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# The role of pre-eruptive gas segregation on co-eruptive deformation and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions

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# ABSTRACT

The presence of exsolved gas bubbles influences measurements of both volcanic surface deformation and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions. In a closed-system, exsolved volatiles remain within the melt but in an open-system, the decoupled gas phase can either outgas or accumulate, leading to large variations magmatic gas fraction. Here we investigate the role of gas volume fraction and gas segregation processes on magma properties and co-eruptive monitoring data. First we use thermodynamic models of gas exsolution to model gas volume fraction and magma compressibility, and use these to calculate SO<sub>2</sub> emissions and co-eruptive volume change. We find that volume change is equally sensitive to magma compressibility and chamber compressibility over realistic parameters ranges, and both must be considered when interpreting surface deformation data. Reservoir depth and magma composition are the dominant controls on gas volume fraction, but the initial content of H2O and S have strong influences on volume change and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions, respectively. Pre-eruptive gas accumulation produces increased SO<sub>2</sub> emissions and muted co-eruptive deformation, while degassing has the opposite effect. We then compare our models to a compilation of data from 20 recent eruptions where measurements of volume change, SO<sub>2</sub> emissions and erupted volume are available. To the first order, shallow reservoirs produce smaller volume changes per volume erupted and silica-poor magmas yield greater co-eruptive volume changes than silica-rich systems, consistent with closed system degassing. Co-eruptive degassing causes high SO<sub>2</sub> emissions during effusive eruptions. Comparison between model predictions and observations suggests that all magmatic systems experience a certain degree of outgassing prior to an eruption. Our findings are consistent with current conceptual models of transcrustal magmatic systems consisting of heterogeneous mixtures of gas and melt and have important implications for the interpretation of surface deformation and SO<sub>2</sub> emission signals at all stages of the eruption cycle.

#### 1. Introduction

Measurements of surface deformation and  $SO_2$  emissions are becoming increasingly routine and can be used to study volcanic and magmatic processes and in the forecasting of eruptions (Biggs and Wright, 2020; Pritchard et al., 2022). However, most studies consider either deformation or  $SO_2$  emissions in isolation (e.g., Sigmarsson et al., 2013; Hreinsdóttir et al., 2014; Hotta et al., 2019) or combine them in a qualitative manner (e.g., Sheldrake et al., 2017; Reath et al., 2020; Joseph et al., 2022). We seek to develop a robust physics-based framework that can combine measurements of deformation and  $SO_2$  degassing to provide new insights into magmatic processes. The key to this framework is the exsolved volatile content of the magma which determines magma compressibility, and hence modulates observations of both surface deformation and  $SO_2$  emissions (e.g., Kilbride et al., 2016; Yip et al., 2022).

Volatiles typically make up a few weight percent of magmas, yet are of significant importance in controlling the magnitude and style of volcanic eruptions (e.g., Woods and Huppert, 2003; Cashman, 2004; Cassidy et al., 2018). Volatile solubility is controlled by pressure, temperature and melt composition, and volatile exsolution can be driven by either magma ascent or isobaric crystallisation (e.g., Candela, 1997; Burgisser et al., 2015; Liggins et al., 2020). Once exsolved, the gas bubbles can decouple from the melt and whether they accumulate (e.g.,

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Oppenheimer et al., 2015; Parmigiani et al., 2016), or escape via permeable networks (e.g., Chiodini et al., 2005; Kushnir et al., 2017; Colombier et al., 2021) has significant implications for the magnitude of co-eruptive deformation and degassing. We hypothesise that the accumulation of exsolved volatiles will 1) produce 'excess' SO<sub>2</sub> emissions during eruptions (e.g., Wallace and Gerlach, 1994; Wallace, 2001) and 2) reduce syn-eruptive surface deformation by increasing magma compressibility (Rivalta and Segall, 2008; Kilbride et al., 2016; Yip et al., 2022). Conversely, inter-eruptive degassing will reduce syn-eruptive SO<sub>2</sub> emissions and reduce magma compressibility such that the volume of material erupted is roughly equal to the subsurface volume change.

In this study, we use thermodynamic models to investigate the effects of exsolved gases on magma properties, deformation and  $SO_2$  emissions. In Section 2, we explore the effects of varying magma composition and initial volatile contents and in Section 3, we explore the role of pre-eruptive volatile segregation processes (i.e., exsolved volatile accumulation at the reservoir roof, or the formation of a 'degassed plug'). Finally, in Section 4, we compare observations of real-world eruption data to our model predictions and discuss the implications of pre-eruptive exsolved volatile segregation on observations of volcanic deformation and  $SO_2$  emissions.

# 2. Model setup

# 2.1. Thermodynamic framework

Volatile solubility is controlled by melt chemistry, pressure and temperature conditions and fugacity. Magmas can reach volatile saturation by either decompression during ascent or isobaric crystallisation during cooling (e.g., Candela, 1997; Edmonds and Woods, 2018). Thermodynamic models (e.g., MELTS (Ghiorso and Sack, 1995; Asimow, 1998); SolEx (Witham et al., 2012); D-Compress (Burgisser et al., 2015)) use solubility laws and petrological data to predict the proportion of each species (e.g., H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>, S) that will exsolve at given pressure, temperature, melt composition and  $f_{O_2}$  and hence the gas fraction of each species. However, these models do not include sulfide and sulfate capacity laws to model sulfur behaviour (Ding et al., 2023).

Here we use the Python-based model, EVo (Liggins et al., 2020, 2022), to model the exsolution of  $H_2O$ ,  $CO_2$  and  $SO_2$  species in a C-O-H-S-Fe system during magma decompression. EVo uses the recently released thermodynamic models including the  $CO_2$  solubility model of Eguchi and Dasgupta (2018), the sulfide capacity law from O'Neill (2021) and the sulfate capacity law from Nash et al. (2019) which is applicable at pressures of 300 MPa or less. We note that the sulfide capacity law used is most suitable for more reduced melts than those considered in our study (O'Neill, 2021). However, a recent study by Ding et al. (2023), which compared the different sulfide and sulfate capacity laws of Nash et al. (2019) and O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2022), shows that for a given temperature and composition the sulfur degassing pathways are similar regardless of the different laws used.

The thermodynamic model requires an estimate of initial volatile contents to begin calculations, which can be obtained using melt inclusions for basaltic magmas (Yip et al., 2022). However, for evolved magmas, where gas exsolution starts deep and a gas phase co-exists with the liquid magma during entrapment, melt inclusions often underestimate actual volatile content (Johnson et al., 1994; Scaillet and Pichavant, 2003). Thus we consider two types of models: those using initial volatile contents estimated from global compilations of melt inclusion studies (Wallace, 2005; Ruscitto et al., 2012) and those based on the formation of rhyolitic magmas by fractional crystallisation of a primitive basaltic melt (Appendix A). For basalts with 3 wt% water, 90% fractional crystallisation would result in rhyolites with over 30 wt% water. Such high volatile content is unlikely to be retained, therefore, we select a parameter range between the calculated values for rhyolite and the primitive basalt: 5-15 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O; 1-3 wt% CO<sub>2</sub> and 1800-4200 ppm S (Supp. Table 1).

We chose the model starting depth by calculating the volatile saturation pressure for the specified composition and volatile content following the method of Liggins et al. (2022). We then decrease the pressure in a step-wise manner, calculating the mole fraction of exsolved volatiles for a number of species (e.g.,  $H_2O$ ,  $CO_2$ ,  $SO_2$ ,  $H_2S$ ) at each step assuming closed-system degassing and thermodynamic equilibrium. From this, we can calculate the total gas fraction and magma density for a chamber at any given depth (Yip et al., 2022), and in Section 4, we then compare these general models to specific case studies where the chamber depth is known from geophysical or petrological constraints.

We assume the amount of exsolved SO<sub>2</sub> is equal to the co-eruptive SO<sub>2</sub> yield (Kilbride et al., 2016; Yip et al., 2022). In order to account for differences in eruption size, we define normalised SO<sub>2</sub> ( $\bar{S}$ ) as the observed SO<sub>2</sub> emitted ( $E^{SO_2}$ ), normalised by the volume of magma erupted ( $V_e$ ; assuming dense-rock equivalent, DRE):

$$\bar{S} = \frac{E^{SO_2}}{V_e} = \frac{m^{SO_2} M^{SO_2} \rho_e w_g}{M_g},$$
(1)

where  $m^{SO_2}$  is the mole fraction of SO<sub>2</sub> in gaseous phase,  $M^{SO_2}$  is the molecular mass of SO<sub>2</sub>,  $\rho_e$  is the erupted rock density,  $w_g$  is the gas weight fraction, and  $M_g$  is the mean molecular mass of gas phase. In reality, co-eruptive exsolution and/or SO<sub>2</sub> scrubbing may modulate this value and these secondary processes are discussed further in Section 3.1.

We use the estimated magma density  $(\rho_m)$  to calculate the magma compressibility using the equation  $\beta_m = \frac{1}{\rho_m} \frac{\delta \rho_m}{\delta p}$  (Rivalta and Segall, 2008). The normalised volume change during an eruption can then be denoted as  $\vec{V}$ :

$$\bar{V} = \frac{\Delta V_c}{V_e} = \left(1 + \frac{\beta_m}{\beta_c}\right)^{-1},\tag{2}$$

where  $\beta_c$  is the compressibility of the chamber, which depends on its geometry and material properties (e.g. Amoruso and Crescentini, 2009; Yip et al., 2022). For our model simulations, we use  $\beta_c = 10^{-10} \text{ Pa}^{-1}$  for our initial models and explore this further in Section 2.3.

# 2.2. Effect of magma composition

Our goal is to apply this framework to understand global patterns of degassing and deformation, spanning the full range of eruption types and magma compositions. Here we conduct sensitivity tests for rhyolitic magmas, building on the work of Yip et al. (2022) who conducted similar tests for basaltic magmas. We then compare our results across the full range of magma compositions.

We explore the effects of varying the weight fraction of magmatic volatile content ( $w^{H_2O}$ ,  $w^{CO_2}$ ,  $w^S$ ) and oxygen fugacity by performing one-at-a-time sensitivity tests, which vary a chosen parameter while keeping the other parameters constant (Fig. 1; Supp. Table 2). The sensitivity analysis reveals the role of each parameter on degassing and deformation, but does not consider the co-dependence of input variables, meaning some parameter combinations are not physically realistic.

The effects of varying  $w^{H_2O}$ ,  $w^{CO_2}$ ,  $w^S$  and  $\bar{f}_{O_2}$  in rhyolitic magmas are similar to those reported by Yip et al. (2022) for basalts. Namely, 1) water-rich magmas generate higher  $\bar{S}$  than water-poor magmas and are more compressible, meaning  $\bar{V}$  is lower, 2) increasing S and  $f_{O_2}$  results in a higher  $\bar{S}$ , but these parameters have minimal impact on  $\bar{V}$ ; and 3) increasing CO<sub>2</sub> causes a small increase in  $\bar{S}$  and a small decrease in  $\bar{V}$ (Fig. 1; Supp. Table 2). For comparison, we also show the model results using melt inclusions to determine the initial volatile content (red lines; Fig. 1). These are only applicable at depths 5 km and show a lower  $\bar{S}$ and higher  $\bar{V}$  due to the much lower volatile contents.

Next we compare our model results for 1) water-poor rhyolite ( $w^{H_2O} = 5.0 \text{ wt\%}$ ) and 2) water-rich rhyolite ( $w^{H_2O} = 15 \text{ wt\%}$ ) with the model results of Yip et al. (2022) for 3) water-poor basalts from ocean island settings ( $w^{H_2O} = 1.0 \text{ wt\%}$ ) and 4) water-rich basalts from



**Fig. 1.** Sensitivity tests showing the physicochemical properties of rhyolite when varying magmatic volatile content and oxygen fugacity. The observable parameters, namely (a-d) normalised SO<sub>2</sub> ( $\bar{S}$ ) and (e-h) normalised volume change ( $\bar{V}$ ), are shown when varying H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>, S and oxygen fugacity, while the rest of the parameters are kept constant.  $\bar{S}$  and  $\bar{V}$  calculated using melt inclusion data (MI) are shown as red lines. The grey lines in each panel represent magma properties after exceeding the percolation threshold,  $\phi_c = 17$  vol%. Initial volatile contents are  $w^{H_2O} = 10.0 \pm 5.0$  wt%,  $w^{CO_2} = 2.0 \pm 1.0$  wt%,  $f_{O_2} = \text{NNO} \pm 1$  and  $w^S = 3000 \pm 1200$  ppm (Supplementary Table 1).

arc settings ( $w^{H_2O} = 3.3 \text{ wt%}$ ) (Fig. 2). Full details of the initial volatile contents are given in Supplementary Table 1. As expected, we find that both water-rich and water-poor rhyolites exsolve more  $H_2O$  and  $SO_2$  gas than even the most water-rich basalts and hence produce greater  $\bar{S}$  (Fig. 2a-c). Not only do the rhyolitic magmas have a higher initial sulfur content, the sulfur also preferentially partitions into the  $H_2O$  gas phase which forms at higher pressures in rhyolitic magmas (Fig. 2c). Since water content is the primary control on magma compressibility, rhyolitic magma, which contains more exsolved  $H_2O$  gas than basaltic magma (Fig. 2a), is more compressible and has lower  $\bar{V}$  (Fig. 2f-h).

# 2.3. Effect of chamber compressibility

Chamber compressibility can vary over orders of magnitude depending on crustal material properties and chamber geometry (Rivalta and Segall, 2008; Anderson and Segall, 2011) and may also change over time due to fracturing and alteration (Carrier et al., 2015; Heap et al., 2020). Here we use our model to compare the relative effects of magma compressibility and chamber compressibility on volume change. We use the model of Heap et al. (2020) to estimate realistic elastic moduli for intact and fractured host rocks at depths of 2-10 km (Fig. 3a). Assuming a spherical or prolate reservoir, this gives chamber compressibilities in the range  $6.0 \times 10^{-11}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup>  $< \beta_c < 3.3 \times 10^{-10}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup>, but oblate reservoirs are less compressible with values as high as  $\beta_c = 1.6 \times 10^{-8}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup> (Fig 3b). This range is similar to the range of magma compressibilities at similar depths  $(1.5 \times 10^{-10}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup>  $< \beta_m < 2.0 \times 10^{-8}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup>). We then use these values to calculate the ratio  $\frac{\beta_c}{\beta_m}$  and  $\bar{V}$  for the range of magma compositions and volatile contents considered in Section 3.2 (waterrich rhyolites, water-rich basalts, water-poor rhyolites and water-poor basalts). The results show that the normalised volume change is equally sensitive to variations in magma compressibility and chamber compressibility over realistic ranges, and both must be considered when analysing individual case studies (Fig. 3c,d).

## 3. Pre-eruptive gas segregation

#### 3.1. Conceptual model

The terms 'open' and 'closed' are often used to describe simple conceptual models of volcanic behaviour, but are used by different communities in different ways (e.g., Newhall, 2007; Chaussard et al., 2013; Burgisser et al., 2015). When applied to degassing processes, the terms 'open' and 'closed' describe whether the exsolved volatiles remain in contact and in equilibrium with melt or not (e.g., Burgisser et al., 2015). For closed degassing, exsolved volatiles remain in physical contact with the melt and propagate at the same speed, while open degassing implies that exsolved volatiles are removed instantaneously (Burgisser et al., 2015). When applied to volcanic systems, the term 'closed' means that the system is sealed: no gas can escape from the reservoir (i.e., gas accumulates) and deformation may occur due to the build-up of pressure. Conversely, open volcanic systems may allow outgassing without observable deformation (Chaussard et al., 2013) (Fig. 4b-c). In reality, most volcanoes show time-varying behaviour including elements of both open- and closed-systems and degassing processes (Reath et al., 2019).

Here, we use the term 'pre-eruptive gas accumulation' to refer to open degassing in a closed volcanic system - exsolved volatiles segregate from the melt and accumulate in shallow reaches of the reservoir,



**Fig. 2.** Comparison of model predictions for basaltic eruptions (blue) and rhyolitic eruptions (red), and water-poor (full line) and water-rich (dashed line) compositions. Initial volatile contents are listed in Supplementary Table 1. Mole fraction of exsolved (a)  $H_2O$  and (b)  $SO_2$  in gas phase. (c) Mass of  $SO_2$  gas per unit volume of magma, also defined as normalised  $SO_2$  ( $\bar{S}$ ). (d) Volume fraction of exsolved gases in magma ( $V_g$ ). (e) Magma density ( $\rho_m$ ). (f) Magma compressibility ( $\beta_m$ ). (g) Model predicted volume change normalised by unit volume of magma ( $\bar{V}$ ). Depths below 580 MPa for panels f-h are shaded due to fluctuations in magma density at high pressures. The grey lines represent magma properties after exceeding the percolation threshold:  $\phi_c = 17$  vol% for rhyolites and  $\phi_c = 37$  vol% for basalts. The grey shaded area in panel f-g are to mask out erroneous results caused by the fluctuations in density gradient at high pressure due to numerical artefacts during modelling. Additionally, the modelling results for magma compressibility and normalised volume change at such depths (20 and 25 km for basalt and rhyolite respectively) would not be very reliable.

forming a gas-rich cap (Fig. 4b). We use 'pre-eruptive degassing' to refer to open degassing in an open volcanic system whereby exsolved volatiles are removed entirely (also called 'passive degassing') (Fig. 4c). We use the term 'co-eruptive degassing' to describe an effusive eruption where magma rises sufficiently slowly from the reservoir to the surface that additional exsolution and open degassing occurs during the eruption itself (Fig. 4e). During an explosive eruption, we assume that no additional volatiles exsolve during magma ascent and that the volatiles are in equilibrium with reservoir pressure (Fig. 4d). However, we note that volatiles can continue to exsolve to a certain extent during explosive eruptions. For instance, despite the explosive nature of the 2011 eruption of Grimsvötn, the volatile content in the groundmass is observed to be less than that in melt inclusions (Sigmarsson et al., 2013). This means that our model may underestimate the normalised SO<sub>2</sub> of an eruption if we were to extract the calculated value at reservoir depth. This is further discussed in Section 4.2 as we model SO<sub>2</sub>

emissions as a function of depth. In both cases, secondary processes including high-temperatures gas-fluid, gas-magma and gas-rock interactions may reduce the observed  $SO_2$  emissions (Symonds et al., 2001; Casas et al., 2019).

The efficiency by which exsolved volatiles can outgas from magmatic systems is governed by permeability and pore connectivity (Colombier et al., 2017). To the first-order, the transition between closed- and open-system degassing occurs at a critical porosity, called the percolation threshold ( $\phi_c$ ), which depends on the pore size distribution, ground mass crystallinity, degree of deformation and vesiculation processes amongst others (Colombier et al., 2017, 2020). The resulting wide range and natural variability in percolation thresholds prevents us incorporating these concepts directly in our numerical models. However, Colombier et al. (2020) identify two distinct regimes - at low melt viscosity or low gas overpressure, viscous bubble growth dominates and the percolation thershold,  $\phi_c > 0.37$ , whereas at high viscosity or high



**Fig. 3.** Sensitivity tests showing the effects of chamber compressibility on deformation. (a) Crustal shear modulus as a function of depth calculated using the model of Heap et al. (2020) for intact rocks and the rock mass. (b) The chamber compressibility as a function of shear modulus for different geometries calculated using the equations from Anderson and Segall (2011). (c) The ratio of chamber to magma compressibility ( $\frac{\beta_c}{\beta_m}$ ) and (d)  $\bar{V}$  for the range of magma compositions and volatile contents, which are listed in Supplementary Table 1.

gas overpressure systems, fracture-driven processes dominate and the percolation threshold is much lower  $\phi_c \sim 0.17$ . Therefore, we indicate the point at which the gas volume fraction  $(V_g)$  reaches the percolation threshold of  $\phi_c = 0.17$  using grey lines in Figs. 1, 2 and 5.

#### 3.2. Modelling gas segregation

To model magmatic systems where the gas segregates from the melt and either accumulates in certain areas or degases prior to eruption, we adjust the gas volume fraction ( $V_g$ ) calculated by EVo and consider the effect on magma density and compressibility. We use a proportion, k, to calculate the gas volume fraction accounting for pre-eruptive exsolved volatile accumulation or loss from magma ( $V'_g$ ):

$$V_g' = V_g + k V_g. \tag{3}$$

Positive *k* represents pre-eruptive gas accumulation, while negative *k* represents pre-eruptive degassing, where *k* is always -1 < k < 0. Magma density ( $\rho_m$ ) is the weighted average of the volatile-free magma density ( $\rho_m$ ) and the gas density ( $\rho_e$ ):

$$\rho_m = \rho_M (1 - V_g) + \rho_g V_g. \tag{4}$$

The magma density with varying gas content ( $\rho'_m$ ) can then be calculated by combining Equation (3) and (4) (see also Appendix B):

$$\rho'_{m} = \frac{\rho_{M} + V_{g}[\rho_{g}(1+k) - \rho_{M}]}{1+k V_{g}}.$$
(5)

#### 3.3. Model results

We use this model to explore the effects of pre-eruptive gas accumulation and degassing on magma properties and co-eruptive observations of  $\bar{S}$  and  $\bar{V}$  (Fig. 5). We vary *k* from -1 to +1 and use the default parameters of  $w^{\rm H_2O} = 10.0$  wt%,  $w^{\rm CO_2} = 2.0$  wt%,  $w^{\rm S} = 3000$  ppm and

 $f_{O_2}$  = NNO. For k = +1, the gas volume,  $V'_g$ , is twice that predicted by a closed system model (k = 0) and  $\bar{S}$  is also doubled (Fig. 5b-c). The additional volume of exsolved gas reduces the magma density (up to a maximum of 26% at 4.4 km depth) and increases compressibility (up to a maximum of 73% at 11.5 km depth) (Fig. 5d-e) which reduces  $\bar{V}$  by up to 27% at 20.4 km depth (Fig. 5f-g). For magmas with even higher values of k, the gas content exceeds the percolation threshold of 17 vol% (Colombier et al., 2021) and although our model predicts a highly compressible magma with very low  $\bar{V}$ , this is unlikely to be physically realistic.

For k = -0.5 (partial degassing),  $\bar{S}$  and  $V_g$  are lower than for closedsystem degassing. The reduced magma compressibility increases  $\bar{V}$  up to a maximum of ~ 30% at 16.2 km (Fig. 5f-g). A completely degassed magma (k = -1) will have no gas content, and hence produce no emissions ( $\bar{S} = 0$ ; Fig. 5b-c). However, because completely degassed magma is denser than the volatile-rich magma at depth (Fig. 5d) (Stevenson and Blake, 1998), magma density ( $\rho_M$ ) actually increases with decreasing pressure (< 25 km). Consequently, we cannot use this model to estimate compressibility when k <-0.8 (Fig. 5e-g) (Supp. Table 2).

## 4. Comparison to observations

In this section, we compile observations of ground deformation,  $SO_2$  emissions, volume of magma extruded and reservoir depth for eruptions with a range of magma compositions and compare them to our model results. The goal is to understand pre- and co-eruptive degassing processes and their implications for interpreting volcano monitoring data.

# 4.1. Data compilation

Earth-observing satellite missions are now providing global and frequent measurements of volcanic activity, including deformation and SO<sub>2</sub> degassing (Carn, 2016; Furtney et al., 2018; Ebmeier et al., 2018),

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**Fig. 4.** Conceptual model of gas segregation within magmatic system. (a) Volcano with chambers at different depths. Magmatic volatiles are highly soluble in deep magmatic chambers and thus remain dissolved in the silicate melt. In the shallow chamber, volatiles exsolve during closed system degassing and/ or isobaric crystallisation. (b) A closed volcanic system in which the exsolved gas phase segregated from the melt rises buoyantly and accumulates in the roof zone of a magma reservoir. (c) An open volcanic system with interconnected permeable pathways that allows magma outgassing, removing exsolved volatiles from the reservoir. (d) Explosive eruptions with rapid magma removal and decompression, which results in little volatile exsolution during magma ascent. (e) Effusive eruptions have a low magma ascent rate between the chamber and the surface, allowing volatile exsolution in the conduit, i.e., co-eruptive degassing.

while erupted volume can be estimated from many different methods depending on deposit type (Galetto et al., 2023). However, each measurement type has limitations in terms of spatial and temporal resolution meaning that surprisingly few eruptions have measurements of all three parameters required to estimate  $\vec{V}$  and  $\vec{S}$ , namely volume change, SO<sub>2</sub> emissions and volume erupted. Therefore, we start with the compilation of Kilbride et al. (2016) which lists 'sulfur yield' which is equal to  $\vec{S}$  and the ratio,  $r = {}^{1}/\bar{v}$ , for 11 eruptions. We then expand this dataset by conducting a literature search for additional datapoints based on the Global Volcanism Program (2013) catalogue.

We identified 20 eruptions with known erupted volume and source depth and measurements of co-eruptive SO<sub>2</sub> degassing or deformation (Fig. 6). Table 1 provides an overview with detailed descriptions provided in Supplementary Tables 3-9. Magma compositions are taken from published geochemical studies and divided into two categories: silica-poor eruptions (SiO<sub>2</sub> < 50 wt%) and silica-rich eruptions (SiO<sub>2</sub> > 50 wt%) (Fig. 6). Eruption volumes range from 10<sup>7</sup>-10<sup>9</sup> m<sup>3</sup> and are collated from published studies using a range of techniques including photogrammetry, digital elevation models and analyses of tephra

fall deposits (e.g., Romero et al., 2016; McKee et al., 2021; Galetto et al., 2023). SO<sub>2</sub> measurements are available for all the eruptions using space-borne spectrometers (e.g., Carn, 2016; Ge et al., 2016), except for the 2004 eruption of Mount St. Helens, USA. Volume change estimates are available for 13 eruptions, of which 8 are from InSAR and 5 from GPS (e.g., Hreinsdóttir et al., 2014; Hotta et al., 2019). Reservoir depths are primarily based on geodetic and seismic data, but petrological estimates are used where no geophysical measurements were available (Supp. Table 7). All depths are equivalent to pressures of less than 300 MPa, compatible with the sulfide and sulfate capacity laws used in our thermodynamic model, EVo (Liggins et al., 2020) with the exception of the 2010 eruption of Merapi.

Ideally, our compilation would also include estimates of chamber compressibility on a case-by-case basis. Of the 20 examples in our compilation, 12 have point or prolate sources, 7 are unknown or complex geometries and only 1 is sill-like (Fig. 7). However, insufficient information is available on aspect ratios or material properties to calculate individual chamber compressibilities so we consider end member values of chamber compressibility of  $6 \times 10^{-11}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup> and  $3.3 \times 10^{-10}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup>



Fig. 5. Model predictions considering pre-eruptive gas segregation processes. (a) Conceptual model of pre-eruptive volatile segregation, where constant *k* represents volatile segregation processes. Positive *k* represents pre-eruptive gas accumulation and negative *k*, such that -1 < k < 0, represents pre-eruptive degassing. (b-g) Magma properties of rhyolite with pre-eruptive volatile segregation. k = 0.8 is included in panel d-g. The grey lines represent magma properties after exceeding percolation threshold  $\phi_c = 17$  vol%. Fixed parameters:  $w^{H_2O} = 10.0$  wt%,  $w^{CO_2} = 2.0$  wt%,  $w^S = 3000$  ppm. Explanation for grey shaded area is in Fig. 2.

based on Fig. 3. These assumptions affect the interpretation of individual systems, but should not affect our overall conclusions (Fig. 8).

# 4.2. Sulfur dioxide, $\bar{S}$

Observations of  $\bar{S}_{obs}$  from silica-poor eruptions (SiO<sub>2</sub> < 50 wt%) range from <1 kg m<sup>-3</sup> for the 2007 eruption of Piton de la Fournaise, France, to 9 kg m<sup>-3</sup> at the 2019 eruption of Raikoke, Japan (Fig. 6b,d,f). The total mass of SO<sub>2</sub> emitted is consistent with model predictions for source depths of <2 km even though the reservoirs are at depths of more than 4 km (Fig. 7a). We attribute this to co-eruptive degassing between the reservoir and the surface, consistent with the low sulfur contents of basaltic lava flows (e.g., Sigmarsson et al., 2013; Donovan et al., 2018). In contrast, there is little evidence for co-eruptive degassing in silicarich eruptions (SiO<sub>2</sub> > 50 wt%), which have  $\bar{S}_{obs}$  <5 kg m<sup>-3</sup> and do not cluster around the 0-2 km interval of the model predictions (Fig. 7b). Co-eruptive degassing preferentially occurs in mafic magmas due to 1) the high temperature, which causes high volatile diffusivity (Baker et al., 2005), and 2) the slow ascent rate of effusive eruptions (Gonnermann and Manga, 2006).

In Fig. 7c,d we compare the observations of silica-rich eruptions  $(SiO_2 > 50 \text{ wt\%})$  to the model predictions. We estimate initial H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> content using the model of fractional crystallisation and a broad range of initial sulfur contents to represent natural variability (1800-4200 ppm). Six of the silica-rich eruptions have  $\bar{S}_{obs}$  in the range predicted by the closed-system model (Fig. 7c) but the other six lie close to the k = -1 line, consistent with almost complete pre-eruptive outgassing (Fig. 7d). However, all the observed eruptions have  $\bar{S}_{obs}$  greater than the model predictions when initial volatile contents are estimated from melt inclusions (Fig. 7b-c), consistent with the presence of a gas phase (e.g., Wallace and Gerlach, 1994; Wallace et al., 1995).

# 4.3. Volume change, $\bar{V}$

Measurements of normalised volume change,  $\bar{V}_{obs}$ , range from 0.03 to 0.74 with generally lower values for silica-rich eruptions at comparable depths, consistent with higher initial volatile contents (Fig. 6a,c,e). Both silica-rich and silica-poor categories show a broad trend with larger  $\bar{V}_{obs}$  for deeper reservoirs and smaller  $\bar{V}_{obs}$  for shallower reservoirs. This is consistent with closed-system behaviour: shallower reservoirs.



**Fig. 6.** Observations of deformation and SO<sub>2</sub> degassing from 20 eruptions between 2005-2021 (Supp. Table 3-9). The compilation consists of co-eruptive volume change and SO<sub>2</sub> gas emissions, both normalised by the erupted volume. (a-b) Normalised volume change ( $\bar{V}_{obs}$ ) and normalised SO<sub>2</sub> ( $\bar{S}_{obs}$ ) as a function of SiO<sub>2</sub> content. The colours are defined using the GVP classifications and correspond to the following ranges of SiO<sub>2</sub> content: basalt 45-52 wt%; basaltic andesite-andesite 52-63 wt%; dacite 63-70 wt%; rhyolite >70wt%. (c-d) Normalised volume change ( $\bar{V}_{obs}$ ) and normalised SO<sub>2</sub> ( $\bar{S}_{obs}$ ) as a function of reservoir depth. Shaded regions represent the range of observations. (e-f) Frequency plot for  $\bar{V}_{obs}$  and  $\bar{S}_{obs}$ . All data points are colour-coded for magma composition, and the different symbols represent the different reservoir geometry. Data are shown for the following eruptions: (Aug) Augustine, 2006; (Bez) Bezymianny, 2007; (Cal) Calbuco, 2015; (Cha) Chaitén, 2008; (Eyj) Eyjafjallajökull, 2010; (Fer) Fernandina, 2005; (Fog) Fogo, 2014; (Fou) Piton de la Fournaise, 2007; (Gri) Grímsvötn, 2011; (Kel) Kelut, 2014; (Mer) Merapi, 2010; (MSH) Mount St. Helens 2004; (Neg) Sierra Negra, 2005; (Okm) Okmok, 2008; (Puy) Puyehue-Cordón Caulle, 2011; (Rai) Raikoke, 2019; (Red) Redoubt, 2009; (Sar) Sarychev Peak, 2009; (Sin) Sinabung, 2013; (Tai) Jebel at Tair, 2007.

voirs are more gas-rich and compressible and hence produce less deformation per unit volume erupted (Kilbride et al., 2016; Yip et al., 2022). However, the scatter suggests that other factors modulate the relationship, such as magmatic volatile content, pre-eruptive gas segregation and chamber compressibility.

In Fig. 7e, we compare observations of silica-poor eruptions SiO<sub>2</sub> < 50 wt% to the model predictions for basaltic magmas with a range of water contents (1-3.3 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O) and chamber compressibilities ( $6 \times 10^{-11}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup>;  $3.3 \times 10^{-10}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup>). Three of the eruptions have a higher  $\bar{V}_{obs}$  than expected, even for water-poor basalts and high chamber compressibilities, indicating the magma is less compressible than can be

explained using a closed-system model (Fig. 7e). Fig. 7f shows that these eruptions lie in the -1 < k < 0 domain indicating that the magma was partially depleted by outgassing prior to eruption, consistent with observations of passive degassing at mafic volcanoes (e.g., Barry et al., 2014; Carn et al., 2016). The other two eruptions have lower  $\bar{V}_{obs}$  and can either be explained by a low chamber compressibility or pre-eruptive gas accumulation. In the case of the 2010 eruption of Eyjafjallajökull, Iceland, previous studies have suggested that some magma was sourced from a deeper reservoir and hence the co-eruptive volume change is an underestimate (Sigmundsson et al., 2010).

In Fig. 7g, we compare the observations of silica-rich eruptions (SiO<sub>2</sub> > 50 wt%) to the model predictions using initial H<sub>2</sub>O contents of 5 and 15 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O from the model of fractional crystallisation (Table 1) and chamber compressibilities of  $6 \times 10^{-11}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup> and  $3.3 \times 10^{-10}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup> (Fig. 3). For roughly half of the eruptions,  $\bar{V}_{obs}$  lies within the range predicted for closed-system degassing of a chamber with high

compressibility (Fig. 7g), while the others have  $\bar{V}_{obs}$  greater than the predictions for even water-poor rhyolite and high chamber compressibility and lie in the pre-eruptive outgassing regime (Fig. 7h). However, all but one of the observations can be explained by closed-system degassing, if we use a lower initial water content of 3.3 wt% based on melt inclusion studies (Fig. 7g).



#### Table 1

Compilation of observations of normalised volume change,  $\bar{V}_{obs}$ , and normalised SO<sub>2</sub>,  $\bar{S}_{obs}$ , source depth and magma composition for 20 recent eruptions. Further details are provided in Supplementary Tables 3-9.

| Volcano                       | Eruption Date     | SiO <sub>2</sub><br>wt% | Depth<br>km                  | $\bar{V}_{obs}$        | $ar{S}_{obs}$<br>Tg km <sup>-3</sup>   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Augustine, USA                | Jan 2006          | $57.5 \pm 1.5$          | $4.6^{6.6}_{2.6}$            |                        | $0.64_{0.55}^{0.82}$                   |
| Bezymianny, Kamchatka         | Oct 2007          | $56.7 \pm 0.2$          | $7.5_{6.0}^{\overline{9.0}}$ |                        | $2.64_{1.90}^{3.38}$                   |
| Calbuco, Chile                | Apr 2015          | $54.5 \pm 0.5$          | 8.2 <sup>9:5</sup>           | $0.22_{0.07}^{0.37}$   | $0.66_{0.34}^{0.98}$                   |
| Chaitén, Chile                | May 2008          | $75.3 \pm 0.3$          | $10^{12}_{8.0}$              | $0.25_{0.18}^{0.32}$   | 0.010.02                               |
| Eyjafjallajökull, Iceland     | Apr-May 2010      | $47.4 \pm 1.5$          | $4.4_{4.0}^{4.7}$            | $0.04_{0.03}^{0.05}$   | 3.735.54                               |
| Fernandina, Galapagos         | May 2005          | $48.5 \pm 0.5$          | $5.0^{6.0}_{4.0}$            | 0.800.50               | 6.67 <sup>8.07</sup>                   |
| Fogo, Cape Verde              | Nov 2014-Feb 2015 | $45.5 \pm 2.5$          | 16.5                         | 0.50                   | $10.6_{8,32}^{\tilde{1}3.0}$           |
| Grimsvötn, Iceland            | May 2011          | $49.9 \pm 0.8$          | $1.7^{1.9}_{1.5}$            | $0.10^{0.13}_{0.07}$   | $1.41_{0.94}^{1.88}$                   |
| Kelut, Indonesia              | Feb 2014          | $56.1 \pm 7.3$          | $2.1_{1.7}^{2.5}$            | 0.030.05               | 0.95                                   |
| Merapi, Indonesia             | Nov 2010          | $57.8 \pm 2.6$          | $15_{10}^{20}$               | 0.02                   | $3.70^{5.37}_{2.03}$                   |
| Mount St. Helens, USA         | 2004-2008         | $64.9 \pm 0.1$          | $5.6^{8.3}_{2.9}$            | $0.25_{0.18}^{0.32}$   | 0.310.37                               |
| Sierra Negra, Galapagos       | Oct 2015          | $49.0 \pm 0.9$          | $2.1_{1.7}^{\overline{2.5}}$ | $0.52_{0.33}^{0.70}$   | 12.4 16.9                              |
| Okmok, USA                    | Jul-Aug 2008      | $55.0 \pm 0.3$          | $3.0^{4.5}_{1.5}$            | 0.320383               | $0.65_{0.42}^{1.73}$                   |
| Piton de la Fournaise, France | Mar-Apr 2007      | $50.0 \pm 0.4$          | $2.3_{1.9}^{2.7}$            | $0.01^{0.02}_{< 0.01}$ | 0.99                                   |
| Puyehue-Cordón Caulle, Chile  | Jun 2011          | $75.4 \pm 0.7$          | $6.0^{7.0}_{5.0}$            | 0.110.14               | 0.540.70                               |
| Raikoke, Kuril Islands        | Jun 2019          | $49.8 \pm 0.5$          | $5.0^{7.5}_{2.5}$            | 0.07                   | 3.4222.15                              |
| Redoubt, USA                  | Mar-Apr 2009      | $60.0 \pm 2.5$          | 9.269                        | $0.50_{0.26}^{0.74}$   | $2.25_{1.61}^{2.89}$                   |
| Sarychev Peak, Kuril Islands  | Jun 2009          | $54.2 \pm 0.2$          | 3.513                        | 0.20                   | 5.84 <sup>8:99</sup> / <sub>2.70</sub> |
| Sinabung, Indonesia           | Dec 2013-Apr 2014 | $59.0 \pm 0.3$          | 8.4 9.9                      | 0.310.43               | $0.70_{0.51}^{0.89}$                   |
| Jebel al Tair, Saudi Arabia   | 2007-2008         | $49.5\pm0.6$            | $7.0_{7.0}^{\dot{1}\bar{5}}$ | 0.19                   | 8.61 <sup>13.2</sup><br>4.41           |

# 4.4. Combining $\bar{V}_{obs}$ and $\bar{S}_{obs}$

Interestingly, although our compilations of  $\bar{V}_{obs}$  and  $\bar{S}_{obs}$  both indicate that many volcanoes experience pre-eruptive outgassing, the measurements are not consistent for individual volcanoes (e.g.,  $\bar{V}_{obs}$  may be in the pre-eruptive outgassing regime but  $\bar{S}_{obs}$  is in the pre-eruptive gas accumulation regime or vice versa). This apparent discrepancy can be explained by the heterogeneity in sulfur concentration in the melt and uncertainties in SO<sub>2</sub> detection. For example, the 2008 eruption of Chaitén, Chile lies in the predicted range for  $\bar{V}$ , but not  $\bar{S}$ , and the anomalously low SO<sub>2</sub> emissions have previously been explained by SO<sub>2</sub> scrubbing (Carn et al., 2016; Casas et al., 2019).

# 5. Discussion

This study provides new insights into the influence of pre-eruptive magma storage conditions and co-eruptive processes on observations of volcanic deformation and degassing. We use numerical models to investigate the role of reservoir depth, water content, sulfur content, chamber compressibility and pre-eruptive gas segregation on observations of volcanic deformation and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The models predict that reservoir depth, chamber compressibility and magma composition will have first-order controls, but that gas segregation processes will also have a significant impact.

Our compilation of eruption data confirms the first-order trend between normalised volume change and reservoir depth, such that shallow reservoirs produce small volume changes. While this is qualitatively consistent with a model of closed-system degassing in which shallow reservoirs contain gas-rich, compressible magma, the scatter suggests that other factors modulate the volume changes of the reservoir, namely magmatic water content and pre-eruptive gas segregation.

Comparison to model predictions suggests that all magmatic systems undergo a certain degree of outgassing prior to an eruption. For evolved magmas, the amount of degassing is similar to or lower than expected if we assume closed system fractional crystallisation, but greater than expected if we only consider the dissolved volatile content preserved in melt inclusions. This is consistent with the model of a transcrustal magmatic system, in which exsolved gas separates from the melt and rises buoyantly to accumulate in different parts of the system. Thus, the gas content of the reservoir from which the magma erupted may be gas-rich compared to predictions based on melt-inclusion data and also partially depleted in gas compared to predictions based on fractional crystallisation. We also find that mafic eruptions typically experience co-eruptive degassing, producing relatively large amounts of SO<sub>2</sub> per volume erupted despite their low magmatic sulfur content. However, considering the input parameters represents that of a generic basalt and rhyolite, it is also important to acknowledge that the normalised SO<sub>2</sub>

Fig. 7. Comparison between model predictions and observations of (a-d) SO<sub>2</sub> degassing and (e-h) co-eruptive volume change (Supp. Table 3-9). The magma composition used for the models are that of a generic basalt and rhyolite, which are presets in EVo, and the volatile content used in the models has been listed in Supplementary Table 1. (a) Relationship between the erupted volume (dense-rock equivalent, DRE) and the total mass of SO<sub>2</sub> released for eruptions with SiO<sub>2</sub> < 50 wt%. The diagonal lines are modelled using an ocean island basalt composition ( $w^{H_2O} = 1.0 \text{ wt\%}$ ,  $w^{CO_2} = 1.0 \text{ wt\%}$ ,  $f_{O_2} = NNO$  and  $w^S = 1600 \text{ ppm}$ ; Supp. Table 1) assuming a closed degassing system. (b) Same as panel a but for eruptions with SiO<sub>2</sub> > 50 wt%. The diagonal lines are modelled using magma composition of rhyolite formed by fractional crystallisation (5.0 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O; full line) and melt inclusion data from typical rhyolitic magma (dotted line). (c) Normalised SO<sub>2</sub>,  $\bar{S}_{abs}$  for eruptions with SiO<sub>2</sub> > 50 wt% compared to model predictions using different sulfur content (full and dashed lines) and melt inclusions (dotted line) as a function of depth. (d)  $\bar{S}_{obs}$  for eruptions with SiO<sub>2</sub> > 50 wt% compared to model predictions for 5 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O rhyolite (full line), with dotted lines representing pre-eruptive exsolved volatile segregation, such that k = +1 represents pre-eruptive gas accumulation and k = -1 represents pre-eruptive degassing. (e) Normalised volume change  $\bar{V}_{obs}$  of eruptions with SiO<sub>2</sub> < 50 wt% compared to model predictions for water-rich (dashed line) and water-poor basalts (full line) with chamber compressibilities of  $6 \times 10^{-11}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup> and  $3.3 \times 10^{-10}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup>. (f)  $\bar{V}_{obs}$  of eruptions with SiO<sub>2</sub> < 50 wt% compared to model predictions for water-poor basalts (full line), with dotted lines representing pre-eruptive exsolved volatile segregation, such that k = +1 represents pre-eruptive gas accumulation and k = -1 represents pre-eruptive degassing. (g)  $\bar{V}_{obs}$  of eruptions with SiO<sub>2</sub> > 50 wt% compared to model predictions for water-rich (15 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O; dashed line), water-poor rhyolites (5.0 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O; full line) and melt inclusions (dotted line) and chamber compressibilities of  $6 \times 10^{-11}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup> and  $3.3 \times 10^{-10}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup>. (h)  $\bar{V}_{abs}$  of eruptions with SiO<sub>2</sub> > 50 wt% compared to model predictions for water-poor rhyolites that underwent closed-system degassing (full line) and pre-eruptive gas accumulation and degassing (dotted lines). See Fig. 5 for additional information on pre-eruptive exsolved volatile segregation. \*In c, the water content is 5 wt% for the model run with a sulfur content of 1800 and 3000 ppm and 10 wt% for the model run with a sulfur content of 4200 ppm. All data points are listed in Table 1 and colour-coded for magma composition. The different symbols represent the different (a-b) reservoir depths and (c-h) reservoir geometry. Abbreviations are shown in Fig. 6.



**Fig. 8.** Conceptual model comparing the magmatic systems feeding silica-rich and silica-poor eruptions. The colour gradient represents magma composition, with red representing primitive melt (i.e., least evolved) and yellow representing evolved, silicic magma. Silica-poor systems (left) have high volatile diffusivity due to high temperature, which allows co-eruptive degassing during magma ascent to the surface. Silica-rich systems (right) have complex transcrustal magmatic systems. Volatile enrichment occurs during the fractional crystallisation of the primitive melt. The volatiles exsolved may accumulate as gas-rich caps or be lost due to outgassing at different parts of the system. The reservoir from which an eruption occurs may therefore be gas-rich or gas-poor relative to the initial magmatic conditions and thus modify observations of co-eruptive volume change and degassing. A fraction of volatiles that is already exsolved may not be recorded in melt inclusion data, thereby underestimating the pre-eruptive gas content in the reservoir and total SO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

and normalised volume changes predicted by the model might exhibit discrepancies when compared to the actual data from specific eruptions.

However, these models are clearly oversimplified and our analysis is limited by a lack of suitable data. We were only able to identify 20 eruptions for which data was available on erupted volume, volume change and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Although satellite data now provides compilations of SO<sub>2</sub> emissions and surface deformation (Carn et al., 2016; Ebmeier et al., 2018), these are not provided on an operational basis and not all eruptions are included. To illustrate the challenge, we compared the three best currently-available catalogues: Galetto et al. (2023) for erupted volume, Ebmeier et al. (2018) for volcanic deformation and Carn (2016) for SO<sub>2</sub> emissions (Fig. 9). Ebmeier et al. (2018) compiled 308 deformation episodes between 1990-2015, of which 78 were related to an eruption. However, source depths were only provided for 45 of these eruptions and there is no information on volume change. Galetto et al. (2023) compiled 682 estimates of mass erupted between 1961-2020, which relates to 209 individual eruptions. Carn (2016) compiled estimates of SO<sub>2</sub> loading for 47 eruptions between 1979-2014. If we restrict these to the overlapping date range of 2005-2014, we are left with 48 eruptions from the Ebmeier et al. (2018) catalogue, 79 eruptions from the Galetto et al. (2023) catalogue and 29 eruptions from Carn (2016). However, of these, there are only 9 eruptions for which all three measurements are available: Chaitén, Chile 2008; Puvehue-Cordón Caulle, Chile, 2011; Sierra Negra, Galapagos, 2005; Tolbachik, Russia, 2012; Jebel at Tair, Saudi Arabia, 2007; Eyjafjallajökull, Iceland, 2010; Piton de la Fournaise, France, 2007 and Merapi, Indonesia, 2010.

Even less information is available about crustal shear modulus ( $\mu$ ). Seismic tomography can be used to estimate material properties, but is only available at a small number of well-studied volcanoes. For example, the compilation of Paulatto et al. (2022) only includes one of the volcanoes in our list: Merapi. Heap et al. (2020) provide a method of es-



**Fig. 9.** Illustration of the three best currently-available catalogues for volcano monitoring: Galetto et al. (2023) for erupted volume, Ebmeier et al. (2018) for volcanic deformation and Carn (2016) for  $SO_2$  emissions (Fig. 9). Each catalogue has a different observation period. With an overlapping date range of 2005-2014, there are only 9 eruptions for which all three measurements are available.

timating depth-dependent rock mass Young's moduli for volcanic rocks; their empirical data is from room pressure or shallow tunnels and it is not yet clear whether the relationships are applicable to rock masses at depths greater than a few hundred metres.

#### 6. Conclusions

This study provides new insights into the influence of pre-eruptive magma storage conditions and co-eruptive processes on observations of volcanic deformation and degassing. We use numerical models to investigate the role of reservoir depth, water content, sulfur content, chamber compressibility and pre-eruptive gas segregation on observations of volcanic deformation and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The models predict that reservoir depth, chamber compressibility and magma composition will have first-order controls, but that gas segregation processes will also have a significant impact.

Our analysis of silica-poor eruptions is consistent with a simple conceptual model of a single short-lived reservoir that undergoes some minor degassing prior to eruption, followed by an effusive eruption with significant degassing taking place between the reservoir and the vent (Fig. 8a). SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from mafic systems are dominated by coeruptive degassing, meaning that mafic systems are big SO<sub>2</sub> gas emitters despite the fact that our analysis of volume change measurements shows that the reservoirs have undergone some pre-eruptive degassing.

In contrast, our analysis of eruptions involving silica-rich compositions is more consistent with current models of transcrustal magmatic systems (e.g., Cashman et al., 2017), in which the exsolved volatile phase may undergo pre-eruptive degassing or gas accumulation at various depths prior to an eruption (Fig. 8b). In this conceptual model, a fraction of the volatile content inherited from the primitive basalt is outgassed prior to the formation of melt inclusions, but subsequently, exsolved gas may accumulate as gas-rich caps. The complexity of the magma storage in silica-rich systems ultimately complicates the interpretation of volcanic deformation and  $SO_2$  degassing (Fig. 8). Indeed, many andesitic eruptions alternate between explosive and extrusive phases suggesting that the gas content in the erupting magma varies during an eruption (e.g. Jaupart and Allègre, 1991; Cassidy et al., 2018).

Our results emphasise the need to reconcile multiparameter observations from different disciplines of volcanology (e.g., geophysics, geochemistry, petrology) when interpreting monitoring data. However, our analysis is limited by a lack of a systematic approach to collecting monitoring data (gas, deformation, volume) and basic characteristics (magma composition, crustal properties). Analyses that focus on a single data type are unable to obtain a full picture of the system and may be biased by assumptions. Thus further integration of multiparameter datasets with physical models is critical for understanding magmatic plumbing systems, as well as improve our understanding of monitoring data.

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#### Data availability

The data used in this study can be found in Supplementary Tables 1-9. For reproducibility, the code used for data analysis has been archived on Zenodo (https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8222051).

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# Appendix A. Fractional crystallisation

Evolved magmas (i.e., andesite, dacite and rhyolite) are likely to be more volatile-rich than less-evolved mafic magmas (i.e., basalt) due to fractional crystallisation from primitive basaltic magmas (Marty and Zimmermann, 1999; Wallace, 2005). This is because volatile enrichment occurs during fractional crystallisation, in which magma differentiates and the crystals formed during cooling are removed from the gradually solidifying melt (Rogers, 2015).

The equation for crystallisation is given as

$$C_L/C_0 = F^{D-1} \tag{A.1}$$

Here,  $C_0$  is the original concentration of an element or species in the melt (e.g., water concentration in basaltic melt as a mass fraction), and  $C_L$  represents the final concentration after crystallisation (e.g., water concentration in the rhyolite melt). D denotes the partition coefficient of water, which is the ratio between the concentration in crystals and the melt. F represents the 'melt fraction remaining'.

For simplicity, we assume that water is completely 'incompatible' by setting D to zero:

$$C_L = C_0 / F \tag{A.2}$$

Assuming 90% crystallisation of rhyolite, F is equal to 0.1. For example, if the basalt has 1 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O, then after 90% crystallisation the rhyolite melt will have  $C_L = \frac{0.01}{0.1} = 0.1$ , meaning the rhyolite will have a water content of 10 wt%.

These calculations form the basis for determining the bulk water content of rhyolitic melt. However, it is important to note that during prolonged crystallisation in a magma storage region, some exsolved fluids may be lost, which means that this method provides an upper bound estimation. For basalts with 3 wt% water, rhyolites would result with over 30 wt% water. Similarly, for basalts with 1 wt% carbon dioxide and 1500 ppm sulfur, the rhyolite would have 10 wt% carbon dioxide content is unlikely to be retained by the magma, as at these weight fractions, the magmatic volatiles are more likely to escape. Therefore, for our modelling, a reasonable range of values for rhyolite would be 5-15 wt% water, 1-3 wt% carbon dioxide and 1800-4200 ppm sulfur.

#### Appendix B. Magma density

Magma density is the weighted sum of melt density and gas density:

$$\rho_m = \rho_M \, V_m + \rho_g \, V_g \tag{B.1}$$

The melt volume fraction  $V_M$  and gas volume fraction  $V_g$  is the volume of the melt  $v_M$  and the volume of the gas  $v_g$  per unit volume of magma that consists of melt and gas respectively:

$$\rho_m = \rho_M \frac{v_M}{v_M + v_g} + \rho_g \frac{v_g}{v_M + v_g} \tag{B.2}$$

Here we introduce gas segregation  $v_{\rho}$  into Equation (B.2):

$$\rho'_{m} = \rho_{M} \frac{v_{M}}{v_{M} + v_{g} + v_{e}} + \rho_{g} \frac{v_{g} + v_{e}}{v_{M} + v_{g} + v_{e}}$$
(B.3)

$$\rho'_{m} = \frac{\rho_{M} v_{M} + \rho_{g} (v_{g} + v_{e})}{v_{M} + v_{g} + v_{e}}$$
(B.4)

where  $\rho'_m$  represents magma density with additional or reduced gas content due to gas segregation. By letting  $v_e = k v_g$ ,

$$\rho'_{m} = \frac{\rho_{M} v_{M} + \rho_{g} (v_{g} + k v_{g})}{v_{M} + v_{g} + k v_{g}}$$
(B.5)

$$\rho'_{m} = \frac{\rho_{M} v_{M} + \rho_{g} v_{g} (1+k)}{v_{M} + v_{g} (1+k)}$$
(B.6)

where k > 0 represents pre-eruptive gas accumulation and -1 < k < 0, represents pre-eruptive degassing. We divide  $v_M + v_g$  at both sides of the fraction:

$$\rho'_{m} = \frac{\rho_{M} v_{M} + \rho_{g} v_{g} (1+k)}{v_{M} + v_{g} (1+k)} \div \frac{v_{M} + v_{g}}{v_{M} + v_{g}}$$
(B.7)

Since  $V_M = \frac{v_M}{v_M + v_g}$  and  $V_g = \frac{v_g}{v_M + v_g}$ ,

$$\rho'_{m} = \frac{\rho_{M} V_{M} + \rho_{g} V_{g} (1+k)}{1+k V_{g}}$$
(B.8)

The volume fraction of melt can also be written as  $V_M = 1 - V_g$  and thus:

$$\rho'_{m} = \frac{\rho_{M} \left(1 - V_{g}\right) + \rho_{g} V_{g} \left(1 + k\right)}{1 + k V_{g}} \tag{B.9}$$

which is simplified as:

$$\rho'_{m} = \frac{\rho_{M} + V_{g}[\rho_{g}(1+k) - \rho_{M}]}{1+k V_{g}}.$$
(B.10)

#### Appendix C. Supplementary material

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