Exsolved Volatiles in Magma Reservoirs

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Abstract

We review our understanding of the exsolved volatile phase co-existing with magmas during pre-eruptive storage at the pressures and temperatures corresponding to crustal magma reservoirs. We explore the consequences and implications of such a volatile phase for magma and ore body petrogenesis and the fluid dynamics of magma reservoirs. We outline the geochemical constraints on the size and composition of the exsolved volatile phase that may co-exist with magmas in the crust. We distinguish between decompression-driven and crystallization-driven exsolution, and describe the implications of the volatiles for the dynamics of the magma reservoir, using key natural examples and case studies. We discuss eruptions triggered by second boiling, and the various regimes of magma mixing and magma overturn that may be induced by second boiling in a layered reservoir. We also explore the control of the volatile content of the magma on the mass erupted during an eruption episode, and compare our models to eruption datasets. We then turn to the mechanisms for magma-volatile separation, noting that in crystal-poor melts convective separation of exsolved volatiles may dominate while in crystal-rich melts, volatiles may generate channels or permeable-flow pathways through the crystal mush, thereby separating from the parent magma. We discuss the implications of the accumulation of the exsolved volatile phase at the roof zones of crystal-rich reservoirs for the large gas emissions observed during explosive eruptions, and for the development of metal-rich porphyry deposits.

1. Introduction

Magmas close to the surface of Earth, stored within crustal reservoirs, contain exsolved volatiles. This exsolved volatile phase is made up of water and carbon dioxide primarily, but also significant amounts of sulfur and halogen gases, and trace constituents such as volatile metals (Gerlach, 1980; Symonds et al., 1994). These volatiles are dominantly sourced from the mantle, but may also also be assimilated from crustal rocks and fluids (Mason et al., 2017) and are enriched in silicate melts as they cool and fractionate. Typically, basaltic melts leave the mantle carrying 0.1-4 wt% H₂O and <2 wt% CO₂, depending on tectonic setting (Blundy et al., 2010; Plank et al., 2013; Wallace, 2005), which increases due to fractionation prior to volatile saturation, reaching several wt% H₂O for magmas in arc settings (Plank et al., 2013; Sisson and Layne, 1993). These volatile species have a propensity to exsolve or partition into a low density exsolved volatile phase at crustal pressures, which may be a supercritical fluid at high pressures, and a vapour phase at low pressures.
Despite only being a minor constituent of magmas, exsolved volatiles have enormous importance for a myriad of magma reservoir processes. An exsolved volatile phase lowers the bulk density and increases the buoyancy of magmas (Anderson, 1995), influences phase equilibria (Ghiorso and Gualda, 2015; Moore and Carmichael, 1998), as well driving convection (Cardoso and Woods, 1999; Longo et al., 2006) and promoting magma mingling and mixing through overturn (Huppert et al., 1982; Ruprecht et al., 2008). Recent work has shown that the exsolved volatile phase may be mobile in crystal-rich magma (Barth et al., in review; Oppenheimer et al., 2015; Parmigiani et al., 2016), leading to accumulation in the roof zones of magma reservoirs, which may play a role in triggering eruptions, activating hydrothermal systems through volatile injection (Chiodini et al., 2012) and in the generation of porphyries hosting economic concentrations of metals (Guo and Audétat, 2017; Huber et al., 2012).

Important new advances in observing and modeling magma reservoirs and their volatile systematics have prompted this review. Our understanding of the form and organisation of crustal magma reservoirs has evolved in recent years, towards a picture of trans-crustal, mush-dominated, heterogeneous magma reservoirs which may be long-lived relative to inter-eruption timescales (Cashman et al., 2017; Cooper and Kent, 2014). Petrological evidence, from melt inclusion and pyroxene barometry (Edmonds et al., 2016; Hartley et al., 2014; Longpré et al., 2017; Métrich and Wallace, 2008; Neave and Putirka, 2017) suggests that magmas may be stored over a wide depth interval and that the magmas typically carry crystal cargos that record complex mixing and mingling histories (Cashman and Blundy, 2013; Cooper and Kent, 2014; Costa et al., 2013; Neave et al., 2013), suggesting repeated recharge and mixing of localised melts and mushes. Geophysical surveys of the crust show that melt-dominated magma bodies do not generally exist; instead it is envisaged that melts are disseminated in mushes or in closely-spaced sill-like bodies (Cordell et al., 2018; Kiser et al., 2016; Pritchard and Gregg, 2016).

Large fluxes of deep-derived sulfur-rich gas from long-lived eruptions such as Soufrière Hills Volcano (Montserrat) (Christopher et al., 2015; Edmonds et al., 2010; Edmonds et al., 2001) and Bagana Volcano (Papua New Guinea) (Kilbride et al., 2018), which continue during prolonged eruptive pauses indicate that permeable, outgassing pathways through crystal-rich magma may be maintained from depth, perhaps tapping zones where an exsolved volatile phase accumulated near the topmost regions of the magma reservoir system over multiple eruption timescales (Christopher et al., 2015), with the system being recharged from time to time with heat and volatiles by underplating mafic magmas (Bachmann and Bergantz, 2006; Murphy et al., 2000;
The accumulation of an exsolved volatile phase in the roof zone of such a protracted reservoir may play a critical role in triggering and sustaining eruption. Observations of “excess sulfur” using space-borne satellites (Carn et al., 2016; Wallace, 2001) may be direct evidence of such deep accumulations of exsolved volatiles. Large volcanic “outgassing events” which may be observed using strain measurements (Hautmann et al., 2014), may relieve reservoir pressure and prevent magmatic eruptions. Accumulation of an exsolved volatile phase may also have important implications for the interpretation of ground displacements at the surface through the formation of a highly compressible region of the magma reservoir (McCormick Kilbride et al., 2016; Rivalta and Segall, 2008), which may buffer volume changes and suppress ground deformation.

This review will be concerned with both the geochemistry and physical dynamics of the exsolved volatile phase in the crust prior to eruption. We bring together geochemical and physical perspectives to review the state of the art in our understanding of the role and behaviour of volatiles in magma reservoirs and during magma ascent and eruption. We provide a synopsis of recent progress in this area in the key areas of observation, modeling and experiment and highlight outstanding, critical problems that remain to be solved.

2. Achieving volatile saturation in magmas

Magmas exsolve water and carbon dioxide as they rise through the crust, cool and crystallise. Owing to the relationship between volatile solubility and pressure (Dixon et al., 1995; Moore et al., 1998a; Newman and Lowenstern, 2002; Pan et al., 1991; Stolper and Holloway, 1988), melts can reach saturation with respect to an exsolved volatile phase during decompression (termed “first boiling”) or during isobaric cooling and crystallisation (of volatile-poor crystals) in a magma storage area (“second boiling”) (figure 1A and B), leading to the formation of a exsolved magmatic volatile phase (MVP) (Candela, 1997). A magma is said to be volatile-saturated when an exsolved volatile phase (which may be a supercritical fluid at high pressures, or a vapour at low pressures) is present and in equilibrium with the melt. Volatile exsolution occurs when the sum of the vapour pressures of the components of a liquid, \( \sum(P_{\text{vapour}}) \), is equal to the load pressure (Candela, 1997). Volatile exsolution into bubbles will occur when either the load pressure is reduced, for example during decompression or removal of lithostatic load, “first boiling”, or \( \sum(P_{\text{vapour}}) \) is increased, for example during crystallisation, “second boiling”.

Plail et al., 2014).
Exsolution of water from silicate melt during decompression-induced degassing, or first boiling, results in a lowering of the solidus, owing to a decrease in the entropy of mixing caused by the loss of water from the melt. Decompression of magma is therefore usually accompanied by extensive degassing-induced crystallisation (Cashman and Blundy, 2000; Cashman, 2004), which has the effect of promoting further volatile exsolution and increasing the bulk viscosity of the magma (Dingwell et al., 1996). These processes are first order controls on eruption style and the onset of fragmentation (Blundy and Cashman, 2005; Dingwell, 1996; Melnik and Sparks, 2002) (see later). Second boiling takes place in magma storage areas in the crust, where magmas cool beneath their solidus temperatures and crystallise. If the fractionating assemblage is dominantly anhydrous then as the liquid fraction decreases, the vapour pressure of the volatile components increases, driving exsolution of volatiles (figure 1B). As magmas rise through the crust, the balance between first and second boiling changes. As magma ascent slows, volatile exsolution may be driven dominantly by cooling and crystallisation; whereas rapid rise of magma through dykes to the surface will experience dominantly first boiling vesiculation and expansion. For the case of large, complex magma reservoirs which evolve over long timescales ($10^4$-$10^5$ yr) (Cooper and Kent, 2014; Hawkesworth et al., 2000) the production of an exsolved volatile phase may occur sporadically, with magma recharge events, superimposed on a background of slower exsolved volatile production driven by cooling and crystallisation.

The composition of the evolving exsolved magmatic volatile phase will depend on the initial volatile content of the magma, the pressure, temperature, melt composition and oxidation state. There have been many recent formulations of empirical (Moore et al., 1998b) and thermodynamic (Burgisser et al., 2015; Dixon and Stolper, 1995; Moretti et al., 2003; Papale, 1999; Witham et al., 2012) models to describe the chemical evolution of melt and exsolved volatile phase in equilibrium during transit through the crust (figure 2). The thermodynamic models are calibrated by experimental data on $H_2O$ and $CO_2$ solubility and the partitioning of sulfur between the aqueous exsolved volatile phase and silicate melt at a range of conditions. Figure 2 illustrates the effect of $CO_2$ on the composition and pressure at which volatile-saturation occurs (Candela, 1997). One melt with 400 ppm $CO_2$ and around 2 wt% $H_2O$ crystallises at a constant pressure of 200 MPa. Initially it is ‘vapor’-undersaturated (here ‘vapor’ refers to the exsolved volatile phase), but reaches vapor-saturation after around 50% crystallization (red dot in figure 2). At this stage the concentrations of $H_2O$ and $CO_2$ have approximately doubled and $P_{vapour}$ is 200 MPa, and the partial pressures of $H_2O$ and $CO_2$ are both ~ 100 MPa and therefore the molar proportions of $CO_2$ and $H_2O$ in the co-existing exsolved volatile phase are
approximately equal. Further vapor-saturated crystallization will cause the melt to evolve along the 200 MPa isobar, towards more H₂O-rich melt compositions. If no CO₂ were present (figure 2, bottom orange dot), then 64% crystallization is required before vapor-saturation occurs. Figure 3 shows the relationship between the melt H₂O content, the mass of the exsolved volatile phase and the degree of crystallization at 200 MPa for a range of initial water contents. After 50% crystallization, by which time basalt has become basaltic andesite, 1-5 wt% exsolved volatiles is likely to co-exist with the melt. This is a minimum estimate; if CO₂ is present this fraction will be higher. Many authors have suggested that magmas may experience ‘CO₂-flushing’ which will tend to drive the melt towards higher CO₂ concentrations (from right to left along an isobar in figure 2) (Caricchi et al., 2018).

2.1. Volatiles in natural magmatic systems

Perhaps our best source of information regarding the pre-eruptive volatile concentrations of silicate melts are given by the volatile contents of melt inclusions (Kent, 2008; Lowenstern, 1995; Métrich and Wallace, 2008; Sides et al., 2014b). We now understand, however, that many processes modify the concentrations of volatiles in melt inclusions post-entrapment, such as sequestration of CO₂ into a shrinkage bubble (Esposito et al., 2014; Moore et al., 2015; Wallace et al., 2015), perhaps driven by cooling and post-entrapment crystallization (Sides et al., 2014a; Steele-Macinnis et al., 2011), diffusive loss (Bucholz et al., 2013; Gaetani et al., 2012; Lloyd et al., 2013) or gain (Hartley et al., 2015) of hydrogen. A dataset of melt inclusion CO₂ and H₂O data, for A) a range of basalts in hotspot and arc settings and B) andesites, dacites and rhyolites in arc and rift settings, is shown in Figure 4. The data for both the mafic magmas and the more evolved magmas show an array in volatile concentrations, caused by a combination of factors such as decompressional degassing concurrent with melt inclusion entrapment and CO₂ fluxing (Métrich and Wallace, 2008), mixing (Dixon et al., 1991) and volatile loss from the inclusions (Gaetani et al., 2012; Maclennan, 2017). A degassing path is one whereby CO₂ is lost at high pressure, followed by H₂O at low pressure (Dixon and Stolper, 1995). The dissolved volatile data for both basalts and rhyolites, in all tectonic settings, is consistent with volatile-saturation at pressures of up to 300 Mpa or more in the crust, equivalent to 11-13 km depth. For ocean island magmas, the exsolved volatile phase at this depth is highly CO₂ rich, owing to the much lower bulk H₂O concentrations; in arcs, the deep exsolved volatile phase is more hydrous. If, as seems likely, the melt inclusion record is overprinted by shallow storage prior to eruption (due to H⁺ loss by diffusion, see above), the deeper record may be routinely erased.
Phase equilibria studies have been of value in reconstructing the pre-eruptive water contents of arc basalts (Barclay et al., 1998; Sisson and Grove, 1993). In Mexico, phase assemblages in erupted rocks are consistent with experimental assemblages under volatile-saturated conditions at 170-200 MPa (Moore and Carmichael, 1998), indicating that an aqueous fluid phase with a high activity of H$_2$O co-existed with magma prior to eruption. Plagioclase hygrometers (Lange et al., 2009; Putirka, 2005; Waters and Lange, 2015) allow estimates of the water content of basaltic melts to be made: it has been suggested that An contents of plagioclase in arc basalts in Japan indicate pre-eruptive basaltic water contents of 3-5 wt% (Ushioda et al., 2014), which is consistent with melt inclusion studies (Kuritani et al., 2014; Rose-Koga et al., 2014). These basalts have potential to generate large amounts of an exsolved volatile phase upon evolution to higher-silica magmas. Other mineral proxies may be useful to reconstruct melt volatile concentrations. A recent study of hydrogen in the cores of orthopyroxenes erupted during vulcanian activity at Souffrière Hills Volcano were used to suggest that melt H$_2$O contents were 4-9 wt% prior to eruption, implying volatile-saturated magma storage at depths of up to ~12 km prior to eruption (Edmonds et al., 2016). Anorthite-rich plagioclase in xenocrysts (derived from disaggregated mushes), Al-rich melts and experimental phase equilibria were used to infer that parental basaltic andesites beneath St Kitts (Lesser Antilles) are water-rich (>9 wt%) and they crystallise over a wide pressure range (1.5 to 6.0 kbar) (Melekhova et al., 2017).

Geochemical proxies might allow reconstruction of magmatic water budgets. It has been recognised recently that high Sr/Y ratios in magmas are linked to fertility in copper (Richards, 2011). High Sr/Y ratios, for example in Tibetan post-collisional magmas, have been attributed to high magmatic water contents of >10 wt%, acting to suppress plagioclase fractionation (and hence Sr removal) during fractional crystallisation of hydrous basalt parent magma at depth (Chiaradia et al., 2012; Lu et al., 2015). These magmas have been compared to others in subduction zone settings: silicic high Sr/Y andesites and dacites at Mount Shasta, a stratovolcano in the southern Cascades, contain melt inclusions with >10 wt% H$_2$O which crystallised at 0.8 GPa (Grove et al., 2002). Similar experimental phase equilibria were shown for the Pinatubo dacite melt: in order to produce high Sr/Y with a starting melt composition of 16.5 wt% Al$_2$O$_3$ requires a melt water content of >10 wt% (Prouteau and Scaillet, 2003). The existence of hydrous magmas deep in the crust lends support to the notion that magma reservoirs from the mid-crust upward contain substantial fractions of exsolved water as supercritical fluid or low density vapour at lower pressures.
Plutonic rocks exposed at the surface, however, present only scant evidence of an exsolved magmatic volatile phase, despite abundant petrological evidence of hydrous components in the melt (the presence of amphibole or biotite, for example). Comb-layered quartz, with its high concentrations of fluid-mobile trace elements, is found in shallow felsic intrusions associated with ore bodies, and is proposed to precipitate at the wallrock-magma contact from exsolved hydrous fluids at the apical regions of magma bodies (Lowenstern and Sinclair, 1996). Some granite bodies and pegmatites contain miarolitic cavities made up of super-solidus minerals, externally nucleated, projecting into a quasi-spherical void (Candela, 1997). These features are accepted as good evidence for magmatic exsolved volatile phase saturation in plutonic rocks (Candela, 1997). The absence of miarolitic cavities in granites and other igneous rocks does not preclude that the magma body was saturated with respect to an exsolved volatile phase; the preservation of such features depends on the depth and water content of the magma, as well as crystal size, and the permeability of the mush during solidification. Some of these factors will be discussed further in section 5.

Overall the data from natural systems appear to show that magmas may be volatile-saturated from depths of 9 to 12 km up to the surface in most magmatic systems, including hotspots, arcs and continental rifts. There may be exceptions, however. A recent study using apatites to reconstruct the volatile budget of Campi Flegrei suggested that phonolitic magma at 7 km depth was volatile-undersaturated; while that stored at 3 km was volatile-saturated (Stock et al., 2016). In mid-ocean ridge and hotspot settings, basaltic melts typically contain little H$_2$O (<1.0 wt% and usually <0.5 wt%; figure 4); for these magmas, saturation in an exsolved fluid phase occurs in the mid-crust but the fluid is initially very CO$_2$-rich; water does not exsolve from the melt in significant quantities until the magma is within a few hundred metres of the surface (Newman and Lowenstern, 2002); or until after significant amounts of isobaric crystallization has taken place.

2.2. Sulfur partitioning into an exsolved volatile phase

As well as the primary volatile species, H$_2$O and CO$_2$, sulfur is also present at bulk concentrations of up to 0.5 wt% in arc magmas (Carroll and Rutherford, 1985; Jugo, 2009; Metrich and Clocchiatti, 1996; Wallace and Edmonds, 2011). Sulfur has significance owing to its ability to complex with metals in the magmatic exsolved volatile phase and transport them to sites of ore deposits (Botcharnikov et al., 2010; Zajacz and Halter, 2009); but also because “excess” sulfur emissions during large explosive volcanic eruptions may lead to tropospheric cooling owing to the influence of sulfate aerosols on the radiation budget of Earth’s atmosphere.
It has long been observed that the mass of sulfur released, as observed using satellite sensors, from intermediate, i.e. andesite, dacite, eruptions in arcs is far larger than can be accounted for by the syn-eruptive degassing of melt, as deduced from the sulfur content of melt inclusions (Wallace, 2001; Wallace and Gerlach, 1994). A solution to this conundrum emerged after the 1984 El Chichon eruption, which released 7 Tg sulfur into the atmosphere (Bluth et al., 1997). It was proposed that, prior to eruption, a large fraction of the sulfur existed in a pre-eruptive exsolved volatile phase, rich in H$_2$S (Luhr et al., 1984). This hypothesis gained traction with the observation of other large explosive eruptions (Wallace, 2001; Wallace and Gerlach, 1994; Westrich and Gerlach, 1992), as well as the experimental observations, which followed, that sulfur partitions strongly into aqueous exsolved volatile phase at crustal pressures for water-rich, relatively evolved magmas (Clémente et al., 2004; Keppler, 1999; Scaillet et al., 1998; Scaillet and Pichavant, 2005; Zajacz et al., 2012).

The sulfur content of an exsolved volatile phase in a magma reservoir may be estimated using a thermodynamic approach using homogeneous equilibria in the C-O-H-S system (Oppenheimer et al., 2011; Scaillet and Pichavant, 2003). An exsolved volatile phase that evolves in a magma reservoir prior to eruption is highly variable in sulfur content, dependent on $f$O$_2$, magma composition and temperature. Furthermore, in order to make the computed composition of the exsolved volatile phase match with that observed at the surface, using satellite-based methods, which has been overprinted by decompression-induced degassing, at least 1 wt% and in some cases up to 5 wt% of an exsolved volatile phase must be present in the magma reservoir. A pre-eruptive volatile phase is not required, or much less is required, to explain volcanic gas composition and output from more mafic systems (Oppenheimer et al., 2011; Scaillet and Pichavant, 2003). Large amounts of exsolved volatiles co-existing with magmas at depth will buffer the C/S ratio of volcanic gases observed at the surface.

The presence of a few wt% exsolved volatiles from thermodynamic calculations is consistent with studies of melt inclusion geochemistry and models of fractional crystallisation, which suggested that the magma reservoir that fed the Bishop Tuff was zoned with respect to exsolved volatiles, containing up to 6 wt% near the roof zone (Wallace et al., 1999). A recent study of the volcanic products of the Samalas eruption, Indonesia, which involved eruption of at least 40 km$^3$ and has been unmasked as the source of the mysterious 1257 sulfate spike in the ice core records (Lavigne et al., 2013) suggests exsolved magmatic volatile contents of >3 wt%, based on melt inclusion systematics and fractionation modeling (Vidal et al., 2016). Sulfur partitioning into this
water-rich exsolved volatile phase resulted in a syn-eruptive sulfur emission into the atmosphere of 79 +/- 6 Tg (Vidal et al., 2016). Studies of long-lived eruptions with well-constrained records of magma and gas fluxes, combined with melt inclusion studies, have allowed independent estimates of the proportion of exsolved volatiles present in the magma reservoir. At Soufrière Hills (Montserrat) much of the sulfur exists in a pre-eruptive exsolved volatile phase prior to eruption, which may comprise to to 2-3 wt% of the magma at 150-200 MPa (Edmonds et al., 2014b).

3. Consequences of exsolved volatiles in magma reservoirs for rheology and dynamics

The presence and production of an exsolved volatile phase in crustal magma reservoirs can lead to a number of different effects on rheology, compressibility and on eruption duration and style, depending on a range of factors, including whether the magma reservoir is sealed or open to the atmosphere, the crystal content and viscosity of the melt, and on whether the magma reservoir is composed of a single magma body or multiple bodies of melt with different composition and gas content. We first describe the changes in magma rheology that might occur when second boiling occurs (figure 1) in a crystal-rich magma, generating an exsolved volatile phase, manifest as disseminated fluid bubbles. We then describe the change in the pressure and density of magma in a chamber resulting from the exsolution of volatiles, associated with second boiling, assuming the mixture of melt, bubbles and crystals remains well-mixed. We then consider the effects of the relative motion of the gas phase, melt and crystals, and consider the implications of this for the dynamics of the system, including the effects of magma mixing, and observations of large volumes of erupted gas (“excess sulfur”; see section 2.2).

3.1 Magma Compressibility

In a magma that contains dissolved volatiles, cooling and crystallisation will induce saturation in an exsolved volatile phase (second boiling; as shown in figure 1). The exsolved volatile phase is typically of lower density than the melt phase and this process therefore leads to an increase in volume and hence pressure of the magma body as it deforms the surrounding crust. The effect of this increase in pressure may be to trigger an eruption (Blake, 1984; Tait et al., 1989) or the injection of magma to a higher level in the crust. The relation between the change in volume and the change in pressure during both the inflation and the deflation phases of the evolution of the system depends on the compressibility of the melt-volatile-crystal mixture (Huppert and Woods, 2002; Rivalta and Segall, 2008; Segall, 2013; Voight et al., 2010). With a volatile-saturated melt, the magma may be of order 10 times more compressible than a magma with no exsolved...
volatiles. As a result, there may be a much greater volume of magma erupted prior to the relaxation of the reservoir pressure and closure of the conduit (Huppert and Woods, 2002; Woods and Huppert, 2003). Although the detailed calculation of the compressibility depends on the volatile solubility as a function of pressure and crystal content, it is useful to explore the predictions of a simplified model using (1a) Henry's law, (1b) a relation between the crystal content and temperature; (1c) a model of an elastic chamber with effective bulk rock compressibility (the inverse of the bulk modulus) $\beta$; and (1d) an idealized model for the density of the gas as given by the ideal gas law, which is approximately valid for shallower (upper crustal) systems.

\begin{align}
  n_v &= n_o - sP \text{ if } n_o > sP \text{ and } n_v = 0 \text{ if } n_o < sP \\
  x &= \left(\frac{1200 - T}{250}\right) \\
  dV &= -V \beta dP \\
  \frac{1}{\rho} &= \left(\frac{n_v RT}{P} + \frac{(1-n_v)}{\rho_m}\right)
\end{align}

where $n$ denotes volatile mass fraction, with subscript $v$ denoting exsolved volatiles and $o$ denoting the total mass of volatiles per unit mass of original melt. $P$ is pressure and $s$ is a solubility constant. $x$ denotes crystal fraction (excluding the volatile phase), $T$ temperature (in Kelvin) and $V$ the chamber volume, while $R$ is the ideal gas constant. The bulk density of the magma-crystal-volatile mixture is denoted by $\rho$ while the bulk density of the melt-crystal mixture is $\rho_m$. Such a simplified model provides insight into the behaviour of the system and allows us to distinguish the different controlling effects on the evolution of the melt.

Combining these relations, we can calculate the compressibility (or the inverse of the bulk modulus of the mixture) defined as

\begin{equation}
  \beta_m = -\left(\frac{1}{V}\right) \frac{dV}{dP}
\end{equation}

as a function of pressure. In figure 5a, we illustrate the compressibility for the cases of magma with three different volatile contents at different depths in the crust, which shows that the compressibility becomes much larger once the melt reaches shallow depths where there are exsolved volatiles. The compressibility of the melt evolves as the melt cools and crystallises...
during second boiling. In figure 5b, we illustrate the compressibility of magma with bulk H₂O contents of 3, 4 and 6 wt % at a depth of 5 km, with the compressibility shown as a function of the crystal content of the melt. Once the magma crystallises sufficiently such that the melt reaches saturation in an exsolved volatile phase, the magma compressibility increases by over an order of magnitude.

Magma compressibility, caused by the presence of an exsolved magmatic volatile phase in the reservoir, has implications for the interpretation of volcano monitoring data and impacts the magnitude of ground displacements as well as the composition and flux of volcanic gases (Biggs and Pritchard, 2017; McCormick Kilbride et al., 2016). At Soufrière Hills Volcano, Montserrat for example, a gas-rich compressible magma (the ‘magma sponge’) was invoked to explain why surface displacements, measured by Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) receivers on the volcano’s flanks, yielded a much smaller volume displacement than the actual volume erupted, for particular time periods within the eruption (1995-2011) (Voight et al., 2010). It has been observed that the volume change inferred from magma chambers feeding shallower dyke intrusions is often a factor of 4-5 lower than the volume increase observed in the dyke, which has been explained by a combination of decompression-driven degassing and consequent increase in magma compressibility, combined with the more compliant dyke geometry (Rivalta and Segall, 2008). A database of eruptions for which the change in volume of the chamber and the volume erupted were well-constrained by the complementary data sets obtained from satellite measurements of the volcano deformation and ground-based measurements of the mass erupted is summarized by (McCormick Kilbride et al., 2016). They find that the volumes are generally in the ratio 1-20, which indicates the presence of exsolved volatiles in the magma reservoir; however, it is worth noting that it is somewhat difficult to constrain the actual change in volume of the magma chamber without detailed information of the shape and depth of the chamber, which can lead to changes in the effective bulk compressibility $\beta$ by up to an order of magnitude (Anderson and Segall, 2011; Rivalta and Segall, 2008; Segall, 2013).

3.2. Pressure increase during second boiling

Second boiling during cooling and crystallization, generating a magmatic exsolved volatile phase, can produce enough pressure in the magma reservoir to trigger eruption (Blake, 1984; Tait et al., 1989; Woods and Cardoso, 1997). As a simplified calculation, in a more viscous melt, the pressure increase through cooling and the associated crystallization and volatile exsolution can be expressed by the relation
\((\beta + \beta_m) dP = \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \right) \left( \frac{d\rho}{dT} \right) dT = -\rho \left( \frac{nR}{T} + \left( \frac{sRT}{\rho \alpha_s} \right) \left( \frac{dX}{dT} \right) \right) dT \)  \hspace{1cm} (3)

where the change in volume associated with the cooling and volatile expansion and exsolution is accommodated by compression of the remaining magma-volatile mixture, with compressibility \(\beta_m\), and the surrounding country rock with effective compressibility \(\beta\).

The predictions of this model are shown in figure 5c in which we see that the change in pressure per degree of cooling, relative to the critical overpressure to trigger an eruption, as a function of the crystal content of the melt. In this model, the chamber is assumed to be closed, and cooling leads to crystallisation, exsolution and deformation of the surrounding country rock. Here the critical overpressure to drive an eruption, \(P_c\), has been set to the value \(10^7\) Pa (Blake, 1984; Woods and Cardoso, 1997) for illustration. It is seen that once the magma is volatile-saturated, the continued exsolution of volatiles with cooling leads to a significant expansion of the melt-crystal-volatile mixture and a large associated increase in pressure. In the calculations shown, for magma with 3, 4 or 6 wt% H_2O, with cooling of the melt by an amount of order \(10^\circ C\), the pressure will increase up to about \(10^7\) Pa, leading to eruption. In contrast, if the melt is not volatile-saturated, then the increase in pressure with cooling is only associated with either the density change as melt precipitates crystals, or the bulk cooling of the melt, and these are much smaller effects.

3.3 Effect of compressibility on the mass of magma erupted

If the critical pressure to trigger an eruption from a magma reservoir is \(\Delta P_c\), where \(\Delta P_c << P_l\) (where \(P_l\) is the lithostatic pressure), then the volume increase in the magma reservoir to accommodate this overpressure, relative to the lithostatic pressure, is given by \(\Delta V = V \beta \Delta P_c\), based on the response of the crust. On eruption, this overpressure is relieved. The mass of melt in the chamber associated with the overpressure, \(\Delta M\), is given by

\[\Delta M = V \Delta \rho + \rho \Delta V = M (\beta + \beta_m) \Delta P_c\]  \hspace{1cm} (4)

and this also corresponds to the mass erupted to relieve the overpressure. The volume erupted, \(\Delta V_e = \Delta M / \rho\), depends on the volume change of the chamber, \(\Delta V\), according to the relation

\[\Delta V_e = \left( \frac{\beta_m}{\beta + 1} \right) \Delta V\]  \hspace{1cm} (5)
For a given fracture strength of the crust and hence a given change in volume of the chamber $\Delta V$ the volume erupted, $\Delta V_e$, increases with the volatile content of the magma, since the very large compressibility of the exsolved volatile phase can accommodate large changes in volume for relatively small changes in pressure. This leads to much larger erupted volumes for volatile-rich magmas (Bower and Woods, 1998; Huppert and Woods, 2002).

If an eruption is modelled with a simple frictional law associated with the frictional resistance in the conduit, $f_L$, and the overpressure in the chamber, $\Delta P(t)$, which implicitly requires that the volatiles separate from the melt (i.e. perfect open system degassing with no gas remaining in the melt) as the magma ascends to the surface (Jaupart and Allègre, 1991; Menand and Phillips, 2007; Woods and Koyaguchi, 1994), then the mass flow rate is given by

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{\Delta P(t)}{f_L} \quad (6)$$

Combining this relation with equation (3), it follows that the eruption rate will decay exponentially with time according to the relation (Huppert and Woods, 2002)

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \Delta P_C \exp\left(-\frac{fLt}{M(\beta + \beta_m)}\right) \quad (7)$$

assuming constant coefficients for the frictional resistance. Since typical fracture pressures are of order $10^6 - 10^7$ Pa (Touloukian et al., 1989), while the bulk compressibility is typically of order $10^6 - 10^{10}$ Pa$^{-1}$ for volatile-saturated and unsaturated magma, the volume of melt which erupts in such conduit or dyke-controlled eruptions may range from a few percent of the total volume of the chamber to a fraction of a percent in volatile-poor magmas. Equation 7 illustrates that the eruption duration increases with the compressibility of the magma, with the eruption duration $t$ scaling as

$$t = \frac{M(\beta + \beta_m)}{f_L} \quad (8)$$

and this is consistent with the increased mass erupted for a volatile-saturated magma. The eruption rate depends primarily on $\frac{\Delta P(t)}{f_L}$ as indicated by equation 6.

This model of the overall long-term control on eruption evolution, although simplified, can be compared with a number of historical eruption episodes for which the erupted volume has been
measured as a function of time, including the eruptions of Soufrière, St Vincent (Huppert et al., 1982) and Paricutin, Mexico (Fries Jr, 1953), where the eruption rate seems to follow an exponential decay law with time (figure 6a; after Berkowitz and Woods, 2018 under review)). However, there is growing evidence that in some some systems, there are multiple magma reservoirs which can drive an eruption, and in particular, there is evidence that the eruption of Eyjafjallajökull in 2010 involved mobilization of magma from three different levels in the crust, in sequence, with a shallower magma reservoir being tapped, followed by an intermediate and then a deep magma reservoir (Tarasewicz et al., 2012). This interpretation of multiple reservoirs is also consistent with the eruption of Lonquimay (Moreno and Gardeweg, 1989) in which the eruption rate showed a more complex evolution, with an initially rapid exponential decay during the eruption of the first 50% of the magma, followed by a more gradual exponential decay during the second phase of eruption (figure 6b). This eruption rate trend perhaps indicates a two reservoir system, both of comparable size, in which the shallow reservoir initially erupts and decompresses. This is then followed by the onset of eruption from the deeper reservoir, driving new magma into the shallow reservoir, and causing the eruption to persist until the two reservoirs re-equilibrate. In this case, one can envisage a double reservoir model, with a rate constant for flow from the shallow reservoir to the surface, and a second rate constant for the flow between the deeper and shallower reservoir (Berkowitz and Woods, 2018 under review).

Other historical eruptions also suggest that the gradual decompression of a deep magma reservoir exerts a long term control on the eruption rate. For example, the 1980-1985 eruption of Mt St Helens involved a series of intermittent slow dome-building and short dome-explosion events following the initial major eruption episode (Brantley and Myers, 2000). Analysis of reported data on the eruption volume during this 5-6 year period suggests a slow exponential decay of the time-averaged eruption rate (figure 6c). Although the actual eruption history was intermittent, owing to the non-linear controls associated with the formation and failure of the dome (Barmin et al., 2002; Melnik and Sparks, 1999), the long term build up of pressure in the dome, between each event appears to have been controlled by the flux from a gradually waning deeper reservoir (Berkowitz and Woods, 2018 under review). Indeed, by modelling the non-linear valve-like dynamics of the conduit feeding the dome in terms of a small critical overpressure for failure and eruption of a shallow reservoir, the control on the long-term behavior of the system can be rationalised in terms of the decompression of a deep reservoir.

4. The role of the exsolved volatile phase in magma mixing and mingling
Exsolved volatiles play an important role in magma mixing and mingling in magma reservoirs (Bachmann and Bergantz, 2006; Degruyter and Huber, 2014; Edmonds et al., 2010; Huber et al., 2011; Huppert and Woods, 2002; Pallister et al., 1996; Phillips and Woods, 2002; Ruprecht and Bachmann, 2010; Woods and Cowan, 2009). Magma intrusion has often been cited as a trigger for eruption (Eichelberger, 1980; Martin et al., 2008; Pallister et al., 1992; Sparks et al., 1977), and there is frequently petrological and geochemical evidence of magma mixing and/or heating shortly before eruptions (Metrich et al., 1993; Murphy et al., 2000; Rae et al., 2016; Ruprecht et al., 2012). Magma mingling may manifest as mafic inclusions and banded and streaked eruption products (Coombs et al., 2000; Plail et al., 2018; Sparks et al., 1977; Steiner et al., 2012; Tepley et al., 1999; Watts et al., 1999); and magma mixing as hybrid magmas, formed by the efficient mixing of magmas prior to eruption (which may encompass the disaggregation and scavenging of crystal phases), commonly displaying disequilibrium textures and petrological features (Cassidy et al., 2015; Sparks and Marshall, 1986; Wright and Fiske, 1971). In this section we explore some general mechanisms, explored through analogue experiments and simple analytical models, by which the exsolved volatile phase may play a role in such processes, whereby intruding magma may interact with overlying magma, triggering mixing and eruption.

### 4.1. Magma mixing and overturn, driven by vesiculation of underplating basalt

If an intrusion of hot, relatively dense magma occurs below an existing body of cooled, evolved melt, the new lower layer of magma may inflate through cooling, crystallisation and exsolution of volatiles, but may remain dense relative to the overlying layer. It is possible, however, for this underplating magma to drive the eruption of the overlying magma (Burgisser and Bergantz, 2011; Huppert et al., 1982; Martin et al., 2008; Murphy et al., 2000; Sparks et al., 1984). The control on the erupted volume will be associated with the expansion of the volatiles in the underplating melt body, even though it is the overlying magma which erupts. The mass of magma erupted depends on the relative volume of the upper and lower layers of magma, since both will expand as the chamber pressure falls. With the upper layer erupting, the volume erupted as the pressure falls by an amount $\Delta P$ is now given by

$$\Delta V = (V_L \beta_L + V_u \beta_u + V \beta) \Delta P$$

where $V_L + V_u = V$, the total magma reservoir volume. It follows that as the fractional volume change of the new volatile-rich magma ($V_L$) increases, the mass erupted also increases, even if
this is the less dense, overlying, degassed magma \( (V_u) \). This is because the mass erupted is creating space for the expansion of the volatile-rich magma which is much more compressible than the overlying magma.

The reduction in the density of the underplating body of magma, caused by cooling and crystallization and associated exsolution of volatiles, may eventually cause this magma to become less dense than the original magma in the reservoir. As a result, there may be an overturn or mixing event, driven by degassing (Huppert et al., 1982; Ruprecht et al., 2008; Sparks et al., 1984; Woods and Cowan, 2009). If the new, initially dense intrusion is relatively thin and of low viscosity compared to the original melt, then the plumes of this low viscosity melt will be thin and may become stirred into the overlying melt, especially if that melt is convecting. This can lead to formation of mafic inclusions or an intermingled melt (Phillips and Woods, 2002). In contrast, with a deeper or more viscous underplating magma, there may be a more complete overturn, with plumes of the underplating magma being larger and accumulating at the top of the overlying magma. In this case, on eruption, the crystalline mafic magma may be the dominant phase which issues from the system. The intermingling, or mixing, produced by pre-eruption cooling and crystallization has been explored in a series of experiments in which an increasing volume of bubbles were created by electrolysis in a layer of viscous saline solution overlain by a less dense, viscous bubble-free solution (figure 7) (Woods and Cowan, 2009). The experiments illustrate the important control of the viscosity contrast between the melts as well as the relative depths of the magma layers on whether there is stirring and mixing or overturn.

It is also possible that, during an eruption, the reduction in the pressure in the magma chamber can lead to a reversal in the relative density of the two magmas (Ruprecht et al., 2008; Woods and Cowan, 2009). This may lead to a change in the composition of the erupting magma during the eruption provided that the eruption is sufficiently long-lived for overturn to occur. This mechanism may provide an explanation for the heterogeneous chemical and textural characteristics of crystal cargoes erupted in hybrid magmas, which suggest complex magmatic mixing histories (Davidson and Tepley, 1997; Ruprecht et al., 2008; Singer et al., 1995). With a typical density contrast of order 10-100 kg/m\(^3\), magma of viscosity 100-1000 Pa s and of depth 10-100 m, the time scale for overturn would be of order \( 10^3 \)-\( 10^4 \) s and this requires the eruption to persist for a time of order hours, as is the case in larger explosive eruptions.
Woods and Cowan (2009) carried out a series of analogue experiments in which a volatile-rich layer of saline and viscous natrasol solution underlay a volatile poor layer of relatively fresh but viscous natrasol solution. The volatile phase was CO$_2$ dissolved in tap water. As the pressure is reduced to pressures of order 0.01-0.1 of atmospheric pressure, the volatiles exsolve, and, in the viscous solution, they form a bubble-rich layer. In the experiment, the upper solution was generated from previously decompressed water in order to remove the volatiles prior to the experiment, and the salt added to the lower layer produced an initially density-stratified system. As the system decompresses and the lower layer becomes less dense, the layers overturned. In a further, unpublished experiment, an enclosed two layer system was connected to an upper tank through two conduits providing a pathway for each of the layers to vent from the chamber, one from the lower and one from the upper layer of system. The whole system was then enclosed in sealed tank connected to the vacuum pump. Initially, as the system reached the pressure at which some volatiles were exsolved from the lower layer, this layer expanded and an eruption began, with the dense volatile-rich lower layer erupting through the lower conduit (right hand conduit, figure 7) and the less dense volatile-poor solution erupting from the upper conduit (left hand conduit, figure 7). However, as the experiment persisted and more volatiles were produced in the lower layer, the density of the lower layer fell below that of the upper layer, and there was a short-lived overturn event in the experimental tank. At this stage, the solution erupting from the two conduits switched, as shown in the last panel in figure 8. The withdrawal of a lower viscosity lower magma through an upper more viscous layer during eruption was also considered by (Blake and Ivey, 1986).

4.2. Vesiculation of underplating magmas and formation of mafic enclaves

In the above discussion we have assumed that there is no separation of the bubbles from the melt-crystal-bubble mixture, and that the melt-crystal mixture behaves as if it is a single fluid phase. This leads to the idealised bulk flow behaviour described above. Although this is a powerful end-member picture of the possible controls on overturn and eruption, the possible separation of the volatile phase from the melt may influence such mixing processes and also the evolution of an eruption and the eruption products and we now explore such effects, considering the impact of bubble separation from a crystal-poor melt (Bottinga and Javoy, 1991; Jaupart and Vergniolle, 1989; Menand and Phillips, 2007; Woods and Cardoso, 1997).

In a low crystallinity melt, gas bubbles may rise. There are two modes of separation. First, the bubbles can rise individually, following Stokes law, or a modified Stokes law including effects of
hindered ascent. Typically, for the bubbles that exist in magma reservoirs in the crust, this leads to rather slow rise speeds of order \(10^{10} - 10^6\) m/s, depending on the bubble size and the melt viscosity. In addition to the ascent of individual bubbles, the presence of bubbles can lead to a convective flow, in which variations in the concentration of the bubbles through the melt lead to density differences and convective mixing of the melt (Cardoso and Woods, 1999). Cardoso and Woods (1997) showed, through experiment that this latter process stirs the melt and bubbles, but also leads to separation of the bubbles from the melt in the upper boundary layer of the flow through bubble-liquid slip.

In comparing the two processes, the ratio of the idealized Stokes speed of a bubble of size \(b\) and a parcel of fluid of size \(B\) with excess bubble concentration \(\Delta c\) relative to the surrounding melt is given by

\[
\frac{V_b}{V_B} = \frac{b^2}{B^2 \Delta c}
\]

where the Stokes speed is given by \(V_b = 2 \Delta \rho g b^2 / 9 \mu\). Since the bubbles have typical sizes of order \(b = 0.1-1.0\) mm in the chamber, the bubble rise speed is quite small, of order \(10^{10} - 10^6\) m/s in magma with viscosity of order \(10^2 - 10^4\) Pa s, and so if there are small fluctuations in the concentration of bubbles through the melt layer, for example of magnitude \(\Delta c = 0.0001-0.01\), the convective rise speed of parcels of bubble-rich melt will exceed the individual bubble rise speed provided the length scale of the parcel, \(B\) is greater than \((10-100) b \sim 0.1-10\) cm. If there are concentration fluctuations over greater length scales, as is very likely in a magma reservoir of scale 0.1 to 1.0 km, then convective mixing may dominate the individual rise of bubbles through the melt. Although convective mixing will tend to stir the bubbles throughout the melt, leading to a reasonably well-mixed suspension, near the top of the melt layer bubbles may separate from the melt and become trapped in a viscous boundary layer. The time scale for loss of bubbles from the main body of melt into this boundary layer scales with \(H/V_b\), where \(H\) is the depth of the magma layer (Cardoso and Woods, 1999; Thomas et al., 1993; Woods and Cardoso, 1997). As a result, in either the case of individual bubble ascent or convective separation, the bubble-melt separation occurs over times which scale as \(H/V_b\). With bubbles of size 0.1-1.0 mm in a magma of viscosity \(10^2-10^4\) Pas, the time to separate from a 100 m thick layer of melt is therefore in the range \(10^8 - 10^{12}\) s. We infer that, with small bubbles in the more viscous melt, the time for separation may be relatively long (30,000 years) compared to the time scale of cooling and crystallisation of the
melt. In this case, cooling and crystallization will lead to further exsolution of volatiles and a
build up of the chamber pressure which will tend to trigger an eruption of the bubble-laden melt.
In addition, the accumulation of bubbles in the lower layer of melt will lower the density of this
layer and tend to promote mixing or overturn of the magmas.

In contrast, for larger bubbles or a less viscous melt, bubble separation may occur within years,
and so may be a dominant process inhibiting the tendency for large-scale overturn of the magma
reservoir. Indeed with more primitive magmas, which have a low viscosity, bubble-melt
separation can lead to bubble accumulation at the top of the magma body and the formation of a
foam or bubble-rich layer. This is a mechanism proposed to be important for volatile exsolution
in basaltic sills in the upper crust (Menand and Phillips, 2007), and in shallow reservoirs e.g., at
Kilauea Volcano (Edmonds and Gerlach, 2007). If the system is closed, then the pressure will
increase by a similar amount to that shown in the calculation above (section 3.2), in which the
volatiles in the reservoir are assumed to remain well-mixed. However, in a reservoir of
significant vertical extent there may be a significant additional pressurisation associated with the
migration of the bubbles to the top of the chamber and the associated decrease in magmastic
pressure experienced by the bubbles. For example, in a chamber of order 1 km in vertical extent,
bubble separation may lead to an additional overpressure of up to 1-10 MPa, but the effect is
smaller in chambers of smaller vertical extent (Woods and Cardoso, 1997). If the magma has 0.5-
1.0 wt% CO$_2$ and <0.5 wt% H$_2$O, and the reservoir is deeper than 2 km, the exsolved volatile
phase will be enriched in CO$_2$ relative to H$_2$O. Leakage of this exsolved volatile phase from the
roof zone of the magma reservoir may cause broad regions of diffuse CO$_2$ degassing inside
calderas, as is observed at Kilauea Volcano, Hawai‘i (Gerlach et al., 2002) and at many other
active volcanoes exhibiting diffuse degassing between and during eruptive episodes (Salazar et
al., 2001; Viveiros et al., 2010).

In some cases, the separation of the volatiles from the melt may then lead to a more continuous
‘open’ style of degassing of the volcanic system, either through Strombolian-style gas bursts.
This can serve to regulate the pressure in the chamber and may tend to suppress larger, explosive
eruptions. It has been proposed that if a foam layer develops at the top of a chamber or layer of
basaltic melt, liquid drainage through the foam can lead to merger of the bubbles in the foam, and
formation of larger gas slugs which may be responsible for larger Strombolian gas burst type
eruptions (Houghton and Gonnermann, 2008; Houghton et al., 2016; Jaupart and Vergniolle,
1988; Vergniolle and Jaupart, 1986).
In section 4.1 we discussed the possibility of a large scale overturn of the system if bubbles are exsolved in the lower layer of melt and this layer of melt is sufficiently viscous to retain the majority of the bubbles until its density falls below that of the upper layer. However, in some systems, there will be partial separation of the gas phase from the lower layer of melt, as described above, and this can lead to accumulation of a foam at the interface between the two layers of melt, especially if the upper layer is more viscous. If a sufficient fraction of the bubbles separate from the lower layer of melt, it may remain denser than the upper layer, suppressing any large scale overturn, while the foam forming at the interface between the layers will typically be less dense than the overlying layer of melt, leading to convective instability and ascent of parcels of foam into the overlying layer of melt. The percolation of a hot exsolved volatile phase from a mafic underplating layer upward into cooler, crystal-rich magma body has been proposed as a mechanism by which cool near-solidus magmas may ‘defrost’, triggering eruption (Bachmann and Bergantz, 2006; Huber et al., 2011; Huber et al., 2010). The exsolved volatile phase may also carry some of the mafic melt into the upper layer, leading to the formation of mafic inclusions in the upper layer (Andrews and Manga, 2014; Bacon, 1986; Eichelberger, 1980; Plail et al., 2014). These may eventually erupt if the overall pressure of the system becomes sufficient to trigger eruption of the upper layer (Phillips and Woods, 2002; Thomas et al., 1993). Good evidence for the accumulation of a foam layer at the interface between underplating basalts and overlying crystal-rich andesite comes from the observation, from enclaves erupted in Soufrière Hills Volcano andesite, that the enclaves are enriched in magnetite, interpreted to be due to the nucleation of aqueous fluid bubbles onto magnetite, which then “floated” up to the interface (Edmonds et al., 2014a).

Recently, it has been found that some mafic (basalt to basaltic andesite) inclusions (hosted in crystal-rich andesites at Soufrière Hills Volcano, Montserrat) are themselves composed of a mixture of the upper and lower melt (Plail et al., 2018), and this suggests that there is some mixing or intermingling of the magmas in either the foam layer or the lower layer prior to the formation of the mafic inclusions in the upper layer. This observation is common to many andesites containing mafic inclusions, such as the erupted products of Quizapu (Ruprecht et al., 2012) and Unzen, Japan (Browne et al., 2005). This intermingling of the magmas prior to formation of a mafic inclusion may arise if crystals in the upper layer become stirred into the lower layer. These are observed in the enclaves as plagioclase crystals with sieve textures and resorbed rims that have undergone heating after being mixed into more mafic melt (Humphreys...
et al., 2009), which is a common feature of many mafic inclusions hosted by andesites and dacites (Leonard et al., 2002; Tepley et al., 1999). As the lower layer becomes progressively more crystalline and volatile-rich, a foamy layer may develop at the interface, carrying some of the hybrid interface magma up with the bubbles into the upper layer. Alternatively, when the mafic magma ponds below the existing layer of cooler and less dense melt, the heat transfer across the interface may lead to formation of a thin layer of relatively hot and mobile original magma and a corresponding thin layer of cooled, more crystalline and volatile-rich new magma which supplies the heat to the upper thin layer. Eventually, the lower cooled layer exsolves some volatiles, becomes less dense and intermingles with the heated boundary layer of original magma. This local overturn can produce intermingling and a hybrid layer of melt. As the heat transfer continues, the boundary layer becomes progressively deeper, enabling buoyant plumes from the intermingled boundary layer to rise into the upper, cooler layer of more viscous melt. As the boundary layer becomes deeper, mafic enclaves may become larger. In this multistage fashion, we can envisage that mafic inclusions of intermediate composition may be generated in the upper layer (Plail et al., 2018).

Whether wholesale overturn of magmas occurs, or whether gas-rich buoyant plumes (or even fractures, see next section) are generated from the interface between magmas, it seems clear that underplating basaltic magmas may supply significant quantities of exsolved volatiles to overlying magma reservoirs. Owing to the high sulfur content at sulfide saturation of basaltic melts (Jugo, 2009; Ripley and Li, 2013) it has been suggested that mafic underplating magmas may be an important source of the sulfur observed outgassing during volcanic eruptions via addition of sulfur-rich magmatic exsolved volatile phase to the overlying more evolved magma (Edmonds et al., 2010; Pallister et al., 1992; Roberge et al., 2009). Underplating mafic magmas, under some circumstances, may also play a role in generating more CO$_2$-rich magmatic vapor which may flux through shallower crystal-rich magmas (Blundy et al., 2010). The supply of volatiles from underplating mafic magmas has also been linked to the formation of copper porphyries. While crystal-rich, evolved magmas have capacity for producing the mass of copper required for a viable economic deposit, it has been suggested that additional sources of sulfur may be necessary, which may be supplied by mafic magmas intruding the evolved magma reservoir (Blundy et al., 2015; Hattori and Keith, 2001).

5. Exsolved volatile phase generation and transport through crystal-rich magma bodies
Magma bodies may spend much of their time in the crust near their solidus temperature, in a partially or entirely crystalline state (Cashman et al., 2017; Cooper and Kent, 2014; Huber et al., 2011; Huber et al., 2009; Huber et al., 2010; Koyaguchi and Kaneko, 1999; Marsh, 1981). Volatile-rich basalts rising up into the crust will tend to underplate and interact with such crystalline magma bodies (Bachmann and Bergantz, 2006; Edmonds et al., 2014b; Huber et al., 2011), as discussed above. In this section we review and explore the range of behaviours possible for storage and transport of the exsolved volatile phase in a crystal-rich mush and discuss the implications for gas storage in and/or segregation from a mush, large syn-eruptive sulfur emissions, ore deposits and the role of basaltic underplating in supplying volatiles to large, long-lived crystalline magma bodies.

5.1. Transport of an exsolved volatile phase in crystal-rich magma

An underplating basalt will tend to pond and spread out beneath a cooler, less dense, more evolved magma. The basalt will cool and crystallise against the cooler magma, generating a buoyant volatile phase that may accumulate at the interface or rise upward, as described in section 4. The rate of volatile injection into the overlying crystal-rich magma depends on the volatile content of the melt, the cooling rate and the convective motion of the underplating magma (Cardoso and Woods, 1999; Huppert et al., 1982). The accumulation of an exsolved volatile phase at the interface may cause a rheological instability, eventually leading to the foam layer becoming buoyant and rising upward into the crystal-rich magma. It has been proposed that the migration of this exsolved volatile phase into the overlying magma may remobilise the crystal-rich magma due to the transfer of heat and partial melting (Bachmann and Bergantz, 2006; Huber et al., 2011; Huber et al., 2010). Reactivation and eruption of crystal-rich magmas may be triggered in this way (Couch et al., 2001; Murphy et al., 2000; Pallister et al., 1992), with the underplating basalt supplying volatiles which may be outgassed during the eruption (Christopher et al., 2010; Edmonds et al., 2010).

As magma evolves and becomes progressively more crystalline, it is able to support a yield stress and form a crystal framework (Caricchi et al., 2007; Lejeune and Richet, 1995; Pistone et al., 2012) which tends to suppress the convective mixing or the ascent of bubbles. Such effects may begin with crystal volume fractions of 0.2-0.3, depending on the shape and morphology of the crystals, and as the crystal content increases, the yield stress increases (Pistone et al., 2012). In addition, the viscosity of the crystalline mixture tends to be very much larger than the pure melt, suppressing shear motions in the suspension. Recent experimental work has shown, however, that
the presence of hydrous fluid bubbles in a mush may have significant effects on its rheology. For mushes with crystal fractions of 0.55 to 0.7, for example, addition of volatiles such that bubble volume fractions of up to 0.1 are generated, leads to a dramatic reduction in viscosity by 3–4 orders of magnitude (Pistone et al., 2013). Furthermore, the viscosity of such three phase systems may be strain rate-dependent, with both shear thinning and shear thickening behaviour observed under different strain rates and crystal contents (Pistone et al., 2013).

As a result of this complex rheology, the process of gas separation from the crystal-rich magma takes on a range of forms. In a crystalline matrix, the migration process may be associated with either (a) gas flow through the porous matrix, which is likely to be a relatively slow process, owing to the low permeability of the formation (Parmigiani et al., 2016; Parmigiani et al., 2014) or (b) the generation of small effective fractures or cracks in the crystal-framework as the pressure exceeds the yield stress or effective fracture stress (Barth et al., in review; Huber et al., 2011). Such cracks then provide much higher permeability pathways through which an exsolved volatile phase may flow (Oppenheimer et al., 2015).

In more crystalline melts, these transport processes, which may be relatively rapid, may be responsible for the separation of the exsolved volatile phase from the melt and its accumulation at the roof zone, or in liquid-rich lenses in the magma reservoir system, where they may be held up (Parmigiani et al., 2016). These accumulations of exsolved volatiles may lead to large emissions of volcanic gases during eruptions. If the exsolved volatile phase at this pressure has a significant concentration of sulfur (Oppenheimer et al., 2011; Scaillet and Pichavant, 2003) then this mechanism of gas extraction may rationalise the high sulphur dioxide emissions from, for example, large explosive eruptions such as El Chichon (Mexico, 1982) (Bluth et al., 1997) and Pinatubo (Philippines, 1991) (Wallace and Gerlach, 1994). It is also likely that volcanoes which exhibit long-lived and persistent degassing, both during and between eruptions, may be tapping regions of crystal-rich magma reservoirs that have accumulated exsolved volatiles (Christopher et al., 2015; Edmonds et al., 2003).

In a series of experiments to model the \textit{in situ} production of an exsolved volatile phase in a cooling and crystallising melt, a series of glass balls were placed in a tank filled with polymer-rich liquid and the mixture was gradually decompressed (Ptacek et al., 2018, sub judice). As the mixture reached the vapour-saturation pressure, volatiles gradually came out of solution and as the pressure was slowly decreased, the pack of beads gradually inflated. As this dilation occurred,
the effective permeability of the particle pack increased substantially and the gas was able to 
migrate through the interstices between the glass beads, forming small gas channels in the matrix. 
Once the gas escape rate exceeded the bubble generation rate, the expansion of the system was 
arrested and indeed the gas-derived dilation reduced (panel 3, figure 9). In this way the gas was 
able to separate from the melt-crystal mixture, and the pack relaxed back to a depth at which the 
remaining gas phase was trapped as individual bubbles in the interstices between crystals, as may 
be seen in panel 4 of figure 9 (Ptacek et al., 2018, sub judice).

The processes controlling the rate of migration of gas through such a deformable permeable 
matrix may involve both a regime of slow capillary gas flow through the permeable matrix 
(Parmigiani et al., 2016) and a regime of more rapid gas flow following deformation of the pack 
in which high permeability channels are created (Oppenheimer et al 2016). In the analogue 
system of a clay-water mixture, the continued supply of gas to a clay-filled elastic reservoir may 
lead to episodic pressurisation of the reservoir, followed by fracture of the clay seal, gas release 
and build up of a further pressurisation cycle (Rocco et al., 2017). This process may be 
analogous to the intermittent gas-escape cycles which develop in a magmatic system as gas 
pressure builds up and eventually exceeds the yield strength of the viscous-crystalline melt, 
driving a pure gas channel through the particle-pack and allowing the system to decompress. A 
similar phenomenon arises when gas is supplied from below to a close-packed mixture of 
particles suspended in a high-viscosity liquid (Barth et al., in review). The gas tends to 
accumulate in localised pockets within the deformable liquid-crystal pack. As the pressure builds 
up, it is eventually able to generate a small fracture which provides a pathway through the 
system, allowing the gas to continue rising through the formation, until the overpressure is 
dissipated and the gas builds up a new pocket higher in the system.

These experiments of the migration of gas through a highly crystalline permeable matrix, 
partially filled with melt, leads to a different mechanism of gas separation from underplating 
basalts as the melt cools and crystallises. For a typical crystalline matrix, which is poorly 
consolidated, the fracture strength or yielding strength may be of order $10^5$-$10^6$ Pa (Saar et al., 
2001), which is smaller than the strength of a solid rock. As exsolved gases form and pressurize 
the system they will therefore be able to open up fractures within the basalt along which they may 
escape. We deduce that if a new intrusion of basalt cools and crystallises to the extent that it 
becomes immobile or develops a yield stress while remaining denser than the overlying layer of
melt, then as volatiles are exsolved from this layer of melt, these volatiles can be transported via fractures into the overlying original magma, as discussed by Huber et al., (2012).

A further phenomenon associated with gas migration through crystalline magmas is that, once the main pulse of gas has passed through the magma, there will be a small fraction which is retained in the pore spaces by capillary effects, and this will lead to the magma remaining in a more compressible state than the pure volatile-free melt phase. Typically the residual saturation of gas in a porous layer depends on the grain size and the interfacial tension between the solid minerals and the melt phase. More experimental data is required to constrain these gas fractions, which depend on the wetting angle of the gas and crystals relative to that of the melt and crystals.

The exsolved volatile phase may also play a role in magma differentiation and crystal-liquid segregation in undercooled magmatic intrusions and in thin sheets of primitive magma underplating cooler magma reservoirs: as the magma cools and crystallises, the buildup of gas pressure due to second boiling may be relieved by expulsion of melt out of the region of crystallization (Anderson Jr et al., 1984; Sisson and Bacon, 1999).

5.2. Implications of our new understanding of the transport of the exsolved volatile phase through crystalline magmas for ore deposits

The exsolved magmatic volatile phase is understood to play a critical role in the formation of porphyries which contain economic grades of metal deposits (Hedenquist and Lowenstern, 1994; Lowenstern et al., 1991; Williams-Jones and Heinrich, 2005). Recent advances, discussed above, in understanding how the exsolved volatile phase may be retained, and/or transported through crystal-rich magma bodies have important implications for models of ore deposit formation and for understanding why some magma reservoirs yield metal accumulations of economic importance and others do not. As discussed in section 2, magma may saturate in an exsolved volatile phase during decompression, or during cooling and crystallization. Depending on the initial H₂O and chlorine contents of the melt, and the pressure and temperature, a brine phase may also form (Webster, 1997, Metrich and Rutherford, 1992, Webster, 1992, Shinohara, 1994).

The chlorinity of the exsolved volatile phase is critical for its metal-carrying capacity (Halter and Webster, 2004). The exsolved volatile phase may migrate to the upper reaches of the magma reservoir system through channelised flow through a crystal-rich magma, perhaps accumulating in pockets before rising further up through the mush, as discussed in section 5. Over time, the lower density exsolved volatile phase will accumulate in the upper zones of the reservoir, or in
liquid lenses, where fracturing cannot occur (Parmigiani et al., 2016). This process of fluid migration through quasi-brittle fractures may be much faster than by bubble rise through permeable flow or through magma convection (Lowenstern, 1994; Shinohara et al., 1995). This therefore provides an efficient mechanism for segregation and accumulation of metals carried by saline, low density, exsolved fluids at the roof zones of mushy magma reservoirs (figure 10).

The “tonnage” of metals that may be accumulated in this way might then be expected to be proportional to the water content of the magma, which will determine the mass fraction of exsolved volatile phase, its chlorinity, which will depend on the chlorine content of the melt, temperature and pressure, the overall size of the magma reservoir and perhaps just as importantly, the crystallinity and structure of the reservoir. Extensive mush zones will allow rapid and efficient transport of metal-rich magmatic vapor to the roof zones of magma reservoirs, where excess pressure there will promote the intrusion of stocks and/or the triggering of volcanic eruptions.

For example, porphyries hosting molybdenum (Mo) deposits are formed from highly evolved, crystal-rich magmas, whereby Mo partitions from the silicate melt into a co-existing single fluid, at pressures above the critical point, with a fluid-melt partition coefficient of 5-20 (Audétat and Li, 2017; Zajacz et al., 2008). At lower pressures or temperatures, as the solidus is approached, this fluid may condense a brine phase. There is abundant evidence for extensive fluid transport at magmatic conditions: Mo mineralization commonly occurs only in the uppermost parts of vertically elongate magma bodies. The available data from a recent review of a number of Mo porphyries suggest that the parent magmas of such bodies were not particularly Mo-rich and the fluids from both mineralising and barren magma bodies are similar in terms of their geochemistry (Audétat and Li, 2017; Lowenstern, 1994), suggesting that instead, magma volume and depth, as well as the mechanism of volatile extraction from the mush, may be the most important factor. Previous workers have suggested magma convection and open system degassing as a mechanism for extracting the fluid phase from a large body of magma (Lowenstern, 1994; Shinohara et al., 1995). However, following recent work, as discussed above, on the mechanisms of porous flow and fracturing of crystal-rich magma, we now understand that fluid extraction from large-scale mush systems may take place efficiently on rapid timescales, thereby building accumulations of metals at the roof zones of large crystal-rich magma bodies (Huber et al., 2012).

6. **Summary and problems for the future**
In this review we have described some of the complex processes associated with the dynamical interactions of melt, crystals and volatiles. We show that most magmas, particularly those in subduction zone settings, are in equilibrium with an exsolved vapor phase through much of the evolution from the mid-crust to the surface and this exsolved volatile phase plays a fundamental role in magma differentiation, eruption triggering and the formation of hydrothermal ore deposits.

We have distinguished between low crystal content, fluid-like systems in which the gas may drive convection in the melt, and higher crystal content, mushy systems, in which the gas may migrate by permeable flow or along fractures through the mush. We have also emphasized the role of exsolved volatiles in regulating the density and pressure of the magma and the chamber, with the exsolved volatile phase constraining the compressibility of the magma reservoir and the volume of melt erupted, given the change in volume of the magma chamber. Density changes in a stratified magma reservoir can lead to overturn or mixing and the formation of mafic inclusions especially in the case of fluid-like melt; whereas with a more crystalline system, density reversals may be less effective in that the convective overturn requires a buoyancy-derived stress to exceed the yield stress of the crystal-pack. However, if a series of fractures or channels open up to allow the exsolved volatiles to leak from the melt-crystal mixture, this can stabilise the vertical density profile of the magma reservoir over time. This mechanism of exsolved volatile phase migration to the apical zones of a magma reservoir over time can reconcile observations of large and/or persistent sulfur dioxide fluxes from volcanoes, as well as rapid timescales for the formation of hydrothermal ore deposits (e.g. Cu porphyry-type deposits). Future work in this area might involve the use of volatile radionuclides at actively degassing volcanoes to establish the likely timescales of exsolved volatile accumulation in magma reservoirs.

There have been a series of key experiments measuring the shear stress in crystalline and crystal-bubble mixtures subjected to shear (Pistone et al., 2013), and some more recent experiments exploring the migration of gas through crystal-melt suspensions (Barth et al., in review; Oppenheimer et al., 2015; Ptacek et al., 2018, sub judice), but there is much more to learn about the macro-scale dynamics of the bulk fluid and how this interacts with the local dynamics of gas-melt separation, which can be facilitated through local deformation and fracture formation. Field observations of deformed bubbles and apparent shear bands in which melt is localized provide critical clues about the local processes of deformation and their relation to the large scale flow. Such observations suggest that there may also be critical effects associated with the varying compressibility of the magma as it ascends through the crust, and decompresses, perhaps leading to waves of volatile-rich and volatile-poor magma, connected by local shear bands or fractures.
The physical processes controlling crystal-rich magmas offers an area ripe for novel laboratory experiments, and these, combined with new field observations and careful geochemical analysis may be key in future efforts to unravel the history of co-erupted gas, melt and crystals.

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assessment of the contribution of vapor bubbles to melt inclusion volatile budgets.


**Figure captions**

**Figure 1:** Schematic diagram to illustrate how magmas may achieve volatile-saturation. A: decompressing silicate melt achieves saturation in an exsolved volatile phase, which promotes degassing-induced crystallisation. B: Isobaric crystallisation in a crustal magma reservoir causes second boiling and development of an exsolved volatile phase. MVP: (exsolved) magmatic volatile phase.

**Figure 2:** Solubility model for rhyolite (Newman and Lowenstern, 2002), showing melt CO2 concentration versus melt water concentration. Isobars are in black solid lines, and represent the
locus of values for dissolved H$_2$O and CO$_2$ in rhyolitic melt in equilibrium with H$_2$O–CO$_2$ vapor at 800°C and selected pressures (labelled, in MPa). Isopleths are dashed lines, and represent the locus of rhyolitic melt compositions in equilibrium with the given exsolved volatile phase compositions: 20 mol% H$_2$O (80 mol% CO$_2$), 50 mol% H$_2$O and CO$_2$; and 80 mol% H$_2$O (20 mol% CO$_2$) at 800°C. The orange and red dots show the behaviour of vapour-undersaturated and vapor-saturated melts (respectively) with (top orange dot) and without (bottom orange dot) CO$_2$. These examples are discussed in the text.

**Figure 3**: Evolution of melt H$_2$O content (red, in wt%) and total fraction of exsolved water (blue, in wt%) during crystallization from basalt to rhyolite, at 200 MPa, illustrating how substantial fractions of exsolved volatiles may be generated during isobaric crystallization. Curves are labelled with the initial basalt melt H$_2$O content, in wt%. If the evolved liquids and exsolved volatiles are segregated from their crystalline products, the fraction of exsolved volatiles in the magma (melt) is much higher than shown. For magma crystallization at lower and higher pressures, fractions of exsolved volatiles reach higher and lower values respectively (due to the lower and higher solubilities of water, respectively). Calculations are made using RhyoliteMelts (Ghiorso and Gualda, 2015).

**Figure 4**: Melt inclusion CO$_2$ and H$_2$O concentrations; and isobars to show volatile concentrations in equilibrium with an exsolved volatile phase for different pressures (marked). A: Volatile data for basaltic melt inclusions, hosted by olivine. Isobars are appropriate for Canary Island basalt (Burgisser et al., 2015). Data are shown for Fernandina and Santiago from (Koleszar et al., 2009); for Kilauea from (Sides et al., 2014b), for El Hierro from (Longpré et al., 2017) for Laki (Hartley et al., 2014), for Holuhraun (Bali et al., 2018), for Stromboli (Métrich et al., 2009), for Etna (Spilliaert et al., 2006) for Llaima (De Maisonneuve et al., 2012; Ruth et al., 2016) and for Fuego (Berlo et al., 2012; Lloyd et al., 2016; Roggensack, 2001; Sisson and Layne, 1993). B: Data for dacitic and rhyolitic melt inclusions, hosted by plagioclase and quartz. Isobars appropriate for rhyolite (Newman and Lowenstern, 2002). Data are shown for Pine Grove (Lowenstern et al., 1994), Soufrière Hills (Edmonds et al., 2014b), Bishop Tuff (Wallace et al., 1999), Oruanui, Taupo (Liu et al., 2006), Rabaul (Roggensack et al., 1996), Popocatepetl (Atlas et al., 2006) and Satsuma-Iwojima (Saito et al., 2001).

**Figure 5**: The effects of an exsolved volatile phase on magma compressibility and how it may evolve during magma fractionation in a magma reservoir. A) Effective compressibility of a melt-
volatile mixture (with no crystals) in the case that there is 2, 4 and 6 wt\% H$_2$O in the melt at 1200 K. B) The dependence of the compressibility of a melt-crystal-volatile mixture on the crystal content of the melt. As the magma cools and crystallises, the melt becomes volatile-saturated and the compressibility rapidly increases beyond that for the solid rock. Curves are shown for melt with a H$_2$O content of 3, 4 and 6 wt\%, in a reservoir of depth 5 km, with magma temperature varying with the crystal content of the melt. C) Rate of change of the reservoir pressure during second boiling as a function of the change in temperature, normalised to the critical pressure required to trigger an eruption, here taken to be 10 MPa (Blake, 1984). Curves are shown for H$_2$O contents of 3, 4 and 6 wt\%.

Figure 6. Data on the cumulative mass erupted from (A) Soufriere St Vincent and (B) Paracutin, as a function of time, compared to the exponential model for the gradual waning of the eruption rate; (C) Lanquimay, compared to a model for the mass erupted from a two magma chamber system, with the dashed line illustrating the erupted mass from the deeper chamber into the upper chamber, and the black line the erupted mass from the upper chamber to the surface. The lower chamber only starts to supply a significant flux of magma once the upper chamber has decompressed. (D) May St Helens, after May 18 1980 until 1985. Here the symbols represent the incremental erupted volume during successive dome explosion events; the black line is a model with an idealized steadily waning eruption rate and the dashed line is the model in which each explosive event occurs once a prescribed overpressure has been reached (for details see (Berkowitz and Woods, 2018 under review)).

Figure 7: Illustration of the process of overturn associated with volatile exsolution from a melt prior to an eruption. A: the lower layer of melt is deep and viscous, leading to a dominant plume of bubble-rich buoyant melt rising up through the overlying volatile poor melt, leading to large scale overturn. B: the lower layer is less viscous and shallower, leading to smaller plumes of bubble-laden buoyant melt rising up into the overlying layer of volatile-poor melt. These plumes become unstable and are mixed into the overlying layer of melt rather than leading to a dominant overturn event (Woods and Cowan, 2009). The vertical scale of the experiments is ~ 20 cm.

Figure 8. Overturn during an eruption, as the lower layer of volatile-rich melt expands and becomes less dense than the original upper layer. This leads to a change in the erupting melt issuing from the summit ‘vent’ and the flank ‘vent’ following the overturn (Experiment courtesy of Alex Cowan). The vertical scale of the experimental tank is ~ 20 cm.
Figure 9: Results of experiments to show the exsolution of gas in a particle-laden viscous polymer solution as the solution is decompressed. Top: sequence of images showing the solution during and after decompression from 1 Bar to 35 mBar, leading to (i) exsolution of gas, (ii) liquid displacement within the pack and some dilation of the porous pack, producing an increase in permeability of the pack, (iii) the development of channelised permeable flow of gas from the pack; (iv) gradual relaxation of the depth of the porous layer once the connected gas phase has been driven out of the system. The tank is 18.2 cm wide. Owing to presence of residual gas, and the original expulsion of some liquid from the pack, a thin layer of melt may be seen above the porous pack (light layer at top of pack). Bottom: Graph illustrating the height of the particle-laden solution as a function of time when the pack is subjected to a decompression to different final pressures, as shown in the legend. With high final pressure, the effect is a monotonic increase in depth, as there is less gas exsolved. With a low final pressure the effect is a much larger increase in depth during the initial exsolution, but then the pack relaxes as gas is able to escape from the system. After Ptacek et al., sub judice (2018).

Figure 10: Cartoon diagram to summarise the generation, transport and accumulation mechanisms of the exsolved volatile phase, and the ways in which the exsolved volatile phase plays a role in driving magma mingling and mixing involving underplating mafic magmas.
A: Exsolution of volatiles during decompression, “first boiling”

B: Exsolution of volatiles during cooling and crystallisation, “second boiling”
P = 1 Bar
t = 0 s

P = 35 mBar
 t = 60 s

P = 35 mBar
 t = 121 s

P = 35 mBar
 t = 244 s

P = 35 mBar
 t = 360 s

P = 35 mBar
 t = 528 s

P = 35 mBar
 t = 1854 s
Crystal-rich magma

Magma underplating

Accumulation of exsolved volatiles

Exsolved volatile transport through channels and fractures

Gas-rich eruptions and persistent degassing

Overturn Bubbly buoyant plumes Hybrid mafic enclaves

H$_2$O, Cl

S, CO$_2$

Compressible magma body

Stock Exsolved volatile-rich melt

Conduit flow, degassing

Magma underplating

Fluid-mobile metals

Magma mixing and mingling driven by exsolved volatiles

1-10 cm

Deep or volatile-poor second boiling

Shallow or volatile-rich second boiling

1-10 cm

Magma mixing and mingling driven by exsolved volatiles