

# FORMATION OF VOLCANIC ARCS



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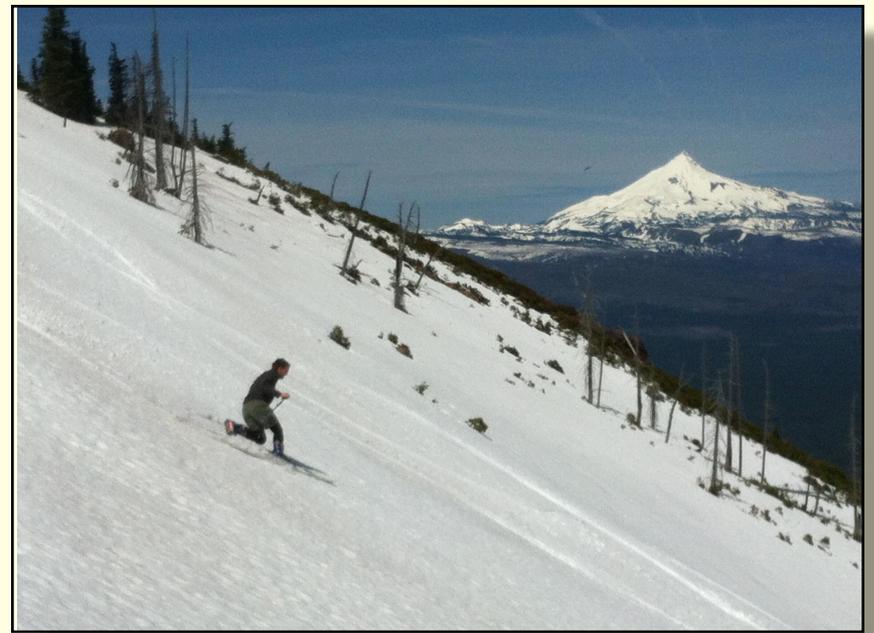


Gunung Agung, Bali

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- Use the tools of petrology & geochemistry to study magmatic systems
- Interaction between magmatic and volcanic processes
- Projects in Cascades, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia
- Applications of laser ablation ICP-MS



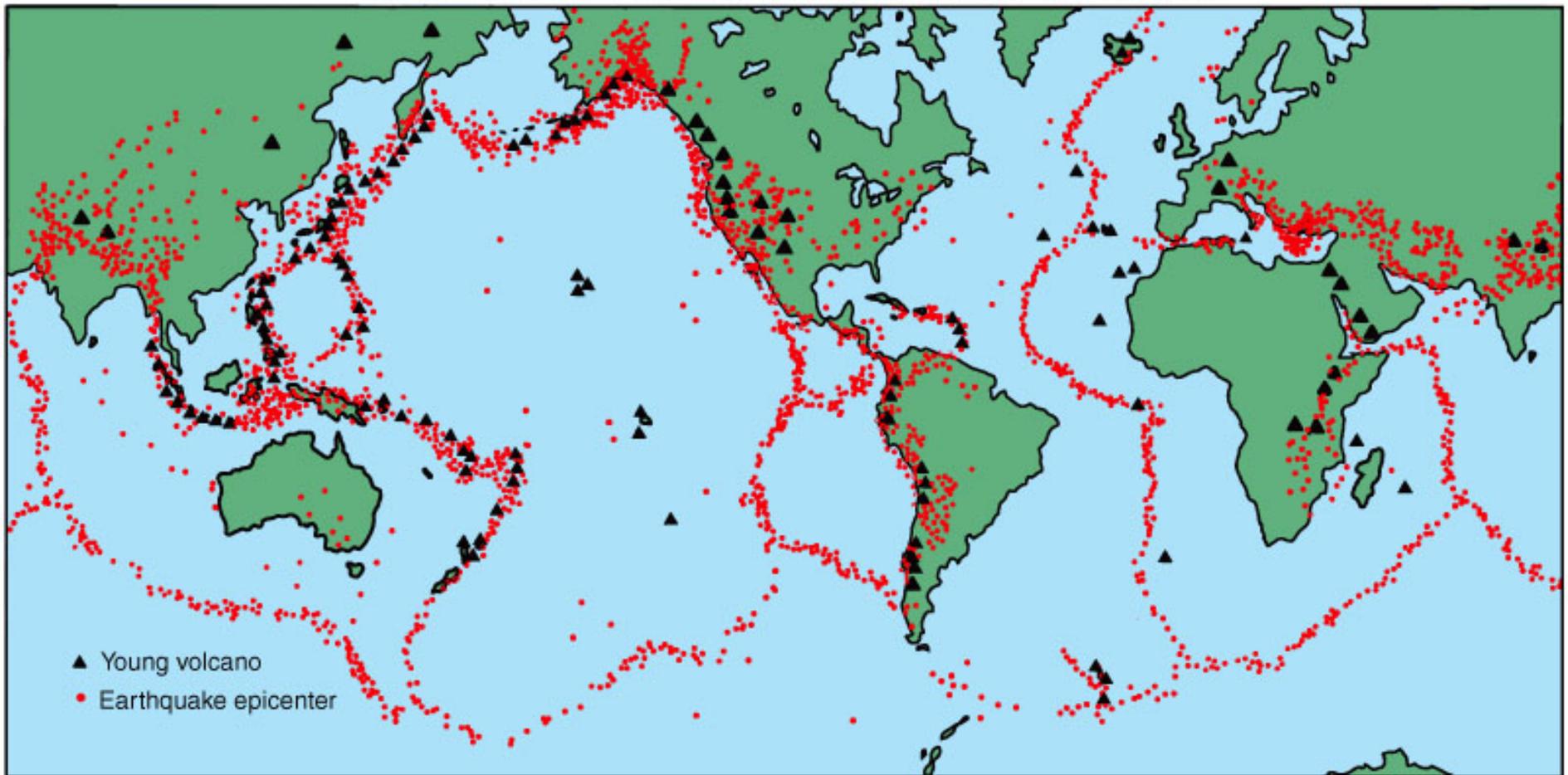
Black Butte, Mount Jefferson



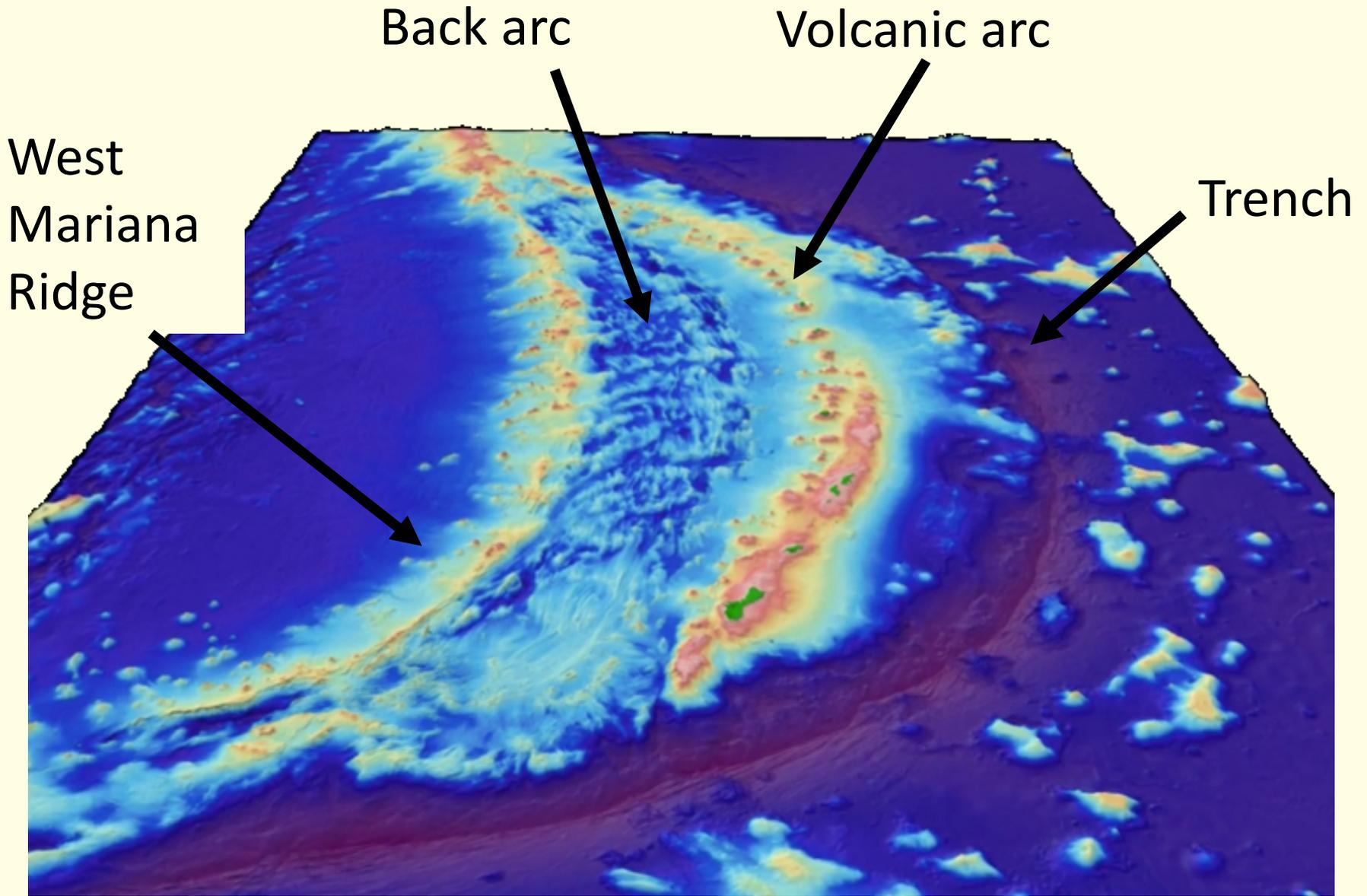
Saudi Arabia



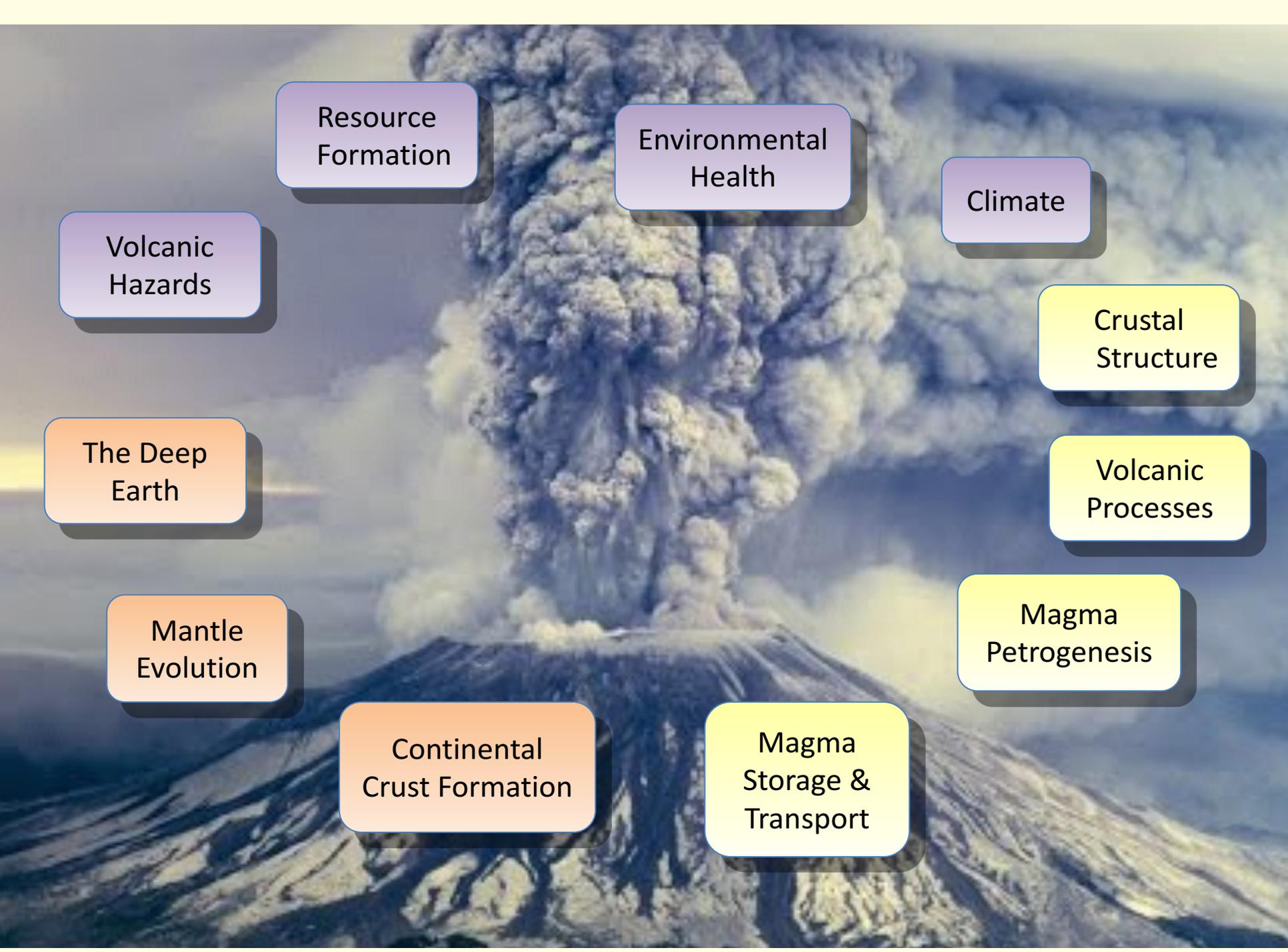
Montserrat



Volcanic arc: An arcuate chain of volcanoes formed above a subducting plate, and typically parallel to an oceanic trench.



Mariana arc (NOAA)



Resource  
Formation

Environmental  
Health

Climate

Volcanic  
Hazards

Crustal  
Structure

The Deep  
Earth

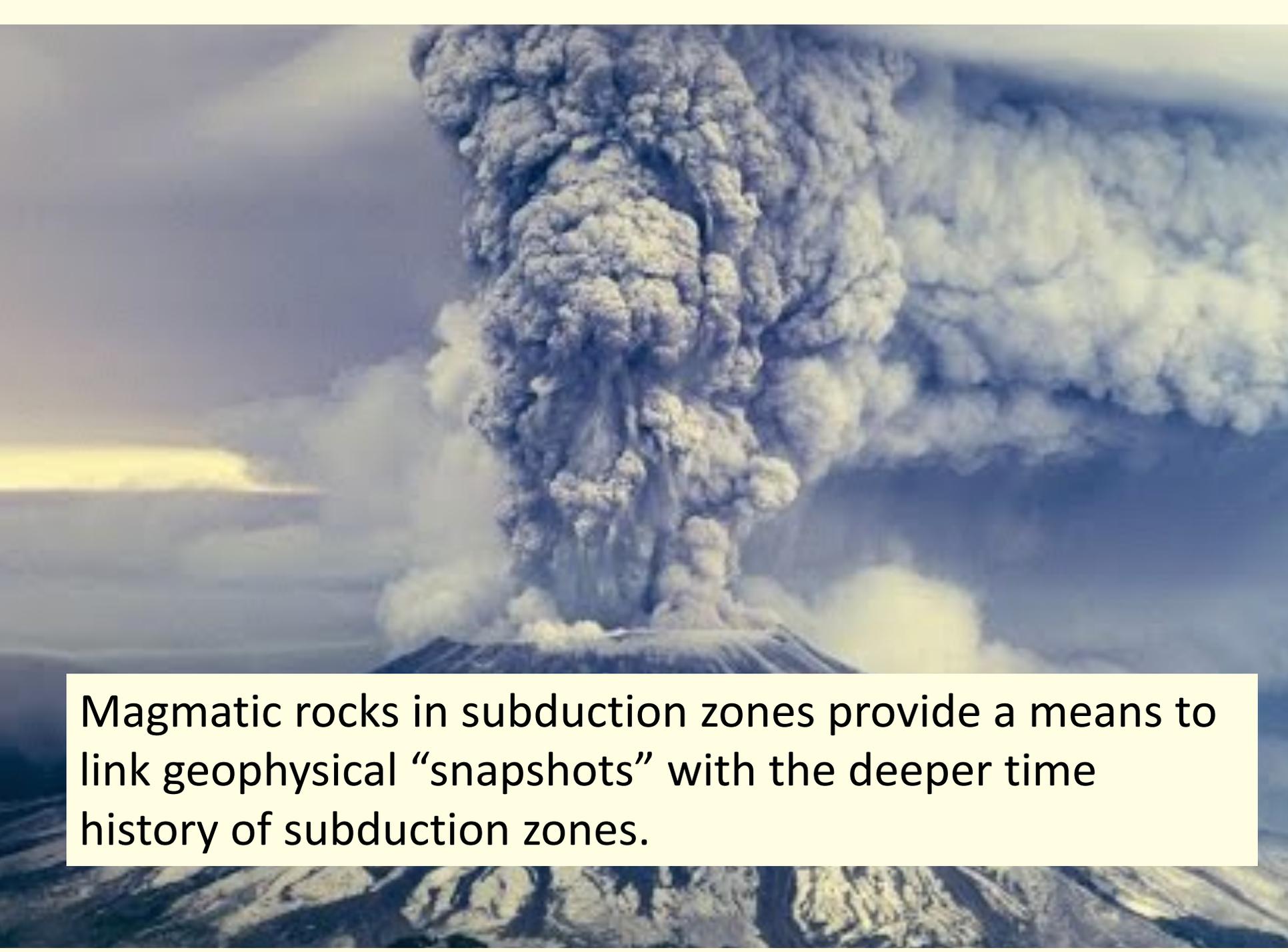
Volcanic  
Processes

Mantle  
Evolution

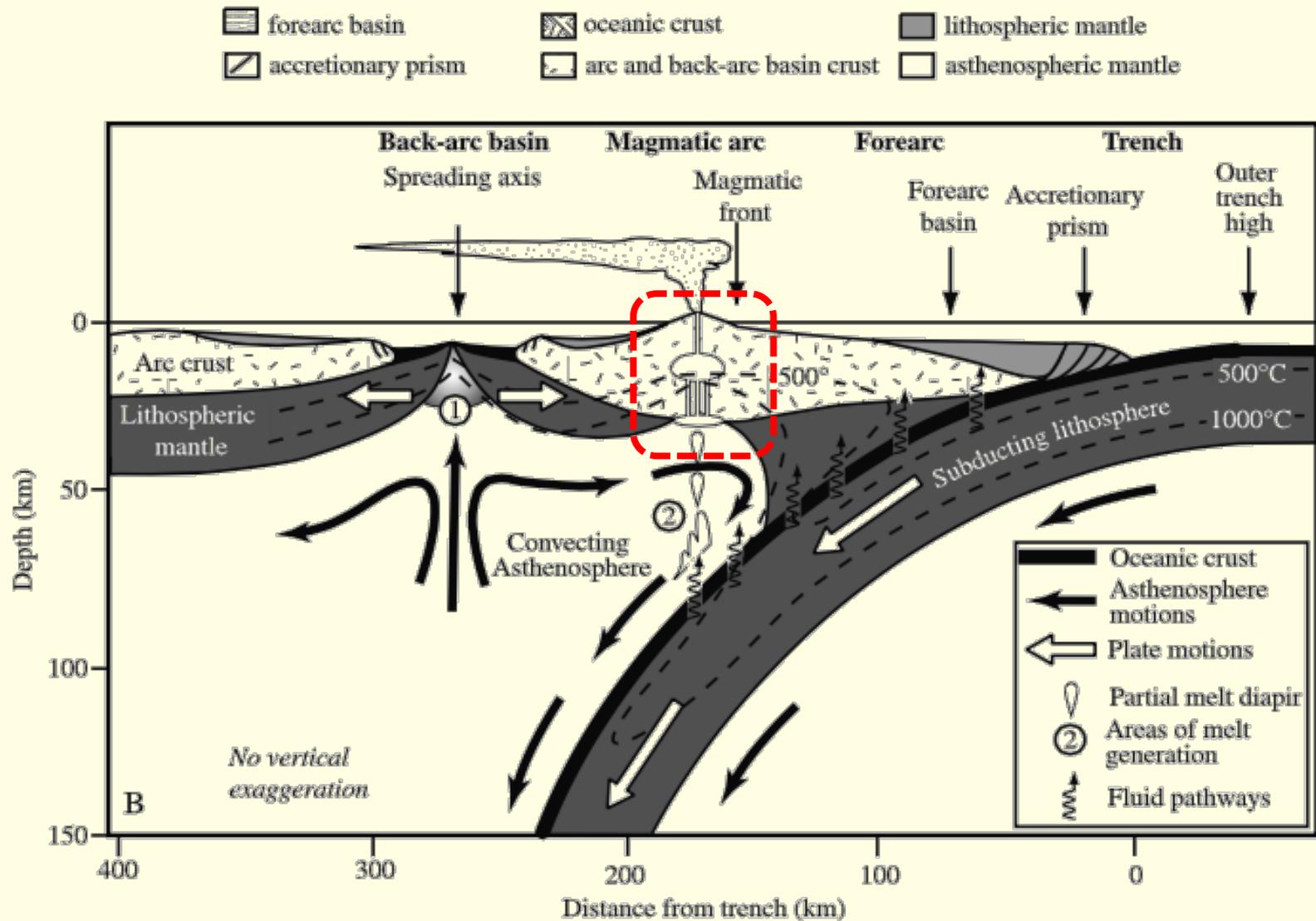
Magma  
Petrogenesis

Continental  
Crust Formation

Magma  
Storage &  
Transport

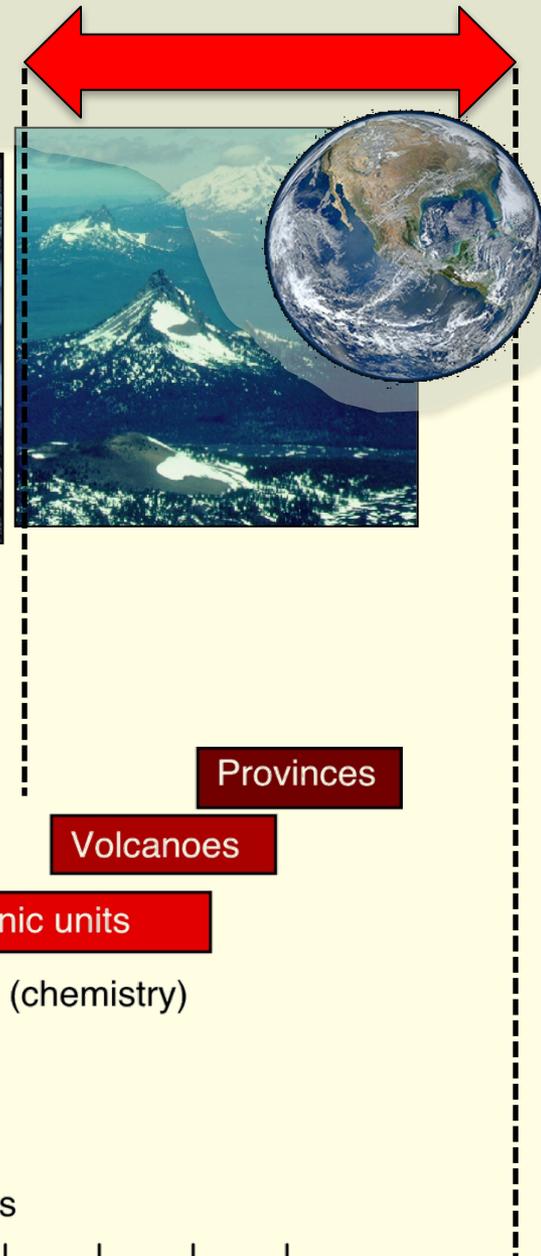


Magmatic rocks in subduction zones provide a means to link geophysical “snapshots” with the deeper time history of subduction zones.

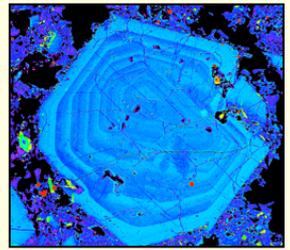
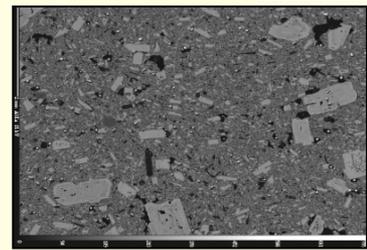
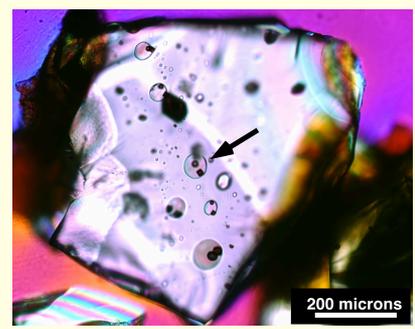
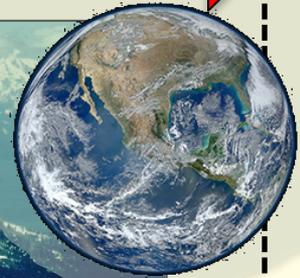
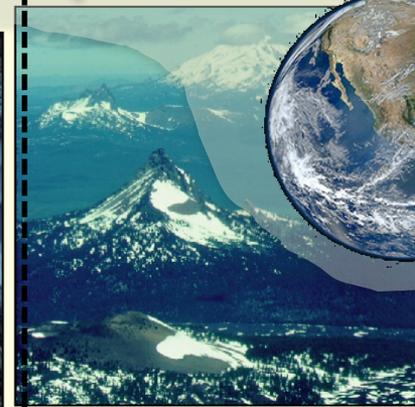
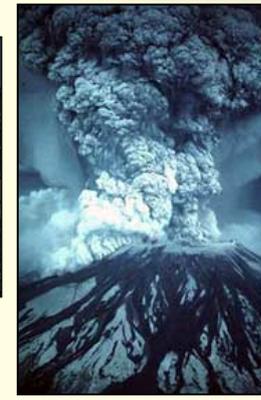


Today: Discussion of the role of the upper plate in forming volcanic arcs

# Geophysics



• **Magma: Rich record of subduction zone processes**



Provinces  
Volcanoes

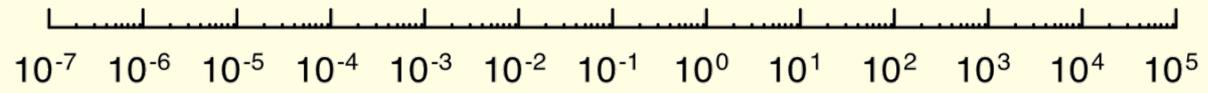
Volcanic units

Hand Samples (chemistry)

Thin sections

Crystals

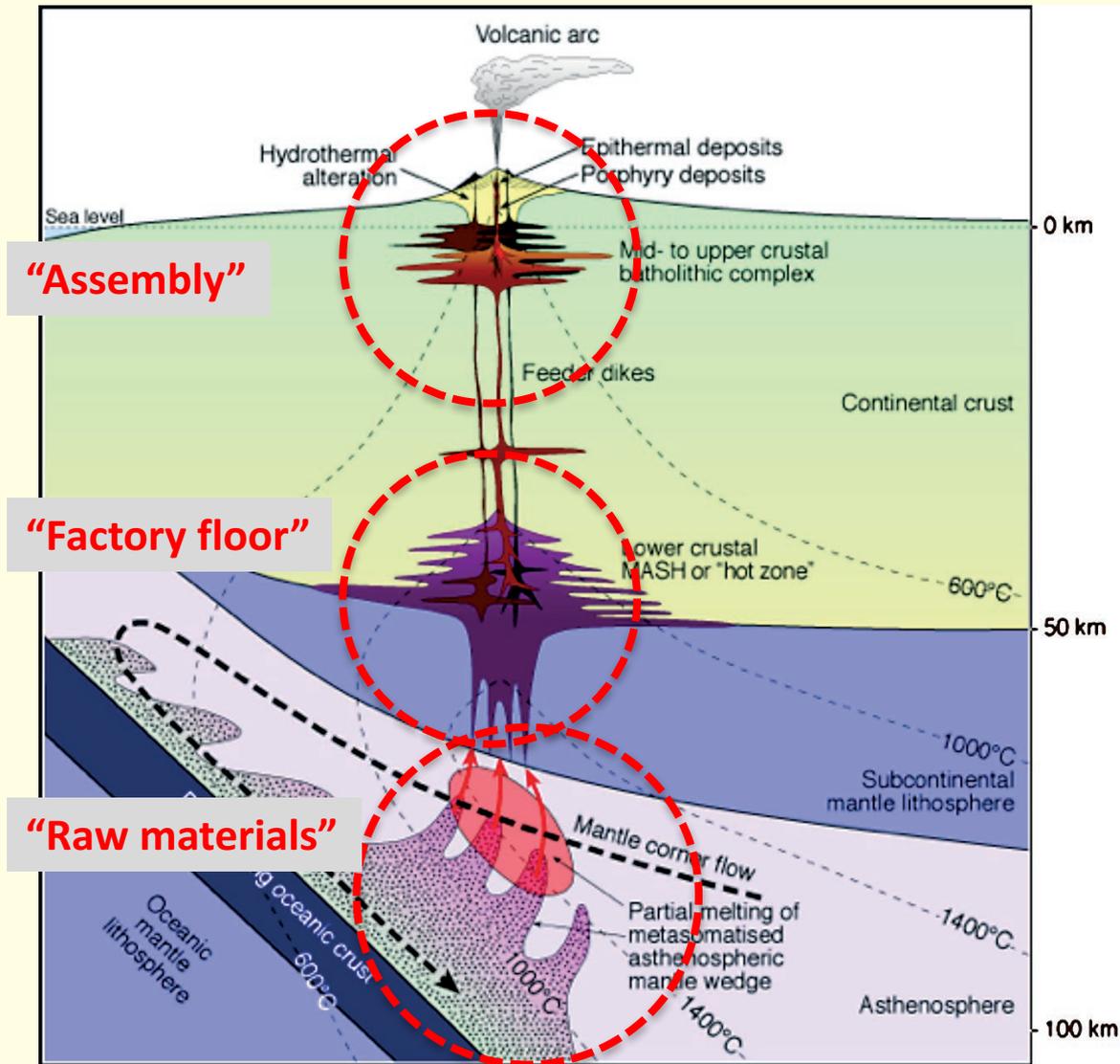
Intracrystalline variations & inclusions



Scale (m)

# The Upper Plate

- Transformation of mantle derived magmas to the broad array of observed arc magmas
  - Production of intermediate and evolved magma compositions
  - Formation of crystals and their inclusions – important reserve of information
- Substantial magma residence
  - “Freezing” to form pluton, or transit to eruption
- Degassing and loss of volatiles to atmosphere or hydrothermal systems.
- Spatial and temporal modulation from plate tectonic rates to volcanic rates, and from continuous to episodic





**KEEP CALM**

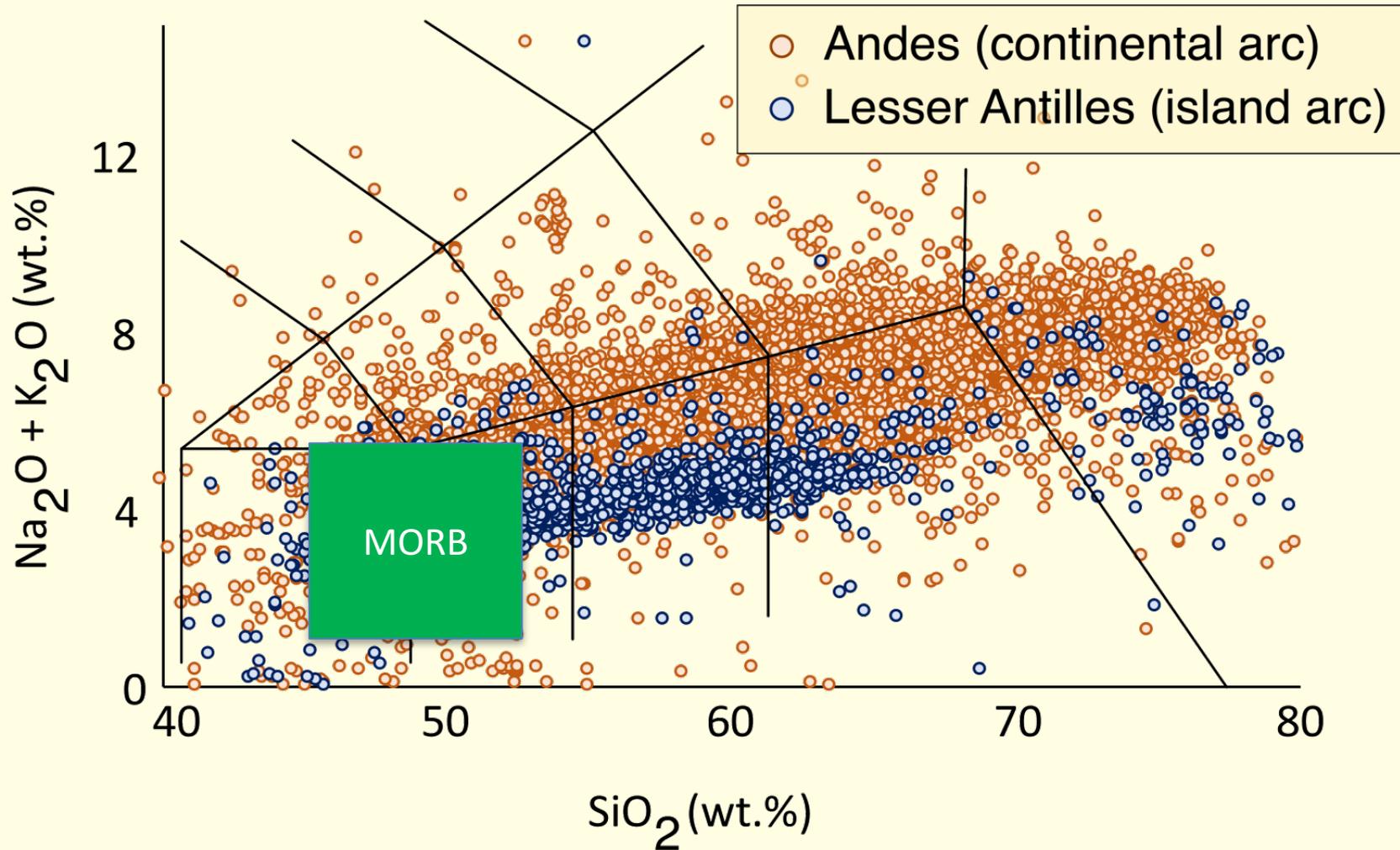
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**QUIZ TIME**

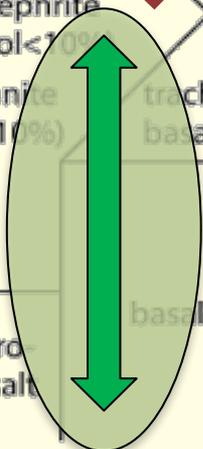
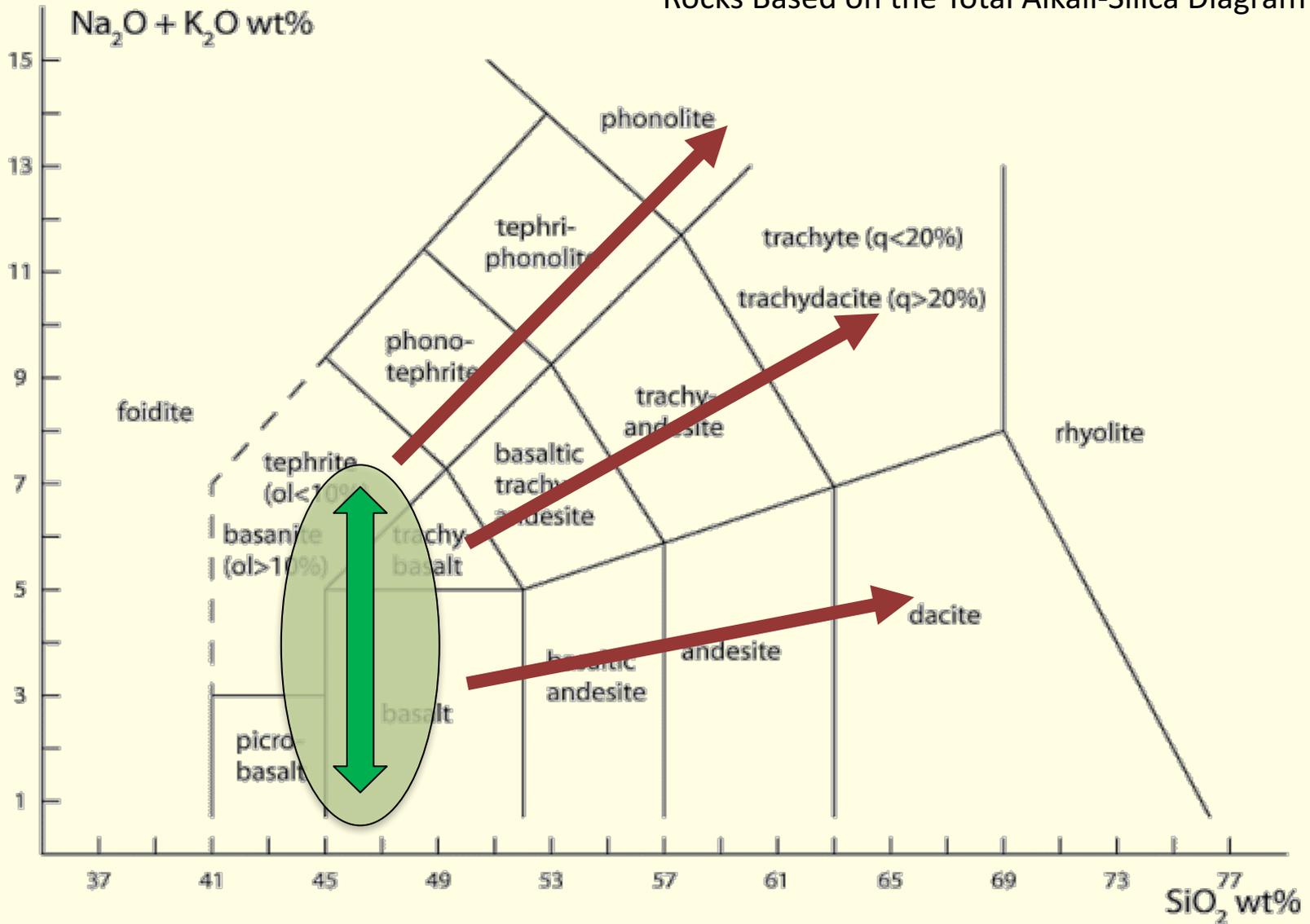
# What most defines subduction zone magmatism?

1. Mafic (primitive) magmas
2. Intermediate magmas (andesites)
3. Evolved magmas (dacites, rhyolites)

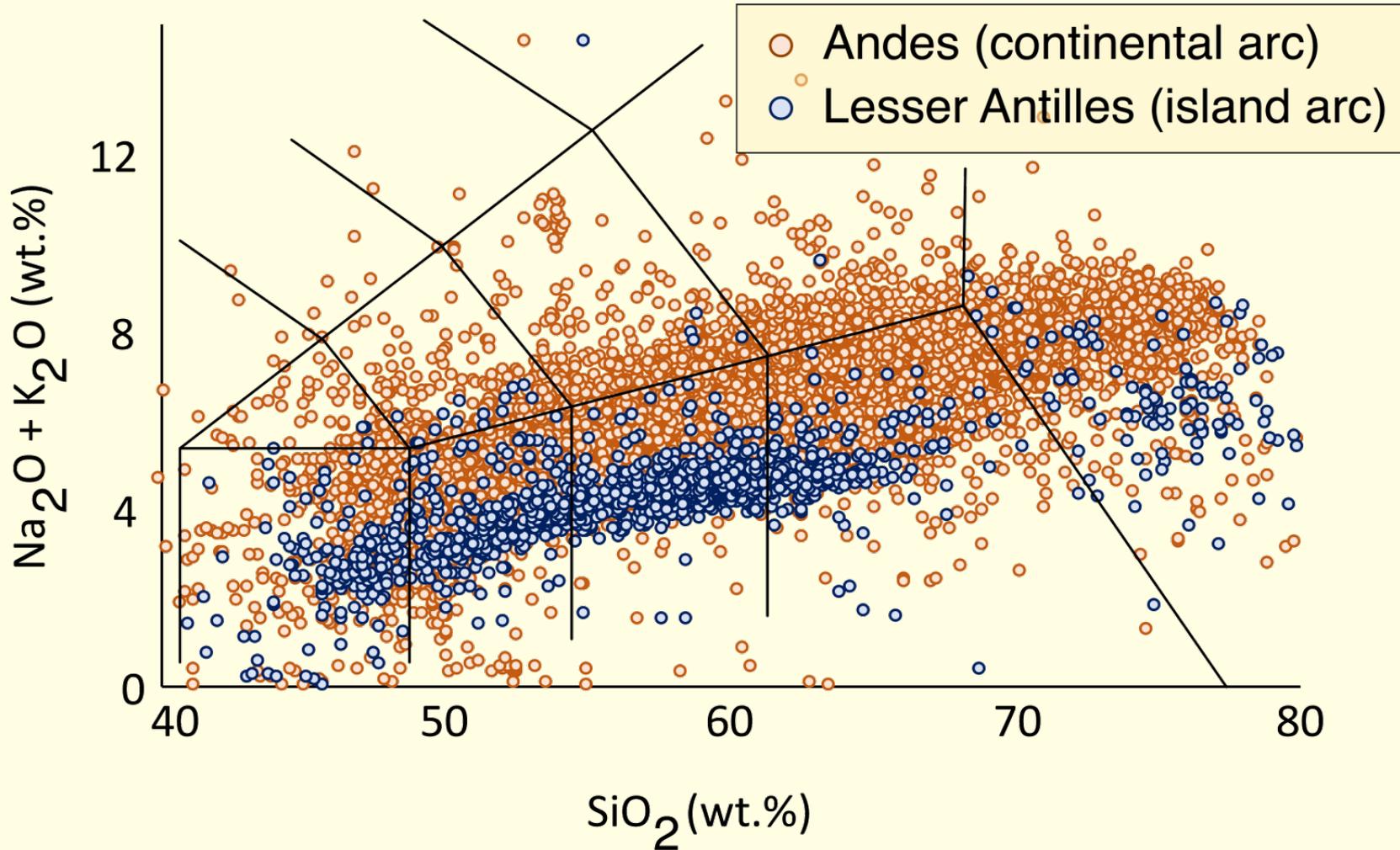
# Global Characteristics of Arc Volcanics



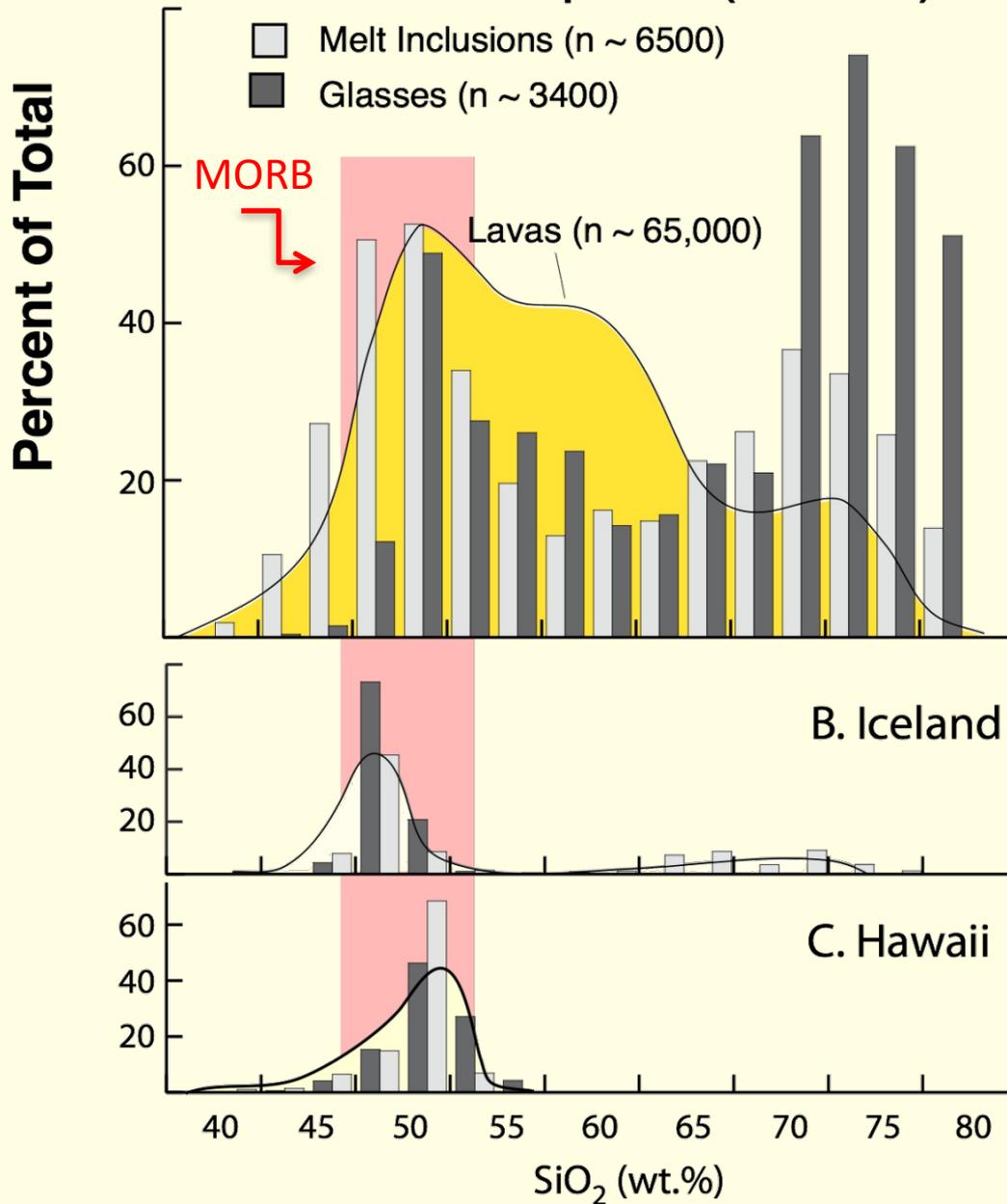
Le Bas et al. 1986 A Chemical Classification of Volcanic Rocks Based on the Total Alkali-Silica Diagram



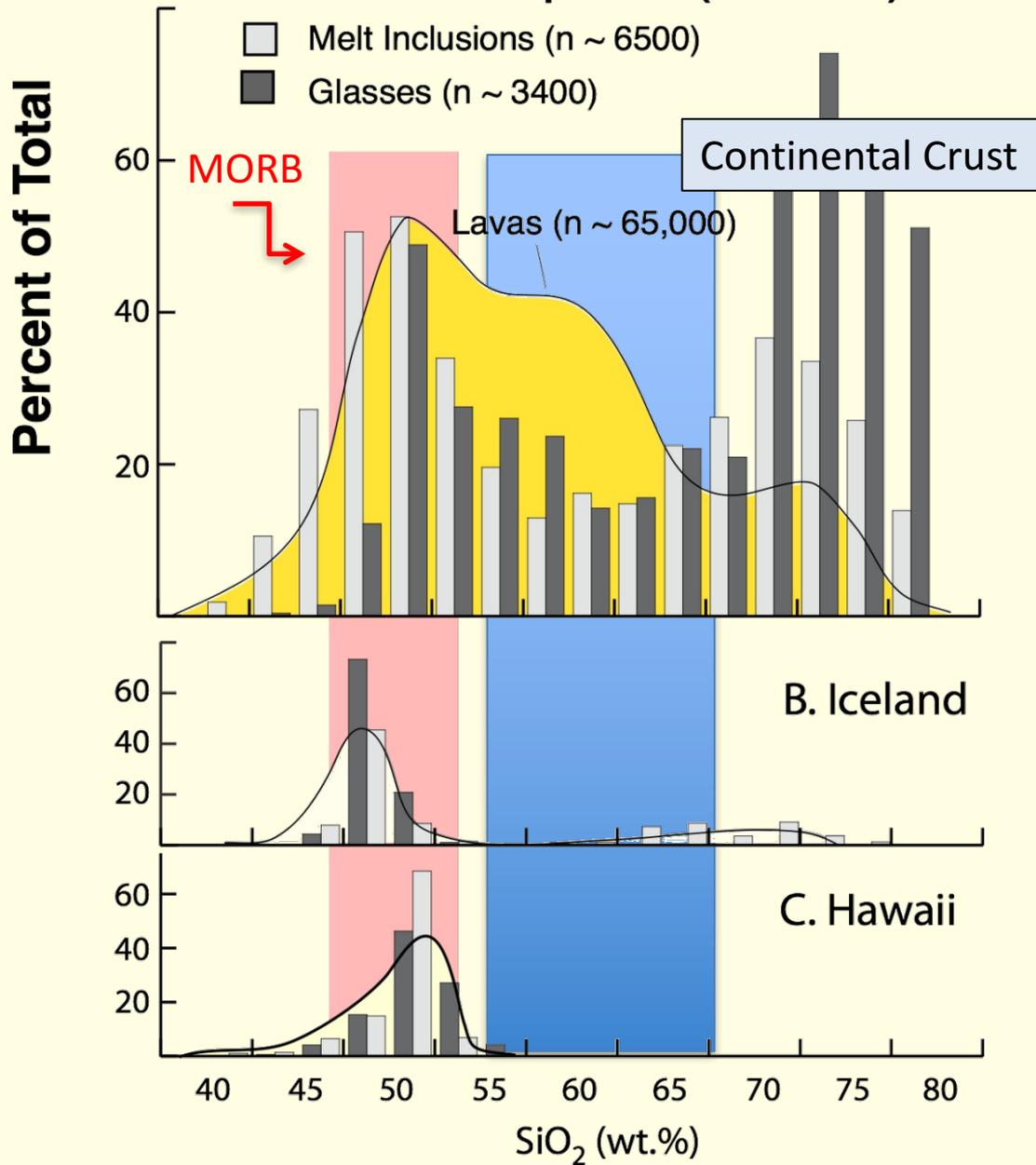
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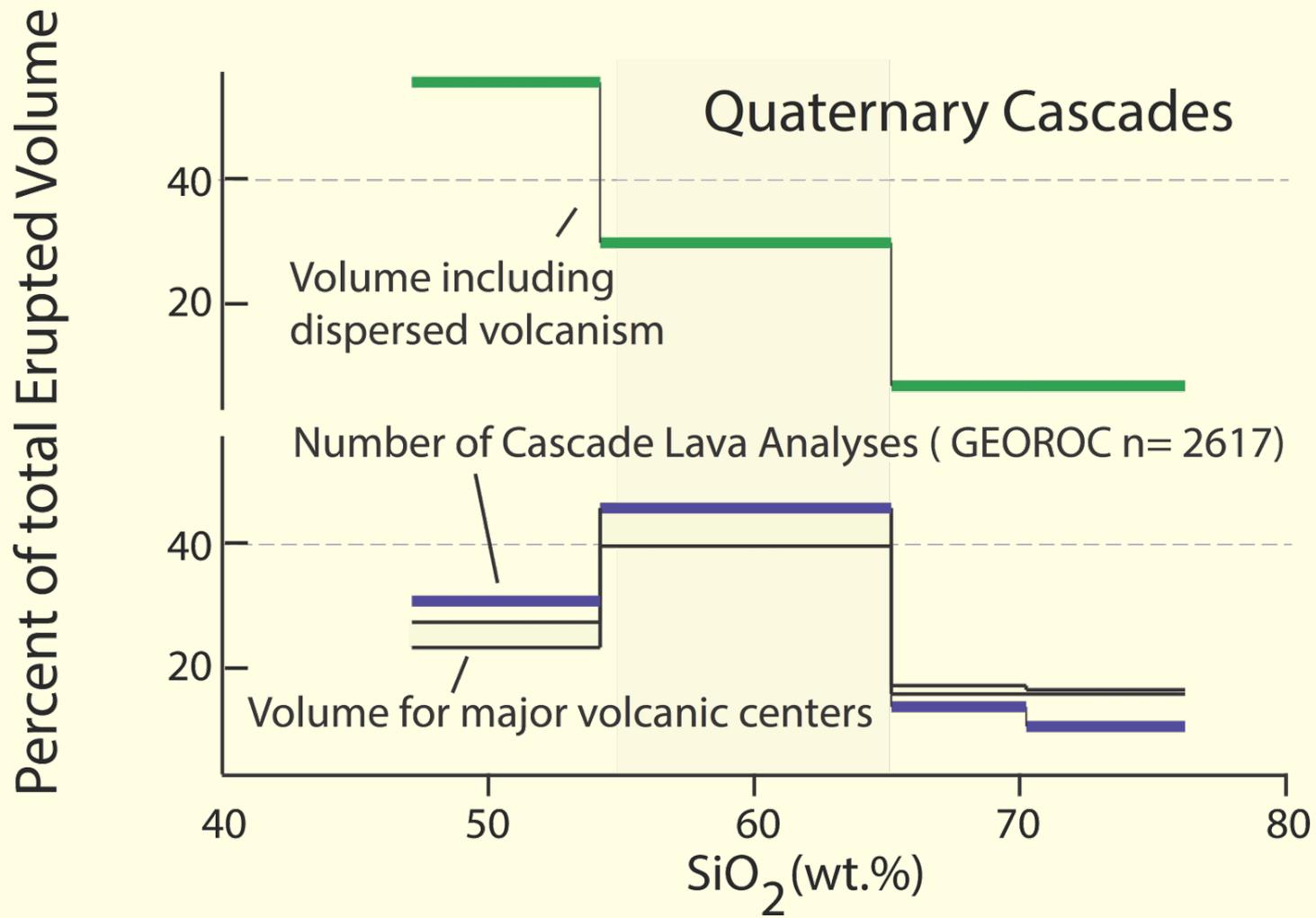


# Global Arc Compilation (GEOROC)



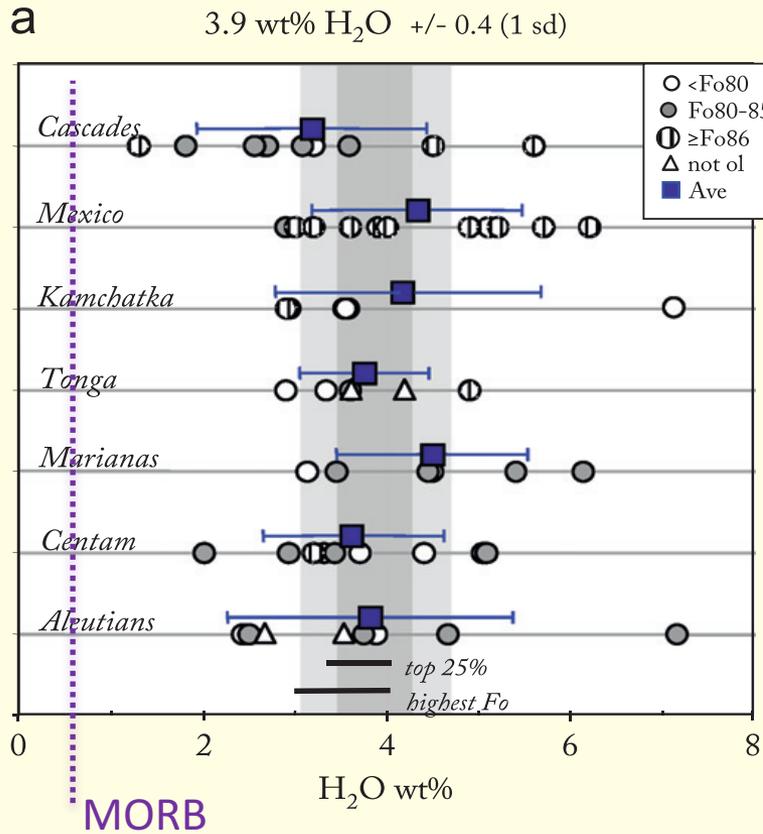
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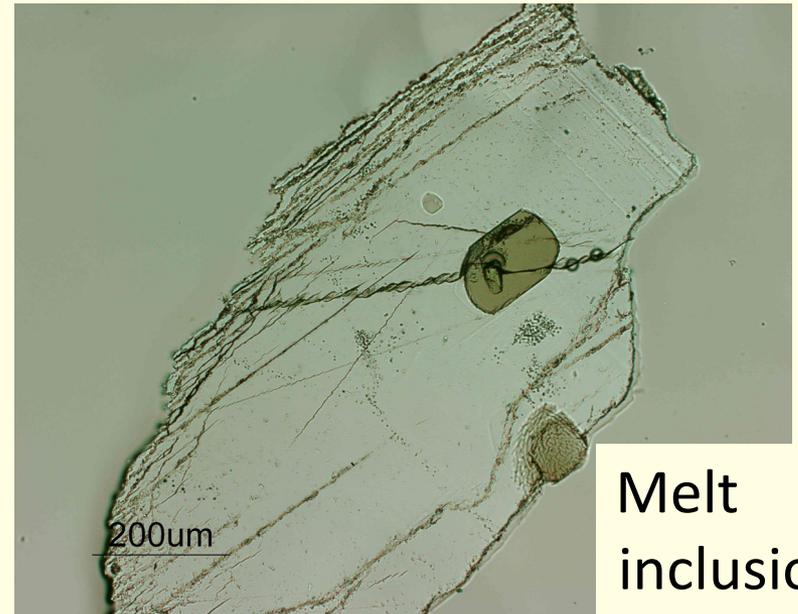


# Arcs: Water-rich magmas

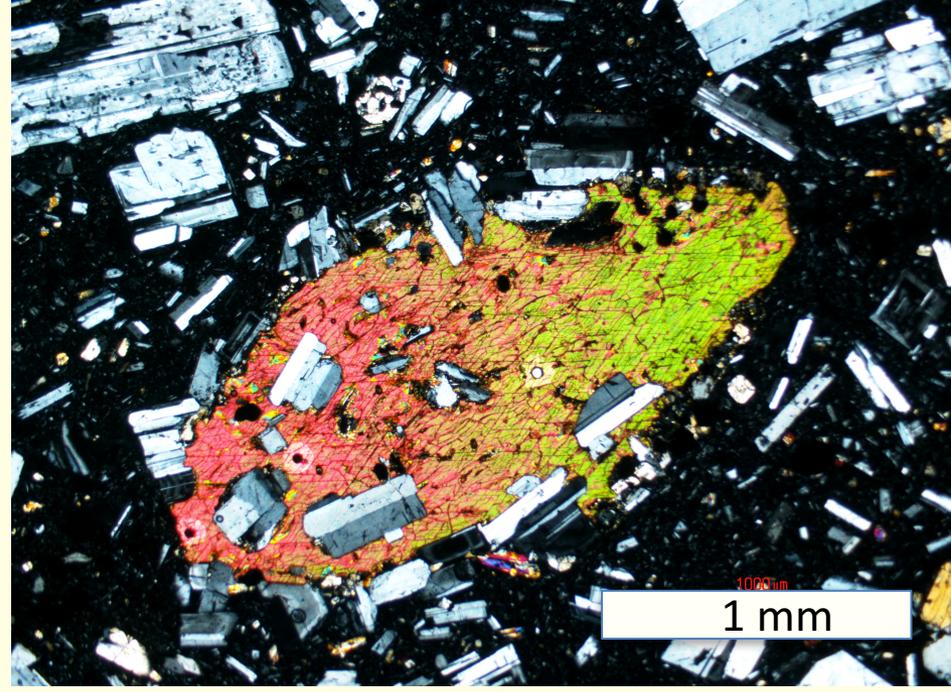
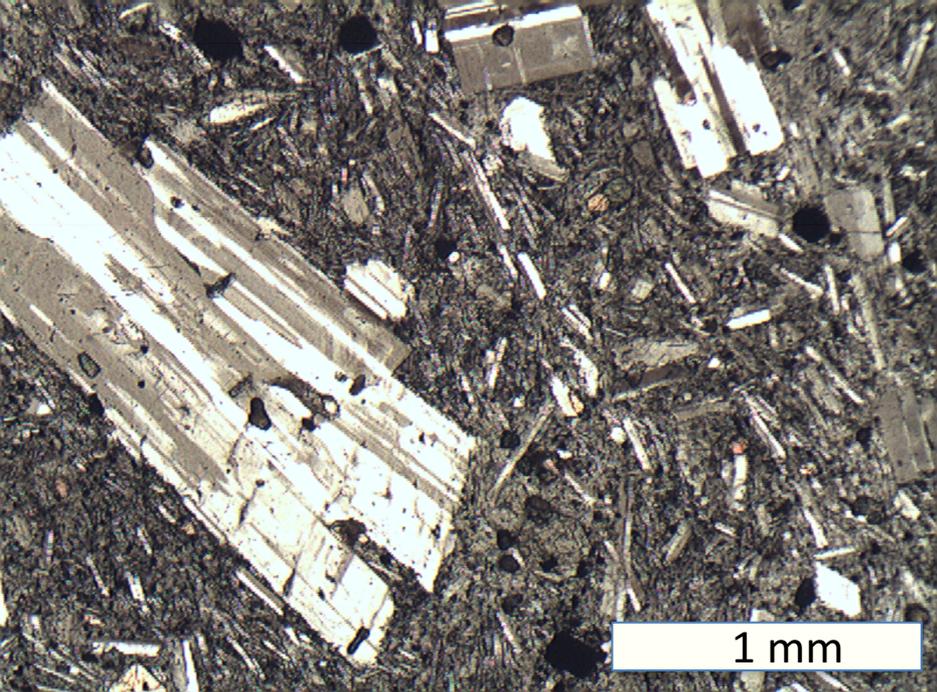
Mount Pinatubo, 1991



Water in melt inclusions  
Plank et al. 2013



Melt inclusions



## Andesites

### (intermediate magmas)

Intermediate (~55-65 wt.% SiO<sub>2</sub>)  
Plagioclase ± Fe Mg mineral  
(olivine, pyroxene, hornblende) +  
oxides ± quartz ± zircon etc.

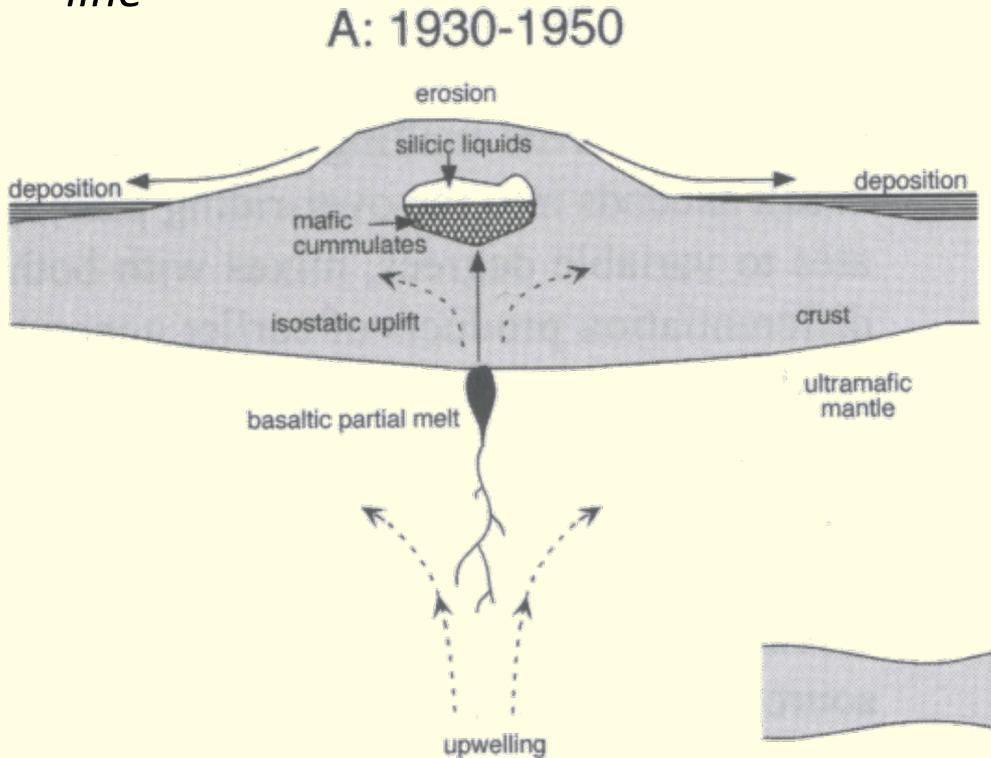


Amphibole,  
Mount Hood  
Kent et al. 2010

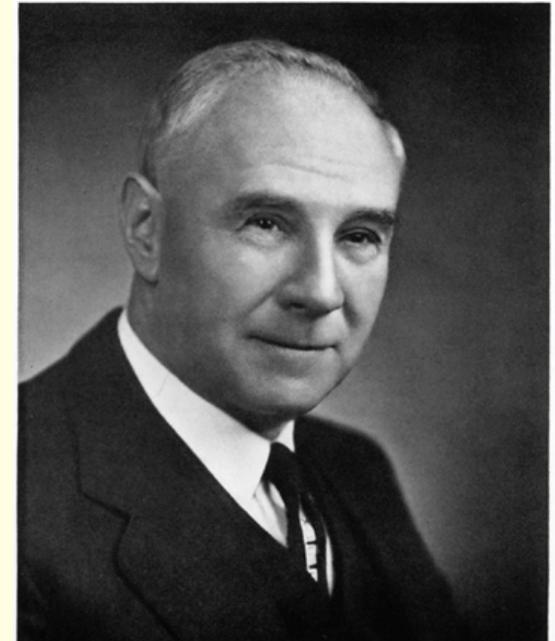
Quenched mafic  
inclusions

# History of Ideas: The Andesite Line

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century it was recognized that andesitic rocks (intermediate) occurred in circum-pacific region at the margins of continents – the *Andesite line*



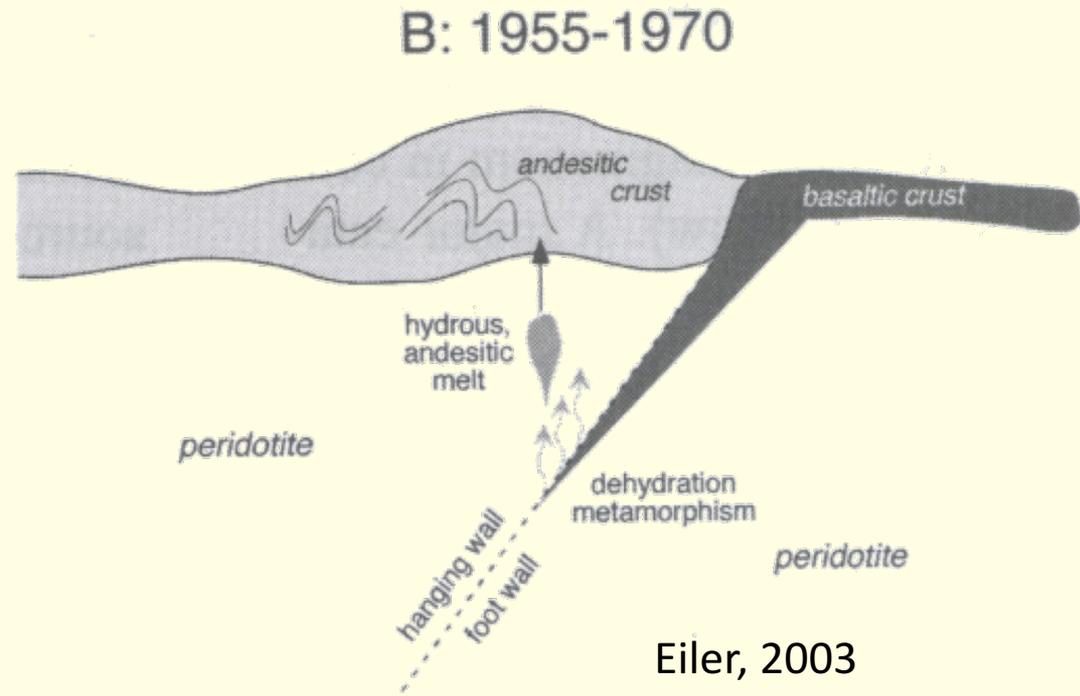
Bowen (1928) showed andesite could be produced by differentiation from basaltic parent



Norman L Bowen

# History of Ideas: The Andesite Line

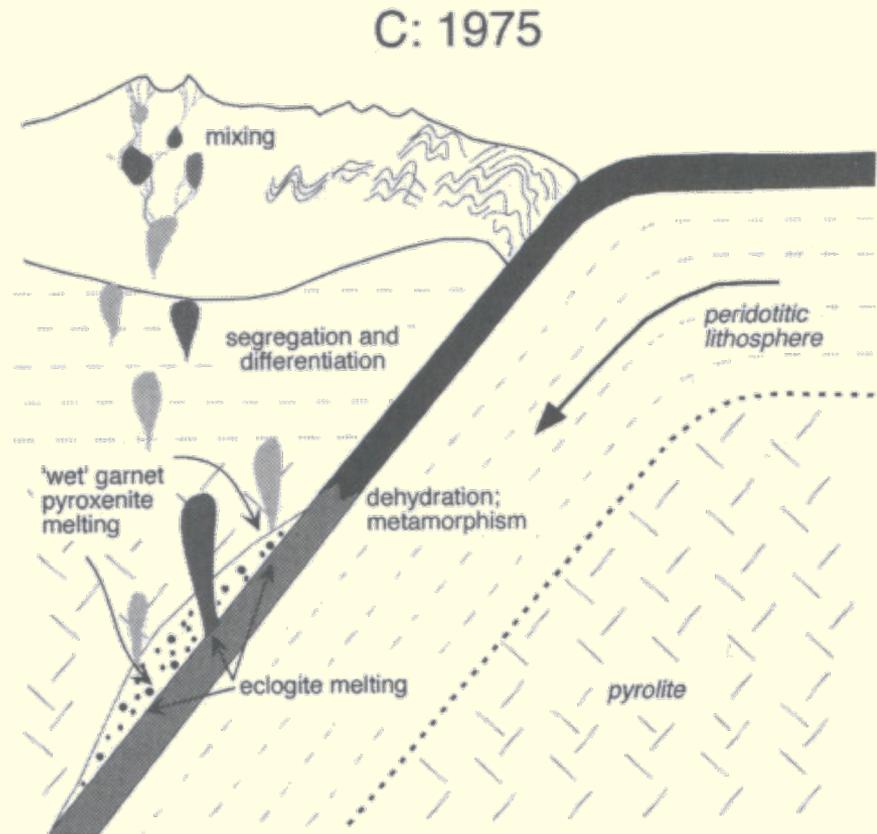
- 1950's: Links recognized between seismicity (Wadati-Benioff), continental margins and the “andesite line”.
- Growing evidence that mafic magma produced by melting peridotite AND that H<sub>2</sub>O lowers the peridotite melting point



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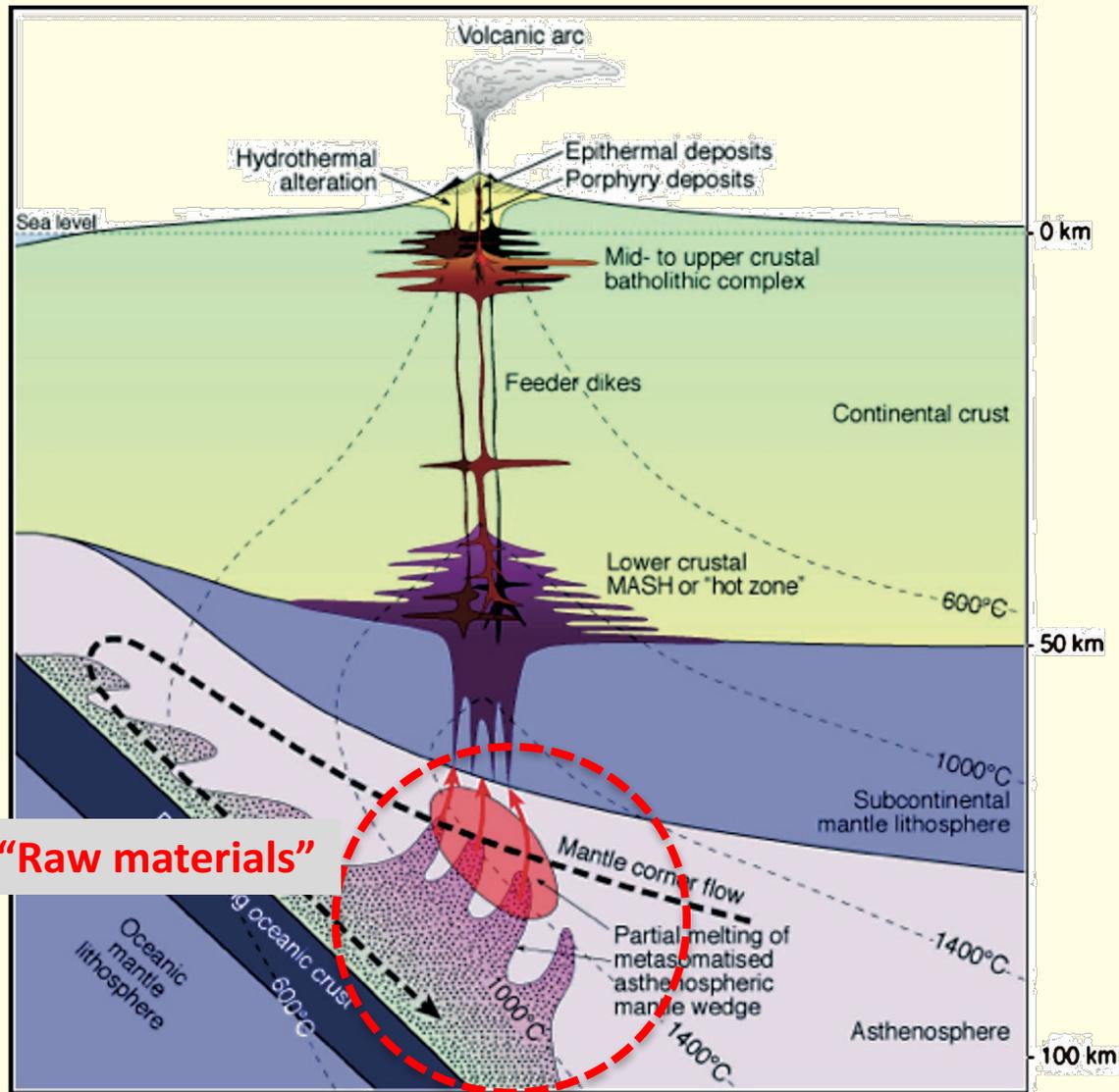


AE Ringwood 1930-1993



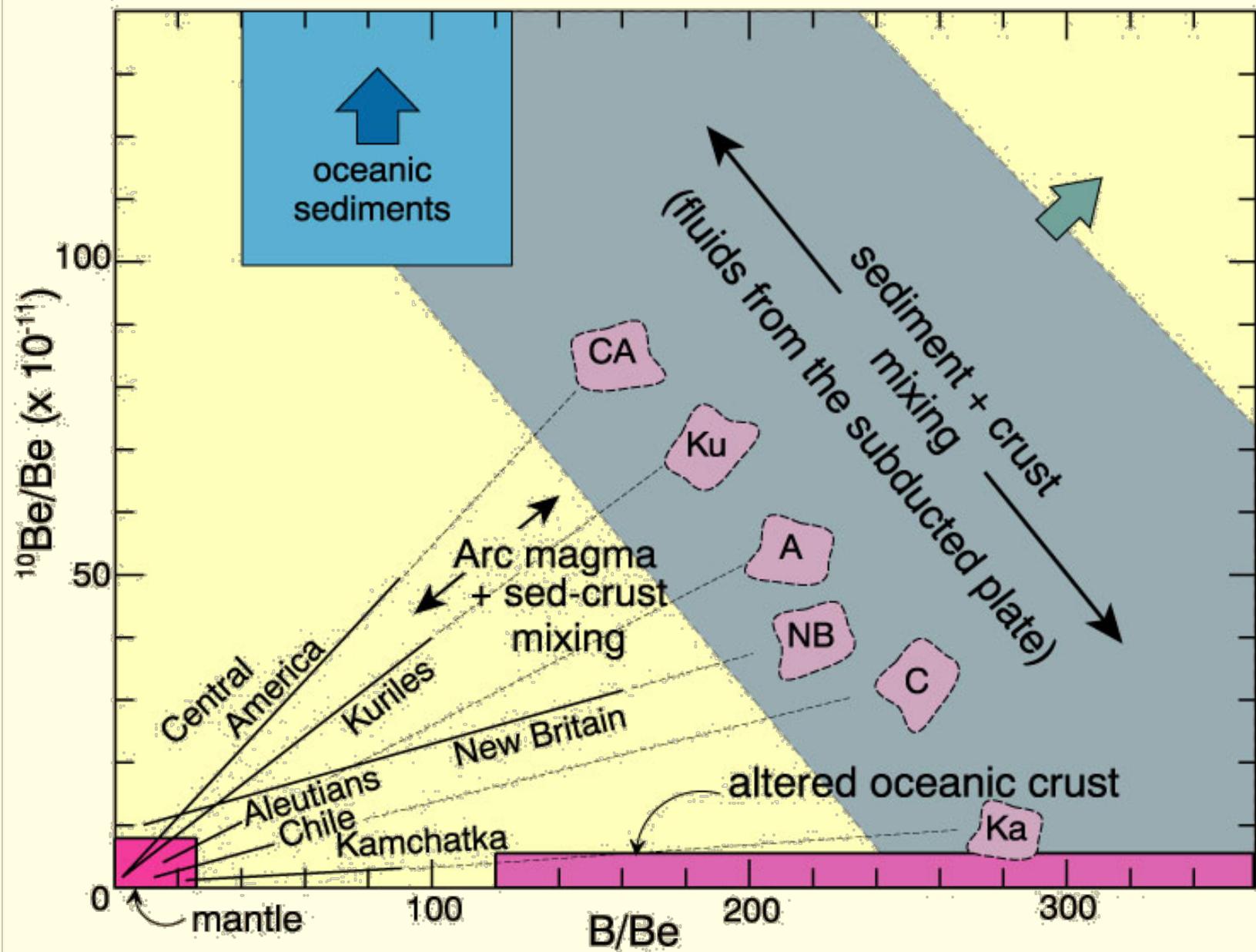
(After Ringwood, 1975)

Ringwood (and others): Melting within the slab produces andesite, subsequent differentiation and mixing produces array of arc magmas



# The Mantle



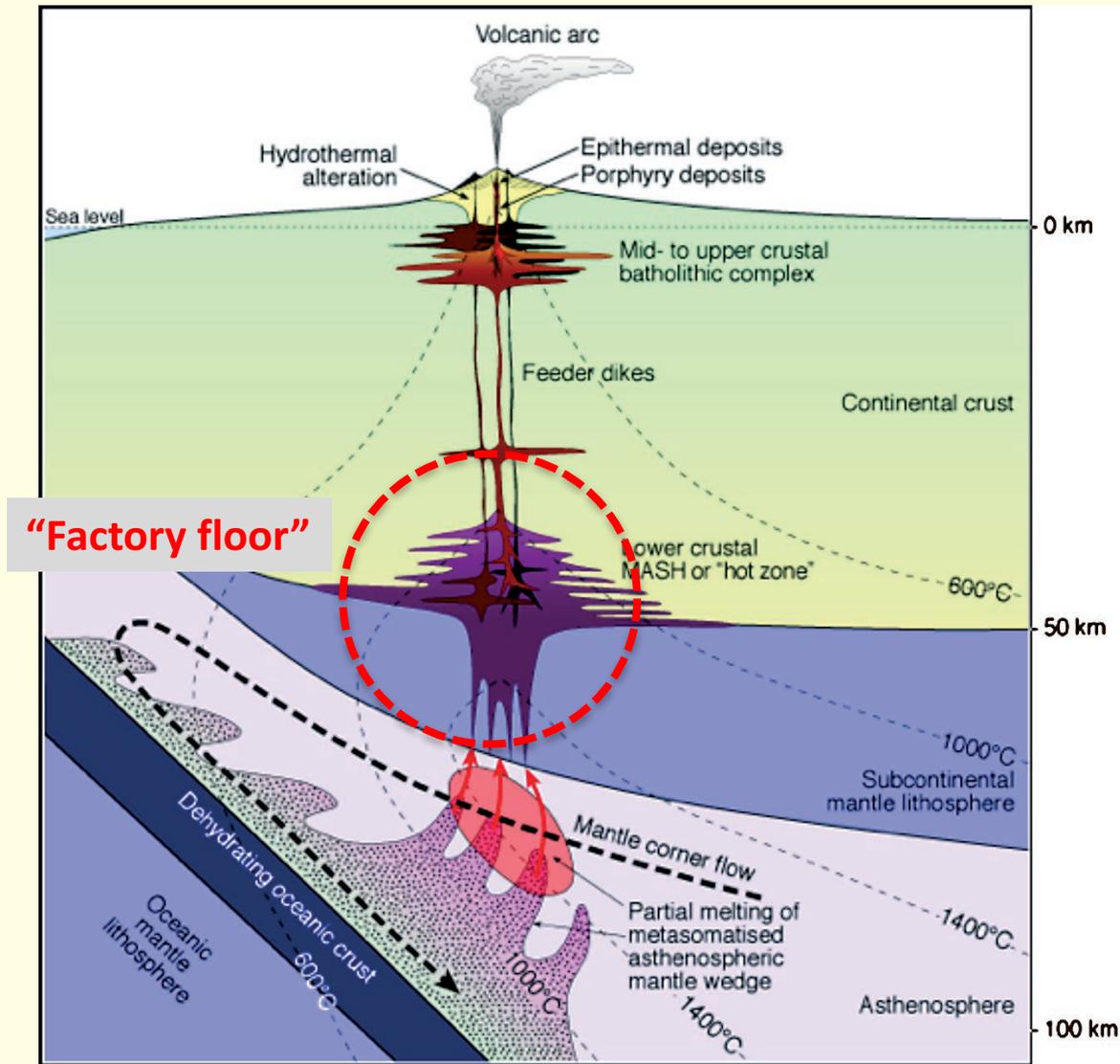


Morris and Tera, 1989 (Figure from Winter, 2001)

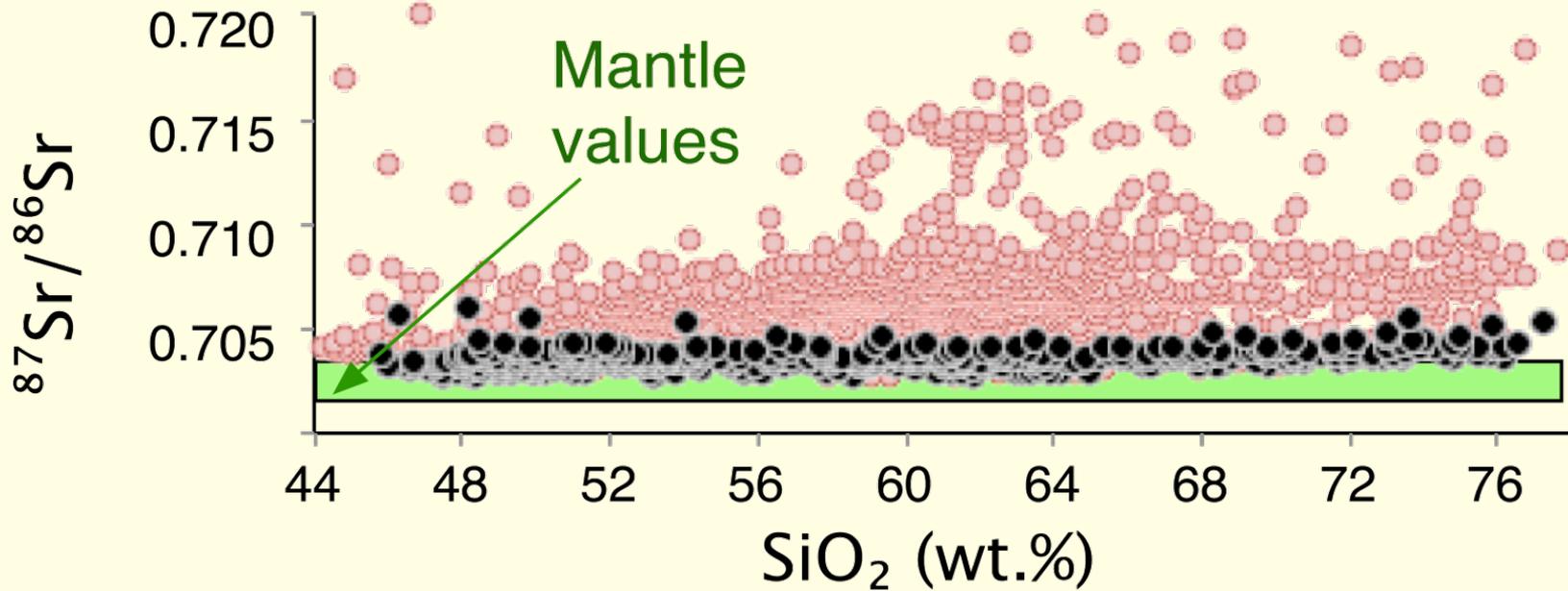
$^{10}\text{Be}$  and  $^9\text{Be}$  in mineral separates and whole rocks from volcanic arcs: Implications for sediment subduction

# Where do we produce most intermediate and evolved magmas?

1. Upper crust
2. Lower crust
3. Mantle



- GEOROC Andes (n = 2940)
- GEOROC Cascades (n = 535)



$^{87}\text{Rb} \rightarrow ^{87}\text{Sr}$  ( $T_{1/2} = 49 \text{ Ga}$ ), high  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr} = \text{high Rb/Sr}$  through time. Continental crust has high Rb/Sr

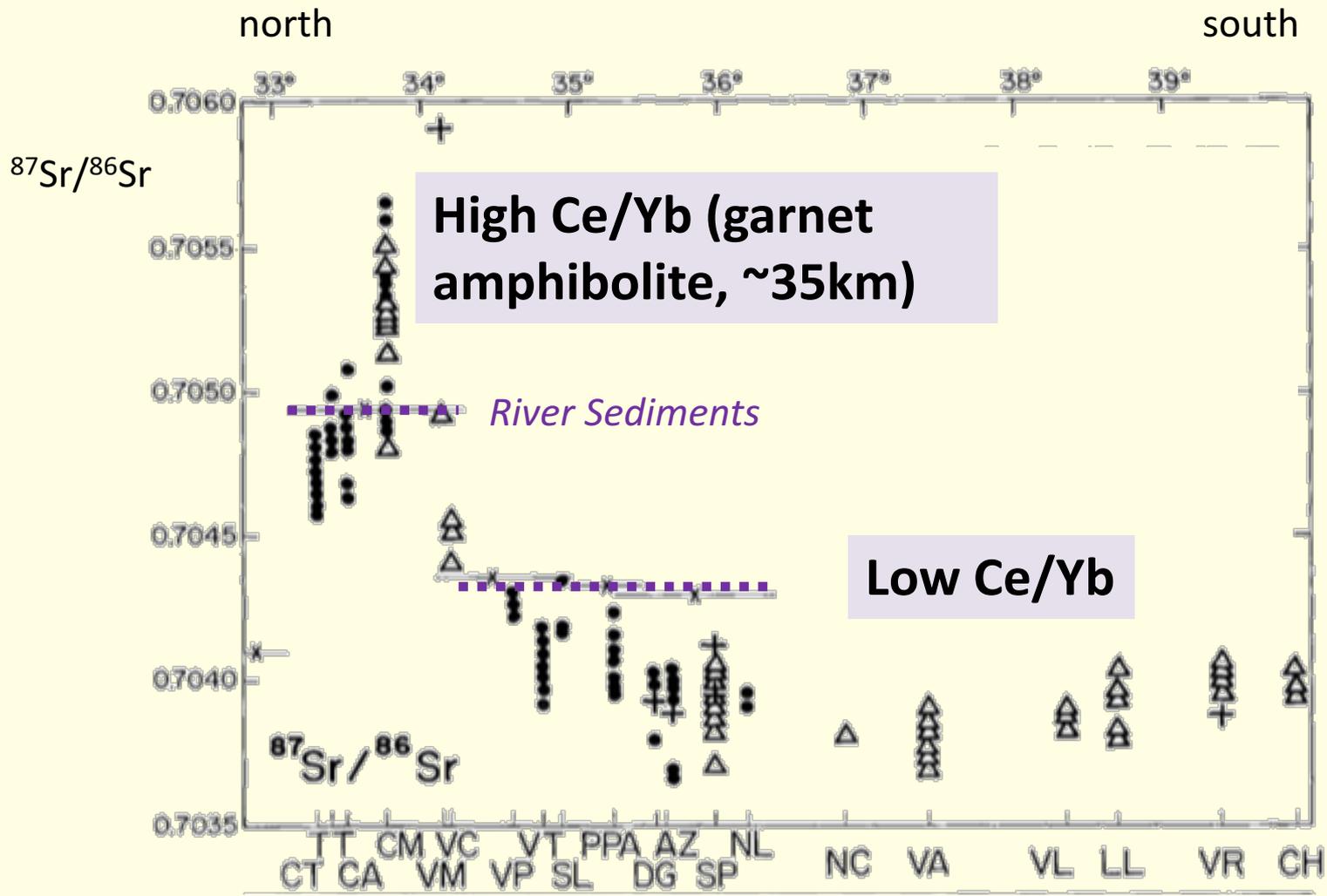
# Crustal contributions to arc magmatism in the Andes of Central Chile

Wes Hildreth<sup>1</sup> and Stephen Moorbath<sup>2</sup>

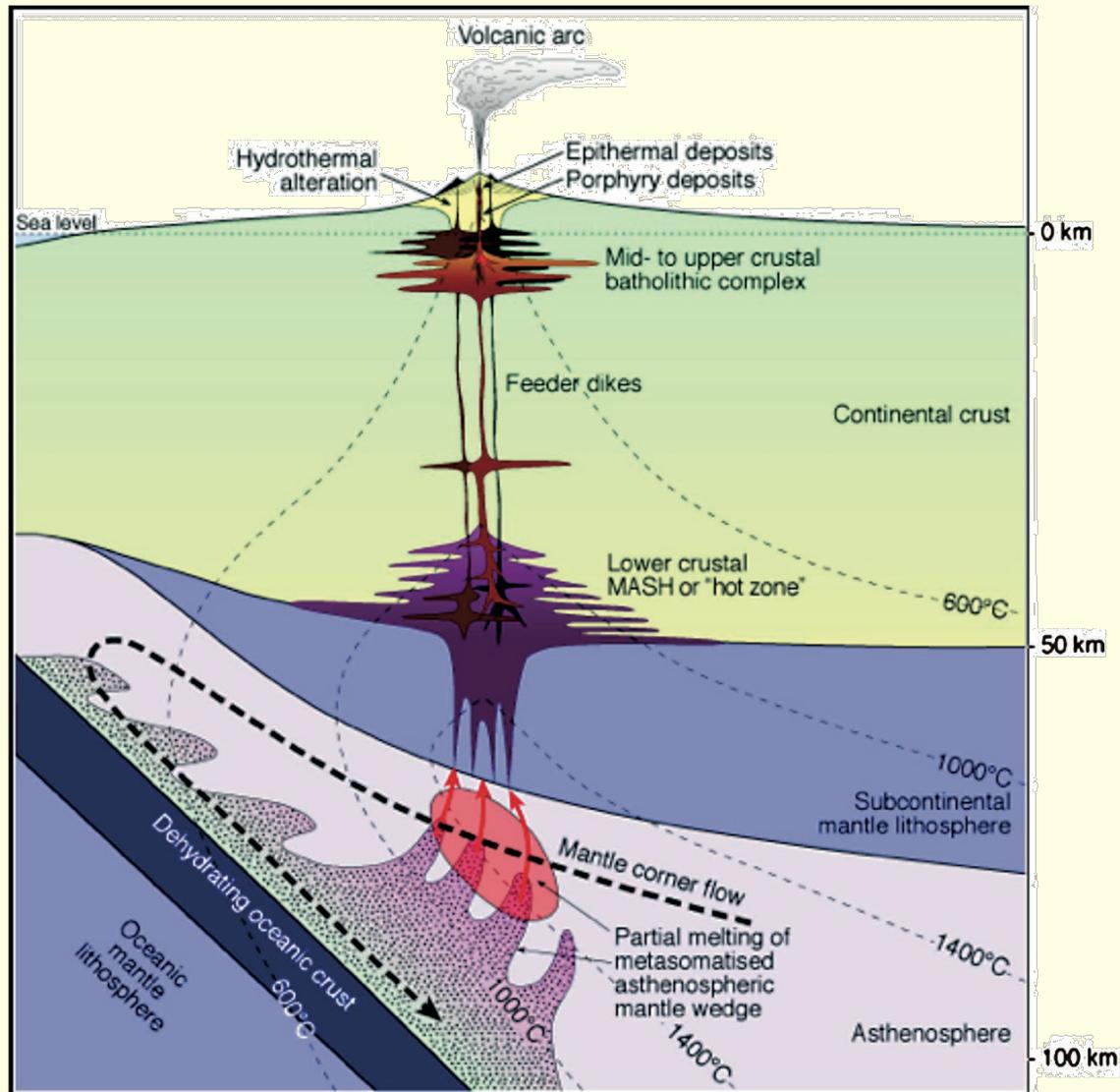
<sup>1</sup> USGS, Menlo Park, California 94025, USA

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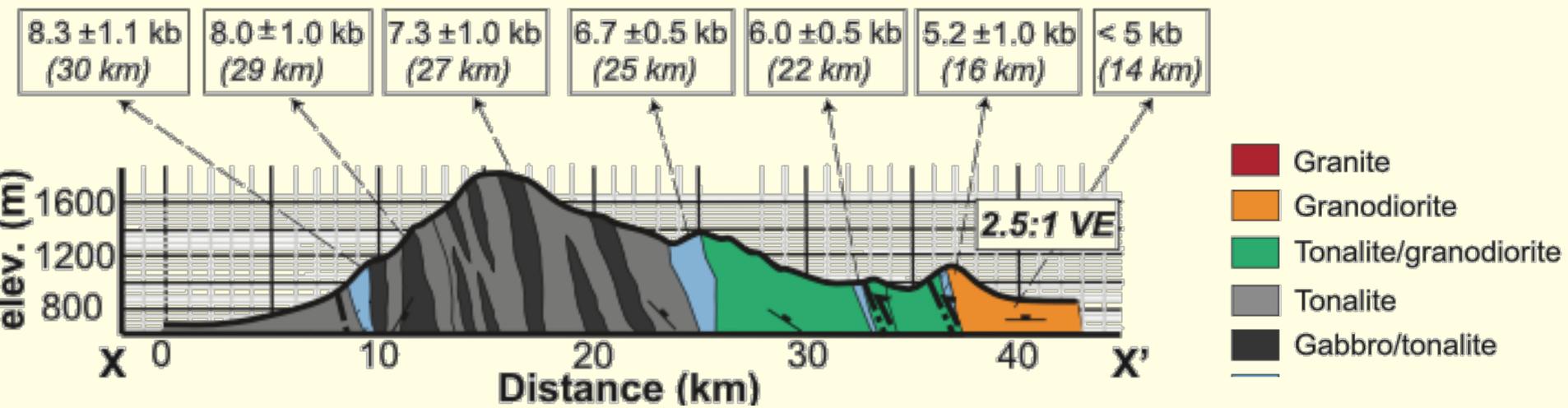




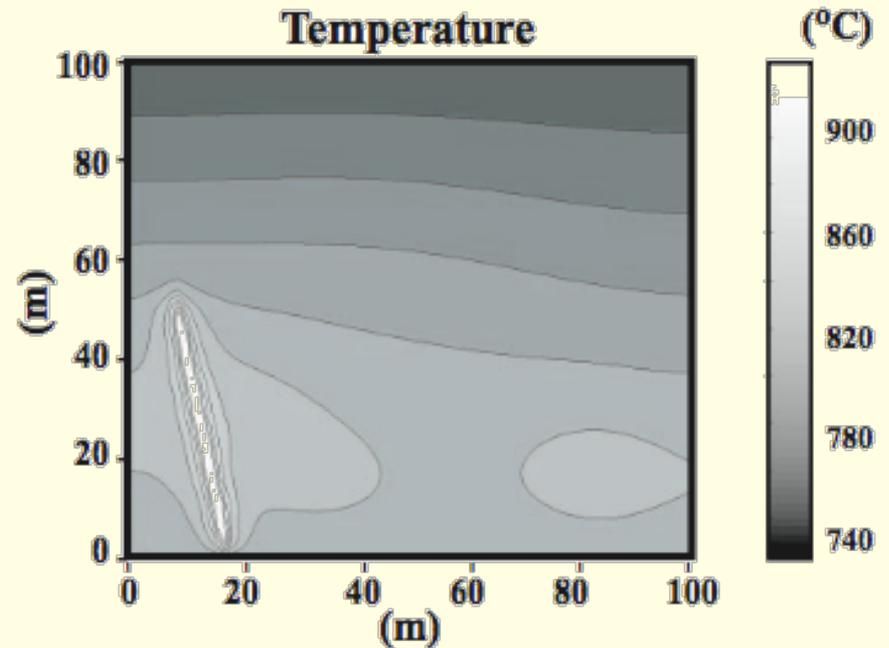
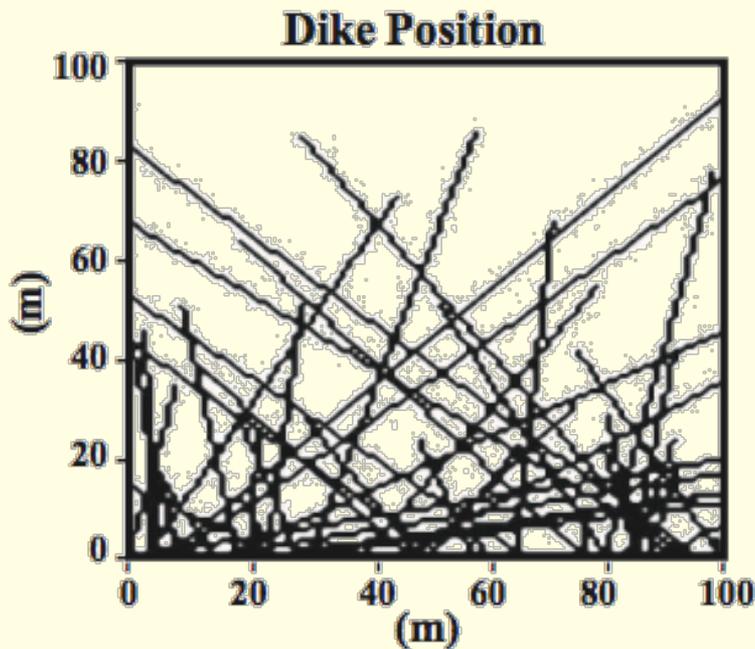
Hildreth and Moorbath, 1988



MASH\* Zone, Hot Zone: Intrusion of dykes into lower crust  
 \*mixing, assimilation, storage, hybridization



Walker et al., 2015, Sierra Valle Fértil, Argentina

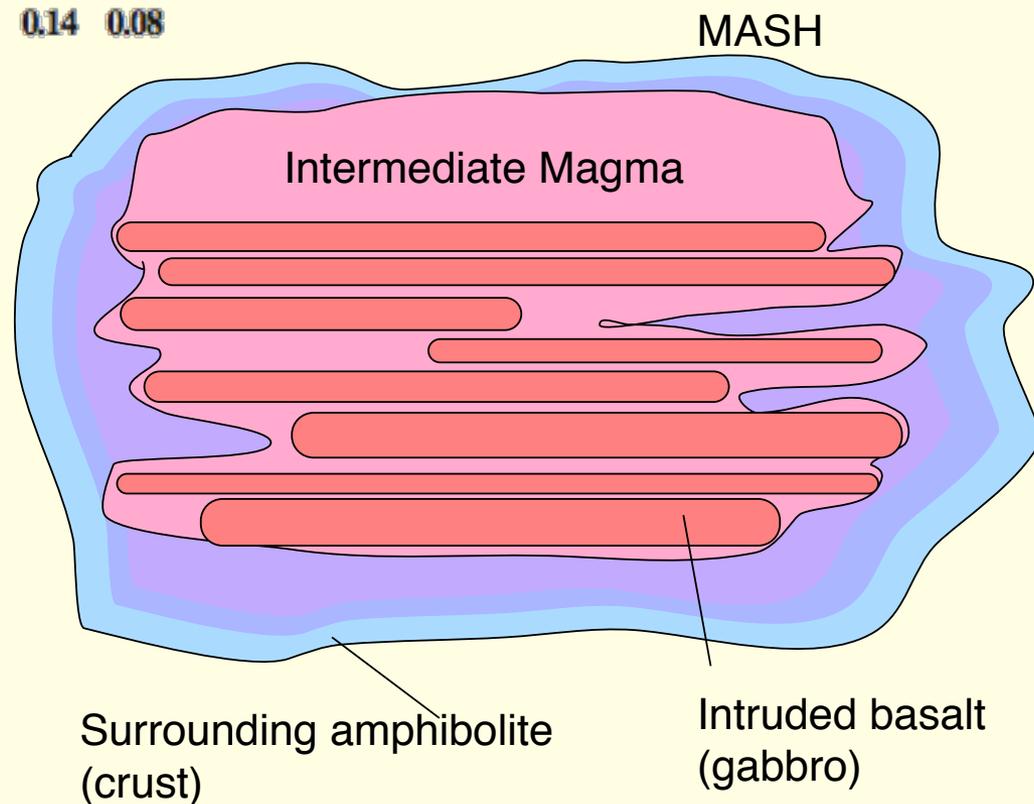
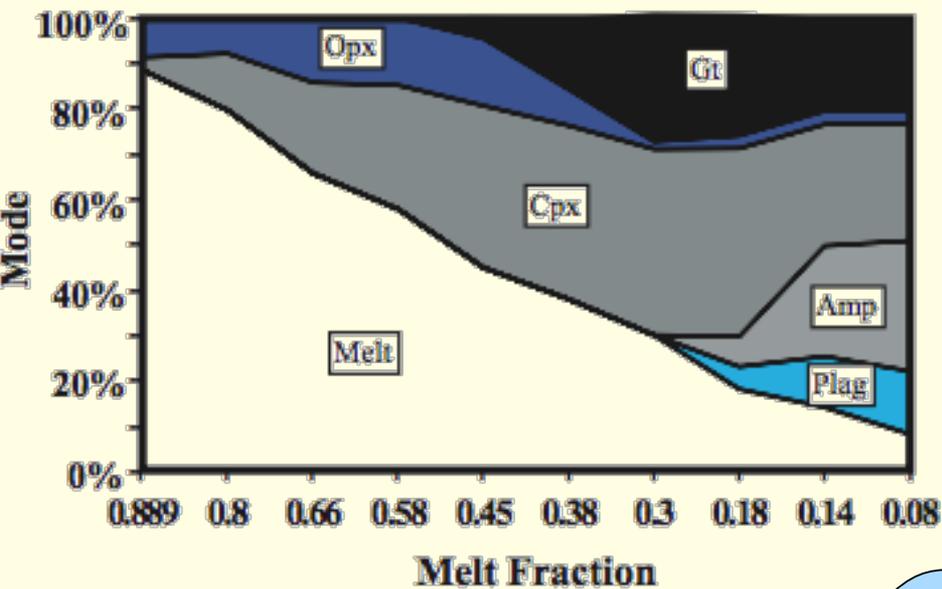


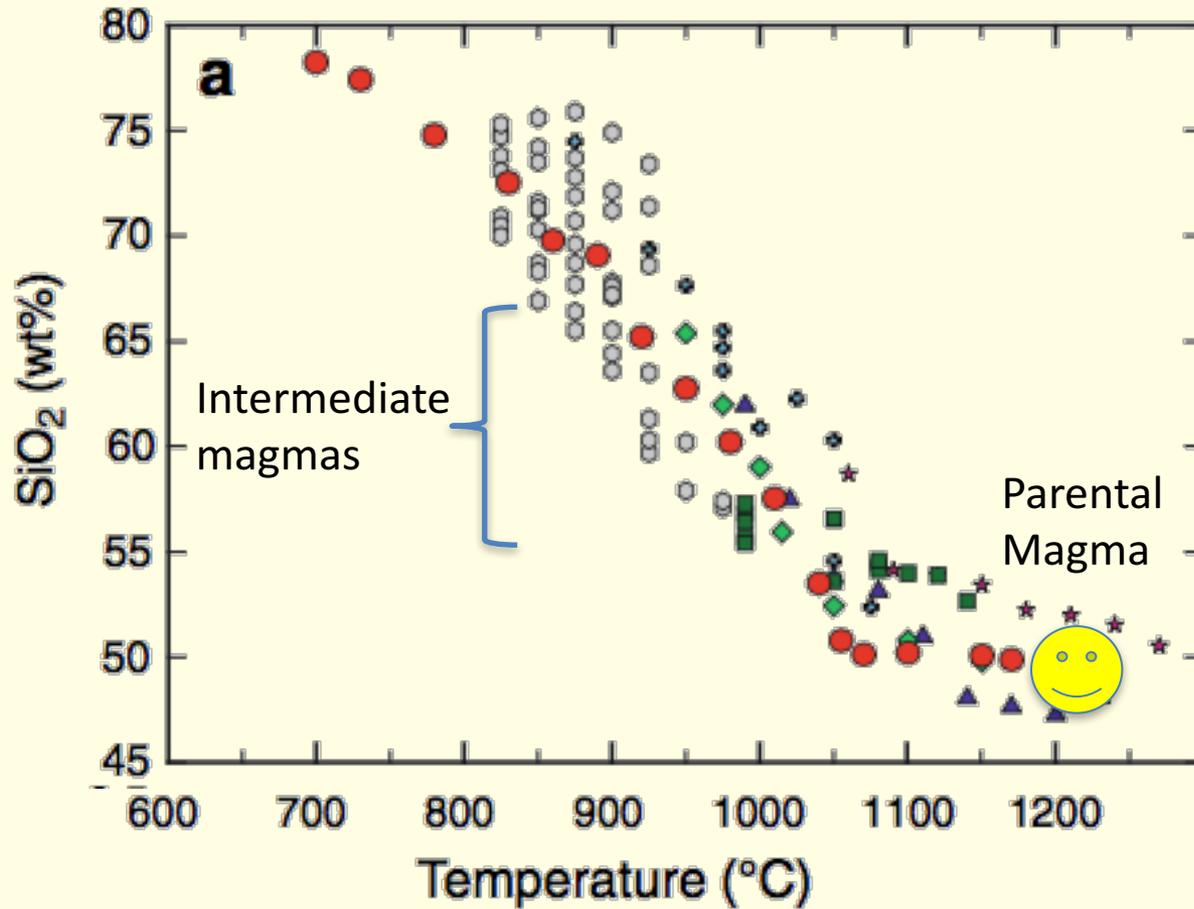
- Intrusion of mafic magma into the lower crust forms a **MASH/Hot zone**
  - A region of heated crust where intruded magmas cool and surrounding crust heats up

Dufek and Bergantz, 2005

Annen et al., 2006

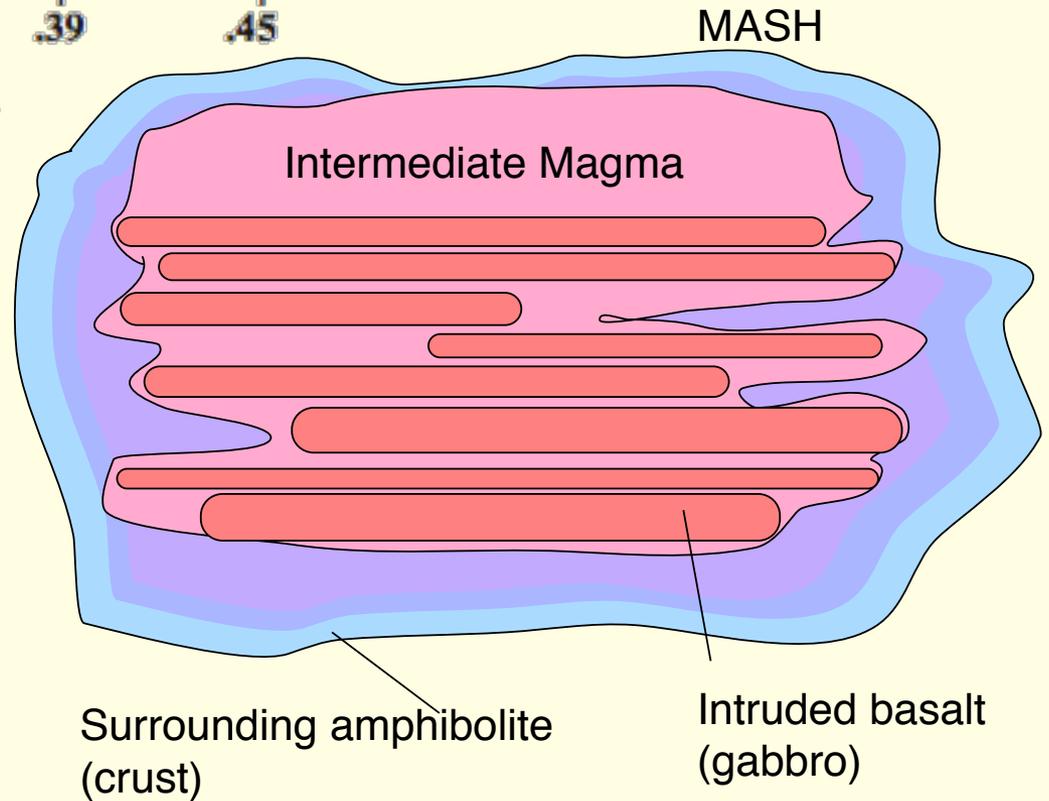
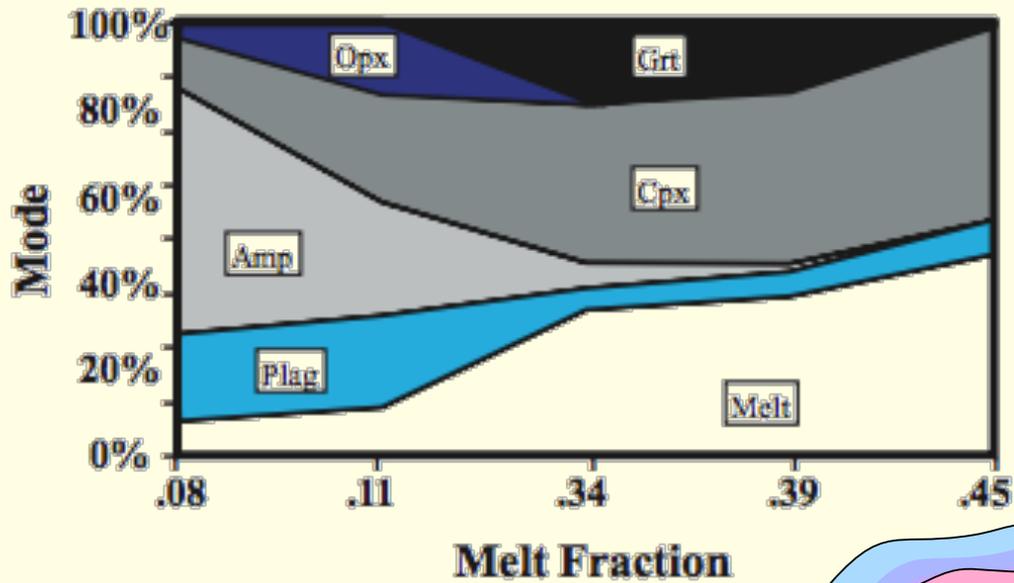
(b) Mode of Basalt+3.8 wt. % H<sub>2</sub>O  
MELTS Calculation, (Ghiorso and Sack, 1995) P=12 kbar



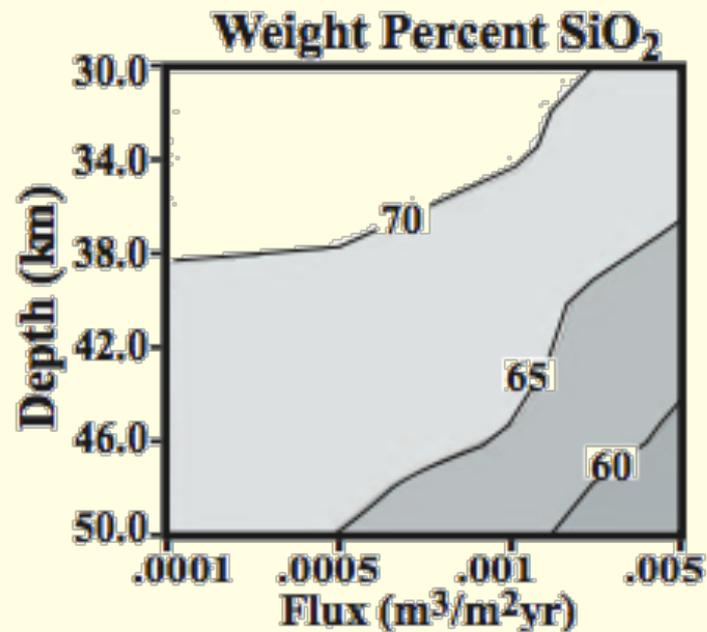
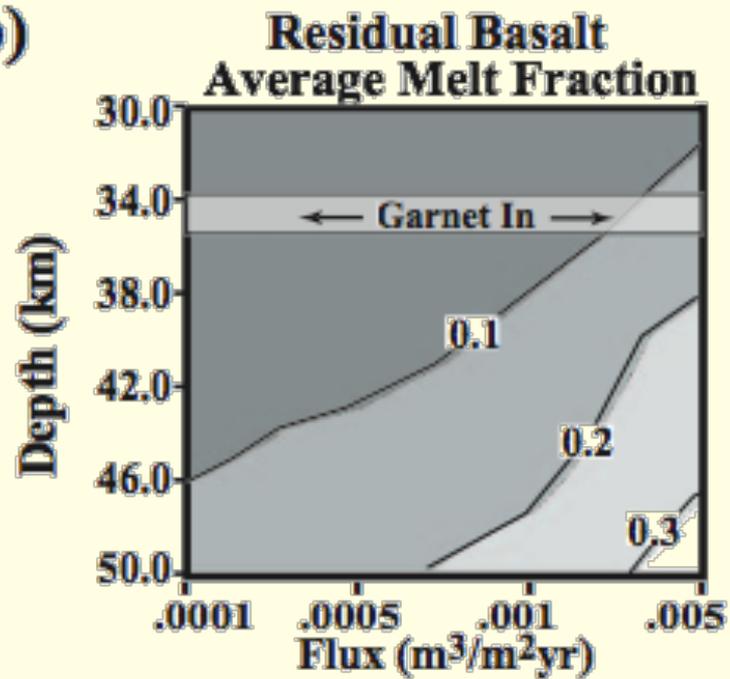


- ◆ Kawamoto 1996
- Sisson et al. 2005
- ★ Villiger et al. 2007
- ◆ Blatter et al. 2013
- Almeev et al. 2013
- ▲ Ulmer et al. 2014
- this study

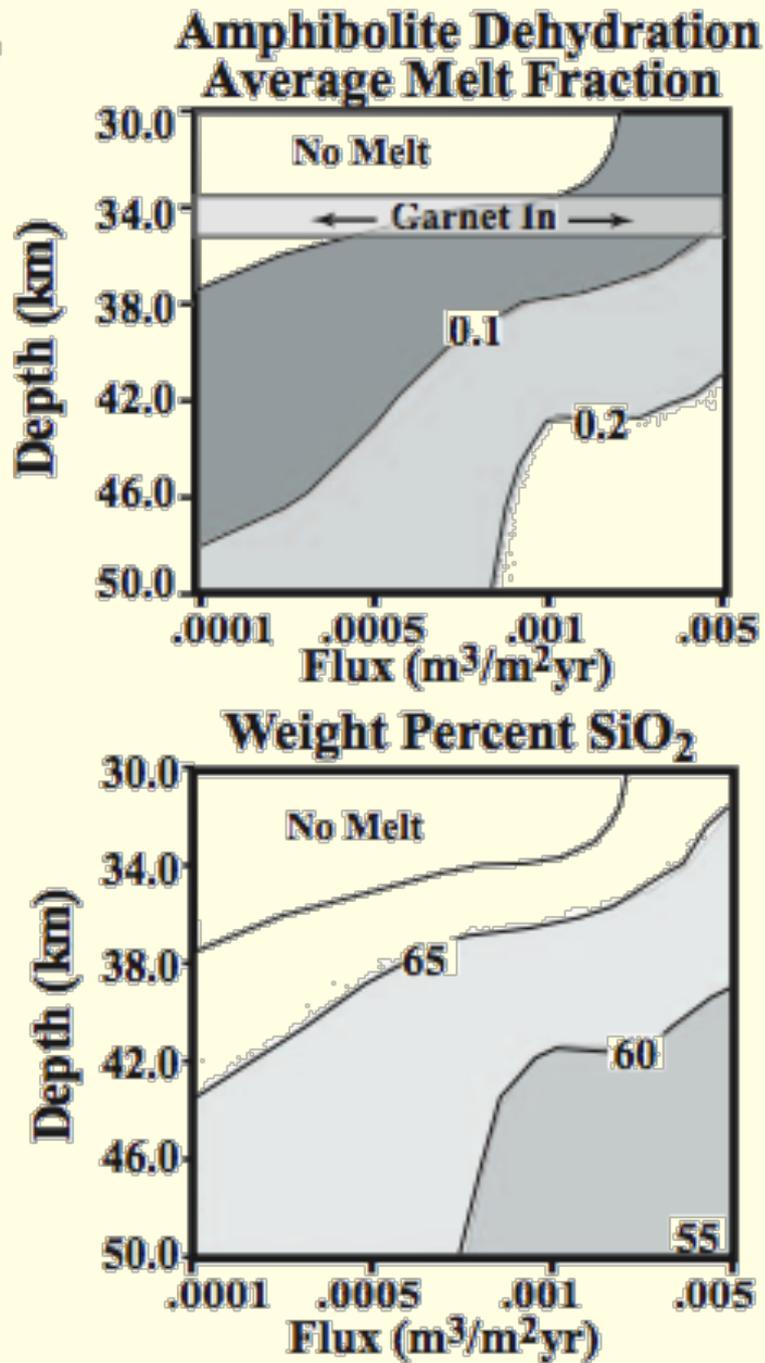
# Amphibolite Dehydration Reaction, Wolf and Wyllie (1994), 10 kbar

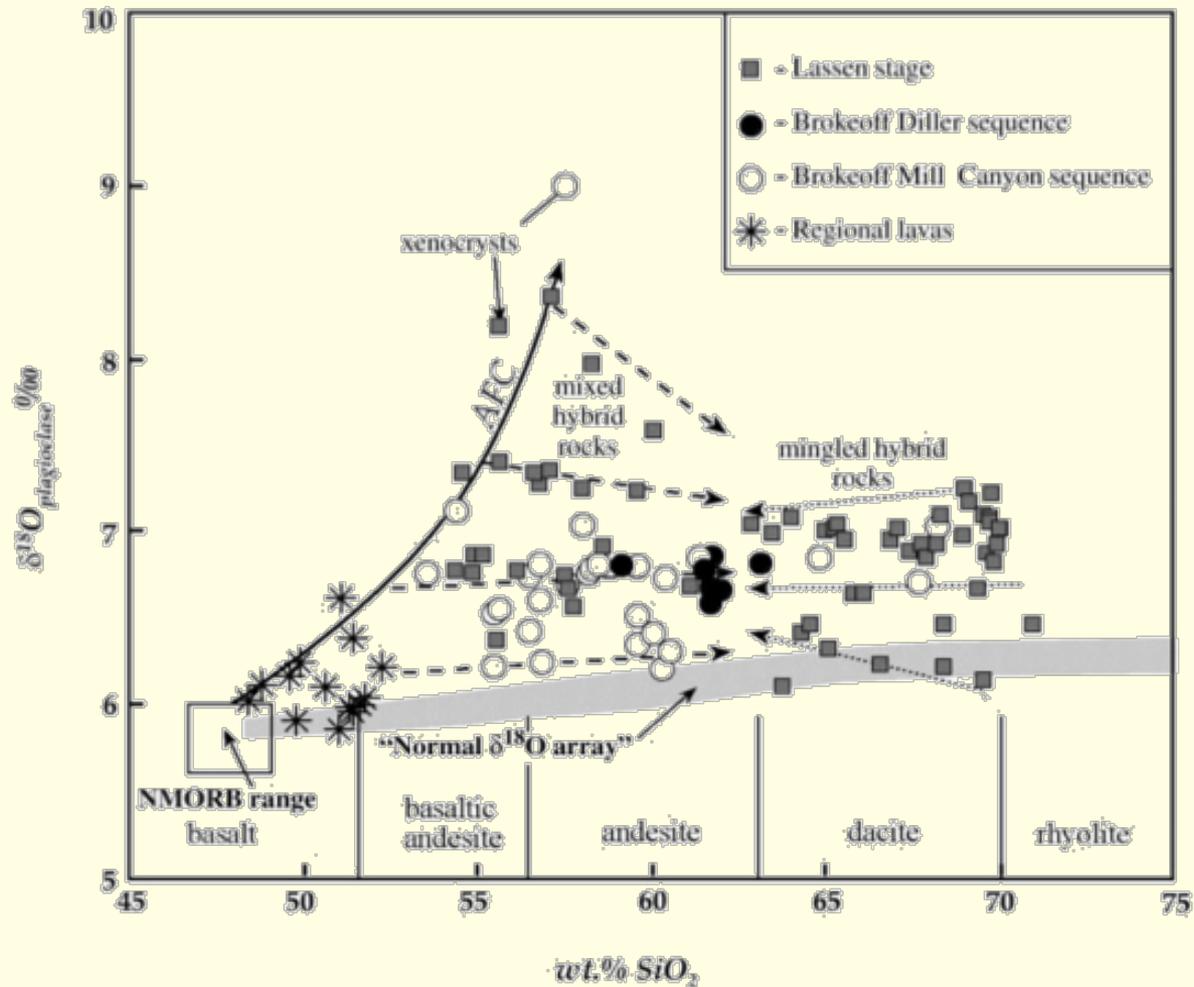


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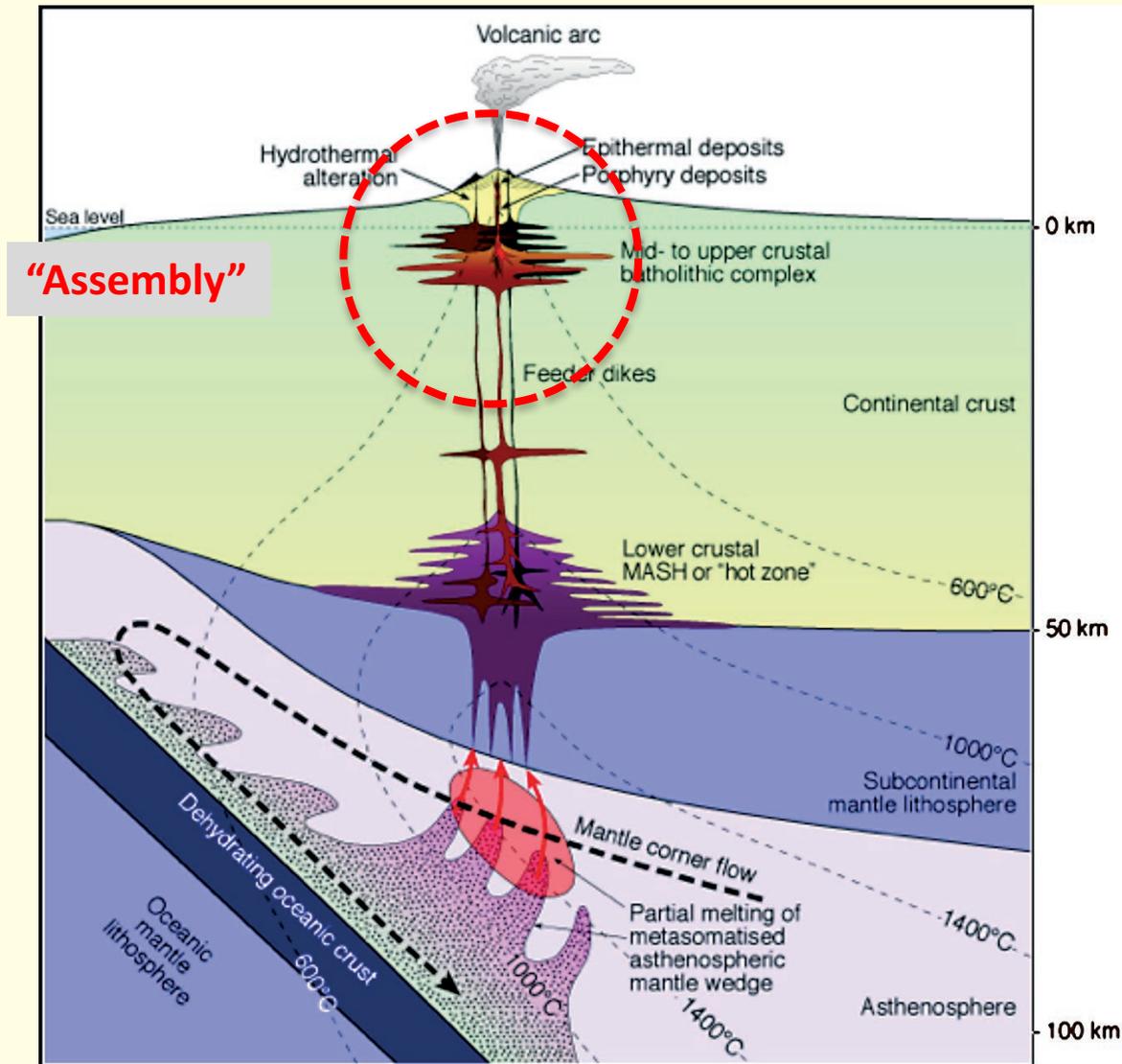


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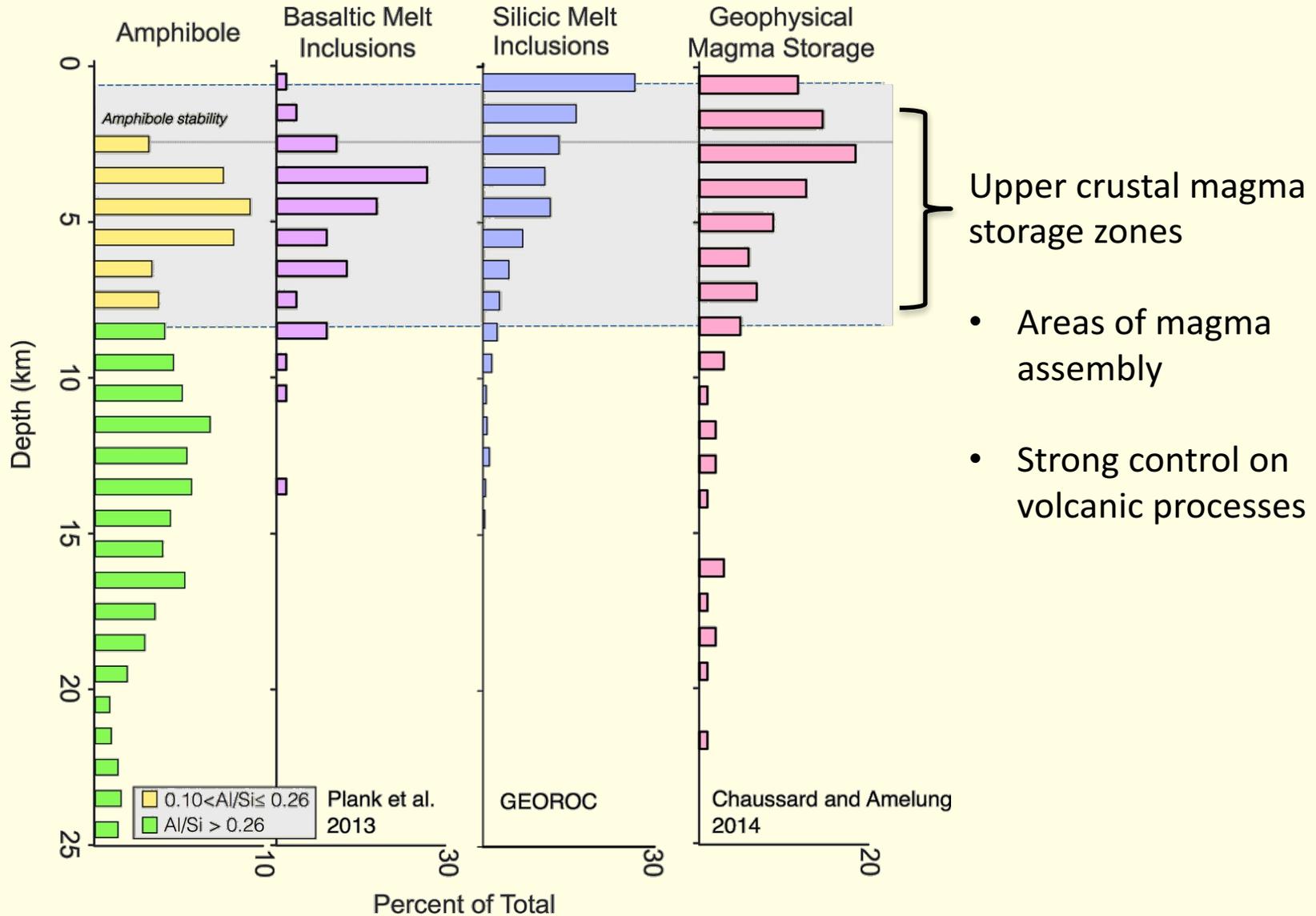




Oxygen isotope compositions at Mount Lassen

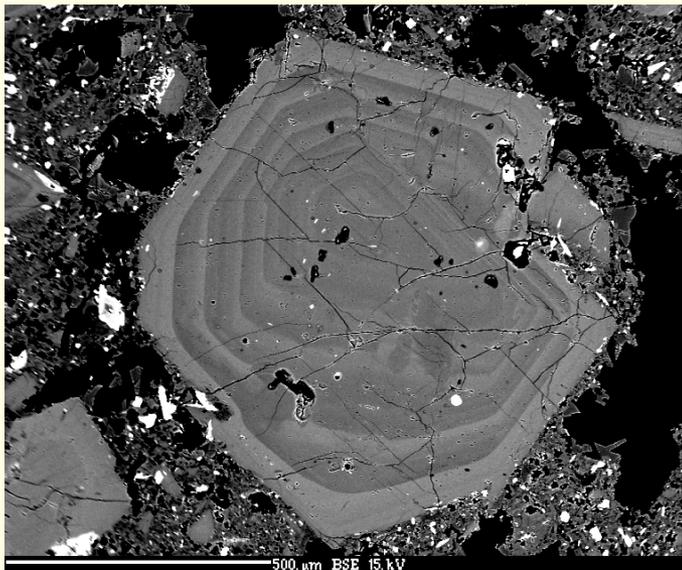


# Shallow Magma Storage

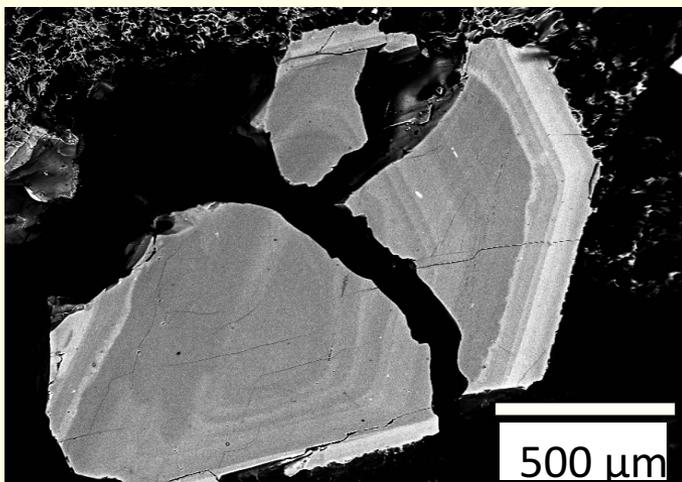


# Why does so much magma residence occur in the shallow crust?

- Trapping magma at brittle ductile transition?
- Stalling of ascending magmas?
- Density/viscosity?

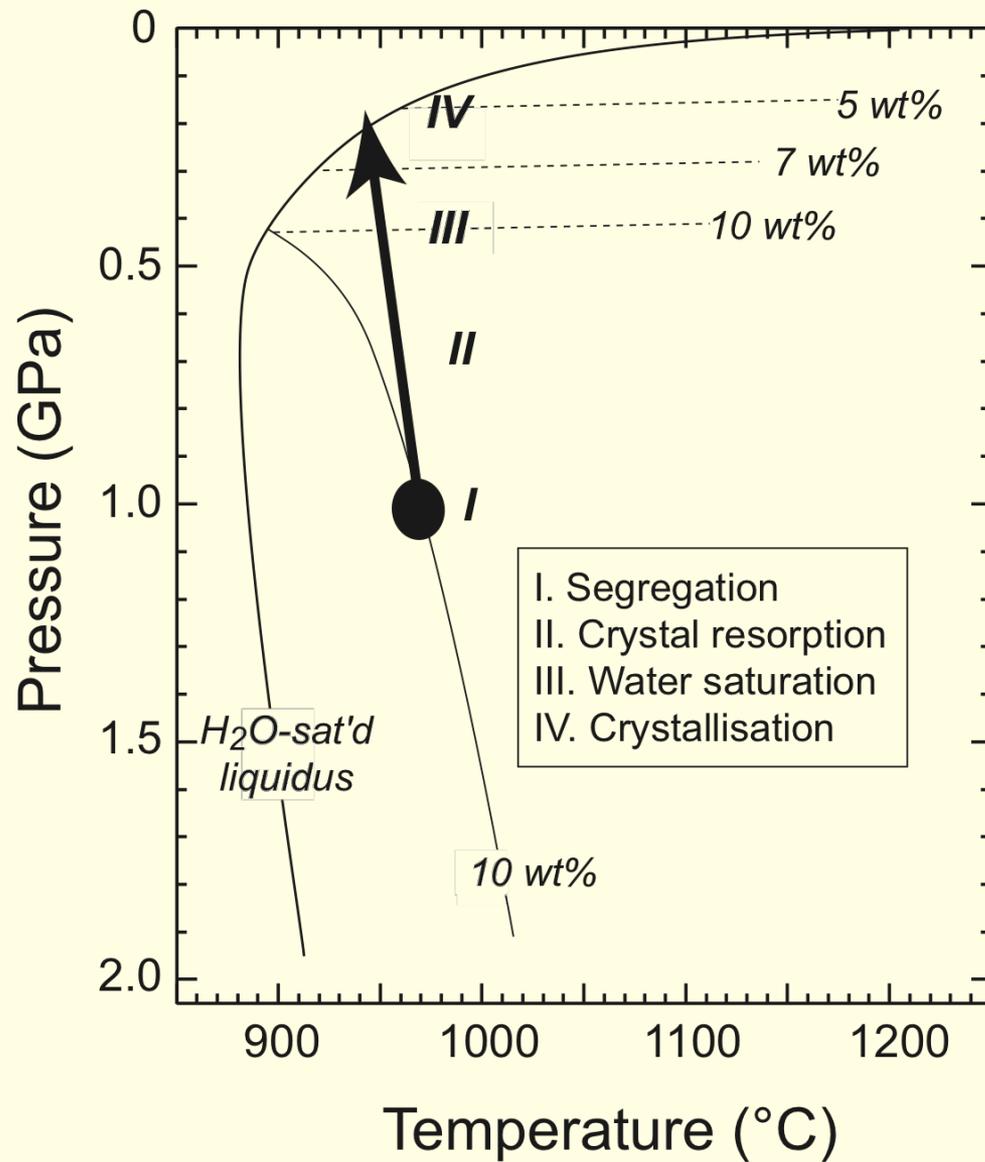


Mount Hood

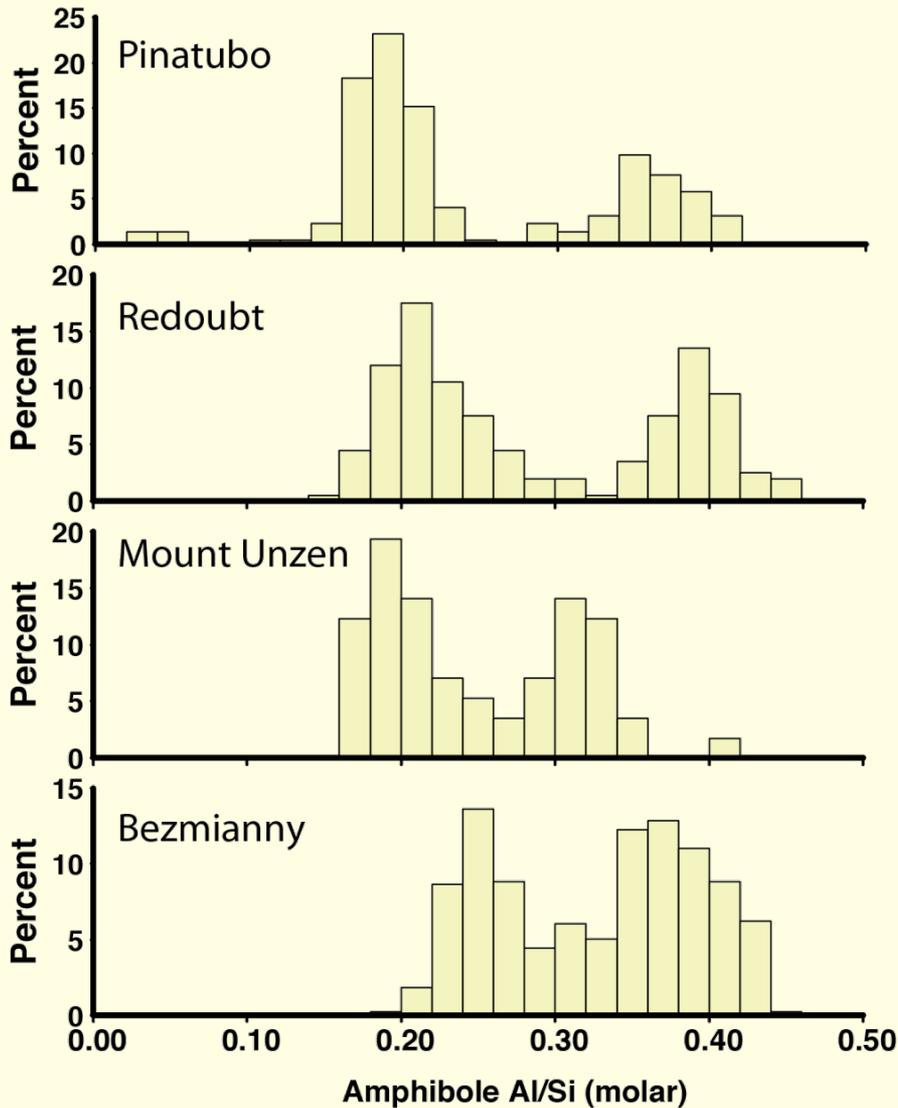


Mount Pinatubo

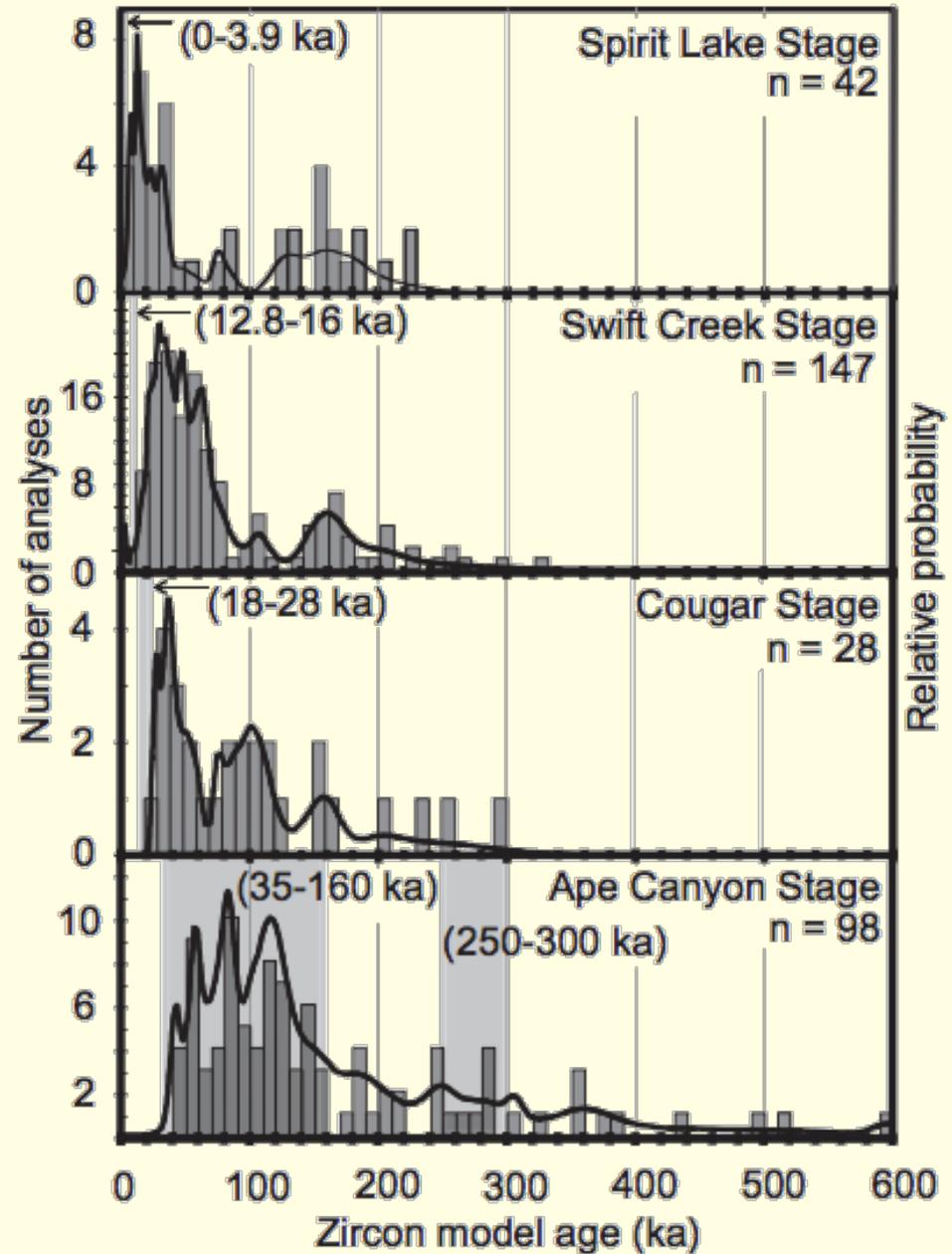
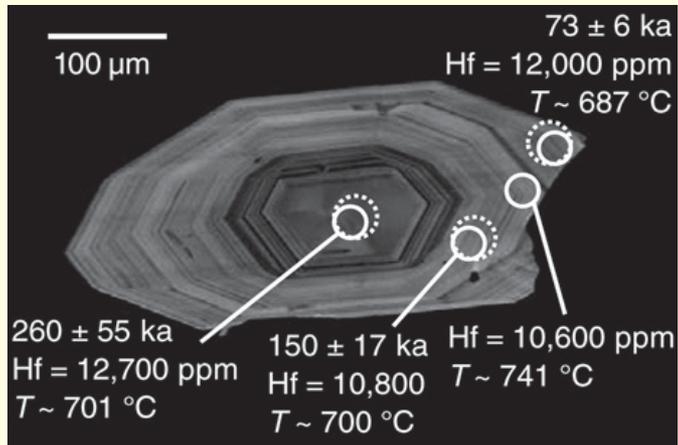
Annen et al., 2006



Bimodal Mineral compositions appear to be an important feature of many arc volcanoes



Data: Coombs et al. 2012, Loewen, 2013; Turner et al. 2013; GEOROC



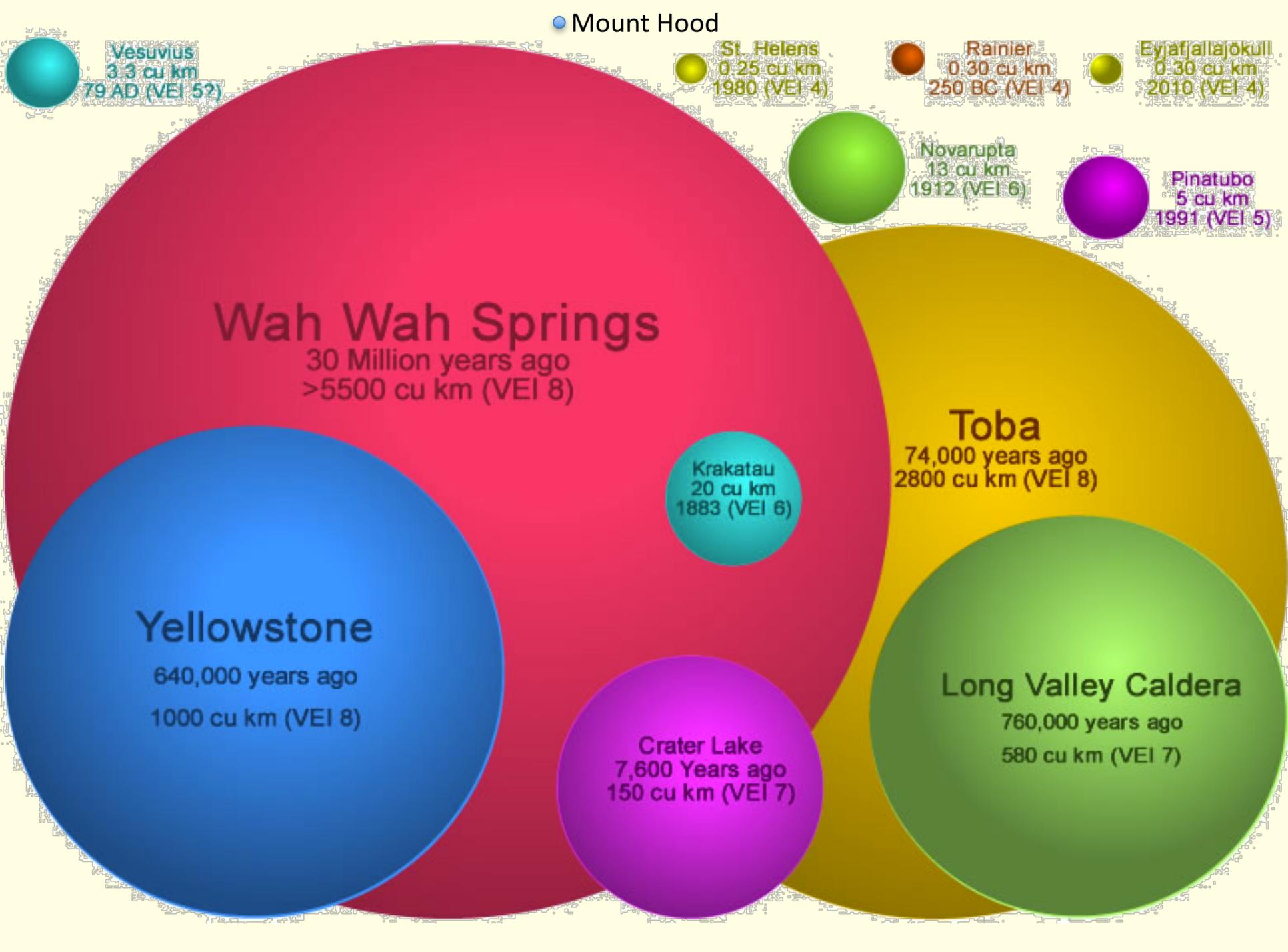
Zircon U-Th ages from Mount St Helens  
Claiborne et al. 2010



USGS

**Long lived bodies of "eruptible magma" are probably quite common in the shallow crust**

- True
- False



● Mount Hood

Vesuvius  
3.3 cu km  
79 AD (VEI 5?)

St. Helens  
0.25 cu km  
1980 (VEI 4)

Rainier  
0.30 cu km  
250 BC (VEI 4)

Eyjafjallajökull  
0.30 cu km  
2010 (VEI 4)

Novarupta  
13 cu km  
1912 (VEI 6)

Pinatubo  
5 cu km  
1991 (VEI 5)

Wah Wah Springs  
30 Million years ago  
>5500 cu km (VEI 8)

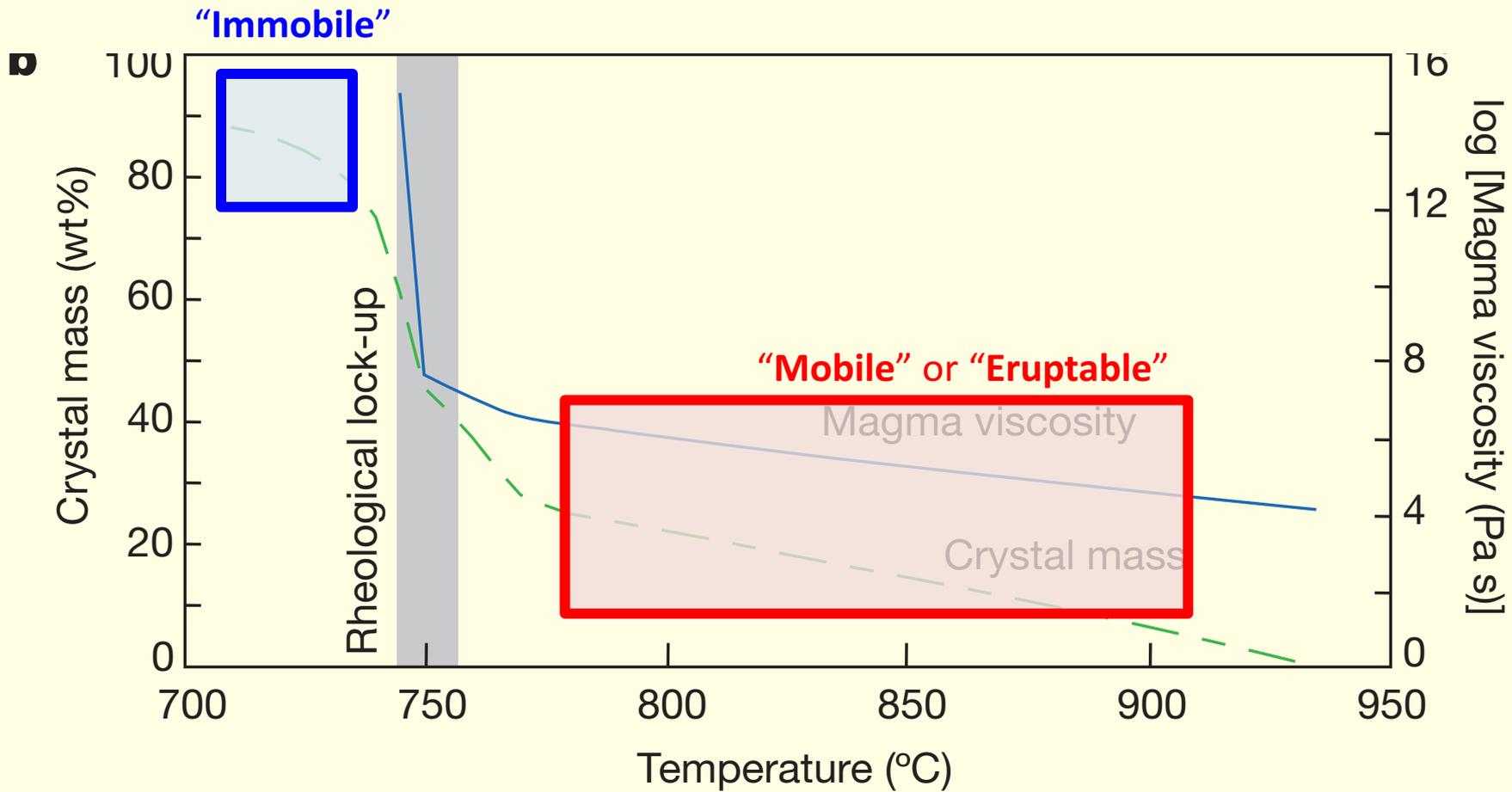
Toba  
74,000 years ago  
2800 cu km (VEI 8)

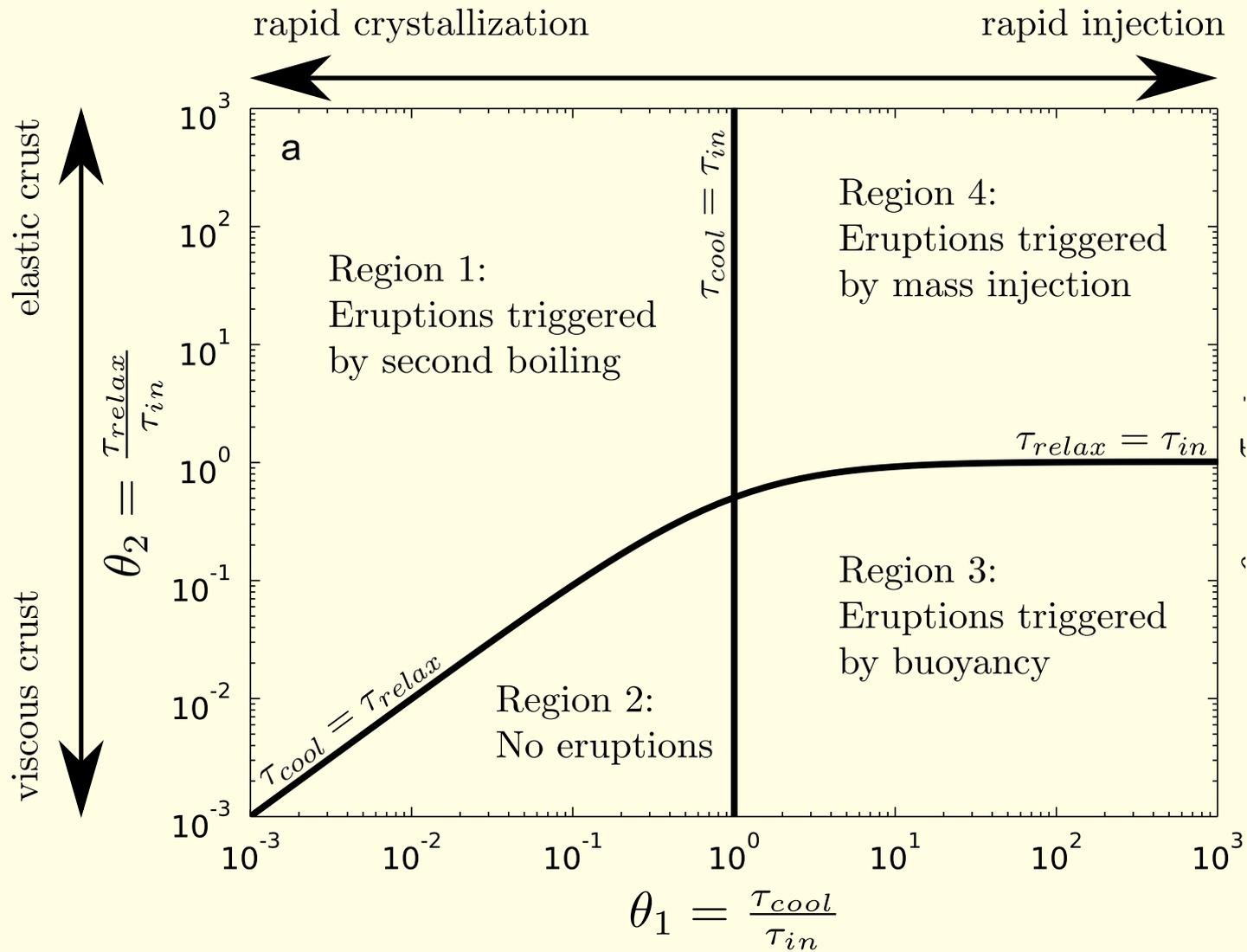
Krakatau  
20 cu km  
1883 (VEI 6)

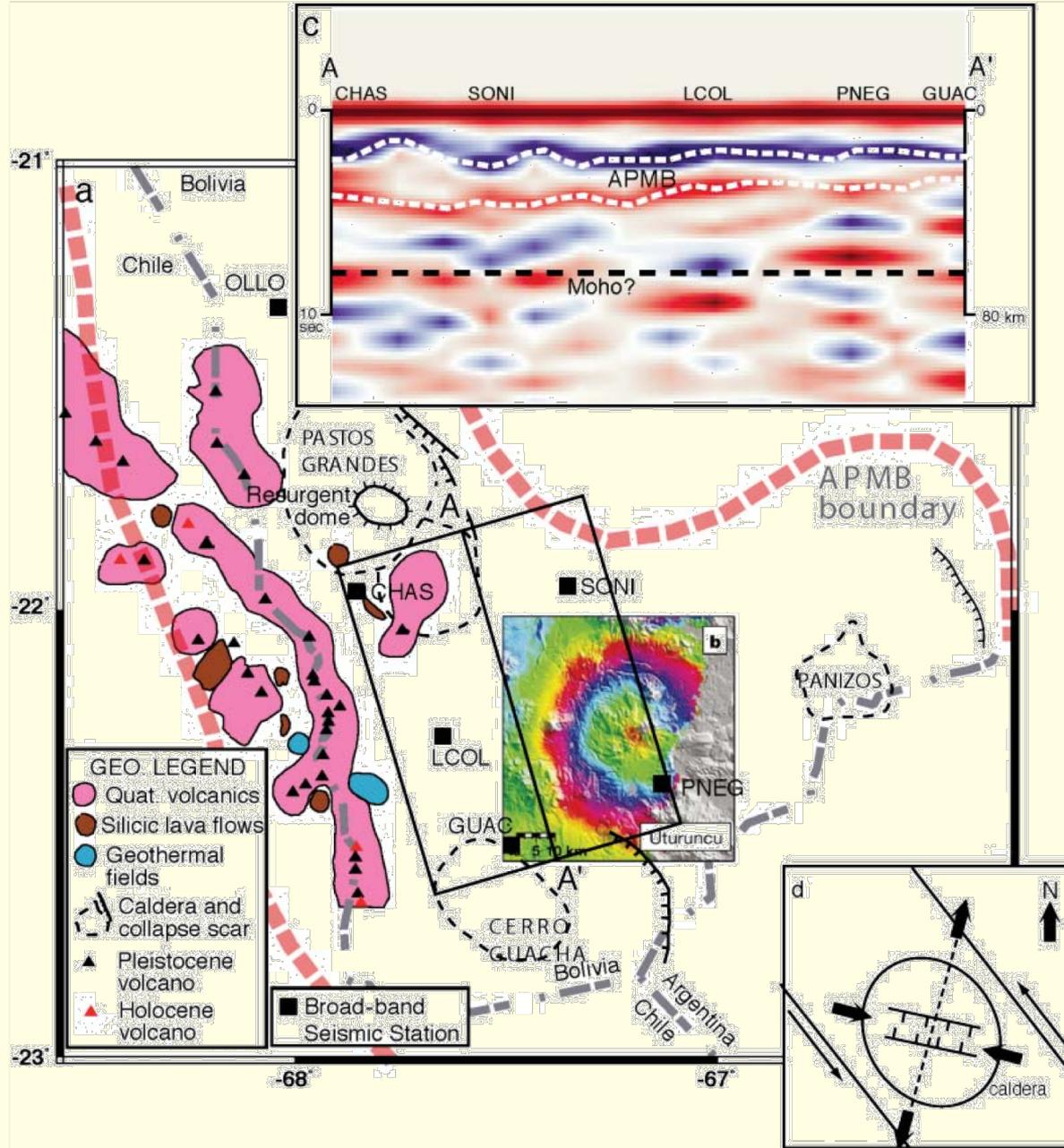
Yellowstone  
640,000 years ago  
1000 cu km (VEI 8)

Crater Lake  
7,600 Years ago  
150 cu km (VEI 7)

Long Valley Caldera  
760,000 years ago  
580 cu km (VEI 7)







Geophysical studies rarely find evidence for large volumes of liquid magma beneath active volcanoes

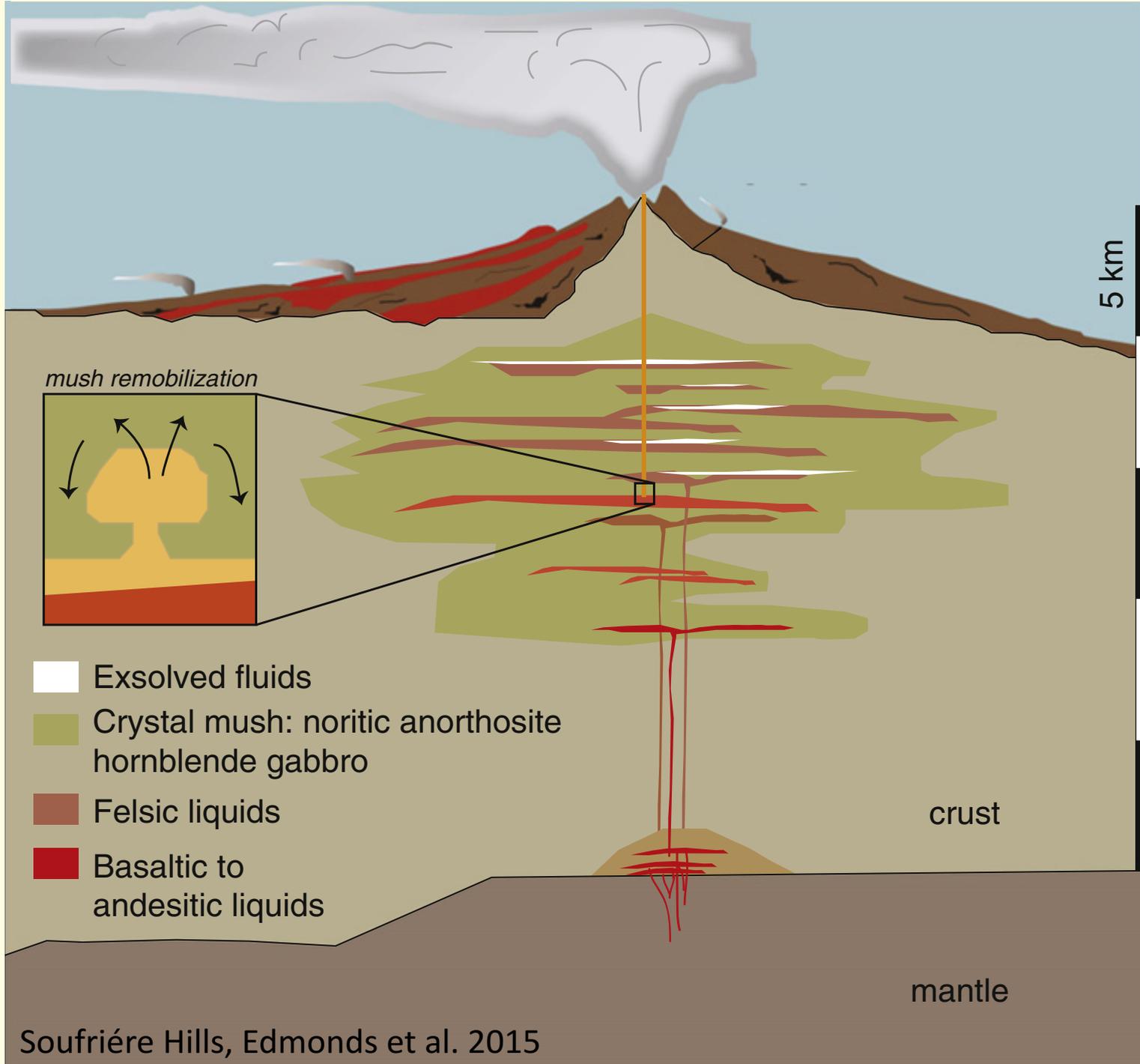
APMB < 20%

Yellowstone < 10%

St Helens < 10%

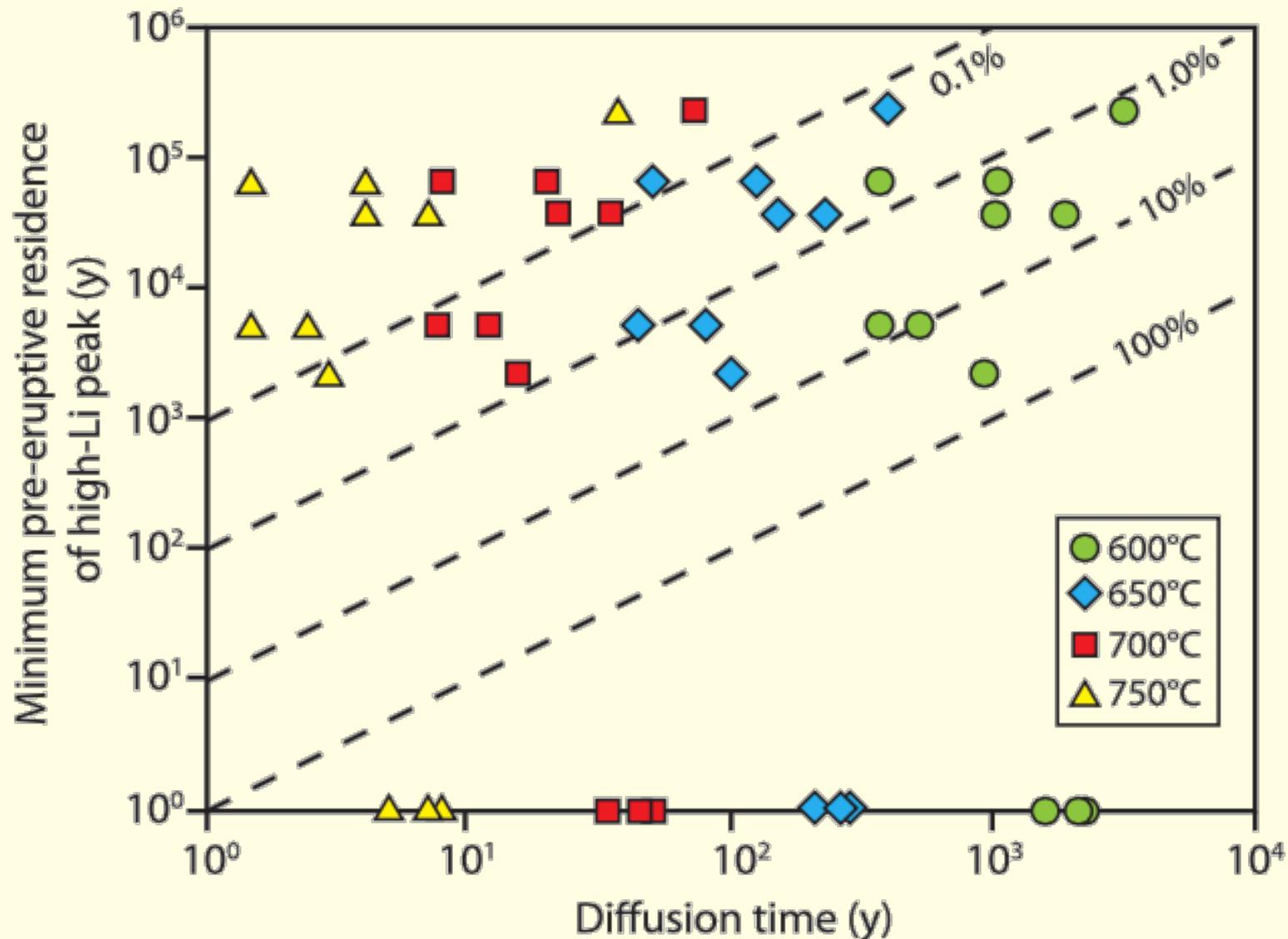
Altiplano-Puna Volcanic Complex (APVC)

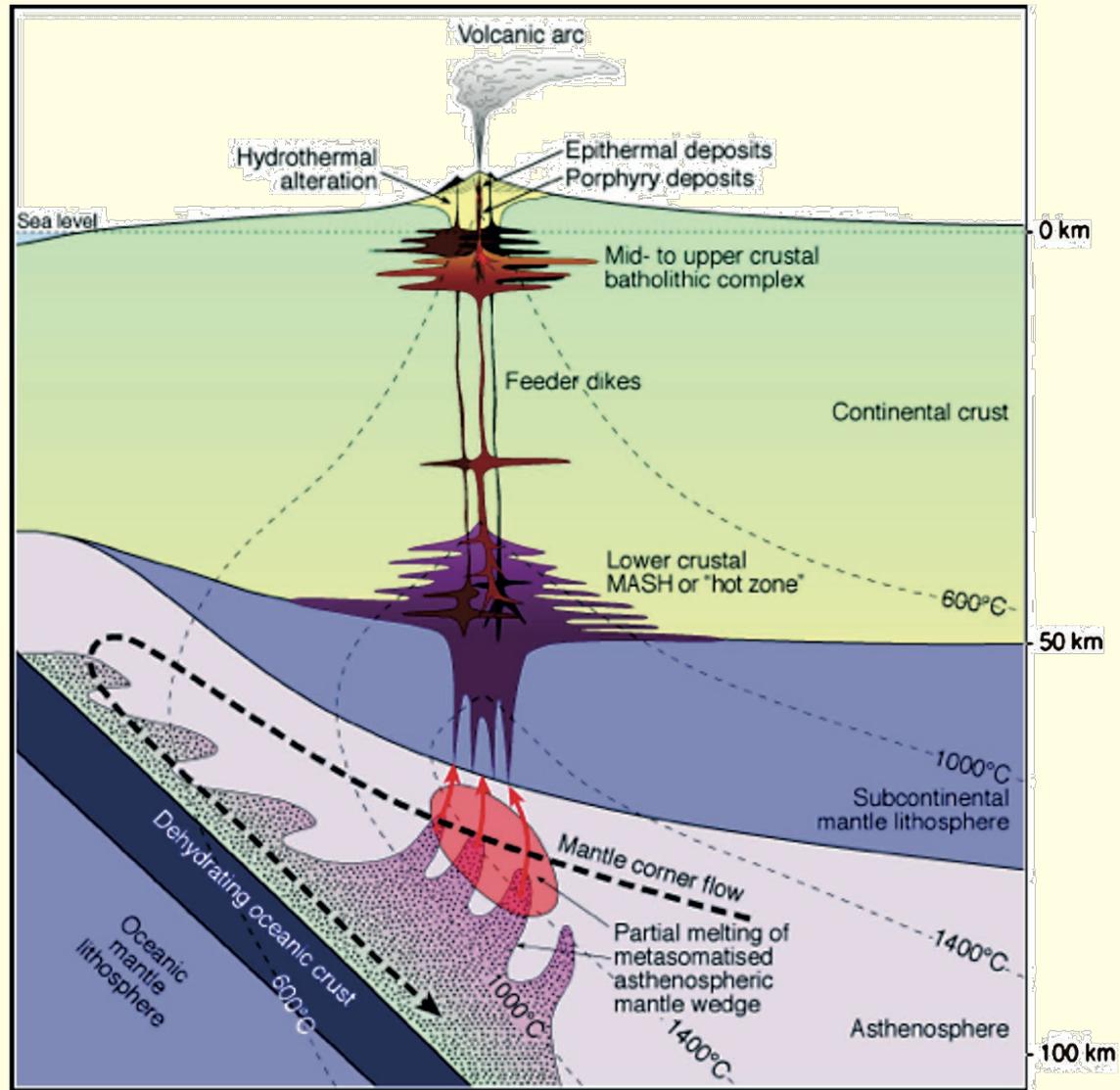
De Silva et al. 2006



Soufrière Hills, Edmonds et al. 2015

# Thermal History from zircon (Rubin et al. 2017)





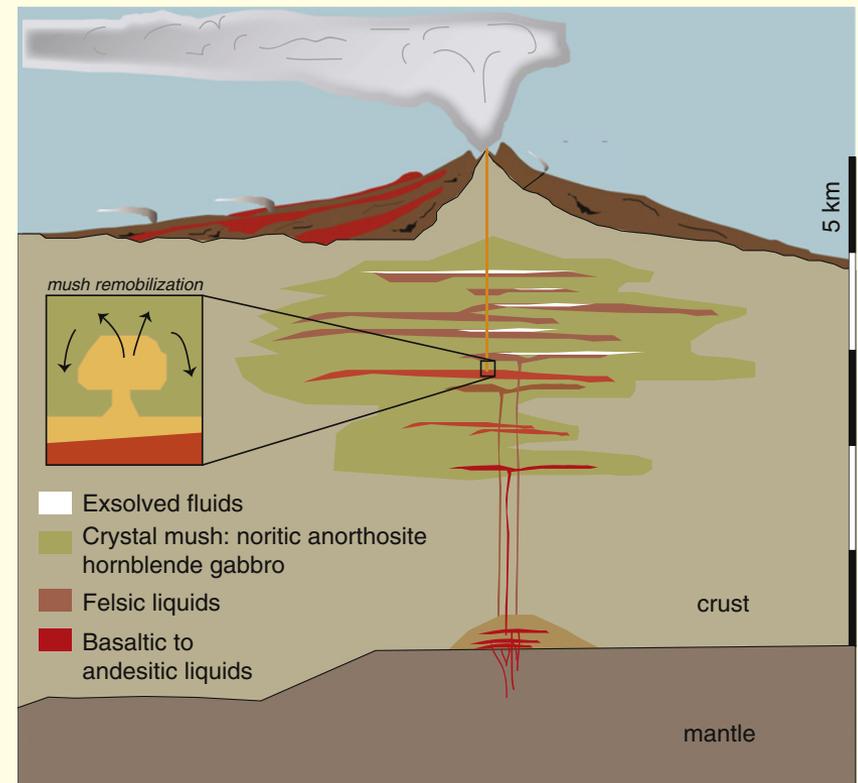
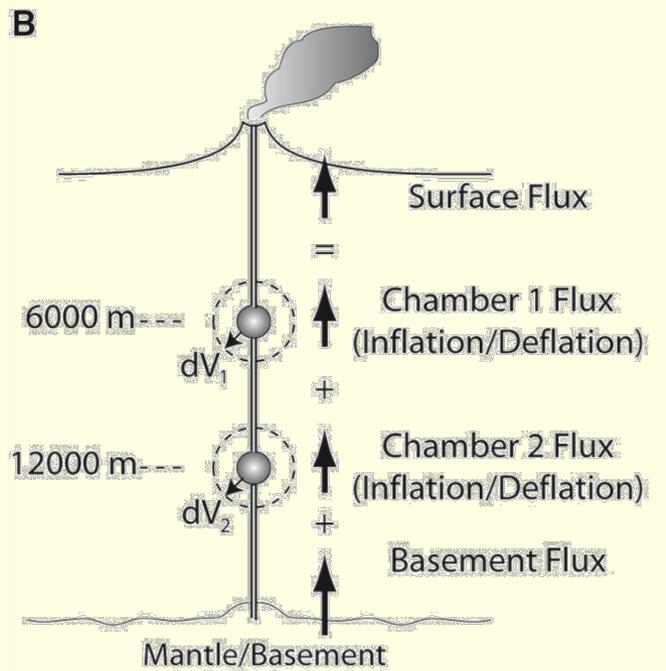
# Grand Challenge. Systematic slab to surface understanding of arc magmatic systems



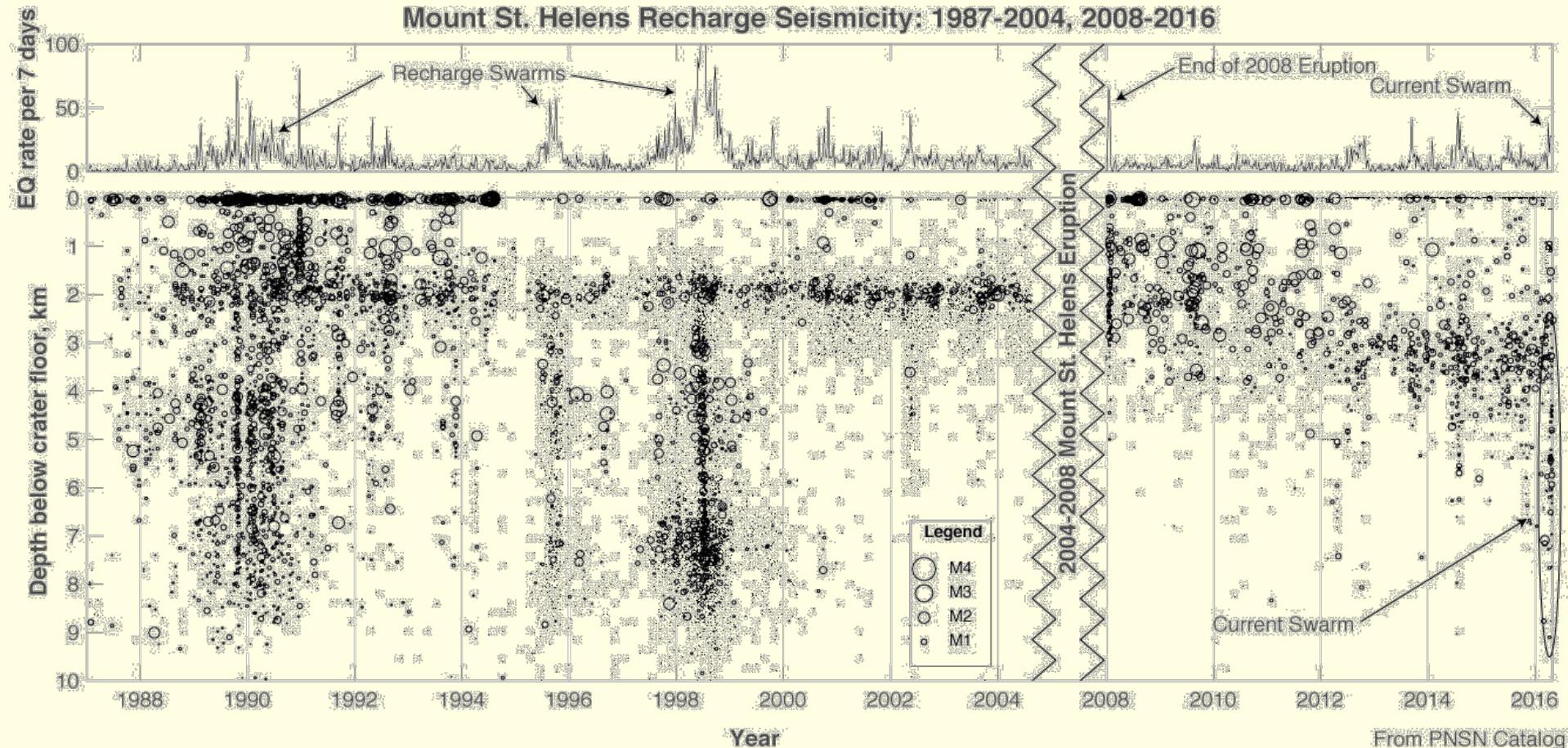
- Cohesive models to understand the dominant controls on:
  - When and where arc volcanoes erupt
  - Style of volcanism
  - Erupted compositions
  - Locations, size and lifetimes of individual volcanoes
  - Pathways taken by ascending magmas (physically & geochemically)
  - Mantle controls

# Interactions within the factory

- How do the mantle wedge, lower crust and shallow crust interact?

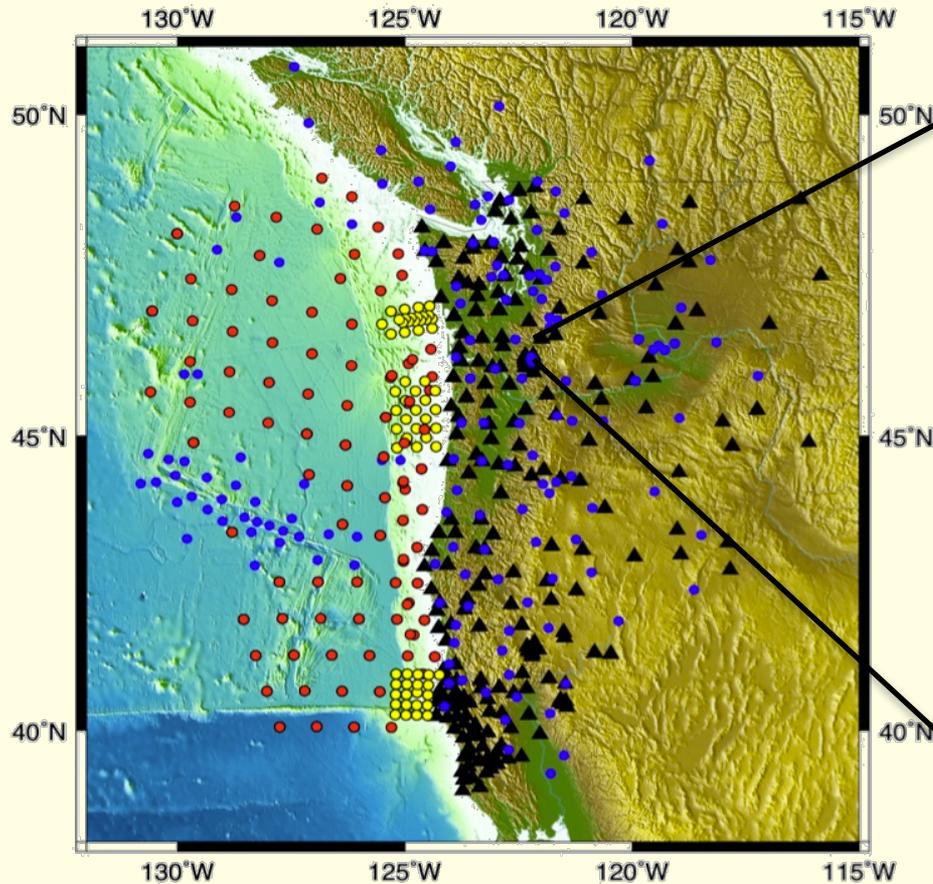


# Mount St. Helens Recharge Seismicity: 1987-2004, 2008-2016

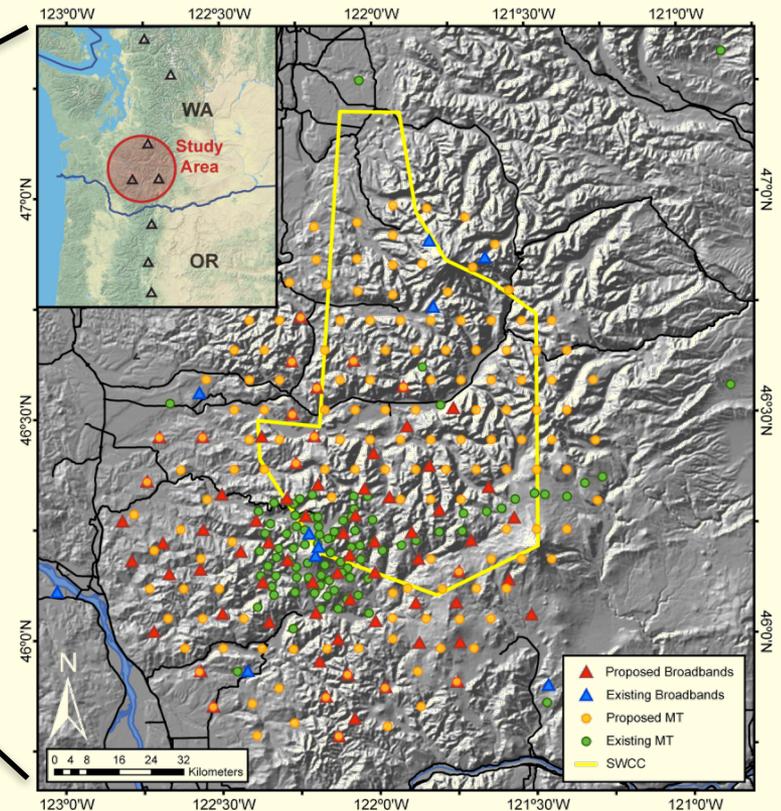


From PNSN Catalog

# Inversion/integration of petrology/ geochemistry with regional data sets

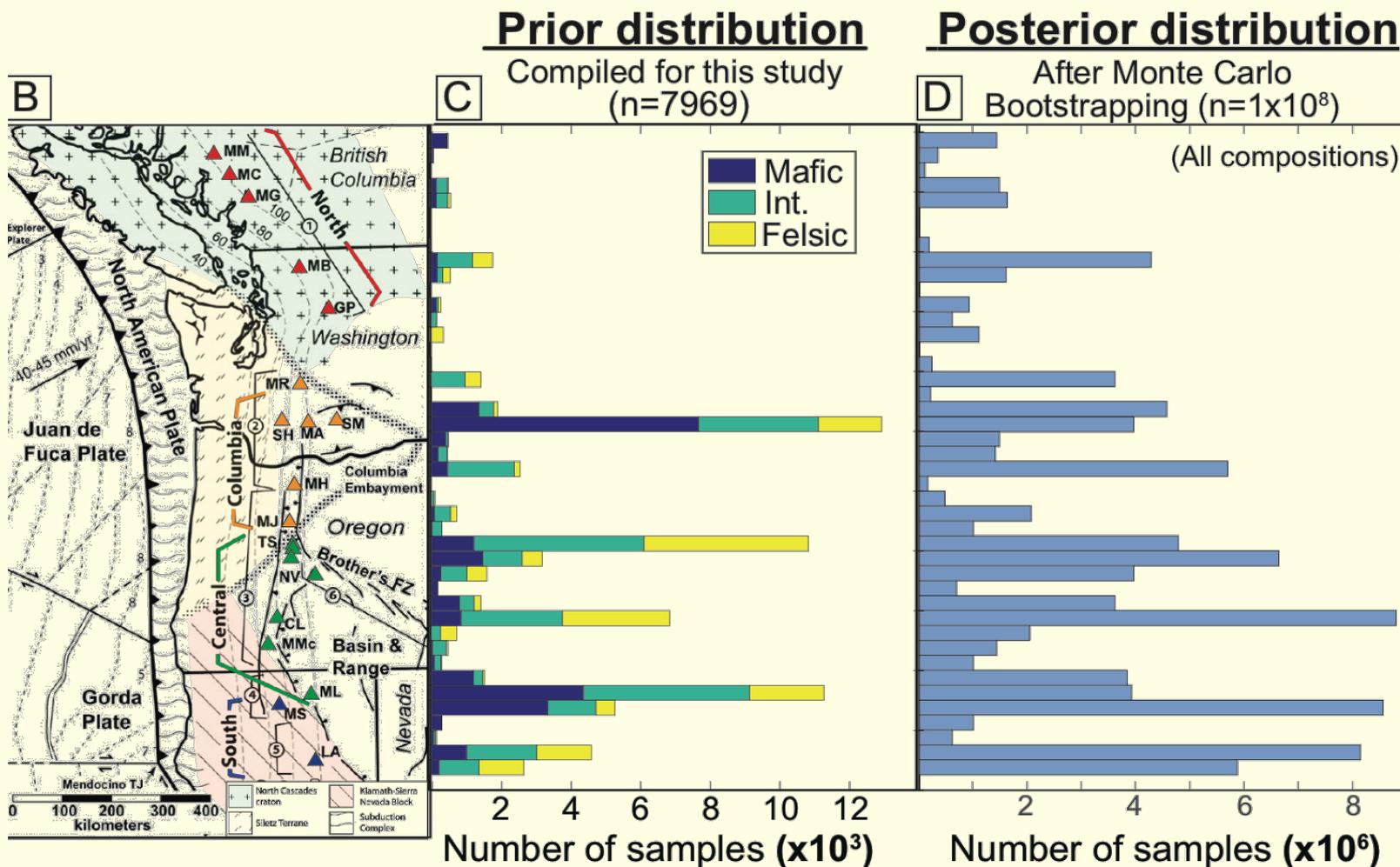


Cascadia PBO and Earthscope Stations



iMUSH stations

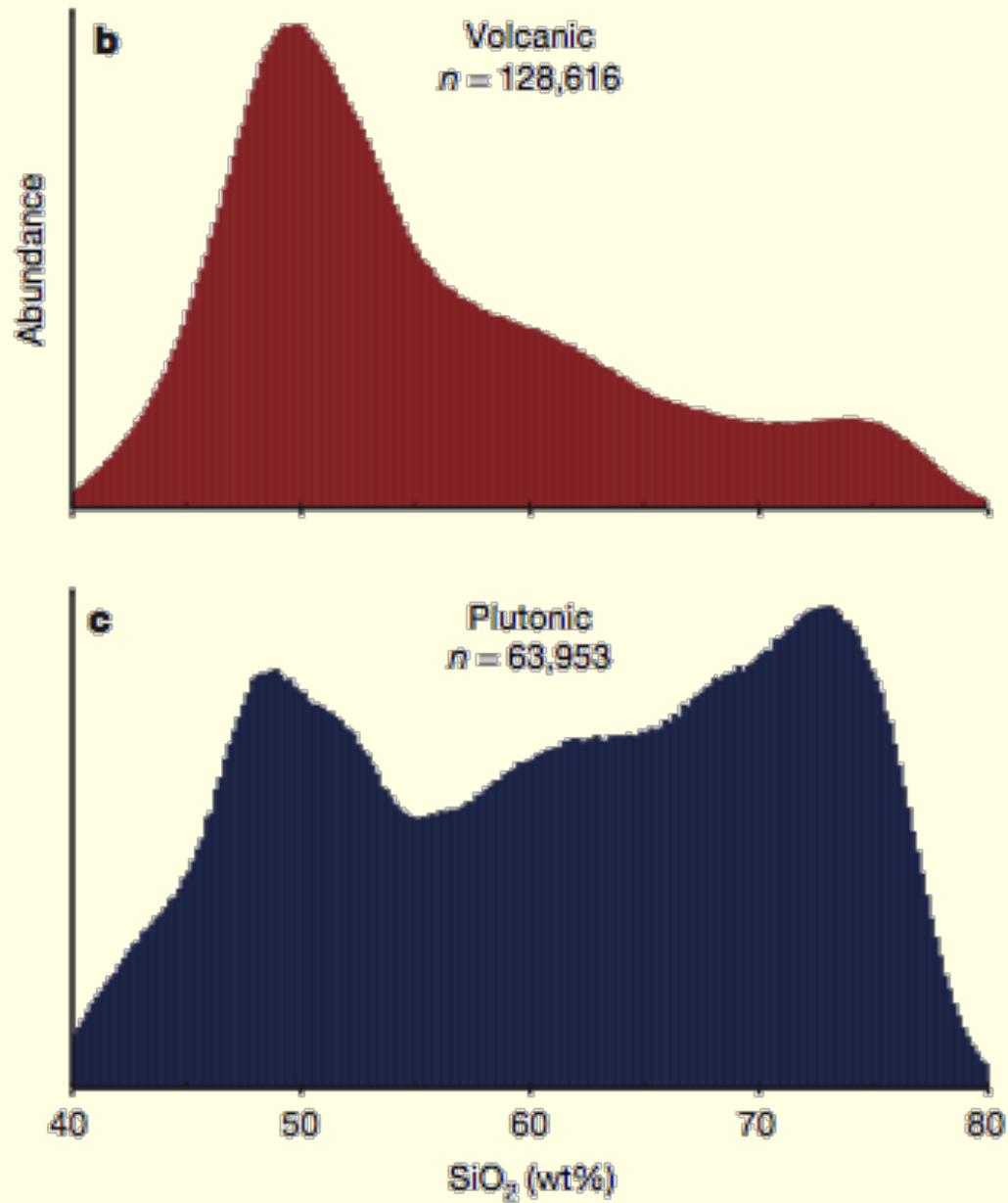
# Ergodicity and Bulk Properties



# Thank You!



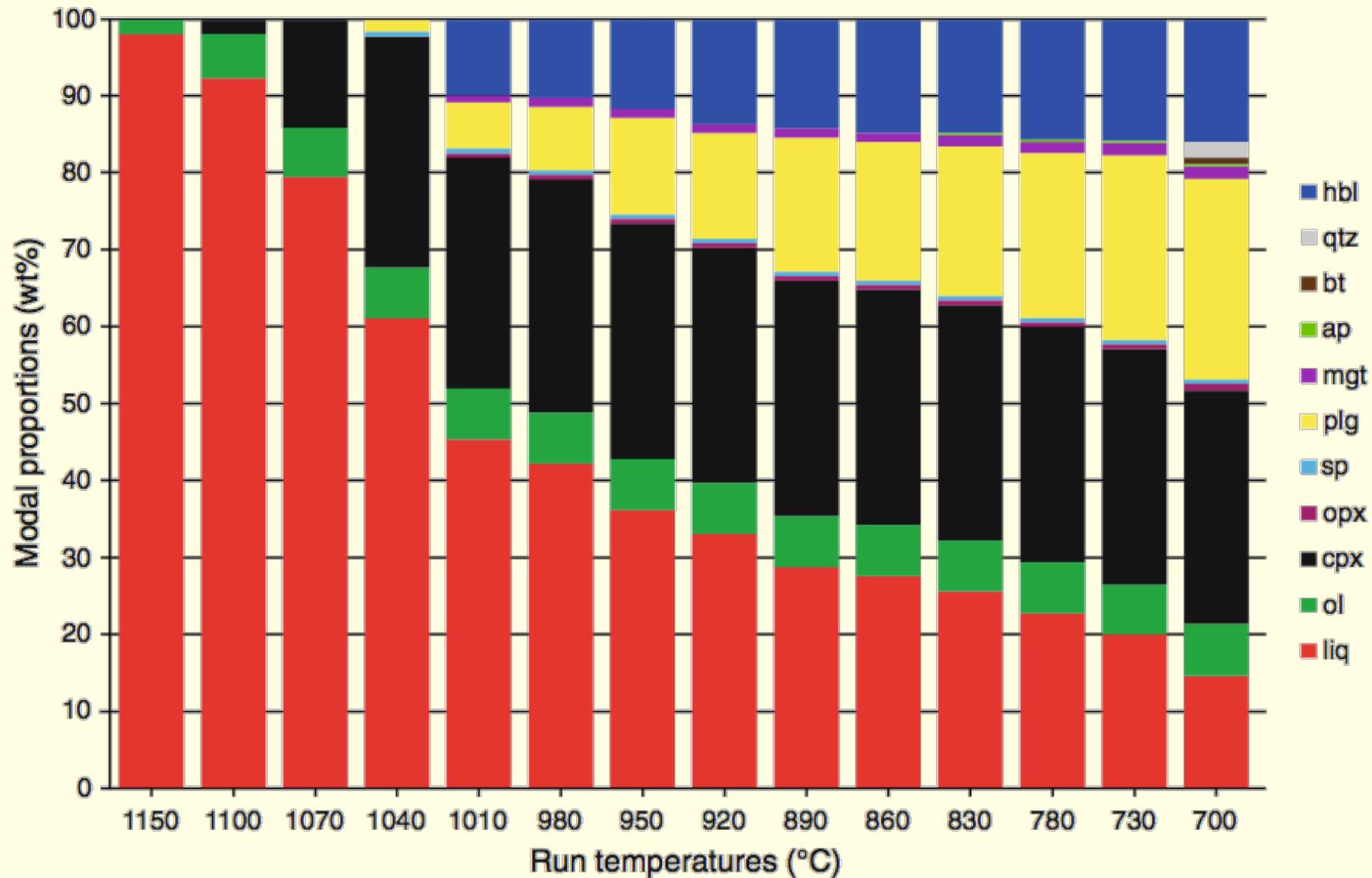


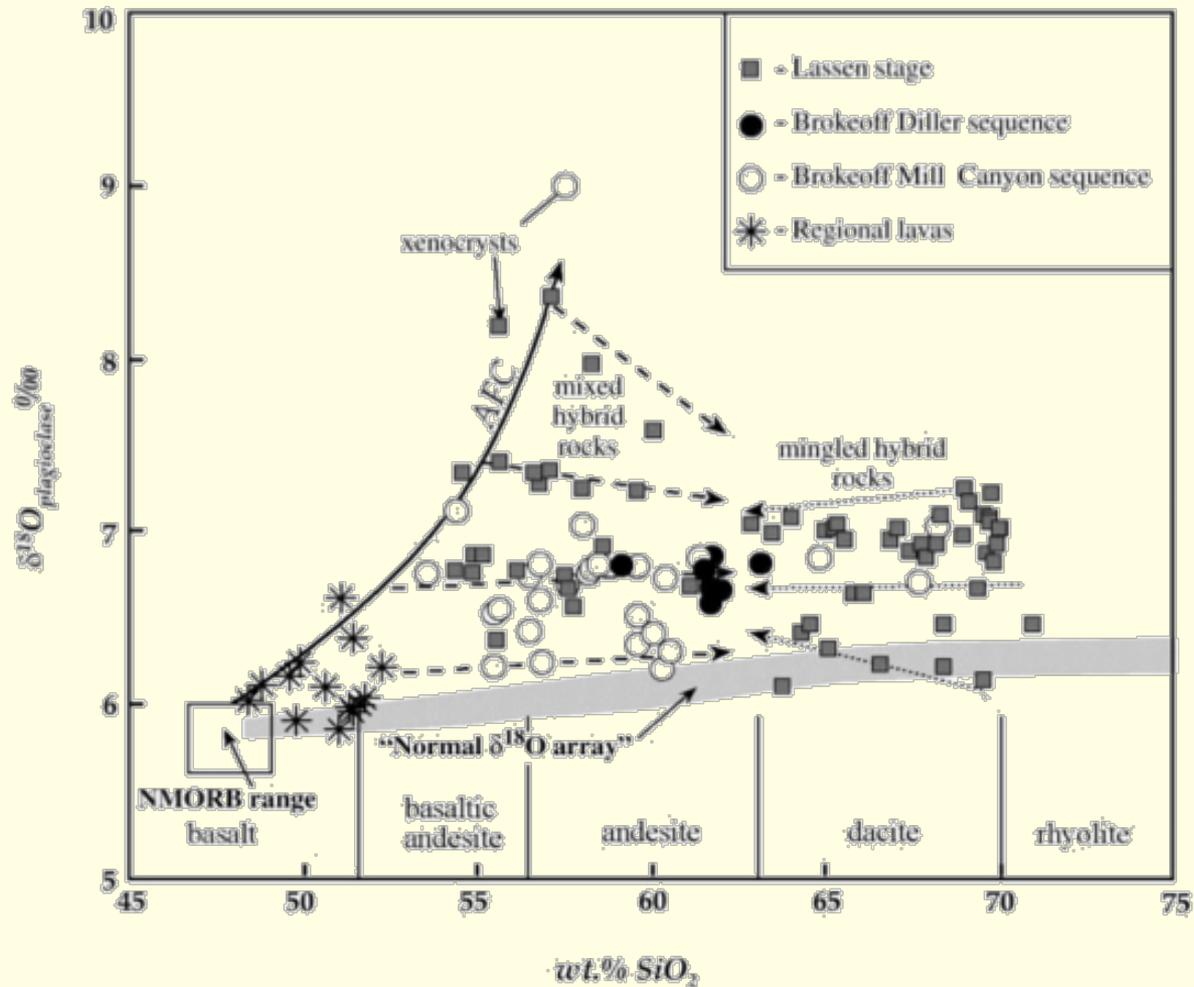


Wt.%	Average Modern Andesite <sup>1</sup>	Bulk Continental Crust <sup>2</sup>
SiO <sub>2</sub>	56.3	59.1
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.9	0.7
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	16.4	15.8
FeO	7.7	6.6
MgO	4.8	4.4
CaO	7.9	6.4
Na <sub>2</sub> O	3.2	3.2
K <sub>2</sub> O	1.3	1.9

<sup>1</sup>Geokem.com <sup>2</sup>Rudnick and Fountain, 1995

Modern Subduction Flux = Basaltic





Oxygen isotope compositions at Mount Lassen