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"It is important to note that not all magmas are created equal: Differences in composition of the melt affect its viscosity, which can vary from 1 Pa s (carbonatites) to ... (10<sup>2</sup>) Pa s (basalts) to > ... (10<sup>9</sup>) Pa s (rhyolites). Crystals, present in most magmas, also influence magma rheology. Furthermore, the tectonic setting where magmas are generated influences magma composition, volatile content, the rate at which magma is supplied to the magma chamber, and the overpressure needed for eruption. Hence, the great diversity in eruption style cannot be explained solely by fluid mechanics." H. Gonnermann and M. Manga, 2007

#### Abstract

The magmatic systems feeding arc volcanoes are complex, leading to a rich diversity in eruptive products and eruption styles. This review focuses on examples from the Aleutian subduction zone, encompassed within the state of Alaska, USA because it exhibits a rich diversity in arc structure and tectonics, sediment and volatile influx feeding primary magma generation, crustal magma differentiation processes, with the resulting outcome the production of a complete range in eruption styles from its diverse volcanic centers. Recent and ongoing investigations along the arc reveal controls on magma production that result in diversity of eruptive products, from crystal-rich intermediate andesites to phenocryst-poor, melt-rich silicic and mafic magmas and a spectrum in between. Thus, deep to shallow crustal "processing" of arc magmas likely greatly influences the physical and chemical character of the magmas as they accumulate in the shallow crust, the flow physics of the magmas as they rise in the conduit, and eruption style through differences in Download English Version:

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