

# FIRE - Fogo Island volcano: multi disciplinary Research on 2014 Eruption

WP.8 - Eruption Timeline and Lava Modelling

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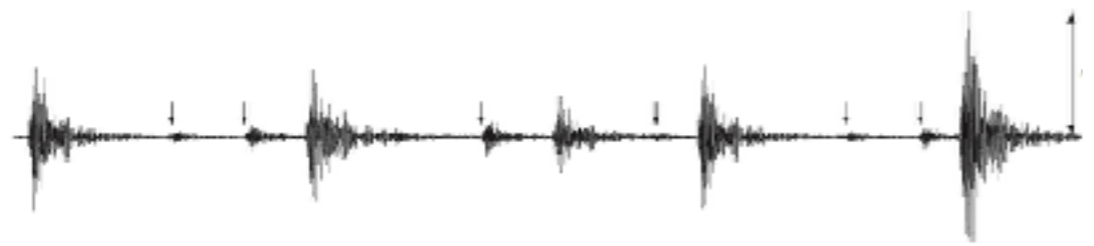
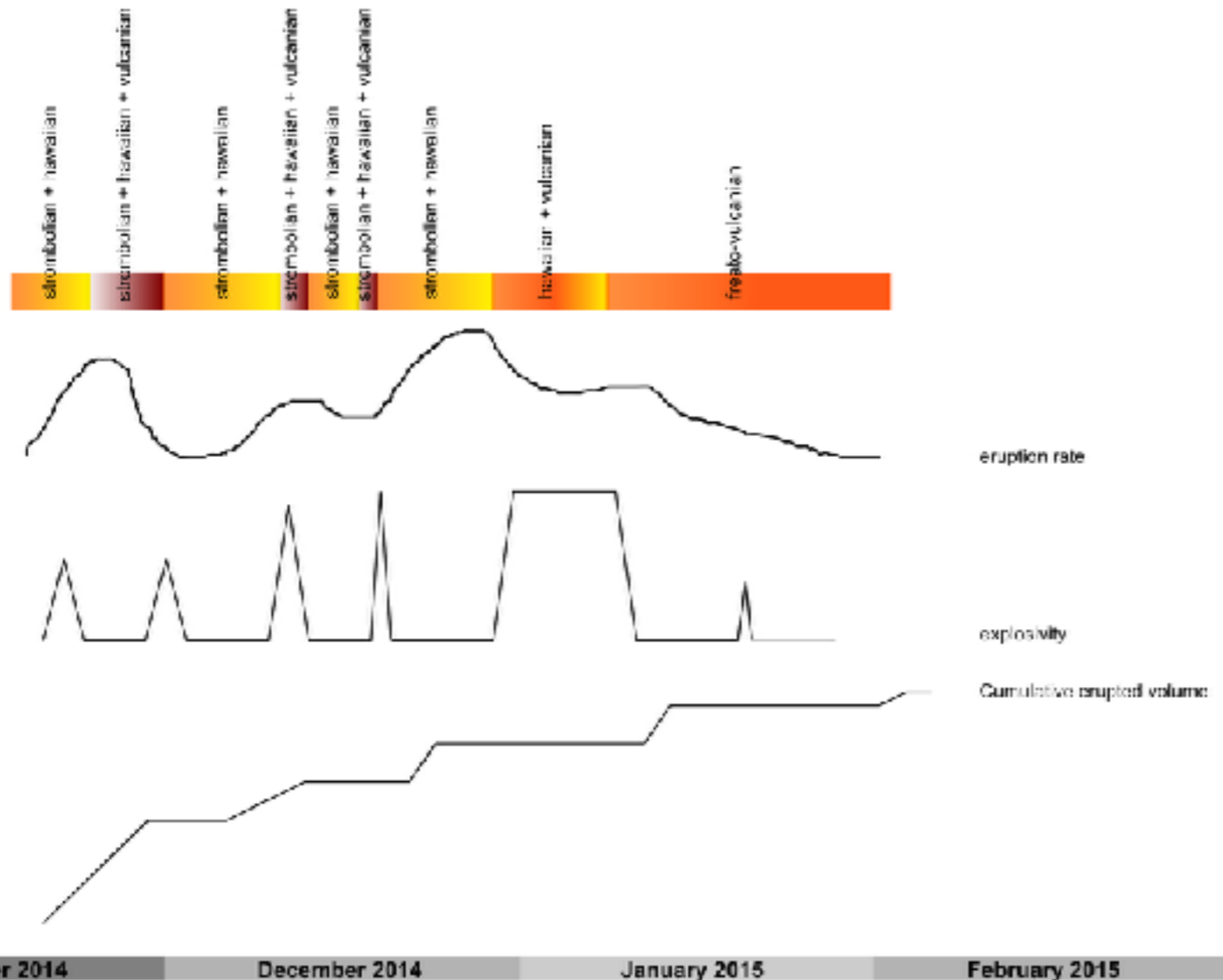
# Objectives

- Reconstruct the detailed succession of events from the start of the 2014 eruption until its demise, characterising variations in eruptive style and emitted products, changes in vent geometry, eruptive/effusive rates and lava flow advancement.
- Develop a 3D Very High Resolution (VHR) morphological model of the 2014 eruptive vent and lava flows.
- Accurately characterise the 2014 eruption in terms of volume magnitude and volcanic explosivity index (VEI).
- Validate computational tools to timely and reliably forecast lava flow paths and flow front velocities, suitable to Fogo's terrain and eruptive style.
- Build a probability distribution map of future lava flow paths, in order to identify areas within Chã das Caldeiras that are less vulnerable to future lava cover.

# Activities

- T8.1. **Compilation and analysis of in loco eruption observations**, including ample imagery, GPS positioning in differential mode (using the new permanent station at Monte Beco as reference), Differential GPS lava flow mapping and laser-measured lava flow instant speeds.
- T8.2. Analysis of the available **remote sensing imagery** in collaboration with Tasks 2 and T3.
- T8.3. Detailed **field analysis and characterisation of volcanic successions**, including fine scale tephrostratigraphy of proximal and distal deposits, and **lava flow morphological distribution**.
- T8.4. Detailed **reconstruction of the eruption timeline** using the data described above (T8.1., T8.3., T8.3.).
- T8.5. **Correlation of the events** identified in T8.4. with their **seismic** and **geodetic signatures** (T5, 6 and 7).
- T8.6. Acquisition of stereo aerial photos over the 2014 lava field to generate a **Very High Resolution Digital Surface Model (VHR DSM)** with 30 cm of minimum resolution. Operation of a drone Sensefly ebee UAV, equipped with RGB or NIR cameras (which permits a maximum resolution of 5 cm), over the 2014 lava field in order to obtain stereo aerial photos and generate a VHR digital elevation model (30 cm is the minimum resolution, the equipment allows a maximum resolution of 5 cm).
- T8.7. Integration of the VHR DSM obtained in T8.6. with either the TerraSARX pre-eruption DSM (12m - resolution) or with other available pre-eruption DSM of higher resolution **to produce a full 3D VHR model of the 2014 lava flows**. This model will validate lava flow observations (e.g. channel width and depth, levees height, flow direction) and volumes of erupted products. It will also enable the accurate modelling of future lava flows.
- T8.8. **Calibration and validation of lava flow simulation tools** (e.g. VORIS, FLOWGO, QLavHA), using both Fogo's 2014 eruption imagery and the lava flow 3D model produced in T4.7. The adaptation of the computer software STAV to lava flows will be attempted by incorporating a thermodynamic module.

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# Deliverables

- D8.1. Detailed reconstruction of the **eruption timeline** specifying eruptive products, events and their geophysical signature (M24).
- D8.2. **Very high resolution DEM** of Chã das Caldeiras, including the vent and lava flows of the 2014 eruption. (M12).
- D8.3. **Numerical 3D lava flow model** completed, calibrated using the 2014 observations. **Maps of lava flow paths** predicted for hypothetical eruptive scenarios (M36).



# Missions/Fieldwork

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fieldwork mission - December 2016
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fieldwork mission - December–June 2017/2018



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- Characterise in detail the 2014 eruption, its products and resulting landscape, in order to gain insight into the volcanic system and its dynamics.
- Develop lava flow forecasting tools adapted to the local conditions, calibrated with observations of the 2014 eruption.