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1 **Magmatic landscape construction**

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Abstract. Magmatism is an important driver of landscape adjustment over $\sim 10\%$ of Earth's land surface, producing $10^3 - 10^6$ km² terrains that often persistently resurface with magma for 1-10s of Myr. Construction of topography by magmatic intrusions and eruptions approaches or exceeds tectonic uplift rates in these settings, defining regimes of landscape evolution by the degree to which such magmatic construction outpaces erosion. We compile data that spans the complete range of magmatism, from laccoliths, forced folds, and InSAR-detected active intrusions, to explosive and effusive eruption deposits, cinder cones, stratovolcanoes, and calderas. Distributions of magmatic landforms represent topographic perturbations that span > 10 orders of magnitude in planform areas and > 6 orders of magnitude in relief, varying strongly with the style of magmatism. We show that, independent of erodibility or climate considerations, observed magmatic landform geometry implies a wide range of potential for erosion, due to trade-offs between slope and drainage area in common erosion laws. Because the occurrence rate of magmatic events varies systematically with the volume of material emplaced, only a restricted class of magmatic processes is likely to directly compete with erosion to shape topography. Outside of this range, magmatism either is insignificant on landscape scales or overwhelms pre-existing topography and acts to reset the landscape. The landform data compiled here provide a basis for disentangling competing processes that build and erode topography in volcanic provinces, reconstructing timing and volumes of vol-

24 canism in the geologic record, and assessing mechanical connections between
25 climate and magmatism.

1. Introduction

26 The physical form of landscapes reflects mass transfer processes at the Earth's surface
27 that change topographic elevations via uplift and subsidence relative to the geoid, and
28 erosion or deposition of surface rocks [*England and Molnar, 1990*]. Uplift and subsi-
29 dence mechanisms are diverse, including tectonic processes and bulk isostatic or flexural
30 adjustment of the crust in response to loads. Subsequent lateral gravitational potential
31 energy gradients then drive physical erosion that reduces surface topographic relief. For
32 terrestrial landscapes on Earth, tectonic uplift is usually considered to be the primary
33 large-scale process driving landscape evolution.

34 However in active or recently active volcanic environments, which occupy roughly 10%
35 of the global land surface (Figure 1, *Wilkinson et al., 2009*), tectonics may not be the
36 dominant driver of increases in relief [e.g., *Perkins et al., 2016a*]. Instead, emplacement of
37 magma within the crust as intrusions or on the Earth's surface through volcanic eruptions
38 may be primarily responsible for the changes in surface relief, and occur on temporal and
39 spatial scales that can deviate significantly from tectonic forcing [e.g., *Hildreth, 2007*;
40 *Lee et al., 2015*]. This type of topographic change is driven by deep mass influx from
41 the mantle, and consists of vertical surface motions relative to the geoid (rather than
42 exhumation of bedrock, *England and Molnar, 1990*). Most often, magmatism results
43 in the net increase of land elevation. Subsidence due to evacuating subsurface magma
44 reservoirs can also occur, such as during caldera collapse. Volcanic activity also strongly
45 affects geomorphic processes responsible for erosion [e.g., *Montgomery et al., 1999*; *Gran*
46 *et al., 2011*], sets substrate erodibility by creating new surface deposits [e.g., *Jefferson*

47 *et al.*, 2010], and drives changes to Earth's climate on a range of timescales [e.g., *Self*,
48 2006].

49 Volcanic impacts on surface evolution can be highly variable. For example, Mount
50 Mazama, a volcanic center in the Oregon Cascades arc, USA, has a ~ 400 kyr history of
51 episodic magmatic landform construction including a central stratovolcano that reached
52 an elevation of ~ 3700 m, with surrounding petrologically-related monogenetic edifices
53 and lava flows deposited over a ~ 1000 km² region of tectonic extension and faulting
54 [*Bacon and Lanphere*, 2006]. At 7.7 ka, the explosive Crater Lake caldera-forming eruption
55 destroyed the Mazama edifice, blanketing $\sim 10^6$ km² of western North America with
56 volcanic sediment [*Sarna-Wojcicki et al.*, 1983]. Subsequently, post-caldera volcanism
57 and resurgent doming has partially refilled some of the subsided caldera floor towards the
58 regional surface. Thus the 'uplift' history of Mount Mazama is strongly non-monotonic.
59 The current landscape integrates post-Crater Lake geomorphic and volcanic activity with
60 topography that records prior interactions between magmatic uplift, erosion by rivers
61 and glaciers, and regional tectonics [*Bacon and Lanphere*, 2006; *Robinson et al.*, 2017].
62 Although Mount Mazama is not representative of all volcanic centers, it is typical of most
63 arcs, ocean islands, continental rifts, hotspots, and large igneous provinces in the sense
64 that magmatism is a primary driver of landscape evolution.

65 Here we document the range of surface topography changes that are caused by extrusive
66 and intrusive magmatism, and then explore the role of landform shape on erodibility
67 across magmatic styles. This focus differs from studies of volcanic landforms focused on
68 volcanic processes [e.g., *Thouret*, 1999; *Kereszturi and Németh*, 2012], specific geomorphic
69 impacts of volcanism [e.g., *Waythomas*, 2015], or the use of isolated magmatic landforms

70 as strain markers for tectonic processes [e.g., *Holm*, 2001]. Instead we examine the generic
71 distribution of magmatic landform shapes, and how these shapes influence erosion. We
72 focus on landforms created by individual events where possible. Impacts of volcanism
73 on surface erodibility, while certainly important and variable between types of magmatic
74 activity, are not considered here.

75 In the example of Mount Mazama and at most long-lived volcanic centers, magmatic
76 construction is highly episodic, with large volume events occurring much less frequently
77 than small volume events. Eruption sequences generally follow a power-law distribu-
78 tion of volumes [*Pyle*, 2000] (commonly called a Magnitude-frequency distribution, where
79 ‘Magnitude’ is usually defined by eruption mass, *Newhall and Self*, 1982). Wide-ranging
80 magmatic construction suggests variable large-scale geomorphic response of landscapes to
81 magmatic activity. Depending on the relative rates of production for magmatic landforms
82 compared to erosion, we expect distinct regimes of landscape evolution.

83 Construction of magmatic landforms is strongly influenced by pre-existing topogra-
84 phy [e.g., *Dietterich and Cashman*, 2014]. Because the most frequent magmatic activ-
85 ity generally generates the smallest volume landforms, landscapes can transition between
86 construction-dominated and erosion-dominated regimes if the rate and style of magmatism
87 or erosion varies. Feedbacks between eruption style and frequency, landform erodibility,
88 climate, and erosion should result in a complex interplay between dominant construction
89 and erosion at any given location. In some settings, erosion and redistribution of surface
90 topography may additionally affect the stress state of the crust to drive variations in the
91 frequency, Magnitude, and style of volcanic eruptions. This has been suggested for glacier
92 unloading and erosion [*Jellinek et al.*, 2004; *Sternai et al.*, 2016].

93 As we will demonstrate, magmatic landforms occur in the range of spatial scales where
 94 fluvial incision influences bedrock erosion ($\sim > 10^5 \text{ m}^2$). However, erosion from landsliding,
 95 soil creep, and debris flows occurs in magmatic environments as well. In general, erosion
 96 processes are often parameterized in terms of the influence of upstream drainage area A_d
 97 and local surface slope S [*Kirkby, 1971*]. We will model erosion E as

$$98 \quad E = kA_d^m S^n, \quad (1)$$

99 where k is a rock erodibility parameter, and the exponents m and n are semi-empirical
 100 constants. Equation (1) when specified to fluvial erosion is the so-called stream power
 101 law [e.g., *Howard and Kerby, 1983*], and extensive work has characterized the empirical
 102 parameters [e.g., *Whipple et al., 2000*]. The exponent m characterizes fluvial drainage
 103 basin shape, and is often found to be slightly larger than 0.5; n is often assumed to be
 104 near unity [*Harel et al., 2016*]. Other erosion processes may be modeled with different
 105 exponents m and n . For example, purely slope-dependent soil creep would imply $m = 0$.
 106 We use equation (1) as an index for erosion, recognizing that a combination of processes
 107 operating at a range of scales often occur. Furthermore, by applying equation (1) at the
 108 scale of each volcanic landform, we estimate maximum values of erosion potential.

109 In the following, we first categorize magmatic landforms according to emplacement pro-
 110 cess, then compile planform areas A and landform heights h (total relief). Three classes
 111 of magmatic activity are reviewed and examined in sequence: surface changes due to in-
 112 trusions, surface changes from volcanic edifices built around vents, and surface changes
 113 from volcanic eruption deposits that travel away from the vent. These classes encom-
 114 pass most landforms associated with subaerial volcanism, with notable exceptions being
 115 volcanic topography derived from interactions of ascending magma with ground water,

116 such as phreatic craters (maars) and rootless cones [e.g., *Hamilton et al.*, 2010]. We also
117 neglect subglacial volcanic landforms such as tuyas, which form when lava erupts under
118 ice [e.g., *Komatsu et al.*, 2007]. After presenting landform data, assembled from published
119 databases and the literature, we then present a modeling framework with which to eval-
120 uate the influence of magmatic topography on erosion through specialization of equation
121 (1) to magmatic landform geometries. We end by discussing the role of emplacement rate
122 and landform shape on erosion at a landscape scale.

2. Surface relief changes from intrusions

123 Most magma delivered to the crust from the mantle ends up as intrusions rather than
124 eruptions on the Earth's surface [*White et al.*, 2006]. Although the surface expression
125 of intrusions (especially those at great depth) is often subtle and hard to distinguish
126 [*Finnegan and Pritchard*, 2009; *Perkins et al.*, 2016b; *Magee et al.*, 2017], crustal thicken-
127 ing from magma addition likely contributes a significant fraction of the background uplift
128 in volcanic provinces [e.g., *Karlstrom et al.*, 2014a]. Surface relief changes from intru-
129 sions may or may not be accompanied by eruptive activity, and thus can be considered a
130 distinct type of landform.

131 The displacement of the Earth's surface by active intrusions can be measured directly
132 using precise geodetic techniques such as repeat leveling, GPS networks or satellite-based
133 Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR). Constraints on intrusion geometry
134 can also come from field studies of frozen and exhumed systems [e.g., *Miller et al.*, 2009],
135 or geophysical survey methods including seismic reflection [e.g., *Magee et al.*, 2016], resis-
136 tivity or magnetotellurics [e.g., *Hill et al.*, 2009]. Estimations of uplift from such data are
137 challenging, and require assumptions about the relationships between intrusion dimen-

138 sions, depth of emplacement, and resulting changes in elevation at the surface. Frozen
139 intrusions suffer the additional uncertainty of whether the preserved structure resulted
140 from a single event or accumulated via multiple injections over extended time. Because
141 of this complexity, we briefly review models of uplift from magmatic intrusions before
142 presenting data.

2.1. Models for intrusions

143 Total uplift associated with an individual episode of intrusion depends primarily on its
144 depth, the change in intrusion volume and geometry, as well as the rheological properties
145 of the surrounding crust [Segall, 2010]. Estimates of maximum uplift magnitude in re-
146 sponse to intrusions come either from solving an elasticity or coupled fluid-solid mechanics
147 problem numerically, or by studying limiting cases that admit analytic solutions.

148 Analytic solutions exist for displacements caused by pressurization of rectangular, spher-
149 ical, ellipsoidal and ‘penny-shaped’ sources in a homogeneous elastic half space [Okada,
150 1985; Yang *et al.*, 1988; Fialko *et al.*, 2001]. Two simplified limits result from intru-
151 sions whose lateral dimension R (assuming axisymmetric intrusion geometry) is larger or
152 smaller than their depth below the surface d . For $R/d > \sim 1$, shallow intrusions are often
153 approximated as sills for which deformation is vertical elastic flexure of overlying rocks
154 [Pollard and Johnson, 1973]. For $R/d \ll 1$, the so-called Mogi model [Mogi, 1958] of a
155 pressurized point source intrusion in an elastic half space applies.

156 These two limits provide useful intuition for interpreting observations of uplift by mag-
157 matic intrusions. Supporting Information section S3.1 and Figure S1 demonstrate that
158 flexural models imply maximum uplift of meters to 100s of meters, whereas ‘Mogi-type’
159 models predict maximum uplift in the range of ~ 1 m (see also Galland and Scheibert,

160 2013). The range of observed active magmatic deformation magnitudes are well explained
161 by these models. However, significantly larger relief intrusion-derived magmatic landforms
162 imply a more protracted uplift history and likely require repeated intrusions to produce
163 observed landform shapes.

2.2. Landforms generated by intrusions

164 We compile two different types of intrusion observations to constrain surface topogra-
165 phy changes from subsurface magmatic activity: active deformation that can be related
166 directly to single intrusion events (InSAR data), and geologic observations of localized
167 surface uplift that may represent multiple intrusions over a range of timescales (laccoliths
168 and magmatic forced folds).

169 The first type of observation uses satellite-based InSAR methods to measure volcanic
170 and magmatic displacements on the scale of millimeters to centimeters with a repeat in-
171 terval of days to weeks [*Pinel et al., 2014; Biggs et al., 2014; Biggs and Pritchard, 2017*].
172 Unlike ground-based instrumentation, which can be installed at only a limited number
173 of points, InSAR allows measurements with a spatial resolution of tens of meters over
174 swath widths of up to 100s of km. This means that InSAR measurements capture the
175 shape and areal extent of active uplift, as well as displacement rates. We estimate up-
176 lift surface area from displacement signal radii provided in papers (or from figures where
177 necessary), assuming that the displacement fields are circular or elliptical (Supporting In-
178 formation). We include all signals attributed at least in part to magmatic intrusion (some
179 may include a hydrothermal contribution), but do not include the complex deformation
180 patterns associated with dike intrusion and fissure eruptions [e.g., *Sigmundsson et al.,*
181 *2015*]. Uncertainties in our estimated areas depend on instrument detection threshold

182 (and therefore instrumental parameters such as radar wavelength) as well as reporting
183 choices made by the authors of individual studies (e.g., satellite-line-of-sight rather than
184 true vertical displacement).

185 The areas of InSAR deformation associated with magma reservoirs vary over four orders
186 of magnitude from $< 1 \text{ km}^2$ to $> 3000 \text{ km}^2$, with a mean value of 113 km^2 . Meter-
187 scale or larger total uplift occurs for both gradual inflation (e.g., $> 1.5 \text{ m}$ since 2007
188 at Laguna del Maule, Chile, *Le Mével et al.* [2015]) and episodic intrusion (e.g., $\sim 5 \text{ m}$
189 at Sierra Negra, Galapagos *Jónsson* [2009]). Episodes of uplift may be to some extent
190 reversed by subsequent subsidence, such as that caused by the removal of magma during
191 eruptions [e.g. *Sigmundsson et al.*, 2010], the escape of gases, or the slow cooling and
192 contraction of intrusions [e.g. *Caricchi et al.*, 2014]. As we cannot currently predict
193 which intrusions will eventually contribute to eruption (and corresponding co-eruptive
194 subsidence), we do not attempt to identify which episodes of uplift will be permanent.
195 Relating uplift to reservoir volume, shape and magma properties is further complicated by
196 bubble-rich magma, which dramatically increases magma compressibility and decreases the
197 surface deformation associated with intrusion of a particular volume [*Rivalta and Segall*,
198 2008]. Likewise, inelastic response of host rocks complicate inverting the surface signal
199 [*Newman et al.*, 2001]. Both effects may be time-dependent [*Segall*, 2016]. Thus uplift
200 patterns detected by InSAR provide a snapshot of pressure changes over days to years
201 in part of a magmatic system, and are not uniquely related to total reservoir volume,
202 intrusion thickness, or material properties. InSAR measurements have also demonstrated
203 that in some circumstances magma can rise through the upper crust, or be removed
204 during eruption, without measurable deformation [*Moran et al.*, 2006; *Ebmeier et al.*,

205 2013]. In general, elastic models of maximum uplift such as described in the Supporting
206 Information are consistent with uplift from episodes of intrusion measured by InSAR
207 (Figure 2 and Figures 3b-4b blue bars). Estimation of intrusion depth achieved through
208 modeling of InSAR data (Figure 2c, with black curve our power law fit) constrains the
209 range of intrusion depths that may have a surface influence generally.

210 In contrast to the event-based InSAR measurements, exhumed intrusive landforms such
211 as laccoliths, where shallow sills flex overlying rocks upward [e.g., *Jackson and Pollard,*
212 1988], provide geologic constraints on total possible uplift associated with older magmatic
213 intrusions. We use the surface area of laccolith exposure to describe their areal extent,
214 and the maximum thickness of the intrusion as a proxy for total surface uplift during
215 its development. The global compilation by *Corry* [1988] provides a sense of the range
216 of landforms seen, and the associated uncertainties in geometries. *Corry* [1988] suggests
217 these intrusions have thicknesses and topographic relief reaching several km (Figure 4b,
218 yellow bars) over planform areas ranging between $< 1 - 1000s \text{ km}^2$ (Figure 3b yellow bars).
219 Erosional exhumation is common with this data, and we assume that laccolith thickness
220 is approximately the total relief. However, the database of *Corry* [1988] also includes
221 thickness data from geophysical surveys, and landforms reflecting protracted intrusive
222 processes that can not be consistently corrected for surface uplift solely caused by flexural
223 laccolith intrusion. The data point with $h = 9500 \text{ m}$ from this dataset, for example, comes
224 from the deeply exhumed Kiglapait layered mafic intrusion on Labrador and thickness is
225 estimated based on a gravity survey [*Stephenson and Thomas, 1979*] that may not relate
226 in a simple way to surface uplift. We retain these data for completeness – without redoing

227 the literature survey of *Corry* [1988] we cannot justify using some points and not others
228 – but suspect that h is an upper bound for surface uplift associated with laccoliths.

229 Laccolith heights in general are larger by an order of magnitude than estimates based
230 on flexural models (Supporting Information section S3.1), likely requiring repeated in-
231 trusions and plastic flow to generate the observed landforms. Field studies are con-
232 sistent with this assessment, suggesting in some cases repeated injections and inflation
233 over many thousands of years [*Gilbert*, 1877; *Jackson and Pollard*, 1988; *Horsman et al.*,
234 2005, 2009]. Numerical modeling of exposed laccoliths estimates construction rates of
235 ~ 1 m/yr [*Saint-Blanquat et al.*, 2006]. These rates are generally consistent with large
236 uplift rates observed from InSAR (Figure 2a) and rapid co-eruptive intrusions observed
237 via satellite [*Castro et al.*, 2016], although the total uplift magnitude of InSAR-observed
238 deformation is smaller.

239 Magmatic forced folds, which involve dome-like uplift but also characteristic faulting
240 patterns initiated by intrusions [e.g., *van Wyk de Vries et al.*, 2014], provide additional
241 geologic constraints. Although they form a continuum with laccoliths (*Corry* [1988] de-
242 scribes fault-bounded ‘punched’ laccoliths and layered ‘Christmas tree’ laccoliths), differ-
243 ences in force balance (e.g., contribution of body forces) and material response (faulting)
244 results in a diversity of surface expressions that partially justify different nomenclature.
245 We use shallow intrusion data from the forced fold dataset of *Magee et al.* [2017], includ-
246 ing strata-concordant sills, saucer-shaped sills, and hybrid sill-laccoliths. Large mafic sills
247 from this database were not included, because surface deformation (i.e., fold amplitude)
248 was not explicitly apparent. Magmatic forced folds exhibit thicknesses from 10s to 100s
249 of meters, and planform areas of $\sim 0.01 - 500$ km² (Figures 3b and 4b, red bars).

2.3. Subsidence from calderas

250 The presence of calderas is direct evidence for the existence of large quantities of melt at
251 shallow depths (at least transiently) as the reservoirs that feed large explosive eruptions.
252 Their dimensions are often used as a proxy for magma chamber horizontal cross-sectional
253 area [*Karlstrom et al.*, 2012], and thus we classify them as intrusion-related magmatic
254 topography. Mafic calderas are not uncommon [*Geyer and Marti*, 2008], but most calderas
255 are associated with large volume eruptions that generally have more silicic compositions.
256 We consider calderas as representing a different class of landscape perturbation than
257 laccoliths and small shallow intrusions, which are not always associated with eruption.
258 Larger volumes of magma generate larger planform area calderas, compiled in Figure 3c
259 from the Collapse Caldera Database (CCDB) [*Geyer and Marti*, 2008] global dataset.
260 The CCDB idealizes caldera planform areas as ellipses.

261 As discussed in Section 1 for the case of Mount Mazama [*Bacon and Lanphere*, 2006],
262 calderas are often accompanied by a protracted prior history of volcanism and surface
263 elevation increase that may extend 100s of kyr, as well as post-caldera resurgent doming
264 and volcanism. So, while the caldera topographic change is instantaneous compared to
265 these timescales and uniformly negative over the caldera area, the integrated magmatic
266 history usually involves extensive magmatic construction. Subsidence magnitudes are in
267 the range of 100s-1000s of meters [*Geyer and Marti*, 2008]. However, resulting topographic
268 lows are often filled with eruptive deposits, and often exhibit post-eruption resurgence
269 domes or eruptive behavior. We therefore do not include calderas in our landform height
270 compilation, but do include the range of subsidence height values in our data synthesis
271 for completeness. Resurgent domes often involve significant topographic gain (100-1000s

272 m total height at ~ 1 cm/yr rates, e.g., *Phillips et al.*, 2007), and they are a distinct type
273 of magmatic landform genetically related to caldera-forming systems.

3. Surface relief changes from volcanic eruptions

274 Eruptions occur on short timescales (minutes to 10s of years), evacuating subsurface
275 magma reservoirs and increasing the elevation of the land surface through deposition of
276 lava (in the case of effusive eruptions) or tephra and pyroclastic density current emplace-
277 ment (in the case of explosive eruptions). Eruptions sourced shallowly in the crust to some
278 extent redistribute geomorphic potential for erosion from magma chambers, because sub-
279 surface chambers deflate (or implode) syneruptively. However, deep chambers may not
280 generate surface relief at all if magma intrusion involves mass exchange within the crust,
281 and the presence of bubbles complicates the relationship between surface deformation
282 and volume change by making shallowly stored magma highly compressible [*Rivalta and*
283 *Segall*, 2008]. There is a great diversity in eruption style, volume, and frequency, at-
284 tributable in large part to variable magma compositions and ascent rates [*Gonnermann*
285 *and Manga*, 2013]. Products of even relatively small volume effusive and explosive erup-
286 tions are known to travel great distances, and so can have an extended region of influence.
287 Episodes of repeated eruptions are also known to construct magmatic landscapes that are
288 kilometers thick, in the case of large igneous provinces [e.g., *Reidel et al.*, 2013] or ocean
289 islands [*Clague and Sherrod*, 2014].

3.1. Effusive eruptions

290 Effusive eruptions span the entire range of magma compositions. Mafic lava flows are
291 the most frequently occurring effusive eruptions and are also the largest; mafic lava flows

292 in flood basalt provinces are known to travel 100s of km [*Reidel et al.*, 2013]. Controls
293 on subaerial lava flow thickness include rheology, the style of flow emplacement, eruption
294 volume, and substrate characteristics. Pahoehoe flows are emplaced as inflating sheets
295 that often maintain approximately constant thickness throughout their length (individual
296 lobes are rarely thicker than ~ 10 m), while a'a flows are more irregular [*Griffiths*, 2000].

297 Lava flow emplacement is strongly affected by pre-existing topography [*Dietterich and*
298 *Cashman*, 2014], exploiting pre-existing river channels [e.g., *Branca*, 2003] with dramatic
299 short-term [*Crow et al.*, 2008] and long-term [*Deligne et al.*, 2013] hydrologic impacts.
300 Dominantly basaltic landscapes such as Kilauea, Hawaii, USA, are relatively smooth on
301 scales greater than 10s meters, punctuated by eruptive cones, tumuli (surface flow break-
302 outs), pressure ridges, lava channels and lava tubes. These roughness features are formed
303 during flow emplacement and cooling. Lava flows form massive deposits that armor the
304 surface, and are often exposed in negative relief as surrounding higher elevation landforms
305 erode more quickly [e.g., *King et al.*, 2007]. Lava flows are also well known to dam or
306 redirect pre-existing rivers [*Crow et al.*, 2008; *Ely et al.*, 2012], contributing to fluvial
307 drainage network reorganization.

308 A global compilation of lava flow areas does not exist, so we compile lava flow data from
309 the primary literature (Supporting Information). We include both single flows and flow
310 episodes (multiple flows with minimal time gaps and often similar compositions). Such
311 grouping reflects ambiguity in flow mapping as well as lack of vertical exposure. The
312 distribution of flow areas in Figure 3a reflects the variability in effusive eruptions, spanning
313 small flows associated with silicic eruptions and minor mafic episodes to flood basalts. The
314 distribution of flow thicknesses in Figure 4a is bimodal, reflecting the grouping of single

315 flows and flow episodes. For our purposes, this distribution serves to illustrate the range
316 of landform construction that is ‘short lived’ compared to timescales for erosion.

3.2. Explosive eruptions

317 Explosive eruptions are generally more widely dispersed than their effusive counterparts,
318 depositing fragmented magma as energetic pyroclastic density currents that can simulta-
319 neously erode the substrate and deposit material [e.g., *Dufek*, 2016] and ash clouds that
320 travel through the atmosphere 100s-1000s of km depending on the height of the eruption
321 plume before deposition [e.g., *Jensen et al.*, 2014]. As with effusive eruptions, the vast
322 majority of explosive eruptions are small volume and thus represent minor perturbations
323 to surrounding landscapes. However, the largest explosive eruptions create continental
324 scale deposits. Thickness of the deposits can reach 100s of meters near the vent [*Wil-*
325 *son*, 1991], generally thinning dramatically as a function of distance to ~millimeter-range
326 thicknesses. Explosive eruptions typically last hours to days [*Wilson and Hildreth*, 1997].

327 Explosive eruption deposits are sometimes hot enough to weld together, forming tuffs
328 that armor the landscape and continue to flow (for example, rheomorphic explosive de-
329 posits flow after deposition, *Andrews and Branney*, 2010). Explosive deposits also may
330 include a large volume of unconsolidated tephra. These deposits enhance erosion rates
331 both proximally to the vent and downstream (at least transiently), and hence may have a
332 large erosional footprint [*Montgomery et al.*, 1999]. Explosive eruptions in glaciated land-
333 scapes often mobilize lahars that represent a significant erosive agent [*Waythomas*, 2015],
334 and may induce sediment damming and outburst floods [*Waythomas*, 2001]. The largest
335 explosive eruptions are also known to perturb climate globally due to large volumes of
336 magmatic volatiles erupted (dominantly SO₂ and CO₂, *Self*, 2006).

337 In light of such large impacts on erosion rates and the dramatic thickness variations of
338 deposits, it is perhaps not surprising that a global distribution of explosive eruption areas
339 is difficult to assemble. A preliminary planform area compilation comes from the global
340 volume database on large explosive eruptions (LaMEVE, *Brown et al.*, 2014, Figure 3d).
341 We use primary data compiled by *Mahoney et al.* [2016], which include the maximum area
342 and thickness in the near-vent region of each eruption. Because these data do not include
343 eruptions smaller than those for which the eruption catalog is demonstrably statistically
344 incomplete, we supplement LaMEVE with a compilation from the primary literature
345 (Supporting Information) that includes eruptions from Hawaii, Iceland, Mount St. Helens,
346 and New Zealand. This compilation is certainly incomplete, especially for smaller volume
347 eruptions. Explosive eruptions span a much larger range of areas than other individual
348 volcanic events considered here, affecting > 2 orders of magnitude larger areas than other
349 phenomena (Figure 3d). Explosive deposit thicknesses are generally small compared to
350 other volcanic events (Figure 4c).

4. Surface changes from volcanic edifices

351 Although localized, volcanic edifices are often the highest relief landforms in volcanic
352 provinces and thus have widespread geomorphic influence. Edifices form at the spatial
353 loci of eruptions - near-vent build ups of eruptive deposits and intrusions that may be
354 short (on the order of years for monogenetic eruptions) or long (100s of kyr for polygenetic
355 stratovolcanoes and shield volcanoes) lived. Polygenetic edifices are often constructed of
356 both effusive and explosive deposits - a testament to the diversity of volcanic processes
357 that can occur at a single location. Intrusions generally comprise a significant component
358 of volcanic edifice volume at stratovolcanoes [*Annen et al.*, 2001] as well as basaltic centers

359 [*Walker*, 1986]. Intrusions are also known to promote edifice slope instability and mass-
360 wasting [*van Wyk de Vries et al.*, 2014].

361 The spatial distribution of edifices is complex, but in a given magmatic province it is not
362 uncommon to find hundreds or even thousands of these landforms [e.g., *Hildreth*, 2007]
363 that span the full range of magmatic styles. Long-lived volcanic edifices in arcs tend to
364 parallel the convergent plate boundary and mirror the large-scale spatial distribution of
365 mantle wedge melt. Arc polygenetic stratovolcanoes are present globally with irregular
366 spacing at intervals of $\sim 30 - 60$ km [*de Bremond d'Ars et al.*, 1995]. It is not known
367 what governs the spacing of such volcanic centers, but deep spatial variability in magma
368 supply as well as stress interactions within the crustal magma transport system [*Karlstrom*
369 *et al.*, 2009] or from surface loading due to the edifices themselves [*Pinel and Jaupart*,
370 2000] are viable candidates. Clustering of monogenetic edifices through time at some
371 volcanic centers suggests control by crustal and surface loads [*Karlstrom et al.*, 2014b],
372 although spatial patterns of monogenetic vents in other regions are indistinguishable from
373 a random distribution [*Connor and Hill*, 1995].

374 Volcanic edifice morphologies are highly variable [*Kereszturi and Németh*, 2012; *de Silva*
375 *and Lindsay*, 2015]. They tend to be easily recognizable landforms, as is evidenced by
376 the large number of edifices discussed in the literature (our compilations contain nearly
377 ten times more edifices compared to other magmatic landforms). However they lack a
378 self-consistent shape, as protracted or spatially distributed eruption and erosion histories
379 make determination of edifice boundaries difficult [*Bohnenstiehl et al.*, 2012; *Euillades*
380 *et al.*, 2013; *Grosse et al.*, 2014]. This is problematic for defining the area and relief
381 metrics of interest, and further complicated by limited-resolution digital elevation mod-

382 els (DEMs) and background topography that may be a complex distribution of prior
383 magmatic landforms.

384 We focus on two classes of landform that represent end-members in the spectrum of
385 volcanic edifices. The database of *Grosse et al.* [2014] documents the range of polygenetic
386 stratovolcano edifice sizes that are observed globally. It focuses on large-scale (> 2 km
387 basal width) composite and complex (grouped edifice) Holocene volcanoes from the Global
388 Volcanism Program database, using a slope-based algorithm [*Euillades et al.*, 2013] to
389 automatically extract edifices from DEM data. Planform area and topographic relief
390 PDFs from this database are smooth and unimodal, with areas in the range of 1 – 1000
391 km² and heights of 100s to 1000s of meters (Figures 3e and 4d).

392 Cinder cone fields are common in volcanic provinces (particularly those featuring domi-
393 nantly mafic compositions), and represent a short-duration, often monogenetic, end mem-
394 ber of volcanic edifice construction [e.g., *Wood*, 1980; *Luhr and Simkin*, 1993]. No available
395 global compilation of cinder cone shapes exists, so we compile data from the literature.
396 Our compilation spans a variety of volcanic settings, including arcs, rifts, continental and
397 oceanic hotspots. We include data from the Trans-Mexican Volcanic Field [*Pérez-López*
398 *et al.*, 2011]; the Cima Volcanic Field [*Dohrenwend et al.*, 1986]; Mauna Kea, Mt. Etna,
399 Nunivak Island, and the San Francisco Volcanic Field [*Settle*, 1979]; Lunar Crater Volcanic
400 Field [*Scott and Trask*, 1971]; Guatamala and El Salvador [*Bemis et al.*, 2011]; the Tepic
401 rift (Mexico), Ethiopian rift, and Canary Islands [*Tibaldi*, 1995]; Medicine Lake, Newberry
402 Volcano, and the Springerville Volcanic Field [*McGuire et al.*, 2014]. We compile pub-
403 lished data from the authors when available, and otherwise digitize geometric data from
404 figures using the WebPlotDigitizer tool (<http://arohatgi.info/WebPlotDigitizer/>). Cinder

405 cones are generally simply shaped landforms: quasi-conical structures often topped by
406 conspicuous craters composed of (often poorly consolidated) explosive deposits, spatter,
407 and intrusions associated with feeder dikes [e.g., *Tadini et al.*, 2014] that often give rise
408 to multiple aligned cones when they breach the Earth's surface. Cinder cones are as-
409 sociated with smaller volume volcanic eruptions, and are ubiquitous features of volcanic
410 landscapes. Cinder cone areas range between $0.01 - 10 \text{ km}^2$ (Figure 3f) with heights of
411 10s to 100s of meters (Figure 4e).

5. Geometric controls on erodibility of volcanic landforms

412 Differential elevations at the Earth's surface drive erosion according to processes that
413 depend on precipitation, temperature, surface slope, contributing drainage area, and sur-
414 face erodibility. In low-relief landscapes, drainage areas less than $\sim 10^3 - 10^4 \text{ m}^2$ imply
415 erosion dominantly from soil creep [e.g., *Gilbert*, 1909]. Landsliding, earthflows, and chan-
416 nelization via debris flows generally occur at steeper slopes [*Stock and Dietrich*, 2003]. For
417 drainage areas of $\sim 10^5 \text{ m}^2$ and above, fluvial channels can dominate erosion rate [*Mont-*
418 *gomery*, 2001]. High elevations with low temperatures experience erosion by ice [*Egholm*
419 *et al.*, 2009] and wind.

420 With some exceptions, volcanic landforms develop planform areas that overlap with the
421 fluvial range of drainage areas (and glacial range at high elevations). Of course, planform
422 area need not scale with drainage area, and a number of erosion mechanisms depend
423 more on thresholds for slope and time-dependent weathering than drainage area [e.g.,
424 *Montgomery and Dietrich*, 1994]. Without imposing biases associated with a particular
425 erosion mechanism, the erosion potential of volcanic landforms as a function of their

426 drainage area and slope can to a large extent be assessed by comparing the planform area
427 of the landform with its height for different classes of magmatism.

428 Figure 5 plots all of the planform area and height data compiled in sections 2-4. There
429 are two populations of landforms, one in which heights scale systematically with their
430 planform areas as expected if landform heights are limited by a critical slope (e.g., an
431 angle of repose), and one in which heights remain small but areas span a large range.
432 Although most magmatic landforms are not unconsolidated piles of granular material
433 for which the angle of repose is well-defined, the blue curve (for a reference 30 degree
434 sloped cone) roughly bounds landform shape. Eruption deposits (lava flows and explosive
435 deposits) are generally much larger in their planform area than height, although for lava
436 flows we again see two populations – single events and flow sequences which construct
437 much higher topography – present in the dataset.

438 Interpretations of planform area compared to landform height can be taken further if
439 an erosion law is assumed and landform geometry defined. For volcanic landforms, the
440 appropriate parameterization of equation (1) that would define the role of slope, drainage
441 area, or the exponents m and n is not well known. Erosion that depends primarily on
442 local slope thresholds as for debris flows [*Stock and Dietrich, 2003*] or rock avalanches
443 would imply $m \approx 0$. However, examples of erosion controlled by upslope drainage area
444 on volcanic landforms are also plentiful [*Seidl et al., 1994; Ferrier et al., 2013; Jefferson*
445 *et al., 2014; Waythomas, 2015*].

446 Controls on the spatial structure of drainages in magmatic provinces may differ from
447 other tectonic environments. For example, channel network geometry that determines
448 Hack's Law scaling in basaltic landscapes may be fundamentally controlled by the dis-

449 tribution of lava flows [*Seidl et al.*, 1994; *Ely et al.*, 2012; *Sweeney and Roering*, 2017]
450 rather than self-organizing fluvial erosion. Slope-drainage area relations inherent to vol-
451 canic topography can be assessed based on the constructional process of interest. For
452 example, lava flows as approximated by axisymmetric viscous gravity currents on a flat
453 substrate exhibit surface slope that varies with planform area as $S \sim A^{-1/6}$ [*Huppert*,
454 1982] (this does not account for some important effects such as the apparent yield stress
455 of flowing magma, *Wilson and Head*, 1983). And volcanic edifice growth is often ideal-
456 ized as a self-similar ‘phreatic surface’ resulting from Darcy flow of magma onto the land
457 surface [*Baratoux et al.*, 2009]. To further complicate matters, dominant erosional pro-
458 cesses probably evolve in time, as permeability reduction [*Jefferson et al.*, 2010], chemical
459 weathering [*Murphy et al.*, 2016], and compaction [e.g., *Hildreth*, 1983] potentially change
460 the hydraulic properties of the landform.

461 Given the large range of planform areas and thicknesses in Figure 5, it is an interesting
462 exercise to ask how an erosion law such as equation (1) varies with landform geometry
463 alone. In the spirit of other simple geometric modeling in volcanology [e.g., *DePaolo and*
464 *Stolper*, 1996], we make the assumption that all magmatic landforms are similar to cones
465 with planform area A and height h . As discussed above, this is a poor assumption for some
466 classes of magmatic landforms. Indeed, knowledge of constructional processes provides
467 the template for evaluating erosion. However, all magmatic landforms have a locus of
468 construction - for example a vent or feeder system - from which topography systematically
469 varies laterally. Although construction is commonly not axisymmetric around a locus (for
470 example eruptions onto a slope or into a background wind field), this geometric constraint
471 alone has important implications for erosion.

472 For cone-shaped landforms, the average slope is $S = h\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{A}}$ and a scale for maximum
 473 channel length is the hypotenuse of the cone $L = \sqrt{A/\pi + h^2}$. In practice we expect L to
 474 overestimate channel length somewhat as unchanneled steepland regions will exist above
 475 the channel head. Assuming that stream drainage area A_d (different from A) scales with
 476 maximum channel length on the landform, we have $A_d = k_d L^p$, where k_d is an empirical
 477 constant [Hack, 1957].

478 An estimate for the erosion rate of a conical volcanic landform from equation (1) then
 479 becomes

$$480 \quad E = c \left[\frac{A}{\pi} + h^2 \right]^{b/2} \left(\frac{h}{\sqrt{A}} \right)^n, \quad (2)$$

481 where $b = pm$, and $c = \pi^{n/2} k k_d^m$.

482 For solely slope-dependent erosion $b \approx 0$ and equation (2) becomes $E = \pi^{n/2} k (h/\sqrt{A})^n$,
 483 which increases as landforms get taller and decreases as landforms get more areally ex-
 484 tensive. Rapid magmatic uplift in this case might additionally trigger slope-dependent
 485 thresholds that would further enhance erosion. For fluvial erosion operating according to
 486 the stream power law, it is commonly assumed that $m \sim 0.5$, $n \sim 1$ in equation (1) [Whip-
 487 ple and Tucker, 1999; Lague, 2014], with $p \sim 1.6-1.9$ [Whipple and Tucker, 1999]. Ferrier
 488 et al. [2013] found $m \sim 0.59$ for channels cutting into basaltic lava flows on the island
 489 of Kauai. However, other parameter values have also been found. For example Crosby
 490 and Whipple [2006] found $m > 1$ for a catchment in New Zealand containing many wa-
 491 terfalls (assumed to be knickpoints propagating upstream), while Seidl et al. [1994] found
 492 $b \sim 1.1 - 2.1$ for channels incising basaltic lava flows on the Hawaiian islands. The slope
 493 exponent n is commonly assumed to be unity, although it has been observed to vary on
 494 Earth [e.g., Harel et al., 2016].

495 The dependence of erosion rate on height for a conical landform with a constant planform
 496 area A can be determined by differentiating equation (2),

$$497 \quad \frac{\partial E}{\partial h} = \frac{c}{h(A + \pi h^2)} \left(\frac{h}{\sqrt{A}} \right)^n \left(h^2 + \frac{A}{\pi} \right)^{b/2} (An + \pi h^2(b + n)). \quad (3)$$

498 This equation suggests that erosion rate goes up as h increases, regardless of b and n .

499 The dependence of erosion rate on planform area is more complicated, due to the pres-
 500 ence of A in the numerator of A_d and denominator of S when equation (1) is parameterized
 501 for conical landforms. We find that

$$502 \quad \frac{\partial E}{\partial A} = -\frac{c h^n}{2\pi^{b/2} A^{1+n/2}} (A + \pi h^2)^{b/2-1} (A(n - b) + n\pi h^2). \quad (4)$$

503 If $b > n$, $\partial E/\partial A$ is positive for $A < \pi n h^2/(b - n)$ and negative for larger A , defining
 504 parameter regions in which either drainage area and slope terms in equation (2) dominate
 505 as planform area increases. If $b \leq n$, $\partial E/\partial A$ is uniformly negative so that erosion rate
 506 always decreases with increasing planform area, although $\partial E/\partial A$ exhibits an inflection
 507 around the same point as for $b > n$.

508 Both regimes are illustrated in Figure 6, plotting contours of constant erosion rate (with
 509 constant $c = 6.5 \times 10^{-4}$ taken to equal the stream power erodibility constant found by
 510 fitting channel profiles from a basaltic landscape, *Seidl et al.*, 1994) as a function of A
 511 and h . The two panels separate the effects of varying exponents b and n . Gray shading
 512 reflects the range of volcanic landforms from our database (Figure 5). Red curves are
 513 for the conventional choices of $m = 0.5$, $n = 1$, and $p = 1.6$ [*Whipple and Tucker*, 1999;
 514 *Perron et al.*, 2008]. These choices result in uniformly decreasing erosion rate of landforms
 515 with increasing planform areas. However, little drainage network scaling data specific to
 516 volcanic landforms has been assembled. And detailed assessment of geometric form likely

517 must account for mechanics of landform construction, which is outside the scope of this
518 work.

519 Volcanic landforms are not generally observed above the curve $A = \pi n h^2 / (b - n)$ (a
520 30 degree angle of repose falls below this line, Figure 6). This likely reflects the greater
521 gravitational potential energy costs of adding height versus area during construction of
522 small landforms. Stratovolcanoes, laccoliths, and cinder cones all uniformly approach this
523 limit, consistent both with their localized emplacement and a prolonged history dominated
524 by construction versus erosion.

525 Observation of a second population of landforms in Figure 5, volcanic deposits with large
526 planform areas A and small thickness h , suggests that slope and drainage area exponents
527 in equation (2) satisfy $b \leq n$ (such as do the 'conventional' values of $p = 1.6, m/n = 0.5$) so
528 that erosion rate decreases with increasing planform area in equation (4). This reduction
529 in relief as area grows increases the preservation potential of areally extensive magmatism:
530 if landscape erosion rate is constant, large magmatic landforms would be preferentially
531 preserved relative to small ones. Although erodibility and climate certainly do vary in
532 time and space, the observed distributions of magmatic landforms are reinforced by basic
533 geometric dependencies of typical erosion laws.

6. Discussion

534 The landform data presented in Sections 2-4 are expressed as empirical probability
535 density functions (PDFs) of landform area and height (Figures 3-4), representing a range
536 of volcanic processes. Summarized by the boxplots in Figure 7, we see a remarkable range
537 in both planform area (>10 orders of magnitude) and landform thickness (>6 orders of
538 magnitude) that exhibits systematic variation between styles of magmatic construction.

539 Landform PDFs also describe the likelihood for occurrence of a given landform height as
540 a function of area affected by intrusions, volcanic edifices built around vents, and volcanic
541 eruption deposits that travel away from the vent. Each of these processes itself is highly
542 episodic. Although they all represent the later stages of magma transfer from the mantle,
543 there are different physical controls on the occurrence of each class of volcanism that may
544 vary with tectonic setting [*Wilkinson et al.*, 2009]. It is not the goal of this work to assess
545 these physical controls, however, the distributions themselves provide a tool for comparing
546 classes of magmatic events.

547 It is important to note that our compilation is hardly comprehensive, and may contain
548 some systematic biases. For example, small volume landforms are often super-imposed on
549 a background slope, whose influence on areas and topographic relief are not assessed here.
550 In any given long-lived volcanic province, thousands of vents and individual eruptions
551 are generally produced per million years [*Hildreth*, 2007], dwarfing the present dataset.
552 Burial and incomplete preservation limit the completeness to which the dynamic evolution
553 of volcanism may be characterized by surface landforms alone. We have attempted to
554 assemble a representative compilation that spans the range of observed areas and landform
555 heights, with enough samples to define the structure of the underlying distributions. With
556 such distributions we can begin to ask process-oriented questions.

557 For example, the PDF for laccoliths exhibits a larger mean area than that of lava flows.
558 Both of these features dominantly represent the mafic end of magma compositions, and
559 a quantitative comparison of the PDFs is a crude proxy for the degree to which magma
560 is stored in the shallow crust versus erupted. The ratio of median laccolith planform area
561 to median lava flow area is 6.6, the ratio of median laccolith thickness to median lava

562 flow thickness is 20, and the ratio of median laccolith volume (area times thickness) to
563 median lava flow volume is 91.3. This range is consistent with global intrusion/extrusion
564 ratio estimates of $\sim 2 - 100$ based on petrology, stratigraphic mapping and geophysical
565 techniques [*White et al.*, 2006].

566 Likewise, we may seek to interpret the systematic differences in area and inferred uplift
567 between intrusions measured with InSAR and geologic measurements of exposed laccoliths
568 or forced folds. Our use of laccolith surfaces exposed by erosion to describe area likely
569 underestimates the true planform area of past uplift, as there is no geological record of the
570 flexural deformation of overlying rocks. This is reflected in Figure 3b, where the distribu-
571 tion of laccolith areas is smaller than surface deformation observed from InSAR. Another
572 possible reason for the smaller average uplift areas inferred from laccolith measurements
573 is that such shallow processes represent a small subset of the full InSAR dataset, which
574 includes larger volume changes at greater depths; for example, the growth of mid-crustal
575 magma bodies in the Central Andes [e.g. *Pritchard and Simons*, 2004; *Ruch et al.*, 2008].

6.1. Competition between emplacement rate and erosion rate

576 As discussed in Section 1, the episodic nature of magmatism is inextricably linked to
577 magmatic landform construction because of the relationship between eruption frequency
578 and volume of magmatic mass emplaced. Explosive eruptions are the only class of mag-
579 matism for which this relationship has been investigated deeply, so we will use these events
580 as an example. The size and significance of an explosive eruption is typically quantified
581 using the mass erupted, which is used to define eruption Magnitude M [*Newhall and Self*,
582 1982; *Pyle*, 2000; *Mason et al.*, 2004] as

$$583 \quad M = \log_{10}(\text{mass erupted in kg}) - 7. \quad (5)$$

584 Sequences of eruptions typically exhibit a power law relationship between frequency of
585 occurrence and magnitude from equation (5), and global magnitude-frequency relations
586 have been assessed by a number of workers from the LaMEVE explosive eruption database
587 used here. Recent maximum likelihood estimates for the return period of eruptions greater
588 than $M = 4$ from the last 100 kyr [*Rougier et al.*, 2018] show roughly a 10 fold increase
589 in eruption recurrence rate for every 10 fold decrease in erupted mass (decrease by 1
590 of eruption Magnitude). Eruptions at all Magnitudes are likely under-represented in
591 the global catalog, arising from incomplete reporting, erosion, and burial by more recent
592 eruptions [*Brown et al.*, 2014]. And for very large eruptions, the small number of recorded
593 events makes recurrence rates more uncertain. *Rougier et al.* [2018] estimate the return
594 period of $M = 8$ eruptions at 17 kyr with 95% confidence limits of +48 and -5.2 kyr, a
595 decrease from prior calculations [*Mason et al.*, 2004; *Sheldrake and Caricchi*, 2017].

596 Considering global lithologic maps of volcanic rock outcrops, *Wilkinson et al.* [2009]
597 estimate that one third of the long-term decrease in the area of volcanic rocks at the
598 Earth's surface on Myr timescales or longer is due to erosion while two thirds is due
599 to burial by younger deposits. We hypothesized in section 5 that the erosion rate of
600 magmatic landforms is set by their geometry (Figure 6). How does this scale to the
601 landscape (or global) scale? Does the preservation of magmatic events depend on their
602 style and Magnitude/frequency relationship?

603 There are several challenges that must be overcome to test these ideas. First, the recur-
604 rence rate of extrusive magmatism varies with its style [*Marzocchi and Zaccarelli*, 2006].
605 And there are few constraints on Magnitude-frequency relations for intrusive magmatism,
606 although mechanical considerations based on observed plutonic body sizes [*Karlstrom*

607 *et al.*, 2017] suggest phenomenological differences in the emplacement and growth rates
 608 of intrusions of different sizes. These are complications we cannot address with the cur-
 609 rent dataset. A second obstacle is the lack of data on erodibility and more generally the
 610 functional form of erosion laws appropriate for volcanic landforms. We expect that the
 611 erodibility constant c in equation (2) will depend on style of magmatism as well as time
 612 since deposition [*Jefferson et al.*, 2010] and precipitation [*Ferrier et al.*, 2013].

613 Still, since both planform area and height should influence magmatic landform erosion
 614 (Section 5), we can make progress towards connecting construction to erosion by examin-
 615 ing the influence of geometry on predicted erosion rates from equation (2). We normalize
 616 erosion rate by the empirical constant c that contains substrate erodibility k from equation
 617 (1) as well as the Hack's law constant k_d , removing the effects of climate and erodibility.
 618 In the spirit of simplicity, we choose conventional exponents $b = 0.8$ and $n = 1$ for the
 619 stream power fluvial erosion law as in Figure 6.

620 This normalized erosion rate is plotted in Figure 8 against landform mass $\rho Ah/3$ (as-
 621 suming a constant density of deposits $\rho = 2700 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ with cone-like geometry), and
 622 the corresponding Magnitude from equation (5). We fit the return periods calculated by
 623 *Rougier et al.* [2018] to a power law, from which we estimate the return period in years
 624 of explosive eruptions T_p as a function of Magnitude

$$625 \quad \log_{10}(T_p) = (1.03 \pm 0.05)M - (4.07 \pm 0.30). \quad (6)$$

626 This relation is used to produce the bottom blue axis, an estimate of the recurrence
 627 rates (and hence landscape construction rates) for one class of magmatism (explosive
 628 eruptions). Of course, the assumption of constant landform density is not uniformly valid,
 629 and Magnitude-frequency relations derived for explosive eruptions may not extend to all

630 styles of magmatism. For example, large-volume stratovolcanoes integrate multiple events
631 over 100s of kyr [*Hildreth, 2007*] whereas eruption deposits of similar mass from a large
632 volume explosive eruption may represent a single eruptive episode. InSAR observations
633 of uplift are excluded from this analysis, since the relationship between the volume of the
634 uplifted area and the volume of the causal intrusion is complex.

635 Figure 8 compares two geometrical representations of construction and erosion – deposit
636 mass and erodibility – that motivate a mechanistic interpretation of A and h for different
637 magmatic styles. Is such information sufficient to infer process regimes of volcanic land-
638 scape evolution? We argue that geometry, along with some consideration of magmatic
639 style, can explain some first order trends in the dataset.

640 For example, the correlation between volume and erodibility exhibited by stratovolca-
641 noes, cinder cones, and intrusions in Figure 8 is consistent with localized construction.
642 Such landforms get more erodible as they grow in height and area (equations 3 and 4).
643 The largest volume landforms reflect repeated construction events over extended time.
644 However, departure from this geometrical trend for large volume single events (lava flows
645 and explosive deposits) is evidence of something more complex (Figure 8).

646 Large eruptions (both effusive and explosive) deposit over continental scales, flattening
647 topography. Very large explosive eruptions ($> 500 \text{ km}^3$ erupted volumes, termed “super
648 eruptions”) have not occurred in the historical record but have been documented to fill in
649 landscapes, redirecting rivers and reorganizing drainage patterns [*Wilson, 1991; Manville,*
650 *2002*]. Large effusive flood basalt eruptions also cover massive areas, although some land-
651 scapes remember pre-existing drainage patterns long after flood basalt eruptions. This
652 is the case for the ~ 16 Ma Columbia River Basalts, USA [*Reidel et al., 1989*]. Single

eruptive events also affect global and local climate transiently, and hence affect precipitation patterns [Self, 2006]. On longer timescales, weathering of these landforms has been argued to influence the $p\text{CO}_2$ forcing of global climate [e.g., Dessert *et al.*, 2001]. Figure 8 suggests that long-term erosional response is influenced by landform geometry: effusive and explosive eruptive landforms get flatter as they get bigger even if landform heights increase slightly with volume, so overall slopes go down. As demonstrated by Figure 6, whether this translates into increased or decreased erodibility depends on the exponents b and n as well as the rate of landform height increase with area. The preservation of large eruptive deposits (particularly lava flows) suggests that the shape of these landforms promotes longevity by decreasing erodibility.

That smaller volume magmatic landforms exhibit a smaller range of normalized erosion rates than their larger counterparts (by a factor of more than 1000) might be explained solely by different constructional processes. Edifice construction (which includes both extrusive deposits and intrusions) as well as purely intrusive landforms tend to be tightly organized around a spatial locus due to cooling-induced rheological lockup and/or low emplacement rates. Thus erodibility of small landforms will be dominated by height changes. Because lava flows and explosive deposits tend to spread out, larger volume landforms exhibit both area- and slope- dominated erosion up to the point (roughly $A \sim 10^2 - 10^3 \text{ km}^2$) where gravity limits landform height and average slopes fall below the angle of repose. Emplacement rate compared to erosion rate also may play a role. Smaller volume and more frequently occurring landforms of a single class (e.g., cinder cones, stratovolcanoes) exhibit lower geometric potential for erosion (Figure 8). This regime is commonly found on ocean islands, in monogenetic cones fields, and in arcs. Minimal

676 surface erosion occurs during typical constructional phases that might last 100s – 1000s
677 kyr [*Clague and Sherrod, 2014*]. Conversely, if small magmatic events occur in relative
678 isolation, any lasting landscape impact must come from changes in erodibility rather than
679 geometry as explored here.

680 The regime in which erosional processes operate on timescales similar to magmatic
681 recurrence times is the most complicated, as surface dissection by rivers can compete
682 with topographic infilling and smoothing by magmatism [*Karlstrom and Perron, 2012*].
683 However, landscapes within this regime are not uncommon. For example, in the last few
684 million years, the central Oregon Cascades, USA, have experienced numerous eruptions
685 from Cascades volcanoes (dominantly Newberry Volcano). This has resulted in erosion
686 rate variations and channel lateral migration of the Deschutes, Tumalo and Crooked
687 rivers [*O'Connor et al., 2003; Jensen et al., 2009*] as eruptions episodically fill in portions
688 of the eroding landscape. More work characterizing the topographic signatures of such
689 interactions, which likely contribute to the observed distributions of magmatic landform
690 shape (Figures 3-4), is needed.

7. Conclusions and future directions

691 Magmatism is largely outside the realm of traditional tectonic geomorphology, but the
692 same tools that have been influential in connecting tectonics to climate should be appli-
693 cable to volcanic settings. Magmatic provinces involve land surface uplift, the growth of
694 topography through eruption, and uniquely magmatic changes to erodibility of landscapes
695 that are comparable or larger than tectonic or climatic drivers (areas of $\sim 10^4 - 10^8$ km²,
696 rates of $\sim 10^{-7} - 10^{-1}$ m/yr, e.g., *Wilkinson et al., 2009; Braun, 2010*), over a large
697 fraction of Earth's land surface area (Figure 1). In these terrains, landscape form could

698 evolve towards a state in which erosion is balanced by magmatic landscape construction,
699 modulated but not necessarily controlled by tectonics.

700 Our compilation of planform area and change in relief due to magmatic processes –
701 intrusions, calderas, volcanic edifices and eruption deposits – demonstrates that magmatic
702 landform distributions are widely varying. Although this dataset is among the most
703 comprehensive of its kind, it is hardly complete. We expect future work will better define
704 magmatic landform distributions and how they vary according to climatic regime and age.

705 Aside from expanding the observational dataset, we see three critical components to
706 future progress on this topic. First, work defining the processes involved in construction
707 of and interactions between magmatic landforms will provide a basis for predicting land
708 surface shape in the constructional regime. This includes studies of single events, such as
709 the influence of topography on lava flow [*Dietterich et al.*, 2015] and pyroclastic density
710 current routing [*Andrews and Manga*, 2011], as well as prolonged construction associated
711 with some laccolith inflation [*Michaut*, 2011], and edifice growth through time [*Annen*
712 *et al.*, 2001]. We expect that distributions of magmatic landforms may vary with tectonic
713 setting and mantle melt regime, because the style of volcanism does this to some extent
714 [e.g., *Hughes and Mahood*, 2011].

715 Second, better quantification of magmatic landform erodibility, including the interac-
716 tion between surface water and groundwater, is critical for predicting erosion of these
717 landscapes. Explosive eruptions deposit variably consolidated sediment, some of which is
718 easily eroded and contributes to enhanced erosion in downstream catchments. This large
719 sediment load may generate river avulsions and delta formation downstream [*Major et al.*,
720 2016]. Explosive eruptions such as the 1980 event at Mount St. Helens [*Major et al.*, 2000]

721 and the 1991 Pinatubo eruption [*Montgomery et al.*, 1999] (~ 0.5 and ~ 5 km³ erupted
722 volume, respectively) resulted in enhanced erosion rates, which have continued for many
723 years after the eruption. This has degraded the deposits, although channelization does
724 tend to preserve isolated portions. The ~ 50 km³ eruption of Crater Lake discussed in
725 Section 1, on the other hand, is still very well preserved in the near-vent region after ~ 7
726 kyr [*Robinson et al.*, 2017]. High infiltration rates, increases in the requisite energy needed
727 to move sediment, and reduction in regional surface slope after the Mazama edifice was
728 blown apart may have contributed to reduced fluvial erosion. Pre-eruptive topography
729 in general may play an important role in the geomorphic response following explosive
730 eruptions.

731 Effusive eruptions generally decrease erodibility, commonly armoring the land surface
732 with dense, massive material with high infiltration capacity. In basaltic landscapes such
733 as the high Cascades in Oregon and Washington, USA, fluvial erosion induced by overland
734 flow only occurs when subsurface permeability is reduced, which generally takes 100s of kyr
735 [*Jefferson et al.*, 2010]. This transition can be much faster if external sources of sediment or
736 water (e.g., glacially derived fine grained sediments, outburst floods) are present [*Deligne*
737 *et al.*, 2013; *Sweeney and Roering*, 2017], and is modulated by the efficiency of chemical
738 weathering [e.g., *Murphy et al.*, 2016]. Landscape evolution in layered stratigraphy (such
739 as produced by volcanism) impacts landscape preservation potential, drainage network
740 geometry and channel profiles [e.g., *Duwall et al.*, 2004; *Forte et al.*, 2016] on longer
741 timescales.

742 Variations in volcanic landscape evolution are likely coupled to the temporal evolution
743 of deeper magmatism as well. For example, reservoirs feeding large-volume explosive

744 eruptions may require $10^5 - 10^6$ years to assemble, as repeated emplacement of shallow
745 intrusions (with associated small-volume eruptions) is likely required to thermally ‘prime’
746 the crust before the building of large sub-surface magma chambers is mechanically vi-
747 able [*Karlstrom et al.*, 2017]. Rare instances of repeated large-volume eruptions like this,
748 such as has occurred on the Snake River Plain, USA, led to regional drainage patterns
749 controlled by the progression of crustal-scale magmatic evolution [*Wegmann et al.*, 2007].
750 We hypothesize that general controls on the Magnitude, frequency, and style of mag-
751 matism observed in long-lived volcanic provinces are tightly coupled to evolving surface
752 topographic form.

753 Finally, we expect that work refining the preservation potential of volcanic eruption
754 deposits is possible using the approach outlined here. This is of fundamental importance
755 for assessing volcanic hazards, and empirically characterizing the volcanic eruption cy-
756 cle. We hypothesize that there are predictable limits to the completeness of the eruption
757 record in a given volcanic province that depend on regional climate. Mechanistic con-
758 sideration of competing erosion and volcanism should also help establish (or disprove)
759 climate-volcanism connections over longer timescales [e.g., *Jellinek et al.*, 2004; *Huybers*
760 *and Langmuir*, 2009; *Yanites and Kesler*, 2015], where establishing a robust empirical link
761 is challenging [*Watt et al.*, 2013]. Connecting climate to volcanism faces similar challenges
762 as inferring paleo-climate from sedimentary sequences, since the record of eruptions used
763 to establish rates of magmatism through time are subject to surface erosion and burial
764 (preservation) that varies in time and space. Indeed, the more episodic nature of volcan-
765 ism compared to sedimentation means that preservation biases [*Sadler*, 1981] could be
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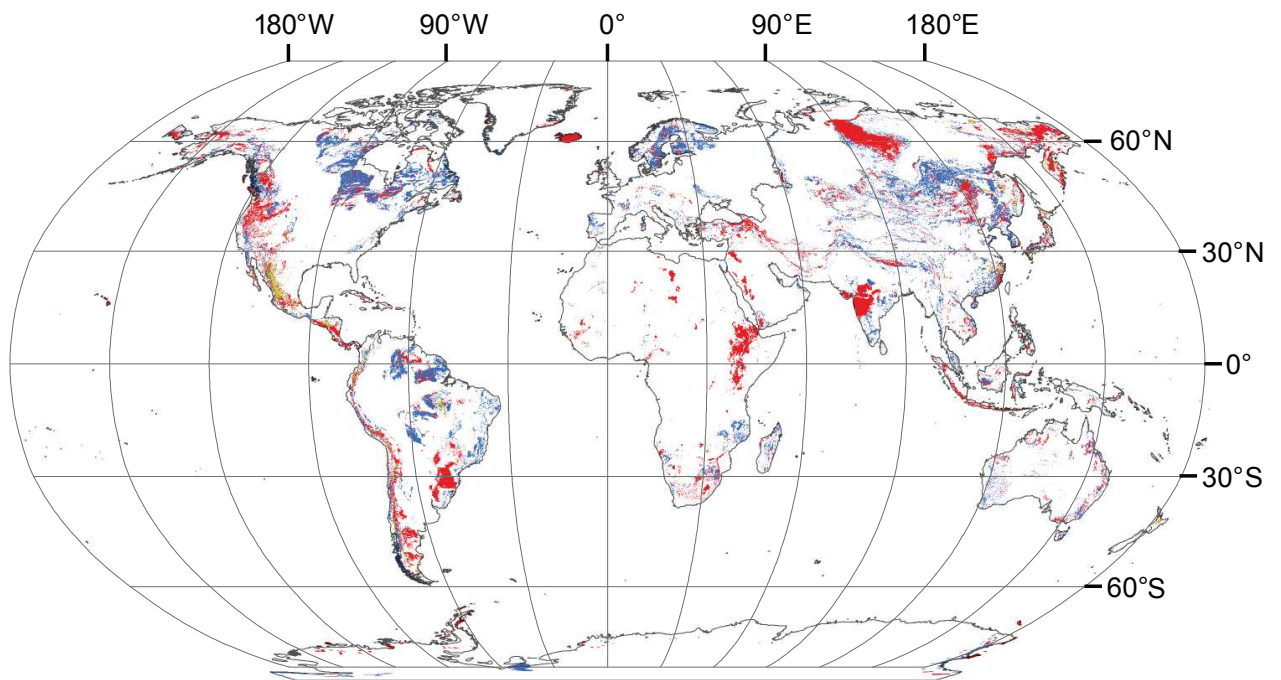


Figure 1. Global distribution of exposed volcanic (red), pyroclastic (yellow) and intrusive plutonic (blue) rocks from *Hartmann and Moosdorf* [2012]. In this compilation, volcanic rocks occupy 6%, pyroclastics occupy 0.6%, and plutonic rocks occupy 7% of the current global land area.

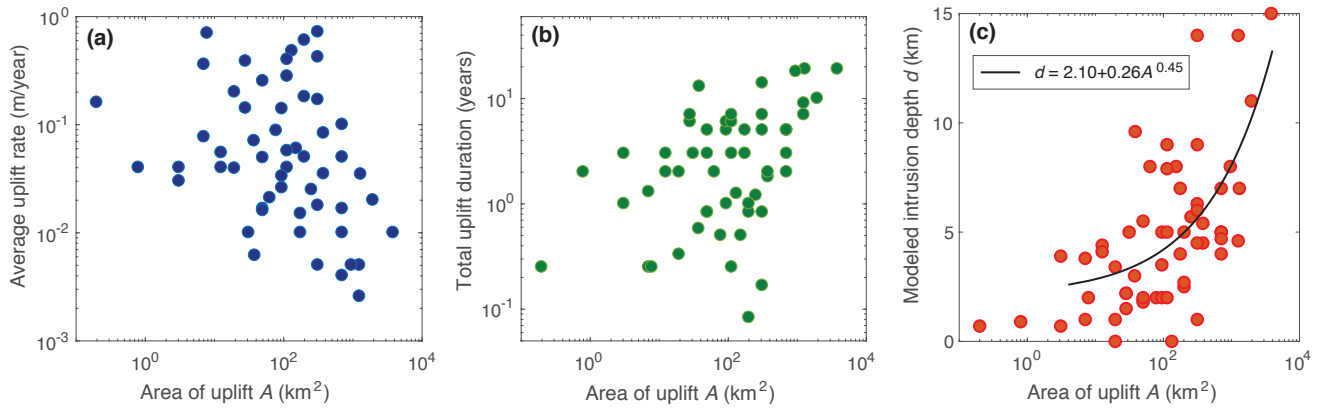


Figure 2. Characteristics of InSAR-detected uplift, attributed to magmatic intrusions, comparing planform area of uplift signal to **(a)** uplift rate (maximum uplift divided by total duration of deformation signal), **(b)** duration of deformation signal, and **(c)** inferred intrusion depth. Intrusion depths are from a range of published studies that use different approaches for modeling. The majority rely on a homogeneous elastic half space assumption and use analytical solutions for sills [Okada, 1985; Fialko et al., 2001], point sources [Mogi, 1958] or ellipsoids [Yang et al., 1988]. Best fitting power law is plotted in black, with correlation coefficient $R^2 = 0.42$.

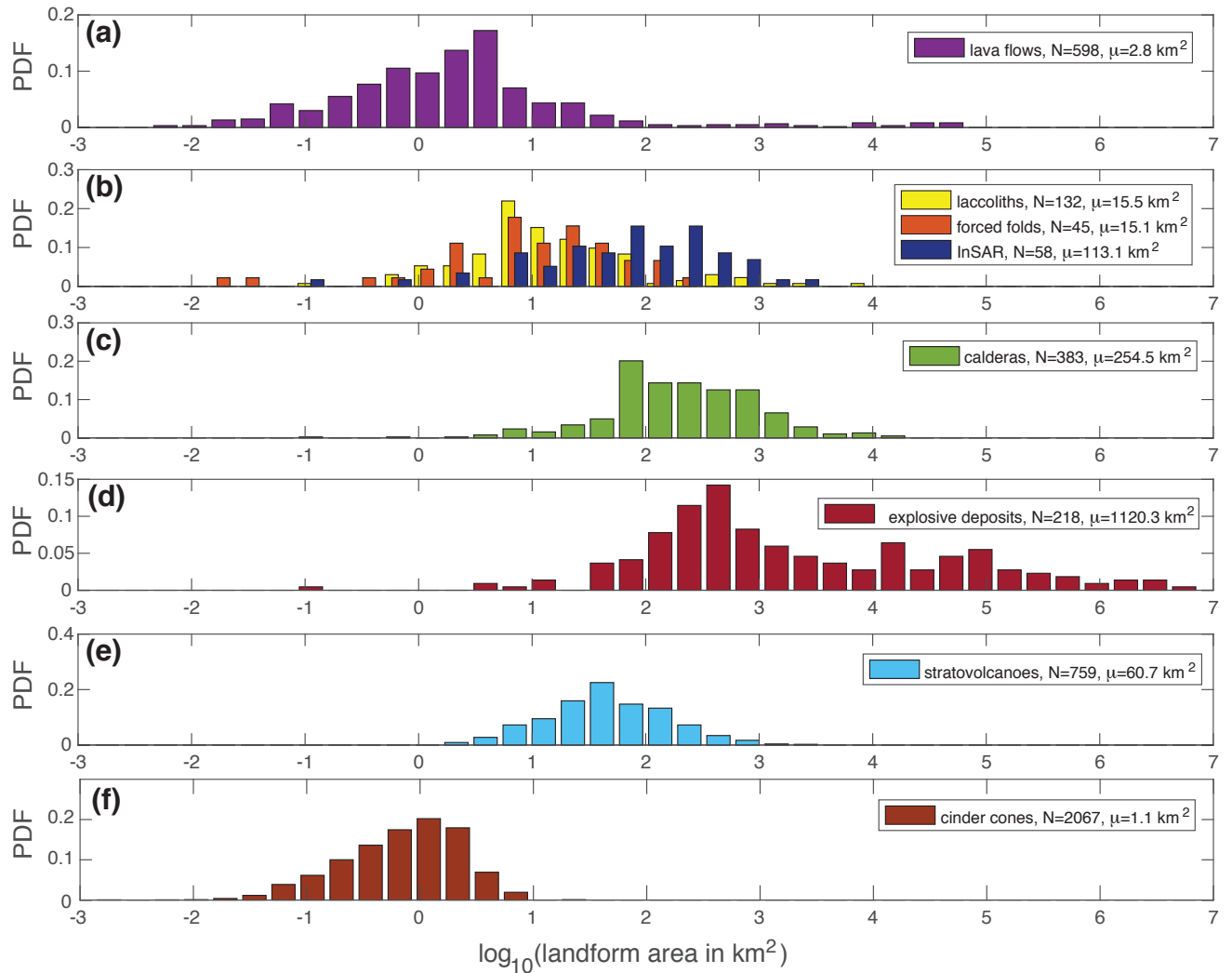


Figure 3. Probability distribution functions (PDFs) for global compilations of planform areas A including (a) lava flows, (b) laccoliths (yellow), InSAR-derived deformation attributed to intrusions (blue), and magmatic forced folds (red), (c) calderas, (d) explosive eruption deposits, (e) Holocene stratovolcanoes, and (f) cinder cones. N is the number of samples and μ is the median of the distribution in each panel.

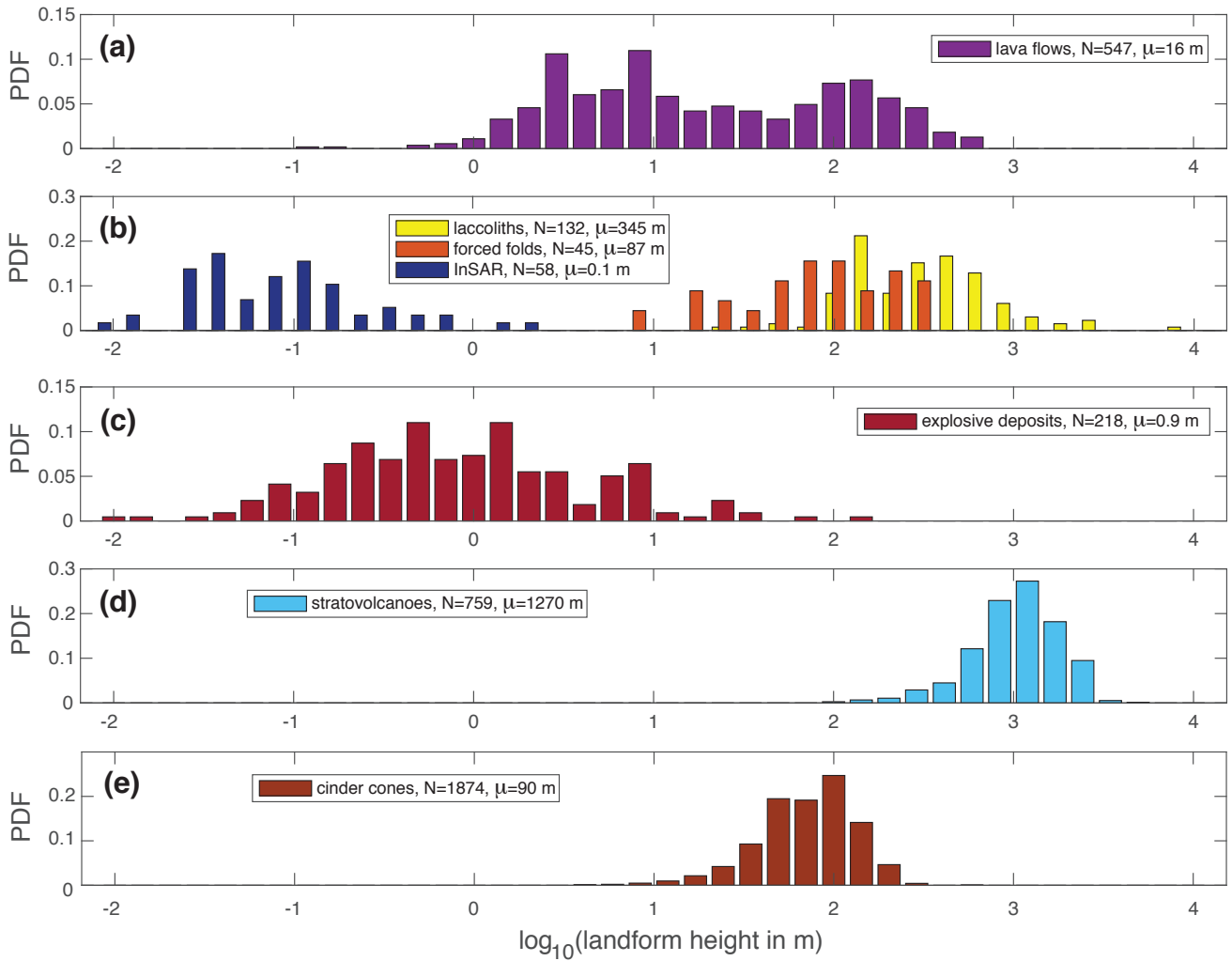


Figure 4. Probability distribution functions for maximum relief h of (a) lava flows, (b) laccoliths (yellow), InSAR-derived deformation attributed to intrusions (blue), and magmatic forced folds (red), (c) explosive eruption deposits, (d) Holocene stratovolcanoes, and (e) cinder cones. N is the number of samples and μ is the median of the distribution in each panel.

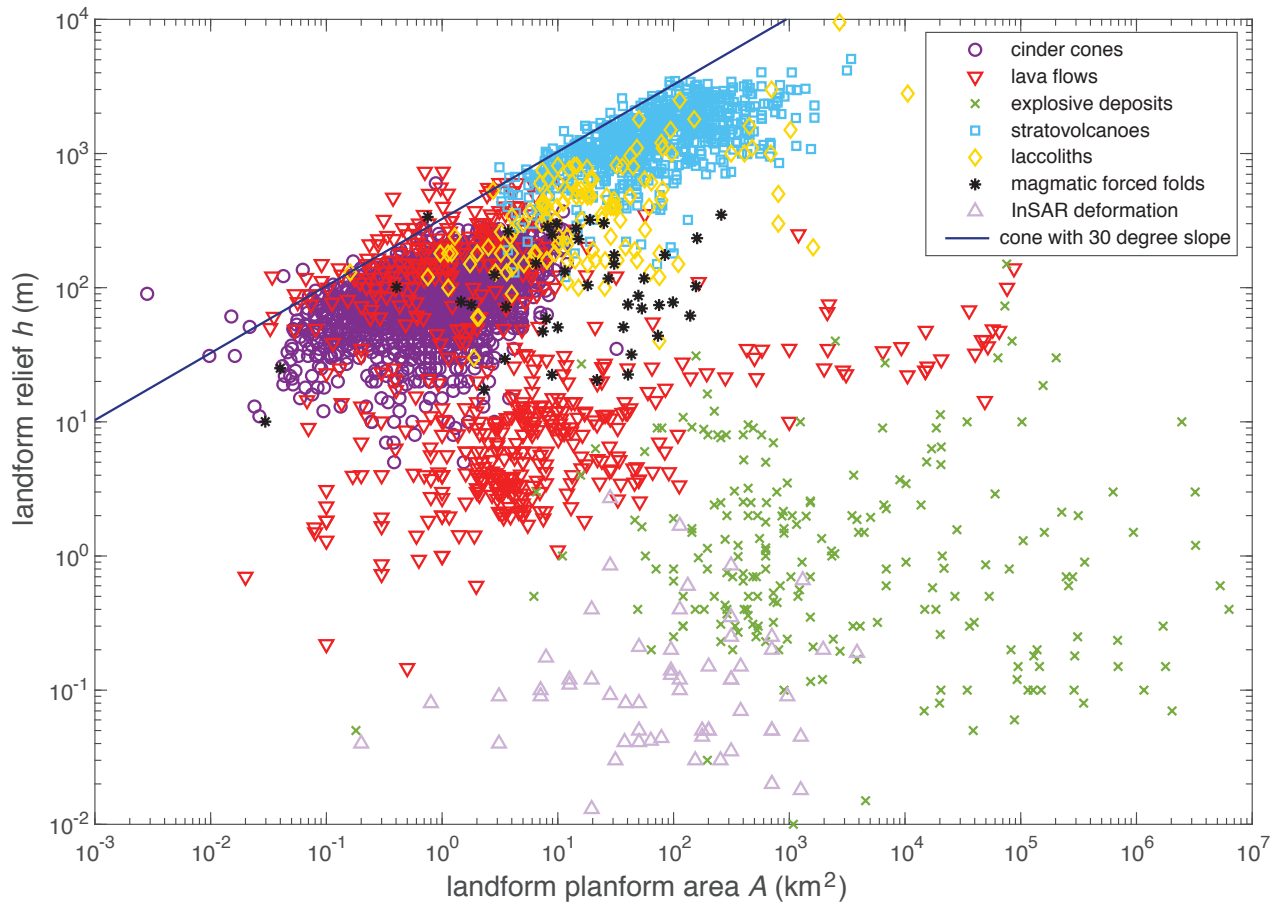


Figure 5. Synthesis of landform planform area A and maximum relief h across volcanic styles.

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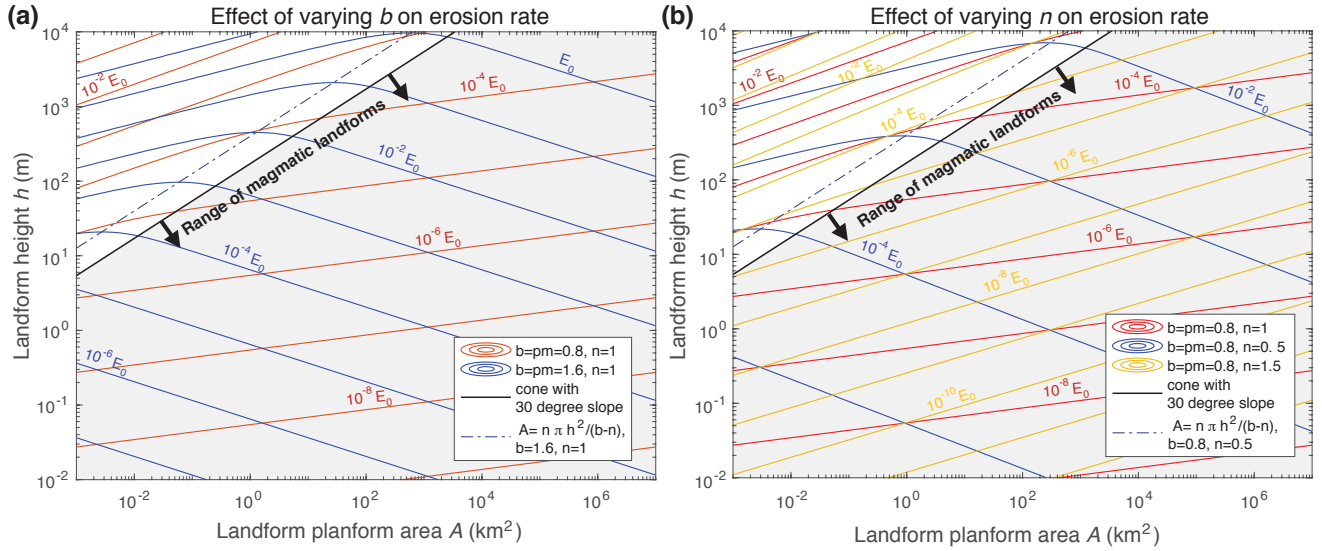


Figure 6. Erosion rate of cone-shaped landforms from equation (2) as a function of A and h for (a) varying the product of area exponent and Hack’s law exponent $b = pm$, assuming $p = 1.6$ and either $m = 1$ (blue curves) or $m = 0.5$ (red curves) with fixed $n = 1$, and (b) varying slope exponent n for fixed $b = pm = 0.8$ (as for red curves in panel a). In both panels, the erodibility constant is assumed to be $c = 6.5 \times 10^{-4}$ [Seidl *et al.*, 1994]. The units of c depend on exponents p and m . Curves denote multiples of a constant erosion rate $E_0 = 1$ mm/yr, and illustrate variability of erosion rate with A and h . Shaded region labeled by arrows is the range of landform data from Figure 5, while the dotted curve denotes the transition from slope- to area-dominated erosion from equation (4).

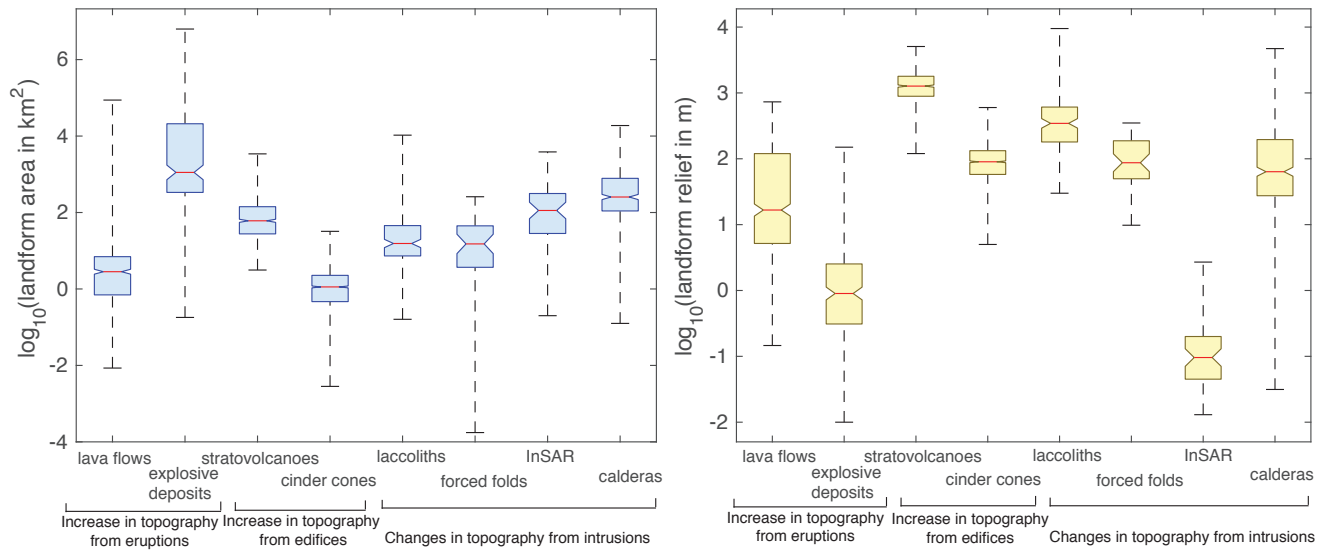


Figure 7. Box plots of the range of magmatic landform planform areas A and total relief h . For each dataset listed, error bars measure the maximum and minimum values, notches and horizontal lines correspond to data median, while the bottom and top of the boxes are the first and third data quartiles.

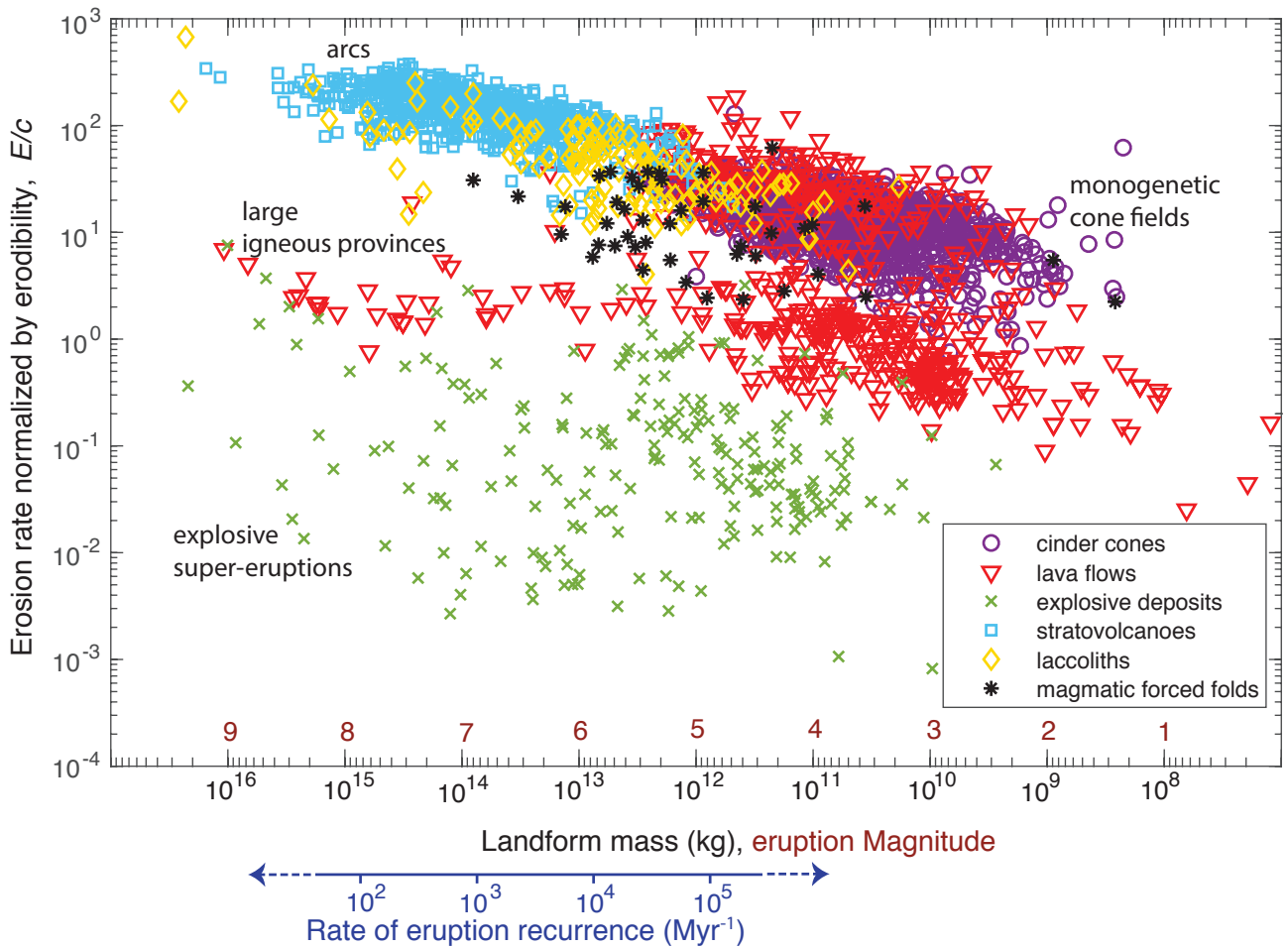


Figure 8. Erosion rate E calculated from equation (2), normalized by empirically-derived scaling for erodibility and drainage network geometry c , as a function of landform mass $\rho h A/3$ for cone-shaped landforms. Calculated mass assumes constant deposit density of $\rho = 2700 \text{ kg/m}^3$. Red symbols on the x axis are the equivalent eruption Magnitude from equation (5). Recurrence frequency is the inverse return period of explosive eruptions (blue bottom axis) from equation (6). Data associated with particular volcanic landscapes are indicated by black text.