



# Magmatic Drivers of Eruption

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*Eruption plume of Great Sitkin volcano, Alaska  
captured by Lauren Flynn (USFWS) May 25, 2021.*

## Motivation: Why study Magmatic Drivers of Eruption?

- Make scientific discoveries using integrative and collaborative approach.
- Connect the most hazardous volcanoes on Earth to underlying subduction drivers.
- Address societal needs (i.e., volcanic hazards, forecasting).
- 800 million people live in regions that are directly exposed to volcanic hazards. Vast majority in subduction zones.
- Critical mineral and energy resources also occur in subduction zones.

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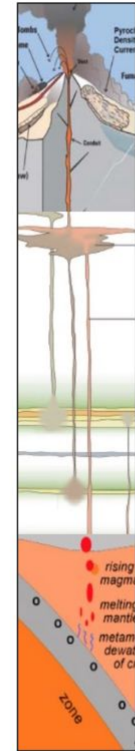
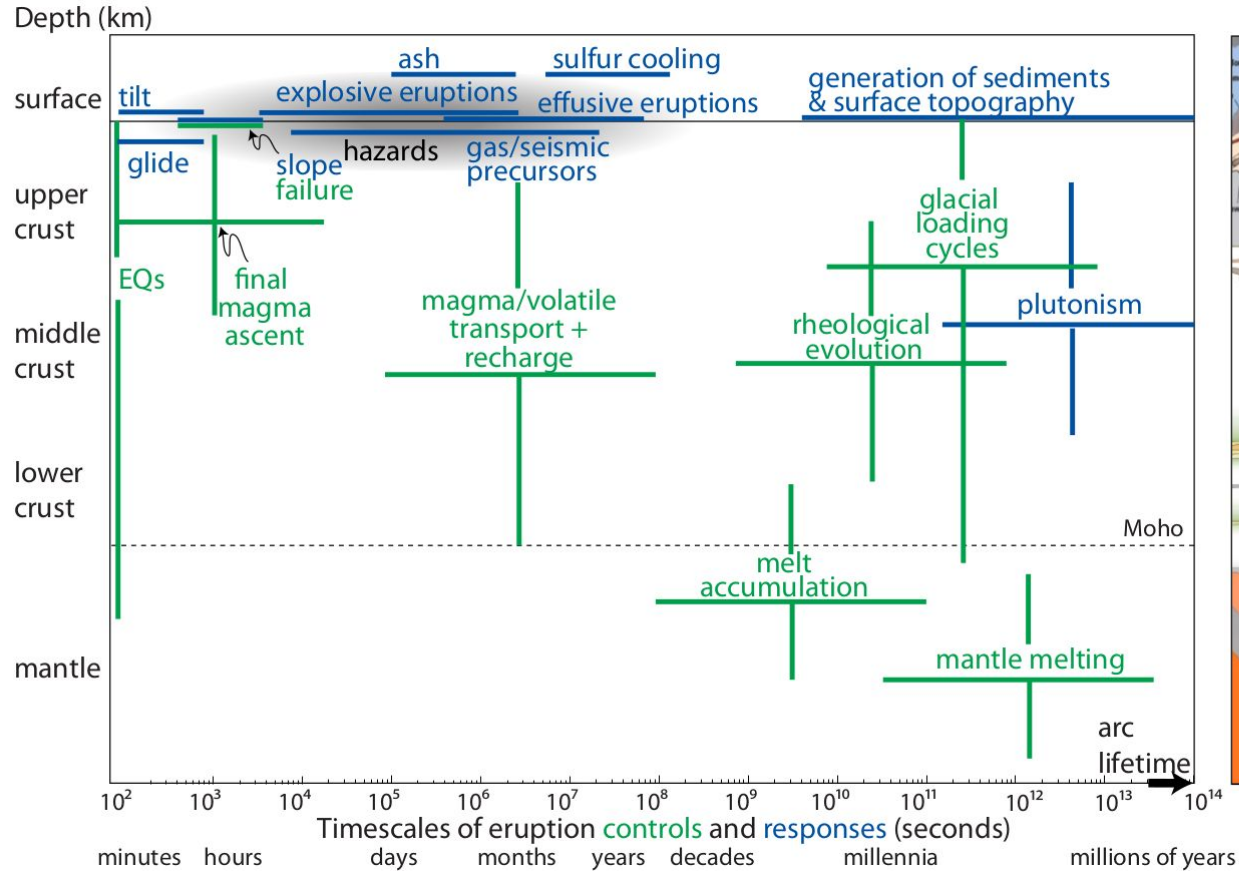
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# Spatial and Temporal Scales of the Trans-crustal Magmatic System



accessible  
in active  
systems +  
erupted  
deposits

accessible  
in exhumed  
systems

Magmatic System Controls	Magmatic System Responses		
	Eruption precursors and run-up time	Plutonism, intrusion, and repose	Eruption style, vigor, and duration
<p><b>Supply Rates: Magma and Volatiles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What controls production rate in the mantle?</li> <li>What controls recharge rate?</li> <li>What controls recharge composition?</li> <li>What controls volatile accumulation?</li> </ul>	<p>High CO<sub>2</sub> / S gases weeks to month prior to eruption signal deep recharge. <i>Werner et al. (2020)</i></p> <p>Mafic eruptions have shorter initiation times. <i>Kent et al. (2019)</i></p>	<p>Intrusive flux is related to extrusive flux. <i>Till et al. (2019)</i></p> <p>Mafic eruptions have shorter repose times. <i>Passarelli &amp; Brodsky (2012)</i></p>	<p>Slow subduction is correlated with lava domes. <i>Zellmer (2009)</i></p> <p>Fast magma ascent results in higher intensity eruptions. <i>Gonnermann &amp; Manga (2012)</i></p>
<p><b>Depth and Distribution of Magma</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does magma travel through the entire crust?</li> <li>How deep does the volcanic system extend?</li> <li>Why and where do magmas stall?</li> <li>What controls storage depths prior to eruption?</li> </ul>	<p>Mantle can recharge during an eruption. <i>Ruprecht &amp; Plank (2013)</i></p> <p>Slow vanguard ascent and staging of eruptions. <i>Roman &amp; Cashman (2018)</i></p> <p>Magma systems shallow due to thermal priming. <i>Gualda et al. (2018)</i></p>	<p>Optimal depth of magma chamber growth. <i>Huber et al. (2019)</i></p> <p>Plutons focus due to thermal weakening. <i>Ardill (2018)</i></p> <p>Magma supply influences reservoir location. <i>Lerner et al. (2020)</i></p>	<p>Basaltic Plinian eruptions are sourced from shallow magma systems. <i>Bamber et al. (2020)</i></p> <p>Rhyolitic Plinian eruptions sourced from depth and magma ascends quickly <i>Castro &amp; Dingwell (2009)</i></p>
<p><b>Rheology and Stress State</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What controls magma density, viscosity, and volatiles?</li> <li>What controls crustal rheology?</li> <li>What controls the stress state of the crust?</li> <li>What are the roles of slope failure and earthquakes in eruption triggering?</li> </ul>	<p>Rheology, tectonic stress, buoyancy control magma stalling depths. <i>Watanabe et al. (1999)</i></p> <p>Static stress from M<sub>7.5</sub> earthquakes &lt; 200 km away can trigger eruptions. <i>Nishimura (2017)</i></p>	<p>Silic magma systems have longer repose. <i>Passarelli &amp; Brodsky (2012)</i></p> <p>Longer repose -&gt; weakened crust and reduced failure <i>DeGruyter &amp; Huber (2014)</i></p> <p>Large viscous systems require an external trigger. <i>Gregg et al. (2012)</i></p>	<p>Extension favors calderas. <i>Wilson et al. (1995)</i></p> <p>Microlites growing rapidly and heterogeneously during ascent from shallow storage can cause basaltic Plinian eruptions. <i>Sable et al. (2006)</i> <i>Bamber et al. (2020)</i></p>

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**Hypothesis-A:** Gas and magma composition are linked to eruption precursors, run-up times, and intensities

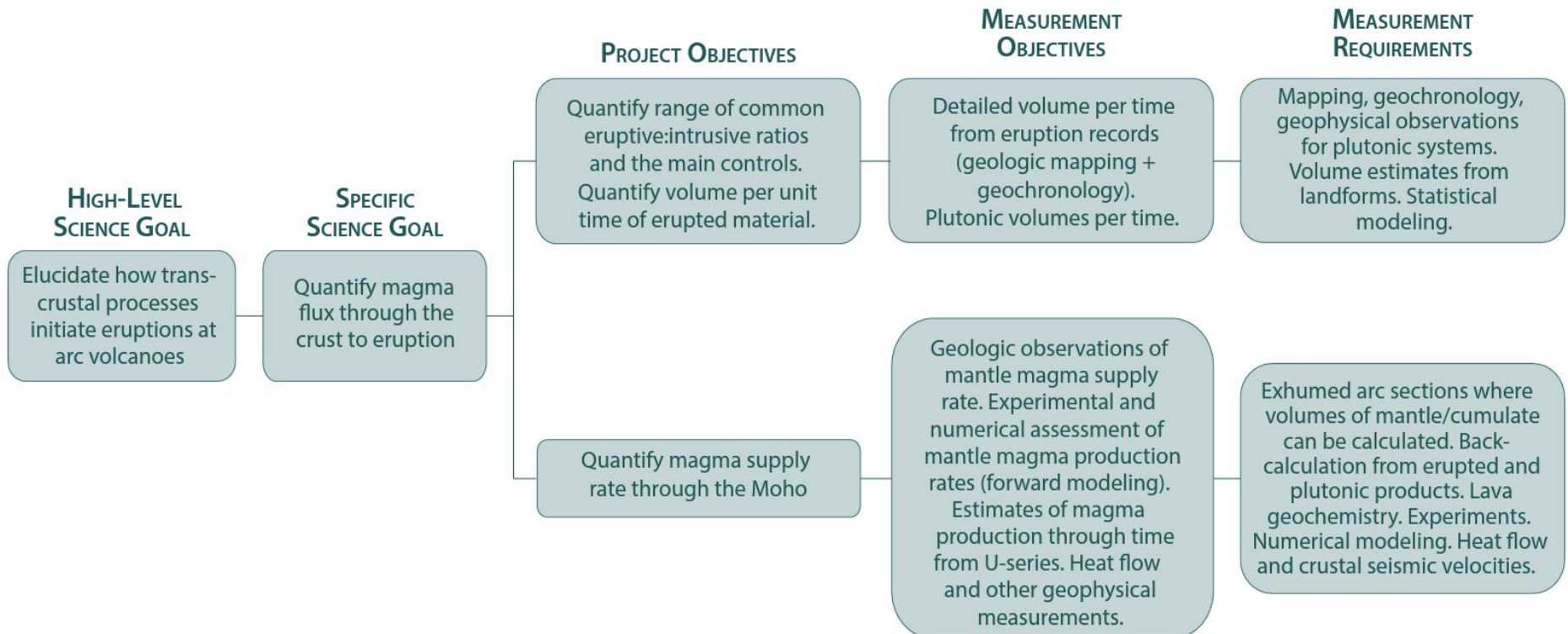
## Hypotheses:

**Hypothesis-B:** Mantle magma production and supply rates govern the intrusive/extrusive mass budget, repose time, magmatic architecture

**Hypothesis-C:** Periods and drivers of different external eruption triggers exist over timescales of minutes to > 100,000 years



## Example of Traceability Matrix approach:



# Notional Experiments: INSTRUMENTAL, REMOTE SENSING, AND GEOLOGICAL EFFORTS

Q1: Eruption initiation

## Sparse Sensor Arrays



### Scope:

- 30 Restless Volcanoes
- probability of  $\geq 0.8$  for capturing 10 eruptions in a 10-year period

### Ideal Locations:

- Full range of magma type, degassing and deformation modes, unrest and eruptive style, and subduction and upper plate parameters
- Restless

## Rapid Response Arrays



### Deployment Scope:

- Strategic caches of instruments
- Widespread remote sensing to identify candidate targets.
- Rapid Human Deployment
- CONVERSE-type Advisory Group

### Ideal Locations:

- Ideally housed in target regions

Q2: Magma supply  
Q3: Depth & distribution

## Dense Imaging Arrays



### Scope:

- 3 different arcs:  
*slow, medium, fast convergence*
- 10 volcanoes, pair in each arc

### Ideal Locations:

- Range of Convergence Rates
- Simple crustal tectonics/structure (representative)
- Excellent Exposures/Access

## Exhumed Arc Systems



### Targets / Scope:

- Different Depths
- Different Magma Fluxes
- Different Compositions
- Not starting from Scratch
- Co-location



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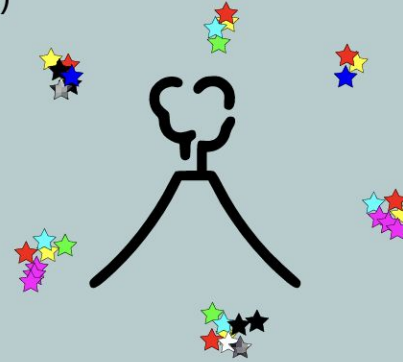
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## Sensor Arrays (30-50 volcanoes):

- Sparse instrument deployments of seismometers, acoustic sensors, MultiGas sensors, DOAS, GNSS receivers.
- Coupled with geochemical and geological studies.
- Volcano Remote Sensing, at a large number of systems that are likely to erupt within the coming decade.

### A - Volcano Sensor Arrays

(30-50 volcanoes, 10-year telemetered deployments)



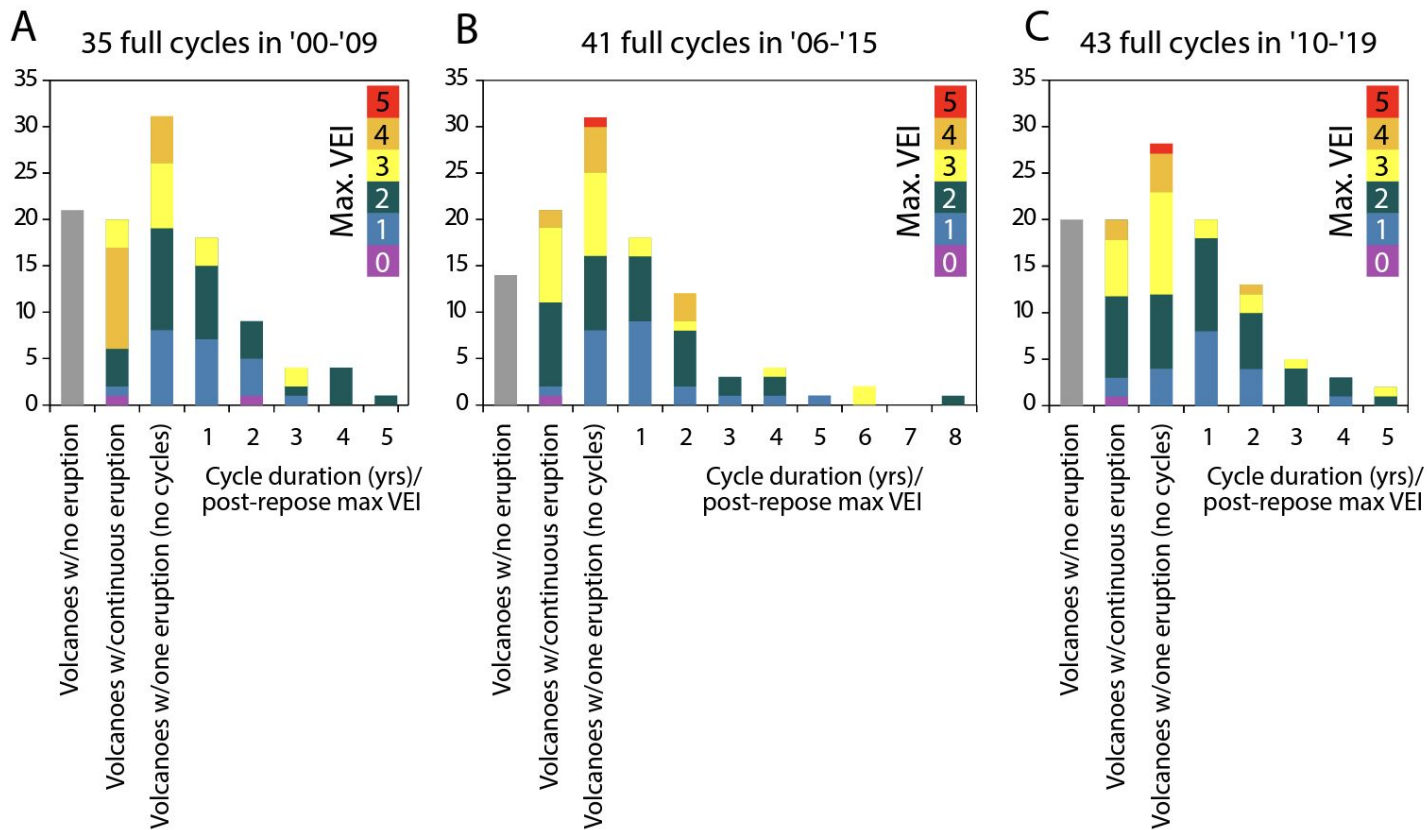
(not to scale, instrument locations are schematic only)

★ Ash Analyzer (4)	★ GNSS (6)	★ UV cam (2)
★ Seismometer (6)	★ Webcam (2)	★ MultiGAS/ Weather (2)
★ Infrasond (2*3)	★ FLIR (1)	
★ Tiltmeter (3)	★ ScanDOAS (3)	

## Likelihood of capturing an eruption:

10-year observation sets from monitoring  
99 actively-degassing/deforming volcanoes worldwide (Carn/Furtney)

- If we had deployed Volcano Sensor Arrays at all 99 volcanoes worldwide that were degassing over a 10-year period between 2000 and 2020, we would have observed ~30 full eruption cycles.

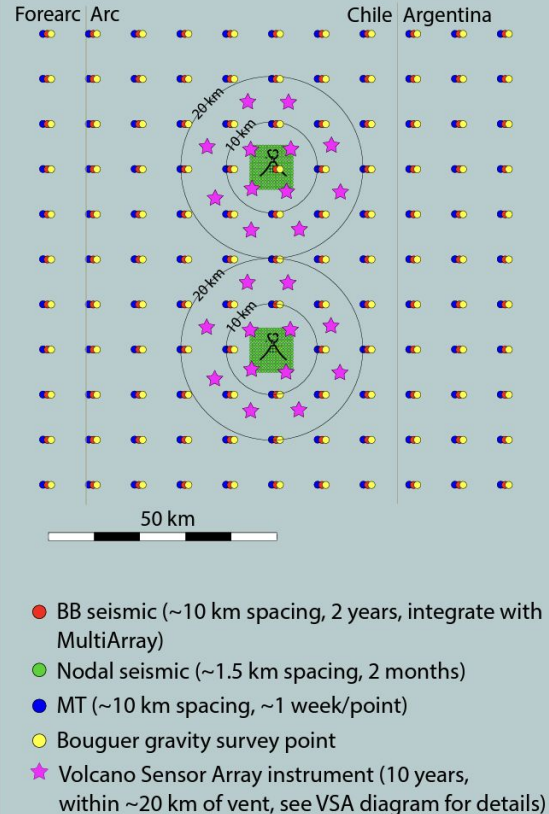


## Imaging Array (10 volcanoes):

- Dense instrumentation arrays on a ~3 carefully chosen systems.
- Investigate volcano pairs in each system.
- Quantify magma supply rates from the mantle, the geometry of the trans-crustal magmatic system, and eruptive histories. Therefore, these systems do not need to erupt during the duration of the Volcano Imaging Array deployment

### B - Volcano Imaging Arrays

(3 pairs of neighboring volcanoes, campaign/non-telemetered)



# Geographic Targets

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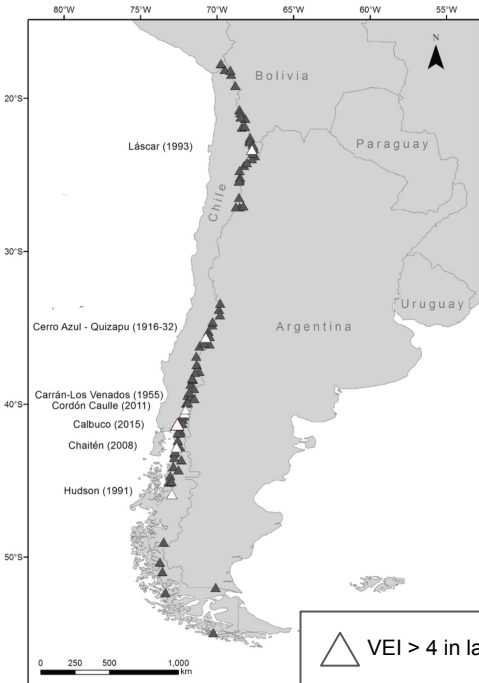
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## Chilean Arc

*Supports all 4 notional experiments:*

- 1. Sparse Sensor Array**  
~30 volcanoes (Q1)
- 2. Rapid Response**  
during eruptions (Q1)
- 3. Dense Imaging Array**  
~10 volcanoes (Q2&3)
- 4. Exhumed Arc Systems**  
(Q2&3)



after Hayes et al. (2019)

## Alaska-Aleutian Arc

*Supports an analogous Sparse Sensor Array and Rapid Response Arrays (Q1):*

- High probability of catching an eruption
- Range of volcano types, unrest and eruptive styles, and subduction and upper plate parameters
- Links to and enhances current monitoring efforts

## Cascades Arc

*Supports analogous Dense Imaging Arrays (Q2&3):*

- Range of stress states, basement types, slab age
- Large variations in volcano and eruption types (strato, shield, caldera, and distributed / flank volcanism)
- Excellent exposure and accessibility for deployments

# Phasing

## **Phase 0: What we can do Right Away**

Community Building (i.e., this workshop)

Analyses of Existing Samples & Laboratory Experiments – Develop Common Protocols

Modeling – Guide Array Placement

## **Phase 1: Initial Field Programs**

Develop Pilot Sensor Arrays on End-Member Volcanoes

Form CONVERSE-type Volcano Advisory Group and Rapid Response Pool

Human Deployment for Exhumed Arc and Sensor Volcano Mapping, Sampling

Targeted Analytical, Experimental Modeling Lab studies

## **Phase 2: Focused Field Program and Sensor Arrays**

Develop Imaging Arrays in Focus Area

Human Deployment for Mapping, Sampling at Focus Area

Roll out Sensor Arrays to 10-20 volcanoes

Widely-Distributed Analytical, Experimental Modeling Lab studies within Focus Area

## **Phase 3: Full Roll-Out**

Imaging Arrays & Mapping Campaigns in 2 Complementary Regions, Multiple Exhumed Sites

Full Sensor Deployment at 30 Volcanoes

Fully-Distributed Analytical, Experimental Modeling Lab studies



# Modeling to address MDE objectives:

**Guided by the outcomes and report from the Modeling Collaboratory for Subduction (MCS) Volcanic Systems Workshop (Gonnermann and Anderson, 2021)**

## **Physical/numerical model development**

- Involves both development of new physics and model implementation/validation
- Accomplished through thematic Community Working Groups (CWGs)
- MCS facility to support new code and updating of existing codes

## **Inversion and data assimilation**

- Organizing researchers to develop frameworks for joint inversions and uncertainty
- Bridge between volcano researchers, applied mathematicians, and data scientists

## **Training and human capacity building**

- Programmatic conduit for development of a growing pool of modelers
- Training for researchers interested in specific codes

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