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Key Points:

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13	•	Magnetic signals of 3-8 minutes period arrived at Western Samoa (API) and are
14		likely due to ionospheric sources.
15	•	Both Chichijima Island (CBI) and Easter Island (IPM) had local magnetic sig-
16		natures concurrent with the eruption's water wave arrival.
17	•	The CBI and IPM magnetic signals' may be due to both the eruption's tsunami
18		water wave and atmospheric/ionospheric waves.

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32 Plain Language Summary

On January 15, 2022, at around 04:00 UTC, the submarine volcano Hunga Tonga-33 Hunga Ha'apai erupted in a violent explosion. Previous studies have identified magnetic 34 signals from earthquake-created tsunamis, however, no such studies have identified ma-35 rine magnetic signals from eruption-created tsunamis. Identifying tsunami magnetic sig-36 nals may enable improving tsunami warning systems. Towards this aim, we examine data 37 from ten Pacific Ocean geomagnetic observatories. We processed the data using math-38 ematical methods that enable examining the different wave components of the timeseries. 39 We find magnetic signals likely caused by the eruption at three different Pacific island 40 observatories (API- Western Samoa, CBI- Chichijima Island, and IPM- Easter Island). 41

42 1 Introduction

On January 15, 2022, at around 04:00 UTC, the submarine volcano Hunga Tonga-43 Hunga Ha'apai explosively erupted. The volcano had been erupting for the previous 24 44 hours, as well as intermittently in the preceding month, but the explosion that started 45 at 04:00 UTC on Jan. 15 was by far the largest event. According to seismic data, the 46 eruption itself lasted about ten minutes (Tiampo, n.d.). The shock wave from the largest 47 explosion of the eruption produced a sonic boom that was heard within 9 hours in Alaska, 48 USA (9,370 km away). Tonga's islands were bombarded by tsunami waves of 2-15m height 49 and three Tongan people died from the tsunami so far, while many others were injured. 50 The tsunami caused flooding, property damage, and two deaths as far away as Peru (Sennert, 51 2022). 52

Since the foundational work of Faraday (1832), physicists have known that salty 53 water traveling through Earth's background magnetic field induces electric currents and 54 secondary electromagnetic fields. Recently, there has been much work to study and char-55 acterize the magnetic signals from earthquake induced tsunamis (Manoj et al., 2011; Toh 56 et al., 2011; Utada et al., 2011; Ichihara et al., 2013; Sugioka et al., 2014; Tatehata et 57 al., 2015; Klausner et al., 2016; Schnepf et al., 2016; Minami et al., 2017, 2021; Lin et 58 al., 2021). There are no past studies of the marine electromagnetic signals induced by 59 volcanic eruptions. Instead, there is much literature on volcanic eruptions' atmospheric 60 and ionospheric impacts to the point that ionospheric data has been used to provide in-61 formation on the volcanic eruption (Astafyeva, 2019; Heki, 2006; Dautermann, Calais, 62 Lognonné, & Mattioli, 2009; Dautermann, Calais, & Mattioli, 2009; Nakashima et al., 63 2016; Shults et al., 2016; Liu et al., 2017). As shown by Kubota et al. (2022), the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai eruption's atmospheric acoustic waves deformed the sea surface 65 so that tsunami-like water level variations occurred hours before the actual tsunami wa-66 ter wave arrived. Undoubtedly, these acoustic waves also caused ionospheric disturbances. 67

Table 1. Location of the selected geomagnetic observatories. Note: * The nearest water level station to API was located ~ 128 km southeast of the geomagnetic observatory and † marks the observatory used as the remote reference in the cross-wavelet analysis. The volcanic eruption occurred at 184.618°E and 20.536°S.

Observatory	Location	Latitude (°N)	Longitude (°E)	Altitude (m)	Nearest Distance to Shore (km)	Distance to Erup- tion (km)	Water Wave Arrival (UTC)
API	Western Samoa	-13.807	188.225	2	0	837.6	05:12*
ASP^{\dagger}	Australia	-23.762	133.883	557	>900	5218.7	
CBI	Japan	27.096	142.185	155	0.2	6978.2	11:11
CNB	Australia	-35.320	149.360	859	101	3810.2	
CTA	Australia	-20.090	146.264	370	108	3996.6	
EYR	New Zealand	-43.474	172.393	102	26.3	2786.4	
HON	United States	21.320	202.000	4	0.9	5001.5	09:07
IPM	Easter Island	-27.171	250.580	83	1.6	6685.6	13:42
KAK	Japan	36.232	140.186	36	34	7831.5	
KNY	Japan	31.420	130.880	107	10.8	8120	
MMB	Japan	43.910	144.190	42	11.8	8240.6	
PPT	Tahiti	-17.567	210.426	357	2.5	2733.5	06:48

Here we provide a comprehensive evaluation of magnetic signatures from the 04:00 68 January 15 2022 Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha'apai volcanic eruption. We do not attempt 69 to separate internal and external magnetic fields- the "event signal" may be from the 70 magnetic fields induced by the tsunami water wave, by the propagation of acoustic waves 71 in the neutral atmosphere (which then deformed the electrically conductive sea surface) 72 or in the electrically conductive ionosphere (which directly induces its own magnetic field) 73 (Astafyeva, 2019; Kubota et al., 2022). Instead, we analyze the time-frequency charac-74 teristics of signals at several Pacific Ocean observatories to determine whether magnetic 75 signals are local to a given observatory or concurrent at multiple. 76

⁷⁷ 2 Analysis of Observatory Data

2.1 Observatory data

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Data was obtained from several International Real-time Magnetic Observatory Network (INTERMAGNET) observatories and also from a Japan Meteorological Agency
(JMA) observatory (CBI) located at Chichijima Island. Table 1 specifies the locations of these observatories and Figure 1 illustrates their positions relative to the eruption site (denoted by a red star).

For each of these observatories, vector data of 1 minute sampling was used. The downward vertical component (Z) was used as is, but the northward (X) and eastward (Y) components were combined into one horizontal component ($H = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$).

We used observatories from a variety of locations in the Pacific Ocean. As seen in Table 1, API (Western Samoa), CBI (Chichijima Island, Japan), and HON (Honolulu, USA) were the three observatories with the closest proximity to seawater, with API having the best signal-to-noise ratio of any of the observatories since it is directly on the coast (Supplementary Figure S2). The Chichijima station is about 200 m from the beach, however, it is at an undisturbed portion of the island. This especially contrasts with the Honolulu observatory: HON is under 1 km from seawater but between the observatory and beach are neighborhoods that likely cause significant anthropogenic noise (Supplementary Figure S3).

Closely following these three observatories, IPM (Easter Island, Chile) and PPT (Tahiti, French Polynesia) are the next two observatories closest to seawater. Similar to CBI, the Easter Island observatory is in an undisturbed portion of the island, albeit further from the coast (1.6 km versus 200 m, Supplementary Figure S4). Meanwhile the PPT observatory has challenges similar to HON: it is 2.5 km inland (versus HON's 900 m) and at 357 m elevation (unlike HON's 4m altitude) with urban electromagnetic signals resting between it and the sea (Supplementary Figure S5).

For these five island stations we obtained water wave height variation data. As dis-103 cussed in the following section, the wave height data was used to determine when the 104 eruption's water wave (due to either the atmospheric shock wave or the oceanic tsunami 105 wave) reached the observatory. Note that for Western Samoa (API), the water level data 106 was ~ 128 km away from API on a different island. Supplementary Figure S2 shows their 107 locations. Neither observatory directly faces the eruption and the water level station is 108 in an east-facing bay that is ~ 15 km further from the eruption than API. This further 109 complicates the time lag between the water wave arrival at the geomagnetic observatory 110 versus at the water level station. 111

The observatories CNB (Canberra, Australia), CTA (Charter Towers, Australia), EYR (Eyrewell, New Zealand), KAK (Kakioka, Japan), KNY (Kanoya, Japan), and MMB (Memambetsu, Japan) were selected for evaluating what time-frequency magnetic field characteristics were similar across the wider region. The observatory ASP (Alice Springs, Australia) was selected to be a remote reference station for the cross-wavelet analysis (discussed in section 2.3) since it is deep in the Australian desert. The raw data from all of these stations are shown in Supplementary Figures S9-S20.

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2.2 Removing longer period signals via high-pass filtering

The dominant variability in water level data is that due to tides. Variation in ge-120 omagnetic data is dominated by the daily fluctuations of the ionosphere- many of which 121 are also solar synchronous. For both data sets, similar to the method of Schnepf et al. 122 (2016), the data underwent a high pass butterworth filter. Schnepf et al. (2016), Toh et 123 al. (2011), Manoj et al. (2011), and Utada et al. (2011) all found that tsunami magnetic 124 signals had periods typically within 10-30 minutes. Ionospheric disturbances due to vol-125 canic eruptions have been identified to have signals within a period range of 208.3 s to 126 1000 s (frequencies of 1-4.8 mHz) (Astafyeva, 2019; Dautermann, Calais, & Mattioli, 2009; 127 Nakashima et al., 2016). Thus, we used a maximum period of 30 minutes so that sig-128 nals with periodicities of 30 min or greater were removed. The results of this high pass 129 filter are shown in Figures 2, 3, and 4 for the observatories at, respectively, Western Samoa 130 (API), Chichijima (CBI), and Easter Island (IPM). 131

The aforementioned tsunami studies were focused on those created by earthquakes. Because the volcanic eruption was a less impulsive and less discrete initiating event as compared to an earthquake, we also examined the data using a maximum period of 120 minutes. These results are also shown in Figures 2 - 4.

To determine when the eruption's water wave reached each observatory, the start of water wave height variations was selected for both sets of high pass filtered data. Note that this arriving water wave likely show that the atmospheric shock waves caused per-



Figure 1. Map of the geomagnetic observatories (red circles for observatories with probable event signatures, yellow circles for regional observatories used in cross-wavelet analysis) used to study the magnetic signals induced by the Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha'apai eruption. Location of the eruption is given by the red star.

turbations on the ocean surface and that the tsunami water wave's arrival is after that initial onset (Kubota et al., 2022). Regardless, the event water arrival time for high pass filtering with a maximum period (T_{max}) of 30 minutes are within 10 minutes to those estimated using $T_{max} = 120$ minutes. These arrival times are labeled on the figures.

For API, the magnetic signal appears to arrive before the water wave. However, because the water level station is on a further island from the geomagnetic observatory, the magnetic signals may in fact be concurrent with the water waves' arrival at the geomagnetic observatory.

2.3 Identifying local signals via cross-wavelet analysis

To examine the time-frequency characteristics of the signals, as well as isolate the 148 signals that are local to a given observatory, we used the cross-wavelet analysis (C-WA) 149 methodology developed in Schnepf et al. (2016). This method performs a wavelet anal-150 vsis on the horizontal and vertical magnetic field components at both a local observa-151 tory and a remote observatory. The horizontal wavelet matrices are then crossed to pro-152 duce a weighing matrix so that features common to both the local and remote observa-153 tory are then down-weighed in the local vertical wavelet matrix. This weighing matrix 154 linearly depends on the crossed amplitudes- it is best suited for geomagnetically quiet 155 conditions. When the common external signals significantly vary in amplitude, then the 156 weight matrix is skewed towards diminishing the common large amplitude outlier events 157 and there can be leakage of lower amplitude common signals. This may be why the C-158 WA results for the Japanese observatories of KAK, KNY, and MMB show so many sim-159 ilar signals (Supplementary Figures S21-S22). 160

The wavelet and cross-wavelet analysis was performed on both the time series resulting from the $T_{max} = 30$ minutes and $T_{max} = 120$ minutes high pass filtering. Figures 2 - 4 shows the down-weighed local vertical wavelet matrix at API, CBI, and IPM for both $T_{max} = 30$ minutes and $T_{max} = 120$ minutes. For all observatories, the crosswavelet analysis was performed using ASP as the remote observatory. Results at other stations are presented in the Supplementary Information (Figures S21-S26).

¹⁶⁷ 3 Results and Discussion

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The largest January 2022 eruption of Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha'apai occurred at about 168 04:00 UTC on January 15th. This day was somewhat disturbed in terms of geomagnetic 169 activity indices. Fortunately, most of the disturbed times were before the eruption or long 170 after signals from the event would have reached Pacific observatories. According to the 171 German Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ), from 00-03 UTC, the planetary K (Kp) 172 index was 5, from 03-09 and 12-18 it was a quiet index of 3, 09-12 it was an even qui-173 eter index of 2, from 18-21 it was 4 and from 21-24 it was 5 (shown in Supplementary 174 Figure S1). 175

To remove regional magnetic signals from magnetospheric sources we used the crosswavelet analysis (C-WA) method (Schnepf et al., 2016) with ASP as the reference station. This method can allow leakage of lower amplitude common signals if there are common large amplitude outlier events. We compare our results at several observatories to ensure that the signals we identify are local.

¹⁸¹Shown in Figure 2, the event's water wave reached Samoa by 05:12 UTC (for the ¹⁸² $T_{max} = 30$ minutes high-pass filtered, HPF, data). Magnetic signals with periods of ¹⁸³3-8 minutes and strengths of ~1 nT arrived at API starting at 04:44 UTC and persist-¹⁸⁴ing until 05:38 UTC. These high frequency signals were not visible at any other geomag-¹⁸⁵netic observatory in the region- none of the other considered geomagnetic observatories ¹⁸⁶had magnetic signals with periods under 5 minutes. Interestingly, the high frequency sig-



Figure 2. The water and magnetic field data for API after undergoing a high pass filter with a maximum period of 30 minutes (respectively, rows a and b) and 120 minutes (respectively, rows c and d). API's down-weighed Z wavelet matrix is shown in row e for a maximum period of 30 minutes and in row f for a maximum period of 120 minutes. For rows e and f the dashed line corresponds to the 05:12 UTC water wave arrival time.



Figure 3. The water and magnetic field data for CBI after undergoing a high pass filter with a maximum period of 30 minutes (respectively, rows a and b) and 120 minutes (respectively, rows c and d). CBI's down-weighed Z wavelet matrix is shown in row e for a maximum period of 30 minutes and in row f for a maximum period of 120 minutes. For rows e and f the first dashed line corresponds to the 11:11 UTC water wave arrival time and the second corresponds to the 13:25 UTC larger amplitude water wave arrival time seen in row c.



Figure 4. The water and magnetic field data for IPM after undergoing a high pass filter with a maximum period of 30 minutes (respectively, rows a and b) and 120 minutes (respectively, rows c and d). IPM's down-weighed Z wavelet matrix is shown in row e for a maximum period of 30 minutes and in row f for a maximum period of 120 minutes. For rows e and f the dashed line corresponds to the 13:42 UTC water wave arrival time.

nals were in both API's Z and H magnetic field components (Supplementary Figure S13). 187 Oceanic magnetic fields should only be detectable in the vertical component of coastal 188 observatories. This suggests the signals are external in nature. Additionally, the period 189 range of API's magnetic signature also fits with that of traveling ionospheric disturbances 190 (TIDs) and acoustic resonance between the ground and ionosphere (Iyemori et al., 2005). 191 This signal is most likely due to ionospheric sources and this station's close proximity 192 to the eruption could explain why it was the only observatory with signals < 5 minutes 193 period. To definitively separate the sources at play here, future studies should use a com-194 bination of data sources, methods that separate external and internal magnetic fields, 195 and perhaps numerical simulations of the expected tsunami or ionospheric signal. 196

At CTA, CNB, and EYR, C-WA results reveal common signals between 06-09 UTC 197 for longer periods (\sim 15-120 minutes; shown in Supplementary Figures S23-S24). In the 198 C-WA results for $T_{max} = 30$ minutes, API, and CNB both have recurring signals within 199 a period range of 15-30 minutes spanning from about 06-18 UTC. All of the observato-200 ries considered in this study, except for CTA, have recurring magnetic signals occurring 201 after 18:00 UTC. Because 18:00 is when the Kp index became disturbed, a more rigor-202 ous study focused on external fields/sources is needed to convincingly establish whether 203 these recurring signals are due to the eruption's atmospheric/ionospheric effects or to 204 space weather. 205

Long period signals (50-120 min) at API are strongest between the time of eruption and the water wave's arrival, however, this longer period signal commences before the largest eruption, so it is unclear if this is volcano related or due to space weather. Interestingly, CTA, CNB, and EYR all have longer period signals occurring between 06-09 UTC, and CNB and EYR have a recurring signal within the ~50-110 minutes period range. Again, further studies focused on external fields/sources would be useful for evaluating these signals.

At CBI, magnetic signals were coincident with the arrival of 1m-varying water waves (13:25 UTC, evident in Figure 3b-c,e-f). The dominant period range of the $T_{max} = 30$ minutes HPF signature is ~13-19 minutes with corresponding amplitudes of 0.4-0.7 nT. For the lower frequency C-WA results (Figure 3f), the signal is smeared across the 13:25 UTC arrival time and the corresponding period range is 49-93 minutes with amplitudes of 1.8-2.4 nT. It is not surprising that the period range extends to ~1.5 hours, after all, in Figure 3e there are magnetic signals recurring with roughly that periodicity.

The other Japanese observatories (KAK, KNY, and MMB) have many recurring magnetic signals throughout January 15th (Supplementary Figures S21-S22). Considering that KAK, KNY, and MMB are all fairly inland, and how similar the signals are across the three observatories, these recurring signals must be external in origin. Determining whether these external signals are due to post-eruption ionospheric waves or a geomagnetic storm is beyond the scope of this study.

At IPM, magnetic signals were coincident with the 13:42 UTC water wave arrival 226 (Figure 4). The high-pass filtered Z magnetic field data shows this most obviously when 227 $T_{max} = 120$ minutes, however, signals are evident for both $T_{max} = 30$ and $T_{max} =$ 228 120 minutes in the C-WA results (Figure 4e-f). Along with the initial magnetic signal, 229 IPM has magnetic signals of 5-100+ minute periodicity coincident with the water wave 230 and returning roughly every hour. The amplitude of the signal is greater for larger pe-231 riods: it is 0.7 nT near the water wave arrival for a period of 17 minutes and 5-14 nT 232 near the peaks that have periods of 60-90 minutes. 233

For both period ranges, PPT and HON do not have any magnetic signals obviously concurrent with the water wave arrival (Supplementary Figures S25-S26). This may be due to their location: while they are on islands, both of these observatories have anthropogenic electromagnetic sources resting between them and the sea. Thus, instead of sig-

nals comparable to IPM, CBI, or API, there are recurrent signals throughout the day 238 at HON and starting at 12:00 UTC for PPT. Some of the recurring signals appear sim-239 ilar to those repeating at the Japanese stations so they likely are external signals, per-240 haps related to the eruption or related to the Kp index increasing after 18 UTC. Either 241 way, for $T_{max} = 120$ minutes, PPT and HON have recurring signals starting at 16:10 242 UTC and 16:25, respectively. This suggests that the signals at IPM occurring between 243 the 13:42 UTC water wave arrival and ~ 16 UTC are truly local magnetic signatures aris-244 ing from the eruption. 245

It is unclear whether the signals at CBI and IPM are due to the eruption's tsunami
water wave, deformation of the sea surface from atmospheric acoustic waves, or ionospheric
waves. Indeed, the magnetic signatures at CBI, IPM, and API likely stem from a combination of these sources.

²⁵⁰ 4 Conclusions and Outlook

January 15, 2022 started and ended with disturbed geomagnetic conditions but conditions were relatively quiet around the time of the Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha'apai eruption and stayed quiet through to when oceanic and atmospheric waves from the explosion reached the various Pacific geomagnetic observatories.

The local magnetic signature at API had periods of 3-8 minutes and strengths of An T arrived starting at 04:44 UTC and persisting until 05:38 UTC. API's magnetic signature is most likely due to ionospheric sources.

For Chichijima Island (CBI, Japan) and Easter Island (IPM, Chile), the local mag-258 netic signals were concurrent with the eruption's water wave arrivals. At CBI, the mag-259 netic signatures had period bands of 13-19 minutes (with corresponding amplitudes of 260 0.4-0.7 nT) and 49-93 minutes (with corresponding amplitudes of 1.8-2.4 nT). Meanwhile, 261 at IPM, we identified magnetic signatures of 5-100+ minute periodicity and 5-14 nT am-262 plitude. It is unclear whether the signals at CBI and IPM are due to the eruption's tsunami 263 water wave, deformation of the sea surface from atmospheric acoustic waves, ionospheric 264 waves, or combinations of all these eruption-induced sources. 265

The Honolulu (HON) and Tahiti (PPT) observatories lacked clear magnetic signals concurrent with their island's water wave arrival time. Instead, similar to the other more inland observatories used in this study, recurrent magnetic signals were seen for the bulk of January 15th. These signals must be external in original, however, it is ambiguous if they are related to the Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha'apai eruption or to Earth's space weather conditions.

Future studies should pursue methods that separate internal and external magnetic field sources at each of the near-sea observatories. Additionally, incorporating atmospheric pressure data or ionospheric total electron content data could help distinguish the different sources creating the identified magnetic signatures. Numerical studies may also shed light in separating the magnetic signal from the tsunami water wave and the ionospheric disturbances. With such future work, we believe that the magnetic signatures from submarine volcanic eruptions can be rendered sensible.

²⁷⁹ **5** Data Availability Statement

With the exception of the Chichijima and Honolulu stations, magnetic field observatory data is available available through INTERMAGNET (www.intermagnet.org). Data from CBI at Chichijima station was obtained from the Japanese Meteorological Agency and may be accessed by contacting Kakioka Magnetic Observatory, JMA (http://www .kakioka-jma.go.jp/en/). Data from HON at Honolulu was obtained from the Kyoto World Data Centre for Geomagnetism (http://wdc.kugi.kyoto-u.ac.jp/) and the station is supported/maintained by the U.S. Geological Survey.

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All scripts used for data processing, as well as prepared Matlab data files for both the geomagnetic and water level data, may be accessed at https://github.com/NeeshaRS/ geomag_tsunamis/tree/main/tsunami_library and https://github.com/NeeshaRS/ geomag_tsunamis/tree/main/2022_Tonga.

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