La Palma Earthquakes

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Abstract

In September 2021, a significant jump in seismic activity on the island of La Palma (Canary Islands, Spain) signaled the start of a volcanic crisis that still continues at the time of writing. Earthquake data is continually collected and published by the Instituto Geográphico Nacional (IGN). …

## 1 Introduction

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| Figure 1: Timeline of recent earthquakes on La Palma |

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Based on data up to and including 1971, eruptions on La Palma happen every 79.8 years on average.

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Studies of the magma systems feeding the volcano, such as Marrero et al. (2019), have proposed that there are two main magma reservoirs feeding the Cumbre Vieja volcano; one in the mantle (30-40km depth) which charges and in turn feeds a shallower crustal reservoir (10-20km depth).

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Eight eruptions have been recorded since the late 1400s ([Figure 1](#fig-timeline)).

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Let denote the number of eruptions in a year. Then, can be modeled by a Poisson distribution

{#eq-poisson}where is the rate of eruptions per year. Using **?@eq-poisson**, the probability of an eruption in the next years can be calculated.

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| Name | Year |
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| Current | 2021 |
| Teneguía | 1971 |
| Nambroque | 1949 |
| El Charco | 1712 |
| Volcán San Antonio | 1677 |
| Volcán San Martin | 1646 |
| Tajuya near El Paso | 1585 |
| Montaña Quemada | 1492 |

Recent historic eruptions on La Palma

[Table 1](#tbl-history) summarises the eruptions recorded since the colonization of the islands by Europeans in the late 1400s.

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Map of La Palma

La Palma is one of the west most islands in the Volcanic Archipelago of the Canary Islands ([Figure 2](#fig-map)).

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| Figure 3: Locations of earthquakes on La Palma since 2017. |

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[Figure 3](#fig-spatial-plot) shows the location of recent Earthquakes on La Palma.

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## 2 Data & Methods

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## 3 Conclusion

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