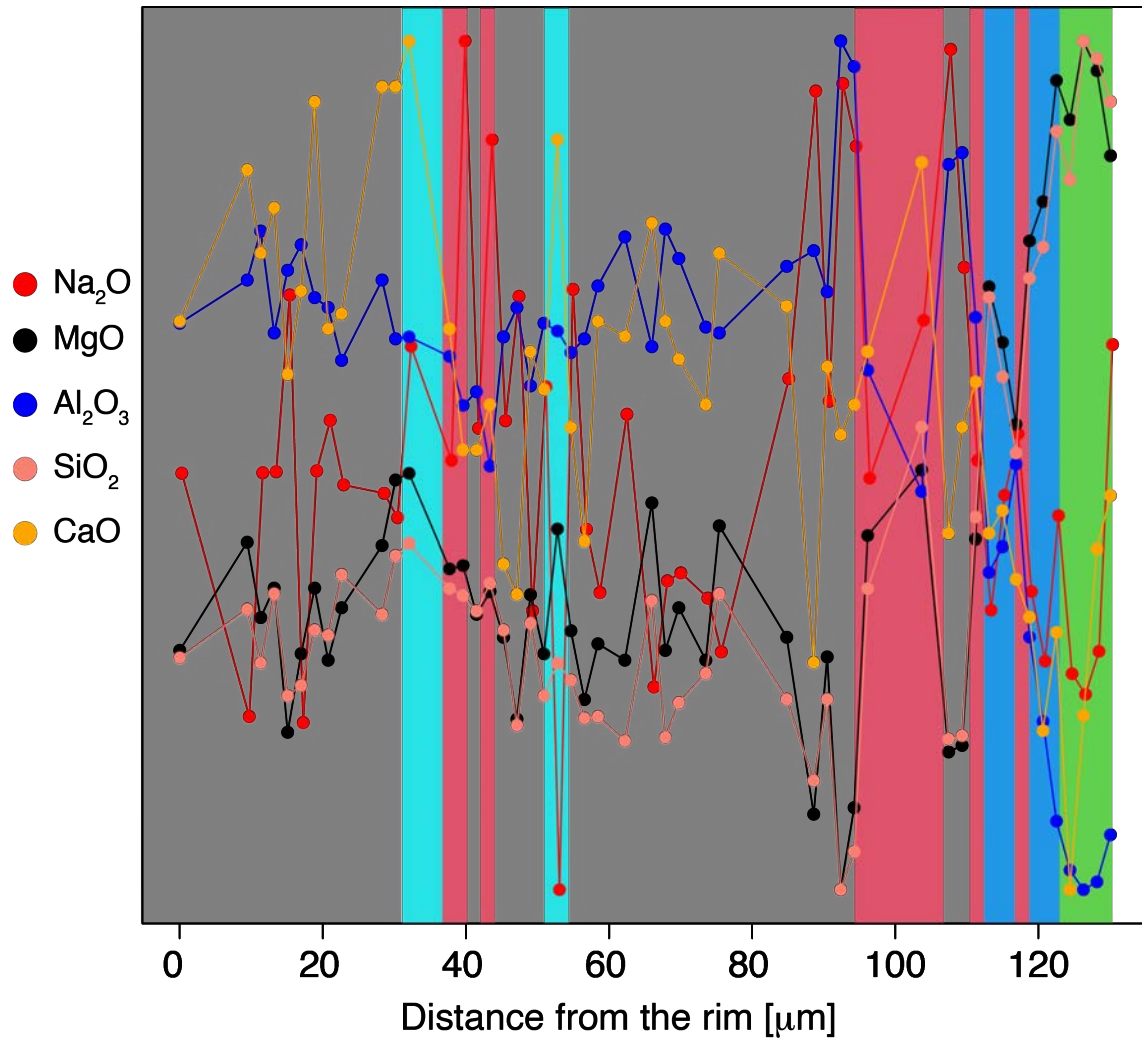
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$$E_d^{\#1/\#2} = \sqrt{(0.9-0.3)^2 + (0.6-0)^2 + (0.3-1)^2}$$

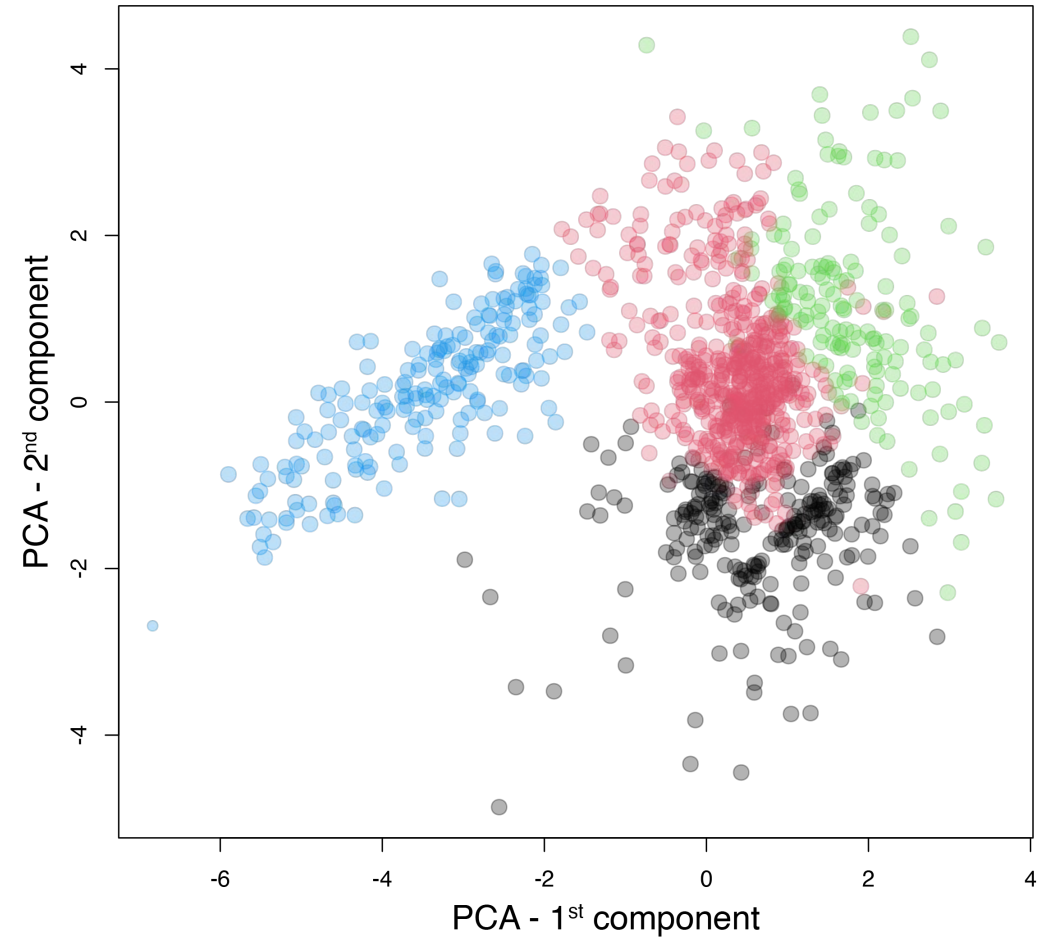
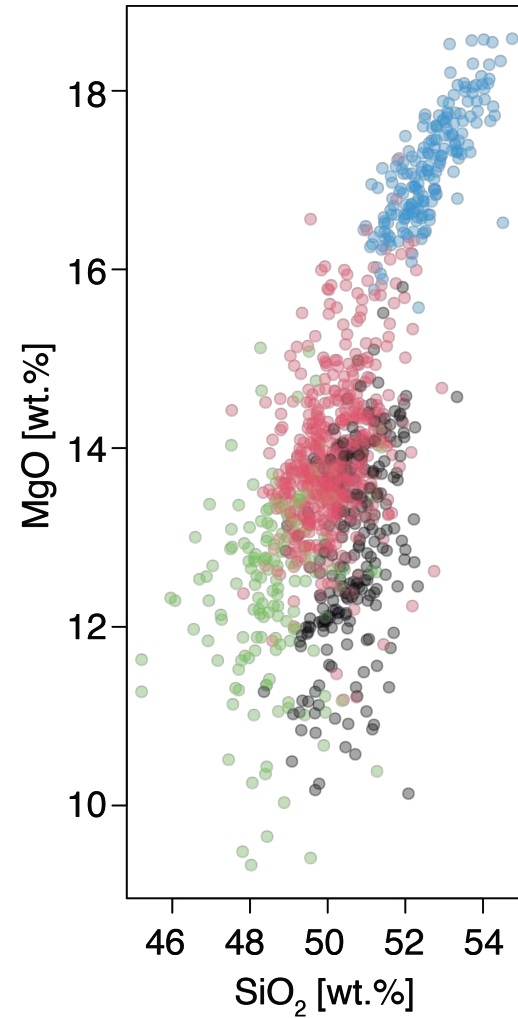
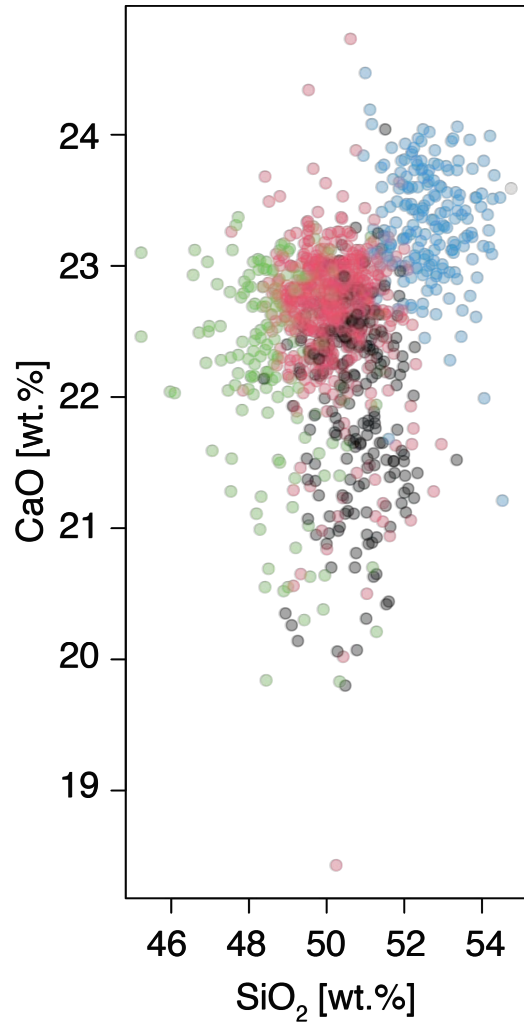




# Dimensionality reduction: a code bar for minerals



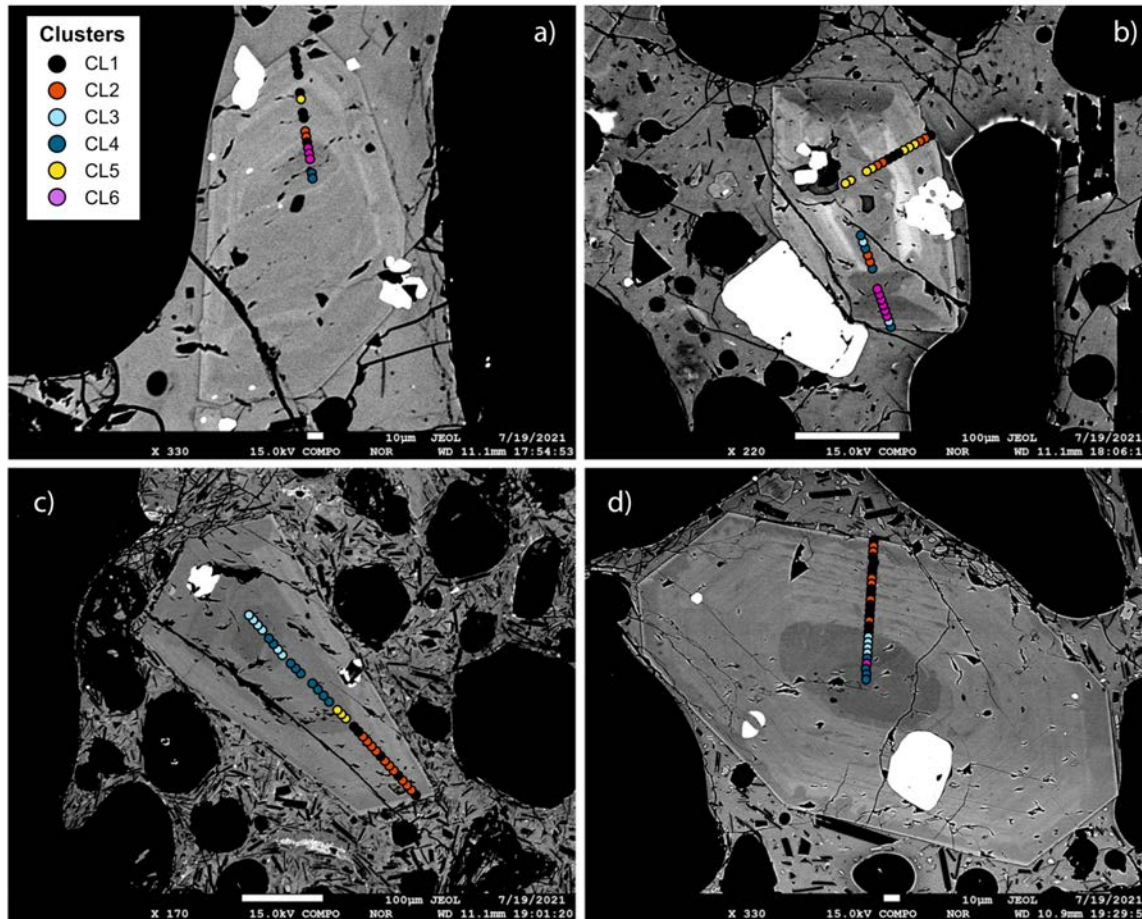
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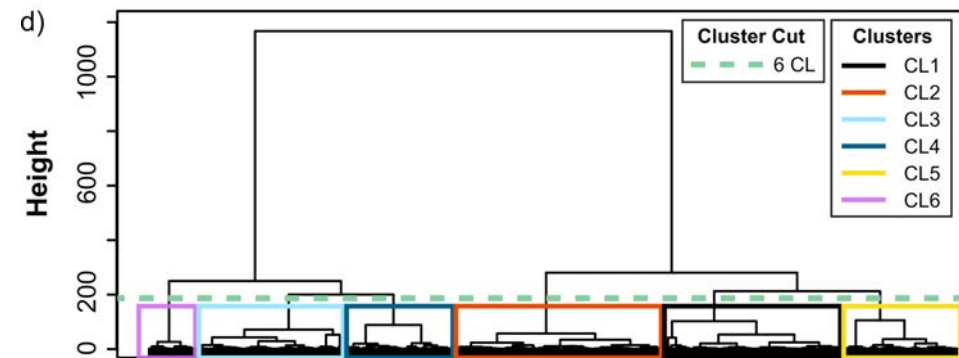


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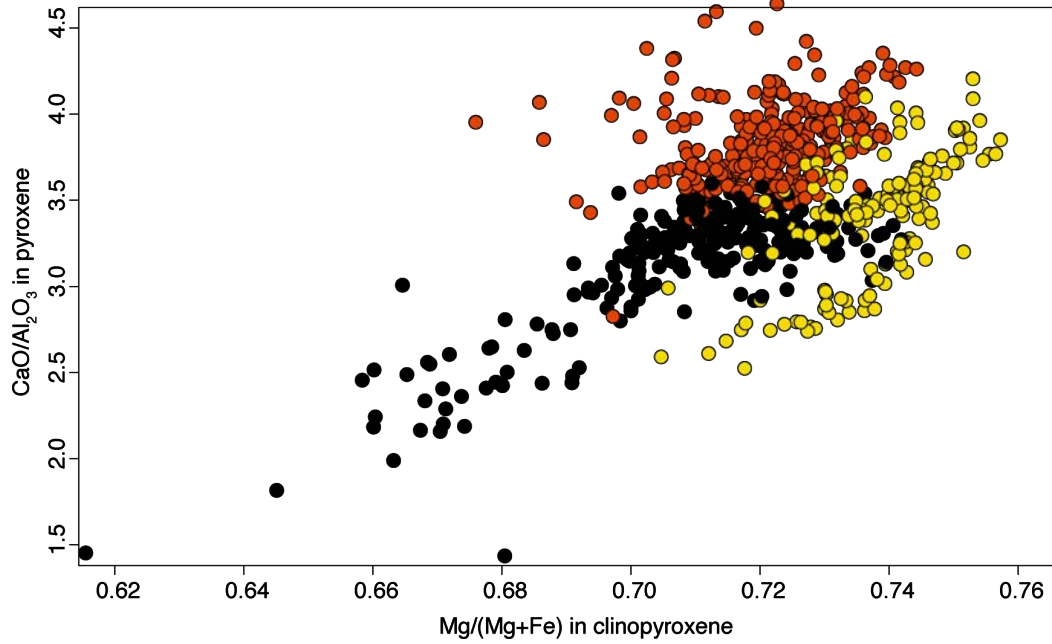
Textural check



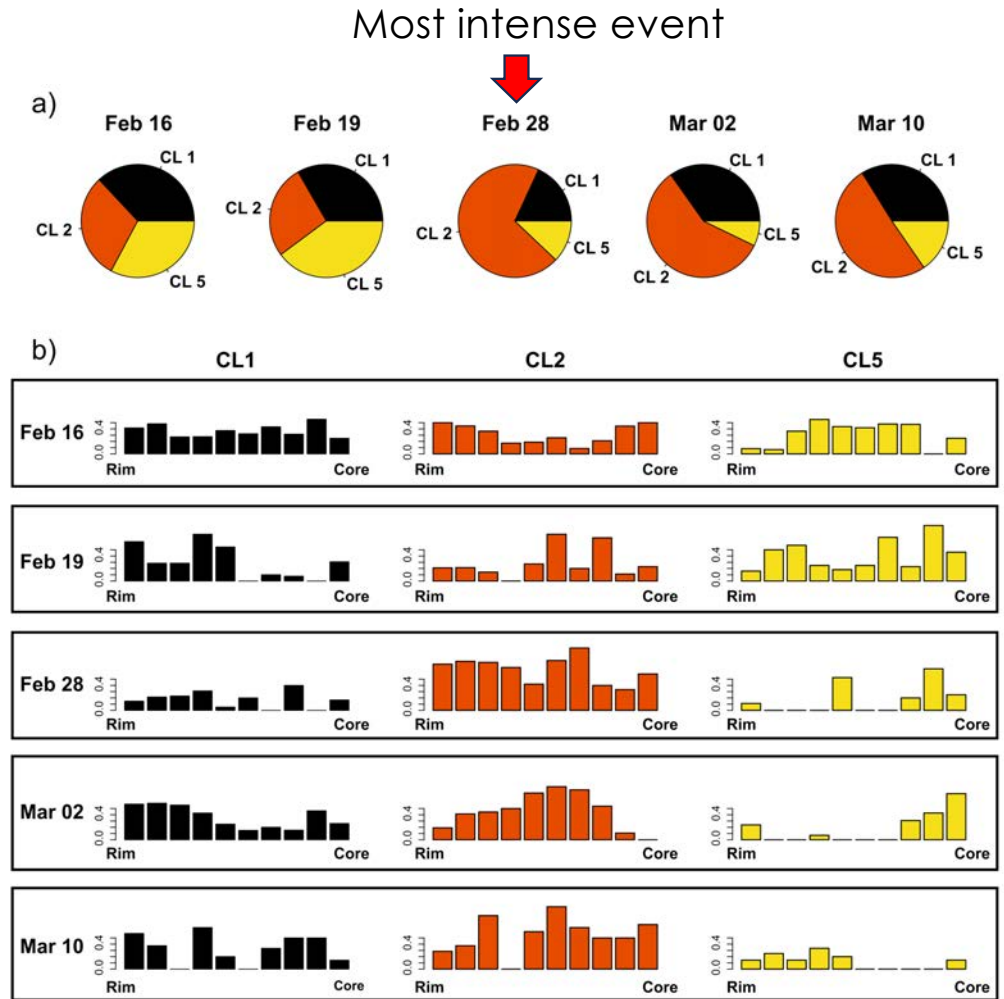
Dendrograms



# Application to Mt Etna

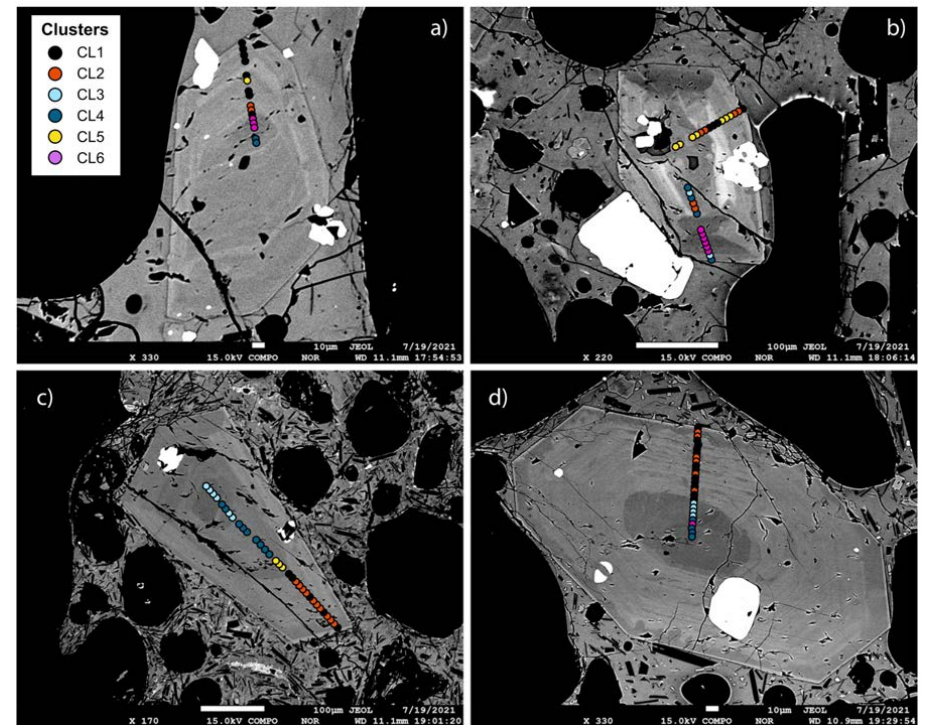
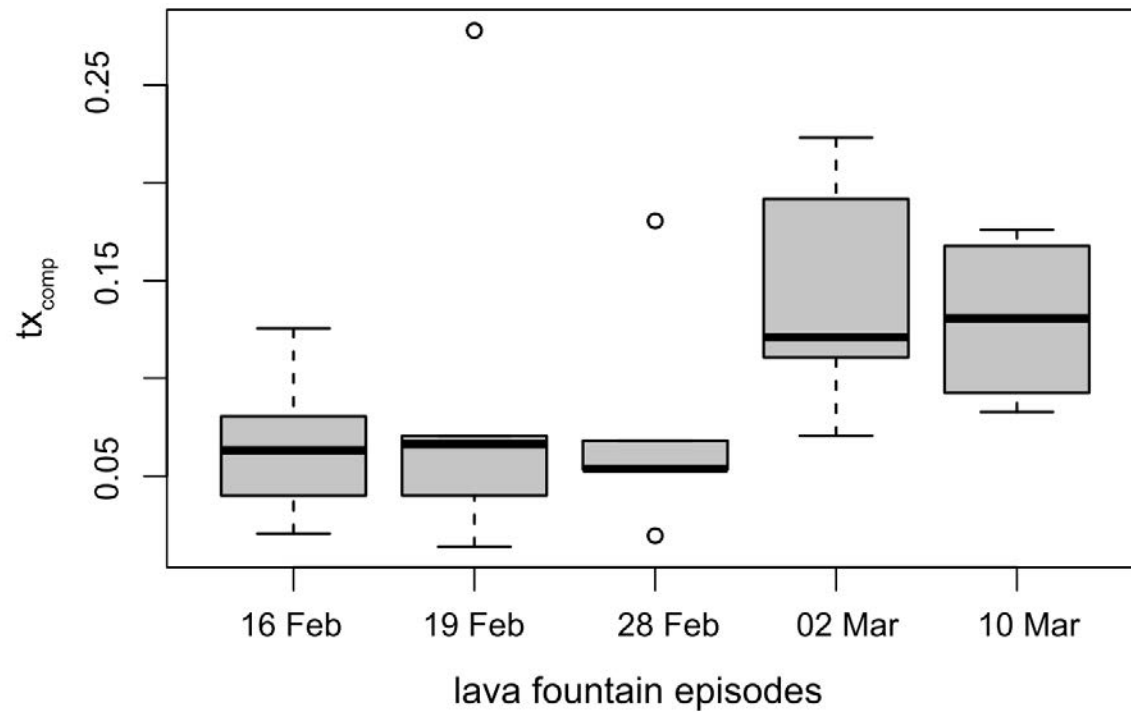


Musu et al., 2023; Bull. Volc.

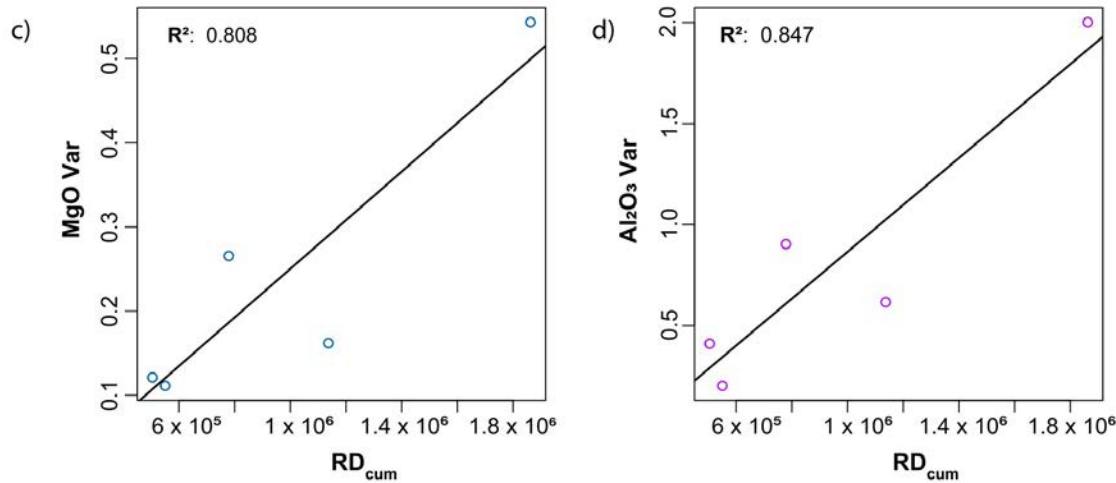
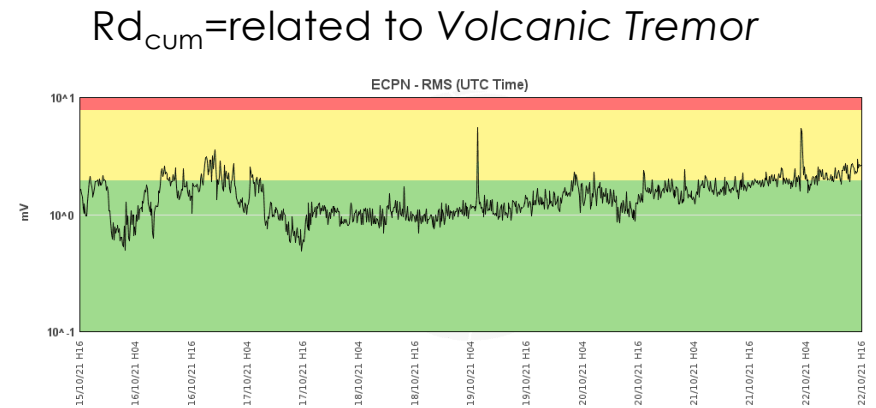
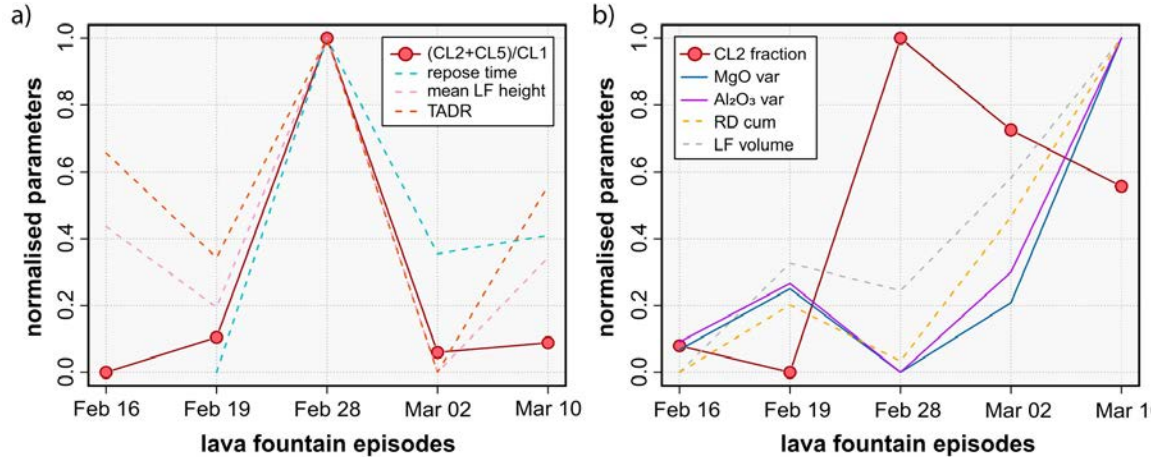




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$LF_{volume}$  = Volume Lava fountain

TADR = Time Averaged Discharge Rate

**Most intense event release:**

1. The less chemically evolved crystals
2. The most texturally homogeneous and similar crystals

**NEXT to address:**

- Can we anticipate particularly intense eruptive events?
- Can we forecast the end of eruptions?

# Supervised Learning: Thermobarometry and chemometry



Oliver Higgins

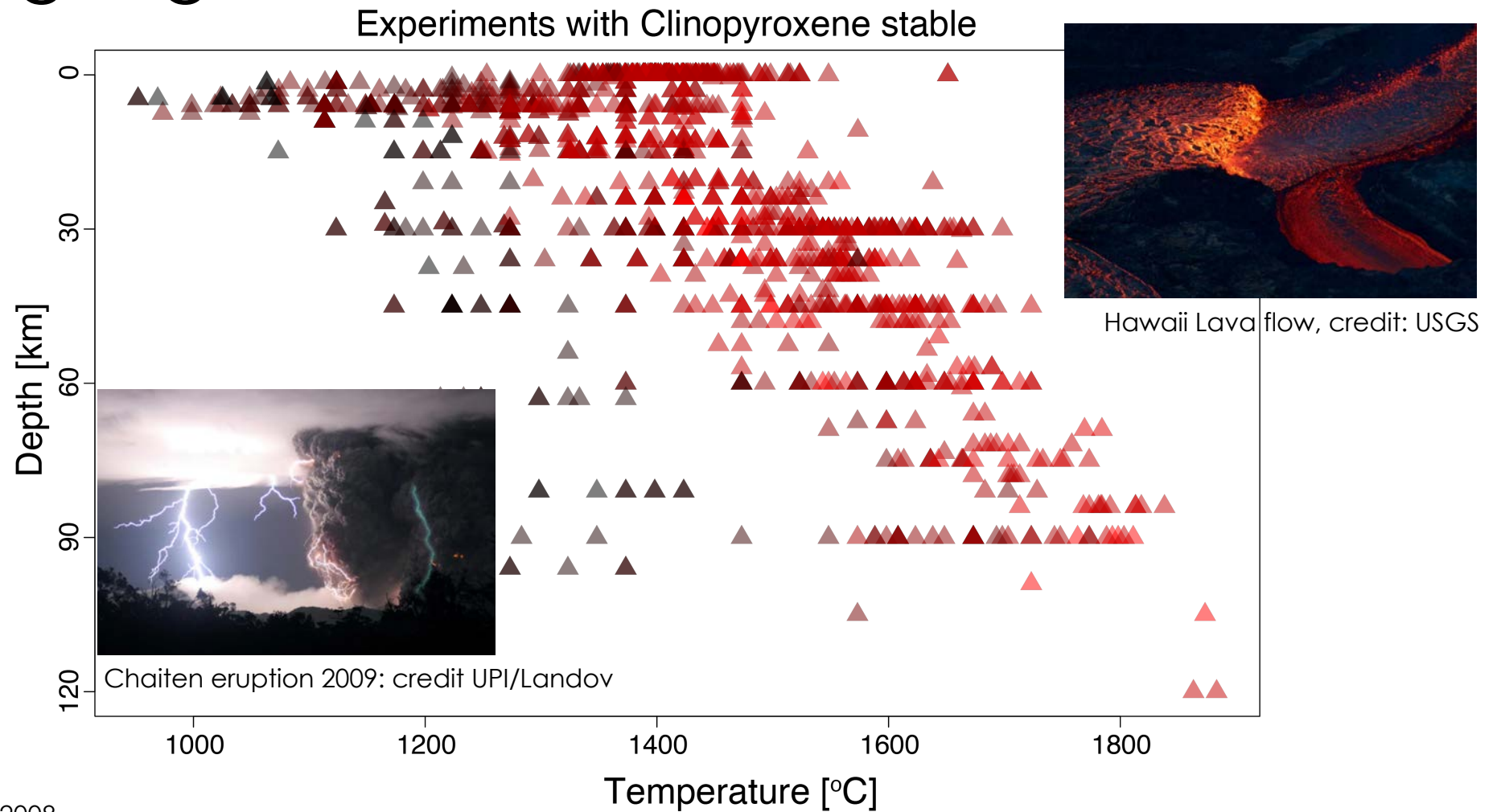


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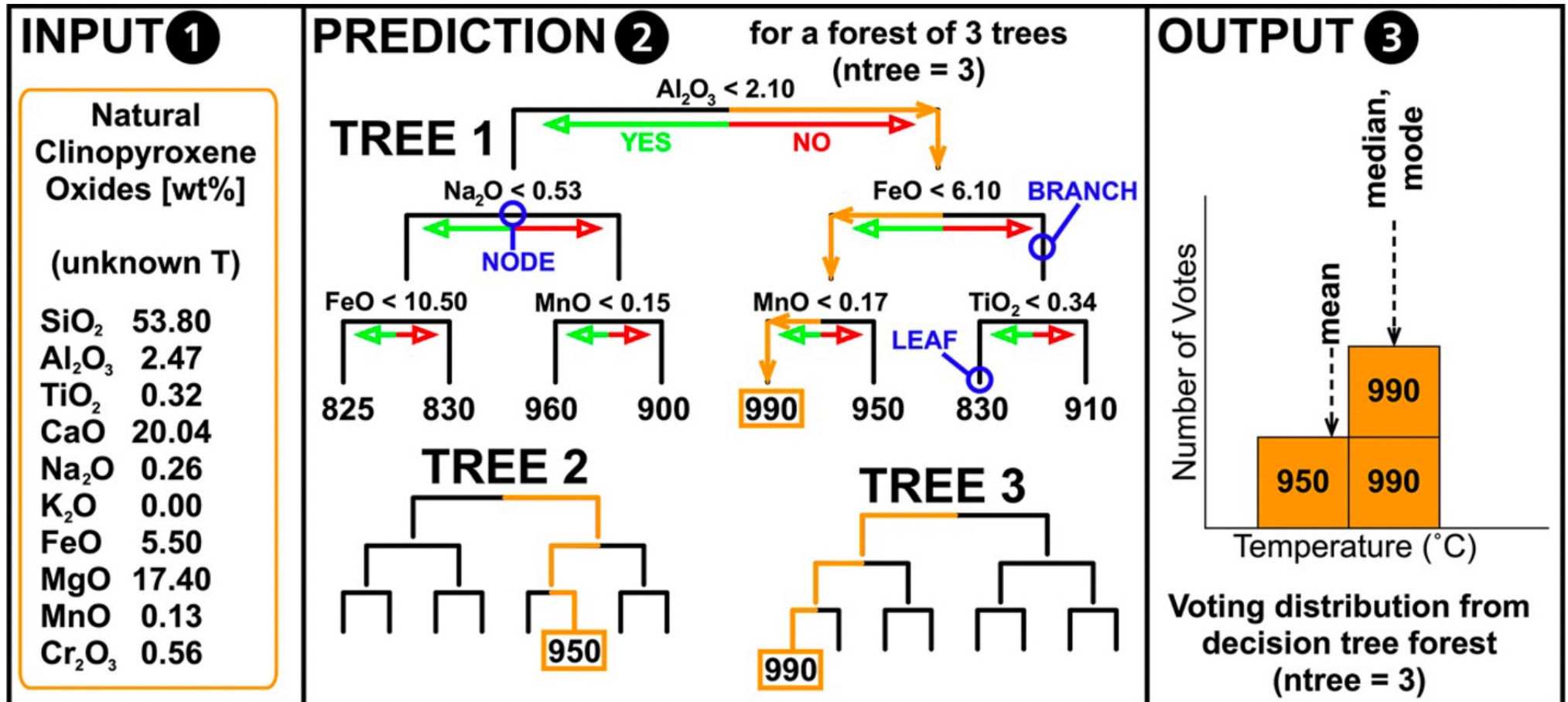
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Agreda-Lopez et al., submitted ; Computer and Geosciences



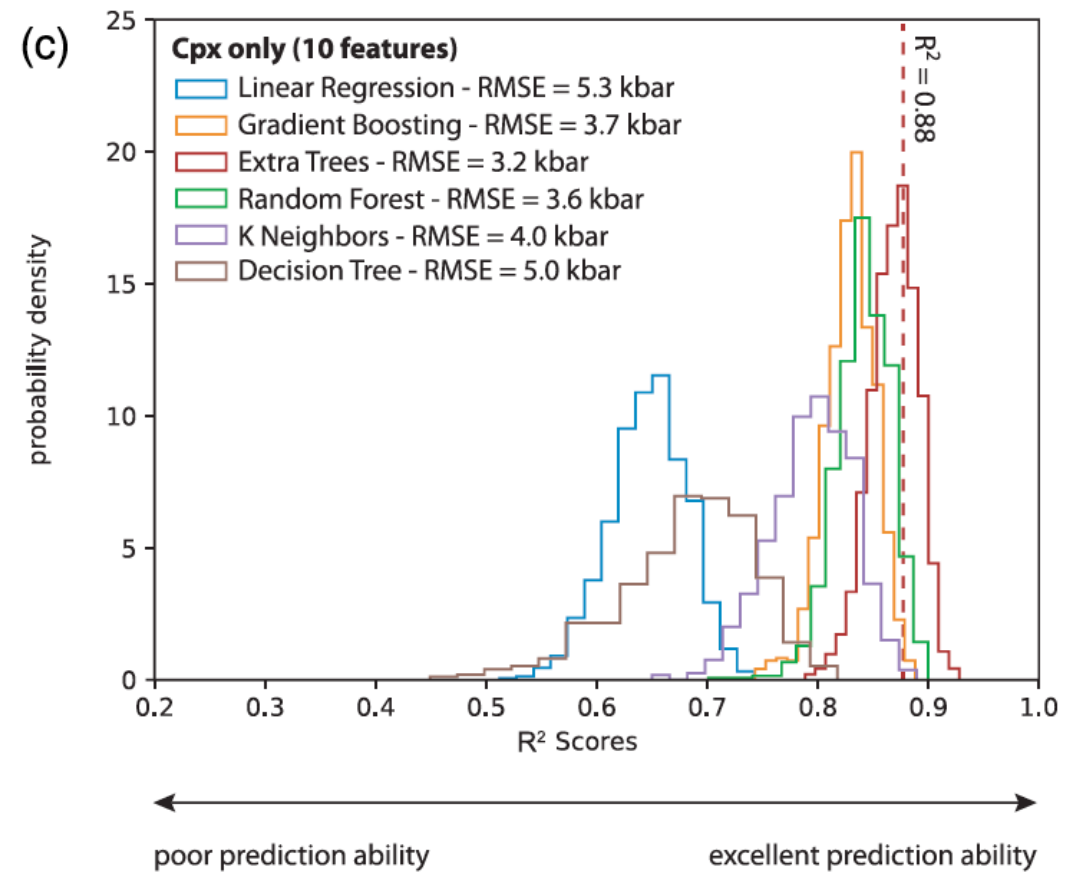
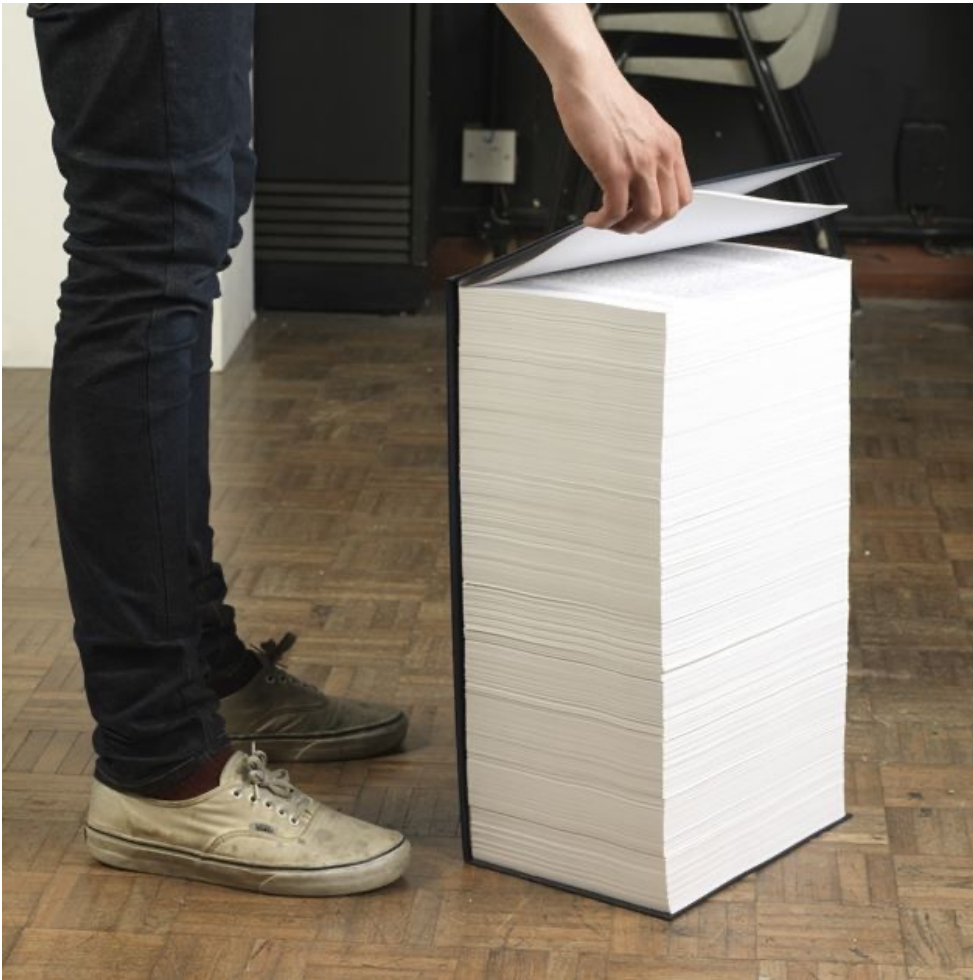
# Experiments as a “Rosetta Stone” to translate the language of rocks



# Random Forest



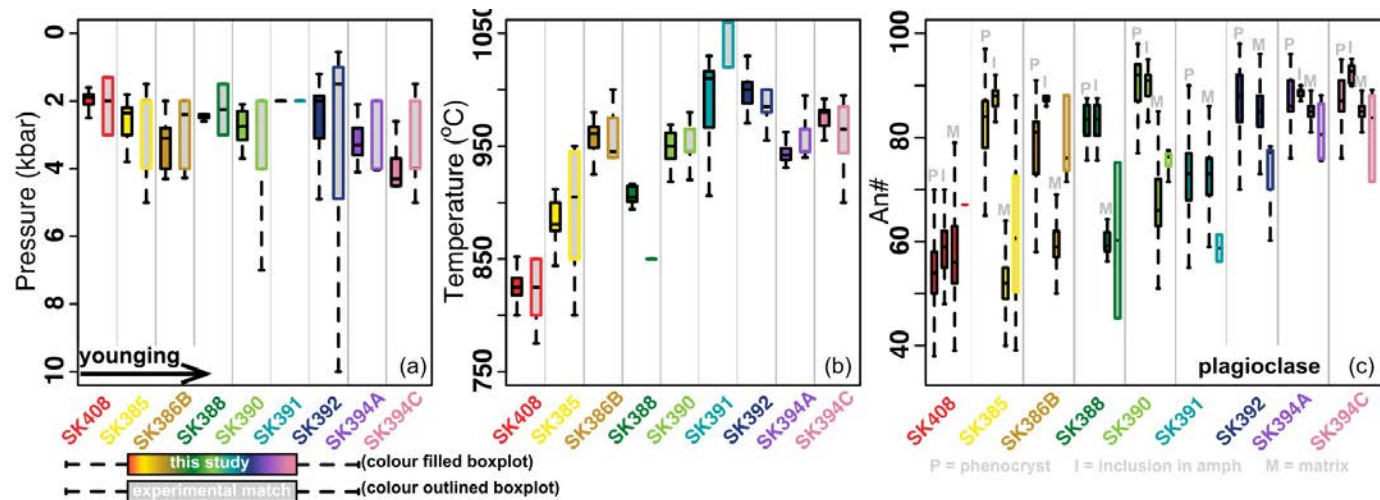
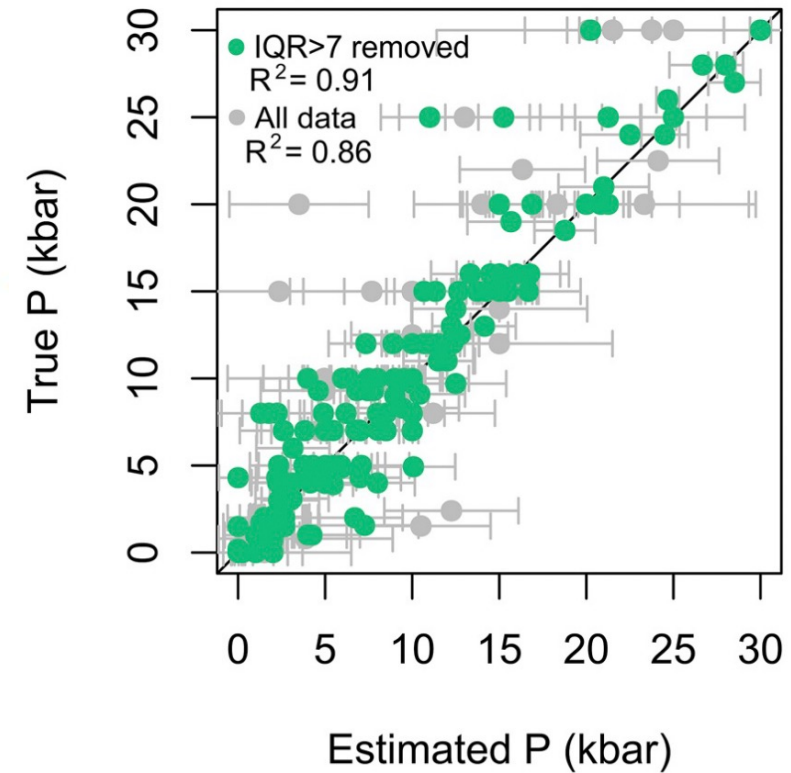
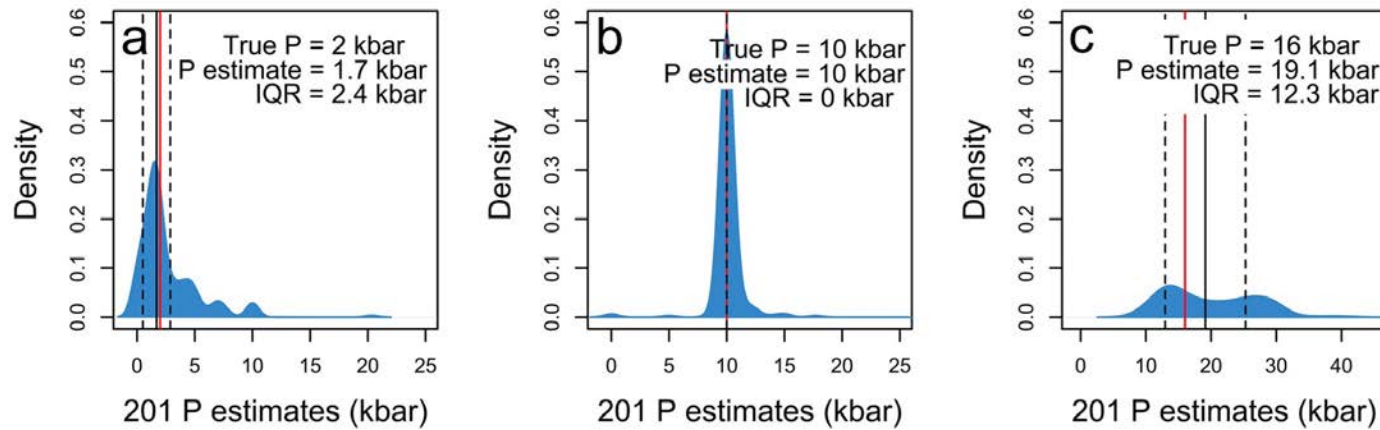
# Why random forest?



Petrelli et al., 2020

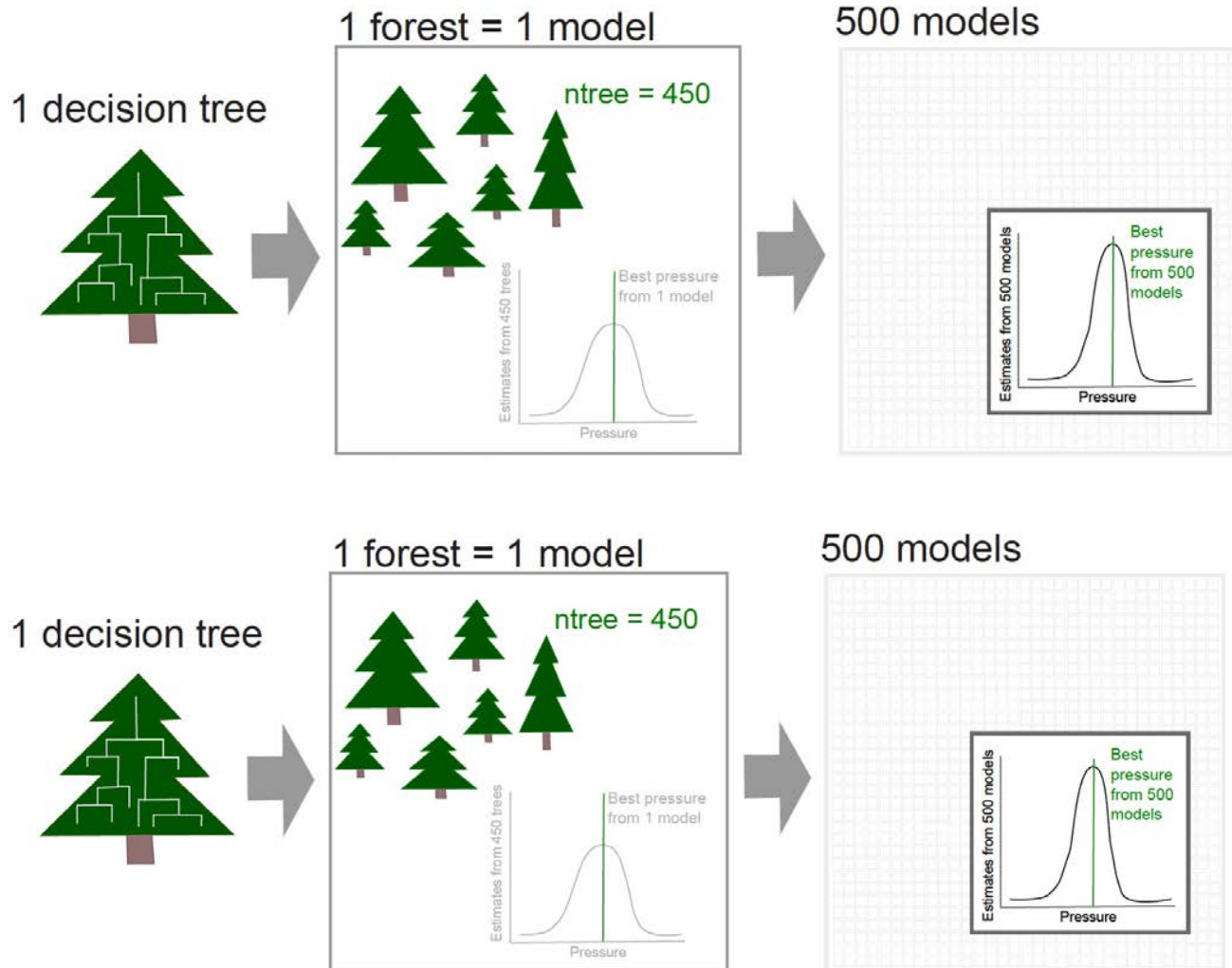


# Strategy to express uncertainty of the estimates



Jorgenson et al., 2022  
Higgins et al., 2022

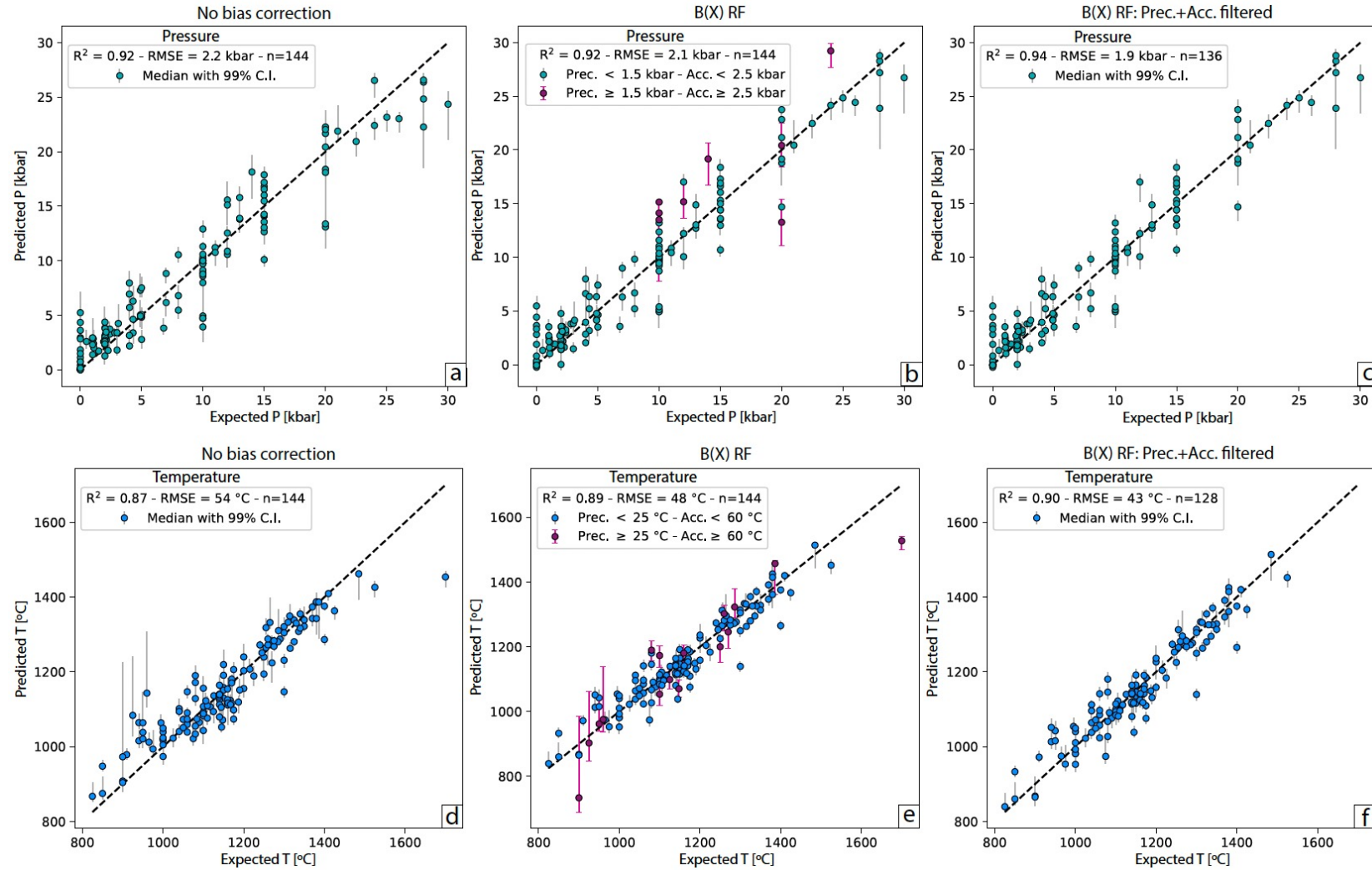
# Current architecture: Two layers of forests



## WORKFLOW

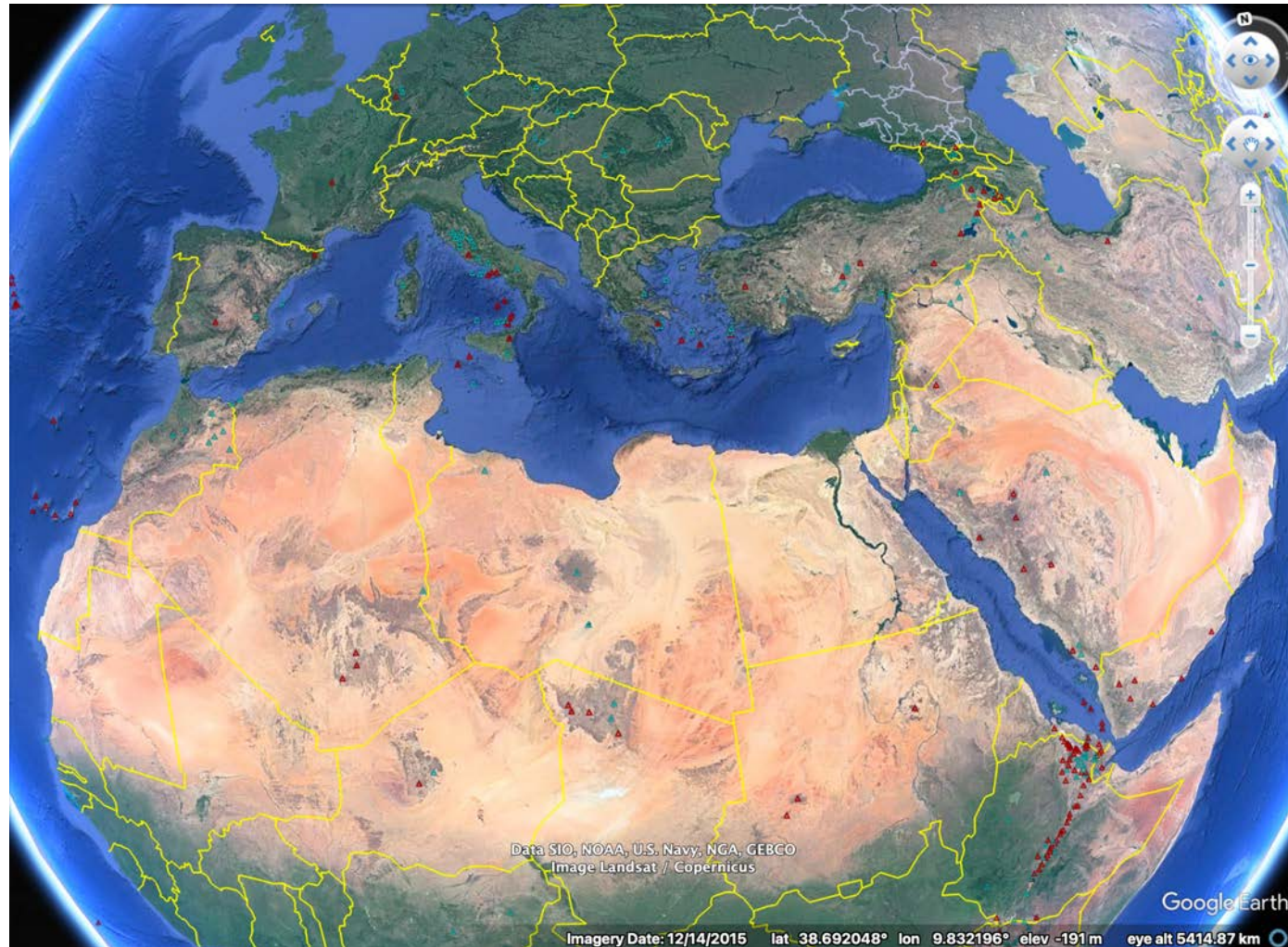
1. Split the dataset in a Train and Test dataset (80-20%). 500 datasets selected using a Monte Carlo Approach
2. Split each Train dataset in a Train and Validation dataset (80-20%)
3. Run 500 forests to obtain 500 estimates for each analysis in the validation dataset
4. Compute the difference between the estimate and the actual value of P or T
5. Train 500 forest to correct the bias related to the boundaries of the P and T space

# Current architecture: Two layers of forests





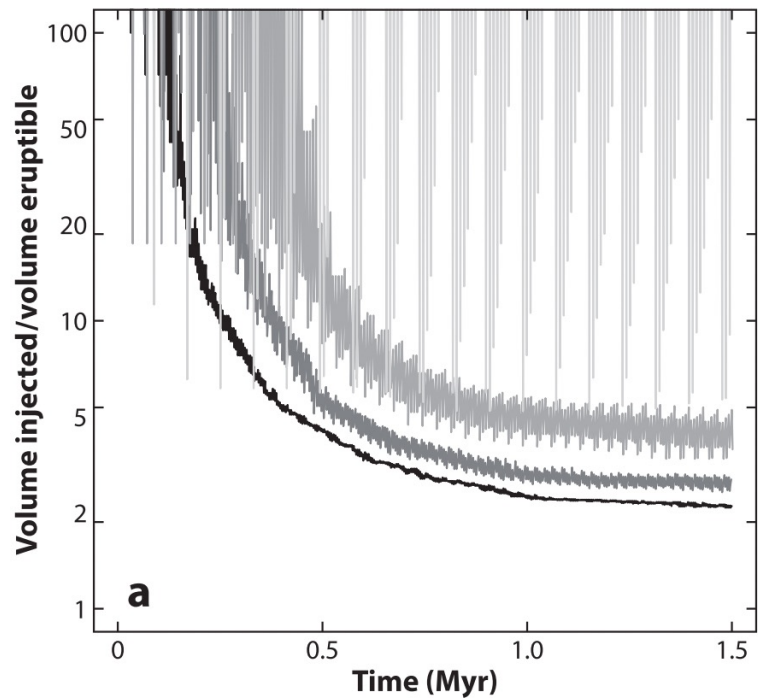
# A global perspective on volcanism



1500 active volcanoes on Earth

- 1 billion people live around active volcanoes
- we have a proper knowledge for about 20%

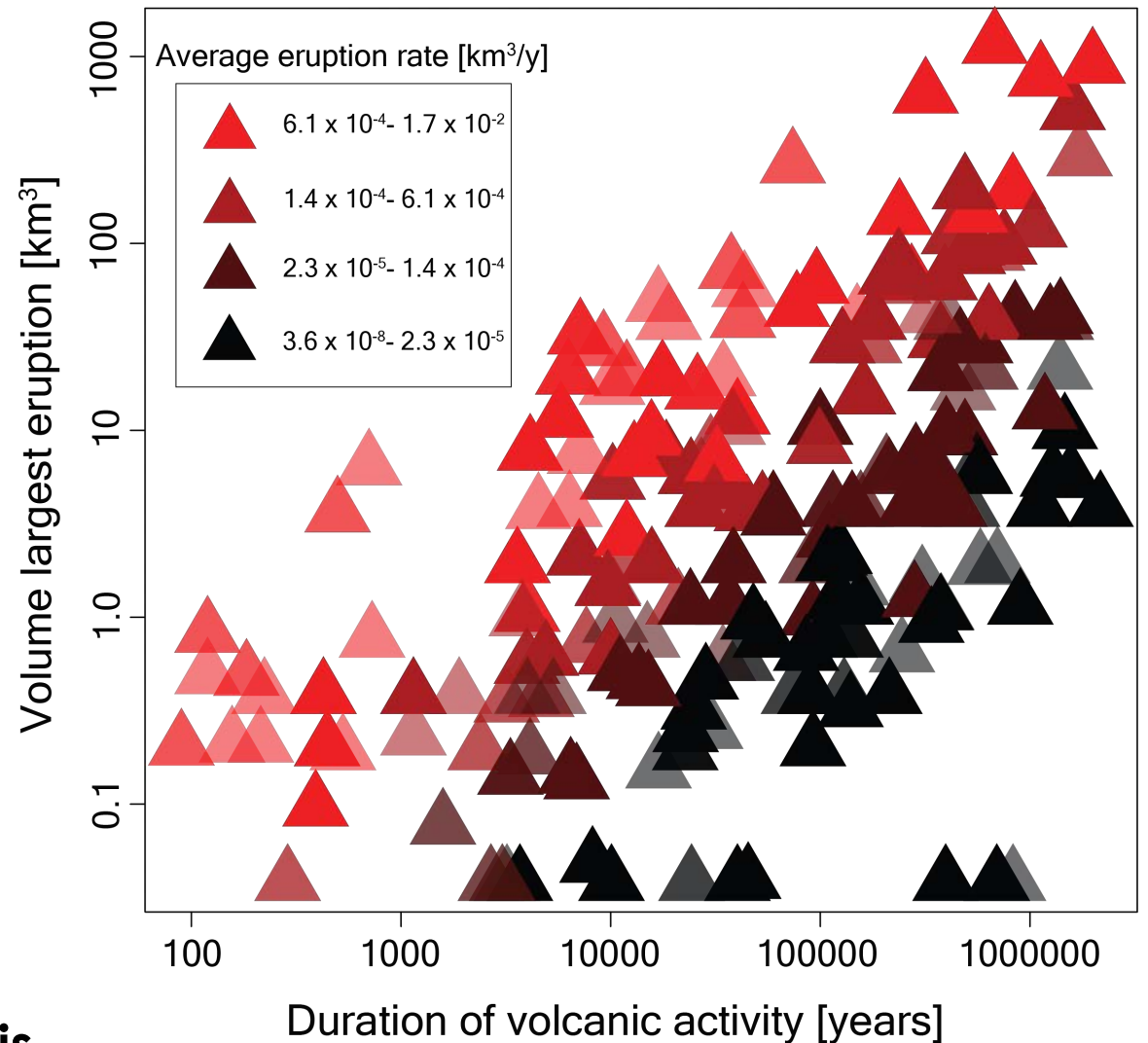
# What can we do?



Vertical accretion rates (m/year)

- 0.0166 (for a reservoir of 5-km radius =  $13 \times 10^{-4} \text{ km}^3/\text{year}$ )
- 0.0126 (for a reservoir of 5-km radius =  $9.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ km}^3/\text{year}$ )
- 0.0108 (for a reservoir of 5-km radius =  $8.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ km}^3/\text{year}$ )
- 0.0084 (for a reservoir of 5-km radius =  $6.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ km}^3/\text{year}$ )

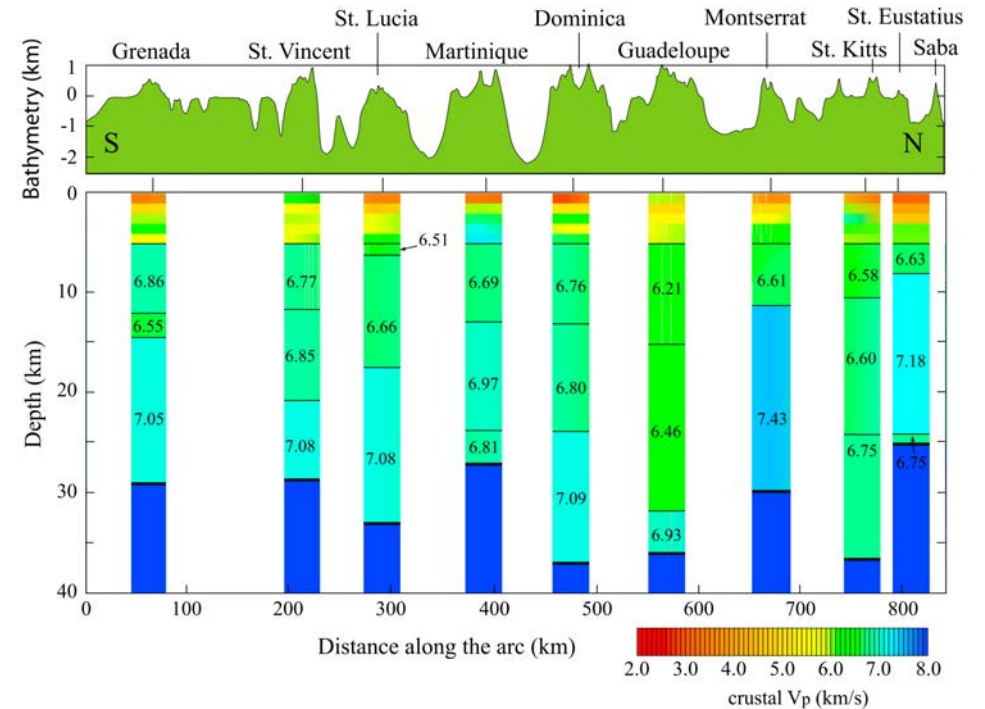
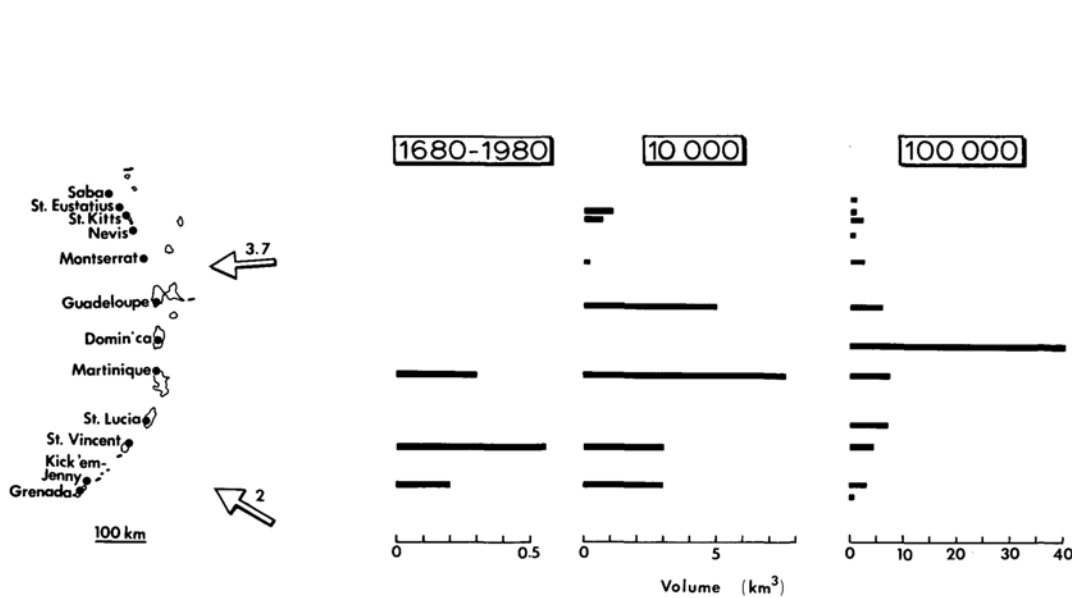
**Rate of magma input in the crust is fundamental**



# How to quantify rates of magma input into the crust?

## Petrology, morphology and geophysics

### Lesser Antilles arc



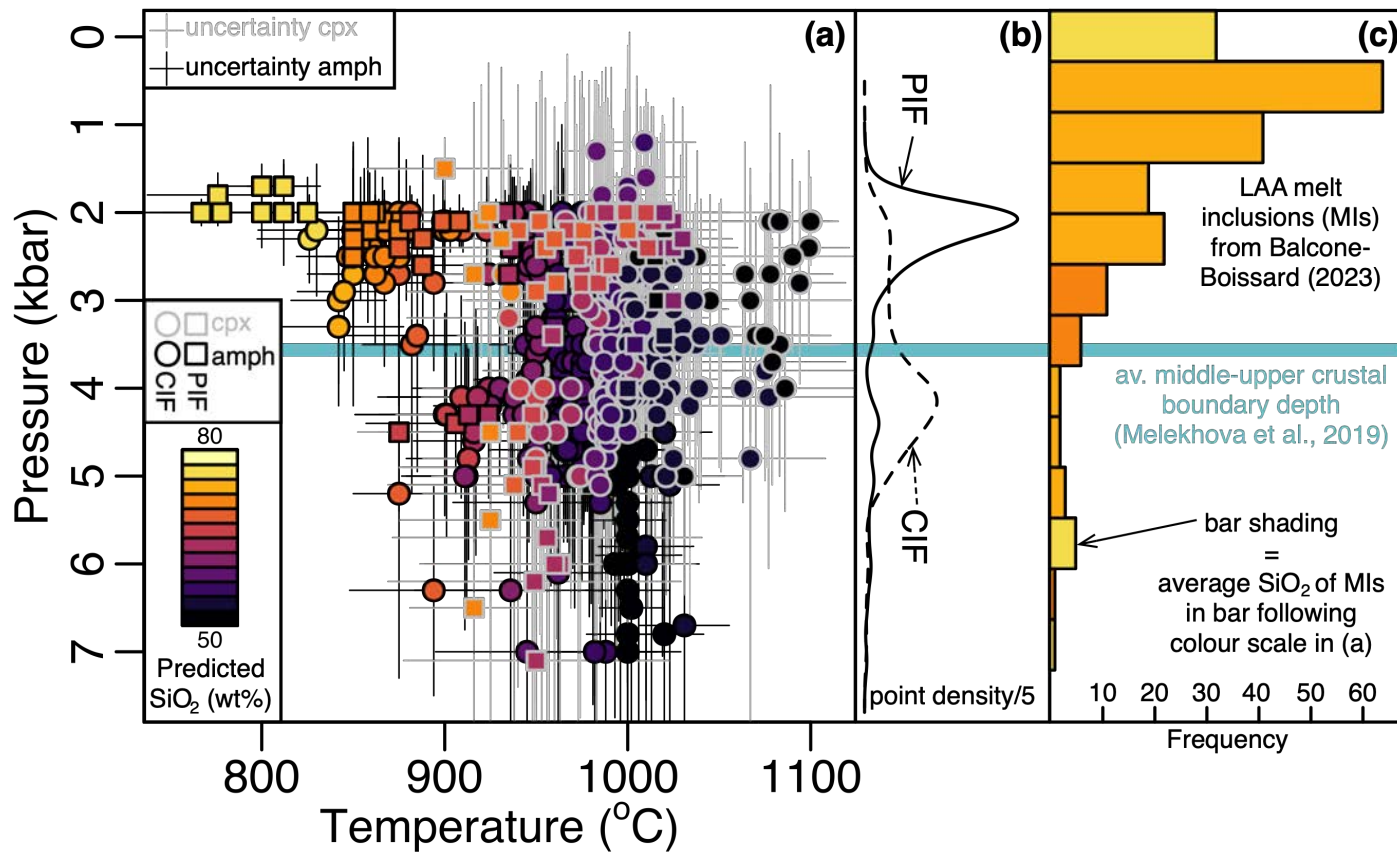
1. Availability of intrusive fragments and cumulates
2. Heterogeneity in magma eruption rates
3. Variable crustal structure



# How to quantify rates of magma input into the crust?

## Thermobarometry and chemometry (amph and cpx)

### Lesser Antilles arc



PIF=Plutonic Intrusive Fragments  
 CIF=Cumulate Intrusive Fragments

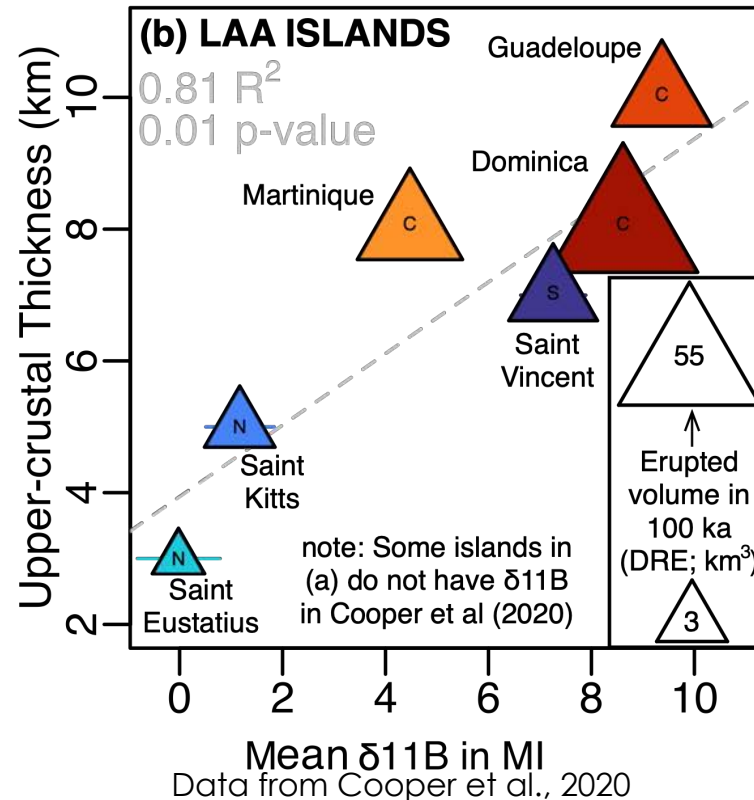
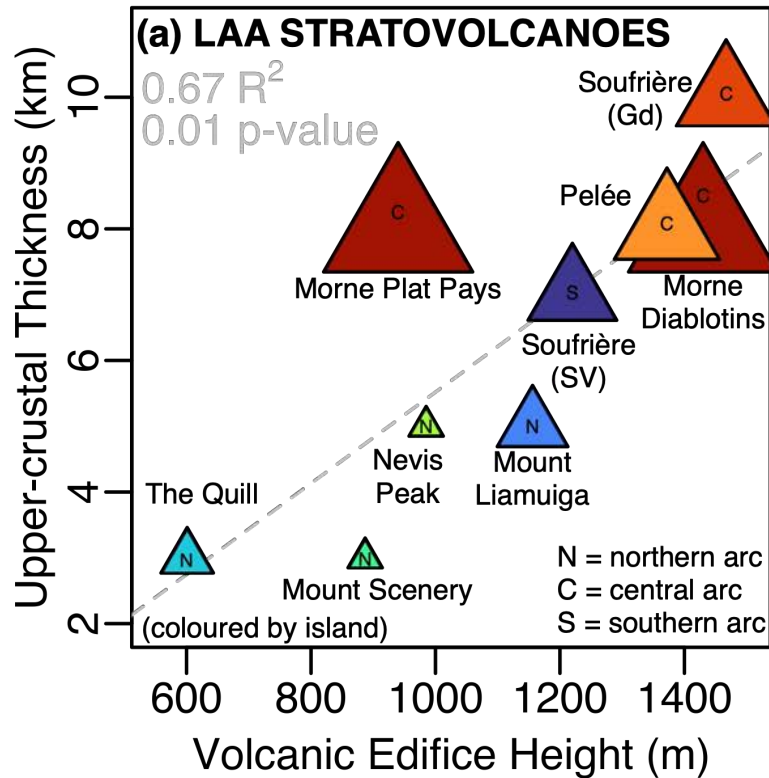
#### OBSERVATIONS

1. Relatively constant T over a large portion of the middle crust
2. The most evolved melt reside in the upper crust

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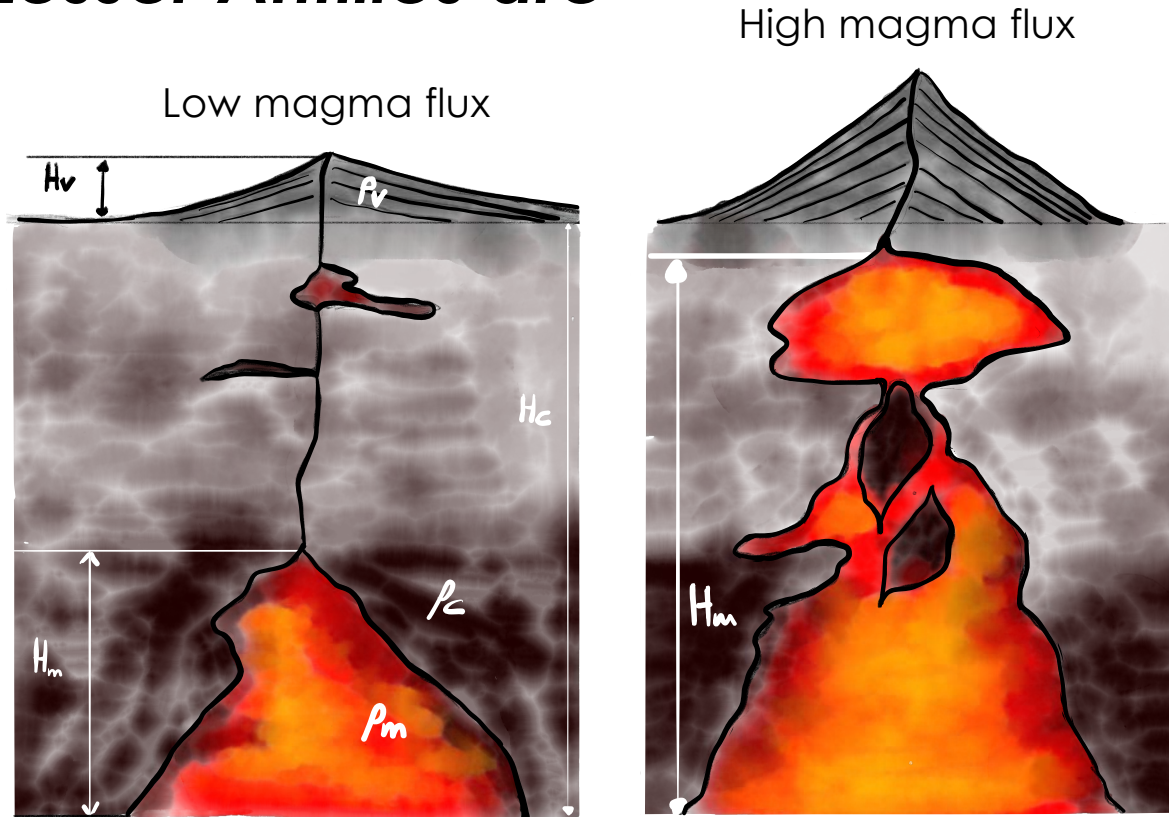
**Thickness of the upper crust** (distance between layer 2 and 3 of Melekhova et al., 2019):

1. Scales with the height of the volcanic edifice
2. The volcanic output rate
3. The mean  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$ , a proxy for magma productivity in the mantle

How to quantify rates of magma input into the crust?

## Linking petrology, geophysics and volcano morphology

### Lesser Antilles arc



Higher rates of magma input into the Earth's crust (i.e. higher heat supply to the crust):

1. Lead to volcanic plumbing systems (VPS) extending to shallower depth in the upper crust which results in **taller volcanoes with higher eruption rate.**
2. VPS extending to shallower depth tend to produce more chemically evolved magmas

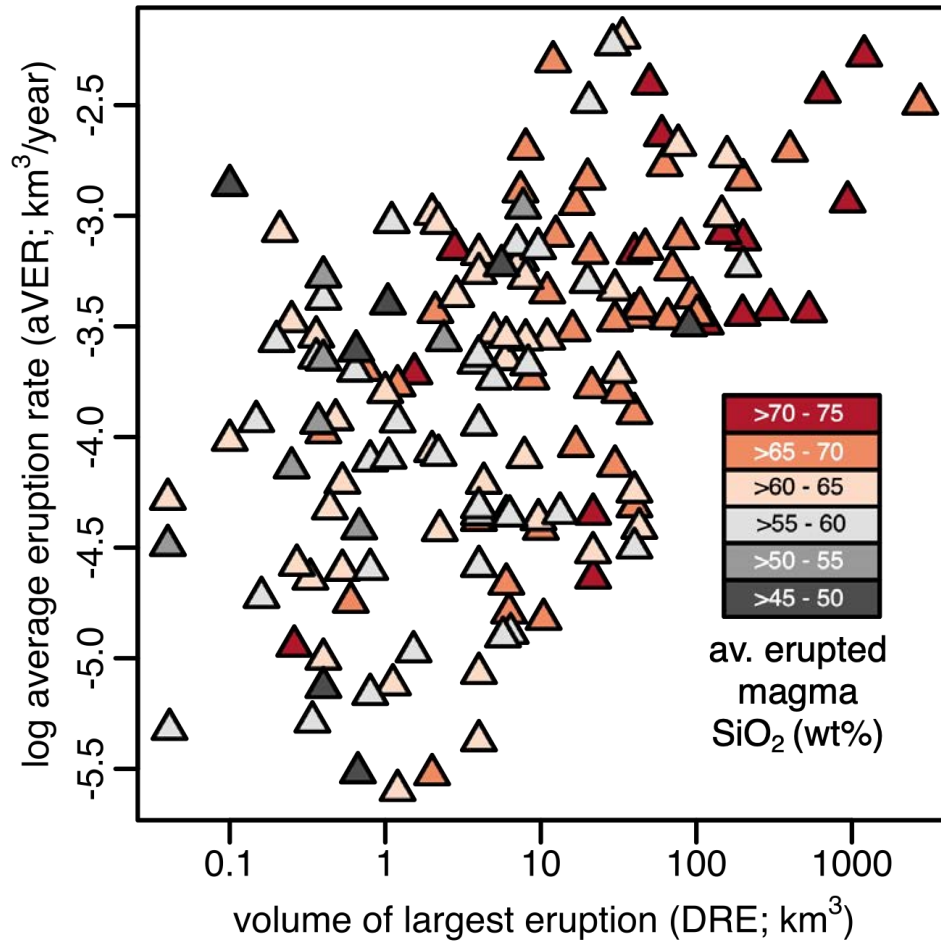
Can we see this at the Global Scale?

$$\rho_c H_c = \rho_m H_m + \rho_c (H_c - H_m) + \rho_v H_v; H_v = \frac{H_m (\rho_c - \rho_m)}{\rho_v}$$



# How to quantify rates of magma input into the crust?

## Global relationship and why do we care?



We do not have information on 80% of the volcanoes currently active on Earth

1. Duration of volcanism
2. Volcano morphology
3. Dominant magma chemistry

Provide essential information to constrain the eruptive potential of poorly studied volcanoes

# Can we use ML to anticipate what will happen at Campi Flegrei?

## CAMPI FLEGREI - Italia 08 2023



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### Comunicazione sullo stato attuale della caldera dei Campi Flegrei

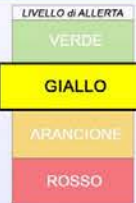
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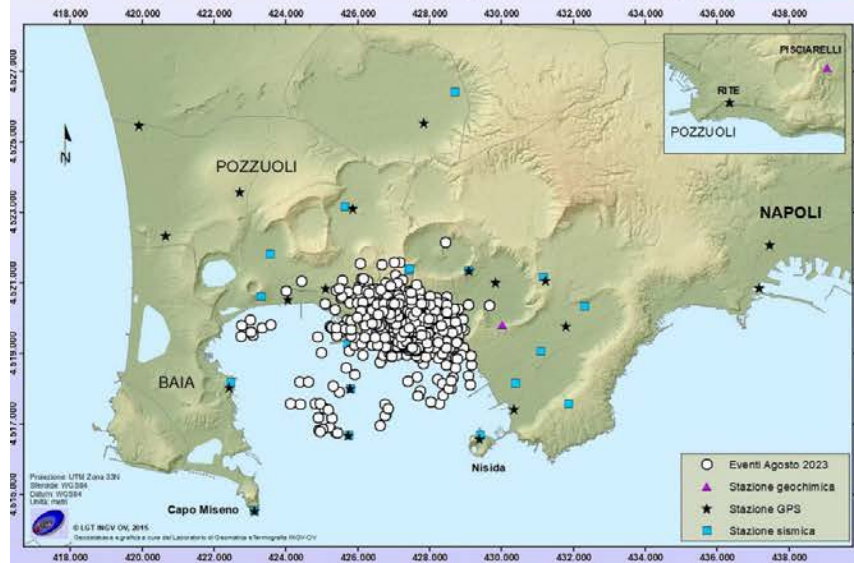
Nel corso del mese di agosto 2023 sono stati registrati 1118 terremoti (M<sub>dmax</sub>=3.6±0.3).

Il sollevamento registrato alla stazione GNSS di RITE è di circa 80 cm a partire da gennaio 2016.

I parametri geochimici indicano il perdurare dei trend già identificati in precedenza.



Per approfondimenti consultare la sezione «Bollettini di sorveglianza» del sito: [www.ov.ingv.it](http://www.ov.ingv.it)



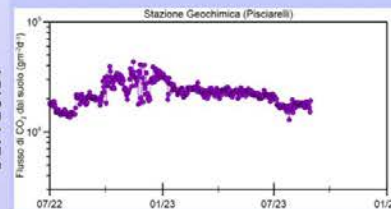
#### SISMICITÀ



#### DEFORMAZIONI DEL SUOLO



#### GEOCHIMICA DEI FLUIDI



### Campi Flegrei

Tipo di vulcano: caldera

Latitudine: 40.827°N

Longitudine: 14.139°E

Altezza: 458 m s.l.m.

Inizio attività eruttiva: > 60.000 anni

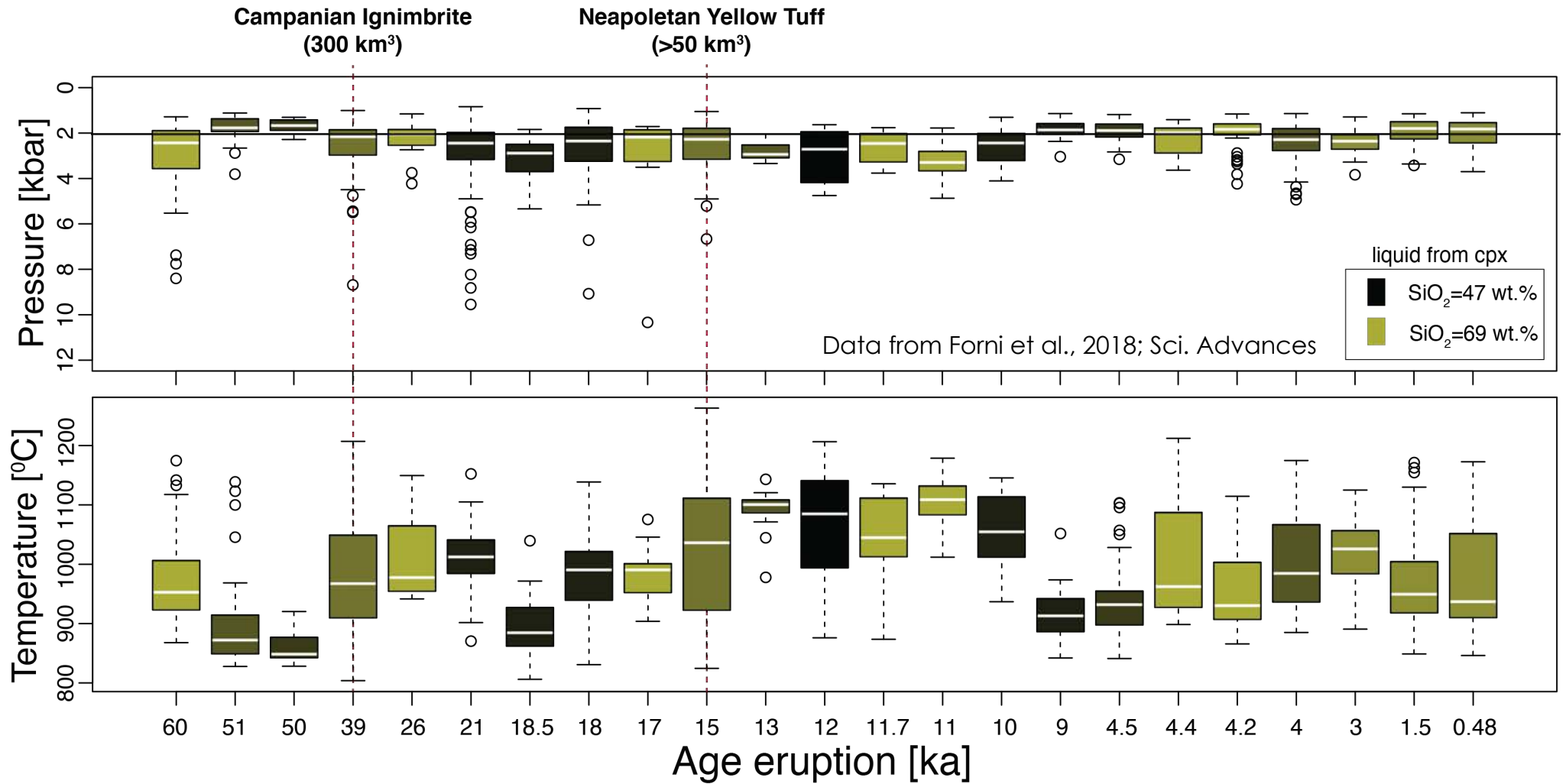
Stato: quiescente

Ultima eruzione: 1538

Mappa ubicazione

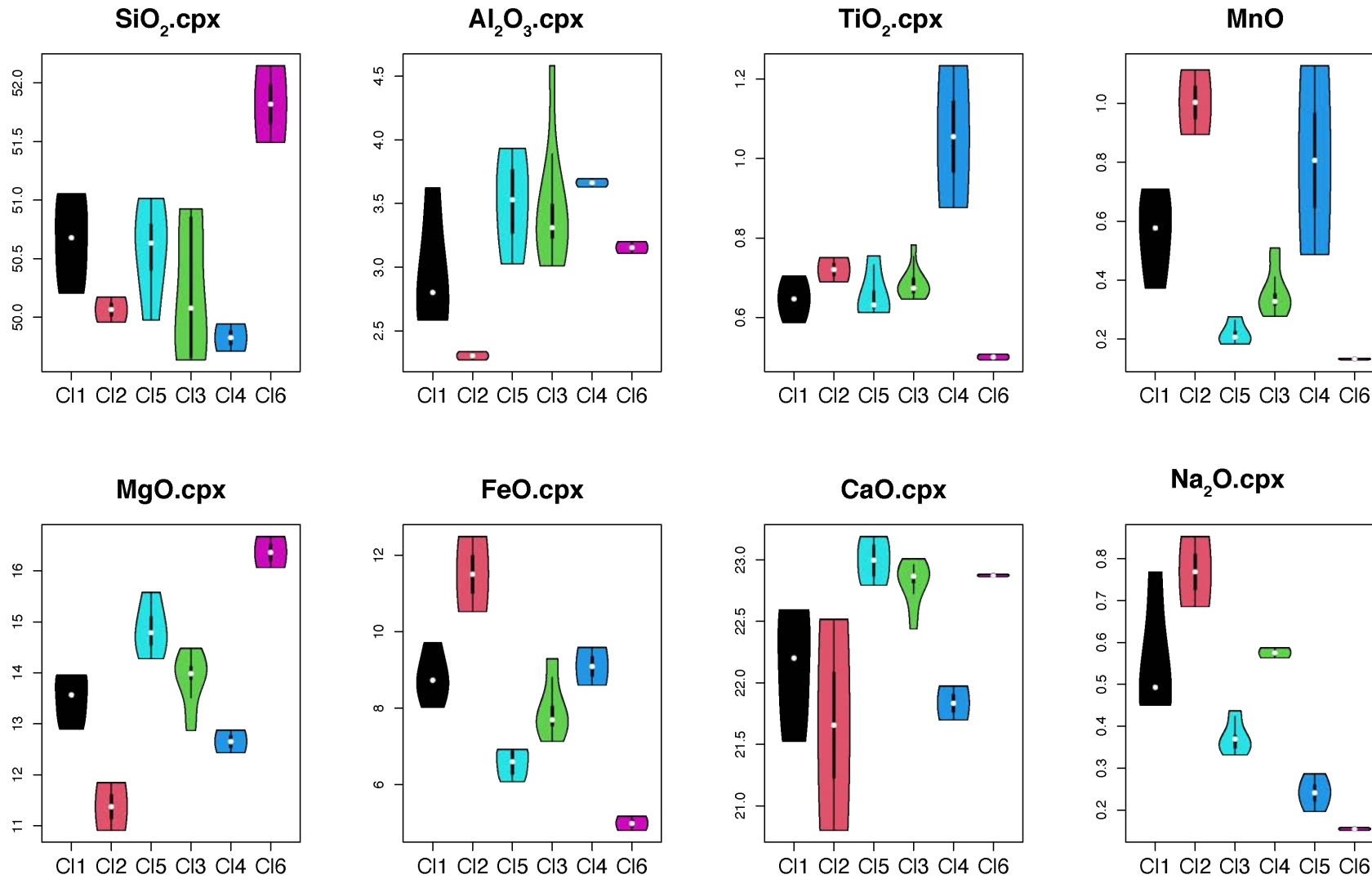
- 1118 earthquakes in August 2023 (1 Magnitude 4 at 2.7 km depth 2 days ago)
- Since January 2023, inflation of 15 mm/month
- T increase in the area of Pozzuoli
- CO<sub>2</sub> flux = 4000 t/day

# Pressure-temperature-chemistry in time

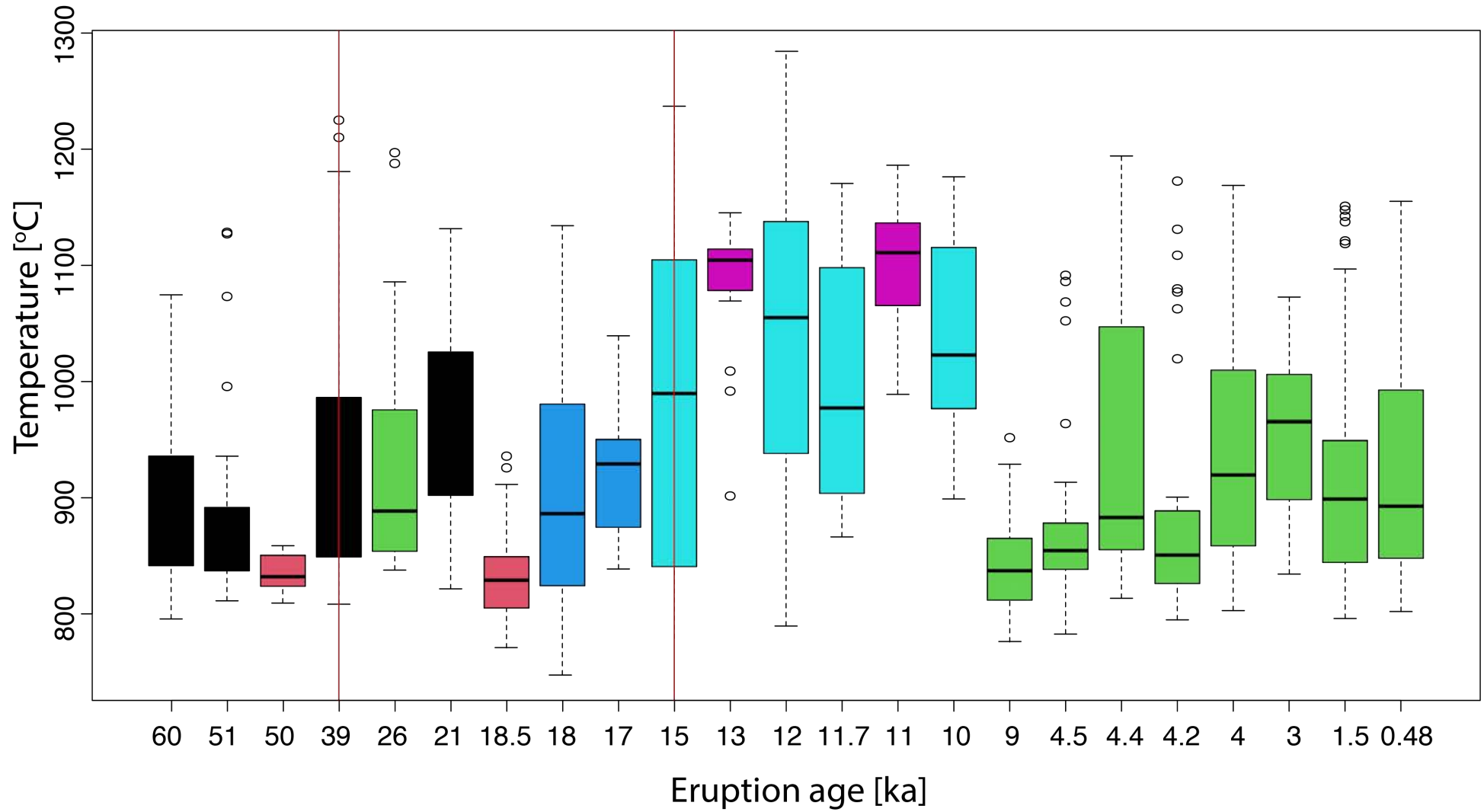




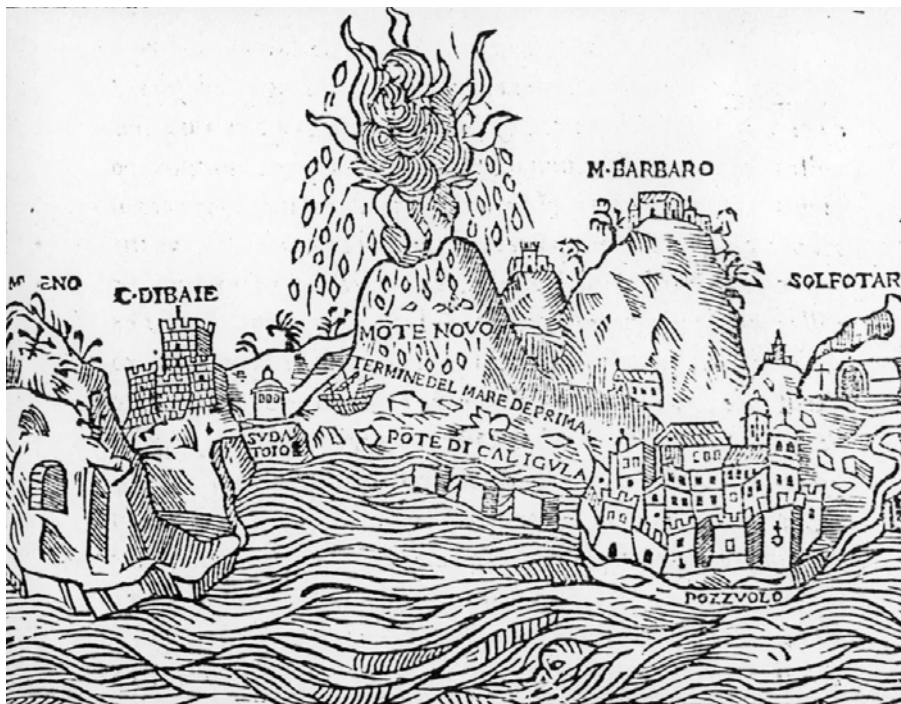
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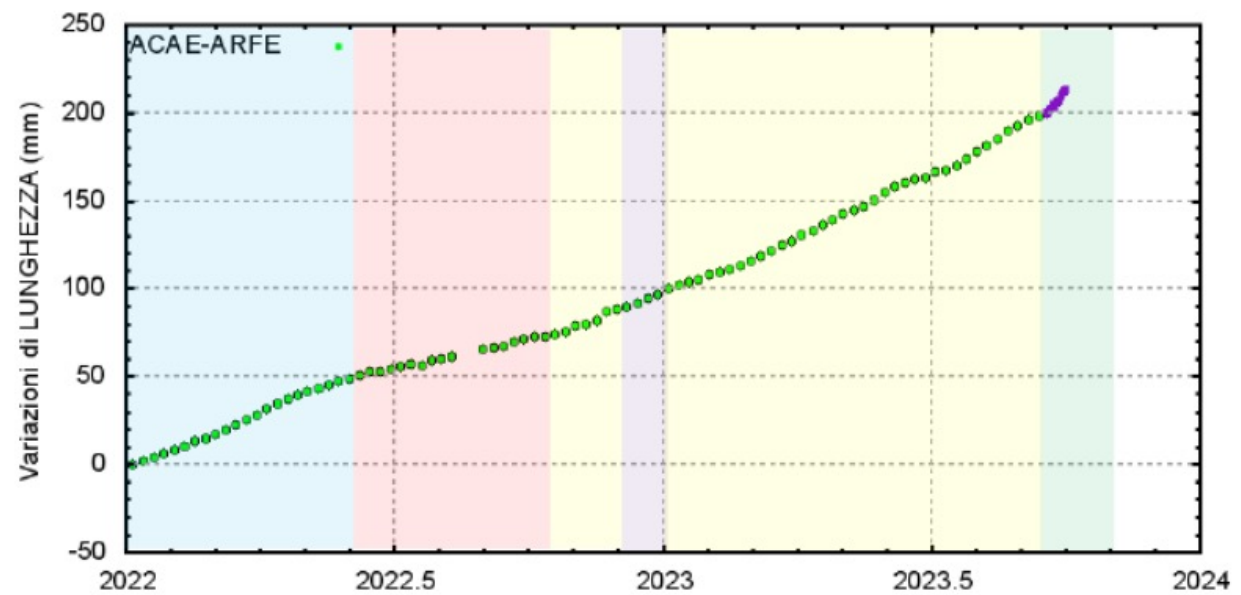
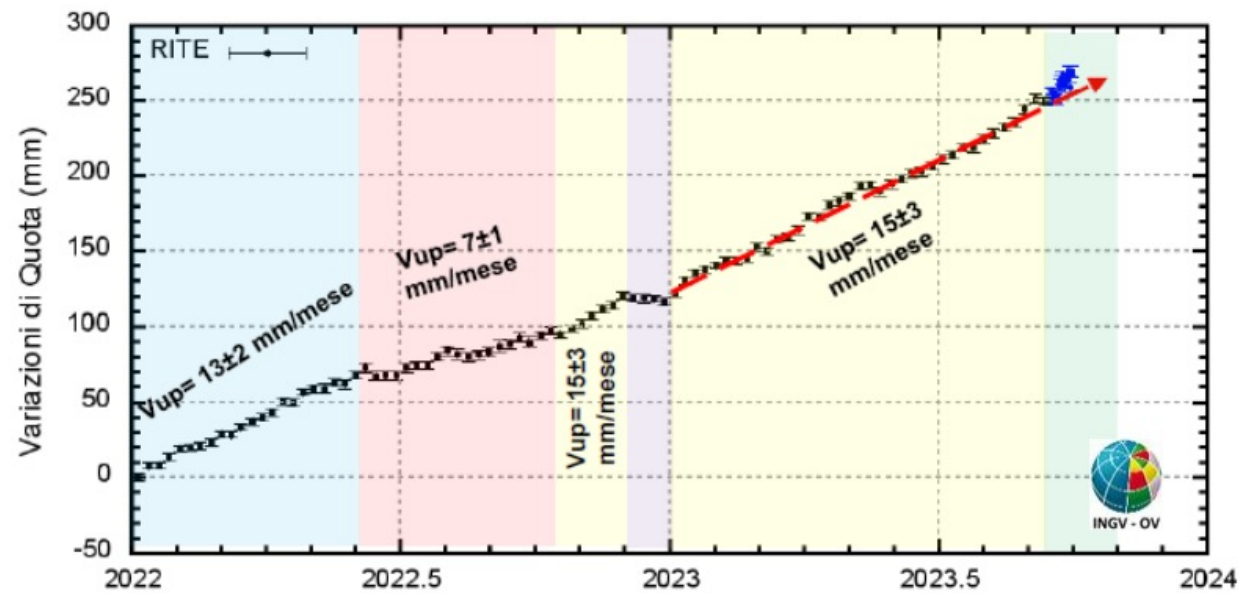
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## We would like to discuss with you HOW TO:

1. Filter of the calibration dataset for “non-equilibrium experiments”
2. How best to estimate the uncertainty of our approach
3. How to best look at time series?
  1. Do you have any other idea? Please get in touch!