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## 2 **between volcanoes of the Klyuchevskoy Volcanic Group**

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### 17 **Abstract**

18 Volcanoes are traditionally considered isolated with an activity that is mostly independent of the 19 surrounding, with few eruptions only (<2%) associated with a tectonic earthquake trigger. Evidence is now 20 increasing that volcanoes forming clusters of eruptive centers may simultaneously erupt, show unrest, or 21 even shut-down activity. Using infrared satellite data, we detail 20 years of eruptive activity (2000-2020) at 22 Klyuchevskoy, Bezymianny, and Tolbachik, the three active volcanoes of the Klyuchevskoy Volcanic Group 23 (KVG), Kamchatka. We show that the neighbouring volcanoes exhibit multiple and reciprocal interactions on 24 different timescales that unravel the magmatic system's complexity below the KVG. Klyuchevskoy and 25 Bezymianny volcanoes show correlated activity with time-predictable and quasiperiodic behaviors, 26 respectively. This is consistent with magma accumulation and discharge dynamics at both volcanoes, typical 27 of steady-state volcanism. However, Tolbachik volcano can interrupt this steady-state regime and modify the 28 magma output rate of its neighbors for several years. We suggest that below the KVG the transfer of magma 29 at crustal level is modulated by the presence of three distinct but hydraulically connected plumbing systems. 30 Similar complex interactions may occur at other volcanic groups and must be considered to evaluate the 31 hazard of grouped volcanoes.

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### 33 **1. Introduction**

34 Closely located or clustered volcanoes may become conjointly active and are hence considered especially 35 hazardous, yet robust evidence for their connectivity remains sparse. Examples of such a synchronized 36 volcanic activity are discussed for neighboring volcanoes in Iceland<sup>1</sup>, Alaska<sup>2</sup>, Kamchatka<sup>3,4</sup>, Italy<sup>5</sup>, and 37 elsewhere<sup>6,7</sup>, although larger time-scale synchronicity has been also reported for global volcanism<sup>8</sup>. Reasons 38 for the linked activity of adjacent volcanoes are only poorly understood and may be locally different, including 39 triggering by large tectonic earthquakes and associated stress changes within the crust<sup>9-14</sup>, and the 40 competition of volcanoes for common reservoirs<sup>3,15</sup>. Conjoint unrest and deformation activity at clustered 41 volcanoes occurs with temporal delays of days to months (or even more) and appears to be distance-42 dependent<sup>7</sup>. Magmatic sources spaced less than about 10 km apart tend to interact, whereas those spaced 43 over 25 km do not<sup>7</sup>. However, interactions over longer distances (>20 km) have been hypothesized for 44 volcanoes that share a common deep source, or in response to large dike intrusions or subduction 45 earthquakes<sup>7</sup>. While observations suggest positively correlated feedback (one volcano triggers the other 46 one), only a few examples<sup>5,16</sup> underline the existence of anti-correlated activity (i.e., volcanic unrest may shut 47 down activity in the neighborhood).

48 Previous studies of correlated and anti-correlated volcanism are mainly based on poor data and reduced or 49 biased eyewitness accounts. This is because reports often describe a singular, possibly sporadic occurrence 50 of conjoint activity change, where eruptions are more likely to be reported than periods of quiescence and 51 decreasing activity. Robust and statistically significant testing of repeat observations was not yet achieved 52 and may overcome some of the reporting limitations.

53 Here we employed a unique time-series of satellite thermal data (from 2000 to 2020) derived from the 54 Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) sensor<sup>17</sup>, to study potential volcano interactions 55 within the Klyuchevskoy Volcano Group (KVG) in Kamchatka (Russia). The KVG hosts three adjacent (~10 to 56 30 km distant) active volcanoes (Klyuchevskoy, Bezymianny, and Tolbachik), with contrasting eruptive 57 products that possibly indicate different magmatic sources and a compound multilevel feeding system<sup>18,19</sup>. 58 Whether this composite feeding system forms a single interconnected trans-crustal magmatic system<sup>20</sup>, and 59 in which degree the three volcanoes interact remains so far an open question<sup>21,22</sup>.

60 The Klyuchevskoy Volcanic Group (KVG) has been monitored for >50 years by the Kamchatkan Branch of the 61 Geophysical Survey of the Russian Academy of Sciences (KBGS). Due to harsh climate conditions, the 62 monitoring system mainly consists of seismic stations and webcams. Nowadays, 17 telemetric stations 63 transmit the data to the central monitoring office, where it is being analyzed in real-time<sup>23</sup> and allowed to 64 investigate the deep structure of KVG<sup>24</sup>. Although localized and dense seismic networks were installed for 65 short-term times<sup>25,26</sup>, these experimental networks do not permit decade-long analysis and robust statistics, 66 so that details on eruption occurrence and eruption rates remained hidden. As this work shows, satellite 67 thermal remote sensing reveals complex interactions under the KVG, whereby each volcano is able to 68 influence its neighbors. Distinct eruptive activity appears sometimes in chorus and sometimes separate, 69 comparable to an orchestra.

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73 **Figure 1**. (a) Distribution of volcanic centers within the Klyuchevskoy Volcanic Group (KVG). Right panels show 74 the Cumulative Dense Rock Equivalent (DRE) volumes of lavas erupted between 1930 and 2020 for (b) 75 Klyuchevskoy<sup>21</sup>, (c) Bezymianny<sup>44</sup>, and (d) Tolbachik<sup>57</sup>. All volumes are recalculated for DRE using: (i) a magma 76 density of 2800 kg m<sup>-3</sup> and an average density of lava flows of 2500 kg m<sup>-3</sup> for Klyuchevskoy and Tolbachik<sup>57</sup>; 77 (ii) a magma density of 2500 kg m<sup>-3</sup> and an average density of lava dome of 2000 kg m<sup>-3</sup> for Bezymianny<sup>41</sup>. A 78 standard error of  $\pm$ 20% (colored fields) takes into account uncertainties in the estimates of bulk volumes and 79 densities of erupted products. Red bold lines within insets, correspond to satellite-derived volumes (this 80 work; see Methods). The grey bars outline the timing of the Bezymianny eruption in 1955-56 (BEZ55), the 81 Great Tolbachik Fissure Eruption in 1975 (GTFE) and the Tolbachik Fissure Eruption in 2012 (TFE). Shaded 82 relief map derived from ArcticDEM digital elevation model (https://www.pgc.umn.edu/data/arcticdem/) and 83 elaborated using QGIS version 3.16.3 (http://qgis.osgeo.org); Time series generated using MATLAB software 84 (www.mathworks.com).

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### 88 **2. The Klyuchevskoy Volcanic Group (KVG)**

89 The KVG is a prominent volcanic massif located in the northern part of the Central Kamchatka Depression. 90 Dozens of volcanic centers were built during the construction of the massif, which currently has three active 91 volcanoes: Klyuchevskoy, Bezymianny, and Tolbachik (Fig. 1a). The KVG is a very active and relatively young 92 volcanic massif mainly developed during the last 300–400  $ka^{27}$ . Volcanism is fed by sub-arc mantle, melted 93 under an influx of melts and fluids from the subducting Pacific plate<sup>28-32</sup>. Additional influx of hot mantle 94 billowing recent slab detachment<sup>33</sup>, and interaction with metasomatized mantle<sup>34,35</sup> contribute to the 95 exceptional level of volcanic activity in the area and the very diverse volcanic manifestations and products. 96 Seismic activity of the KVG volcanoes is abundant and includes long periods of sustained tremors as well as 97 numerous volcano-tectonic (VT) and long-period (LP) events. The latter mostly occur at two depth ranges: 98 above 5 km and close to 30 km<sup>22</sup>. Geophysical and petrographic data have been used to infer that all the KVG 99 volcanoes are fed by a common parental magma<sup>36</sup>. However, different isotope compositions of rocks from 100 Klyuchevskoy and Bezymianny<sup>19,34</sup> do not support such view, in favor of multiple magma sources, with only 101 limited interaction.

102 Klyuchevskoy volcano (4750 m a.s.l) is the highest in the group and one of the world's most active volcanoes. 103 Its recent activity is characterized by the effusion of voluminous basaltic andesite lava flows, often associated 104 with moderate to violent explosive activity. Between 1930 and 2005, the volcano has erupted an estimated 105  $\sim$  1.5  $\times$  10<sup>9</sup> m<sup>3</sup> of lava<sup>37</sup> (dense rock equivalent; DRE), with an average magma output rate (DRE) of ~0.67 m<sup>3</sup> 106  $\cdot$  s<sup>-1</sup>. The output rate accelerated since 1978, associated with a change in the eruptive pattern that shifted from 107 flank- to summit-dominated eruptions<sup>37</sup> (Fig.1b). After nine years of rest, in 2003, the volcano began a new 108 activity phase characterized by nine summit eruptions until December 2019<sup>38</sup>. Seismic, geodetic, and 109 petrographic data<sup>18,21,22,25,37</sup> suggest that Klyuchevskoy's eruptions are fed through a sub-vertical, pipe-like 110 conduit extending to a depth of 30-50 km below the volcano, where the primary magma reservoir is located. 111 On its way to the surface, the magma is stored at a depth of 15-25 km and then transported further upwards 112 to a shallow (3-5 km deep) peripheral reservoir<sup>24</sup>. During ascent, the magma evolves from high-Mg low-Al 113 basalt to low-Mg high-Al basaltic andesite<sup>39</sup>, making it different from the eruptive products of the other active 114 KVG volcanoes<sup>36</sup>. Eventually, before the conduit reaches the summit crater, numerous radial dikes depart 115 and feed eruptions at the mid- and lower-volcano flanks $^{21,37}$ .

116 Bezymianny is an andesitic volcano (2,882 m a.s.l.) that reawakened in 1955-56 with a paroxysmal eruption 117 (VEI 5) that disrupted the old cone forming a large horseshoe-shaped crater<sup>40</sup>. Since then, near-continuous 118 Iava dome growth was accompanied by mostly explosive activity<sup>41,42</sup>. The greatest rate of dome growth 119 occurred during the first two decades until 1977 (Fig. 1c), when lava flows were observed for the first time 120 marking a pivotal change in the volcano's dome growth mechanism<sup>42-44</sup>. Ever since then, Bezymianny's 121 eruptions showed a recurrent cyclical behavior depicted by extrusive-explosive-effusive activity<sup>41,42</sup>. Previous 122 works<sup>45-49</sup> outlined how this cyclic activity was accompanied by precursory thermal radiation preceding the 123 explosive events by few weeks to days. Until 2017, more than 55 distinct episodes of dome-growth filled 124 most of the 1956 collapse amphitheater<sup>38,42</sup> gradually developing a stratocone with an average growth rate<sup>44</sup> 125 of ~0.30 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (blue line in Fig. 1c). Geophysical and petrological data suggest a multi-level magma plumbing 126 system beneath Bezymianny volcano with at least three crustal reservoirs located between 10-18 km, 5-8 127 km, and < 2 km depth<sup>18,26,50-54</sup>.

128 The Tolbachik massif comprises two large stratocones, Ostry ("Sharp") Tolbachik (3682 m a.s.l.) and Plosky 129 ("Flat") Tolbachik (3085 m a.s.l.), in the southernmost part of the KVG<sup>55</sup> at approximately 30 km distance to 130 Kluchevskoy and ~20 km distance to Bezymianny (Fig. 1a). A 70 km long zone of monogenetic basaltic cones 131 extends across the Plosky Tolbachik cone; whose southern branch was the place of the 1975-1976 Great 132 Tolbachik Fissure Eruption (GTFE)<sup>56</sup>. This eruption produced extensive lava fields composed of high-133 magnesium and high-aluminum basalts, from northern and southern vents, respectively<sup>55</sup>. With a total DRE 134 volume of  $\sim$ 1.5  $\times$  10<sup>9</sup> m<sup>3</sup> (Fig. 1d), it was one of the largest basaltic eruptions in Kamchatka during historical 135 times<sup>56</sup>. After the GTFE, no signs of activity were recorded until November 2012, when increased seismic 136 activity heralded the beginning of a new eruption<sup>57</sup>. The 2012-2013 eruption took place at the south flank of 137 the Plosky Tolbachik cone and was dominated by Hawaiian-style activity associated with an emplacement of 138 a large lava field<sup>58</sup>. During the 205 days of activity, a lava volume of ~0.5 × 10<sup>9</sup> m<sup>3</sup> was erupted, with a gently 139 declining trend throughout the whole eruptive period<sup>58</sup>. Satellite geodesy could reveal the intrusion of a 6.1 140 km long dike intrusion, opening up to 8 m, adding almost 10% to the total eruption volume<sup>59</sup>. The activity 141 ceased entirely by the end of August 2013. According to Koulakov et al.<sup>18</sup>, one magmatic pathway of Tolbachik 142 appears to be connected with the marginal part of the Klyuchevskoy deep reservoir, and another seems to 143 originate from an independent mantle source located to the south of Tolbachik.



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145 **Figure 2** – Time-series of the Time-Averaged lava Discharge Rate (TADR; logarithmic scale) for (a) 146 Klyuchevskoy, (b) Bezymianny, and (c) Tolbachik. Single satellite measurements (dots) are interpolated and 147 smoothed (line) to provide continuous data. The horizontal dashed lines represent the threshold of 0.25  $m^3$ 148  $s<sup>-1</sup>$  used for automatized detection of eruptions (see Methods section). The start and end of each eruptive 149 period (labelled on the top of each plot) are marked by the vertical dashed lines. The error for every single 150 datapoint is ± 50%. The time series is generated using MATLAB software (www.mathworks.com).

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### 153 3. Remote sensing of eruption effusion rates

154 We calculated the Time-Averaged lava Discharge Rate (TADR) and the erupted lava volumes at the three 155 volcanoes by using MODIS infrared data acquired between March 2000 and December 2019 (bold lines in 156 insets of Fig. 1b,c,d) determined with the MIROVA system<sup>17,60</sup>. Details of the methodology and associated

157 limits are described in the *Methods* section accompanying this paper. A TADR threshold of 0.25 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> is used

158 to automatically recognize the main eruptive periods at each volcano (Fig. 2), and to quantify the eruption 159 parameters summarized in Table 1.

#### 160 *3.1. Klyuchevskoy*

161 Nine eruptions occurred at Klyuchevskoy between 2003 and 2020 (Fig.2a). Of these, eight were automatically 162 recognized (see Methods), and one was manually selected, based on observations of Ozerov et al.<sup>38</sup> (eruption 163 #6; Table 1). Most of the eruptions  $(#2,3,4,5,7,8,9;$  Table 1a) produced lava flows along the flanks of the 164 volcano<sup>38</sup> and created lava volumes ranging from ~10 to 150  $\times$  10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>3</sup> each, with a Mean Output Rate (MOR: 165 total volume of eruption/duration) ranging between 2.5 and 10  $m^3$  s<sup>-1</sup> and a maximum TADR often higher 166 than 30 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (Table 1a). Only two eruptions (#1,6; Table 1a) were limited to moderate explosive activity 167 inside the summit crater<sup>38</sup> characterized by much lower volumetric output  $(< 10$  Mm<sup>3</sup>) and discharge rates 168 (maximum TADR < 2.5 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>; Table 1a). For some eruptions (#3,4,5; Fig. 2a), the onset of lava effusion was 169 preceded by a precursory phase of several weeks, identified by increased fumarolic activity and degassing<sup>38</sup>. 170 In other cases, the beginning of the eruption was rather rapid, without any apparent thermal precursory 171 phase (#2,7,8,9; Fig. 2a). The eruptive trends of Klyuchevskoy are often characterized by a TADR that 172 increases with time to reach values of 10-100 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> immediately before the effusion suddenly ceases (*Fig.* 173 2a). The volumetric output of the 20 years (Fig. 2) defines the most recent period of intense activity of 174 Klyuchevskoy characterized by a steady-state output rate (Qss) of 1.36 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (1.21 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> DRE; Fig 3a), which 175 is almost twice the average output since 1930 (Fig. 1b1). Notably, the cumulative curve in Fig. 3a shows a 176 clear sawtooth pattern typical for steady-state volcanism<sup>61</sup> whereby each step is either produced by (i) an 177 unbuffered arrival and eruption of discrete magma batches, or (ii) a partial or complete discharge of a shallow 178 reservoir that is fed by a constant magma supply. A similar pattern could be also explained if the arrival of 179 discrete magma batches is controlled by a steady-state destabilization of magma reservoirs, produced by 180 passive degassing during quiescence, which can trigger magma ascent from depth<sup>62-64</sup>. Whatever the model, 181 the two lines, which envelope the sawtooth curve (parallel to the linear trend  $\pm$  2 $\sigma$ ; Fig. 3a), define the 182 maximum size (maximum eruptible lava volume) and maximum response time of the individual eruption, 183 respectively<sup>61</sup>. For Klyuchevskoy, these values are approximately 143  $\times$  10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>3</sup> and 1214 days. The analysis of 184 inter-eruption time distribution (Methods) suggests a relatively strong periodicity (Fig. 4a). The degree of 185 periodicity can be quantified by the coefficient of variation (CV), which is zero for perfect periodicity, one for 186 randomness, and larger than one for clustering. In the case of Klyuchevskoy's eruptions, we found a CV equal 187 to 0.38 and the inter-eruption time positively correlated to the size of the last event (correlation coefficient 188 of 0.65), as expected for time-predictable systems (Fig. 4a). A load and discharge model is thus envisaged for 189 Klyuchevskoy (Fig. 3), whereby an eruption starts when the upper, critical volume threshold is accumulated 190 in the shallow reservoir<sup>65</sup>. The resumption of eruptive activity on November 2019<sup>66</sup> further supports a time191 predictable behavior (*Methods*), which is in agreement with the achievement of a critical volume as shown 192 in Fig. 3a.

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### 194 *3.2. Bezymianny*

195 Thermal data acquired over Bezymianny (Fig. 2b) are indicative of an open-vent volcano, persistently emitting 196 hot volcanic products. The retrieved long-term eruptive pattern can be subdivided into two distinct regimes: 197 (1) a continuous low-level regime, associated with passive degassing and possibly related to "endogenous 198 growth," and (2) an intermittent high-level regime, associated with short-term (days to weeks) extrusive-199 explosive-effusive cycles. A TADR threshold of 0.25  $m^3$  s<sup>-1</sup> separates the two regimes and automatically 200 recognizes 28 out of the 29 major eruptive cycles between 2000 and 2019<sup>38,42</sup> (Table 1b). The only undetected 201 event occurred on 5 November 2007, when strong cloud coverage over the volcano prevented the detection 202 of this short-lived event (Table 1). Each eruption cycle is characterized by erupted volumes ranging from 203  $\sim$  0.15 to  $\sim$ 15  $\times$  10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>3</sup> and peak TADRs between 0.35 to 52 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (Table 1b). The average duration of each 204 eruptive cycle is 26.7 ( $\pm$  20.7; 1 $\sigma$ ) days, much shorter than the average inter-eruption time of 222.7 days. The 205 cumulative volume curve of Bezymianny is essentially controlled by the sudden steps associated with the 206 eruptive cycles detected by MODIS (Fig. 3c). Between 2000 and mid-2002, eruptions reached higher TADR 207 peaks, causing a steeper cumulative volume curve than in the rest of the time series (Fig. 3c). Although this 208 may reflect a higher magma output rate in this period, it is also possible that the dataset is biased by the fact 209 that only one satellite was operating in that period (see *Methods*). Similar to Klyuchevskoy, the cumulative 210 curve of the volumes erupted between May 2002 and September 2012 suggests steady-state volcanism for 211 Bezymianny<sup>61</sup>, which is characterized by an average output rate of ~0.21 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, a maximum eruptible volume 212 of ~7.6  $\times$  10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>3</sup>, and a maximum repose time of 410 days (Fig. 3c and 3d). A notable lack of eruptive cycles 213 occurred between September 2012 and December 2016 (Fig. 2b). This anomalously long rest period (low 214 thermal regime) is also visible in Fig. 3b and 3c, where the cumulative volume curve diverges horizontally 215 from the steady-state model. According to Wadge $^{61}$ , this pattern occurs at steady-state volcanoes when 216 magma is not being supplied into the shallow reservoir, here either because magma is not being generated 217 or a neighboring volcano is capturing it. Bezymianny's activity resumed at the end of 2016 and continued 218 intermittently with an output rate similar to the 2002-2012 period. The analysis of inter-eruption times 219 (Methods) suggests a quasi-periodic behavior (CV=0.5) for Bezymianny's activity until 2012 (Fig. 4b), which is 220 completely lost when including the whole dataset (Fig. 4c). No correlation is found between the inter-221 eruption times and volumes released during the last or the next eruption (Fig. 4). Although the lack of 222 correlation can be due to the significant uncertainties affecting the Bezymianny time series (Methods), we 223 may not exclude the role of a time-varying upper threshold (strength) of the shallow magmatic system<sup>65</sup>.



225 **Figure 3 –** *Upper panels*. Cumulative volume curves for (a1) Klyuchevskoy and (b1) Bezymianny, derived from 226 satellite measurements (see Methods). The linear fits of each cumulative curve represent the linear growth 227 model (blue thick dashed lines) and provide the steady-state output rate (Qss). The two parallel lines (linear 228 model  $\pm$  2σ) define the maximum eruptible volume (Vol<sub>max</sub>) and the maximum response time ( $\tau_{\text{max}}$ ) for the 229 inferred steady-state condition. *Lower panels*. Load and discharge model for (a2) Klyuchevskoy and (b2) 230 Bezymianny. The variation from the steady-state is calculated as the residual between the linear growth 231 model and the observed cumulative volume curves. A two-fold standard deviation  $(\pm 2\sigma)$  of residual is used 232 to define the upper and lower volume limits for the load-discharge model. In this plot, a time-predictable 233 system would have a near-constant upper threshold of the volume load when eruptions occur. A volume-234 predictable system would have a near-constant lower threshold. An entirely predictable system would have 235 both. The gray bar indicates the timing of the 2012 Tolbachik Fissure Eruption (TFE). Time series generated 236 using MATLAB software (www.mathworks.com).

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#### 238 *3.3 Tolbachik*

239 The eruption of Tolbachik (November 2012 – August 2013) commenced suddenly on 27 November 2012, 240 producing an initial TADR peak of about 300 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. This initial activity resulted in the emplacement of a lava 241 flow that reached a length of about 15 km in a few days<sup>67</sup>. Effusion rates decrease roughly exponentially 242 during the following ten months of continuous effusive activity. The eruption stopped between 23 and 27 243 August 2013 when the TADR suddenly lowered from 7-9 to less than 0.25 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. The eruption emplaced a 244 volume of  $\sim$ 0.5  $\times$  10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>3</sup> in 302 days<sup>58</sup>, which is up to 4000 times the volume commonly erupted at 245 Bezymianny volcano (>0.15 $\times$ 10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>3</sup>, see above).



247 **Figure 4** - Inter-eruption times distribution (bars) for (a) Klyuchevskoy, (b) Bezymianny - whole period (2000-248 2020), (c) Bezymianny - pre-Tolbachik eruption (2000-2012). The coefficient of variation (CV), a measure for 249 the eruption's periodicity, is provided in the title of each plot. Symbols show the eruption volume (right axis) 250 in all three panels as a function of the inter-eruption time, where points and crosses refer to the volume of 251 the last and next event, respectively. The correlation coefficient (r) between volume and interevent-time 252 with its p-value is provided in the legends.

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### 254 **4. Interactions between Klyuchevskoy, Bezymianny, and Tolbachik**

255 We statistically explore if the three volcanoes interacted on more than one occasion and in different ways.

- 256 Specifically, we found various degrees of interactions that become best observable by analyzing the data at
- 257 the time scales from weeks to decades.
- 258 Below we provide evidence of interactions related to (i) conjoint activity of Klyuchevskoy and Bezymianny
- 259 throughout 2003-2020, (ii) the reactivation of Tolbachik in 2011-2012, (iii) the reactivation of Klyuchevskoy
- 260 and the cessation of Tolbachik in August 2013, (iv) the reactivation of Bezymianny in 2016-2017, and (v)

261 changes in the long-term magma output rate after the Bezymianny eruption, in 1955-56, and after the Great 262 Tolbachik Fissure Eruption (GFTE), in 1977.

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### 264 **4.1. Conjoint activity and pattern's change before and after the 2012 Tolbachik eruption**

265 A first indication of how volcanoes are interconnected with each other is revealed by the detailed analysis of 266 the mutual activity of Klyuchevskoy and Bezymianny (and pattern's change) before and after the Tolbachik 267 eruption (Fig. 5).

268 Before the latter (Fig. 5a1), we observe a simultaneous activation of Bezymianny and Klyuchevskoy several 269 times (i.e., eruptions KLY#1,2,6) while no simultaneous activation is found afterward (Fig. 5a2). In particular, 270 the onset of Klyuchevskoy's eruptions #1,2,6 coincided with the maximum activity of Bezymianny 271 (BEZ#6,8,22) in the same period (a time window of  $\pm 10$  days is considered to avoid the effect of clouds). 272 Although less significant, Bezymianny's activity also showed some synchronous activation (increase of TADR 273 relative to the previous trend) with the onset of the other Klyuchevskoy eruptions (KLI#3,4) before the 274 Tolbachick eruption.

275 More specifically, we found that in the days-to-weeks following each of Klyuchevskoy eruptions, the average 276 TADR of Bezymianny increased, on average, by a factor of four (*Methods*). This increase suggests that before 277 2012, the eruptions of Klyuchevskoy were able to "galvanize" also the activity of Bezymianny. In contrast, 278 after the eruption of Tolbachik, the two volcanoes no longer have erupted simultaneously.

279 Additionally, before the Tolbachik eruption, most of the eruptions of Klyuchevskoy were characterized by a 280 precursory phase marked by a gradual increase in thermal activity and estimated TADR (Fig. 5b1). This pre-281 eruptive pattern is typical of open-vent volcanoes, in which the rise of the magma column causes the 282 appearance and growth of fumaroles or weak explosive activity<sup>68</sup>. However, the precursory pattern 283 disappeared after the eruption of Tolbachik (Fig. 5b2), and all the three subsequent eruptions of 284 Klyuchevskoy showed a sudden beginning of activity more typical of closed-vent systems<sup>68</sup>.

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288 **Figure 5** - Stacked TADR time-series relative to the onset of the Klyuchevskoy eruptions, before (left column) 289 and after (right column) the Tolbachik eruption. Upper panels: TADRs of the Bezymianny volcano. Lower 290 **panels:** TADRs of the Klyuchevskoy volcano. The simultaneous activation of Bezymianny at the time of the 291 eruption onset of Klyuchevskoy is obvious before the Tolbachik eruption (a1) but absent afterwards (a2). 292 Similarly, at Klyuchevskoy, the precursory activity is evident for the eruptions that occurred before the 293 Tolbachik eruptions (b1), but not afterward (b2). Time series generated using MATLAB software 294 (www.mathworks.com).

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### 297 *4.2. Reactivation of Tolbachik in 2011-2012*

298 The comparison between the surface activity, retrieved from satellite, and the long-period (LP) earthquakes 299 occurred within the KVG during the reactivation of Tolbachik<sup>22,70</sup>, provides further indications of mutual 300 communication between these volcanoes. This last was preceded in 2011 by an increase of the Deep Long 301 Period (DLP) seismic activity reaching its maximum level in May 2012 (Fig. 6c). It reflected the gradual 302 pressurization of the whole KVG plumbing system<sup>70</sup>, possibly in response to a pulse of volatile-rich basaltic 303 magmas rising from the mantle<sup>71</sup>. At Bezymianny, this gradual pressurization may have triggered three 304 consecutive shallow LP swarms, each preceding an eruption, the last one being in September 2012 (Fig. 6a,b). 305 Similarly, LP seismicity also migrated shallow below the Klyuchevskoy volcano in September 2012 (promptly 306 triggering the onset of eruption #6), and later, on October-November 2012, LPs occurred below Tolbachik, 307 just before the onset of its voluminous flank eruption (Fig. 6a,b). 308 Interestingly, during eruption #6 of Klyuchevskoy, the TADR trend almost mirrors the shallow LP seismicity,

309 both reaching a maximum in November 2012 and then declining in correspondence with an acceleration of

- 310 the Tolbachik seismic swarm (Fig. 6a,b). Eruption #6 was somehow unusual for Klyuchevskoy since it 311 produced only weak Strombolian activity<sup>38</sup>, with a TADR always below 0.25 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> and a volume of less than
- 312  $1 \times 10^6$  m<sup>3</sup> (Table 1). Moreover, unlike the other Klyuchevskoy eruptions (cf. Fig. 2a), it never culminated in
- 313 effusive activity, which is atypical for this volcano. Together with a waning trend of surface and seismic
- 314 activity since mid-November 2012, these peculiar features suggest a sort of partial depletion of the shallow
- 315 magma supply of Klyuchevskoy, precisely in correspondence with the acceleration of seismic swarms below
- 316 Tolbachik (Fig. 6a,b). It is worth noting that the eruptions of Klyuchevskoy stopped in 1975–1976 during the
- 317 GFTE and were renewed in 1977–1978 after the GFTE<sup>72</sup>.
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**321 Figure 6** Reactivation of Tolbachik and responses at other volcanoes. – (a) Stacked TADR time-series for 322 Klyuchevskoy, Bezymianny, and Tolbachik between 2011 and 2014. (b) Shallow LP seismicity (normalized 323 number of events per day) below the Klyuchevskoy, Bezymianny, and Tolbachik during the same period 324 (modified from Shapiro et al., 2017); (c) Deep LP seismicity below the KVG (seismic data modified from 325 Shapiro et al., 2017); (refer to the color version of the figure). Time series generated using MATLAB software 326 (www.mathworks.com).

### 328 *4.3. Reactivation of Klyuchevskoy and cessation of Tolbachik eruption in August 2013*

329 Even more intriguing is the resumption of the activity at Klyuchevskoy (eruption #7) and the almost 330 concurrent cessation of activity at Tolbachik on 22 August 2013 (Fig. 6a). The beginning of eruption #7

331 occurred suddenly on 14 August 2013, with the onset of Strombolian explosions, which evolved in few days 332 into summit effusive activity<sup>38</sup> fed with a TADR of about 10 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (Fig. 6a). Lava discharge rates increased 333 rapidly in the following months to reach a maximum value of  $\sim$ 100 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> on 18 October 2013, just before the 334 abrupt cessation of surface activity on 25 October 2013.

335 The onset of eruption #7, which also occurred abruptly on 14 August 2013, preceded the end of the Tolbachik 336 eruption by eight days (Fig.6a). Our data suggest that the Tolbachik eruption ended when the TADR-values 337 were still moderately high (7-9 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>), shutting down the monthly-long, (almost) exponential decay.

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### 339 *4.4. Reactivation of Bezymianny in 2016*

340 Strong evidence for volcano-volcano interactions is the lack of the typical extrusive-explosive-effusive cycles 341 of Bezymianny for four years after the eruption of Tolbachik<sup>73</sup> (Fig. 7a). This rest period was unusually long 342 for Bezymianny (1550 days) and started already on 11 September 2012 ( $\sim$ 3 months before Tolbachik). As 343 discussed above, the September 2012 eruption of Bezymianny represents the superficial response of its 344 plumbing system to the main deep magma pulse revealed by DVLP, which heralded a few months later the 345 eruption of Tolbachik. The following lack of activity at Bezymianny persisted for four years during which 346 continuous thermal anomalies were likely related to passive degassing (Fig. 7). In early 2016, a viscous, 347 crystallized, cold plug started to be extruded from the summit crater<sup>74</sup>. This slow, cold extrusion was 348 undetected by MODIS but, according to Mania et al.<sup>74</sup>, accelerated in September-November 2016 (right at 349 the end of Klyuchevskoy eruption #9) until the effusion of a viscous lava flow on 9 December 2016 (eruption 350 #23; Fig. 7). The extrusion of solid plugs at the onset of eruptive cycles is a typical feature of Bezymianny<sup>38,42</sup>. 351 However, that of 2016 represented an abnormally long precursory phase for this volcano. It was followed by 352 eruptions #24 and #25, both characterized by a gentle effusion of two lava flows with increasingly stronger 353 explosivity<sup>74</sup>. This peculiar dynamic after four years of rest seems to be consistent with an interruption (or 354 decrease) of the magma supply after the TFE that favored the formation of a cold crystallized plug in the 355 shallow conduit of Bezymianny.



357 **Figure 7** – (a) Stacked TADR time-series for Klyuchevskoy, Bezymianny, and Tolbachik volcanoes between 358 2011 and 2018. Eruptive periods for each volcano are labeled according to Table 1. Gray fields outline periods 359 of Bezymianny activity characterized by frequent explosive eruptions (stars); (b) The reactivation of 360 Bezymianny started in early 2016, through the extrusion of "cold" crystallized plug, undetected by MODIS. 361 This anomalous precursory phase culminated in December 2016 (#BEZ23) with the effusion of a new lava 362 flow that marks the resumption of activity of Bezymianny after the Tolbachik eruption. Time series generated 363 using MATLAB software (www.mathworks.com).

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## 368 *4.5 Influence of the 1955-56 eruption of Bezymianny and the 1975 Great Tolbachik Fissure Eruption in the*  369 **long term eruptive pattern of Klyuchevskoy and Bezymianny**

370 Bezymianny eruption in 1955-56 (BEZ55) was the largest in the recent history on this volcano<sup>40</sup> and its 371 occurrence may have perturbed the whole KVG in some way. Some evidence appears from the analysis of 372 the long term volumetric output of Klyuchevskoy (Fig. 1b) which shows an evident reduction in the eruption' 373 frequency after 1956, passing from 0.28 events/year, between 1930 and 1953, to 0.17 events/year between 374 1956 and 1973 (Fig. 1b). Even more indicative is the fact that this decrease was also associated with an 375 evident geochemical change in the products erupted by Klyuchevskoy after 1960<sup>39</sup> (a few years after the 376 unrest of Bezymianny), which has been ascribed to the injection of new type of primary magma that was not 377 produced beneath the volcano previously.

378 In 1977, immediately after the GTFE, the eruptive regime of Bezymianny changed considerably to give rise, 379 for the first time, to the effusion of lava flows and the establishment of extrusive-explosive-effusive 380 cycles<sup>43,44</sup>. Simultaneously, the volumetric output rate decelerated (Fig. 1c). The erupted magma became 381 more and more primitive, indicating the arrival of deeper mafic magma components at the surface<sup>53</sup>. For 382 Klyuchevskoy, the available data and observations point to a significant change in its eruptive regime starting 383 1-3 years after the GTFE, when summit eruptions began to dominate over flank eruptions<sup>37</sup> (Fig. 1b). In 384 contrast to Bezymianny, a significant increase of the output rate accompanied this change likely associated 385 with an increased magma supply at shallower levels. Geodetic measurements<sup>37</sup> carried out between 1979 386 and 2005 also suggest that the magma feeding system of Klyuchevskoy was accumulating considerable 387 amounts of magma before the eruptions of this period, which is coherent with a gradual rise of the effective 388 pressure source, from the probable region of deep magma storage (25 km) to shallow levels (5 km). Also the 389 seismicity of the entire KVG showed a dramatic change after the GTFE eruption<sup>22,72</sup> with several remarkable 390 earthquake swarms that occurred during 1977-1978. All these pieces of evidence make it plausible that both 391 the BEZ25 and GTFE have perturbed the activity of the neighboring volcanoes, compatibly with a process of 392 general rejuvenation of the whole KVG magma system. Whether a similar rejuvenation process occurred 393 during the 2012 Tolbachik eruption is still unclear. However, the occurrence of the major swarms of deep 394 very-long period events (DVLP) in 2011 and 2012 (Fig. 6) point toward a process of pre-eruptive reload of the 395 shallow magmatic reservoirs from depth<sup>23</sup>.

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#### 397 **5. Discussion**

398 Our new satellite data suggest that the three volcanoes of the KVG are related to each other on various time-399 scales. The mode and directivity of the relation vary, showing correlated and anti-correlated activity changes. 400 This observation probably reflects a complex response to changes occurring in a seismically inferred common 401 magmatic source and/or at the associated hydrothermal system.

402 Conjecturing the presence of crustal magma chambers at the volcano systems, we may develop a 403 simple conceptual model to explain some of the modulations and concurrent activity changes observed in 404 our data. At Klyuchevskoy, the magma supply within the crustal plumbing system follows a general steady-405 state load and discharge model. The frequent but intermittent arrival of magma batches is buffered by the 406 elastic deformation of the subvolcanic reservoir $^{61}$ . Eruptions occur when the stored amount of magma 407 — exceeds a specific threshold (time-predictable behaviour<sup>65</sup>) with the maximum eruptible volume (~150 ×10<sup>6</sup> 408  $m^3$  for Klyuchevskoy; Fig. 3a2) strictly connected to the capacity of the reservoir to buffer the arrival of 409  $\mathrm{magna}^{53}$ . It is interesting to note that during the steady-state regime, the magma ascent feeding the activity 410 at these volcanoes could be driven by processes occurring at depth $^{61}$  (down-top mechanism), but also by the 411 passive degassing during quiescence<sup>62-64</sup>, which induces the opening of pathways connecting deep and 412 shallow magma reservoir (top-down-mechanism).

413 The eruptive behavior of Bezymianny is also compatible with a steady-state magma supply. However, in this 414 case, the smaller capacity of the reservoir(s) and the lower magma supply rate (compared to Klyuchevskoy) 415 give rise to much more frequent but less voluminous eruptions (maximum eruptible volume ~7  $\times$ 10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>3</sup>; Fig.

416 3b2). In this steady-state framework, the volcanoes' conjoint activation indicates that both systems 417 responded to a common perturbation, possibly sourced at lower crustal levels.

418 On the other hand, significant large swarms of DVLP (Fig. 6), ascribed to deep magma pulses, can reactivate 419 the Tolbachik magmatic path<sup>22,70-72</sup>, which in turn modify the properties of the of nearby magmatic systems 420 and perturb their steady-state regime.

421 Deviation from the steady-state cumulative volume curve indicates a change in the magma supply rate<sup>61</sup>, as 422 occurred after the BEZ55 and the GTFE at both Klyuchevskoy and Bezymianny.

423 The GTFE eruption directly affected Bezymianny's activity, causing a reduction of the magma output rate 424 since 1977 (Fig. 1b2) and producing a radical change in Bezymianny's eruptive regime and a rejuvenation of 425 its eruptive products<sup>53</sup>. Similarly, but in the opposite direction, the GTFE led to an increase of the long-term 426 magma output rate of Klyuchevskoy and promoted a change in its eruptive pattern, switching from lateral to 427 summit eruptions (Fig. 1b1).

428 To a lesser extent, the reactivation of the Tolbachik in 2012 inhibited the steady-state magma supply of 429 Bezymianny for several years. It caused the interruption of its surface activity until the extrusion of a 430 crystallized plug in 2016 (Fig.7). During this period, multiple interactions between Tolbachik and 431 Klyuchevskoy were also observed, supporting the existence of a very efficient hydraulic connection between 432 the plumbing systems of the three volcanoes. We note that the details on the presence of a common primary 433 magma feeding all volcanoes in KVG as well as the location and geometry of crustal magma chambers are 434 still debated<sup>19,36</sup>, which is why our conceptual model remains speculative.

435 Shapiro et al.<sup>22</sup> proposed a model based on fluid-pressure propagation through porous rocks to explain the 436 migration of LP events and infer the existence of such hydraulic connections below the KVG volcanoes. Our 437 data supports and reinforces this hypothesis, although other processes can also influence the eruption cycles 438 and dynamics<sup>75</sup>. Independent of any model assumption, our data show that the magmatic systems below the 439 KVG are interconnected, and eruptions of individual volcanoes can be the direct consequence of their 440 neighbors' activity.

441 To what extend magmatic systems are connected and if one eruption can trigger another volcano are 442 essential questions for assessing volcanic hazard. In the case of interacting volcanoes, such as in the case of 443 KVG, a volcano's behavior can be the direct consequence of its neighbor's activity. In these cases, traditional 444 hazard assessments of isolated volcanoes have to be replaced by a comprehensive assessment involving the 445 whole volcanic group. In addition to its eruptive history, the volcano's hazard assessment has to account for 446 its neighboring volcanoes' eruptive history, which may influence its current state.

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449 **Methods**

450 *Satellite Thermal data*

- 451 Satellite thermal data were processed using the MIROVA system<sup>60</sup> (www.mirovaweb.it), which is based on
- 452 the analysis of the images acquired by MODIS. The two MODIS sensors, launched in March 2000 and May
- 453 2002, provide approximately six infrared images per day over Kamchatka (three night-times and three day-
- 454 times) with a nominal ground resolution of 1 km. MODIS images are processed at each volcano to quantify
- 455 the Volcanic Radiative Power (VRP in Watts), a combined measurement of the area and integrated
- 456 temperature of the hot (>200°C) volcanic features with a standard error of  $\pm$  30% over every
- 457 measurement<sup>60</sup>.

458 We used only the night-time MODIS dataset, consisting of approximately 19,500 images acquired over the 459 Klyuchevskoy Volcanic Group (KVG). Thermal anomalies detected by MIROVA were geolocated (errors in 460 geolocation are less than 0.5 km for nadir acquisition<sup>60</sup>) to discriminate the hotspots sourced by the three 461 distinct volcanoes. All the images were visually analyzed to discard the data contaminated by clouds, ash 462 plumes, or poor viewing conditions (i.e., high satellite zenith), which preclude a correct estimation of VRP<sup>15,52</sup>. 463 Finally, the supervised dataset consists of 2,139 images for Klyuchevskoy, 2013 images for Bezymianny, and 464 219 images for Tolbachik, which have been used to reconstruct the time-series of VRP (Fig. S1 -465 Supplementary Material). For each volcano, the cumulative Volcanic Radiative Energy (VRE) in Joules is 466 calculated as the trapezoidal integration of the supervised VRP time series (*Fig. S1 - Supplementary Material*).

### 467 **Erupted volume and Time-Averaged lava Discharge Rate**

468 We used a simplified approach, which has been expressly developed to derive Time Averaged lava discharge 469 Rate (TADR) directly from MODIS-derived VRP<sup>76</sup>. This approach assumes that during an eruption, the energy 470 radiated by a lava body (i.e., VRE) is linearly correlated to the bulk erupted volume (Vol),

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471 \qquad c_{rad} = \frac{VRE}{Vol} \qquad \text{(eq. 1)}
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472 where  $c_{rad}$  (in J m<sup>-3</sup>) is the best-fit coefficient that describes the ability to radiate thermal energy by unit 473 volume of the observed lava body. Thus the  $c_{rad}$  value can be determined retrospectively by measuring the 474 energy radiated during an eruption (or during an eruptive period) and the bulk volume of the lava flow(s) or 475 domes emplaced during the same time interval (measured independently).

476 Once calibrated, the crad coefficient is used to retrieve the TADR for each single VRP measurements according 477 to

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478 \qquad TADR = \frac{VRP}{c_{rad}} \quad \text{(eq. 2)}.
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479 Note that this approach does not take into account the volume of magma erupted explosively (i.e., ash 480 plumes, pyroclastic density currents). It accounts only for magma erupted during effusive/extrusive periods, 481 that is, when sufficient thermal radiation is detectable from the satellite.

482 To estimate the c<sub>rad</sub>-value of Klyuchevskoy, we considered the period between 2002 and 2009, during which 483 about 231 x 10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>3</sup> of lava erupted<sup>21</sup>. Assuming an average fraction of tephra equal to 15% in volume<sup>37</sup>, the 484 cumulative volume of lava flows erupted between 2002 and 2009 become  $\sim$ 196 x 10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>3</sup>. This activity 485 produced a VRE of 1.6 x 10<sup>16</sup> J (*Fig. S1c1 - Supplementary Material*), which results into an average  $c_{rad}$ -value 486 of  $8.16 \times 10^7$  J m<sup>-3</sup>.

487 For Bezymianny volcano, we calibrated the  $c_{rad}$ , by considering the dome volume's growth between 31 July 488 2006 and 9 September 2017<sup>44</sup>. Given a total volume of  $\sim 69$  x 10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>3</sup> and a VRE of 1.17 x 10<sup>15</sup> J (*Fig. S1c2* -489 Supplementary Material), we estimated  $c_{rad} = 1.88 \times 10^7$  J m<sup>-3</sup>. Note that the TADR and inferred volumes do 490 not include the contribution of the explosive activity, which in the case of Bezymianny may be relevant. 491 According to Girina et al.<sup>42</sup>, each extrusive-explosive-effusive cycle produces volumes up to  $\sim$ 10<sup>7</sup> m<sup>3</sup>, in the 492 form of pyroclastic flows. Although the amount of juvenile material inside these deposits is unknown, the 493 large amount of material erupted explosively, together with the short duration of each cycle, introduces a 494 significant level of noise into our time series and an uncertainty possibly higher than 100% in the volumes 495 reported in Table 1b.

496 Equations 1 and 2 have been successfully applied to estimate the TADRs of the 2012-2013 Tolbachik 497 eruption<sup>67</sup>, where a c<sub>rad</sub> equal to 1.08 × 10<sup>8</sup> J m<sup>−3</sup> has been calculated based on a final lava flow volume<sup>77</sup> of 498  $573 \times 10^6$  m<sup>3</sup> and a corresponding VRE equal to  $6.07 \times 10^{16}$  (*Fig. S1c2 - Supplementary Material*).

499 As described by Coppola et al.<sup>76</sup>, this approach provides single TADR measurements with an associated error 500 of ±50%. Errorbars are not shown for graphical convenience.

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### 502 Statistical testing of correlated activity

503 The frequency plot of inter-eruption time (dt\_es in Tab 1) for Bezymianny and Klyuchevskoy is shown in the 504 left axis of Fig. 4. The peaked distribution for Bezymianny data (gray bars in Fig. 4a,b) can be reasonably fitted 505 by a Brownian-Passage Time (BPT) distribution (blue line). This models assumes a fixed eruption threshold 506 and volume release, plus a constant loading rate with noise. The coefficient of variation (CV), also called the 507 aperiodicity parameter, measures a signal's periodicity, where CV=0 refers to a perfect periodicity, CV=1 to 508 a random Poisson occurrence, and CV>1 to clustering. When considering the whole dataset of Bezymianny 509 (Fig. 4a), the CV value is 1.20, indicating a random occurrence of eruptions. However, the CV value decreases 510 to 0.50 when post-Tolbachik eruption data are excluded (Fig. 4b), thus indicating a quasi-periodic behavior 511 until the Tolbachik eruption. For Klyuchevskoy (Fig. 4c), the CV value is even lower (CV=0.38), indicating a 512 rather clock-wise recurrence of eruptions.

513 The relation between inter-eruption time and volume release of the last or next event is shown on the right 514 axis of Fig. 4. The data shows no correlations for Bezymianny (p-values > 0.25 in Fig. 4a,b), while p<0.05 would 515 indicate a statistically significant correlation. In contrast, Klyuchevskoy (Fig. 4c) shows a positive correlation Submitted to: Scientific Reports

516 between the inter-eruption time and the volume of the last eruption ( $r=0.65$ ,  $p=0.081$ ), which become 517 statistically significant (r=0.73; p=0.025) when including the timing of the last eruption (not included in our 518 study) started in November 2019<sup>66</sup>. The weaker correlation with the next events' volume found for the 519 Kluchevskoi volcano (Fig. 4c) suggests that its eruption periodicity is consistent with a time-predictable rather 520 than a volume-predictable model.

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### 522 Conjoint activity of Klyuchevskoy and Bezymianny volcanoes

523 We tested the hypothesis that before the Tolbachik eruption, the activation of Klyuchevskoy (eruptions  $\#1$ 524 to 6) affected the Bezymianny activity (Fig. S4). To perform this test, we first calculated the average TADR-525 value (of Bezymianny) within T days (from 10 to 30 days) relative to each Klyuchevskoy eruption and averaged 526 those six values. Then we calculated the ratio between the averaged TADR-value in the T days after the 527 eruption and the corresponding value in the T days before the eruption to measure the average activation 528 (blue points in figure 8). Finally, we compared the observed ratio (as a function of T) with the corresponding 529 result obtained after randomizing the activation times of the six Klyuchevskoy eruptions within the period 530 between 2002 and the Tolbachik eruption. The fraction of randomized data with a ratio similar or larger than 531 the observed one (green line in Fig. 8) shows that the observed activation value can only be reached in less 532 than 5-10% of the randomized data. Although the results are close to the significance threshold, these data 533 suggest that the result is significant for the shortest time intervals (i.e., T=10 days;  $p$ <0.05) with a 4-5 times 534 increase of the averaged TADR of Bezymianny after the onset of a Klyuchevskoy eruption. 535 Note that we have not analyzed T<10 days because of missing Bezymianny measurements during short

536 periods before/after the Klyuchevskoy eruptions.



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538 **Figure 8** – (Left Axis) Ratio between the averaged Bezymianny TADR values within T days after and before 539 the Klyuchevskoy eruptions (#1 to 6). (Right axis). Mean fraction in randomized data that exceed the observed 540 ratio (see the text for more explanations).

## 542 **Data Availability**

543 The satellite datasets are available as Supplementary Material at:

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## 545 **Tables**

546 **Table 1a** – Eruptions and parameters of Klyuchevskoy volcano retrieved from MODIS data. Volumes, TADR 547 and MOR are calculated as bulk values (see *Methods*)

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550  $*$  *Eruption #6 was detected by MODIS but with TADR* < 0.25  $m^3 s^1$ . Eruption start and end, are selected 551 manually based on first and last thermal anomalies.

*\*\* Start of Eruption#10 from<sup>36</sup>* 552

## 554 Table 1b – Continue. Eruptions and parameters of Bezymianny retrieved from MODIS data.

555 Volumes, TADR and MOR are calculated as bulk values (see Methods)

| even           | <b>Date</b> | start     | peak      | end       | durat | $dt$ $p$       | dt e           | Vol                         | <b>TADR</b> | <b>MOR</b> |
|----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|
| t              | Exp.*       |           |           |           | ion   | p              | s              |                             | max         |            |
| #              |             |           |           |           | days  | days           | days           | $x\;10^6$<br>m <sup>3</sup> | $m^3 s^1$   | $m^3 s^1$  |
| $\mathbf{1}$   | 13/03/      | 04/03/200 | 18/03/200 | 24/04/200 | 51.1  | nan            | nan            | 3.5                         | 4.2         | 0.8        |
|                | 2000        | 005:30    | 0 11:35   | 0 08:01   |       |                |                |                             |             |            |
| $\overline{2}$ | 01/11/      | 27/09/200 | 01/11/200 | 16/11/200 | 50.1  | 228.           | 156.           | 14.2                        | 51.9        | 3.3        |
|                | 2000        | 0 15:42   | 0 11:05   | 0 18:10   |       | 0              | 3              |                             |             |            |
| $\overline{3}$ | 06/08/      | 22/07/200 | 06/08/200 | 23/08/200 | 32.5  | 278.           | 247.           | 10.9                        | 30.9        | 3.9        |
|                | 2001        | 1 09:52   | 1 10:25   | 1 21:20   |       | 0              | $\overline{7}$ |                             |             |            |
| 4              | 16/12/      | 28/11/200 | 13/12/200 | 01/01/200 | 34.3  | 129.           | 96.8           | 8.1                         | 20.7        | 2.7        |
|                | 2001        | 1 17:20   | 1 11:05   | 2 2 3:58  |       | 0              |                |                             |             |            |
| 5              | 25/12/      | 12/12/200 | 25/12/200 | 07/01/200 | 26.0  | 377.           | 344.           | 4.8                         | 50.9        | 2.1        |
|                | 2002        | 2 20:43   | 2 14:55   | 3 20:17   |       | 2              | 9              |                             |             |            |
| $6\phantom{a}$ | 26/07/      | 13/07/200 | 26/07/200 | 10/08/200 | 28.7  | 213.           | 186.           | 5.3                         | 16.1        | 2.1        |
|                | 2003        | 3 00:25   | 3 15:15   | 3 16:45   |       | $\Omega$       | $\overline{2}$ |                             |             |            |
| $\overline{7}$ | 13/01/      | 06/01/200 | 14/01/200 | 23/01/200 | 17.2  | 171.           | 149.           | 0.6                         | 3.2         | 0.4        |
|                | 2004        | 4 17:04   | 4 10:00   | 4 2 2:43  |       | 8              | 0              |                             |             |            |
| 8              | 18/06/      | 03/06/200 | 19/06/200 | 30/06/200 | 26.7  | 157.           | 132.           | 1.6                         | 2.0         | 0.7        |
|                | 2004        | 4 2 2:01  | 4 15:10   | 4 13:43   |       | $\overline{2}$ | 0              |                             |             |            |
| 9              | 11/01/      | 10/01/200 | 16/01/200 | 20/01/200 | 10.4  | 211.           | 194.           | 0.3                         | 0.4         | 0.3        |
|                | 2005        | 5 13:02   | 5 15:40   | 5 22:28   |       | 0              | $\Omega$       |                             |             |            |
| 10             | 30/11/      | 16/11/200 | 30/11/200 | 16/12/200 | 29.4  | 317.           | 299.           | 6.4                         | 12.8        | 2.5        |
|                | 2005        | 5 15:08   | 5 11:50   | 5 00:15   |       | 8              | $\overline{7}$ |                             |             |            |
| 11             | 09/05/      | 29/04/200 | 08/05/200 | 27/05/200 | 28.7  | 159.           | 134.           | 1.1                         | 0.9         | 0.5        |
|                | 2006        | 6 07:39   | 6 11:05   | 6 23:59   |       | 0              | 3              |                             |             |            |
| 12             | 24/12/      | 15/12/200 | 23/12/200 | 03/01/200 | 18.7  | 229.           | 201.           | 0.8                         | 1.5         | 0.5        |
|                | 2006        | 6 18:15   | 6 11:25   | 7 10:45   |       | $\Omega$       | 8              |                             |             |            |
| 13             | 11/05/      | 29/04/200 | 12/05/200 | 07/06/200 | 38.8  | 140.           | 116.           | 6.1                         | 18.5        | 1.8        |
|                | 2007        | 7 13:39   | 7 15:55   | 7 08:13   |       | $\overline{2}$ | $\mathbf{1}$   |                             |             |            |



557 \*\*Event #15 not detected by MODIS but reported in Ozerov et al.<sup>38</sup> 558

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