# Why do we make thermodynamic models of magmatic phase relations?

# **Experiments are not always enough!**

# Reproduce or interpolate experiments

 In this context, models can be useful, but are often disappointing. The more multivariate a problem is, the more useful interpolation becomes. Models can be very useful in synthesizing multiple experimental sources.

# To extrapolate experimental data

 The framework of thermodynamics is most useful in this case. Arbitrary functional forms with little theoretical basis may not extrapolate well in T, P and composition. Thermodynamical-based models of phase equilibria are always better extrapolators of experimental data.

## **Example: melting of peridotite at shallow mantle pressures:**

# Phase equilibria from 0-3 GPa



	MM3
SiO <sub>2</sub>	45.47
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.11
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.00
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.68
FeOT	7.22
MgO	38.53
CaO	3.59
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.31



# Phase equilibria from 0-3 GPa (con't)



- Experimentally determined liquid compositions are indicated by symbols.
- Smooth curves are calculated using the pMELTS software package.



# Another example: crystallization of MORB composition liquid:

wt%	MORB
SiO <sub>2</sub>	48.68
TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.01
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	17.64
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.89
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.0425
FeO	7.59
MnO	
MgO	9.1
CaO	12.45
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.65
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.03
$P_2O_5$	0.08
H <sub>2</sub> O	0.2
CO <sub>2</sub>	



#### **Another example: rhyolite:**





#### **Example: Daly hypothesis -** Generation of tephrites and phonolites by assimilation of limestones into alkali basalts



after, lacono-Marziano et al. (2008)

- (red curve) is PST-9 + 1 wt% H2O crystallization simulated using MELTS
- addition of 20 wt% CaCO3 to PST-9 + 1 • wt% H2O generates the composition plotted as the green circle (compare to experiments)
- equilibrium crystallization of that • carbonated composition generates the blue curve





# But, what is the real advantage of thermodynamic models?

- To investigate phenomena that are difficult or impossible to examine experimentally
  - This is the key reason to develop a thermodynamic model. Examples:
    - We wish to model melting associated with adiabatic decompression, yet we cannot perform a sequence of melting experiments at fixed entropy content.
    - Experiments are done at fixed oxygen fugacity, but we are interested in evolution of the system at fixed oxygen content?
    - We wish to explore the consequences of crystallization under isochoric conditions, and it may not be possible to impose experimental constraints that mimic this condition.

### **Example: Adiabatic melting (\Delta Q = 0):**



### ... Adiabatic melting



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Clapyron equation $\frac{dT}{dP} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta S}$ 

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#### **MM3 (pMELTS adiabat)**



#### **Example: Oxygen buffer: closed versus open system:**



#### **Example: MORB crystallization: heat output:**



#### **Example: High-silica rhyolite crystallization: heat output:**







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#### **Colli Albani, Roman province**



Geologic, petrographic and geochemical data with mass balance calculations, supported by experimental data for Colli Albani magma compositions, provide evidence for significant ingestion of carbonate wall rocks by the Pozzolane Rosse K-foiditic magma.

#### Example: Colli Albani, calcite assimilation, 100 g initial magma, 1200 °C



Differential pressure (MPa)



#### Merapi, Indonesia

- Parental magma: crystal-rich basaltic andesite, compared to the potassic-foidite from Alban Hills.
- Like Colli Albani, the explosivity of the eruptions of Merapi are fueled by assimilation of crustal carbonates

Composition for modeling is taken from Deegan et al. (2010, JP, 51:1027-1051)





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