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Crystallization of oxidized, moderately hydrous arc basalt at midto lower-crustal pressures: implications for andesite genesis

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Abstract This study focuses on the production of convergent margin calc-alkaline andesites by crystallization– differentiation of basaltic magmas in the lower to middle crust. Previous experimental studies show that dry, reduced, subalkaline basalts differentiate to tholeiitic (high Fe/Mg) daughter liquids, but the influences of H_2O and oxidation on differentiation are less well established. Accordingly, we performed crystallization experiments at controlled oxidized fO_2 (Re–ReO₂ $\approx \Delta Ni-NiO + 2$) on a relatively magnesian basalt (8.7 wt% MgO) typical of mafic magmas erupted in the Cascades near Mount Rainier, Washington. The basalt was synthesized with 2 wt% H2O and run at 900, 700, and 400 MPa and 1,200 to 950 C. A broadly clinopyroxenitic crystallization interval dominates near the liquidus at 900 and 700 MPa, consisting of augite $+$ olivine $+$ orthopyroxene $+$ Crspinel (in decreasing abundance). With decreasing temperature, plagioclase crystallizes, Fe–Ti-oxide replaces spinel, olivine dissolves, and finally amphibole appears, producing gabbroic and then amphibole gabbroic crystallization stages. Enhanced plagioclase stability at lower pressure narrows the clinopyroxenitic interval and brings the gabbroic interval toward the liquidus. Liquids at 900 MPa track along Miyashiro's (Am J Sci 274(4):321–355, [1974\)](#page-24-0) tholeiitic versus calc-alkaline boundary, whereas those at 700 and 400 MPa become calc-alkaline at silica contents ≥ 56 wt%. This difference is chiefly due to higher temperature appearance of

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magnetite (versus spinel) at lower pressures. Although the evolved liquids are similar in many respects to common calc-alkaline andesites, the 900 and 700 MPa liquids differ in having low CaO concentrations due to early and abundant crystallization of augite, with the result that those liquids become peraluminous (ASI: molar Al/ $(Na + K + 2Ca) > 1$) at ≥ 61 wt% SiO₂, similar to liquids reported in other studies of the high-pressure crystallization of hydrous basalts (Müntener and Ulmer in Geophys Res Lett 33(21):L21308, [2006](#page-24-0)). The lowerpressure liquids (400 MPa) have this same trait, but to a lesser extent due to more abundant near-liquidus plagioclase crystallization. A compilation of $>6,500$ analyses of igneous rocks from the Cascades and the Sierra Nevada batholith, representative of convergent margin (arc) magmas, shows that ASI increases continuously and linearly with $SiO₂$ from basalts to rhyolites or granites and that arc magmas are not commonly peraluminous until $SiO₂$ exceeds 69 wt%. These relations are consistent with plagioclase accompanying mafic silicates over nearly all the range of crystallization (or remelting). The scarcity of natural peraluminous andesites shows that progressive crystallization–differentiation of primitive basalts in the deep crust, producing early clinopyroxenitic cumulates and evolved liquids, does not dominate the creation of intermediate arc magmas or of the continental crust. Instead, mid- to upper-crustal differentiation and/or opensystem processes are critical to the production of intermediate arc magmas. Primary among the open-system processes may be extraction of highly evolved (granitic, rhyolitic) liquids at advanced degrees of basalt solidification (or incipient partial melting of predecessor gabbroic intrusions) and mixing of such liquids into replenishing basalts. Furthermore, if the andesitic-composition continents derived from basaltic sources, the arc

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 $ASI-SiO₂$ relation shows that the mafic component returned to the mantle was gabbroic in composition, not pyroxenitic.

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Introduction

The origins of tholeiitic versus calc-alkaline andesites are enduring issues in geochemistry mainly because the continents have calc-alkaline andesite or dacite average compositions (Rudnick and Gao [2003](#page-24-0)), whereas calc-alkaline intermediates are unknown from intraplate ocean island and mid-ocean ridge settings. Several studies have proposed that magnesian andesites (MgO \geq ~6 wt%) and basaltic andesites (MgO $>$ ~8 wt%) are direct peridotite partial melts (Kushiro [1974;](#page-24-0) Ringwood [1974;](#page-24-0) Kelemen [1986](#page-24-0); Blatter and Carmichael [2001;](#page-23-0) Grove et al. [2003](#page-24-0)) or are reaction products of slab-derived fluids/melts and mantle harzburgite (Straub et al. [2008](#page-25-0), [2011](#page-25-0)). Other studies infer that andesites and dacites with high Sr/Y ratios (adakites) may be partial melts of subducting oceanic lithosphere (Kay [1978;](#page-24-0) Stern and Kilian [1996](#page-25-0); Martin et al. [2005\)](#page-24-0), of foundering continental roots, or form by deep crystallization– differentiation involving garnet (Macpherson et al. [2006](#page-24-0)).

Common arc andesites, however, are not high in MgO or Sr/Y (Gill [1981](#page-24-0); Thorpe [1982\)](#page-25-0). Instead, they are widely associated with basalts, and within whole arcs, andesites form an intermediate member in a continuous compositional spectrum spanning from basalt to rhyolite or rhyodacite (and their intrusive equivalents). This association and compositional continuity with basalt, as well as other petrologic factors such as intermediate temperatures inferred for andesites, support the classical interpretation that most derive by crystal–melt separation processes from basaltic parents (Bowen [1928;](#page-23-0) Gill [1981](#page-24-0); Sisson and Grove [1993a](#page-24-0)). Such derivation may include mixing between mafic replenishments and variably evolved differentiates or partial melts from earlier intrusions (Sakuyama [1981](#page-24-0)), as well as by conventional progressive crystallization–differentiation. Moderate assimilation of unrelated crustal rocks or their partial melts is also commonly documented (DePaolo [1980,](#page-23-0) [1981\)](#page-23-0).

While geologic and petrologic evidence is strong for derivation of many andesites from basalts, it remains unclear why some andesites are calc-alkaline and others tholeiitic, and why calc-alkaline compositions dominated during continental growth. One position is that tholeiitic andesites are the normal crystallization–differentiation products of arc basalts, whereas calc-alkaline andesites result by mixing or assimilation of evolved crustal materials into basalt (Tatsumi [2005](#page-25-0)). On the other hand, it has been shown experimentally that elevated dissolved H2O concentrations promote calc-alkaline differentiation of moderately oxidized basalts by lowering the crystallization temperatures of silicates more than those of FeTi oxides (Sisson and Grove [1993a](#page-24-0); Botcharnikov et al. [2008](#page-23-0); Tatsumi and Suzuki [2009](#page-25-0)). Highly evolved calc-alkaline differentiates (or partial melts) can also form from low-H₂O basalts (1.7–2.3 wt%), if the basalts are sufficiently oxidized $(>Ni-NiO)$; if reduced, these basalts produce tholeiitic advanced differentiates (Sisson et al. [2005\)](#page-25-0). A long-predicted association between oxidation state and tholeiitic versus calc-alkaline character (Osborn [1959\)](#page-24-0) is supported by FeTi oxide-determined $fO₂$ and compositions of evolved volcanic rocks (Sisson et al. [2005\)](#page-25-0), such that samples with $fO_2 > Ni-NiO + 0.5$ (log₁₀ units) plot chiefly in Miyashiro's [\(1974](#page-24-0)) calc-alkaline field, those with $fO₂$ <Ni–NiO-0.5 plot in the tholeiitic field, and those with fO_2 =Ni–NiO \pm 0.5 straddle the tholeiitic–calc-alkaline boundary. Thus, fO_2 near that of the Ni–NiO buffer may be a critical boundary between calc-alkaline and tholeiitic differentiation paths. Considerable uncertainty remains, however, regarding the origins of calc-alkaline andesites because (1) elevated H_2O concentrations and oxidation states appear correlated (Carmichael [1991](#page-23-0); Zimmer et al. [2010](#page-25-0)) obscuring their relative importance, (2) the $fO₂$ recorded by intermediate and evolved magmas may result from crustal-level processes and might not be representative of primitive basalts (Lee et al. [2005\)](#page-24-0), and (3) primitive arc basalts, and their intrusive gabbroic equivalents, are uncommon in the upper crust, indicating that processes in the mid- to lower crust dominate transformations to andesite. To date, few experiments have been performed on hydrous basalts at deep-crustal conditions with oxidation states buffered at values potentially appropriate for calcalkaline differentiation.

To advance the understanding of the potential origins of calc-alkaline andesites, we performed crystallization experiments at 900, 700, and 400 MPa on a relatively magnesian basalt (MgO = 8.7 wt\%) typical of those erupted in the Quaternary from the Cascade magmatic arc near Mount Rainier, Washington (USA). The basaltic starting material was prepared with 2 wt% H_2O , near the lower limit of common arc basaltic melt inclusions (Métrich and Wallace [2008;](#page-24-0) Kelley and Cottrell [2009\)](#page-24-0), but at the high end of dissolved H_2O values for back-arc basin basalts (Stolper and Newman [1994](#page-25-0)). Oxidation state was controlled near the Re–ReO₂ buffer (=Ni–NiO $+1.7$ to $+2.0$ log_{10} units) using a modified double-capsule configuration (Eugster [1957\)](#page-24-0). This buffer was employed because it is close to but greater than the apparent \sim Ni–NiO oxidation divide for calc-alkaline versus tholeiitic differentiation and is within the oxidation range of common arc magmas as

indicated by their whole-rock ferric/ferrous ratios (Carmichael [1991](#page-23-0)), as well as numerous FeTi oxide determinations (Sisson et al. [2005](#page-25-0)).

Fundamental results of these experiments are that the elevated $SiO₂$ and modest FeO*/MgO of calc-alkaline andesites and dacites are readily produced by crystallization–differentiation of oxidized, moderately hydrous basalt at deep to mid-crustal pressures, but that the higher-pressure liquids, including those produced in other studies of deep basalt crystallization, differ from common andesites in important compositional aspects. These differences imply that progressive crystallization–differentiation from basalt at lower crustal depths may not act alone to produce calc-alkaline andesite. Other processes, notably deepcrustal mixing with evolved residual liquids and (or) with low-degree partial melts of predecessor intrusions may be more pervasive than is widely appreciated.

Experimental and analytical methods

Starting material

The investigated sample (01SB872) was collected from a basaltic lava flow at Paradise Falls (latitude 46.2292, longitude -121.9933), Washington, and is typical of the regional mafic volcanism in the vicinity of Mount Rainier, as well as of relatively primitive basalts found elsewhere in the Cascades magmatic arc (USA) (Bacon et al. [1997\)](#page-23-0) (Table 1). Along with its high MgO content (8.66 wt%) and Mg# $\{100 \times \text{molar} \left[\text{MgO/(MgO + FeO*)}\right]\}$ of 65, the basalt also has moderately high Ni (161 ppm) and Cr (344 ppm) and no petrographic evidence of contamination, indicating that this composition is not far removed from that of a primary mantle melt. A moderate H_2O concentration was chosen to help isolate the relative effects of $H₂O$ and $fO₂$ on differentiation behavior. The initial intent was to prepare a starting material with 3 wt% dissolved $H₂O$, but due to errors with $H₂O$ concentration measurements early in the project, starting material with 2.1 ± 0.1 wt% H₂O was produced, as verified by later Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectroscopic determinations (Lowenstern and Pitcher [2013\)](#page-24-0). Compilations of basaltic melt inclusions (Métrich and Wallace [2008\)](#page-24-0) show that dissolved H_2O concentrations range between \langle 1 and 5.2 wt% for arc basalts with >5 wt% MgO, and H₂O determinations for Cascades basaltic melt inclusions are generally toward the lower end of this range (Ruscitto et al. [2010;](#page-24-0) Shaw et al. [2011](#page-24-0); Sisson and Layne [1993\)](#page-24-0).

In order to avoid potential variability of H_2O between runs due to imprecise weighing and H_2O loss during welding, the starting material was prepared by dry grinding of nominally dry rock powder with hydrated glass

Table 1 Normalized anhydrous starting composition: 01SB-872

| | XRF^a | XRF^b | EPA ^c | EPA ^d |
|-------------------|---------|---------|------------------|------------------|
| SiO ₂ | 49.9 | 49.9 | 49.9 $(2)^e$ | 50.3(4) |
| TiO ₂ | 1.25 | 1.26 | 1.32(12) | 1.19(9) |
| Al_2O_3 | 17.0 | 17.0 | 17.2(1) | 17.1(4) |
| FeO_T | 9.28 | 9.19 | 9.54(13) | 9.31(17) |
| MnO | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.18(4) | 0.16(5) |
| MgO | 8.67 | 8.76 | 8.31 (14) | 8.27(14) |
| CaO | 10.0 | 10.1 | 10.1(1) | 10.1(1) |
| Na ₂ O | 3.02 | 3.07 | 2.86(10) | 2.92(21) |
| K_2O | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.52(2) | 0.48(3) |
| P_2O_5 | 0.22 | 0.19 | 0.17(4) | 0.18(4) |

 a X-ray fluorescence analysis, USGS given in wt%

^b X-ray fluorescence analysis, Washington State University, given in $wt%$

^c Electron microprobe analysis of SB-872 nominally dry glass fused at 900 MPa and 1,350 °C for 10 min. Average of 18 analyses from center of sample to avoid areas of Fe loss near capsule edges

^d Electron microprobe analysis of superliquidus experiment 2371 run at 700 MPa and 1.250 \degree C for 8 h. Average of 26 analyses from over the entire sample area

^e One standard deviation of replicate analyses in terms of least cited units

produced by fusing the rock powder at $200 \text{ MPa H}_2\text{O}$ saturated in a rapid-quench zirconium-hafnium-molybdenum pressure vessel, using methods similar to those of Sisson and Grove $(1993a)$ (details: Au₇₅Pd₂₅ capsule, Mt-Hem buffer, $1,290$ °C, 30 min fusion). Mixing proportions were determined by measuring the H_2O concentrations in the hydrated glass and in the nominally dry rock powder by transmission FTIR on glass wafers. For the nominally dry rock powder, this involved rapidly fusing an aliquot in the piston cylinder press (900 MPa, $1,350$ °C, 10 min), quenching to a glass, and analyzing by FTIR. The H_2O of the resulting mechanical mix was then verified by similar rapid fusions of aliquots and FTIR determinations (both replicated), yielding a final 2.1 \pm 0.1 wt% H₂O. Although $CO₂$ was not intentionally added to the starting material, it was always found (650 \pm 70 ppm, Table [2](#page-3-0)) during FTIR analysis of glasses synthesized in the piston cylinder and likely comes from use of a carbon-electrode arc welder to seal capsules.

FTIR methods

The dissolved H_2O and CO_2 concentrations of glasses synthesized as starting materials, and one experimental run product, were determined on doubly polished wafers by transmission FTIR using a Nicolet iN10 infrared imaging microscope with an attached liquid- N_2 -cooled MCT-B detector at the USGS in Menlo Park, CA. For starting

| Sample | (num) | (μm) | (kg/m^3) | | | | | | | A ⁴ 5200 A4500 A3550 A1635 A1515 A1435 H ₂ O ⁴ (wt%) H ₂ O ^b (wt%) CO ₂ (ppm) | |
|---------------------|-------|-----------|------------|--------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|---|----------|
| $01SB-872$ $(20)^e$ | -64 | | 2.808 | 0.0038 | 0.0086 1.283 | 0.183 | 0.086 | | 0.087 1.95 (6) ^t | 2.05(10) | 646 (66) |
| 2351(6) | 152 | 42 | 2.792 | 0.0082 | 0.0018 0.840 | 0.303 | 0.203 | 0.203 | 1.89(4) | 1.99(4) | 639 (16) |

Table 2 Transmission FTIR H_2O and CO_2 concentrations of starting material and experimental glass

 a Thickness used and H₂O concentration calculated from combined 5200 and 4500 peaks

 b Thickness used and H₂O concentration calculated from the 3550 peak</sup>

 \degree Density of room temperature glass calculated using the model of Ochs and Lange [\(1999](#page-24-0))

^d Absorbance measured at each indicated band

^e Number of analyses

^f One standard deviation of replicate analyses in terms of least cited units

material glasses, a 150 - μ m, square aperture defined the analytical area, collecting 256 scans per area at 4 cm^{-1} wavenumber resolution. For run product glass, apertures were set as necessary to avoid crystals. IR absorption spectra were collected between 700 and $6,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. Two glass fragments from each aliquot of hydrated glass were polished and analyzed by collecting spectra across three lines of five points each and averaging the results. Concentrations of H_2O and CO_2 were calculated using Beer's law: $c = MA/\rho ds$, where M is the molecular weight of $H₂O$ or $CO₂$, A is the absorbance value measured for each peak, ρ is the density of 01SB872 glass at room temperature calculated using the density model of Ochs and Lange [\(1999](#page-24-0)), with $H₂O$ calculated iteratively, d is the thickness of the glass wafer, measured by digital micrometer and by the specular reflectance interference fringe method (Wysolcazanski and Tani [2006](#page-25-0)) at the same locations as the analyses, and ε is the molar absorption coefficient, calculated as described following. Depending on the H_2O concentration and thickness of each wafer, various peaks and combinations of peaks could be quantified (Table 2). The broad, asymmetric peak at \sim 3,550 cm⁻¹ was used to determine total H_2O (molecular H_2O and OH^-) where possible, with a molar absorptivity of $63 \pm$ $3 L \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (Dixon et al. [1995\)](#page-23-0), and a straight baseline. However, if the height of the $3,550 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ peak exceeded 1.0 absorption unit, the near-IR peaks at 5,200 cm⁻¹ (molecular H₂O) and 4,500 cm⁻¹ (OH⁻) were used. The molar absorptivities were calculated for each of these peaks based on the major element composition of the glass and the equations of Dixon et al. [\(1995](#page-23-0)). Values for these are as follows: $0.69 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ for the 5,200 cm⁻¹ peak, 0.54 L mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹ for the 4,500 cm⁻¹ peak, and $25.1 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ for the 1,635 cm⁻¹ peak. The background curves for the $5,200$ and $4,500$ cm⁻¹ peaks were hand-drawn using French curves. Heights of all peaks were measured manually. $CO₂$ concentrations were calculated using the carbonate peaks at 1,515 and

1,435 cm⁻¹, with molar absorptivity of 330 L mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹ (Dixon and Pan [1995](#page-23-0)). Thickness, density, absorbances, and H_2O and CO_2 concentrations are given for each sample in Table 2, along with 1σ uncertainties.

The attenuated total reflectance method (Lowenstern and Pitcher [2013\)](#page-24-0) was applied to several run product glasses to measure their dissolved H_2O concentrations. This method uses a Ge ATR accessory crystal, with a refractive index of 4.0, to measure the evanescent wave absorption by H_2O and has been calibrated using basalt through rhyolite glasses with known $H₂O$ concentrations, yielding $c = (\omega \times A_{3450}/\rho) + b$, where $\omega = 546 \pm 15$ (units: wt% cm³/g), $\rho =$ glass density (g/cm³), $b =$ -0.19 ± 0.03 (wt%), and A₃₄₅₀ is the ATR absorbance (dimensionless) at 3450 cm^{-1} (Lowenstern and Pitcher [2013](#page-24-0)). This method is optimal for partly crystalline run products because it allows analysis of H_2O in singly polished samples with spot size down to $15 \mu m$, and light penetration limited to \sim 1 micron below the surface. The aperture size for each sample was adjusted to the size of the melt pools $(100 \mu m)$ for the glassy samples to 30 μ m for crystalline samples). Spectra were collected from 4,000 to $1,200$ cm⁻¹ with 256 scans for each spot and spectral resolution of 8 to 16 cm^{-1} , using the same Nicolet iN10 and detector described above. A reference spectrum was collected in air before each sample spot, and a straight baseline was used to determine the height of the $3,450$ cm⁻¹ band. Several spots were analyzed in broadly distributed locations across each sample and averaged to derive the H₂O concentrations and 1σ uncertainties (Table [3\)](#page-4-0).

Precautions against Fe loss

All experiments were run in 3 mm $Au_{75}Pd_{25}$ capsules with $Au_{80}Pd_{20}$ lids in a "trash can" (flat-ended cylinder) configuration (Fig. [1\)](#page-4-0). A preliminary experimental series was performed at 900 MPa and $Re-ReO₂$ in untreated capsules.

Table 3 ATR-FTIR H₂O concentrations of experimental glass

| Sample | $\rho^{\rm a}$ (kg/m ³) | $A^{b}3550$ | $H2O (wt\%)$ |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| $2351 (10)^c$ | 2,792 | 0.0113 | $2.01(2)^d$ |
| 2362 (10) | 2,768 | 0.0127 | 2.31(2) |
| 2353 (9) | 2,746 | 0.0131 | 2.42(4) |
| 2354 (9) | 2,720 | 0.0153 | 2.87(5) |
| 2363 (8) | 2,713 | 0.0154 | 2.91(6) |
| 2356 (9) | 2,686 | 0.0163 | 3.12(8) |
| 2357 (19) | 2,647 | 0.0178 | 3.49(10) |
| 2359 (11) | 2,612 | 0.0189 | 3.76(10) |
| 2360 (8) | 2,555 | 0.0203 | 4.15(21) |
| 2358 (6) | 2,535 | 0.0228 | 4.74 (12) |
| 2364 (6) | 2,499 | 0.0205 | 4.30(11) |
| 2371 (10) | 2,794 | 0.0117 | 2.10(2) |
| 2369 (9) | 2,799 | 0.0119 | 2.14(2) |
| 2379 (10) | 2,730 | 0.0140 | 2.61(6) |
| 2374 (26) | 2,662 | 0.0174 | 3.37(6) |
| 2388 (20) | 2,592 | 0.0184 | 3.69(10) |
| 2387 (7) | 2,525 | 0.0204 | 4.21(12) |
| 2376 (6) | 2,494 | 0.0177 | 3.69(17) |
| 2384 (9) | 2,774 | 0.0128 | 2.32(2) |
| 2389 (9) | 2,753 | 0.0134 | 2.47(5) |
| 2391 (14) | 2,665 | 0.0166 | 3.21(6) |
| 2380 (26) | 2,642 | 0.0170 | 3.33(7) |
| 2390 (11) | 2,543 | 0.0188 | 3.84(12) |
| 2381 (12) | 2,490 | 0.0202 | 4.24(7) |

Density of room temperature glass calculated using the model of Ochs and Lange [\(1999](#page-24-0))

b Band of measured absorbance

^c Number of analyses

^d One standard deviation of replicate analyses in terms of least cited units

Due to relatively high fO_2 , samples run for 8 h between 1,135 and 1,185 \degree C only lost between 1 and 8 relative percent Fe, with a positive correlation between temperature and the amount of Fe lost to the capsule. Although this amount of Fe loss is small, it caused small but detectable Fe depletions in the glass adjacent to the capsule walls. Therefore, the majority of syntheses were in capsules pretreated with Fe to further minimize Fe losses, including repeats of many 900 MPa runs. The optimal Fe concentration for the runs was determined by short-duration whole fusions of the starting material at 900 MPa and $Re-ReO₂$ in untreated AuPd capsules and then analyzing Fe in the inner rim of the sample capsule by electron microprobe. Preparation of capsules with this Fe concentration (\sim 1.8 mol%) was then attempted by equilibrating with pure magnetite at 1,100 °C, 1 bar, and $fO₂$ determined from the equilibrium constant for the reaction: $Fe_3O_4 = 3Fe^{\circ} + 2O_2$ (from the $fO₂$ expressions for the wüstite–magnetite and iron–wüstite buffers tabulated by Chou ([1978\)](#page-23-0)), and the Fe in AuPd activity model of Balta et al. [\(2011](#page-23-0)). Pre-treatment was achieved by packing and immersing the capsules in a 2:1 wt. mixture of $Fe₃O₄$ (Aldrich) and a commercial clear jewelry enamel designed to wet Au-rich alloys, while held in a Pt crucible suspended in a Deltec 1-atm gas-mixing furnace. Oxygen fugacity of the furnace was controlled at -7.64 (log₁₀), using CO_2 -ArH₂ gas mixture, measured with a $ZrO₂$ electrolyte $fO₂$ sensor. Temperature was set at 1,100 °C using a Eurotherm controller and measured with a $Pt/Pt_{10}Rh$ thermocouple, calibrated to the melting temperature of gold. Capsules and lids were pre-treated in batches of four and held at conditions for \sim 1 week to ensure sufficient Fe saturation into the AuPd alloys. The pretreated capsules and lids were then cleaned of all magnetite by chipping out the brown glassy coating and then heating in concentrated HF in a sealed Teflon ''Parr'' bomb in a box furnace at 120 $\rm{^{\circ}C}$ for several days. HF-cleaned capsules and lids were then rinsed in cold dilute HCl and then in deionized water in an ultrasonic bath to remove any residues. Slices of some pre-treated capsules were then analyzed by electron microprobe to determine the levels of Fe saturation. Fe concentrations were about half the intended values, probably due to inaccuracy in the Fe activity model extrapolated to very low concentrations. With this method the greatest apparent Fe loss to a presaturated capsule was calculated at 1.9 relative percent in our hottest experiment: 2371, run at $1,200$ °C for 8 h, which was deemed acceptably low. Valuable lessons were that starting with Fe metal and pre-treating at high temperature $(>1,200 \degree C)$ produced brittle capsules, that open cylinders are much easier to clean than those with a lid welded into one end prior to Fe saturation, and that HCl should not be added to the HF dissolution step (dissolves Pd).

Fig. 1 Schematic of double-capsule configuration

Sample loading and $fO₂$ buffering

In order to buffer $fO₂$ at H₂O undersaturated conditions, it was necessary to modify the classic double-capsule tech-nique of Eugster ([1957\)](#page-24-0). Prior to use, the 3-mm $Au_{75}Pd_{25}$ capsules (initially pure, later Fe-saturated) were sheathed in snug fitting thin-walled Pt to prevent Au–Re eutectic melting (Fig. [1\)](#page-4-0). A cup-shaped $Au_{80}Pd_{20}$ lid (initially pure, later Fe-saturated) was pressed into one end of the sheathed capsule, along with a close fitting outer Pt wafer, trimmed, and arc welded in place. The capsule was then packed with 35 mg of the prepared starting material, and a similar lid with Pt wafer was pressed into and welded to seal the open end. The Pt-sheathed inner capsules were then loaded into 5-mm-diameter Pt outer capsules, separated by \sim 175 mg of high-purity 50 % Re and 50 % ReO₂ powder, plus an $H₂O-CO₂$ vapor source, described following, and sealed by welding a Pt lid. Sealed double capsules were then gently compressed to a uniform length $(5 \pm 0.25 \text{ mm})$ and right cylindrical shape with a die and vise.

Because the samples were $H₂O$ undersaturated, vapor in the buffer assemblage was prepared as a mixed-volatile $(H_2O$ –CO₂) spike (\sim 10 mg) tailored to the approximate fH_2O of the molten starting material at each pressure. The fH_2O of fully molten sample was estimated with the H_2O – $CO₂$ solubility model of Papale et al. ([2006](#page-24-0)) at the pressures of interest and the liquidus temperature using the initially intended 3 wt% H_2O , with CO_2 increased numerically until the melt was predicted to saturate with a trace ($\langle 0.1 \text{ wt\%} \rangle$ of H₂O–CO₂ vapor. The composition of this fictive saturating H_2O – CO_2 vapor, provided by the Papale et al. (2006) (2006) model, gives an estimate of the fH_2O of the sample and was reproduced by mixing appropriate amounts of $Mg(OH)_2$ and $MgCO_3$ into the Re–ReO₂ buffer powder. Strictly, this vapor composition would match the fH_2O of the sample (with 3 wt% dissolved H_2O) only when the sample is wholly molten, whereas with crystallization of anhydrous minerals, the fH_2O of the sample rises relative to that of the buffer, increasing $fO₂$ of the sample relative to the buffer. The $fO₂$ of the sample, relative to that of the buffer, is given by the square of the ratio of $fH_2O_{\text{sample}}/fH_2O_{\text{buffer}}$. Because it was subsequently determined that the starting material contained 2 wt% H_2O , experimental fO_2 s were recalculated and were about 0.5 log_{10} units low relative to the intended values, as explained in the "Results" section.

At the end of each run, the buffer materials were mounted in epoxy, polished, and analyzed by electron microprobe energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) to confirm that both Re and ReO_2 remained. Pure Re metal and ReO_2 were identified in the used buffer materials, but Re also alloyed with the Pt of the inner sheath and outer capsule to some extent in all of the runs, thus providing a limiting lower value for the activity of the Re in the buffer. Based on microprobe analyses of the Pt–Re capsules from runs at a wide variety of run conditions (995–1,185 \degree C and 8–96 h), the composition of the alloy varied from 24 to 54 mol% Re, to pure Re coexisting with $\text{Re}O_2$. Since the Re–Pt system produces a symmetric miscibility gap (Hansen and Anderko [1958\)](#page-24-0), the reduction in the activity of Re can be calculated (Wood and Fraser [1976](#page-25-0)) and its effect on the $fO₂$ of the run would result in an increase in the $fO₂$ of the run by only 0.06 to 0.10 log units.

Experimental setup

Experiments at 900, 700, and 400 MPa were run in a 2.54 cm, end-loaded, solid-media piston cylinder (similar to: Boyd and England [1960](#page-23-0)) at the USGS in Menlo Park, CA, using graphite furnaces and pressed $CaF₂$ assemblies. Capsules were run with a vertical axis, parallel to the graphite furnace bore, with the sample centered in the furnace hot spot. The control thermocouple (S-type: Pt– Pt_{90} – Rh_{10}) was positioned on the top end of the outer capsule, with a temperature offset $(6-10 \degree C)$ between the control thermocouple and the hot spot, as determined by prior thermal gradient measurements at P and T using multiple-junction thermocouples (smaller offsets at lower temperatures); reported temperatures are those extrapolated for the hot spot. Assemblies were initially pressurized to near the desired run pressure (measured by digital Heise gauge), and temperature was then ramped up at \sim 99 °C per minute to approximately the liquidus of the sample, held for 30 min, and then reduced to the intended run temperature, at which time the pressure was adjusted to the intended value. Small pressure adjustments were then made during the run, as needed, to keep the sample pressure within 2.5 MPa of the intended value. Sample temperature generally did not require adjustment and varied by less than \pm 2 °C from the value set on the Eurotherm controller. Sample pressure was calibrated for this assembly type using the CsCl melting technique (Bohlen and Boettcher [1982](#page-23-0)) and is reproducible within 2.5 MPa through the use of an argon reservoir connected to the hydraulic line and by pre-compressing $CaF₂$ furnace parts in a 2-ton press (Sisson et al. [2005\)](#page-25-0). Run durations varied with temperature. High-temperature experiments were brief (\sim 8 h) to avoid exhausting the $Re-ReO₂$ buffer, and lower-temperature runs were up to 99 h to ensure sufficient time to approach equilibrium (Table [4\)](#page-6-0).

Electron microprobe analytical conditions

Sample capsules from each run were sectioned, mounted in epoxy, and polished for microanalysis. Buffer assemblies were assessed for the presence of both Re and ReO_2 by

Phase abbreviations are: Gl glass, CrSp chromium spinel, Olv olivine, AlSp aluminum spinel, Cpx clinopyroxene, Opx orthopyroxene, Pl plagioclase, Hbl hornblende, Mt magnetite, Ilm ilmeno-hematite, V vapor. Modes (wt%) were calculated using least-squares regression for solid phases (XLFRAC; Stormer and Nicholls [1978](#page-25-0)), with Σr^2 indicating the quality of the regression. Fluid was estimated using Papale et al. (2006) as described in the text Papale et al. ([2006](#page-24-0)) as described in the text

 ϵ K_D(Fe²⁺-Mg) values were calculated as (FeO_{sol} × MgO_{iq})/(FeO_{iq} × MgO_{sol}) ϵ K_D(Fe²⁺–Mg) values were calculated as (FeO_{sol} \times MgO_{lid})/(FeO_{liq} \times MgO_{sol})

^d K_D(Ca-Na) values were calculated as (CaO_{pl} × Na₂O_{liq})/(CaO_{liq} × Na₂O_{pl}) ^a K_D(Ca–Na) values were calculated as (CaO_{pl} \times Na₂O_{liq})/(CaO_{liq} \times Na₂O_{pl})

^e Wt% H₂O and CO₂ in the fluid phase was calculated using Papale et al. (2006) We We H₂O and CO₂ in the fluid phase was calculated using Papale et al. [\(2006](#page-24-0))

^f AReReO₂ is estimated by 2log(XH₂O_{sv}/XH₂O_{sv}), where XH₂O_{sv} is the mole fraction of H₂O in the real or fictive sample vapor and XH2O_{bv} is the mole fraction of H₂O in the buffer vapor ¹ AReReO₂ is estimated by 2log(XH₂O_{sv}/XH₂O_{sv}), where XH₂O_{sv} is the mole fraction of H₂O in the real or fictive sample vapor and XH2O_{bv} is the mole fraction of H₂O in the buffer vapor

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EDS on the scanning electron microscope at the USGS in Menlo Park. Silicate samples and metal capsules were analyzed using the five-spectrometer JEOL JXA-8900 electron microprobe at the USGS in Menlo Park. Analytical conditions were optimized for each phase. Hydrous glass was analyzed with 15 kV accelerating potential, 2 nA beam current, and $10-20 \mu m$ spot size (depending on the size of glass pools), with Na and Al analyzed first in the routine, 20 s count times for Na and 30 s count times for all other elements. These conditions have been shown to minimize Na-loss and grow-in for Si and Al in hydrous glass and allow estimation of H_2O -by-difference (Morgan and London [1996\)](#page-24-0). Instrumental conditions for crystalline phases were 15 kV accelerating potential, 20 nA (olivine and oxides), 15 nA (pyroxene and amphibole), and 5 nA (plagioclase), with a focused beam for all crystalline phases except plagioclase $(5 \mu m)$ spot size). Used and unused AuPd and Pt capsules were analyzed for Au, Pd, Fe, Pt, and Re with 25 kV accelerating potential, 20 nA beam current, and a focused beam. Standards were analyzed as unknowns throughout analytical sessions to monitor and correct for instrumental drift.

Results

Experimental conditions, phase assemblages, modes, and mineral–liquid exchange coefficients (K_Ds) are presented in Table [4.](#page-6-0) Average phase compositions with standard deviations and number of points averaged are reported in Table [5](#page-8-0).

Approach to equilibrium

The experiments reported in this study are crystallization runs. Samples were first heated to near-liquidus temperatures, held for 30 min, and then set at the desired temperature for the duration of the run. This method eliminated relict phases and grew near-homogeneous phases in most runs. Preliminary runs (not reported) that were brought directly to P and T produced the same phase assemblages, but minerals were smaller and irregularly shaped, with more heterogeneous compositions. Equilibrium was facilitated by maintaining a constant bulk composition and $fO₂$ throughout the run by using Fe-saturated capsules and an appropriate amount of $Re-ReO₂$ buffer powder and mixedvolatile spike in the buffer assembly, and by maximizing the duration of each run, appropriate to the temperature conditions. A sufficient approach to equilibrium in these experiments is considered likely because (1) the glass is homogeneous and crystals are minimally zoned, with euhedral to subhedral habits (exceptions noted below), many reaching sizes of $>100 \mu$ m (Fig. [2](#page-13-0)), (2) mass-balance calculations have sums of the squares of the residuals (Σr^2) less than 0.2 (Table [4\)](#page-6-0), and (3) mineral–liquid element partitioning exchange K_D s are consistent within each experiment and with values from the literature (Table [4\)](#page-6-0). A few of the runs produced olivine with embayed or rounded shapes (Fig. [2](#page-13-0)b–d), similar to olivine grains produced by Draper and Johnston ([1992\)](#page-23-0) and Faure and Schiano [\(2005](#page-24-0)). We note no difference in the exchange K_D s or quality of the mass-balance calculation for runs with non-euhedral olivine crystals, and we speculate that these grains attained their forms due to either surface energy or a reaction relation with other phases during synthesis. Olivine grains near their low-temperature stability limit have K_{D} s somewhat higher (0.33–0.37) than the commonly referenced value of 0.3 for basaltic liquids (Roeder and Emslie [1970](#page-24-0); Toplis [2005](#page-25-0)). Slightly elevated olivine–liquid exchange K_Ds have also been reported in other studies with evolved melts (Sisson et al. [2005,](#page-25-0) C. Till, written communication). The lowest-temperature runs produced crystal-rich assemblages with greater internal zoning and compositional variation between grains, as measured by higher standard deviations of their oxide components (Table [5\)](#page-8-0).

Phase proportions

Phase proportions were calculated for each run using the multiple-regression least-squares approach (XLFRAC, Stormer and Nicholls [1978\)](#page-25-0), which assumes that the weighted sum of all the crystalline phases and the quenched melt equals the starting composition (01SB872). In runs where the number of phases approaches the number of chemical components (highly crystalline, low-temperature runs), the modal abundances are not as reliably determined as for experiments with few phases. In order to assess the uncertainties of phase proportions, regressions were calculated using the average composition for each phase and also the average compositions plus and minus 1σ for each experiment. This yielded a total maximum variation of \sim 8 % in the crystallinity of each run, although samples with fewer than 20 % crystals had \lt 5 % variation in crystallinity. This approach overestimates the uncertainties in modal proportions because many oxide components are not independently variable in minerals. Uncertainties for individual phase abundances vary between 2 and 20 % relative for phases with greater than 5 modal %. Phases with low modal abundances $(\leq 1 \%)$ have the highest relative uncertainties (up to 50 %). Phases with less than 1 % modal abundance are reported as trace (tr), and phases with modes between 0.5 and 1 % are reported as 1 % (Table [4\)](#page-6-0).

¹ Cr-spinel grains in this sample were \triangleleft microns; therefore, the beam also excited some of the surrounding glass, hence the high SiO₂ and CaO concentrations

Oxidation states

Melt H_2O concentrations have been analyzed by FTIR (Tables [2](#page-3-0), [3\)](#page-4-0), can be estimated from electron-probe summation deficits (Table [5\)](#page-8-0), and also from mass-balance phase proportions, assuming that H_2O is conserved in melt, amphibole, and vapor and that amphibole has H_2O similar to natural igneous hornblendes $(\sim 1.75 \text{ wt\%})$: Dodge et al. 1968). Melt $CO₂$ concentrations were not measured but can be estimated by assuming that $CO₂$ is conserved only in melt and vapor. Deviations of runs from the $Re-ReO₂ buffer$ (Pownceby and O'Neill [1994\)](#page-24-0) can then be estimated (Sisson et al. 2005) using $(XH_2O_{sv}/$ $XH_2O_{bv}^2$, where XH_2O_{sv} is the mole fraction of H_2O in a real or fictive H_2O-CO_2 vapor that would saturate the sample at its H_2O concentration, estimated from Papale et al. [\(2006](#page-24-0)), and XH_2O_{bv} is the mole fraction H_2O in the buffer vapor. These estimates indicate that the fO_2 s of near-liquidus runs were slightly low relative to the buffer $(\Delta \text{Re} \text{Re} O_2 = -0.5)$ (due to the lower-than-intended bulk $H₂O$ concentration), matched the buffer at melt fractions around 50–60 wt%, and rose above the buffer with further crystallization (to \triangle ReReO₂ = +1.3 at <20 wt% melt) (Table [4\)](#page-6-0).

Phase stabilities

Figure 3 shows phase stability fields for basalt 01SB872 with 2 wt% H_2O , 650 ppm CO_2 , at close to Re–Re O_2 with experiments plotted at 900, 700, and 400 MPa. The 0.1 MPa phase stabilities were estimated using MELTS at $Re-ReO₂$ (Ghiorso and Sack [1995](#page-24-0); Asimow and Ghiorso [1998\)](#page-23-0). The stability field for the H_2O – CO_2 vapor was estimated using Papale et al. [\(2006](#page-24-0)), as described following. At pressures less than 200 MPa, vapor is predicted to be the liquidus phase, whereas Cr-spinel is the liquidus phase at pressures above 200 MPa. Cr-spinel is predicted to crystallize at \sim 1,250 °C at 0.1 MPa (MELTS, Ghiorso and Sack [1995;](#page-24-0) Asimow and Ghiorso [1998\)](#page-23-0) and estimated at \sim 1,190 °C at 900 MPa. At 900 MPa, a distinctive Al-rich spinel is stable between \sim 1,135 and 1,035 °C, but spinel with this composition is absent at lower pressures. The olivine (Fo_{86-84}) appearance curve is subparallel to the Cr-spinel stability curve (liquidus), but \sim 40–50 °C cooler. Olivine (olv) becomes increasingly Fe-rich (to F_{079}) until the olivine-out curve is reached, about 150 \degree C cooler, again subparallel to the Crspinel-out curve. The appearance of pyroxenes is strongly pressure dependent, as has long been established for basalts (Yoder [1976\)](#page-25-0). At 900 MPa high-Ca clinopyroxene (cpx) and orthopyroxene (opx) appear within \sim 35 and \sim 55 °C of the liquidus, but appear at progressively lower temperatures and farther below the liquidus at lower investigated pressures (Fig. 3). This trend reverses at very low pressures where the melt would exsolve nearly all its H_2O , raising the appearance temperatures of silicate minerals. Extrapolation of the opx and cpx appearance curves to higher pressures suggests that the 01SB872 composition with 2 wt% H_2O would be multiply saturated with an olv–opx–cpx-spinel assemblage at shallow subcrustal depths, consistent with it approximating a moderately hydrous near-primary peridotite partial melt. The plagioclase appearance temperature decreases with increasing pressure, first markedly from a predicted appearance at \sim 1,225 °C at 0.1 MPa to \sim 1,100 °C at 400 MPa, and then more gradually at higher pressures. As with pyroxenes, the sharp change in plagioclase appearance temperature below 400 MPa is due to low-pressure exsolution of H₂O from the melt. Magnetite crystallizes \sim 150 °C below the liquidus, and ilmenite crystallizes ~ 100 °C cooler than magnetite. The amphibole-in curve has a positive P–T slope, characteristic of hydrous phases in the lowerpressure portion of their stability fields, and occurs between 1,000 and 1,050 \degree C over the pressures investigated in this study.

Saturation of residual melt with a free H_2O – CO_2 vapor, along with vapor composition, were assessed with the solubility model of Papale et al. ([2006\)](#page-24-0), defining a vapor stability curve that is strongly sensitive to pressure below 400 MPa, but less so at higher pressures (Fig. 3). Vapor

Fig. 3 Pressure–temperature diagram for basalt 01SB872 with 2 wt% H_2O near Re–ReO₂. Black diamonds show the P–T conditions for each experiment. Heavy black lines are stability boundaries for mineral phases, labeled as: CRSP chromium spinel, OLV olivine, CPX clinopyroxene, OPX orthopyroxene, PL plagioclase, ALSP aluminum spinel, MT magnetite, HBL hornblende, ILM ilmeno-hematite. Phase boundaries are dashed in the low P–T portion of the diagram because MELTS (Ghiorso and Sack [1995;](#page-24-0) Asimow and Ghiorso [1998](#page-23-0)) did not predict the stability of these phases at 0.1 MPa. The stability field for the mixed $CO₂–H₂O$ vapor is calculated using Papale et al. [\(2006](#page-24-0)). Stages of crystallization are shown as shaded regions in each panel, as discussed in the text

saturation and composition were calculated by determining a nominal wt% H_2O and CO_2 of the melt by mass balance, using phase proportions and the original amount of H_2O and $CO₂$ in the starting material, including subtracting $H₂O$ taken up by amphibole [modal fraction amphibole \times 1.75 wt% H₂O (Dodge et al. [1968](#page-23-0))]. These nominal melt H_2O and CO_2 concentrations were then entered into the $H₂O-CO₂$ solubility model (Papale et al. [2006\)](#page-24-0), along with the glass composition, pressure, and temperature, yielding revised melt H_2O and CO_2 concentrations, vapor fraction, and vapor composition (Table [4](#page-6-0)). Evidence of a vapor phase was observed in 400 MPa runs as pervasive, variably sized $(5-75 \mu m)$, rounded vesicles in 975 and $1,000 \, \text{°C}$ glasses (Fig. [2f](#page-13-0)), and as smaller vesicles (5–10 μ m) in 1,025 °C glass, but vesicles were not found in higher temperature, more melt-rich 400 MPa runs, consistent with solubility expectations (Papale et al. [2006](#page-24-0)). Only small $(1-5 \mu m)$, round, bubble-like voids are present in the low-temperature 700 MPa glasses, and none were seen at higher melt fractions or higher pressure. These small bubble-like voids are difficult to distinguish from other small sample surface irregularities and cannot be identified certainly as confirming free vapor predicted by the solubility model.

Phase descriptions

Cr-spinel forms small subhedral to euhedral equant grains (generally $<$ 5 μ m, rarely to 10 μ m) in the high-temperature runs at each pressure (Fig. [2b](#page-13-0), c). The Cr#s (Cr/Cr $+$ Al) vary from 0.43 to 0.33, with most grains having some compositional zoning from core to rim. Because the grains are small, their interiors and rims could not be analyzed separately, and average grain compositions are reported (Table [5](#page-8-0)).

Al-spinel is present only in the 900 MPa experiments as small $(5 \mu m)$ euhedral grains and as rims on Cr-spinel grains in high-temperature $(1,135-1,115 \degree C)$ runs. In the 1,095–1,055 °C runs, the Al-spinel forms 10 μ m, euhedral grains with homogeneous compositions within each run (Fig. [2](#page-13-0)b). Near the upper and lower-temperature stability boundaries for Al-spinel, the compositions are slightly richer in FeO_T (\sim 29–32 wt%), whereas in the other runs, the Al-spinel has $20-23$ wt% FeO_T.

Olivine assumes a wide variety of shapes from large (100 μ m) euhedral grains at high temperatures to small (10–20 μ m) stringy blebs at low temperatures (Fig. [2a](#page-13-0)–d). Regardless of grain shape, very little compositional variation is apparent between grains or within grains of each run, and the average composition is reported in Table [5](#page-8-0) with standard deviations for wt% MgO between ≤ 0.1 and 0.8 wt%. The forsterite (Fo) content decreases systematically with temperature, going from F_{084-79} from 1,185 to

1,095 °C at 900 MPa, and Fo₈₅₋₇₉ from 1,150 to 1,050 °C at 700 MPa, and F_{086-80} from 1,125 to 1,025 °C at 400 MPa (Table [5](#page-8-0)).

High-Ca clinopyroxene (cpx) and orthopyroxene (opx) have similar habits under most conditions where both are present. At high temperatures $(1,155-1,135 \degree C)$ at 900 MPa, 1,100 °C at 700 MPa, and 1,075–1,050 °C at 400 MPa), cpx grains are large $(100-200 \mu m)$ and euhedral with little compositional variation within or between grains, with the exception of the highest-temperature run (2362, Fig. [2a](#page-13-0)), which contains grains that are sector zoned in Al₂O₃, CaO, and MgO. At high temperatures (1,135 °C) and 900 MPa, opx grains are large $(50-100 \mu m)$, euhedral, and virtually unzoned. At 900 and 700 MPa and moderate temperatures (1,115–1,025 °C), cpx and opx form elongate $(150 \times 20 \mu m)$ euhedral through anhedral grains, some in glomeroporphyritic clusters with plagioclase (Fig. [2](#page-13-0)d). The low-temperature runs (below $1,025$ °C at 900, 700, and 400 MPa) contain small $(<50 \mu m)$, equant, euhedral to subhedral cpx and opx grains with little zoning (Fig. [2e](#page-13-0)). The average wollastonite (Wo), enstatite (En), and ferrosilite (Fs) components are reported in Table [5](#page-8-0) and vary systematically with temperature at each pressure, except for the low-temperature runs, where abundant magnetite plus amphibole crystallization consumes Fe and increases the enstatite component.

Plagioclase forms sparse, large ($75 \times 300 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$), euhedral grains near its high-temperature stability limit. At moderate temperatures $(1,000-1,075 \degree C)$, plagioclase forms evenly distributed, euhedral $(50 \times 100 \text{ µm})$ laths (Fig. [2c](#page-13-0)–e), which decrease in size and become subhedral to interstitial in the lowest-temperature runs (Fig. [2](#page-13-0)f). Compositional zoning is less than 1 % of the anorthite (An) component in the higher-temperature runs. Zoning increases with decreasing temperature such that the plagioclase in the lowest-temperature runs varies by up to 6 % An; their average rim compositions are reported in Table [5.](#page-8-0) Overall, the An component in the plagioclase at each pressure decreases with decreasing temperature: At 900 MPa, plagioclase spans from $An₆₄$ at 1,095 °C to An₅₀ at 975 °C; at 700 MPa, from An₆₇ at 1,100 °C to An₅₁ at 950 °C; and at 400 MPa from An₇₂ at 1,12[5](#page-8-0) °C to An₅₉ at 975 °C (Table 5).

Amphibole forms $50 \mu m$, euhedral grains near its hightemperature stability limit, but forms larger $(100 \mu m)$ euhedral grains in the 900 and 700 MPa runs between 1,025 and 975 °C (Fig. [2e](#page-13-0)). At lower temperatures and pressures, the amphibole grains are $\langle 75 \rangle$ µm and euhedral to subhedral in habit. In the lowest-temperature run (950 °C), the amphibole forms intergrown clusters with minor opx and cpx (Fig. [2f](#page-13-0)).

Magnetite occurs as small $5-20 \mu m$, euhedral to sub-hedral grains (Fig. [2c](#page-13-0)–d). The wt% FeO_T increases with decreasing temperature for each pressure investigated, ranging from 66 to 80 wt% FeO_T (Table [5\)](#page-8-0). Sparse grains of ilmenite–hematite (\sim 21 wt% TiO₂) are present in the lowest-temperature (950 $^{\circ}$ C) experiment.

Glass in all runs is free of quench crystals, and in all experiments above 995 \degree C, glass forms evenly distributed pools that are at least $40 \mu m$, with homogeneous compositions throughout each sample. Below 995 \degree C, melt pools can be sparse and as small as 25 um, with more compositional heterogeneity, which is reflected in the higher reported standard deviations for the average oxide concentration in these runs, especially in sample 2370, which was run at 950 \degree C (Table [5\)](#page-8-0).

Phase proportions

Calculated modal percentages of melt and solid phases are plotted in Fig. 4. At 900 MPa, near-liquidus crystallization is dominated by $cpx +$ olv with trace amounts of opx, Crspinel, and Al-spinel. At \sim 1,095 °C, opx crystallization outpaces olivine, and by $\sim 1,075$ °C, olivine disappears entirely. Plagioclase precipitation begins in trace amounts at \sim 1,095 °C, but appears to be moderated by the occurrence of the Al-spinel phase, which is only stable together with plagioclase over a small P–T window, consistent with the experimental and modeling results of Till et al. [\(2012](#page-25-0)). At \sim 1,035 °C, when the Al-spinel disappears, plagioclase abundance sharply increases from 3 to 19 wt% and precipitation of amphibole and magnetite commence. With decreasing temperature below $1,035$ °C, amphibole crystallizes at the expense of both opx and cpx, with plagioclase abundance remaining nearly constant. The melt fraction of the experiments at 900 MPa decreases systematically with decreasing temperature, except at \sim 1,035 °C where the melt fraction sharply declined from 60 to 33 wt%, due to the onset of amphibole crystallization. At 975 \degree C, as the amphibole modal percentage increases, the calculated melt fraction also increases slightly, although this is within the 8 % margin of uncertainty for the modal calculations and probably reflects a shortcoming in averaged phase compositions, or possibly a near-singularity among mineral and melt compositions that can render the least-squares approach imprecise.

At 700 MPa, olivine and Cr-spinel are joined by 15 wt% cpx and 3 wt% plagioclase at 1,100 °C. At \sim 1,050 °C, opx and magnetite join the assemblage and plagioclase increases from 3 to 20 wt%. Olivine disappears at 1,025 \degree C, and amphibole crystallization commences and markedly increases in abundance as temperature decreases, at the expense of cpx and opx. By 950 \degree C, ilmeno-hematite grows to trace amounts.

At 400 MPa, Cr-spinel and olivine are joined by cpx between 1,125 and 1,075 °C, and magnetite replaces Crspinel by 1,050 °C. At \sim 1,000 °C, olivine disappears and

Fig. 4 Stacked bar charts showing the modal percentages of melt and crystalline phases at each temperature for 900, 700, and 400 MPa, as labeled. Phase abbreviations are as in Figs. [2](#page-13-0) and [3](#page-14-0)

opx and amphibole crystallize. By $975 °C$, amphibole abundance increases at the expense of cpx and opx.

Liquid compositions

The experimental liquids produced in this study plot within the medium-K field of Gill [\(1981](#page-24-0)) and range from basalt to dacite (Fig. [5](#page-18-0)a). Controls on melt differentiation can be divided broadly into three stages: an early high-temperature clinopyroxenitic stage dominated by growth of clinopyroxene with subordinate olivine, orthopyroxene, and spinel (Fig. [3](#page-14-0)a); an intermediate gabbroic stage (Fig. [3](#page-14-0)b), dominated by clinopyroxene and plagioclase, joined by either Al-spinel (900 MPa) or magnetite (s.l.) (700, 400 MPa); and a low-temperature amphibole gabbroic stage dominated by growth of plagioclase, amphibole, and

magnetite, with concomitant resorption of early mafic silicates (Fig. [3c](#page-14-0)). The relative magnitudes of these stages vary with pressure, with the clinopyroxenitic stage diminishing and the gabbroic stage expanding, with decreasing pressure as plagioclase begins to crystallize at higher temperatures and grows in greater abundances.

These stages influence liquid differentiation paths. As temperature declines from the liquidus to $\sim 1,100$ °C, growth of abundant clinopyroxene retards the $SiO₂$ enrich-ment of derivative liquids (Fig. [6a](#page-19-0)), so that melt $SiO₂$ concentrations increase modestly from \sim 49.5 to \sim 51.5 wt% (melt concentrations normalized anhydrous through this section). Across this temperature interval, melt MgO concentrations decline from 8.7 to 5.5–6 wt% (higher at lower pressures) (Figs. [5d](#page-18-0), [6d](#page-19-0)). Melt FeO* concentrations are approximately constant across the early clinopyroxenedominated stage of crystallization (Figs. [5f](#page-18-0), [6f](#page-19-0)), with the result that at all investigated pressures, melts increase in FeO*/MgO, but only modestly in $SiO₂$, so they rise short distances into the arc tholeiite field on Miyashiro's ([1974\)](#page-24-0) tholeiitic–calc-alkaline discriminant diagram (Fig. [5](#page-18-0)b). Melt Al_2O_3 concentrations are sensitive to the onset and abundance of plagioclase crystallization, and thus to pressure. At 900 MPa, where the near-liquidus clinopyroxenitic crystallization stage is broad, melt Al_2O_3 concentrations rise from 17 wt% at the liquidus to 20.1 wt% until the onset of plagioclase crystallization (Figs. [5](#page-18-0)e, [6](#page-19-0)c). At lower pressures, melt Al_2O_3 concentrations continue to rise into the gabbroic stage of crystallization, attaining 19.8 wt% at 700 MPa and \sim 18.5 wt% at 400 MPa.

The succeeding gabbroic stage of crystallization is broader at lower pressures, spanning from $\sim 1,100$ to \sim 1,050 °C at 900 MPa, \sim 1,110 to \sim 1,030 °C at 700 MPa, and $\sim 1,130$ to $\sim 1,020$ °C at 400 MPa (Fig. [3](#page-14-0)b). At 900 MPa, melt $SiO₂$ concentrations increase modestly and liquids pass from high- Al_2O_3 basalts to high- Al_2O_3 basaltic andesites. Magnetite does not appear in the gabbroic stage at that pressure, with the result that melts remain in the arc tholeiite field (Fig. [5](#page-18-0)b). Gabbroic crystallization also increases melt $SiO₂$ concentrations modestly at 700 and 400 MPa, but magnetite appears at progressively higher temperatures at lower pressures (Fig. [3](#page-14-0); Table [4](#page-6-0)), with the result that at 700 and 400 MPa, melt compositions approach and intersect the tholeiitic– calc-alkaline divide (Fig. [5](#page-18-0)b). A peak in melt $TiO₂$ concentration of 1.5–1.7 wt% at \sim 1,050 °C occurs directly prior to the onset of abundant magnetite crystallization at all pressures investigated (Figs. [5h](#page-18-0), [6h](#page-19-0)).

Amphibole grows in great abundance in the low-temperature amphibole gabbroic stage of crystallization, accompanied at all pressures by magnetite. The combined effect is to increase melt $SiO₂$ concentrations sharply, attaining silicic andesite values by $975 \degree C$, and dacitic $SiO₂$ values at lower temperatures (Fig. [6](#page-19-0)a). At 900 MPa, amphibole gabbroic-stage liquid compositions approach and then track along the tholeiitic–calc-alkaline divide but fail to pass into the calc-alkaline field (Fig. [5b](#page-18-0)). At 700 MPa, amphibole gabbroic-stage liquid compositions cross into the calc-alkaline field, and 400 MPa liquids pass from the boundary to plot deep into the calc-alkaline field. Earlier (Fig. [3\)](#page-14-0) and more abundant crystallization of magnetite (Table [4](#page-6-0)) at lower pressures probably accounts for the stronger calc-alkaline character of the lowerpressure evolved liquids, although this cannot be distinguished unambiguously from the effects of amphibole crystallization. However, the sharp increase in $SiO₂$ that occurs at \sim 1,050 °C (Fig. [6](#page-19-0)a) must be associated with magnetite crystallization in the 700 and 400 MPa liquids, since amphibole is not stable at these temperatures and pressures. An additional aspect of the amphibole gabbroic-stage liquids is that their $Na₂O$ concentrations decline modestly with crystallization from a peak near 4.8 wt%; this exceeds the Na₂O concentrations of synthesized amphiboles $(2.47-3.01 \text{ wt\%)}$, and the decline at lower temperatures probably results from combined amphibole and plagioclase growth with concurrent resorption of pyroxenes (Figs. [5](#page-18-0)g, [6g](#page-19-0)).

Although liquid compositions synthesized in this study evolve similarly to subduction zone magmas in many respects, including producing calc-alkaline types, they differ in attaining low CaO concentrations, especially at 900 and 700 MPa (Fig. [5](#page-18-0)c), due to early and abundant crystallization of clinopyroxene. Depletion of liquids in CaO during crystallization at deep-crustal conditions has been noted in the previous studies (Müntener and Ulmer [2006](#page-24-0) and references therein) along with the observation that the low CaO concentrations lead to peraluminous (ASI: molar Al/(Na + K + 2Ca) > 1) evolved liquids. In the present study, liquids cross the metaluminous–peraluminous divide at $\sim 61 \text{ wt\%}$ SiO₂ at 900 MPa and \sim 62 wt% SiO₂ at 700 MPa and do not become peraluminous at 400 MPa (Fig. [7a](#page-20-0)). Although peraluminous compositions occur in arc volcanic rocks, according to Gill [\(1981](#page-24-0)), only 15 % of orogenic andesites are corundumnormative. Implications of high-pressure peraluminous differentiation are addressed in the following section.

Discussion

A first-order result of this investigation is that low-MgO, high-Al₂O₃ liquids with basaltic $SiO₂$ concentrations can form by deep-crustal clinopyroxene-dominated crystallization of moderately hydrous magnesian arc basalts. Evolved high- Al_2O_3 basalts are widespread in some arcs and have been hypothesized to form by such deep-crustal pyroxene-

Fig. 5 Oxide concentrations of synthesized glasses, normalized anhydrous, plotted versus wt% $SiO₂$. The field boundaries in (a) are from Gill [\(1981](#page-24-0)) and in (b) from Miyashiro ([1974\)](#page-24-0). The CaO versus

 $SiO₂$ points plotted for the Cascades in (c) are derived by calculating the average CaO value for every 2 wt% $SiO₂$, along with one sigma standard deviation shown by uncertainty brackets on each point

Fig. 6 Oxide concentrations of synthesized glasses, normalized anhydrous, plotted versus temperature (°C)

Fig. 7 Abundance density contour plot of ASI = molar Al/ $(2Ca + Na + K)$ versus SiO₂ (wt%) for $> 6,500$ igneous rocks from the Cascades magmatic arc and Sierra Nevada batholith with experimental liquids (normalized anhydrous) plotted for comparison. Contours give the abundance density (%) of compositions plotting within each 0.025 ASI X 1.0 wt% SiO₂ cells. For example, within the >2 % abundance density contour, there were more than 130 samples within each cell, whereas within the >0.2 % abundance density contour, there were only 14 samples within each cell. The peak of the abundance density contours shows that the most commonly analyzed rock for these arcs is: ~ 63 wt% SiO₂ with an ASI of ~ 0.9 ; however, the rocks form a compositional continuum from basalt (gabbro) to rhyolite (granite) with a corresponding range of ASI. The boundary for peraluminous compositions $ASI > 1$ is shown in panel **a** for reference. The experimental liquids from this study and others from the literature are shown in separate panels, divided by starting composition: a Rainier-area basalt (01SB872), this study. Also shown are trajectories of liquid evolution during 20 wt% crystallization of: cpx clinopyroxene, plag plagioclase, olv olivine, and opx orthopyroxene, using high-pressure phase compositions, and the general trend for crystallization of plagioclase $+$ mafic silicates. **b** Other arc basalts

rich crystallization processes (Sisson and Grove [1993b](#page-24-0); Grove et al. [2003](#page-24-0)). Another result is that basalt crystallization at mid- and deep-crustal pressures readily produces liquids with andesitic and dacitic $SiO₂$ concentrations. Under sufficiently oxidizing conditions $(\geq Ni-NiO)$, mid- to deep-crustal crystallization also produces the low FeO*/ MgO characteristic of calc-alkaline magmas, consistent with earlier work on basaltic-composition gabbros at higher

and basaltic-composition gabbros from: (1) Müntener et al. [\(2001](#page-24-0)), (2) Bartels et al. ([1991](#page-23-0)), (3) Draper and Johnston [\(1992](#page-23-0)), (4) Grove et al. [\(2003](#page-24-0)), (5) Sisson et al. [\(2005](#page-25-0)), (6) Sisson and Grove ([1993a](#page-24-0)), (7) Sisson and Grove [\(1993b\)](#page-24-0), and (8) Wagner et al. [\(1995\)](#page-25-0). c Basaltic andesite and andesite from: (9) Weaver et al. ([2011\)](#page-25-0), (10) Mercer and Johnston [\(2008](#page-24-0)), (11) Grove and Juster [\(1989](#page-24-0)), and (12) Alonzo-Perez et al. [\(2009](#page-23-0)). The Alonzo-Perez compositions scatter widely, probably due to diverse H_2O concentrations, and are shown as a field rather than individual points, d Rainier-area basalt from this study shown with a mixing line to the average composition of evolved experimental liquids with >70 wt% SiO₂ produced by Sisson et al. [\(2005](#page-25-0)) using Sierran basaltic starting compositions. Approximate trajectories for melt evolution at various pressures are generalized from the previous plots (a–c) and shown as dashed lines, labeled with approximate pressures. Because $H₂O$ concentrations differed in each study, the effects of water versus pressure on ASI versus $SiO₂$ cannot be fully deconvolved. A field for low-pressure (0.1 MPa) dry basalt differentiation (Juster et al. [1989\)](#page-24-0) is shown for comparison with arc magmas; the lower limit of this dry, low-pressure field plots off-scale to the lower left of the diagram

extents of crystallization that produced calc-alkaline rhyodacite and rhyolite liquids (Sisson et al. [2005](#page-25-0)). Development of calc-alkaline character diminishes as pressures approach those of the base of the continental crust (900 MPa), possibly due to high-pressure stabilization of Al-spinel instead of magnetite (Fig. [3](#page-14-0)).

It is widely hypothesized that primitive basalts or gabbros are rare in active arcs and in the mid- and upper continental crust because primitive basaltic magmas commonly stall near the base of the crust, due to reduced buoyancy or enhanced heat loss. If so, and those basalts crystallized similarly to the experiments in this study, then peraluminous andesites and dacites would be widespread. They are not, however, as is shown by a compilation of $>6,500$ analyses of volcanic and intrusive rocks from the Cascades and the Sierra Nevada batholith. Figure [7](#page-20-0) illustrates that ASI in these arc suites increases continuously and linearly with whole-rock $SiO₂$ from basalts to rhyolites or granites $(ASI/wt\% SiO₂ 0.012-0.014)$. Although a modest number of arc magmas are peraluminous across a range of $SiO₂$ contents, the vast majority of arc compositions are not peraluminous until whole-rock $SiO₂$ exceeds about 69 wt%, indicating that arcs readily produce weakly peraluminous rhyodacitic and rhyolitic magmas, but do not commonly produce peraluminous andesites and dacites. In contrast to the arc suites, the 900 and 700 MPa experimental liquids from this study diverge early from the natural arc trend, with their ASIs increasing markedly with limited increases in melt $SiO₂$ concentration; the 400 MPa liquids do not diverge as strongly from the natural arc ASI– $SiO₂$ array (Fig. [7](#page-20-0)a). At all pressures investigated in this study, once plagioclase joins mafic silicates in the crystallizing assemblage, the $ASI-SiO₂$ trajectories of the experimental liquids shift to trending approximately parallel to the natural arc array, with the 400 MPa liquids overlapping it most closely (Fig. [7a](#page-20-0)).

Few other experimental studies publish results for crystallization–differentiation of moderately hydrous arc basalts at deep-crustal or shallow-subcrustal conditions. Those available also show prematurely peraluminous differentiates, or steep trajectories of melt ASI versus $SiO₂$, dissimilar to the natural arc igneous suites (Fig. [7](#page-20-0)b). Müntener et al. [\(2001](#page-24-0)) investigated a high-MgO basalt from the Mt. Shasta region of the California Cascades (85–44) in an experimental study that explored a range of initial H₂O concentrations: 2.5, 3.8, and 5 wt% H₂O, at 1.2 GPa and temperatures from 1,230 to 1,070 \degree C (Fig. [7](#page-20-0)b: black-filled circles). Cpx grew in modal abundances of \sim 2.8 to 31 % in all experiments, and liquids were peraluminous by the time they evolved to 54–58 wt% $SiO₂$ (normalized anhydrous). The evolving liquids define an initially steep trend of ASI versus $SiO₂$, dissimilar to the field for arc magmas from the Cascades and Sierra, clearly above the natural trend (Fig. [7b](#page-20-0)). H_2O saturated experiments by Grove et al. ([2003\)](#page-24-0) explored the phase equilibria of the same basaltic composition (85–44) at 200 and 800 MPa between 1,090 and 990 °C. These experiments also report abundant crystallization of cpx (1–28 %), except in their highest P/T run, at 800 MPa and 1,090 \degree C, where only olivine crystallized. Their two 800 MPa liquids (normalized anhydrous) plot above the

ASI versus $SiO₂$ array for natural arc magmas (Fig. [7](#page-20-0)b: gray circles), becoming peraluminous by \sim 59 wt% SiO₂. Highly crystallized, low-temperature experiments run at 700 MPa on Sierran basaltic-composition amphibole gabbros (Sisson et al. [2005](#page-25-0)) also produce liquids that are peraluminous at ≥ 63.5 wt% SiO₂ and yield a trend that is roughly parallel to that of natural liquids, but at higher ASI values (Fig. [7b](#page-20-0): white triangles). In contrast, relatively low-pressure $(100, 200 \text{ MPa})$ H₂O-saturated experiments on basaltic compositions (Sisson and Grove [1993a,](#page-24-0) [b;](#page-24-0) Grove et al. [2003;](#page-24-0) Wagner et al. [1995](#page-25-0)) produce liquids that evolve similar to the array of natural arc magmas (Fig. [7b](#page-20-0): white squares, black squares, gray diamonds, and gray triangles, respectively). The distinguishing feature of these relatively low-pressure experiments is that abundant plagioclase accompanies olivine and clinopyroxene (or amphibole) in the nearliquidus crystallizing assemblages, moderating the increase in melt ASI with increasing $SiO₂$.

Several studies (Baker et al. [1994](#page-23-0); Hirose and Kawamoto [1995;](#page-24-0) Hirose [1997;](#page-24-0) Blatter and Carmichael [2001](#page-23-0); Grove et al. [2003](#page-24-0), [2006;](#page-24-0) Straub et al. [2008,](#page-25-0) [2011](#page-25-0)) propose basaltic andesite or high-MgO andesite as a common parental magma type in arcs, rather than basalt. Experiments on a low-MgO, high-alumina basaltic andesite from North Sister Volcano, Oregon Cascades, at pressures of 500 and 1,000 MPa and $H₂O$ concentrations of 0, 3.5, 5, 10, and 15 wt% (Mercer and Johnston [2008](#page-24-0)), show that near-liquidus melts fractionate along steep ASI versus $SiO₂$ trends (Fig. [7](#page-20-0)c: white circles and gray squares), even though the liquid fraction in those experiments was never less than 90 wt%. This steep trend is consistent with the low abundances of plagioclase in the earliest crystallizing assemblages, as well as augite crystallization at higher H_2O concentrations. Experimental investigation of a high-MgO basaltic andesite at the pressure of $1,000$ MPa and $H₂O$ of $3-7$ wt% (Weaver et al. [2011](#page-25-0)) produced orthopyroxene as the dominant near-liquidus crystallizing phase, which would not be expected to change liquid ASI appreciably, yet the initial trajectory is also steep (Fig. [7c](#page-20-0): black x's). Alonzo-Perez et al. ([2009\)](#page-23-0) conducted high-pressure (1,200–800 MPa) experiments on a synthetic andesite at $H₂O$ concentrations of 4, 6, and 8 wt% and noted that the liquids became peraluminous at ≥ 61 wt% SiO₂, depending on water concentrations (Fig. [7c](#page-20-0): gray field). High-pressure (1,200 MPa) experiments on a high-MgO andesite from the Mt. Shasta region, Cascades (Müntener et al. [2001](#page-24-0)), show that crystallization of this composition also produces a steep ASI versus $SiO₂$ melt trend similar to crystallizing basalt or basaltic andesite (Fig. [7](#page-20-0)c: black-filled circles). In contrast, lower-pressure (200 MPa), H_2O -saturated experiments on the same composition (Grove et al. [2003\)](#page-24-0) indicate that the melt ASI versus $SiO₂$ trend is within the range

of natural arc magmas (Fig. [7](#page-20-0)c: white triangles). For comparison, basaltic andesite and andesite crystallized at 0.1 MPa (Grove and Juster [1989\)](#page-24-0) produce evolved liquids that skirt the lower boundary of ASI versus $SiO₂$ for natural magmas (Fig. [7](#page-20-0)c: black squares and gray diamonds).

Nominally dry basalts experimentally crystallized at deep- or shallow-crustal conditions generally saturate early with plagioclase, and thus, their liquids define shallower trajectories of ASI versus $SiO₂$, more similar to the natural arc suites. Nominally dry liquids produced at 1,000 MPa from a primitive Cascades high- Al_2O_3 basalt from near Mount Shasta define an $ASUSiO₂$ slope that is slightly negative (decreasing SiO_2 : black x's in Fig. [7b](#page-20-0)), although the trajectory is not well defined due to a narrow temperature range investigated below the liquidus (Bartels et al. [1991\)](#page-23-0). Plagioclase did not saturate early in the crystallization sequence of a high-MgO Aleutian basalt that was also considered to be nominally dry (Draper and Johnston [1992\)](#page-23-0), and the experimental liquids follow a steep ASI/ $SiO₂$ trajectory similar to those of wet high-MgO basalt (Fig. [7](#page-20-0)b: white circles), consistent with the inferences by Weaver et al. ([2011\)](#page-25-0) that the starting material of Draper and Johnston (1992) (1992) contained modest $H₂O$.

General observations from these experimental studies are that for basalts, basaltic andesites, and andesites with $H₂O$ concentrations appropriate for arc magmas, (1) clinopyroxene crystallizes early and in abundance at deepcrustal and subcrustal pressures, driving intermediate liquids to ASI values greater than for common arc magmas, (2) melt trajectories produced by co-crystallization of plagioclase plus mafic silicates are similar to the ASI versus $SiO₂$ array defined by arc magmas, and (3) increasing pressure of crystallization shifts melt differentiation paths to higher ASI values. Crystallization at atmospheric pressure produces evolved liquids with ASI values at or below the limit of the natural arc array (Fig. [7](#page-20-0)c, d), whereas crystallization at deep-crustal and subcrustal pressures produces evolved liquids with ASI values greater than the natural arc array (Fig. [7](#page-20-0)a, b), including producing peraluminous andesitic liquids that are rare in nature. The shift to higher ASI is intrinsically tied to the overall proportion of plagioclase versus mafic silicates that crystallize, so there is not a one-to-one relation between pressure and differentiation path. Other compositional factors being equal, magma with a higher H_2O concentration would have reduced plagioclase stability and so would differentiate at higher ASI for the same pressure. Despite these ambiguities, the overall effect of pressure on differentiation trajectory can be sketched schematically (Fig. [7](#page-20-0)d) and shows that the preponderance of arc magma compositions matches plagioclase plus mafic silicate differentiation paths at mid- to upper-crustal pressures. Certainly, progressive differentiation of primitive basalts in the deep crust or uppermost mantle does not dominate production of the arc magmatic suite.

Several inferences could be drawn from the similarity between mid- to upper-crustal liquid lines of descent and typical arc magma compositions (Fig. [7\)](#page-20-0): (1) Primitive arc basalts may commonly reach and differentiate at shallow crustal depths. However, the scarcity of gabbroic cumulates, primitive lavas, and primitive dikes in the upper arc crust weighs against this interpretation. (2) The compositions investigated in this and other experimental studies could be inappropriate, with the true parents being richer in normative plagioclase or poorer in H_2O than those studied, so that plagioclase would saturate early in the deep crust. The basalt composition investigated here is not atypical, however (Fig. [7\)](#page-20-0), and H_2O even less than 2 wt% would contradict the preponderance of arc basaltic melt inclusion analyses (Métrich and Wallace 2008), so this interpretation is also not favored. A variant of this hypothesis is that basaltic andesites are the common parental magmas in arcs, and these might crystallize abundant orthopyroxene in the deep crust, which would not increase melt ASI or $SiO₂$ significantly. Deepcrustal crystallization behavior of basaltic andesites is not well explored experimentally, so this possibility remains open, but the hypothesis fails to account for the compositional continuity of basalts with the rest of the arc magmatic suite. Finally, (3) it may be that open-system processes outweigh progressive crystallization–differentiation in the production of arc magmatic suites. One possibility is that primitive basalts stall in the deep crust and solidify to large degrees, leaving highly evolved granitic or rhyolitic residual liquids (Sisson et al. [2005\)](#page-25-0), and these then mix into subsequent basalt injections, drawing them along the arc ASI versus $SiO₂$ array (Fig. [7d](#page-20-0)). Silicic liquids could also derive by low-degree partial melting of earlier intrusions and of unrelated country rocks. Assimilation of partly degassed residual liquids, and degassed intrusions and their partial melts, could limit or reduce melt H_2O concentrations, thereby accounting for the intermediate H_2O concentrations of melt inclusions in andesites and dacites (Wallace [2005](#page-25-0)). Low $H₂O$ due to assimilation or mixing could also potentially force early plagioclase crystallization in the deep crust, promoting differentiation along the arc ASI versus $SiO₂$ array.

The relations shown in Fig. [7](#page-20-0) also have implications for understanding the processes that created the continents. If the andesitic or dacitic bulk composition of the continents derived from source materials similar to modern arc basalts, the mafic component lost to the mantle would lie along the arc ASI–SiO₂ trajectory, either at its low-SiO₂ end or projected to even lower $SiO₂$ values. Such rocks would be gabbroic in composition, not clinopyroxenites or orthopyroxenites. In keeping with option 3 in the preceding paragraph, producing melt-depleted plagioclase-bearing mafic

residues at deep-crustal pressures is accomplished most readily by either high degrees of basalt crystallization or low degrees of partial melting, accompanied by silicic melt extraction. The residual rocks would be gabbros and would be buoyant relative to peridotite, so post-magmatic cooling into the eclogite facies, or collisional events depressing the residual gabbros into the eclogite facies, in both cases followed by eclogite delamination (Jull and Kelemen [2001](#page-24-0)), may be necessary aspects of continent differentiation.

Conclusions

Experimental crystallization of moderately hydrous, oxidized, magnesian arc basalt at deep to mid-crustal pressures reproduces many aspects of subduction zone magmas, including (1) generation of high- Al_2O_3 , low-MgO basalts and basaltic andesites by deep-crustal crystallization of pyroxene, (2) the subsequent production of melts with andesitic and dacitic $SiO₂$ concentrations, as well as other features similar to arc magmas, and (3) the low FeO*/MgO ratios characteristic of calc-alkaline andesites and dacites due to both magnetite and amphibole crystallization. Deepcrustal melt compositions differ, however, from common natural arc magmas in attaining peraluminous compositions at andesitic or dacitic $SiO₂$ concentrations, with the peraluminous character developing more strongly and appearing earlier in the differentiation process at higher pressures. These results imply that to maintain the metaluminous character of the overwhelming majority of arc magmas, the spectrum of typical arc magmas is produced by either: (1) chiefly mid- to upper-crustal fractional crystallization or remelting of basaltic compositions or (2) mixing of mafic magmas with evolved crustal melts or residual liquids in the deep crust, forcing plagioclase saturation, and causing coupled and consistent increase in $SiO₂$ with ASI. Alternatively, and equally controversial, it may be that parental arc basalts generally have less than 2 wt% H_2O and are more similar to back-arc basin basalts than is generally accepted.

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