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Estimation of pre-eruptive magmatic water fugacity in the Phlegrean Fields, Naples, Italy

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Abstract

We estimated the water fugacity (f H₂O) in the trachytic magma of Phlegrean Fields using the biotite–magnetite–sanidine equilibrium. We confirm that the partly ionic model is the most appropriate to estimate annite activity (a_{annite}) for the experimental biotite. Crystallization experiments were carried out on a representative sample of trachytic Breccia Museo eruption, Naples, Italy. Experiments were performed in the temperature and pressure range of 725–870 °C and 50–200 MPa, and redox conditions ranging from NNO (nickel–nickel oxide) + 1 (±0.2) to FMQ (fayalite + magnetite + quartz). Most experiments were done under conditions of H₂O saturation ($P_{water} = P_{total}$). Few experiments were done using a mixed H₂O–CO₂ fluid phase. The pre-eruptive fH₂O of the Phlegrean Fields magma is estimated at 735 bars, which compares well with available melt inclusion constraints. Our results confirm that this geohygrometer can be used in any magmatic systems bearing the worked assemblage.

Key-words: crystallization experiments, geohygrometer, trachytic magmas, water fugacity.

Introduction

The magmatic system of Phlegrean Fields, Naples, Italy, is an active volcanic field as demonstrated by the AD 1538 Monte Nuovo eruption, by bradyseismic crises in 1969–1972 and 1982–1984, and by widespread fumarolic and thermal springs activity (*e.g.*, Armienti *et al.*, 1983; Orsi *et al.*, 1996; De Vita *et al.*, 1999). These observations in conjunction with the extreme urbanization of the volcanic area (the area of the Phlegrean Fields caldera is inhabited by about 1.5 million people) indicate that the volcanic risk is very high. In an area with such characteristics, the definition of pre-eruptive conditions is crucial for understanding the behaviour of the system. Water is the most abundant volatile component in many magmatic systems, it can influence eruption style, magma physical properties and mineral stabilities. The abundance (or activity) of water can be estimated using a variety of approaches, including

melt inclusion studies, phase equilibrium constraints, or devolatilisation equilibria involving hydrous phases.

The reaction:

was used by Wones & Eugster (1965) to estimate magmatic f H₂O during crystallization, and the empirical relationship:

$$\begin{array}{l} \log fH_2O \ = \ 7409/T \ + \ 4.25 \ + \ 0.5 \ \log fO_2 \\ + \ 3 \ \log X \ _{Fe^{2+} \ (biot)} \ + \ 2 \ \log X \ _{OH(biot)} \\ - \ \log a \ (KAlSi_3O_8) \ _{(saxidize)} \\ - \ \log a \ (Fe_3O_4) \ _{(mognetile)} \end{array}$$

was applied in granitic (Czamanske & Wones, 1973) and phonolitic systems (Wolff & Storey, 1984; Ablay *et al.*, 1995; Fabbrizio *et al.*, 2006) to estimate *f* H₂O.

We present new experimental data on trachytic melts saturated with biotite, magnetite and sanidine at water fugacities of 50–200 MPa ($P_{water} = 50-200$ MPa). The new experimental data allow us to confirm that the model proposed by Czamanske & Wones (1973) of annite activity (a_{annite}) is the most appropriate for the experimental biotite. The results are used to evaluate pre-eruptive water fugacities in the trachytic magma from the Phlegrean Fields. As reported in Fabbrizio *et al.* (2006) we can use this geohygrometer to estimate pre-eruptive water fugacities in any magmatic (*e.g.*, Fish Canyon Tuff, Bishop Tuff Rhyolite, Montaña Blanca) and metamorphic (*e.g.*, metamorphic rocks from Au Sable) system bearing the worked assemblage.

Experimental method

Starting material

The experiments (Table 1) were done using a natural trachyte sample. It is from the same material used by Fabbrizio & Carroll (2008) to determine phase equilibria of Phlegrean Fields trachytes; the major element composition is given in Table 2. This trachyte contains up to 30 % by volume of crystals (Fulignati *et al.*, 2004). K-feldspar (Kfs) is the dominant phenocryst with subordinate plagioclase, clinopyroxene, biotite and magnetite in order of decreasing abundance; apatite and titanite occur as accessory phases (Fulignati *et al.*, 2004). Samples of

the natural material were ground under acetone with an agate mortar and pestle to a grain size of $\sim 30-50 \,\mu\text{m}$ and this powder was used as the starting material for all experiments.

Methods

The powdered starting material was loaded together with a known amount of distilled water into Au capsules and the capsules were welded shut. Weighing during preparation of the capsule, before and after welding provided a check that no water was lost during the welding process. Welded capsules were placed in a drying oven at 110 °C to check for leaks before they were used in experiments. Most experiments were done under conditions of H₂O saturation ($P_{water} = P_{total}$) where the amount of water needed to achieve H₂O saturation was estimated from the water solubility data of Carroll & Blank (1997). Typical runs had no more than ~ 5 wt.% excess fluid in order to minimize possible compositional changes due to solubility of the silicate components (*e.g.*, alkalies) in the fluid at elevated *P* and *T*. Two experiments were done using a mixed H₂O–CO₂ fluid phase adding silver oxalate (as source of CO₂) to these samples in sufficient quantity to reduce the water activity to 0.9 (Table 1).

Oxygen fugacity

Oxygen fugacity (f O₂) in the experiments at nickel–nickel oxide (NNO) + 1 was controlled by either the intrinsic oxygen fugacity of the Ni-rich Nimonic 105 alloy of the pressure vessel or by the H₂ fugacity (f H₂) of the fluid pressure medium (deionized water). Using the Ni–Pd– NiO sensor method of Taylor *et al.* (1992) we have found that this design buffers the charges at an f O₂ of 0.8–1.3 log unit above the Ni–NiO buffer curve (Di Matteo *et al.*, 2004). In the QFM runs the f H₂ was continuously read with Shaw membranes connected to transducers, with an uncertainty in f H₂ of ±0.02 MPa at a level of 0.3–0.4 MPa for run durations of 10 days (Scaillet & Evans, 1999).

In the CSPV, variations in H₂ pressures were always < 0.03 MPa (Schmidt *et al.*, 1995). Oxygen fugacity, for experiments in which water activity (*a*H₂O) was varied by the addition of CO₂ to the charges, can be evaluated using the following simple relationship (Scaillet & Evans, 1999):

$$log f O_2 = log f O_2 sat - 2 log X (H_2O)$$

where $f O_2$ sat is the corresponding $f O_2$ at water saturation $[X(H_2O) = 1]$ at a given temperature and $X(H_2O)$ is the mole fraction of H_2O in the starting fluid. For $X(H_2O) = 0.9$, the decrease in $f O_2$ is at best 0.1 log units, assuming ideal mixing between CO₂ and H₂O. Further information about $f O_2$ can be found in Shaw & Wones (1963), Burnham *et al.* (1969), Robie *et al.* (1979) and Pownceby & O'Neill (1994).

Experimental apparatus and procedure

Water saturated experiments were performed in three water-pressurized cold seal pressure vessels (CSPV, Nimonic 105), working vertically, at the Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra at University of Camerino (Italy). Experimental temperatures varied from 725 to 870 °C in the pressure range 50–200 MPa; run durations varied between 173 and 335 h depending on temperature, with longer duration at lower *T* and lower *P* conditions. Temperature was measured in the sample position with a sheathed type K thermocouple and is accurate to ± 5 °C; the temperature was checked against type B Pt–Rh thermocouple calibrated using the melting temperature of Au. Pressure was recorded with a pressure transducer or Bourdon-tube pressure gauges, considered accurate to ± 2 MPa. Samples were quenched by removing the bomb from the furnace and immersing it in a high-pressure stream of compressed air. The samples cooled to below 500 °C within 3–4 min and to room temperature within 15 min. The quench was isobaric because pressure was maintained during quenching by use of a large volume pressure reservoir and a hand operated pressure generator. Experimental conditions for each sample are reported in Table 1.

Additional experimental work was done at the ISTO–CNRS Orleans (France), using an internally heated pressure vessel (IHPV), working vertically, and fitted with a Shaw-type membrane for the control of f H₂. Cold seal pressure vessels equipped with Shaw membranes, working horizontally, were also used. The pressure medium was a mixture of Ar + H₂ obtained either by sequential loading at room temperature (IHPV; see Scaillet *et al.*, 1995) or by direct H₂ diffusion across membrane (CSPV) under the experimental conditions (Schmidt *et al.*, 1995). Total pressure was continuously monitored by transducers calibrated against a Heise Bourdon tube gauge with an uncertainty of ~ 2 MPa (Scaillet & Evans, 1999). In the IHPV, temperatures were recorded by three sheathed, type K thermocouples. In the CSPV, temperatures were recorded by an external unsheathed type K thermocouple. Temperature gradients in the hot spot zones were always < 3 °C. The overall temperature uncertainty is ±5

°C (Schmidt *et al.*, 1995). The experiment in the IHPV was terminated by switching off the power supply, resulting in temperature decreases of about 400 °C during the first 4 min. No isobaric quench was carried out, and total pressure dropped by about half of its initial value during cooling in the IHPV. One condition was explored (800 °C, 150 MPa, $f O_2 = QFM$). Runs in the CSPV were ended by removing the vessel from the furnace with quench rates similar to those of the IHPV. No isobaric quench was carried out, and total pressure dropped by about 1/3 of its initial value during cooling in the CSPV.

However, in both IHPV and CSPV runs, the pressure decrease reached at the glass transition temperature (*ca.* 550 °C for trachytic melts) is within 15 % of the starting value. A total of two pressures was explored (150 and 200 MPa) at temperature of 800 °C and $f O_2 = QFM$. Run durations for experiments in the IHPV and in the CSPV varied between 173 and 209 h depending on the choice of experimental conditions (Table 1). After the quench, capsules were weighed to verify that they had remained sealed during the experiment and then were opened. Charges which did not fizz when pierced or otherwise indicated H₂O loss during the experiment (weight change) were discarded.

After removing the silicate material from the capsules several fragments from each sample were mounted in epoxy resin and prepared as polished thin sections for petrographic and electron microprobe analysis.

Analytical techniques

Run products were characterized by reflected light microscopy, scanning electron microscopy and electron micro-probe methods. Major element analyses of minerals were carried out with a Cameca SX 50 microprobe at CNR–Istituto di Geologia Ambientale e Geoingegneria–Roma (Italy) and at CNRS–ISTO–BRGM–Orleans (France); analyses of the same samples with both instruments did not show any statistically significant variations in results. Analytical conditions for the electron microprobe were: accelerating voltage 15 kV, sample current 10 nA, counting time of 15 s on peak for Mg, Al, Ca, Ti, Mn, Fe, of 30 s for F, Cl, and S, and of 8 s for Na, K, and Si. Analyses used a focused beam (diameter $1-2 \mu m$) for minerals. For each experiment we attempted to obtain multiple analyses of the crystalline phases present, checking both rim and core compositions to look for any zoning whenever crystal size permitted. Analyses were obtained for multiple grains from different locations within the charge. No significant compositional variations were observed within single experiments. The experimental run conditions are listed in Table 1 and average analyses of biotite, magnetite and sanidine in each experiment are presented in Table 2.

General observations

A total of 23 experiments containing the biotite–magnetite–sanidine assemblage have been completed at pressures of 50–200 MPa, temperatures of 725–870 °C, f O₂ ranging from QFM to NNO + 1, at, or near, water saturation. All experiments were crystallization experiments (Fig. 1), which were heated to ~ 925 °C, above the liquidus, for two hours to dissolve any inherited crystal, and then cooled isobarically to run conditions to optimize crystal growth. No restitic crystals were present in the final product, owing to the low viscosity of phonotrachytic melts which probably facilitates mineral dissolution and growth (Fabbrizio *et al.*, 2006).

The presence of fluid inclusions (bubbles) trapped in glass was observed in most charges and taken as evidence of saturation of the melt with respect to a fluid phase under the experimental conditions. In addition to the systematic presence of bubbles, the presence of a fluid phase was also confirmed by small drops of water released from the capsules on opening, by hissing when the capsules contained CO₂, and water loss on opening and heating at 110 °C shows presence of fluid phase (weight change). The crystallization experiments produced the following textural features: (1) homogeneous distribution of all phases present (glass + crystals + bubbles), (2) homogeneity of crystal sizes and euhedral shapes, (3) bubble sizes that were homogeneous in CO₂-free experiments but more variable in CO₂-bearing ones.

Crystalline phases identified in run products were K-feldspar, biotite, magnetite, clinopyroxene, plagioclase, apatite, titanite. The natural phase assemblage was successfully reproduced in most of the crystallization experiments. From the viewpoint of phase petrology, crystallization experiments gave results consistent with an overall close approach to bulk equilibrium. The compositions of product phases are homogeneous in a given charge. Solidsolution phases display continuous and smooth compositional changes with variations in the main intensive variables T, aH_2O and fO_2 .

Silicate and oxide activities

Sanidine

Table 2 shows alkali feldspar microprobe analyses and end member percentages. We have estimated sanidine activities graphically from the plot of Waldbaum & Thompson's (1969) binary alkali feldspar data given by Carmichael *et al.* (1974). Most of our K-feldspars have activity between 0.6 and 0.8 (Table 3). The small variations in KAlSi₃O₈ activity, over the range of conditions investigated, does not significantly affect the calculation of f (H₂O).

Magnetite

The reader should refer to Katsura *et al.*, (1974), Woodland (1988) and Sack& Ghiorso(1991) for the activity-composition relations for Fe_3O_4 – Fe_2TiO_4 (magnetite–ülvospinel). In our work, magnetite activities calculated using a 4-oxygen structural formula and with the activity-composition relations described in Fabbrizio *et al.* (2006) vary between 0.83 and 0.95 (Table 3).

Annite

The calculation of accurate biotite structural formula is crucial for the estimation of annite activity and thus for the calculation of f H₂O. As reported in Fabbrizio *et al.* (2006) the most important factors to determine are the Fe²⁺/Fe³⁺, F/OH ratios, and possible additional substitutions (*e.g.*, Ti⁴⁺). Additional difficulties come from electron microprobe analyses that do not yield measurements of Fe³⁺, and accurate estimation of Fe³⁺ contents using only charge balance are difficult due to possible non-stoichiometry associated with octahedral site vacancies (Deer *et al.*, 1992). Figure 2 shows that natural and experimental biotite compositions are shifted towards the siderophyllite–eastonite join, in which a portion of iron can be present as Fe³⁺ substitution for Al in the octahedral site. Several substitutions can occur in the octahedral sites complicating the crystallochemistry of biotite. Compositional variations include Fe²⁺, Mg, Fe³⁺, Ti, Tschermark exchange (R^{2+(VI)} + Si^{4+(IV)} = Al^{3+(VI)} + Al^{3+(IV)}), and vacancies. We have estimated Fe³⁺ contents using the normalization procedure of Dymek (1983).

Values of Fe^{3+} obtained using this method are < 30 % of the total Fe, in keeping with the relatively reduced nature of the experimental runs. Fluorine was measured during microprobe analysis, and is found to fill < 25 % of the OH⁻ sites (Table 3). Cl⁻ and HS⁻ contents of the experimental biotites are negligible, and the hydroxyl sites not occupied by F are assumed to be filled with OH⁻. Complete calculated biotite formula for all of the experimental samples are given in Table 3.

Different equations were proposed to estimate annite activity (*e.g.*, Wones & Eugster, 1965; Mueller, 1972; Czamanske & Wones, 1973; Bohlen *et al.*, 1980). Annite activity can be calculated in the following ways:

 $\begin{aligned} a_{annite} &= Fe^{2+}/(Fe^{2+} + Mg) \\ a_{annite} &= [Fe^{2+}/(Fe^{2+} + Mg)]^3 \\ a_{annite} &= (X_{Fe^{2+}})^3 \\ a_{annite} &= (X_{Fe^{2+}})^3 (X_{OH})^2 \\ a_{annite} &= (X_K)(X_{Fe^{2+}})^3 (X_{Al})(X_{sl})^3 (X_{OH})^2 / (X_{Al}^0) (X_{sl}^0)^3 \end{aligned}$

All of these models are discussed in Fabbrizio et al. (2006).

Discussion

It should be clear from the preceding presentation of our experimental data that the major obstacle in using the biotite-magnetite-sanidine equilibrium to estimation of magmatic water activities is the choice of a model for annite activity. We have used the molecular model (Eq. (4)) of Wones & Eugster (1965), the partly ionic model (Eq. (7)) of Czamanske & Wones (1973), and the complete ionic model (Eq. (8)) of Bohlen *et al.* (1980) to estimate annite activities and these different annite activities have been used to calculate $f H_2O$ of experimental samples *via* Eq. (2), substituting the appropriate terms for annite activity. Calculated annite activities, and estimated water fugacities using each of the annite activity models are presented in Table 3, along with the calculated water fugacities for experimental samples, calculated using a Modified Redlich Kwong (MRK) equation of state (EOS) (Holloway, 1981).

The molecular model significantly overestimates f H₂O in every case (Fig. 3). This overestimation is a direct consequence of the model treating the biotite as a pure phlogopite– annite solid solution. The result is that components not on the phlogopite–annite join, which would lower a_{annite} , are ignored, leading to an overestimation of annite activity, and hence an overestimation of f H₂O. By contrast the complete ionic model underestimates f H₂O relative to the calculated f H₂O in each case. This model assumes ideal mixing of the additional components in the biotite, treating them as dilutents, which diminish the annite component of the biotite. The underestimation of a_{annite} using this model indicates that mixing of the additional components is not ideal, as indicated by Bailey (1984). Bohlen *et al.* (1980) suggest using these models to obtain an upper and lower limiting f H₂O's for biotite–magnetite– sanidine assemblages.

Given the data obtained from the hydrothermal experiments this would appear a reasonable approach for natural biotites with complex substitutions, and/or containing large amounts of other elements, such as Cr, Li, Mn in the octahedral site. An Accurate estimate of the Fe³⁺ content, and the low amounts of F and Cl in the OH sites, enable an accurate estimation of a_{annite} from the partly ionic model (Eq. (7)) of Czamanske & Wones (1973). Estimates of f H₂O obtained using this activity model closely approximate the values calculated using a Modified Redlich Kwong equation of state for H₂O fugacities in the experiments (Holloway, 1981). The pre-eruptive $f H_2O$ of the Phlegrean Fields magma can therefore be estimated using the annite activity model of Czamanske & Wones (1973). Using the annite activity model of Czamanske & Wones (1973) the range of $f H_2O$ which have been tested in the experiments for the Phlegrean Fields is 309–1646 bars. Considering the composition of the natural biotite (Table 3) the $f H_2O$ of the Phlegrean Fields magma chamber is estimated at ~ 735 bars (unfortunately we do not know the dissolved H₂O and CO₂ in a melt inclusion, consequently, our estimate is just a minimum estimate). Ablay (1997) estimated, from melt inclusion, water fugacities values for the Montaña Blanca in the range 640–1340 bars. More recently Fabbrizio et al. (2006) calculated water fugacities, for the Montaña Blanca phonolitic system, to be in the range 195–1535 bars. Estimates from this study are comparable with the range of estimates provided by Fabbrizio et al. (2006) and by Ablay (1997), and have shown that:

 Of the annite activity models that have been proposed, the activity model of Czamanske & Wones (1973) provides the most accurate estimates of pre-eruptive water fugacity.

- 2. The molecular model of Wones & Eugster (1965) and the total ionic model of Bohlen *et al.* (1980), provide respectively, the upper and the lower value in the estimate of water fugacities.
- 3. The results of these studies indicate that the pre-eruptive water fugacities of phonolitic and phonotrachytic magmatic systems can be variable with value ranging from 200 to 1650 bars. This range reflects differing magma storage depths or wide variations in the CO_2/H_2O ratio in the coexisting melt (gas phase), or possibly, the fact that biotite-melt equilibrium may change during magma decompression in which case the spread in water fugacity does not necessarily reflect different depths of magma storage. (Be aware however that biotite, as an hydrous mineral, may not be stable anymore at very low $f H_2O$ (as observed for amphibole although clearly biotite is less sensitive to change in $f H_2O$ than is amphibole)).

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Figures



Fig. 1. Back-scattered electron images of selected experimental runs. (a) Run PR38I (800 °C, 200 MPa). (b) Run PR38B (825 °C, 150 MPa). (c) Run PR38T (870 °C, 100 MPa). Gl (glass), San (sanidine), Bt (biotite), Mt (magnetite), Cpx (clinopyroxene). All minerals are euhedral and unzoned demonstrating a close approach to an equilibrium condition.



Fig. 2. Classification diagram of biotite as a function of X_{Mg} . The composition of experimental and natural biotites is illustrated in terms of the end-members annite– phlogopite–siderophyllite–eastonite. It shows that natural and experimental biotites are dominantly a phlogopite–annite mixture. Although biotites fall close to annite–phlogopite join, their compositions are slightly shifted towards the siderophyllite–eastonite join in which a portion of Fe can be present as Fe³⁺. Crosses, natural biotite from Phlegrean Fields. Circles, experimental biotite obtained with the Phlegrean Fields starting material at $f O_2 = NNO + 1$. Squares, experimental biotite obtained with the Phlegrean Fields starting material at $f O_2 = FMQ$. Natural biotite data are taken from Armienti *et al.* (1983), Melluso *et al.* (1995), Orsi *et al.* (1995) and Civetta *et al.* (1997).



Fig. 3. Measured (experimental) water fugacities as a function of calculated water fugacities using a Modified Redlick Kwong (MRK) equation of state (EOS) (Holloway, 1981). Squares, estimated water fugacity using the annite activity model of Wones & Eugster (1965). Circles, estimated water fugacity using the annite activity model of Czamanske & Wones (1973). Triangles, estimated water fugacity using the annite activity model of Bohlen *et al.* (1980). Larger filled symbols indicate our preferred model; smaller open symbols indicate alternative models. The solid line represents the condition Y = X.

Tables

Run	fO ₂	P _{total} (MPa)	T (°C) ^a	f H ₂ O (bar) ^b	$\log f$ O ₂	Х (H ₂ O) ^с	Run duration (hours)	Run products
38I	NNO + 1	200	800	1565	-13.00	1	215	Gl, Mt, Cpx, Bt, San
38E	NNO + 1	200	775	1516	-13.34	1	262	Gl, Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
38F	NNO + 1	200	760	1485	-13.68	1	256	Gl, Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
38X	NNO + 1	200	745	1453	-14.03	1	196	Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
38Z	NNO + 1	200	725	1407	-14.05	1	211	Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
38B	NNO + 1	150	825	1233	03	1	185	Gl, Mt, Cpx, Bt, San
38H	NNO + 1	150	800	1203	-13.43	1	215	Gl, Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
380	NNO + 1	150	775	1170	-13.86	1	191	Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
38N	NNO + 1	150	750	1134	-14.15	1	190	Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
38T	NNO + 1	100	870	883	-12.41	1	185	Gl, Mt, Cpx, Bt, San
38W	NNO + 1	100	850	873	-13.12	1	191	Gl, Mt, Cpx, Bt, San
38D	NNO + 1	100	825	858	30	1	189	Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
38P	NNO + 1	100	800	842	-14.00	1	190	Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
38V	NNO + 1	100	790	835	00	1	190	Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
38M	NNO + 1	100	775	825	-14.00	1	189	Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
384	NNO + 1	50	870	466	-12.43	1	192	Gl, Mt, Cpx, Bt, San
385	NNO + 1	50	840	461	-13.02	1	192	Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
38A	NNO + 1	50	810	456	-13.14	1	335	Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
3823	QFM	200	800	1565	80	1	185	Gl, Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
3824	QFM ^d	200	800	1565	-12.50	0.9	185	Gl, Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
381	QFM	150	800	1238	-13.48	1	209	Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg

Table 1. Experimental run conditions.

382	QFM	150	798	1200	-13.12	1	173	Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg
383	QFM ^d	150	798	1200	12	0.9	173	Mt, Cpx, Bt, San, Plg

 $Gl = glass; \ Mt = magnetite; \ Cpx = clinopyroxene; \ Bt = biotite; \ San = sanidine; \ Plg = plagioclase.$

^aAll runs were heated to ~ 925 °C for 2 h and then the temperature was lowered to the final values reported in this table.

^bCalculated using the MRK equation of Holloway (1981).

 $^{c}X(H_{2}O) = H_{2}O/(H_{2}O + CO_{2})$ loaded in the capsule (in moles).

^dRuns with a mixed H₂O–CO₂ fluid phase.

Run	Phase	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	FeO	Fe ₂ O ₃	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	F	Cl	0 = F, Cl	H ₂ O	Total	Molar composition
38		59.90	0.41	18.94	3.27	NA	0.15	1.11	2.43	3.78	9.02	NA	NA			99.23	
38E	Bt(2)	34.25	4.49	13.94	9.63	2.05	0.42	13.95	0.41	0.42	9.08	1.32	0.11	0.59	3.10	90.05	
	San(5)	62.53	0.08	18.96	0.42	NC	0.07	0.16	0.79	3.01	11.63	0.24	0.01			97.79	$Ab_{27}An_4Or_{69}$
	Mt(3)	0.34	5.95	0.65	32.39	51.46	1.44	0.53	0.15	0.02	0.05	0.00	0.03			87.92	$Mt_{81}Ulv_{19} \\$
38F	Bt(4)	35.06	4.88	14.53	11.45	2.02	0.26	13.94	0.18	0.32	9.27	0.98	0.11	0.43	3.37	92.86	
	San(6)	62.78	0.35	19.08	0.43	NC	0.06	0.06	0.66	2.69	12.00	0.12	0.02			98.26	Ab ₂₅ An ₃ Or ₇₂
	Mt(3)	0.26	8.72	0.28	36.19	46.67	0.50	0.29	0.09	0.03	0.04	0.00	0.00			88.42	$Mt_{70}Ulv_{30} \\$
38H	Bt(9)	35.65	4.69	14.44	11.90	1.79	0.26	14.66	0.21	0.36	9.12	1.51	0.10	0.65	3.18	94.62	
	San(5)	63.58	0.09	19.49	0.19	NC	0.00	0.02	1.01	3.06	11.75	0.18	0.01			99.28	Ab ₂₇ An ₅ Or ₆₈
	Mt(3)	1.01	5.65	0.97	32.47	52.75	2.73	0.14	0.40	0.09	0.11	0.09	0.01			90.92	$Mt_{87}Ulv_{13} \\$
381	Bt(8)	35.25	4.64	14.45	13.39	1.67	0.20	13.81	0.02	0.48	9.36	1.04	0.11	0.47	3.37	94.27	
	San(6)	63.26	0.05	18.33	0.51	NC	0.01	0.01	0.86	2.23	12.8	0.00	0.01			97.89	$Ab_{20}An_4Or_{76}$
	Mt(1)	1.30	0.46	1.01	63.15	26.56	6.50	1.22	0.19	0.10	0.23	0.13	0.00			91.81	$Mt_{97}Ulv_3 \\$
382	Bt(6)	36.40	4.58	14.17	11.29	1.93	0.36	15.00	0.00	0.44	9.41	1.46	0.10	0.64	3.22	94.95	
	San(3)	63.12	0.07	18.70	0.45	NC	0.04	0.03	1.00	3.05	11.72	0.00	0.01			98.20	Ab ₂₇ An ₅ Or ₆₈
	Mt(3)	0.20	1.41	1.17	27.94	64.16	2.35	1.03	0.07	0.01	0.11	0.48	0.00			92.50	$Mt_{96}Ulv_4 \\$
383	Bt(1)	38.78	4.32	14.36	10.12	2.82	0.50	15.40	0.23	0.50	9.41	2.05	0.12	0.89	3.09	98.31	
	San(3)	63.08	0.09	18.91	0.51	NC	0.04	0.03	1.18	4.64	9.14	0.03	0.02			97.67	$Ab_{41}An_6Or_{53}$
	Mt(5)	0.41	1.67	1.62	28.15	62.40	2.57	0.93	0.05	0.03	0.14	0.47	0.01			92.21	$Mt_{87}Ulv_{13} \\$
38V	Bt(3)	36.35	4.36	14.84	11.35	2.32	0.11	15.08	0.14	0.31	9.08	0.79	0.08	0.35	3.57	94.60	
	San(6)	63.82	0.06	19.24	0.34	NC	0.02	0.11	0.93	4.18	9.47	0.10	0.01			98.29	Ab ₃₈ An ₅ Or ₅₇
	Mt(3)	0.11	2.18	1.44	25.53	58.68	3.65	0.95	0.06	0.01	0.07	0.04	0.01			92.45	$Mt_{95}Ulv_5$
38Z	Bt(3)	36.26	4.18	15.29	11.14	2.68	0.18	15.05	0.12	0.31	8.87	1.48	0.09	0.64	3.25	95.40	
	San(4)	63.65	0.06	18.88	0.22	NC	0.01	0.00	0.51	1.75	13.16	0.02	0.01			98.27	$Ab_{16}An_3Or_{81}\\$
	Mt(4)	0.10	2.80	1.67	27.39	62.50	3.39	0.55	0.15	0.02	0.06	0.01	0.00			92.45	$Mt_{93}Ulv_7\\$
38P	Bt(1)	35.28	4.23	15.01	12.01	3.16	0.66	13.99	0.00	0.42	8.91	0.63	0.07	0.28	3.59	94.05	
	San(5)	63.53	0.05	19.41	0.32	NC	0.01	0.01	1.11	3.33	9.81	0.07	0.00			97.67	$Ab_{32}An_6Or_{60}$
	Mt(3)	0.10	2.80	1.67	31.20	55.39	2.38	1.04	0.10	0.12	0.12	0.04	0.02			92.83	$Mt_{89}Ulv_{11} \\$
380	Bt(3)	35.96	4.17	14.14	11.85	1.91	0.26	14.57	0.16	0.35	8.74	1.62	0.09	0.70	3.09	93.65	
	San(7)	63.96	0.08	19.70	0.60	NC	0.02	0.08	1.16	4.10	9.18	0.06	0.01			98.95	Ab ₃₈ An ₆ Or ₅₆
	Mt(4)	0.19	5.18	3.14	32.27	54.99	2.55	0.61	0.12	0.06	0.04	0.01	0.02			93.71	$Mt_{86}Ulv_{14} \\$
38X	Bt(3)	36.85	4.35	14.70	11.48	2.46	0.23	15.07	0.08	0.70	8.94	1.50	0.12	0.66	3.25	95.93	
	San(4)	64.81	0.05	19.41	0.30	NC	0.01	0.02	0.92	2.88	10.66	0.07	0.00			99.15	Ab ₂₈ An ₅ Or ₆₇
	Mt(4)	0.27	2.89	1.94	28.72	59.97	3.48	0.72	0.12	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.00			92.29	$Mt_{92}Ulv_8\\$
38N	Bt(4)	36.94	4.34	14.72	11.71	2.35	0.20	15.08	0.09	0.36	9.23	1.24	0.08	0.54	3.40	96.14	

Table 2. SiO₂ and TiO₂ abundances (XRF, wt.%)^{*} for the starting Phlegrean Fields trachyte 38 and for mineral phases (EMPA) of experimental runs.

	San(4)	64.72	0.03	20.15	0.35	NC	0.01	0.04	1.62	3.81	9.24	0.00	0.01			99.98	Ab35An8Or56
	Mt(4)	0.16	7.21	2.21	34.42	51.06	2.28	0.52	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00			92.68	$Mt_{78}Ulv_{22} \\$
38W	Bt(4)	35.89	4.32	14.18	12.61	1.80	0.33	14.58	0.10	0.34	9.02	0.95	0.11	0.42	3.43	94.08	
	San(4)	65.44	0.06	19.24	0.32	NC	0.01	0.00	0.77	2.51	12.18	0.00	0.01			100.56	Ab ₂₃ An ₄ Or ₇₃
	Mt(4)	0.10	4.71	2.13	31.00	55.20	1.86	1.00	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.09	0.01			90.69	$Mt_{87}Ulv_{13} \\$
38B	Bt(4)	35.66	4.22	14.43	11.40	2.55	0.20	14.25	0.07	0.36	8.81	0.72	0.12	0.33	3.50	92.55	
	San(4)	63.82	0.04	18.83	0.26	NC	0.03	0.01	0.91	1.94	12.78	0.04	0.01			98.68	Ab ₁₈ An ₅ Or ₇₇
	Mt(4)	0.85	4.45	2.54	32.60	55.69	1.38	0.90	0.18	0.07	0.14	0.03	0.00			93.30	$Mt_{87}Ulv_{13} \\$
38D	Bt(3)	37.9	4.00	14.57	9.42	3.47	0.39	14.07	0.15	0.64	9.33	1.67	0.08	0.74	3.17	95.35	
	San(6)	63.71	0.07	19.33	0.36	NC	0.01	0.02	1.73	3.34	10.53	0.04	0.00			99.17	Ab30An9Or63
	Mt(4)	0.09	1.76	1.35	27.68	65.08	2.72	1.48	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.00	0.00			93.83	$Mt_{87}Ulv_{13} \\$
38I	Bt(3)	35.53	4.36	14.51	10.99	2.54	0.14	14.39	0.19	0.29	8.86	0.64	0.08	0.29	3.55	92.28	
	San(4)	64.30	0.05	19.12	0.49	NC	0.00	0.10	0.56	2.08	12.92	0.12	0.01			99.75	Ab ₁₉ An ₃ Or ₇₈
	Mt(5)	2.52	3.45	2.20	25.54	63.83	1.49	0.47	0.24	0.20	0.42	0.10	0.03			88.78	$Mt_{89}Ulv_{11} \\$
38M	Bt(4)	35.47	4.27	14.04	11.82	1.91	0.21	14.65	0.13	0.31	8.95	1.42	0.10	0.62	3.16	93.10	
	San(4)	64.15	0.06	18.81	0.28	NC	0.02	0.01	0.66	1.88	13.23	0.05	0.00			99.14	$Ab_{17}An_3Or_{80}$
	Mt(4)	0.16	4.7	2.87	31.71	56.34	2.69	0.73	0.08	0.02	0.05	0.06	0.00			93.79	$Mt_{87}Ulv_{13} \\$
38T	Bt(3)	35.13	3.27	13.86	3.32	10.83	0.48	13.05	0.06	0.80	8.84	0.90	0.28	0.44	3.25	90.48	
	San(3)	63.27	0.04	18.92	0.30	NC	0.04	0.00	0.85	2.47	11.87	0.02	0.01			97.79	$Ab_{23}An_4Or_{73}$
	Mt(4)	0.39	4.35	2.38	29.39	52.23	1.55	1.00	0.07	0.10	0.14	0.09	0.03			86.47	$Mt_{87}Ulv_{13} \\$
384	Bt(3)	34.01	4.65	14.35	10.91	3.04	0.26	14.48	0.11	0.58	8.76	1.61	0.22	0.73	2.99	92.66	
	San(3)	62.64	0.05	19.21	0.34	NC	0.00	0.02	0.59	2.88	11.19	0.04	0.03			96.98	$Ab_{17}An_3Or_{80}$
	Mt(4)	0.13	5.99	2.59	31.69	54.28	2.15	0.88	0.04	0.27	0.07	0.02	0.02			92.7	$Mt_{87}Ulv_{13} \\$
385	Bt(4)	33.93	4.54	13.63	11.03	2.35	0.16	15.03	0.10	0.57	8.95	1.21	0.24	0.55	3.15	91.48	
	San(4)	62.23	0.06	19.07	0.32	NC	0.01	0.01	0.78	3.08	10.67	0.01	0.02			96.26	Ab29An4Or67
	Mt(3)	0.20	4.65	2.32	30.13	54.78	2.34	0.81	0.08	0.11	0.11	0.06	0.03			90.12	$Mt_{87}Ulv_{13} \\$
38A	Bt(3)	36.27	4.68	15.15	8.93	4.78	0.36	15.02	0.04	0.38	9.23	0.66	0.10	0.30	3.65	95.11	
	San(3)	63.34	0.06	18.94	0.31	NC	0.02	0.01	0.55	1.89	13.07	0.00	0.01			98.18	$Ab_{17}An_3Or_{80}$
	Mt(4)	0.09	3.55	1.73	27.53	60.50	3.84	1.78	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.00	0.01			93.07	$Mt_{91}Ulv_9 \\$
3823	Bt(4)	35.67	4.59	14.35	11.58	4.64	0.22	12.78	0.01	0.47	9.15	2.06	0.06	0.89	2.89	95.11	
	San(8)	63.76	0.08	18.59	0.56	NC	0.04	0.10	0.56	2.97	12.18	0.43	0.02			99.28	$Ab_{26}An_3Or_{71}$
	Mt(2)	0.07	5.36	4.40	33.94	54.14	0.81	1.25	0.02	0.00	0.07	0.08	0.02			94.73	$Mt_{83}Ulv_{17} \\$
3824	Bt(4)	35.63	4.64	14.40	10.35	3.82	0.17	14.88	0.01	0.44	9.29	1.12	0.13	0.50	3.36	94.48	
	San(4)	64.14	0.03	18.97	0.27	NC	0.03	0.00	0.67	2.73	12.28	0.04	0.03			99.18	$Ab_{24}An_3Or_{72}$
	Mt(6)	0.12	6.79	3.21	34.76	51.71	1.09	0.96	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.10	0.02			93.71	$Mt_{79}Ulv_{21} \\$

^{*}XRF data from Di Matteo *et al.*(2004). Number of analyses are indicated in parentheses. San = sanidine; Bt = biotite; Mt = magnetite. The Fe_2O_3 content in oxide is calculated using the formula of Droop (1987). Molar content of magnetite in the oxide is calculated using the procedure of Stormer (1983). H₂O in biotite is calculated assuming charge balance and 2OH equivalents per formula unit. NA = not analysed. NC = not calculated.

Table 3. Natural and experimental biotites recalculated on 7 cations – Ti basis.

	38	38E	38F	38H	381	382	383	38V	38Z	38P	380	38X	38N	38W	38B	38D	38I	38M	38T	384	385	38A	3823	3824
Si	2.78	2.80	2.79	2.79	2.77	2.83	2.92	2.82	2.81	2.76	2.85	2.84	2.83	2.81	2.83	2.94	2.82	2.82	2.81	2.67	2.69	2.72	2.82	2.78
Al ^{IV}	1.22	1.20	1.21	1.21	1.23	1.17	1.08	1.18	1.19	1.24	1.15	1.16	1.17	1.19	1.17	1.06	1.18	1.18	1.19	1.33	1.27	1.28	1.18	1.22
Al ^{VI}	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.16	0.10
Fe ²⁺	0.84	0.80	0.88	0.88	0.98	0.85	0.80	0.86	0.86	0.96	0.88	0.86	0.88	0.92	0.90	0.82	0.87	0.89	0.77	0.74	0.75	0.60	0.76	0.66
^a Fe ³⁺	0.20	0.15	0.15	0.12	0.11	0.13	0.20	0.17	0.19	0.15	0.17	0.18	0.16	0.12	0.18	0.27	0.18	0.13	0.21	0.19	0.14	0.28	0.27	0.22
Mn	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
Ti	0.23	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.27	0.27	0.24	0.25	0.23	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.21	0.29	0.28	0.27	0.27	0.27
Mg	1.69	1.73	1.66	1.70	1.63	1.73	1.73	1.72	1.71	1.61	1.69	1.70	1.70	1.69	1.66	1.65	1.69	1.72	1.66	1.76	1.82	1.76	1.53	1.74
K	0.92	0.90	0.94	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.91	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.93	0.94	0.93	0.93	0.89	0.94	0.94	0.87	0.90	0.90	0.94	0.93	0.93
Ca	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Na	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.10	0.04	0.05	0.12	0.09	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.07
F	0.38	0.33	0.24	0.36	0.25	0.35	0.48	0.19	0.35	0.15	0.39	0.36	0.29	0.23	0.18	0.41	0.16	0.36	0.23	0.40	0.30	0.16	0.50	0.27
OH	1.62	1.67	1.76	1.64	1.75	1.65	1.52	1.81	1.65	1.85	1.61	1.64	1.71	1.77	1.82	1.59	1.84	1.64	1.77	1.60	1.70	1.84	1.50	1.73
ba_{ann}	0.58	0.32	0.35	0.34	0.38	0.33	0.32	0.33	0.34	0.37	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.35	0.35	0.33	0.34	0.34	0.32	0.30	0.29	0.25	0.33	0.28
$^{c}a_{ann}$	0.30	0.26	0.29	0.29	0.33	0.28	0.27	0.29	0.29	0.32	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.31	0.30	0.27	0.29	0.30	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.19	0.25	0.22
$^{d}a_{ann}$	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
^e a _{san}	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.80	0.70	0.60	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.80	0.60	0.80	0.80	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.80	0.70	0.70
$fa_{\rm mt}$	0.85	0.85	0.87	0.84	0.95	0.93	0.93	0.92	0.90	0.87	0.86	0.89	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.87	0.86	0.84	0.83	0.84	0.88	0.85	0.84
^b f H ₂ O	5129	2452	2460	1851	2088	2185	1955	1006	2333	1272	1795	2007	1823	1381	2024	1495	2566	1205	1836	1492	1056	738	3486	2871
^{c}f H ₂ O	735	741	1589	1199	1351	1396	1169	664	1542	833	1193	1328	1200	938	1312	804	1646	815	806	778	618	309	1490	1452
$^{\mathrm{d}}\!f$ H ₂ O	282	845	1104	700	917	854	602	473	882	605	656	761	766	637	935	463	1211	480	535	398	357	219	746	948

38 = Biotite from Phlegrean Fields trachyte natural sample: the data are calculated from the analyses of Melluso *et al.* (1995). $f O_2 = NNO + 1$ in all runs except for: 381, 382, 383, 3823, 3824 in which $f O_2 = FMQ$. Runs 383 and 3824 performed with a reduced water activity and $f O_2 = FMQ$. Water fugacity ($f H_2O$) was calculated using the relationship of Czamanske & Wones (1973), the values are expressed in bar.

 ${}^{a}\text{Fe}^{3+}$ is estimated by the method of Dymek (1983).

^bAnnite activity model of Wones & Eugster (1965).

^cAnnite activity model of Czamanske & Wones (1973).

^dAnnite activity model of Bohlen *et al.*(1980).

^eCalculated with the model of Waldbaum & Thompson (1969).

^fCalculated with the model of Woodland & Wood (1994).