

# Volcano Deformation and Physics Based Eruption Models

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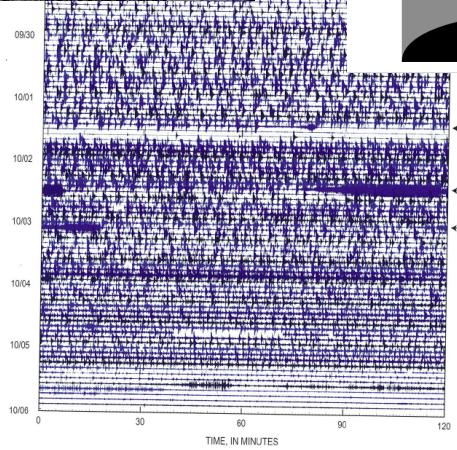
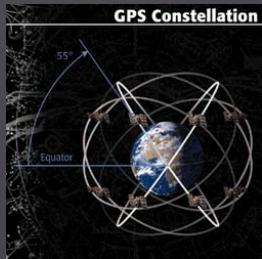
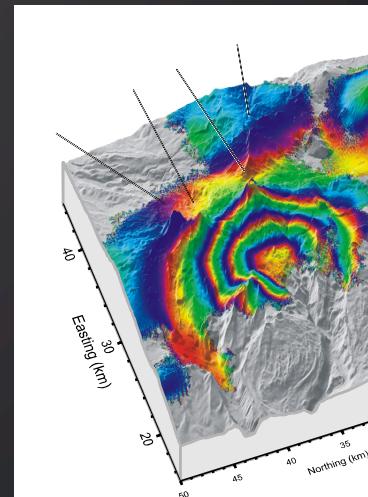
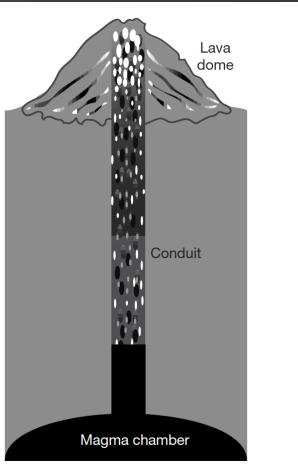


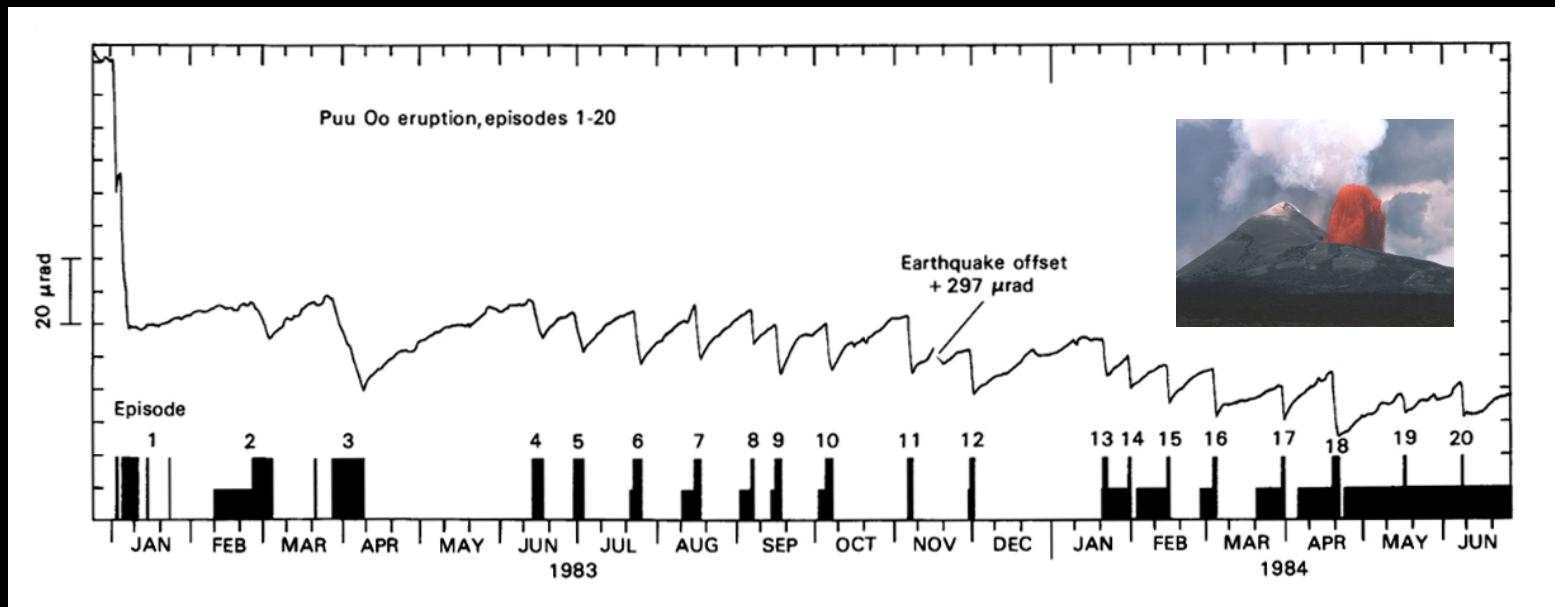
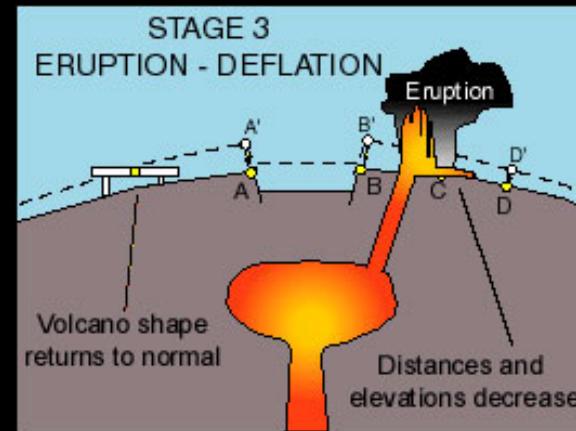
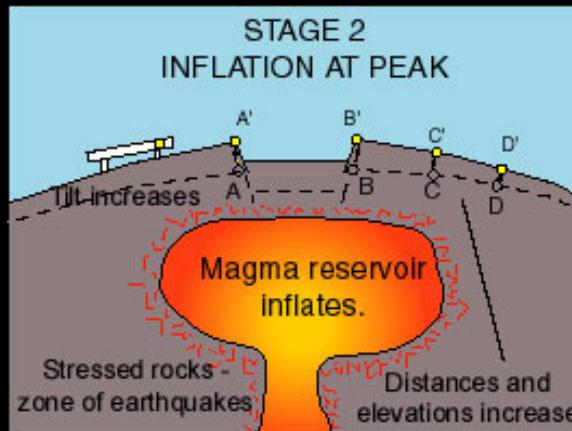
Figure 8. Seismic record from station JUN (6.5 km southeast of vent; fig. 1) from September 27 through October 5, 2004, showing seismicity trends during the vent-clearing phase.



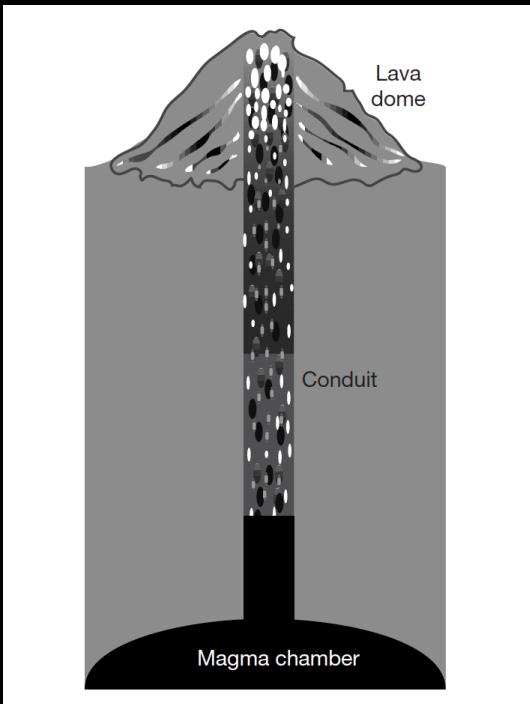
Onset of the Eruption  
October 1, 2004



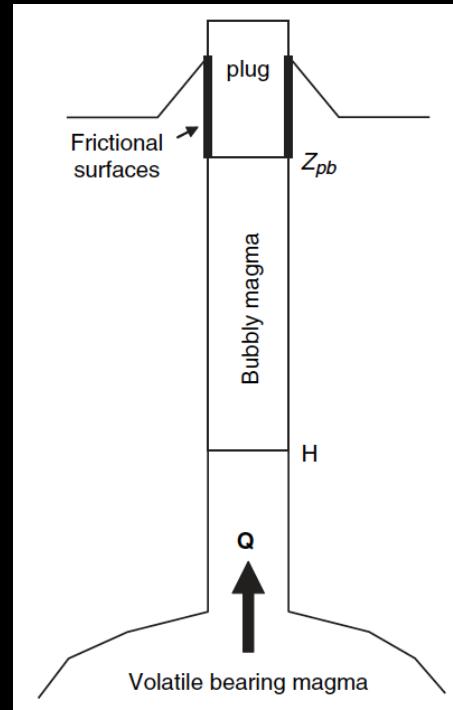
# Inflation Deflation Cycles



# Physics Based Eruption Models



Melnik and Sparks, 1999, Nature



Lensky et al 2009, Geol Soc Lond

[Stasiuk et al., 1993; Ramos, 1995; Jaupart, 1996; Melnik and Sparks, 1999; 2002, 2005; 2006, Mastin and Ghiorso, 2000; Maeda, 2000; Massol et al., 2001; Huppert and Woods, 2002; Woods and Huppert, 2003; Barmin et al., 2002; Proussevitch and Sahagian, 2005; Starostin et al., 2005; Collier and Neuberg, 2006; Mason et al., 2006; Costa et al., 2007a, b; de' Michieli Vitturia et al., 2008; Lensky et al. 2008; Hautmann et al. , 2009; Mastin et al. , 2008; 2009]

# Mount St. Helens, Washington

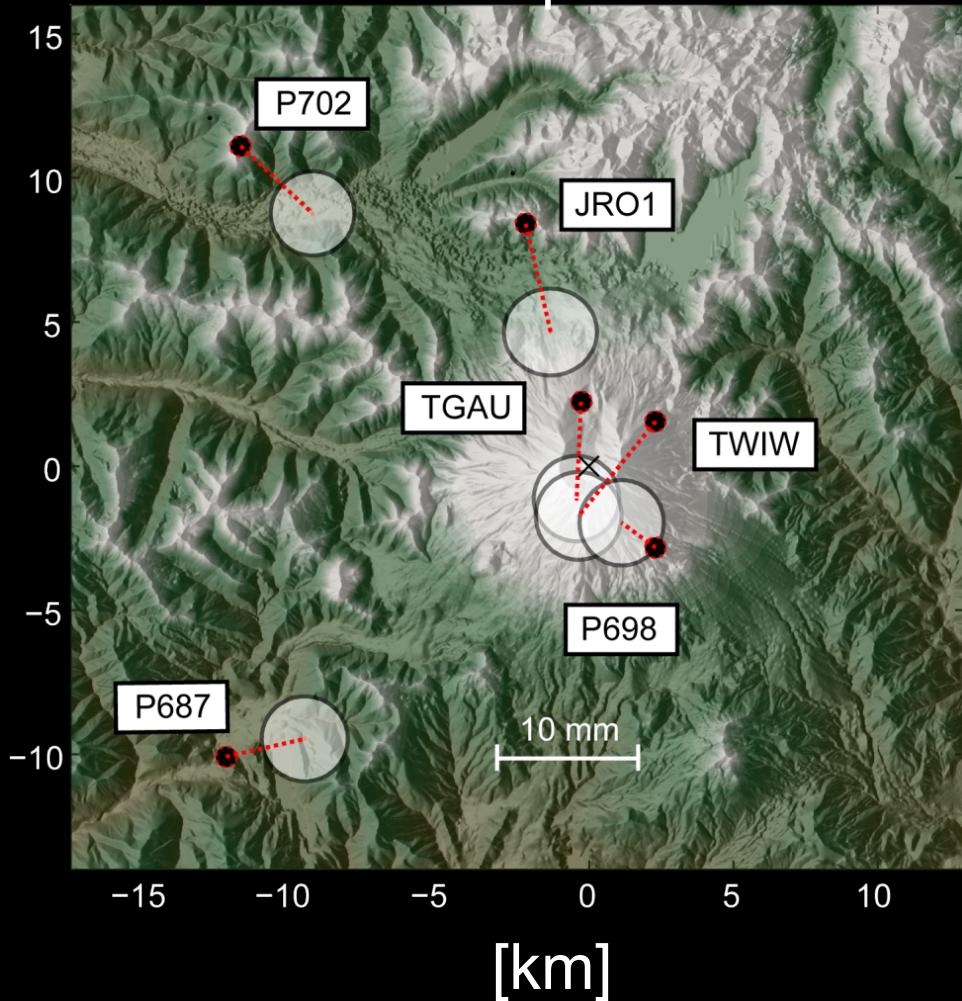


- Catastrophic eruption 1980
- Effusive eruption 2004-2008

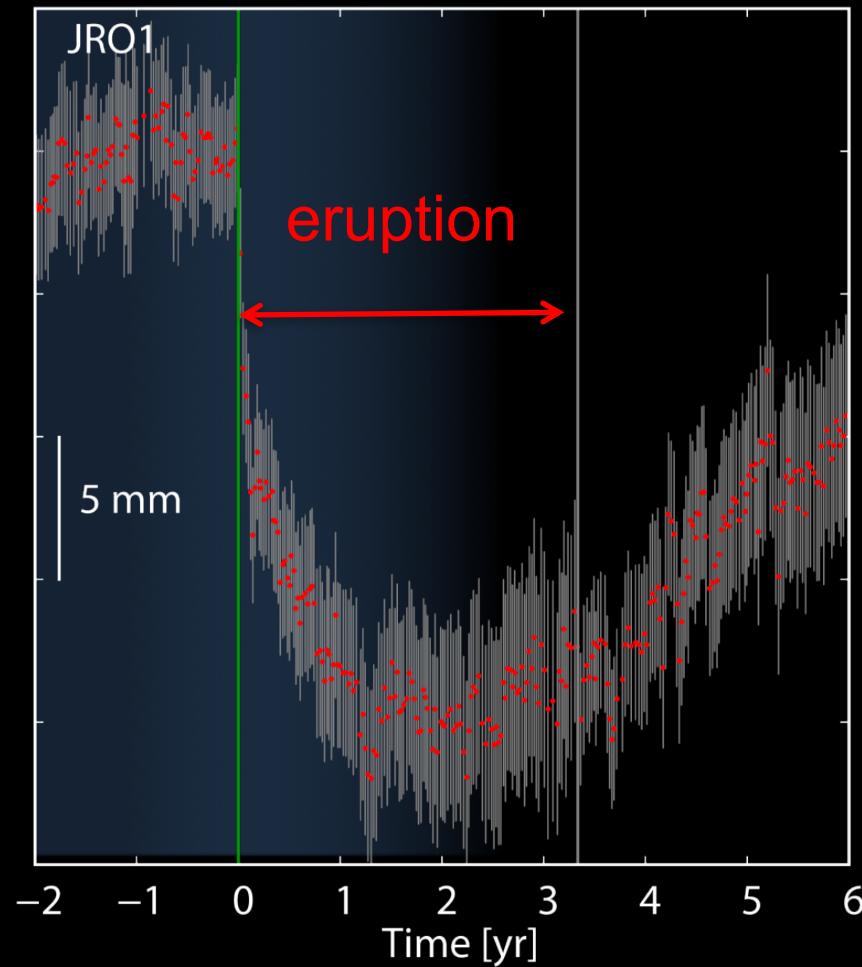


# Mount St Helens Dome Forming Eruption 2004-2008

## Net Displacements

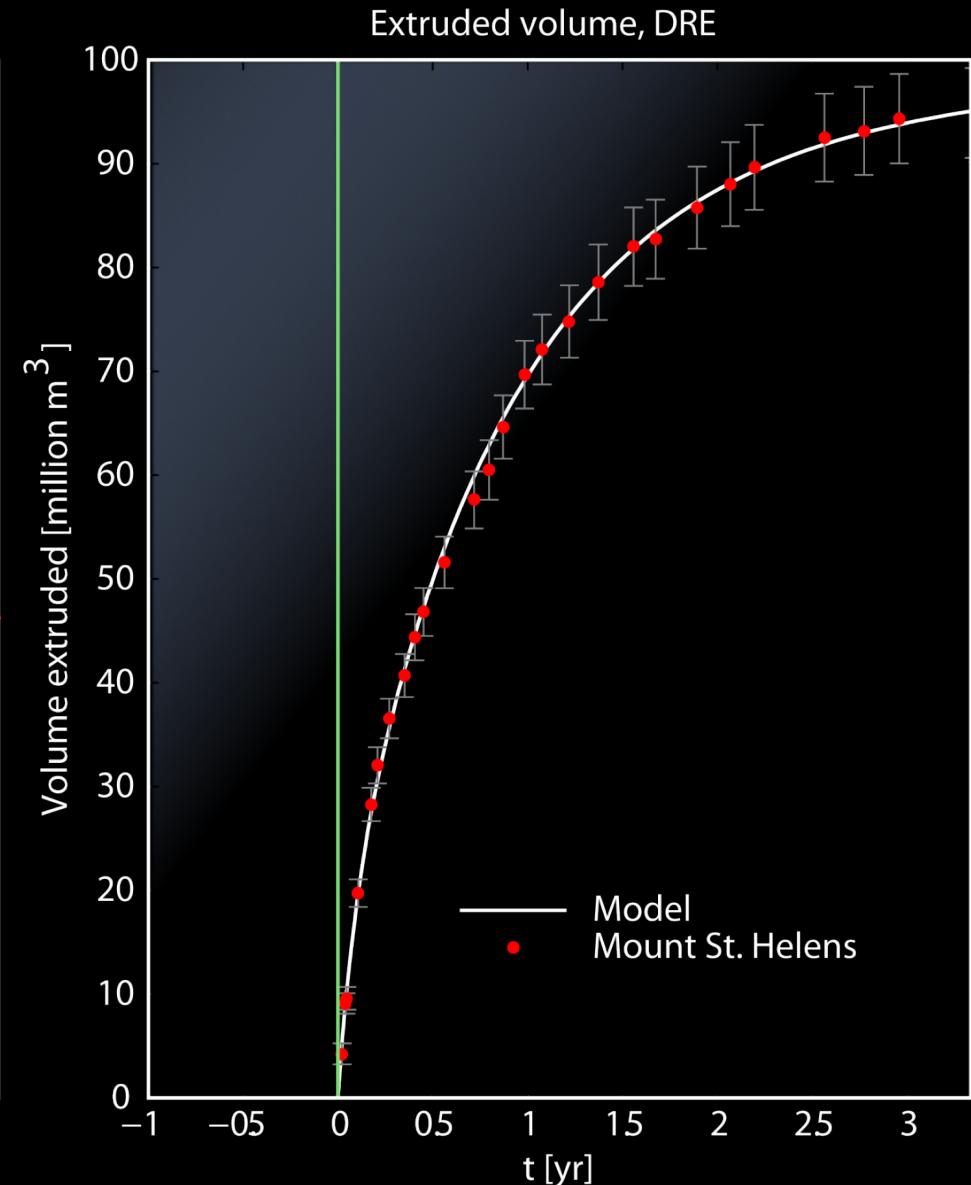
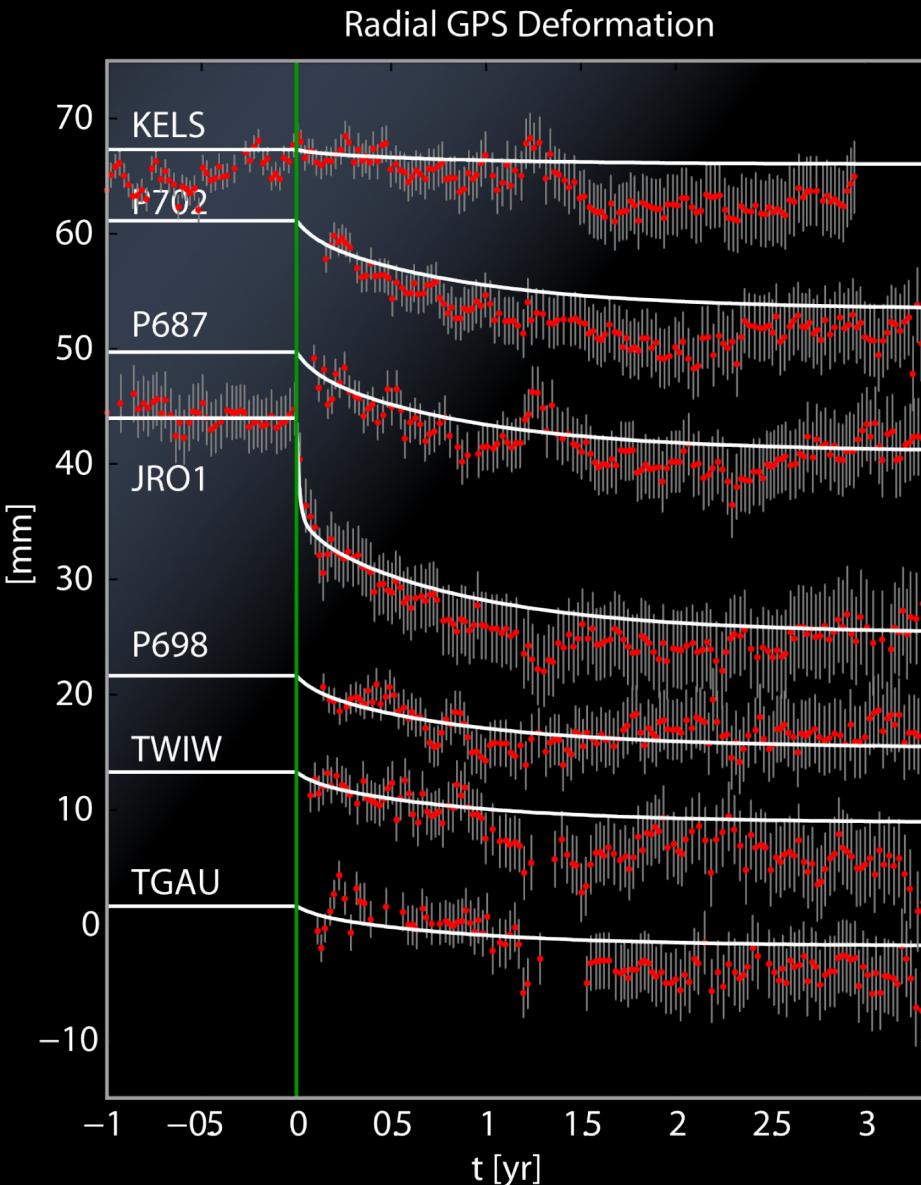


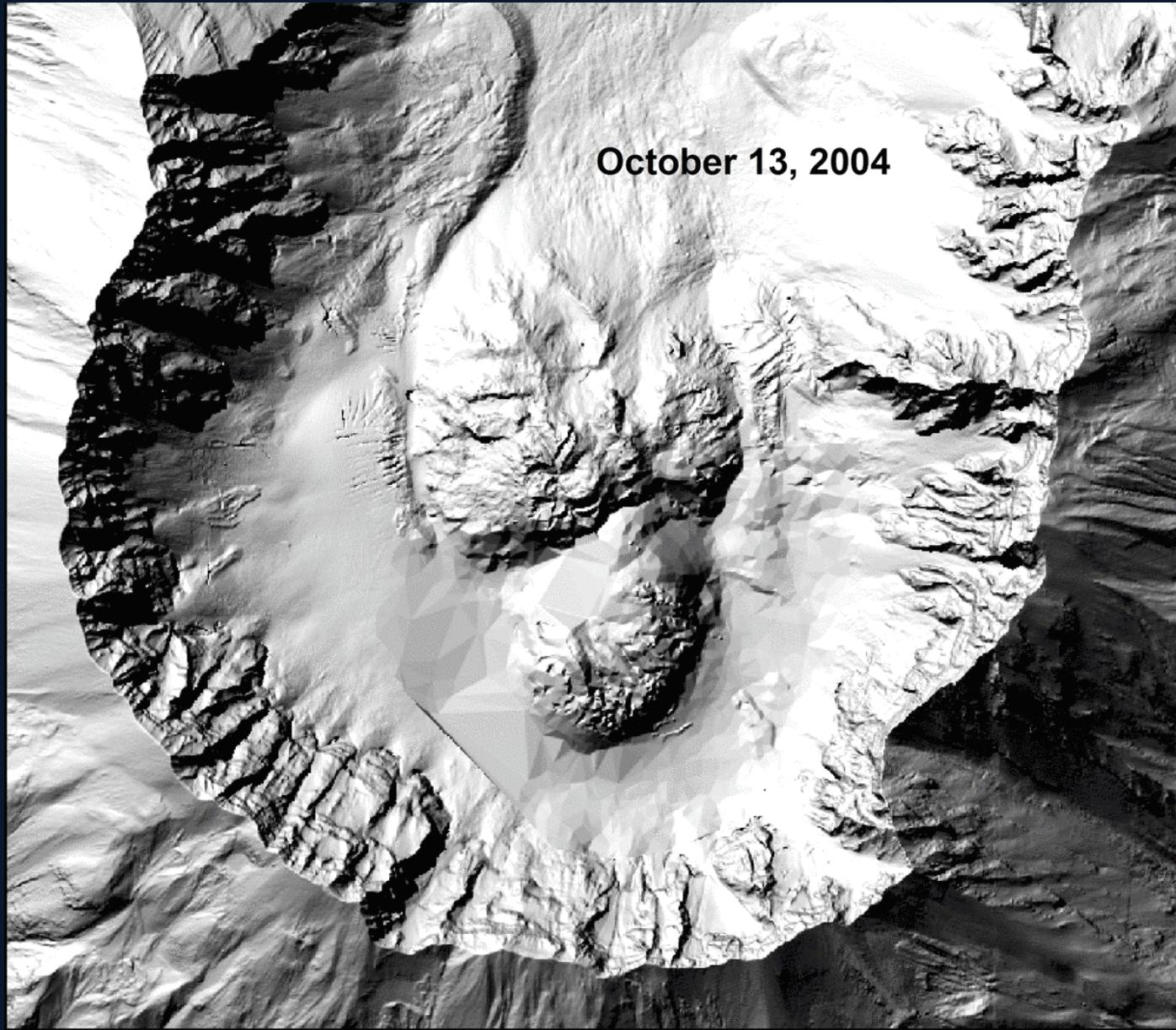
## JRO1 Radial Time Series



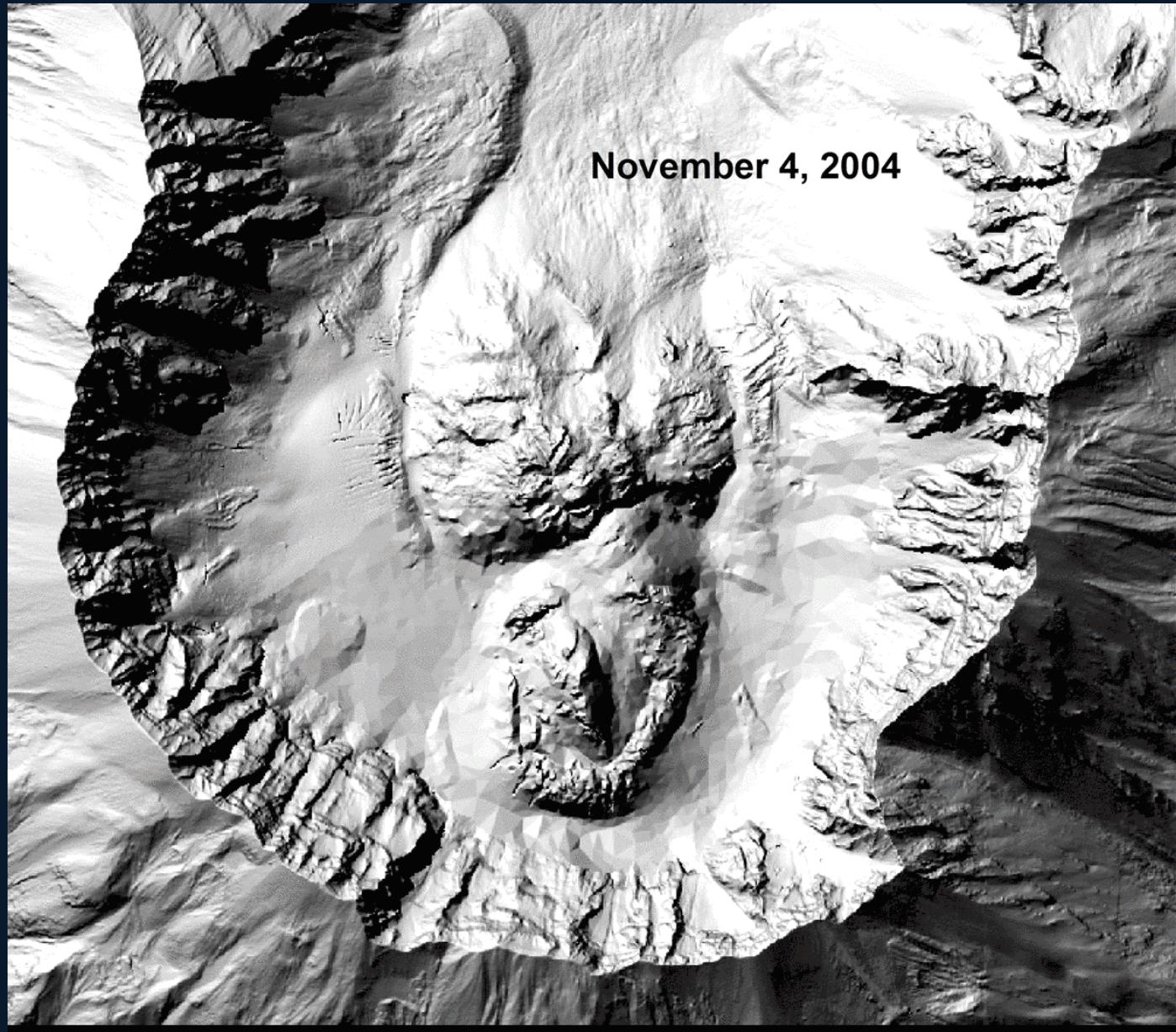
Lisowski et al. [2008]

# Model Fits both GPS and Extrusion Data





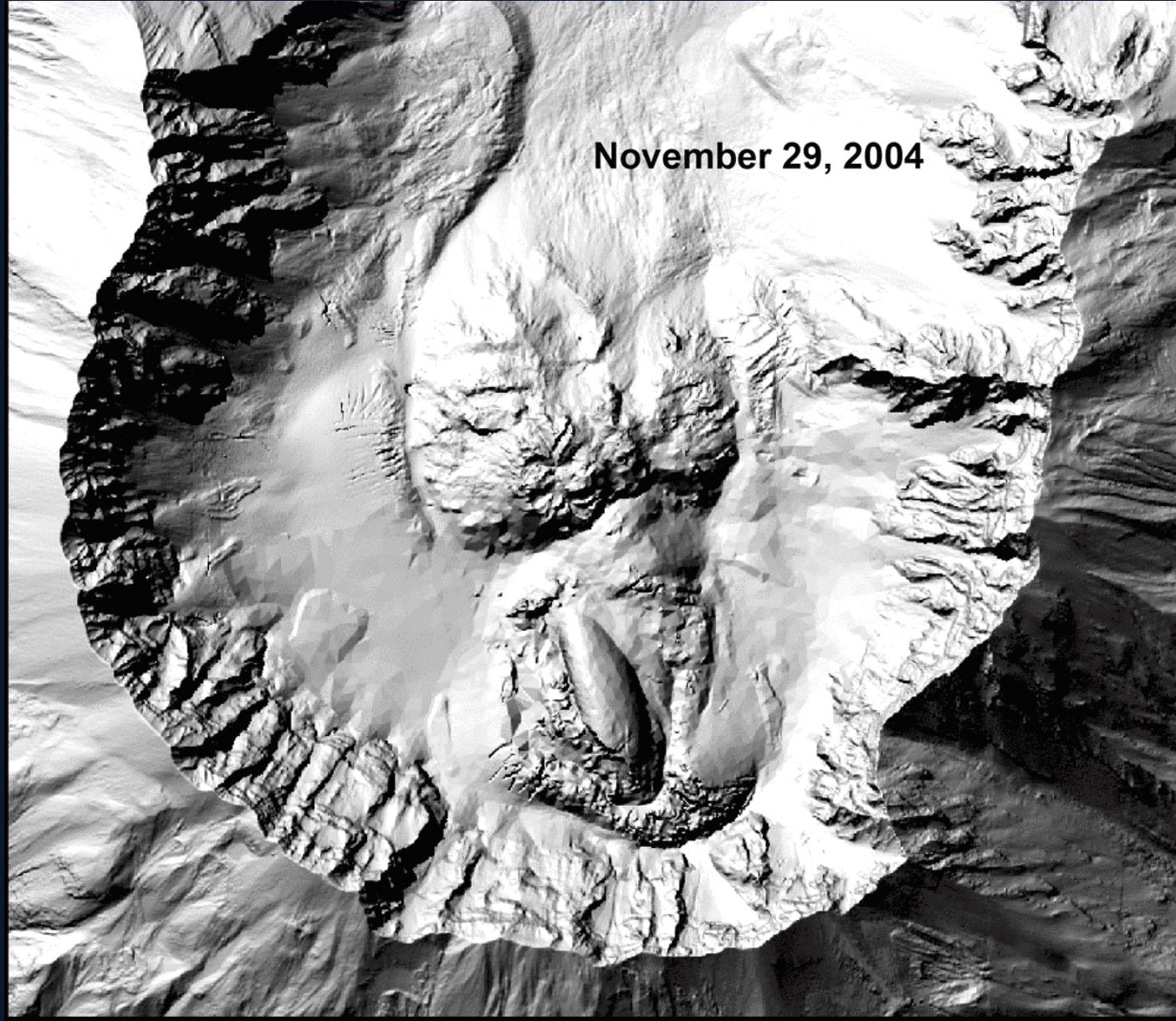
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November 4, 2004

**November 20, 2004**



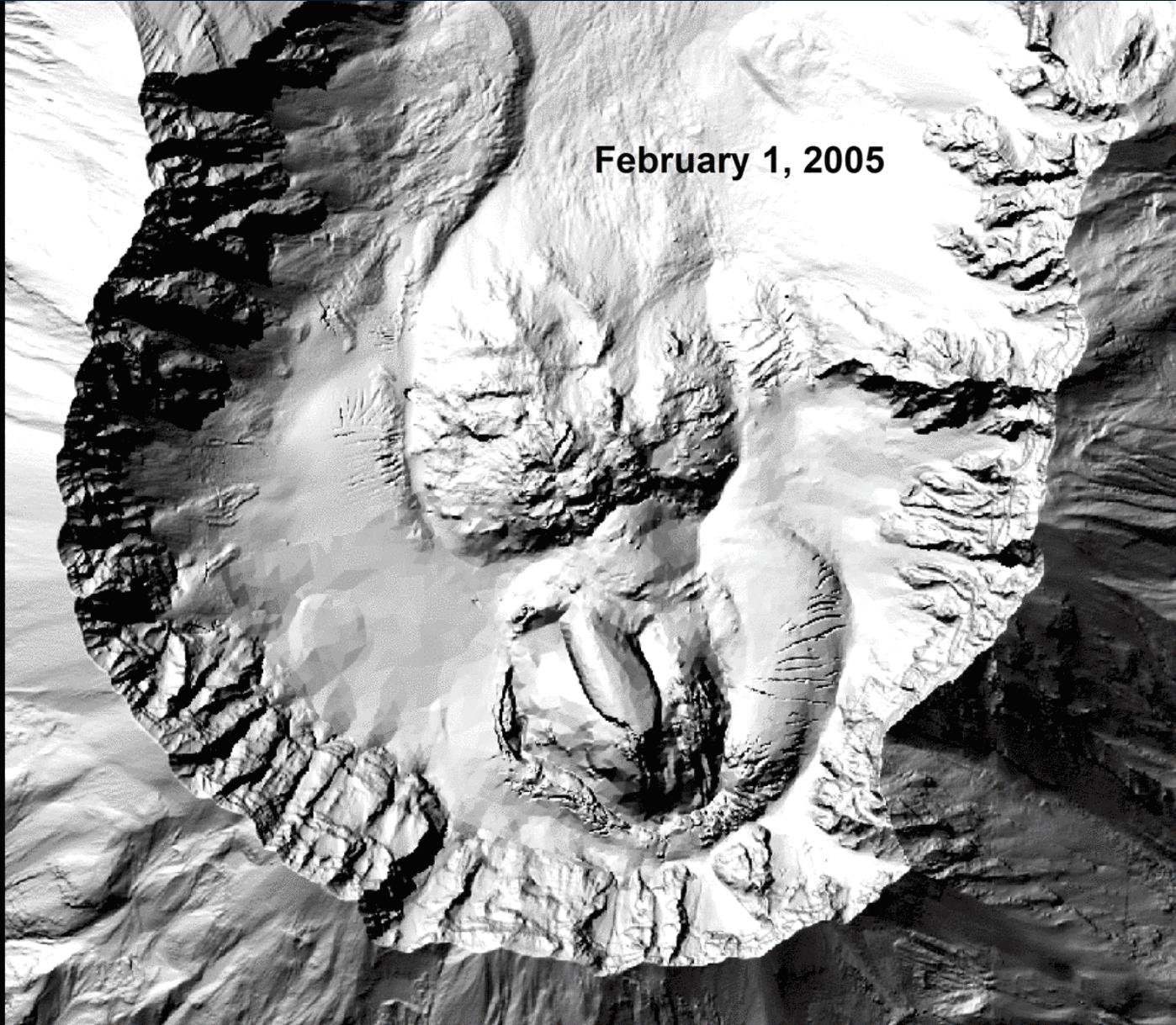


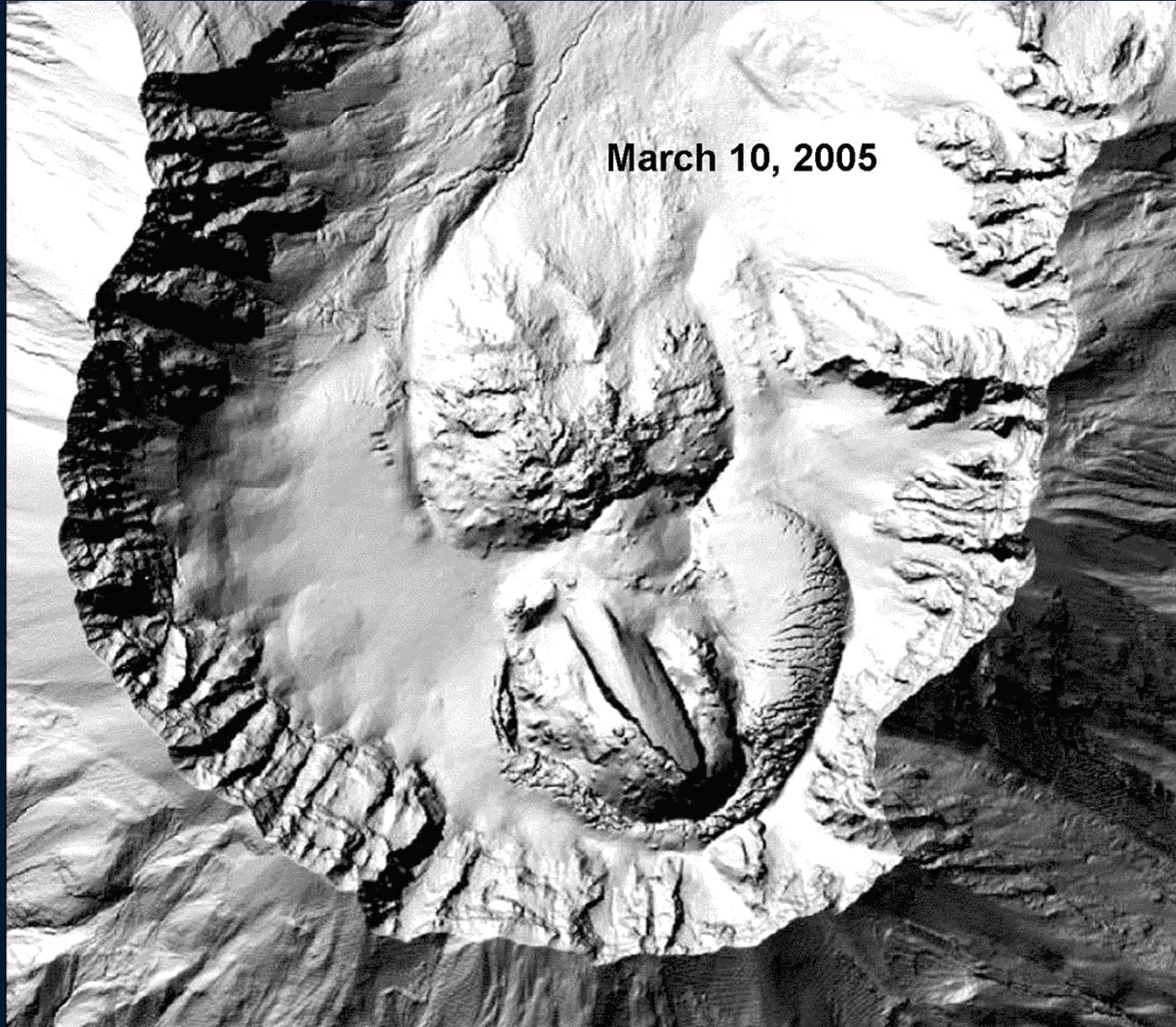
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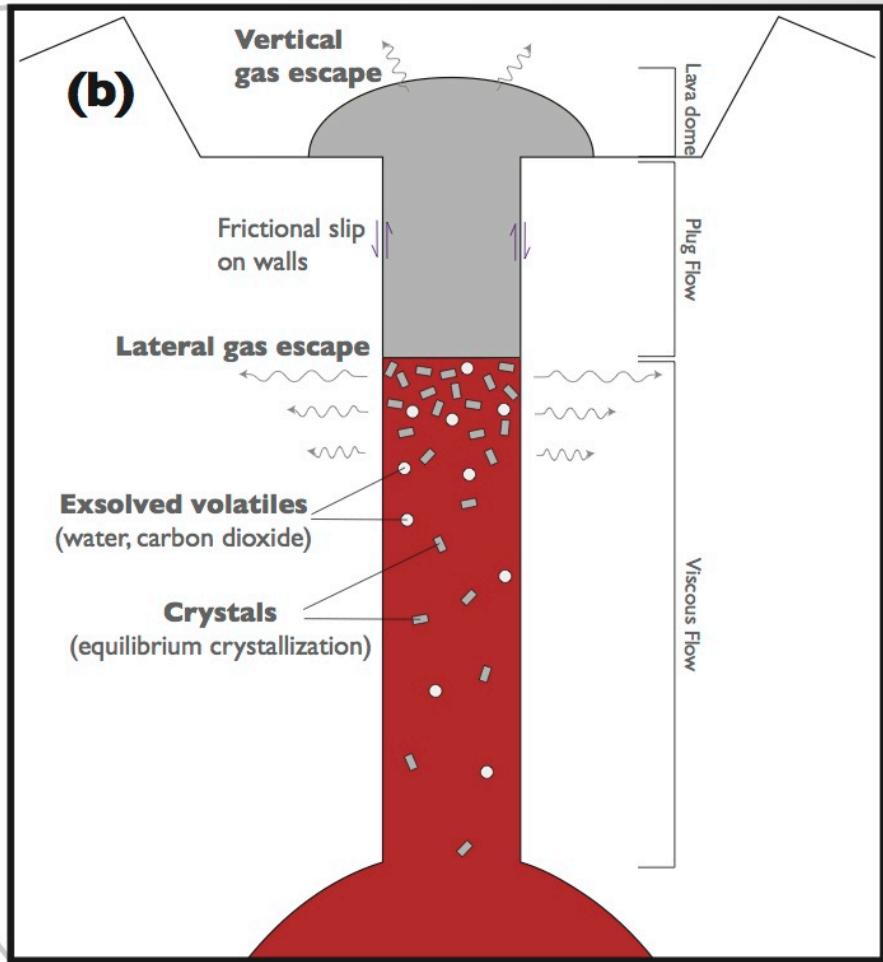
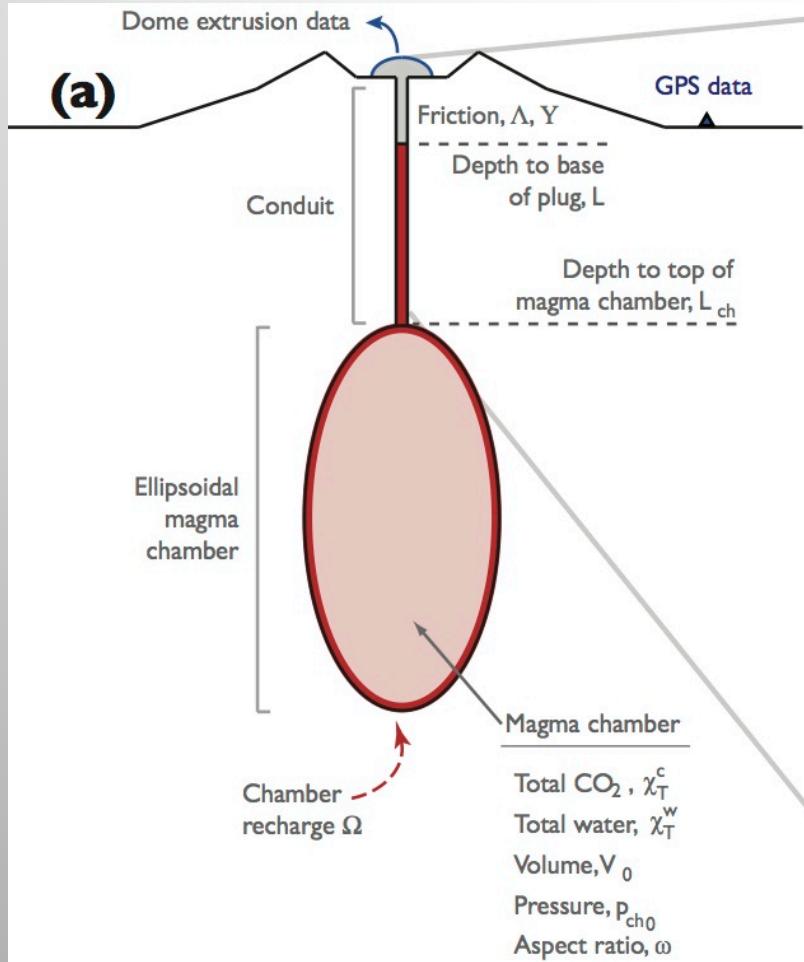
March 10, 2005

# Physics-based Volcano Deformation



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Anderson and Segall, JGR 2011; 2013

# Governing equations

*Crystallization depth (fixed)*

## Chamber Equations

Compressibility

$$\beta_m = \frac{1}{\rho_{cc}} \frac{\partial \rho_{cc}}{\partial p_{cc}}$$

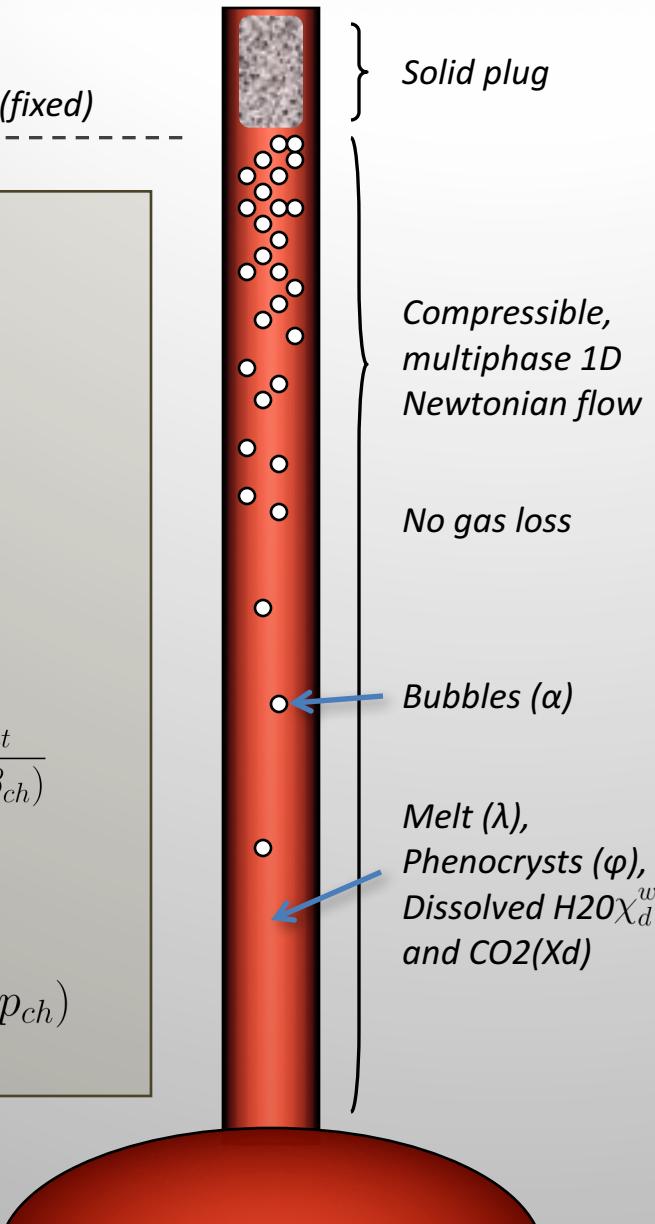
$$\beta_{ch} = \frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial p_{cc}}$$

Evolution of pressure

$$\frac{dp_{ch}}{dt} = \frac{q_{in} - q_{out}}{V_0 (\beta_m + \beta_{ch})}$$

Chamber influx

$$q_{in} = \Omega (p_{deep} - p_{ch})$$



## Conduit Equations

Momentum & mass conservation

$$0 = \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \rho g + \frac{8\eta v}{R^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho v)$$

Magma viscosity

$$\eta = \eta_\chi (\chi_d^w, T) \eta_\phi (\phi^v)$$

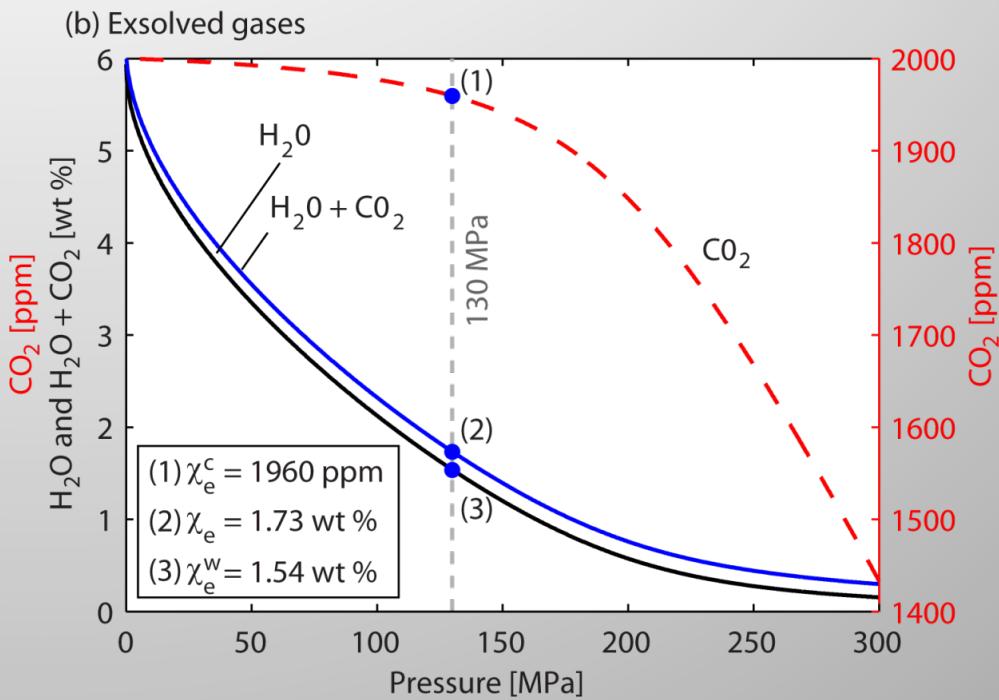
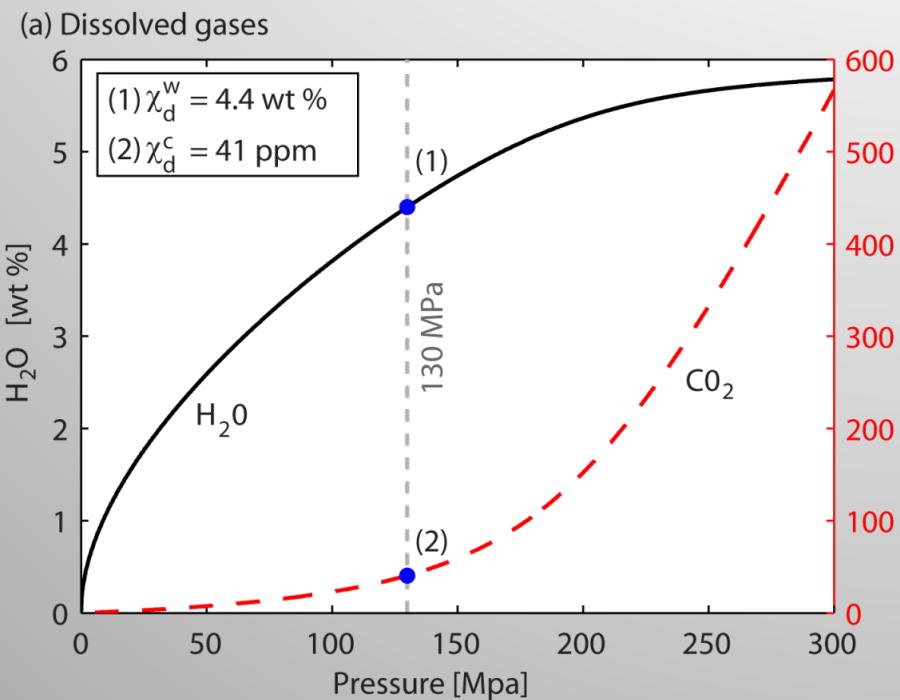
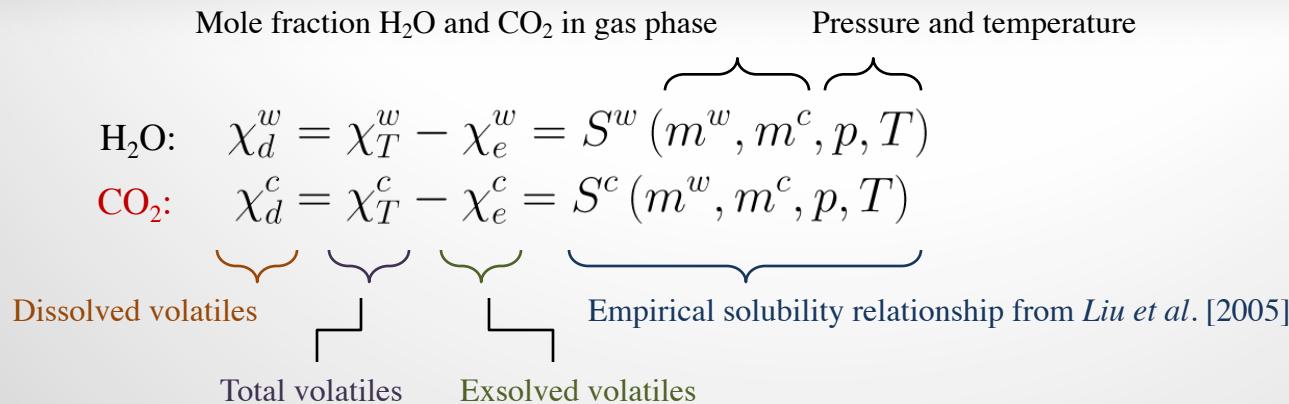
Plug friction

$$\tau_p = a \bar{\sigma} \operatorname{arcsinh} \left( \frac{v}{2v_r} \exp \frac{f_0}{a} \right)$$

Density

$$\rho^* = \left[ \frac{1-\phi}{1+\chi_e + \chi_d} \left( \frac{\chi_e}{\rho_\alpha} + \frac{\chi_d}{\rho_c} + \frac{1}{\rho_\lambda} \right) + \frac{\phi}{\rho_\phi} \right]^{-1}$$

# Solubility of $H_2O$ and $CO_2$ in melt



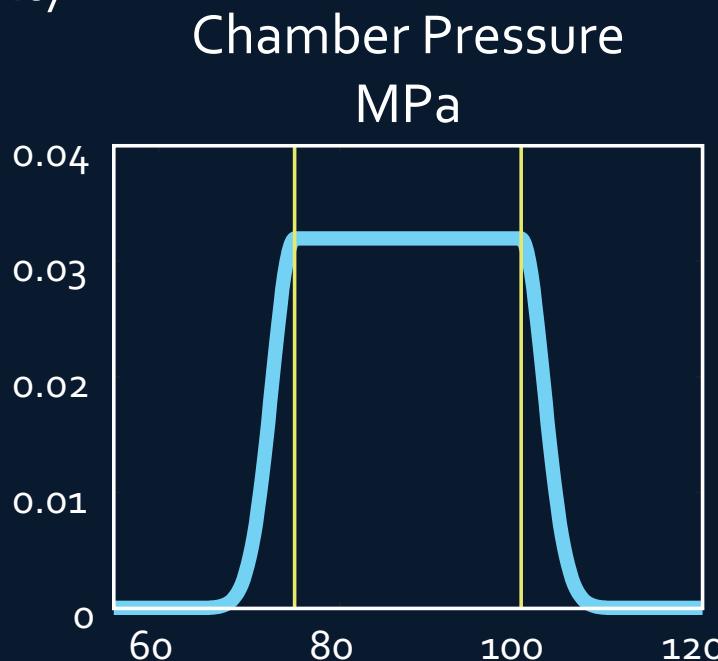
# Bayes' Theorem

$$P(m|d) \propto P(d|m) P(m)$$

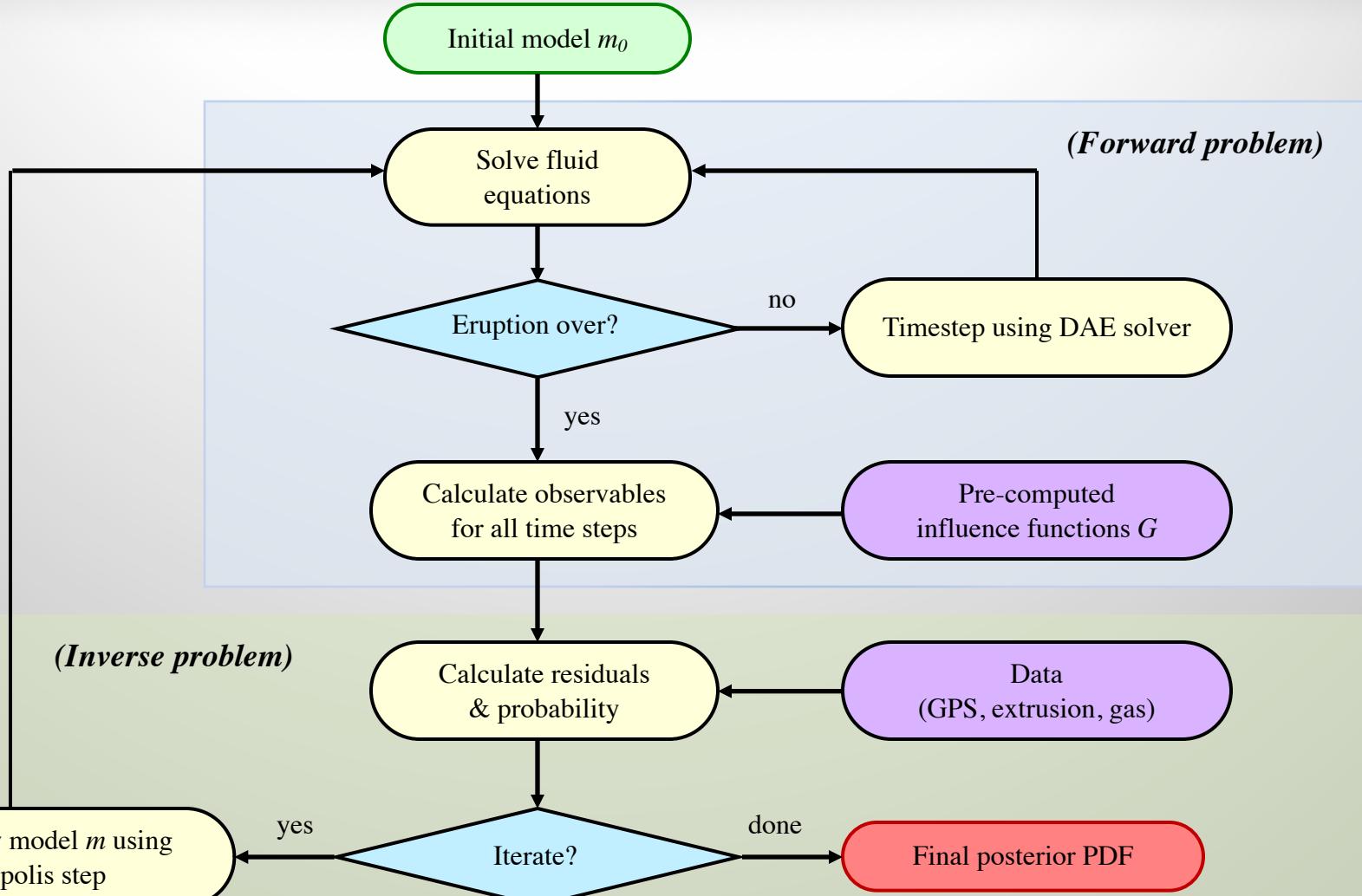
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Posterior      Data      Likelihood      Prior  
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m: model  
d: data

Use Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method to characterize posterior probability distributions



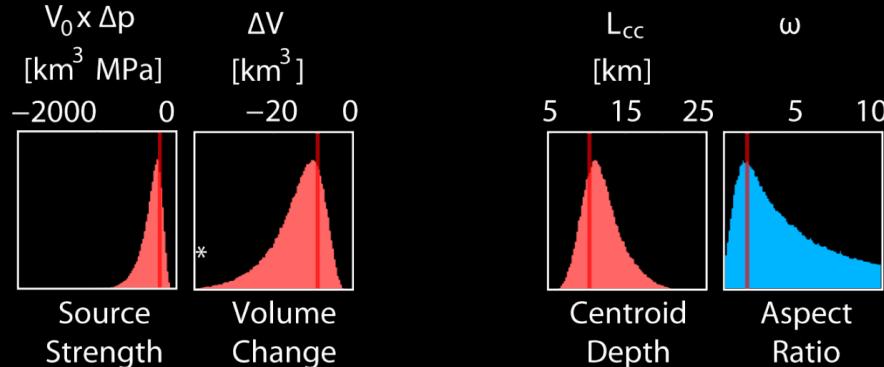
# Incorporation into Markov-Chain Monte Carlo inversion



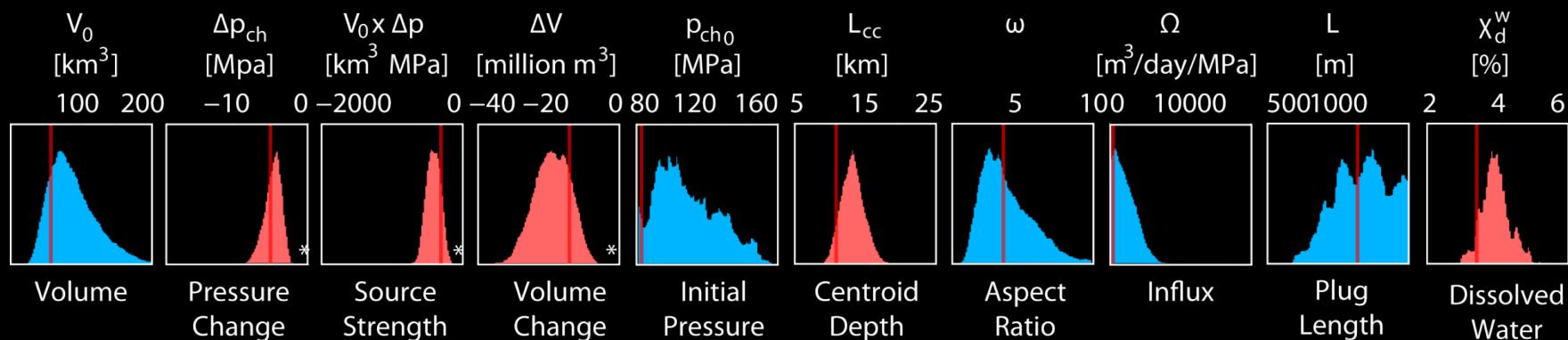
$$P(\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{d}_2, \dots, \mathbf{d}_K | \mathbf{m}) = \prod_{k=1}^K \left\{ (2\pi\gamma_k^2)^{-N_k/2} |\Sigma_k|^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\gamma_k^2} \mathbf{r}_k^T \Sigma_k^{-1} \mathbf{r}_k\right) \right\}$$

# Kinematic vs. Physics-Based Inversion

Kinematic

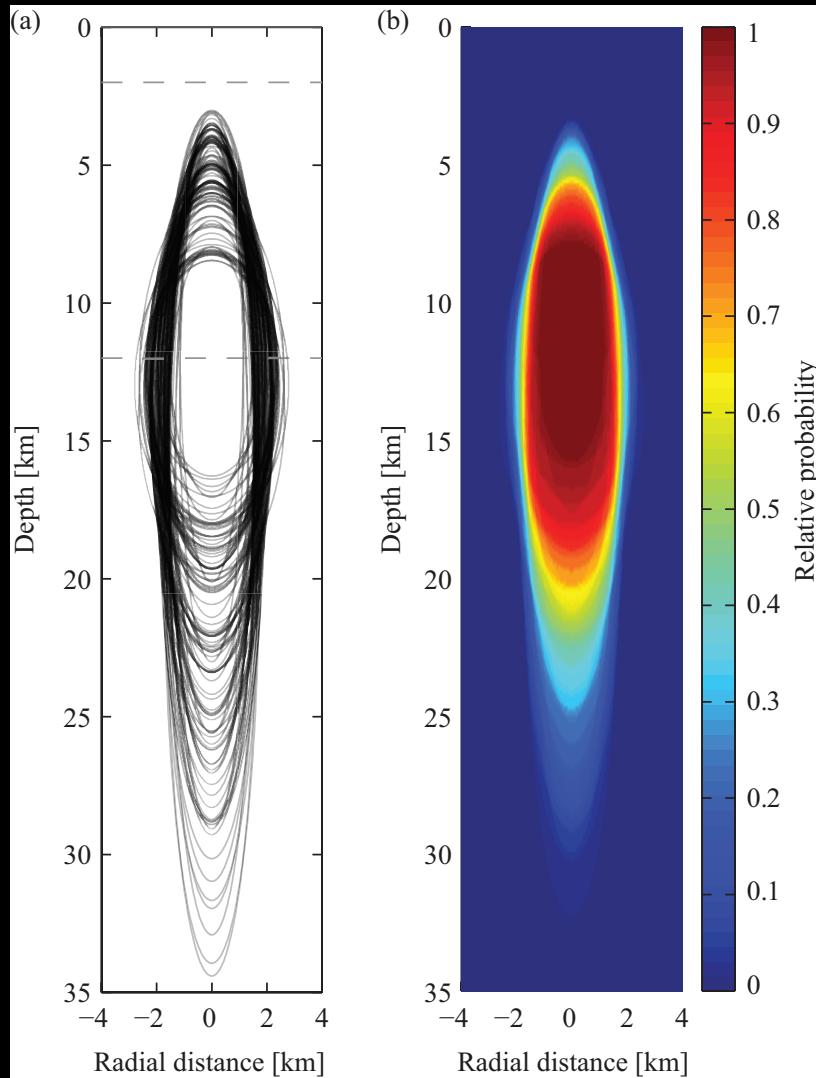


Physics-based

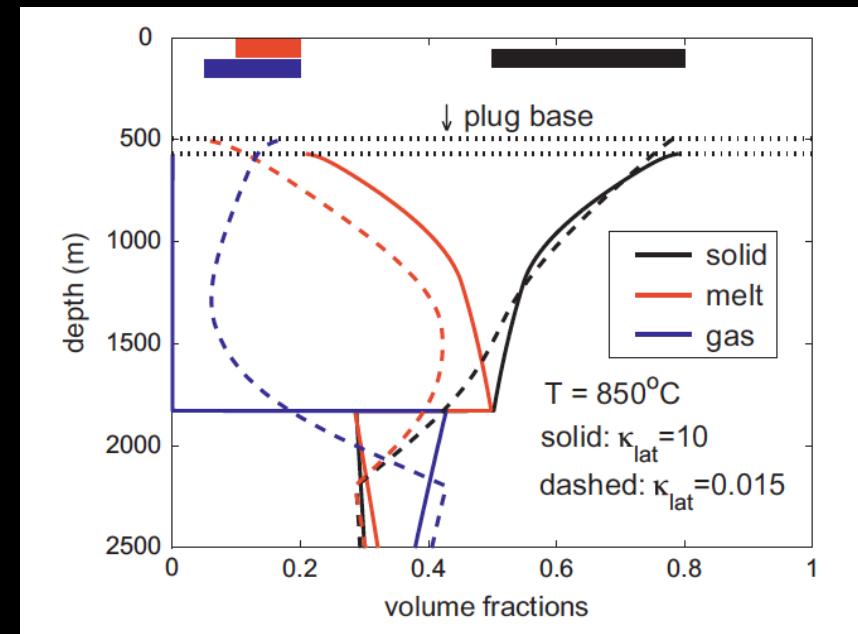
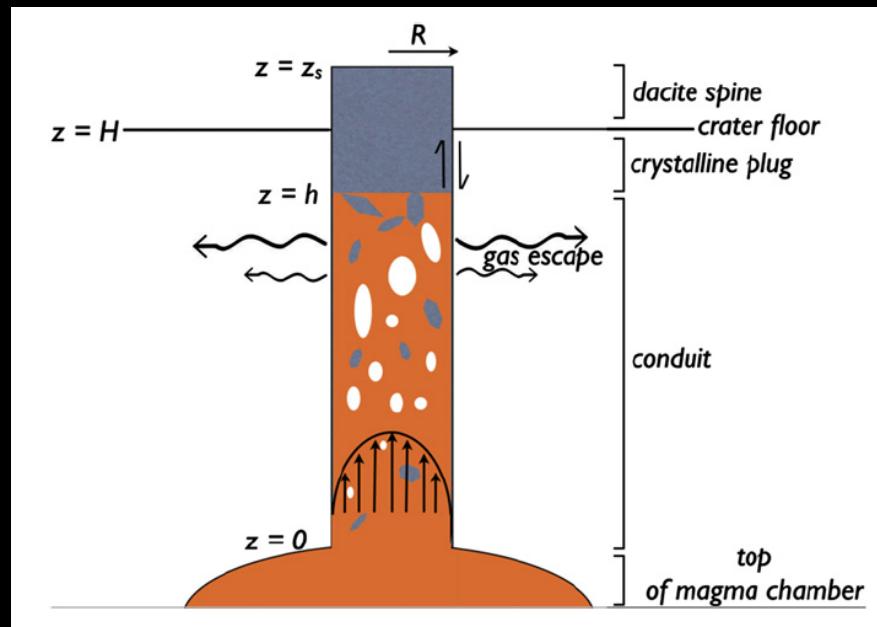


Anderson and Segall, JGR 2013

# Summary of Magma Chamber Geometry

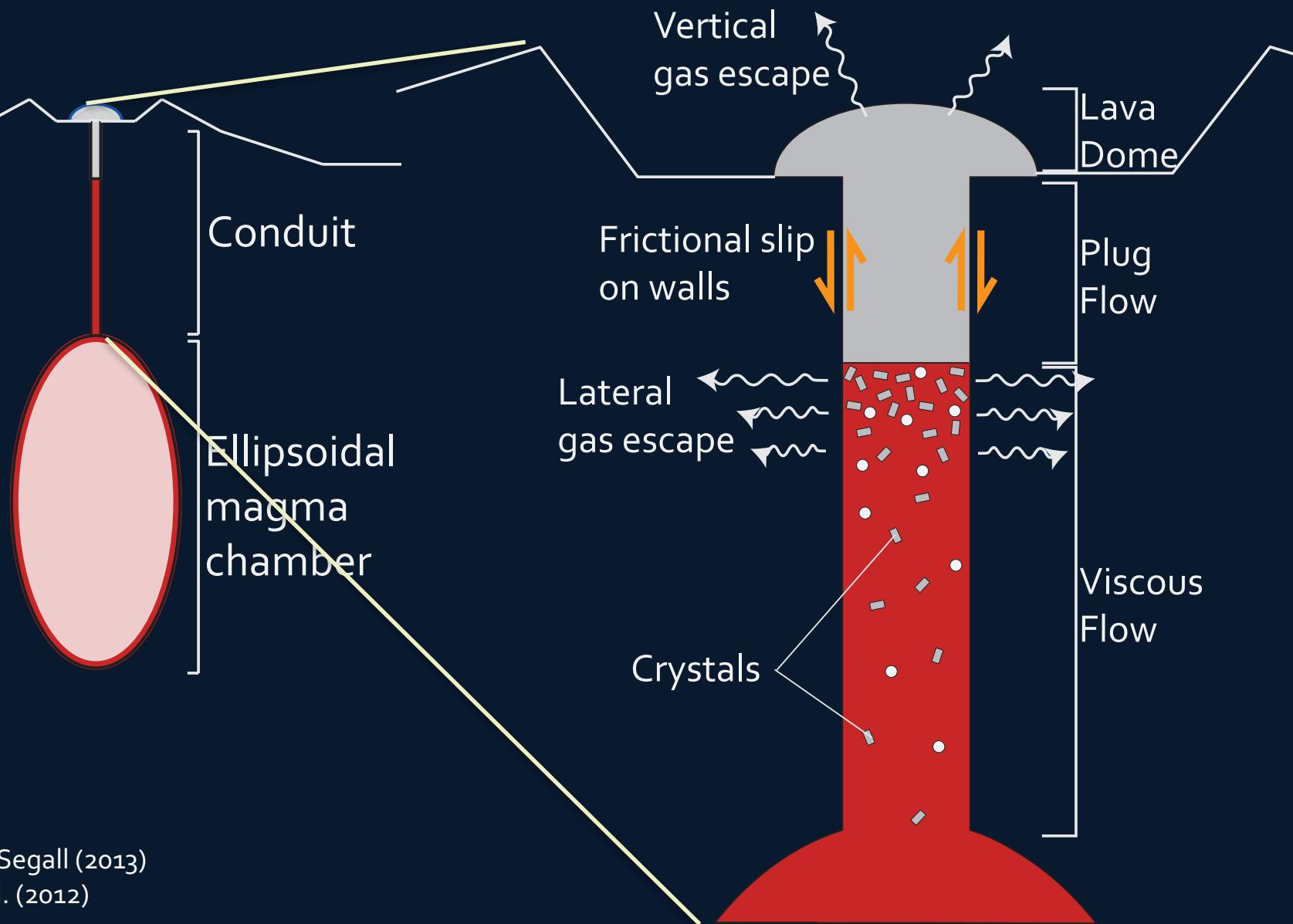


# Schneider, Rempel, Cashman (2012)



- Steady state eruption model
- Equilibrium crystallization based on MELTS
- “Membrane diffusion” gas loss

# Physics-based model: Geometry and Setup

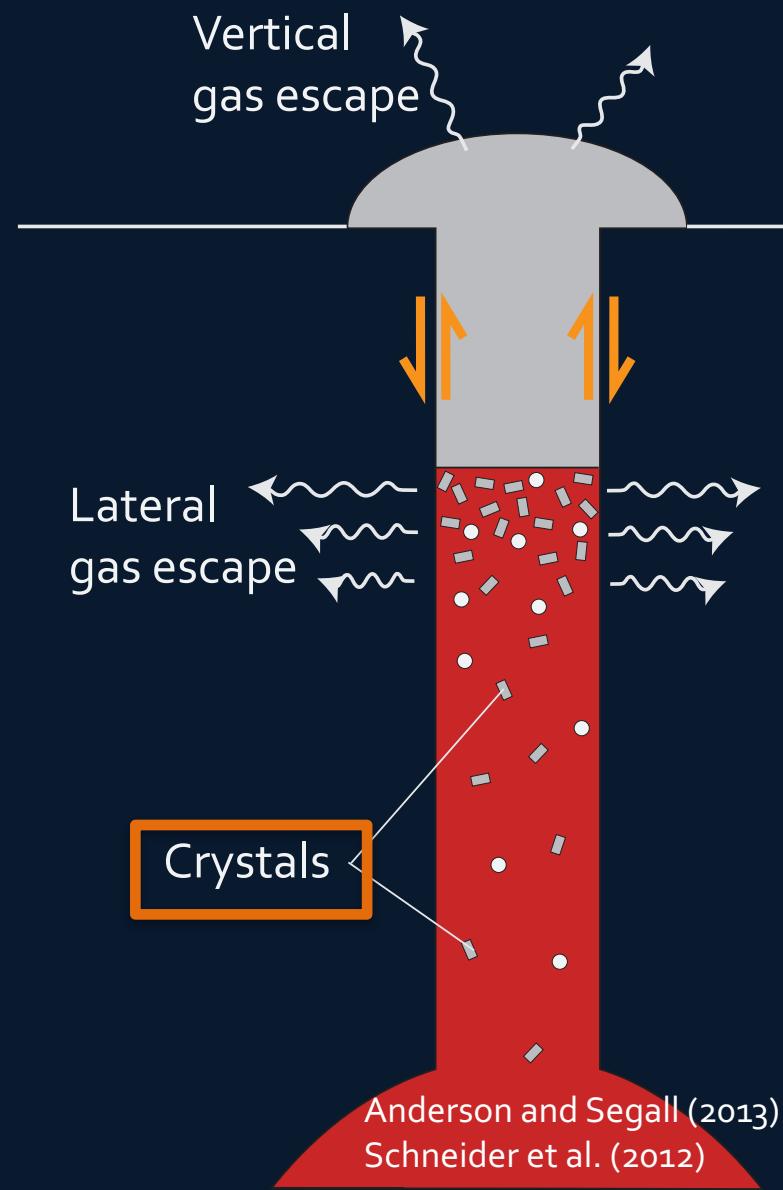
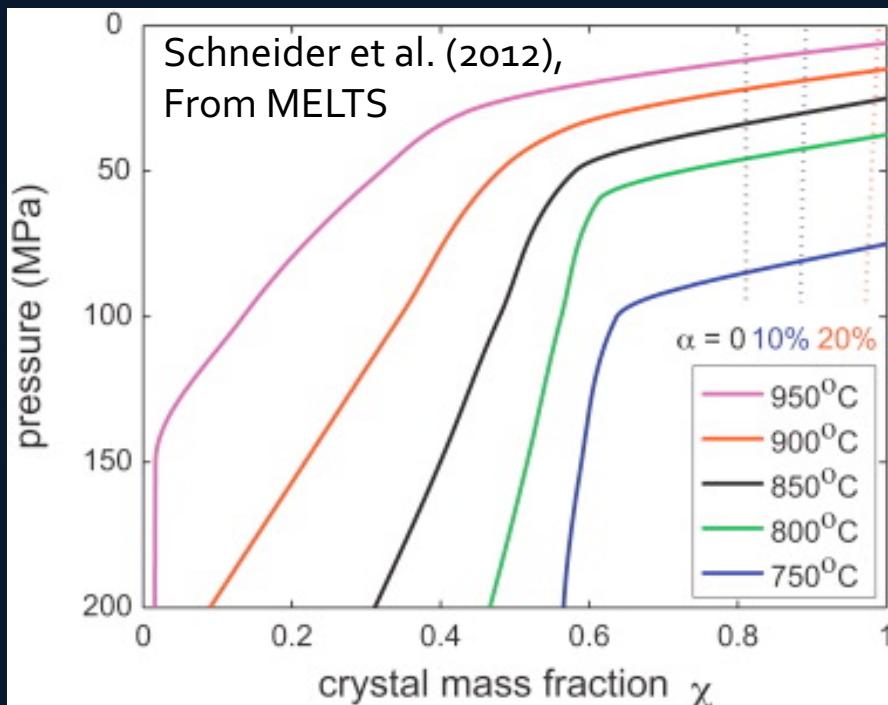


# Equilibrium crystallization

Depressurization



Crystallization  
(Assumed isothermal)



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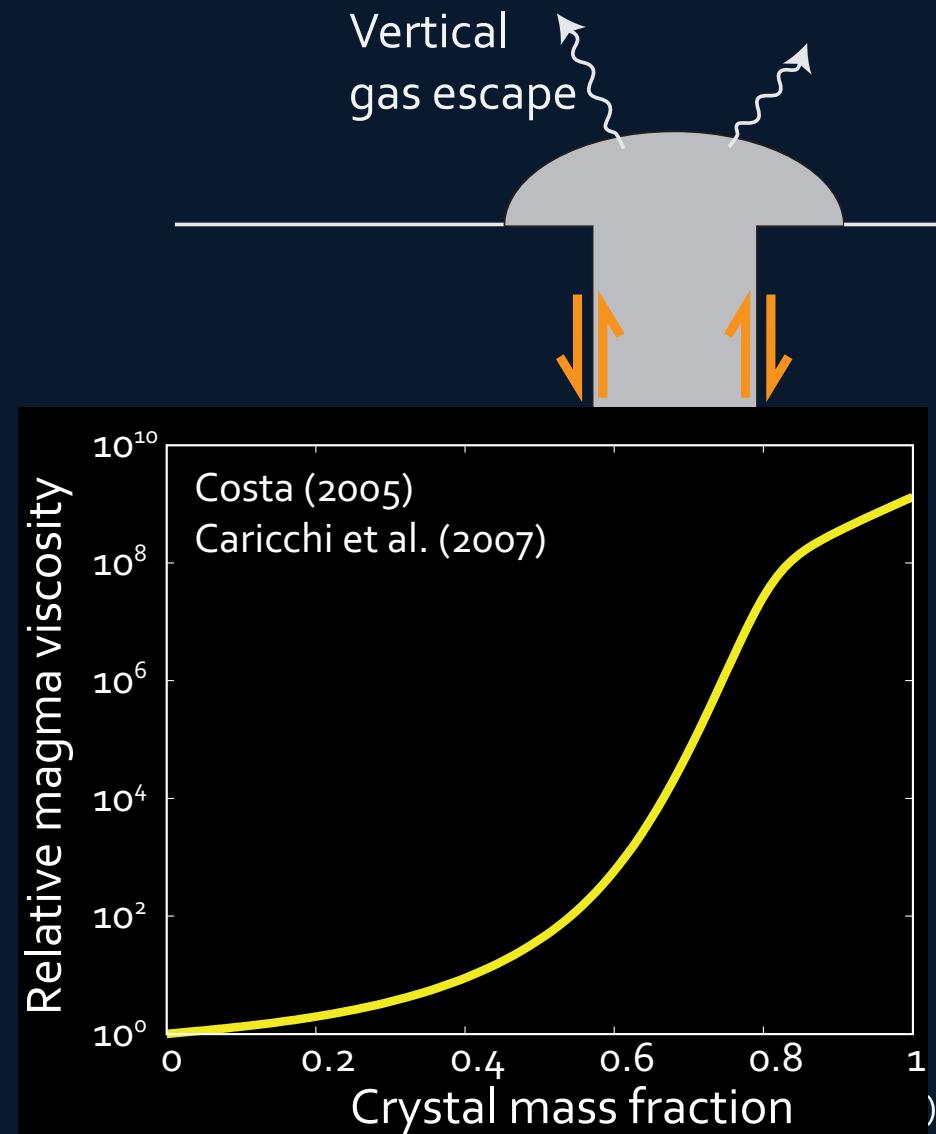
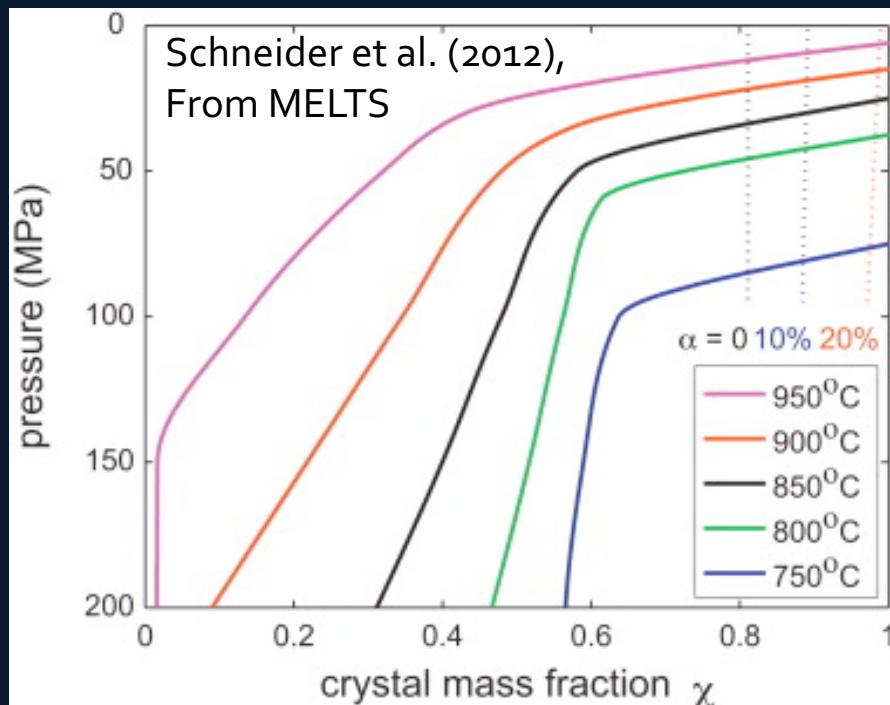
Depressurization



Crystallization



Increase in viscosity



# Viscous flow to plug flow transition

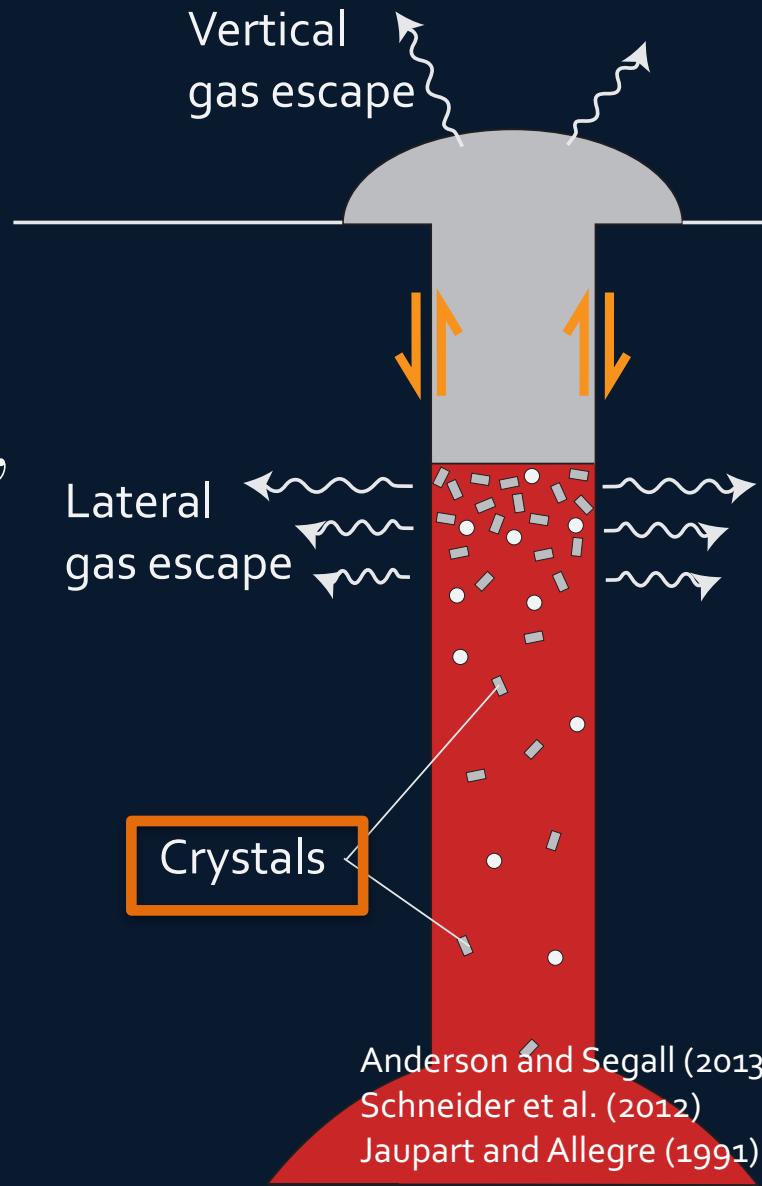
$$v = v_{\text{visc}} + v_{\text{fric}}$$

$$= \frac{\tau_R R}{4\eta} + 2V_{\text{ref}} \exp \left( \frac{\tau_R}{a\sigma} - \frac{f_o}{a} \right),$$

where

$$\tau_R = -\frac{R}{2} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - \rho g \right)$$

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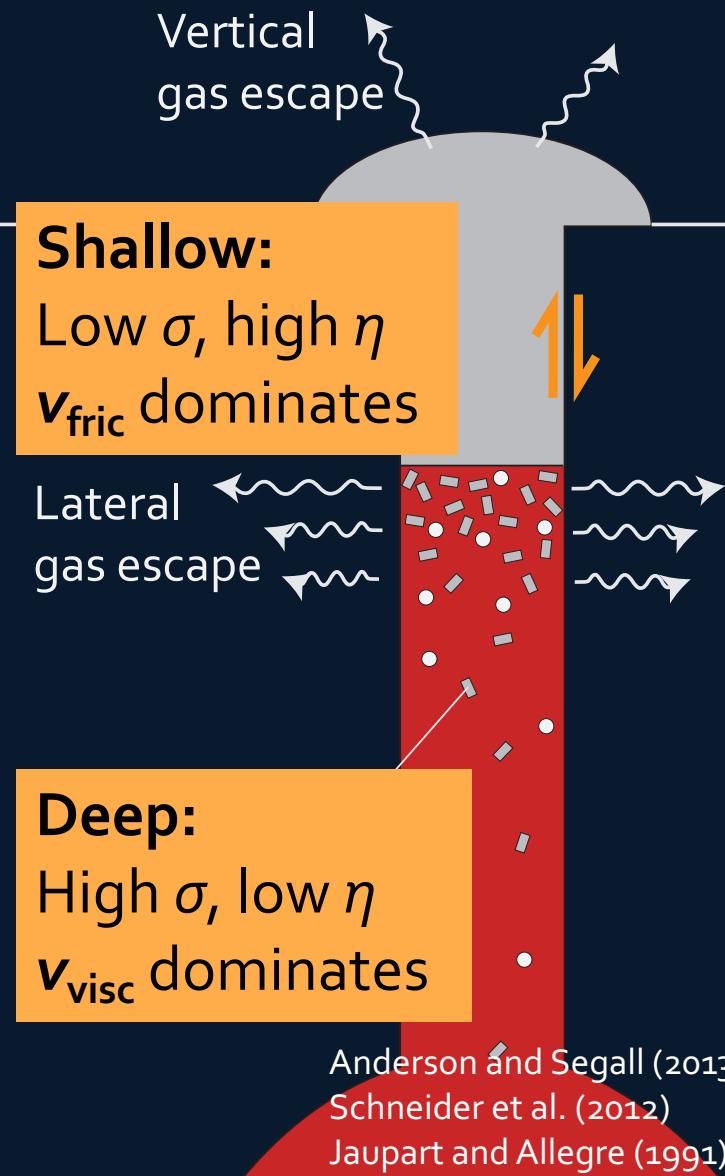
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# Continuity Equations

Liquid + Solid:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho_l \phi_l + \rho_s \phi_s) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} [(\rho_l \phi_l + \rho_s \phi_s) v] = 0$

Water:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \chi_h^d \rho_l \phi_l + \frac{1}{1+\Gamma} \phi_g \rho_g \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \left( \underbrace{\chi_h^d \rho_l \phi_l}_{\text{Dissolved}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{1+\Gamma} \phi_g \rho_g}_{\text{Exsolved}} \right) v + \frac{1}{1+\Gamma} \phi_g \rho_g \underbrace{(v_g - v)}_{\text{Vertical Flow}} \right] = - \underbrace{\frac{2}{R} \frac{\rho_g u_{lat}}{1+\Gamma}}_{\text{Lateral Gas Loss}}$$

Analogous for CO<sub>2</sub>:

$$u_{lat} = \phi_g \frac{k}{\eta_g} \frac{(p - p_{hyd})}{\lambda} \quad v_g - v = \frac{k}{\eta_g} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}$$

Magma Permeability  $k_m = k_c \phi^3$ ,  $\phi > \phi_{gc}$

# Vertical gas escape through magma

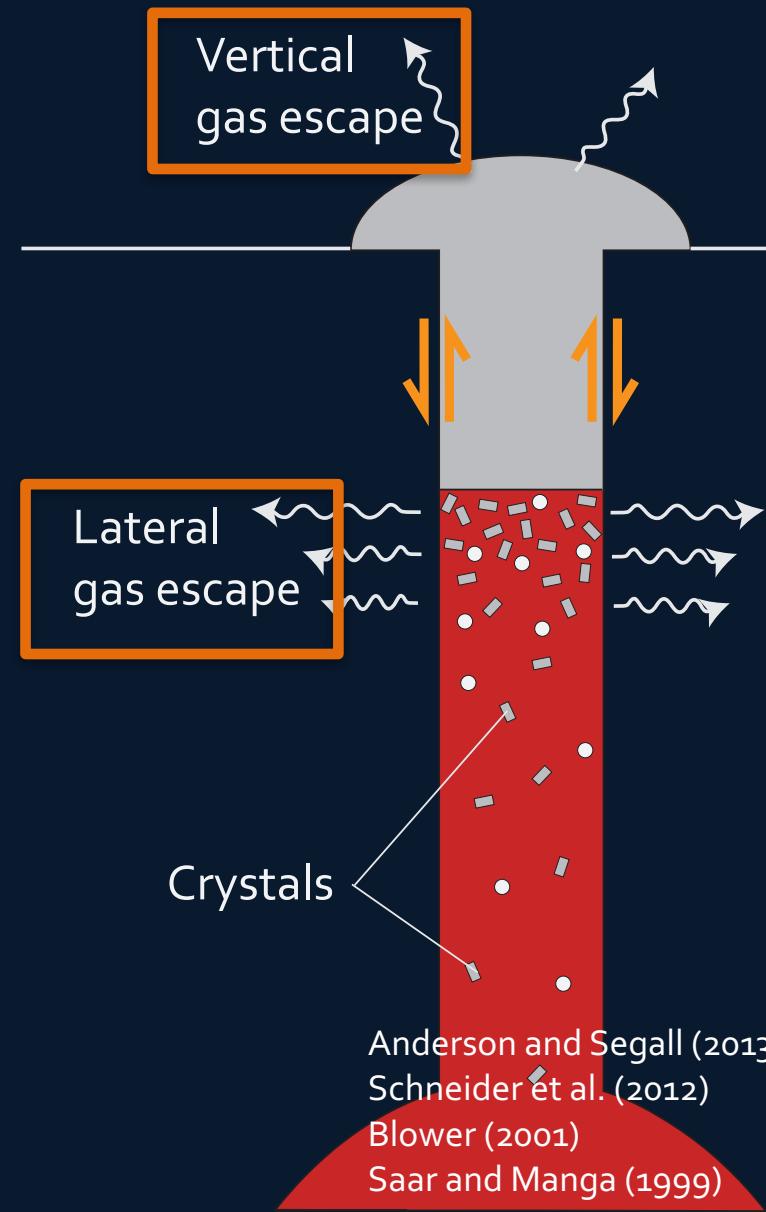
Percolation Theory:

$$k_m = k_c \phi^3, \phi > \phi_{gc}$$

Permeability scaling constant (unknown)

Porosity

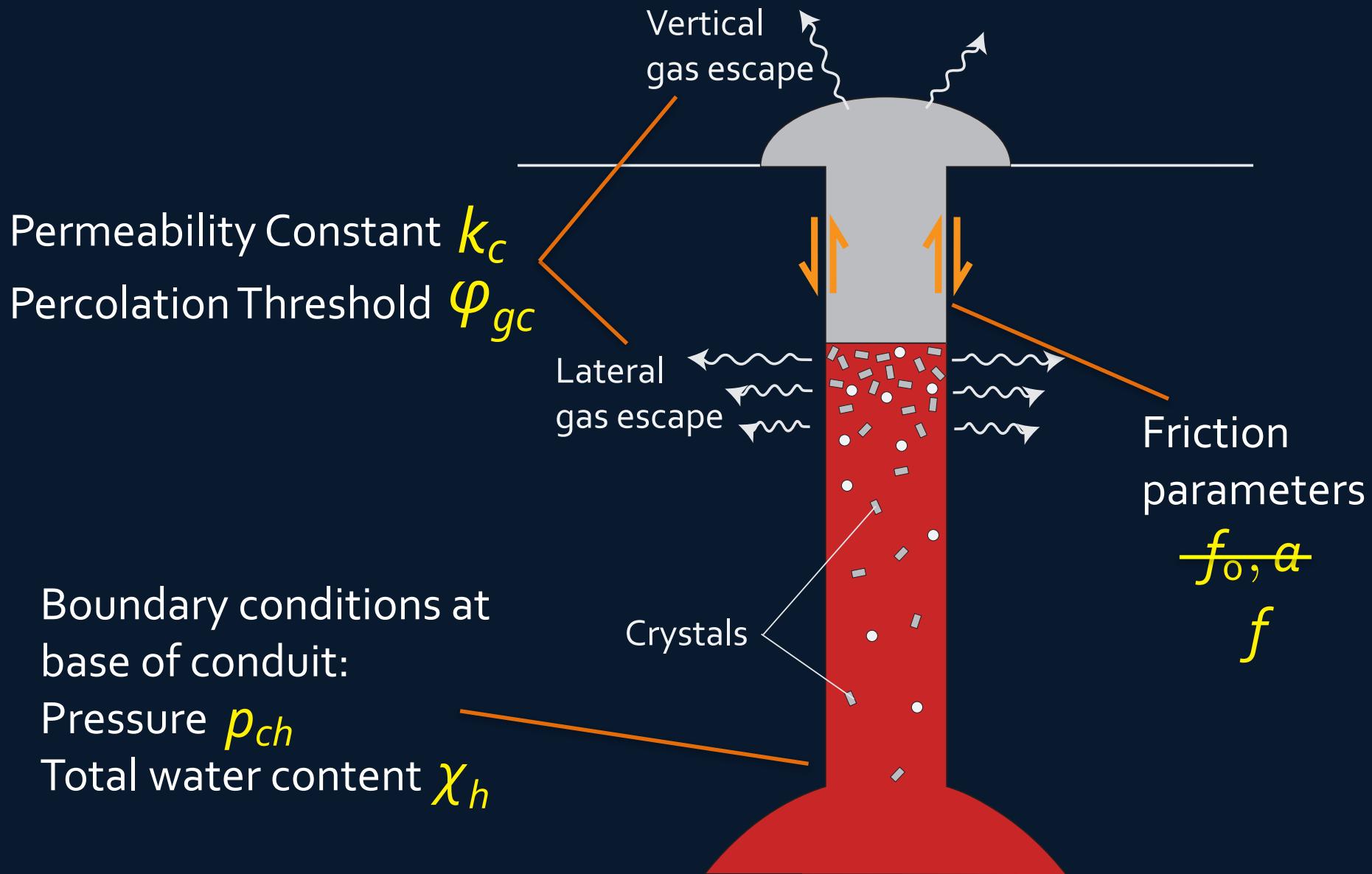
Percolation threshold (unknown)



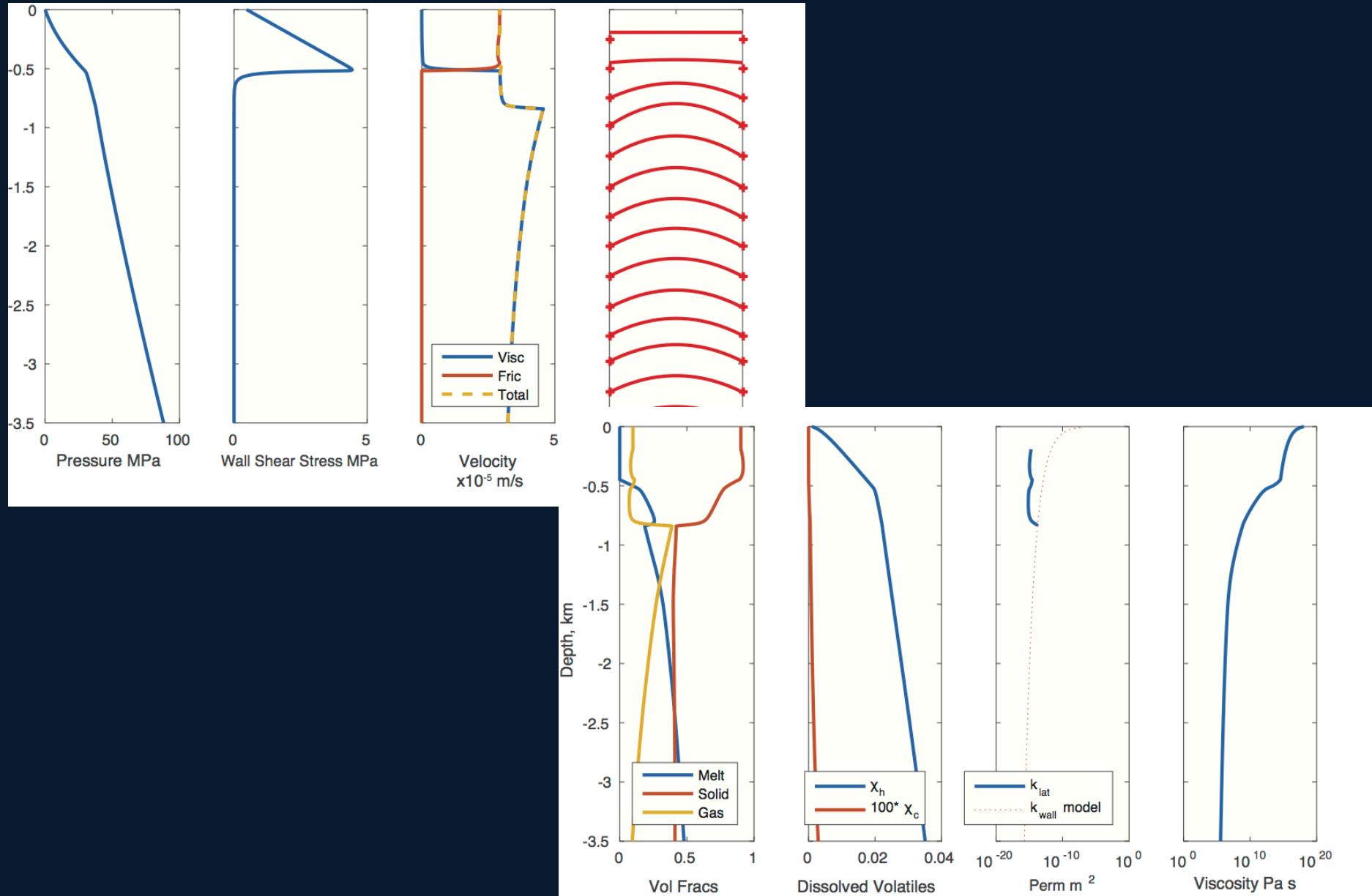
Crystals

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Blower (2001)  
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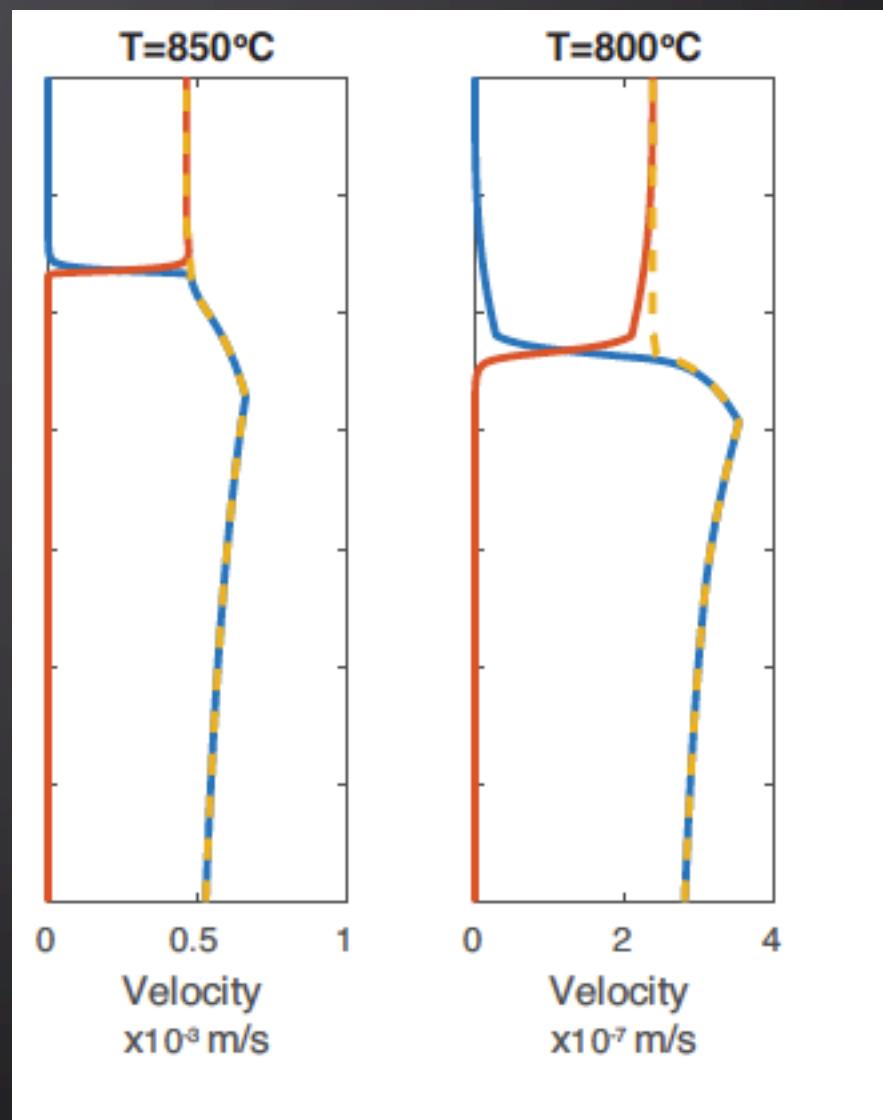
# Summary of model parameters



# Steady state solution

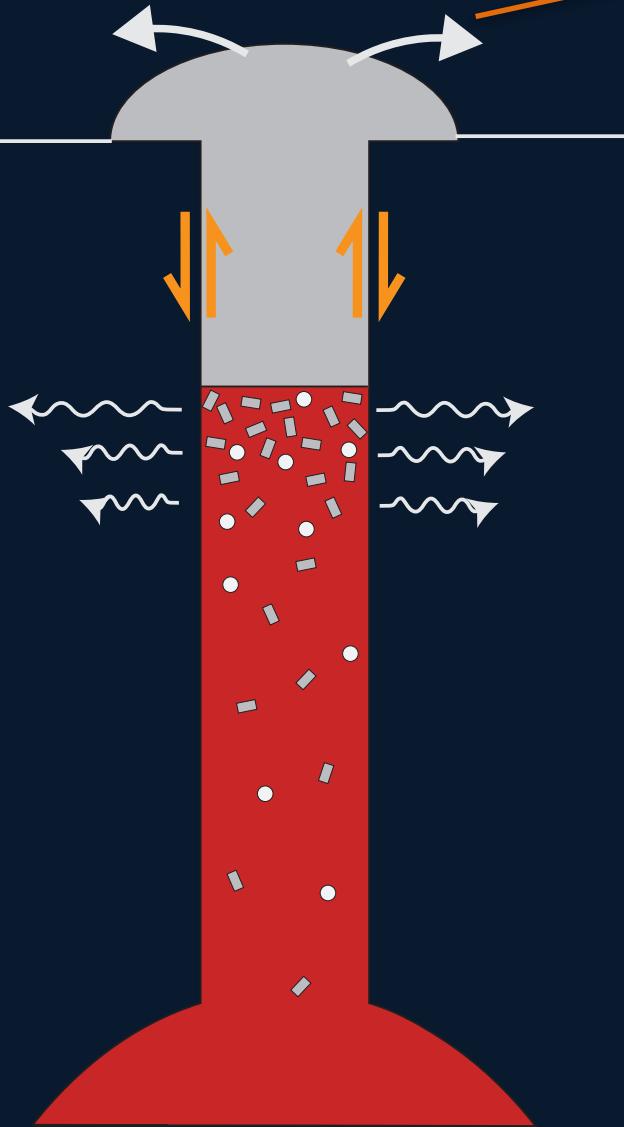


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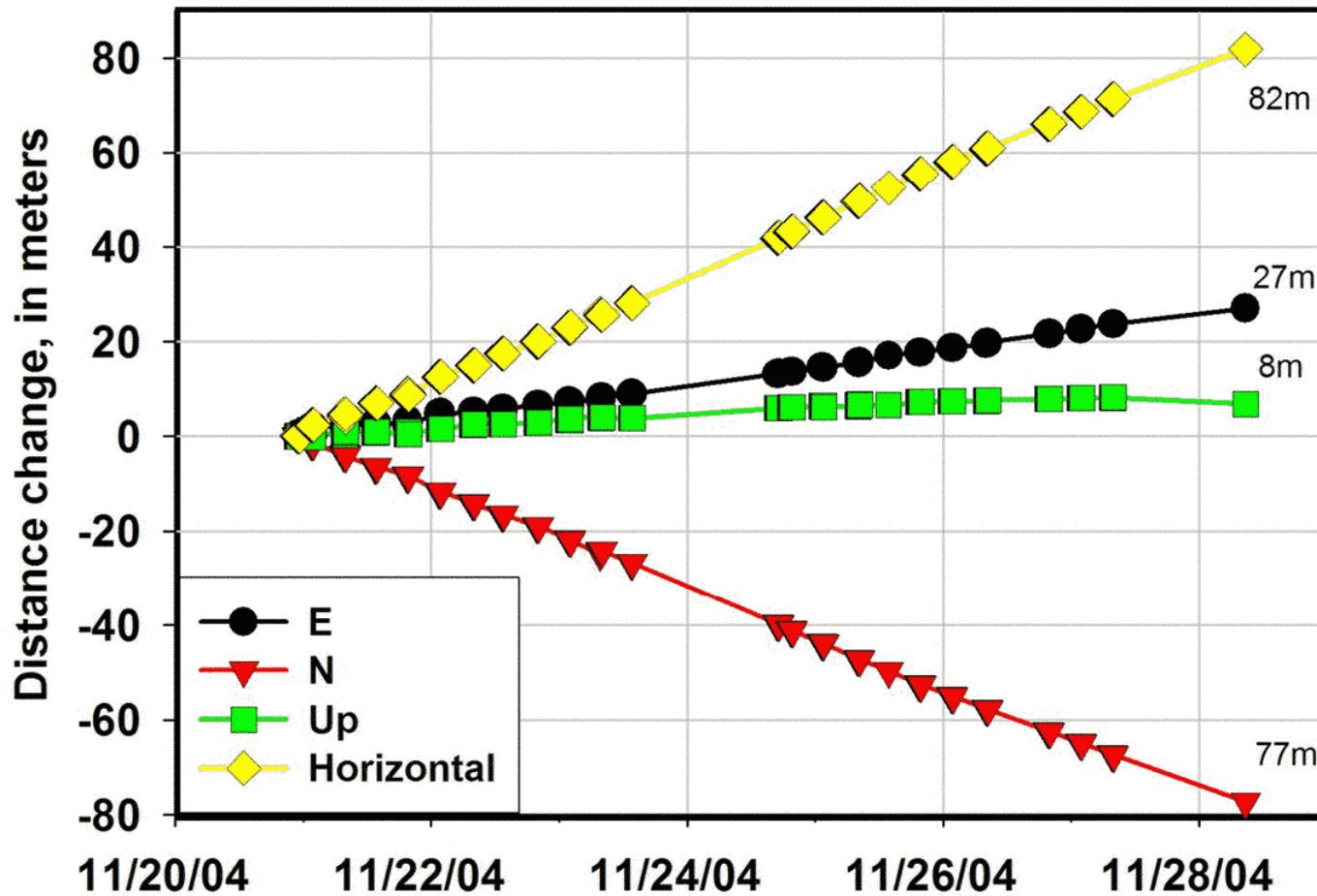
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# Whaleback motion 11/21/04 – 11/29/04

GPS spider station ELEA on 2004 Dome

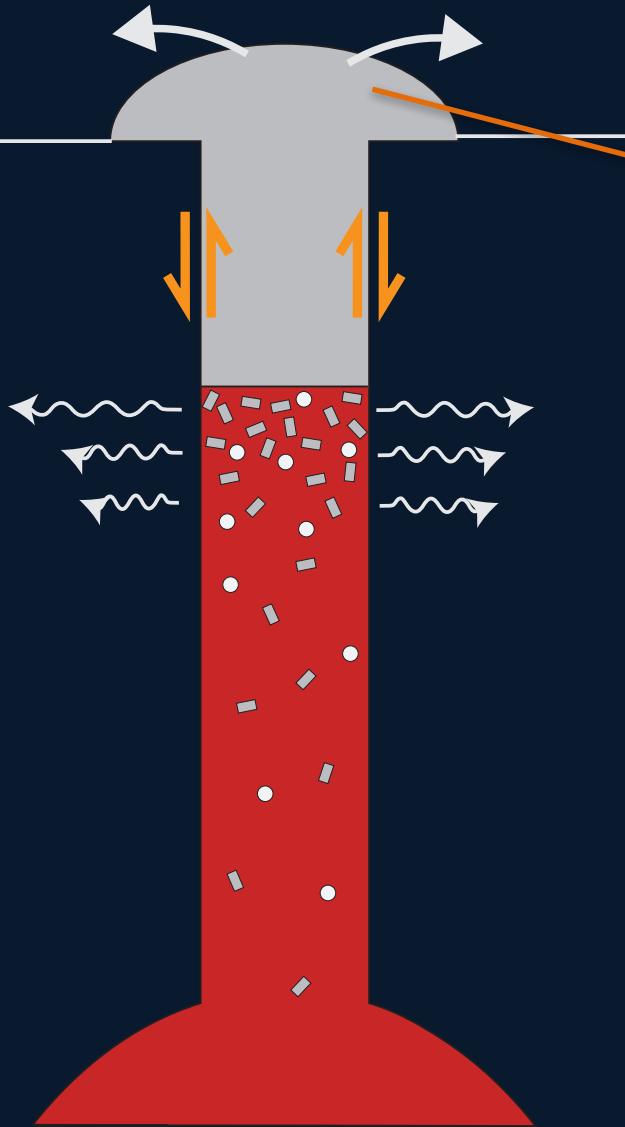


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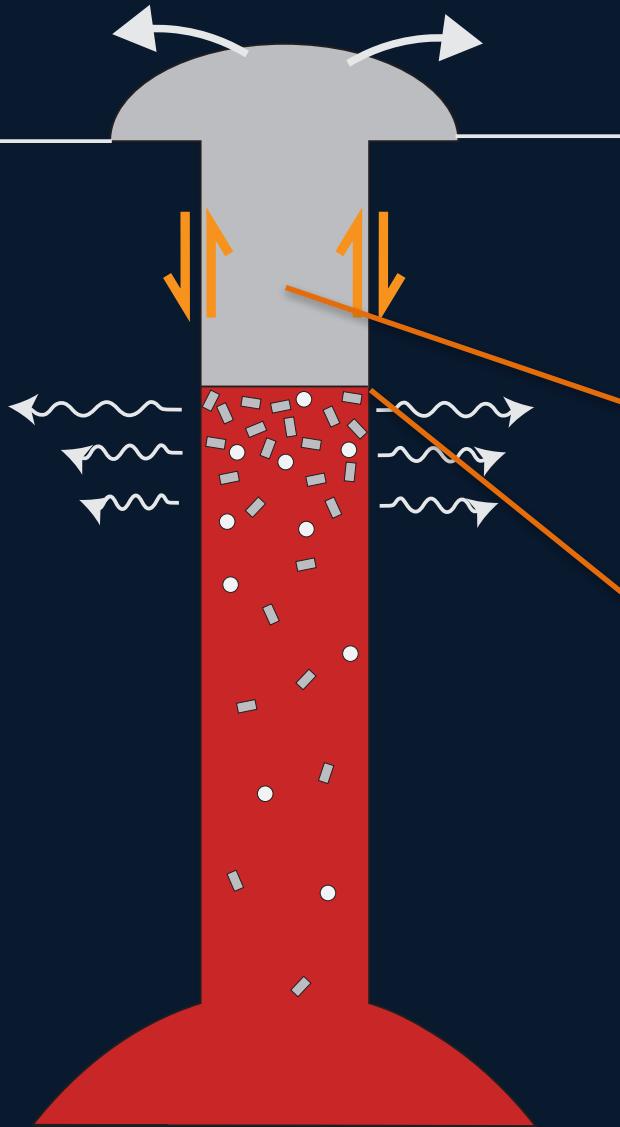
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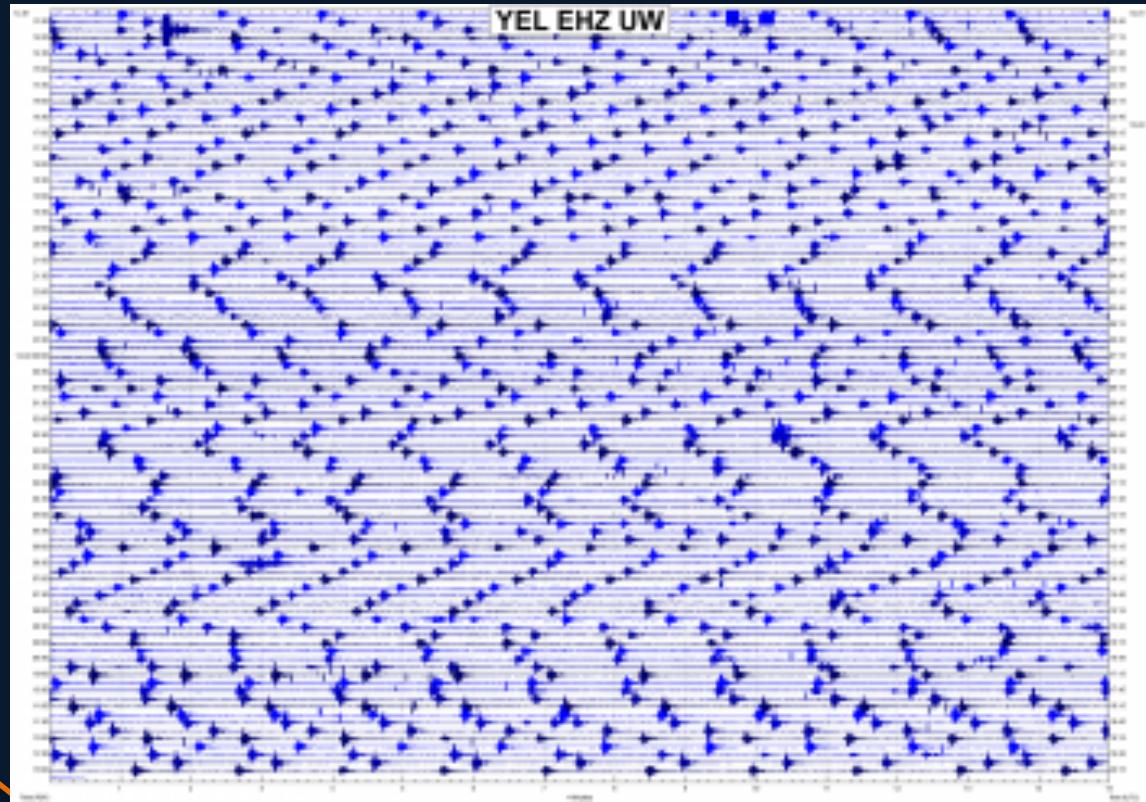
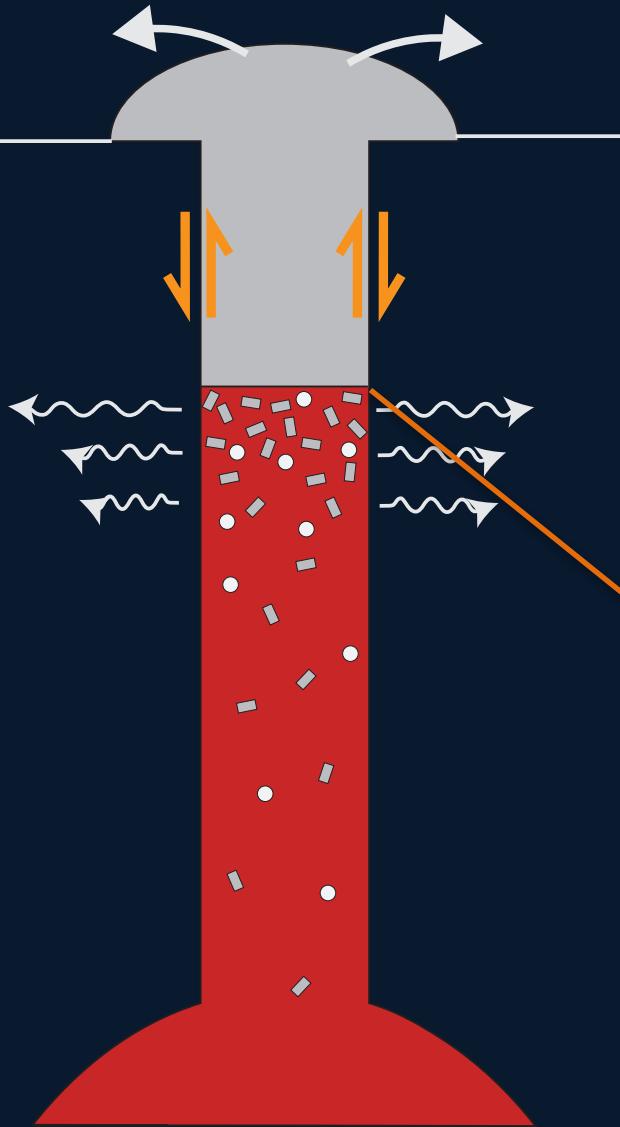
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- 3) Crystallization depth  
 $0.5 - 1 \text{ km}$
- 4) Plug depth  
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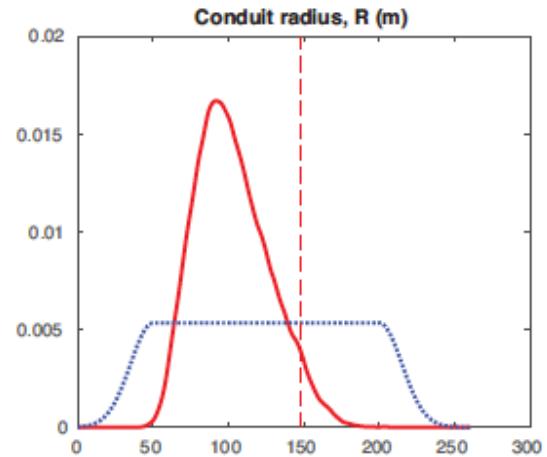
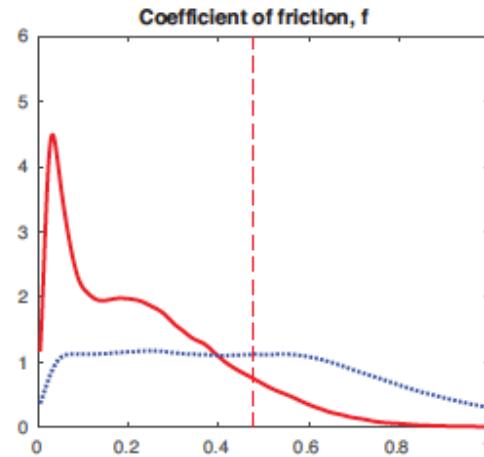
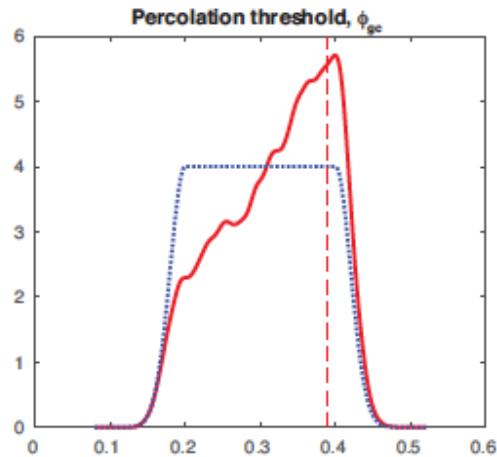
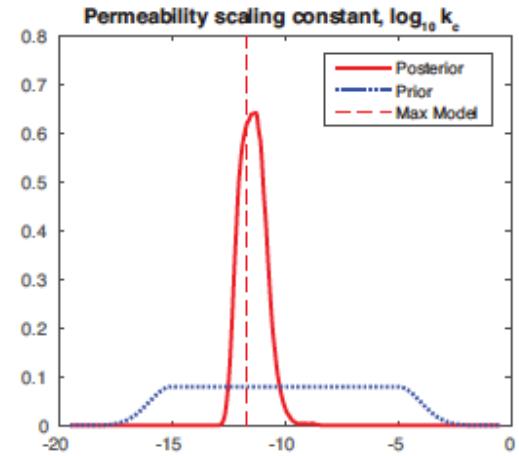
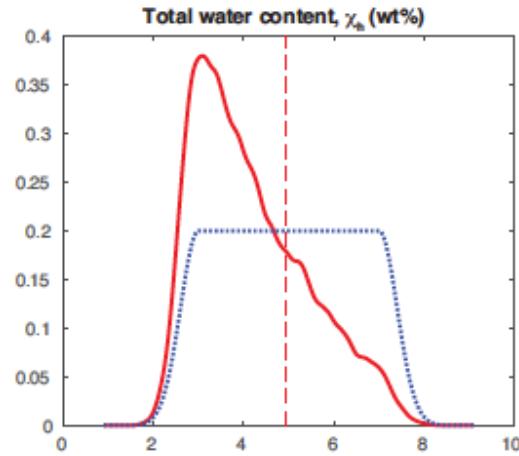
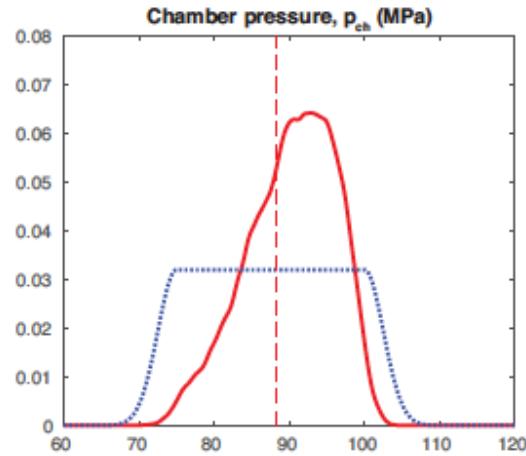
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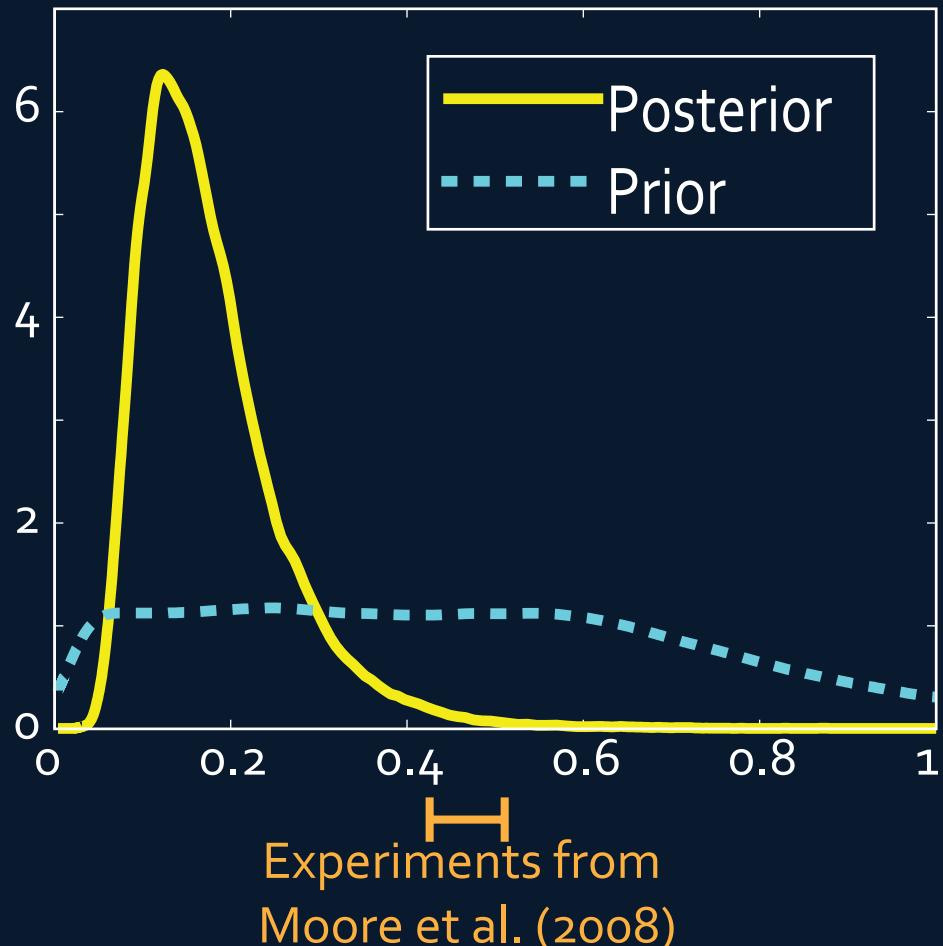
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# Results: Posterior PDFs

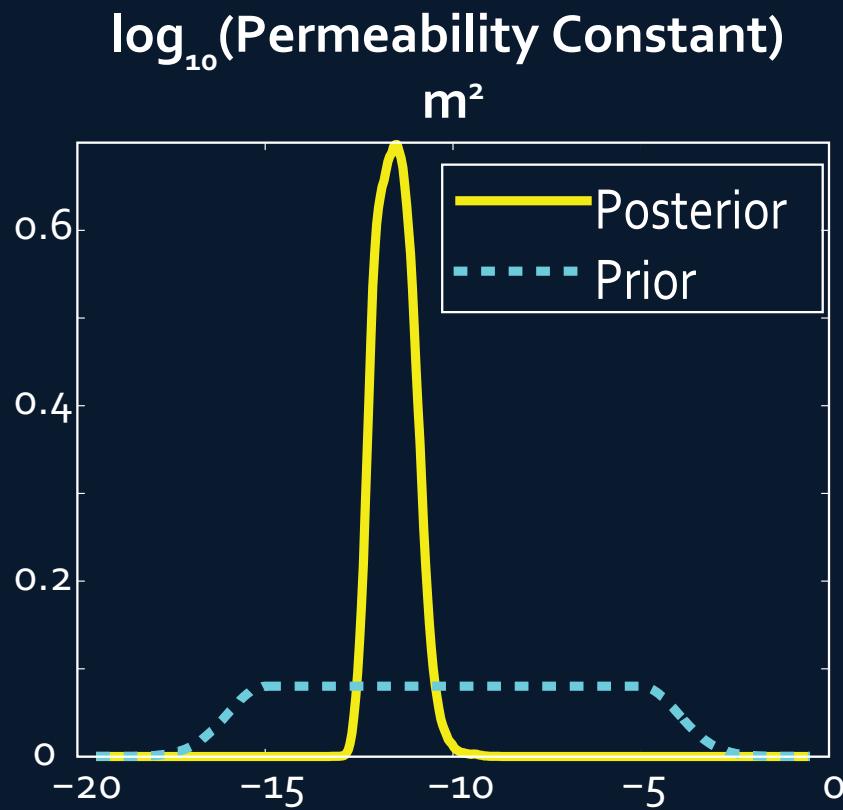


# Low friction along conduit wall

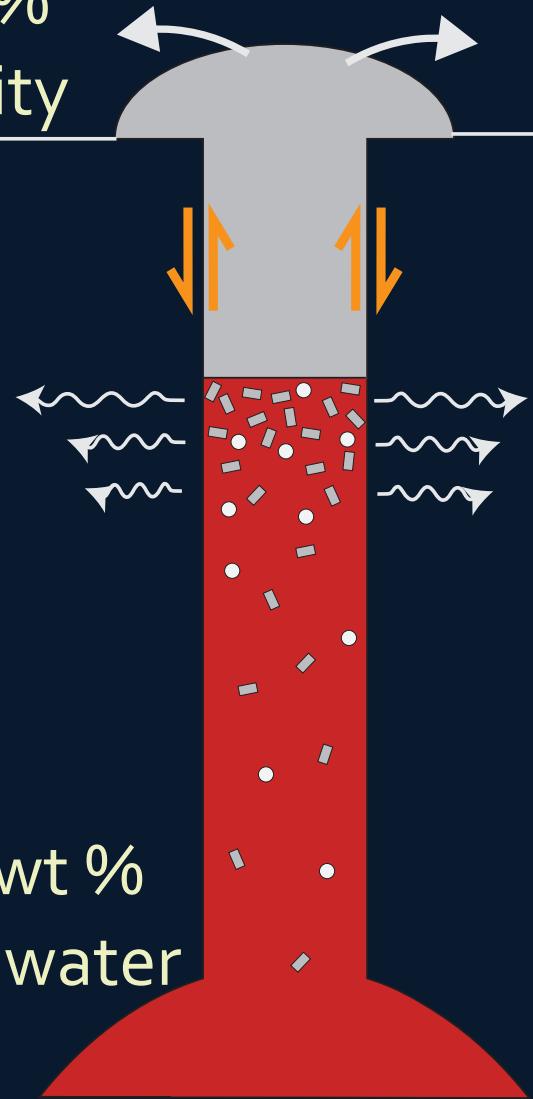


- Most accepted models  
 $f < 0.3$   
$$f = \frac{\tau_R}{\sigma - p} = \frac{\tau_R}{\sigma_{\text{eff}}}$$
- Possible explanations
  - High pore pressure
  - Reduced normal stress
  - Bias in viscosity

# Well-constrained magma permeability constant



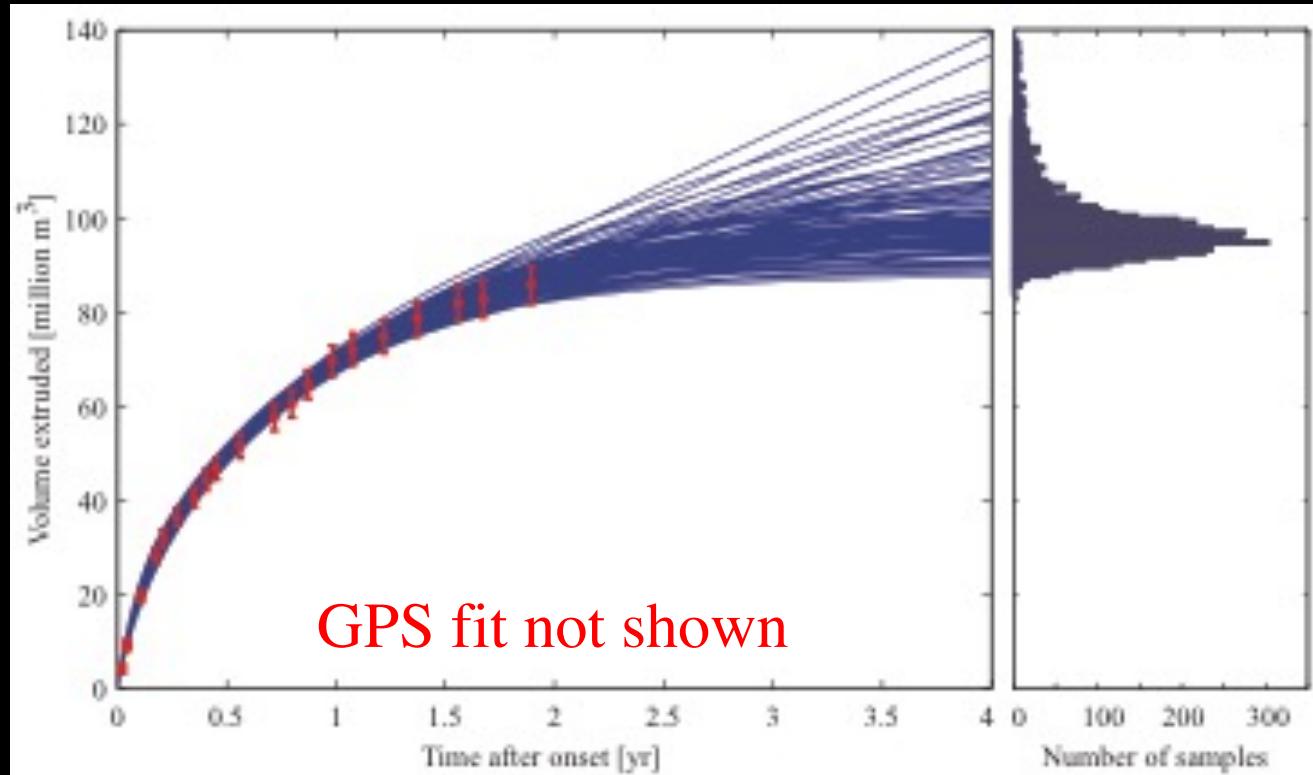
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# Can We Forecast the Size and Duration of an Eruption?

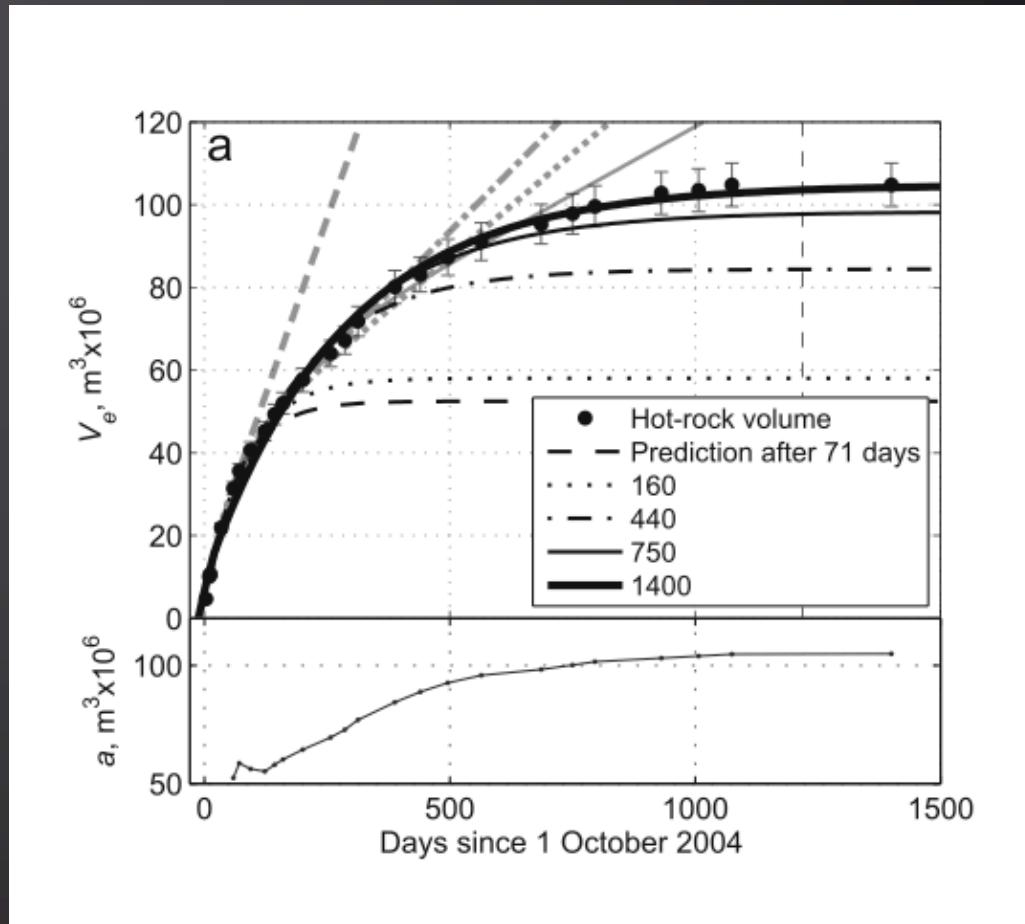


# Monte Carlo Forecasting



- Forecast based on knowledge of the system and all existing data.
- Yields probabilistic forecast including uncertainties in the underlying parameters (not “epistemic” uncertainty).
- Uncertainty increases with time.

# “Real Time” Forecasting at Mount St Helens



$$\frac{V_{ex}(t)}{V_0 \bar{\beta}(p_0 - \rho g L)} = \left( \frac{\alpha}{\Omega + \alpha} \right) \left[ \left( \frac{\alpha}{\Omega + \alpha} \right) (1 - e^{-t/t_c}) + \frac{t}{t_c} \left( \frac{\Omega}{\Omega + \alpha} \right) \right]$$

Mastin et al, GRL 2009

# Conclusions

- Combining geodetic data and physics-based models constrains more properties of magmatic systems than geodetic data alone.
- It is possible to include other data types (gas emission, gravity, ....) to better constrain systems.
- *May* be possible to use in forecasting mode, but open question.
- Model components need to be well understood.