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AB: Eruptions at Stromboli are characterised by long-period (1-100 s) seismic signals to the extent
that the active vent can be distinguished from the seismic record alone. At the SW vent three
distinct phases are observed: inflation signal (~ 60 s), underlying phase (~ 16 s) and
notch phase (2-4 s).

Long period phases do not necessarily correspond to point sources so a technique was
developed to calculate synthetic seismograms for a variety of volcano-seismic sources: point
source, advective overpressure and rising magma. Rising magma has four components:
overpressure, pressure gradient, dynamic pressure (Bernoulli effect) and shear stress.

In order to match the amplitude of the observed seismic phases, source parameters (radius,
pressure change, magma ascent speed, viscosity) were varied for each source type. A
maximum value of 1000 kg/s was assumed for mass flux. Results: (1) Source radius is the most
critical parameter since predicted pressure change is inversely proportional to source volume.
(2) Bernoulli effect does not contribute significantly to seismic signals observed, so some other
mechanism for contraction of the source must be found. (3) Shear forces do not contribute
significantly to the seismic wavefield. (4) Conduit radius at least 5 m since narrower conduits
imply excessive values for pressure change and radial strain. (5) If the conduit radius is 5 m,
the amplitude of the seismic signals can be explained by a line source or rising magma source
with an overpressure of 10 MPa, or by an explosive point source with a pressure change of 1.5
GPa.

The final step of this project is to perform waveform modelling in order to understand the
underlying magmatic processes which generate the observed seismic phases. These
techniques are applicable to all volcanoes, and bridge the gap between extensive literature on
eruption mechanisms and volcano-seismology.

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