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# Characterization of juvenile pyroclasts from the Kos Plateau Tuff (Aegean Arc): insights into the eruptive dynamics of a large rhyolitic eruption

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## 21 **Abstract**

22           Silicic pumices formed during explosive volcanic eruptions are faithful recorders of the  
23 state of the magma in the conduit, close to or at the fragmentation level. We have characterized  
24 four types of pumices from the non-welded rhyolitic Kos Plateau Tuff, which erupted 161,000  
25 years ago in the East Aegean Arc, Greece. The dominant type of pumice (>90 vol%) shows  
26 highly elongated tubular vesicles. These tube pumices occur throughout the eruption. Less  
27 common pumice types include: (1) “frothy” pumice (highly porous with large, sub-rounded  
28 vesicles), which form 5-10 vol% of the coarsest pyroclastic flow deposits, (2) dominantly  
29 “microvesicular” and systematically crystal-poor pumices, which are found in early erupted,  
30 fine-grained pyroclastic flow units, and are characterized by many small (<50 microns diam.)  
31 vesicles and few mm-sized, irregular voids, (3) grey or banded pumices, indicating the  
32 interaction between the rhyolite and a more mafic magma, which are found throughout the  
33 eruption sequence and display highly irregular bubble shapes. Except for the grey-banded  
34 pumices, all three other types are compositionally identical and were generated synchronously as  
35 they are found in the same pyroclastic units. They, therefore, record different conditions in the  
36 volcanic conduit leading to variable bubble nucleation, growth and coalescence. A total of 74  
37 pumice samples have been characterized using thin section observation, SEM imagery,  
38 porosimetry, and permeametry. We show that the four pumice types have distinct total and  
39 connected porosity, tortuosity and permeability. Grey-banded pumices show large variations in  
40 petrophysical characteristics as a response to mingling of two different magmas. The  
41 microvesicular, crystal-poor, pumices have a bimodal bubble size distribution, interpreted as  
42 reflecting an early heterogeneous bubble nucleation event followed by homogeneous bubble  
43 nucleation close to fragmentation. Finally, the significant differences in porosity, tortuosity and

44 permeability in compositionally identical tube and frothy pumices are the result of variable shear  
45 rates in different parts of the conduit. Differential shear rates may be the result of either: (1) pure  
46 shear, inducing a vertical progression from frothy to tube and implying a relatively thick  
47 fragmentation zone to produce both types of pumices at the same time or (2) localized simple  
48 shear, inducing strongly tubular vesicles along the wall and near-spherical bubbles in the centre  
49 of the conduit and not necessarily requiring a thick fragmentation zone.

50 **Keywords:** Permeability, inertial effects, porosity, crystallinity, high-silica rhyolite, tortuosity,  
51 degassing.

## 52 **1 Introduction**

53 The efficiency of volatile escape from ascending magma in volcanic conduits is believed  
54 to play an important role in eruption dynamics, particularly in controlling shifts between  
55 explosive and effusive eruptive styles (Eichelberger et al. 1986; Jaupart and Allègre 1991;  
56 Woods and Koyaguchi 1994; Jaupart 1998). Transitions in eruptive style can occur in either  
57 direction, and be quite sudden, making volcanic risk very difficult to evaluate (Melnik 2000).  
58 Gas loss from a permeable magmatic foam is increasingly considered in eruption models (Papale  
59 2001; Slezin 2003; Melnik et al. 2005), as it affects viscosity of the magma, density variation and  
60 pressure distribution in the magma column, and ultimately the location and style of magma  
61 fragmentation. Quantification of permeability development during magma ascent in conduits is  
62 therefore critical to the implementation of accurate eruption models, which are highly sensitive  
63 to the sharp decreases in bulk viscosity and density that accompany vesiculation. Permeability  
64 studies are more and more common (Eichelberger et al. 1986; Klug and Cashman 1996; Saar and  
65 Manga 1999; Jouniaux et al. 2000; Klug et al. 2002; Melnik and Sparks 2002; Rust and Cashman

66 2004; Mueller et al. 2005), although those accounting for inertial effects during permeability  
67 measurements are restricted to the most recent publications (Rust and Cashman 2004; Mueller et  
68 al. 2005; Wright et al. 2006). This study extends the database with 74 porosity and permeability  
69 measurements on non-welded, highly vesicular juvenile pyroclasts (pumice) from the Kos  
70 Plateau Tuff (KPT), a young, large-volume ( $>60 \text{ km}^3$ ; Allen 2001) rhyolitic ignimbrite from the  
71 Aegean arc.

72 The KPT deposit is of interest for such a study as; (1) it is young, well preserved and non  
73 welded, (2) it contains numerous large pumice clasts (divided into 4 types), and (3) the magma  
74 was viscous enough (high-SiO<sub>2</sub> rhyolite melt) to limit post-fragmentation bubble growth or  
75 collapse to a minimum (Thomas et al. 1994). Pumice clasts should therefore be representative  
76 samples of the magmatic foam immediately prior to fragmentation. The aim of the study is to  
77 make a detailed description of the pumice's petrophysical characteristics (quantification of  
78 crystal and vesicle content, degree of interconnectivity, vesicle morphology and permeability) in  
79 order to shed some light on conduit dynamics of large explosive rhyolitic eruptions. The KPT  
80 deposits give us the opportunity to compare pyroclasts with different petrophysical  
81 characteristics that developed during a same eruption.

## 82 **2 Samples**

### 83 ***2.1 Eruption and associated deposits***

84 The KPT eruption, dated at 161 ka by  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  on sanidine (Smith et al. 1996), is one of  
85 the major Quaternary explosive eruptions of the Mediterranean region. It generated at least 60  
86  $\text{km}^3$  of rhyolitic pumice and ash that were deposited in the eastern Mediterranean area, with ash  
87 spreading up to 2000 km from the vent (Allen 2001). The deposits are exposed on the islands of

88 Tilos, Kalymnos, and Pachia as well as on the Bodrum and Datça peninsulas, but they are best  
89 preserved on Kos (Fig. 1). Due to their large volume and exceptional preservation, the KPT  
90 deposits have been intensively studied and well characterized (Allen and Cas 1998a, Allen and  
91 Cas 1998b, Allen et al. 1999 and Allen 2001). The next paragraph is a short summary of the  
92 work that has been done by Allen and Cas (1998a and 1998b), Allen et al. (1999) and Allen  
93 (2001).

94 Six units were defined, and there is no evidence for any significant time breaks between  
95 them (Fig. 2). **Unit A**, the stratigraphically lowest unit, is widespread, mainly to the southeast of  
96 Kos. The high fragmentation index (i.e. high ash/pumice ratio) and the presence of ash-coated  
97 lapilli contribute to the interpretation of Unit A as a phreatoplinian fallout deposit. **Unit B** is only  
98 exposed on central Kos and is lower in volume. As in unit A, lapillis are finely ash-coated  
99 suggesting that the material was deposited from a current moderately dilute (i.e., transitional  
100 between a surge and a pyroclastic flow) generated by the (partial?) collapse of the phreatoplinian  
101 eruption column. **Unit C** is exposed on central Kos and Pachia and has a relatively small volume.  
102 The eruptive conditions were transitional between an oscillating fountain and a more voluminous  
103 outpouring process. **Unit D** is a sequence of three non-welded ignimbrites, wherein the average  
104 grain size increases in each successive ignimbrite. They are widespread and their distribution is  
105 topographically controlled. Unit D has a moderate volume of about 10 km<sup>3</sup> DRE. **Unit E**, the  
106 largest (>25 km<sup>3</sup> DRE) of the KPT units, is a sequence of two ignimbrites which do not show  
107 much topographic control. On Kos, the lower ignimbrite overlies a strongly erosional contact and  
108 can include an extremely coarse (lithic clasts 1-2 m diameter) and thick (up to 3 m thick) basal  
109 lithic breccia named **Ebx** (Allen and Cas 1998b). The average grain size decreases upwards with  
110 successive ignimbrites, Ebx is interpreted to record eruption climax (Fig. 2). This unit is assigned

111 to a high velocity pyroclastic density current generated during the collapse of a caldera. **Unit F** is  
112 relatively voluminous ( $\sim 7 \text{ km}^3$  DRE), but is rarely well preserved. There was no time break  
113 between the deposition of Units E and F, therefore Unit F has been interpreted as the product of  
114 an unsteady pyroclastic density current and the settling of the co-ignimbrite ash cloud.

## 115 **2.2 Pumice clasts**

116 Pumices are abundant in the deposits and can reach large sizes (up to a meter in diameter  
117 in unit E). They are typically rhyolitic in whole-rock composition ( $\sim 76 \pm 1 \text{ wt\% SiO}_2$ ; Allen  
118 1998) and contain plagioclase, sanidine, quartz, biotite, Fe-Ti oxides, zircon, apatite and  
119 monazite. On the basis of our recent observations, we have rearranged the pumice classification  
120 scheme of Allen (2001). We distinguish four types of pumices that we have named according to  
121 their most dominant macroscopic characteristic; tube pumices ( $\sim$ type II in Allen, 2001), frothy  
122 pumices ( $\sim$ type III and IV), microvesicular pumices ( $\sim$ type I) and grey-banded pumices ( $\sim$ type  
123 V). Scanned thin sections are shown in Fig. 3. A qualitative macroscopical description is given  
124 below:

125 a. **Tube pumices** have stretched to very stretched vesicles. They are white and  
126 phenocryst-rich. They occur in every unit of the KPT. The pumices analysed were  
127 about 8-14 cm in diameter.

128 b. **Frothy pumices** have large spherical vesicles. Like the tube pumices, they are white  
129 and phenocryst-rich. They only occur in the coarse pyroclastic flow units (D and E).  
130 Between pumices, a gradual transition from tube-shaped vesicles to spherical vesicles  
131 exists. In order to describe the two end-members, we avoided sampling pumices with  
132 intermediate characteristics. The pumices analysed were about 5-10 cm in diameter.

133 c. **Microvesicular pumices** are white to grey and systematically phenocryst-poor. They  
134 mostly contain small vesicles (<50 microns diam.), although some large, irregular  
135 cavities (5-8 mm in diameter; Fig. 3c) are present. They occur in Units A and B, and  
136 are generally small or intensely fractured. Pumices of this type are generally small, but  
137 two examples (that we analysed) were approx. 10 cm and 30 cm in diameter.

138 d. **Grey-banded pumices** (Fig. 3d) indicate the interaction of the resident rhyolitic  
139 magma with andesitic magma (Stadlbauer 1988; Allen 2001). They have small sub-  
140 spherical vesicles, and a few large vesicles that are highly irregular in shape. The dark  
141 bands contain some hornblende, clinopyroxene, and minor orthopyroxene. They are  
142 most common in unit E, but can also be found in the previous sub-units. The pumices  
143 analysed were about 5-10 cm in diameter.

144 Frothy, tube, and microvesicular pumices have the same mineralogy and rhyolitic  
145 composition (Allen 2001), but the microvesicular ones are crystal-poor while frothy and tube  
146 pumices are crystal-rich (Table 1). Grey-banded pumices are slightly less evolved in composition  
147 (a few percent lower in SiO<sub>2</sub> content), and contain hornblende and pyroxene, which are not  
148 present in the other pumice types. The presence of crystal-rich tube pumices alongside with  
149 crystal-poor, microvesicular pumices in the same deposits indicate that a crystal-rich and crystal-  
150 poor batch of rhyolitic magma were stored in the same reservoir. Grey-banded pumices record  
151 the interaction of the resident rhyolitic magma with a more mafic component. The hybridisation  
152 between the two magma types may have occurred in the magma chamber or during ascent in the  
153 conduit.

154 The eruption started (Units A and B of Allen, 2001) by evacuating both the crystal-poor  
155 material (see Fig. 10 of Allen, 2001) and some crystal-rich material (tube pumices) with a small



156 fraction of hybrid magma (grey-banded pumices). Starting from Unit C, microvesicular pumices  
157 were no longer erupted, suggesting that the eruptible crystal-poor magma was entirely drained by  
158 Units A and B or no longer sampled by the eruption. The eruption rate then intensified during the  
159 eruption of Units D and E. Although tube pumices are the most abundant type in Units D and E,  
160 frothy pumices appear at this level and are locally abundant (up to 10 vol% of the pumice  
161 fraction larger than 16 mm in diameter). Grey-banded pumices are also present in these units.  
162 Unit F contains only tube pumices.

163         Tube pumices were sampled in Units B to E on the islands of Kos, Kalymnos, and Tilos;  
164 frothy pumices were mainly sampled in Unit E on Kalymnos; grey-banded pumices were  
165 sampled in Units B and E on Kos and Kalymnos; and microvesicular pumices were sampled in  
166 Unit B on Kos (Fig. 1). No pumices from Units A or F were studied, as they are too small to be  
167 cored.

### 168 **3 Analytical Methods**

#### 169 **3.1 Crystallinity**

170         Two different methods were used to estimate the amount of crystals:

171         (1) Image analysis using JMicroVision (Roudit 2006). Pumice clasts were embedded in  
172 glue before sawing to avoid breaking, and extra large thin sections (4 by 6 cm) were cut in order  
173 to sample a large surface area. The glue was died blue to allow the software to distinguish voids  
174 from white minerals. Using RGB (Red, Green, Blue) or HIS (Hue, Intensity, Saturation)  
175 channels, it was possible to extract the dark minerals (biotites and Fe-Ti oxides), the light  
176 minerals (quartz, sanidine, plagioclase), and the vesicles separately. The total amount of crystals

177 relative to the glass, and the proportion of dark (dense) minerals relative to white (less dense)  
178 minerals were estimated according to the surface they occupy.

179 (2) Density separation by panning. Samples were either ground with an agate mill, or  
180 crushed into particles less than 1 mm in diameter with a stainless steel hydraulic press. Water  
181 was poured on the samples in a panning dish, and glass was separated from the crystals due to its  
182 lower density. The volume fraction of crystals relative to glass was calculated according to the  
183 density difference between the glass and the crystals. Crystal density was estimated according to  
184 the relative proportion of light (average density considered  $\rho=2681 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ) and dark (average  
185 density considered  $\rho=3330 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ) minerals determined by image analysis. Glass density ( $2393$   
186  $\text{kg/m}^3$ ) was estimated using the temperature dependence of density defined by MELTS (Ghiorso  
187 and Sack 1995) between 800 and 900°C, extrapolated to room temperature. Dense rock  
188 equivalent (DRE) densities calculated using this glass density and these crystallinities are the  
189 same as those measured with the He-pycnometer (see next section), suggesting that the glass  
190 density, and therefore the crystallinities, obtained are correct.

191 Crystallinity estimation by panning should be the most reliable method (Cas and Wright  
192 1988); however, as the density difference between non-vesiculated glass and the crystals is  
193 relatively small (<10%), crystal content can easily be slightly over- or underestimated. For frothy  
194 pumices with coarse vesicles, the crystallinity was overestimated (56 vol% crystals; Table 1) as  
195 bubble wall fragments, in the same order of size as the crystals, were not sufficiently light to be  
196 evacuated during panning. For the other pumice types, the crystallinity was rather  
197 underestimated as the smallest crystals were sometimes evacuated with the glass.

198 **3.2 Porosity**

199 Samples were drilled into cores about 2.5 cm in diameter and 1.5 to 3.5 cm high (74 cores  
200 in total). Each tube pumice sample was drilled parallel and perpendicular to vesicle elongation.  
201 Pumice cores were a bit irregular in shape due to the presence of large crystals of quartz that  
202 indented the sides of the core during drilling; therefore, the external volume of each pumice core  
203 was measured by fluid-displacement for more precision (Gardner et al. 1996). Samples were  
204 immersed in water with the help of a wire net on top of the beaker to avoid them from floating.  
205 The aim was to saturate the external pores (in about a day), to avoid water entering them during  
206 the fluid displacement measurement. During the procedure, samples are taken out of the  
207 saturation beaker, weighed, and immersed in another beaker to measure the volume. As some  
208 samples inhibit large pores, which are unlikely to keep the water during the weighing procedure,  
209 we systematically weighed the amount of water released on the scale and added this volume to  
210 the external volume of the core measured by water displacement. It appears that the volume of  
211 water released on the scale was very similar from a core to another, thereby suggesting that this  
212 process did not affect much the measurements.

213 Two types of vesicles can be distinguished: (1) connected and (2) isolated. We have  
214 measured *total porosity*, which is the total percentage of vesicles in a sample (i.e. connected  
215 vesicles + isolated vesicles), and *connected porosity*, which is the percentage of vesicles that are  
216 connected to each other and to the exterior (i.e. connected vesicles only). Total porosity was  
217 calculated using pumice densities and DRE densities. The DRE densities ( $\rho_{\text{DRE}}$ ) were obtained  
218 by grinding some pumices of each type with an agate mill, weighing the powder, and measuring  
219 its volume with a Quantachrome He-stereopycnometer. The density of the pumice core ( $\rho_{\text{S1}}$ ) was  
220 calculated using the core's external volume (measured as explained above) and weight.

221 Connected porosity ( $\Phi_{\text{connected}}$ ) was determined by measuring the volume of the core without the  
222 connected vesicles (equivalent to the volume of the glass and crystals with the isolated bubbles)  
223 with a Quantachrome He-stereopycnometer, and comparing it to the external volume of the core.

### 224 **3.3 SEM imaging**

225 To understand in greater detail the different porous media morphologies and the  
226 associated bubble dynamics, secondary electron scanning images of the different pumice types  
227 were observed. We used a Jeol JSM 6400 SEM at the University of Geneva at standard  
228 analytical conditions.

### 229 **3.4 Hg-porosimetry**

230 Hg-porosimetry is used to determine the pore-size distribution of porous material  
231 (including pumice; Witham and Sparks 1986), assuming pores are cylindrical. This method is  
232 based on the nonwetting characteristic of mercury: at a given pressure, surface tension will  
233 impede the entry of mercury into the pore spaces smaller than a certain diameter. The  
234 relationship between the pressure  $P$  and the radius  $r$  of the smallest filled pore is predicted by the  
235 Washburn equation:

$$236 \quad r = \frac{2\gamma \cos \theta}{P} \quad (1)$$

237 where  $\gamma$  and  $\theta$  are the mercury surface tension and wetting angle respectively.

238 Measurements were done with a Thermo Electron Pascal 140 Hg-porosimeter on one  
239 frothy pumice (KPT04-26), one microvesicular pumice (KPT04-35) and three tube pumices  
240 (KPT04-5, 21, 27). During each analysis, a small fragment of the rock of interest (on the order of  
241 a few  $\text{cm}^3$ ) was introduced into a sample holder filled with Hg at low pressure ( $\sim 3$  kPa/0.03 bar,

242 in our case). A gradually increasing external pressure (up to ~350 kPa, in our case) is then used  
243 to force mercury into the pores. The data obtained consists of the volume of Hg injected in the  
244 pores as a function of pressure. Pore size distributions are calculated with the Washburn  
245 equation, and these are plotted against the normalized volume of Hg (i.e. Cumulative volume of  
246 Hg injected in the pores at each step/Total volume of Hg injected in the pores over the entire  
247 analysis). We assume that bubble walls did not break at high pressure. This cannot be confirmed  
248 as a measurement on a rock fragment can only be performed once; Hg is not released entirely  
249 from the sample when the pressure is lowered at the end of the analysis.

### 250 **3.5 Permeability measurements**

251 The permeability of porous material is commonly measured using Darcy's law, which is  
252 only valid for low Reynolds number flow, wherein the relationship between the pressure gradient  
253 and the fluid velocity remains linear. This occurs when energy loss is entirely due to viscous  
254 effects. In our case, high flow rates were reached during analysis with an air permeameter (see  
255 next paragraph), implying additional energy loss to inertia due to non-laminar flow. The  
256 relationship between pressure gradient and fluid velocity thus becomes non-linear, and the  
257 Forchheimer equation must be used (Forchheimer 1901):

$$258 \quad \frac{dp}{dz} = \frac{\mu}{k_1} v + \beta \rho v^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{dp}{dz} = \frac{(P_i^2 - P_0^2)}{2PL} \quad (2)$$

259 where  $P_i$  and  $P_0$  are the fluid pressure at the entrance and exit of the medium respectively,  $P$  is  
260 the pressure of the fluid at which velocity and viscosity are measured or calculated ( $P_0$  in this  
261 study),  $L$  is the sample length,  $\mu$  and  $\rho$  are the fluid dynamic viscosity and density respectively,  $v$   
262 is the filter velocity (i.e. volumetric flow rate per total cross-sectional area of the sample  
263 orthogonal to fluid flow),  $k_1$  is the viscous (or Darcian) permeability and  $\beta$  is a factor describing

264 inertial effects. As the factor  $\beta$  decreases, the resistance to flow from inertial effects decreases,  
265 and if  $\beta \rightarrow 0$  the equation reduces to Darcy's law. The factor  $\beta$  corresponds to  $1/k_2$  where  $k_2$  is  
266 the inertial permeability used by Rust and Cashman (2004).

267 The permeability of KPT pumices was measured with a Porous Material Inc. gas (air)  
268 permeameter at the University of Geneva. The samples are the cores previously used for porosity  
269 measurements. They were inserted in a cylindrical chamber lined with rubber, and air was  
270 injected from the sides of the chamber to push the rubber against the sample and make it air-  
271 tight. The permeameter then injects air from the base of the chamber at an increasing pressure  
272 and flow rate. An apparent permeability was calculated using Darcy's law, and  $k_1$  and  $\beta$  were  
273 calculated using the Forchheimer equation. A second degree polynomial curve was obtained by  
274 plotting the pressure gradient versus the filter velocity, and  $k_1$  and  $\beta$  were derived from the  
275 coefficients (see also Rust and Cashman, 2004).

276 The permeameter was calibrated using a set of 10 standards. Capillary tubes of different  
277 diameters were embedded in epoxy plugs. The viscous permeability measured in the standards  
278 was compared to the predicted viscous permeability for laminar flow in tubes, which was  
279 calculated using equation (5) of Rust and Cashman (2004):

$$280 \quad k_1 = \frac{\phi d^2}{32} \quad (3)$$

281 where  $\Phi$  is the porosity and  $d$  is the inner diameter of the cylindrical holes.

282 Measured  $\beta$  factors were compared to theoretical  $\beta$  factors, calculated as follows: Combining  
283 Forchheimer's law (2) and (3) yields:

$$284 \quad \frac{dp}{dz} = \frac{32\mu}{d^2}u + \beta\rho\phi^2u^2 \quad (4)$$

285 where  $u=v/\Phi$ . Vertical pipe flow can be expressed as (Bird et al., 1960):

286 
$$\frac{dp}{dz} = \rho g + 2\rho u^2 \frac{f}{d} \quad (5)$$

287 where  $u$  is the flow average velocity,  $g$  is the gravitational acceleration, and  $f$  is a friction factor  
288 given by:

289 
$$f = \frac{16\mu}{du\rho} + f_0 \quad (6)$$

290 where  $f_0$  is an experimentally determined constant. With air as a gas, the first term of the right-  
291 hand side of (5) can be neglected. Combining (5) and (6) yields:

292 
$$\frac{dp}{dz} = \frac{32\mu}{d^2}u + \frac{2\rho u^2}{d}f_0 \quad (7)$$

293 Thus, combining (4) and (7), we get:

294 
$$\beta = \frac{2f_0}{d\phi^2} \quad (8)$$

295 Using the data in Table 1 of Rust and Cashman (2004) we obtain  $f_0=0.025$ . There is good  
296 agreement between theoretical and measured  $k_1$  and  $\beta$  values (Fig. 4).

## 297 **4 Results**

### 298 **4.1 Crystallinity**

299 Crystal contents range from 8% to 40% (Table 1). According to image analysis, tube and  
300 frothy pumices have similar amounts of crystals and they are the most crystal-rich. According to  
301 panning, frothy pumices are much more crystalline, but we assume that this is an artefact due to  
302 the method (as explained above). Grey-banded pumices and microvesicular pumices have low  
303 crystallinities compared to tube and frothy pumices.

## 304 **4.2 Porosity**

305 The four pumice types are distinguishable in a connected porosity versus total porosity  
306 plot (Fig. 5, Table 2), although some data overlap occurs between grey-banded and  
307 microvesicular pumices. Frothy pumices are more vesicular than tube pumices, but both types  
308 have well connected vesicles. Grey-banded pumices are generally poorly vesicular and exhibit  
309 the lowest vesicle connectivity of the four pumice types. Microvesicular pumices are very  
310 heterogeneous, and show a large spread in connected porosity; some samples only have a third of  
311 their vesicles connected, while others have all their vesicles connected. Microvesicular pumices  
312 were difficult to sample, as they are rare, fragile, and generally small. Ten cores coming from a  
313 ~40 cm-diameter microvesicular pumice yielded porosity values more spread out than all frothy  
314 or tube samples distributed across multiple stratigraphic levels, highlighting the heterogeneous  
315 nature of this type.

## 316 **4.3 SEM imaging**

317 SEM imaging of all four types of KPT pumices allows to clearly see incipient  
318 coalescence by bubble connection (Fig. 6). In tube pumices, bubble wall thinning can be seen  
319 between adjacent tubes, deforming slightly the generally circular diameter. Frothy pumices show  
320 some bubble connections although the general tendency is to deform into polyhedral cells. Grey-  
321 banded pumices have complex vesicle shapes with thin and stretched bubble wall remnants  
322 between coalesced vesicles. Small vesicles in microvesicular pumices are well connected with  
323 nearly spherical throats. In addition, microvesicular pumices display large cavities with  
324 microvesicles expanding into them (Fig. 6d). We assume a bimodal pore size distribution for this



325 pumice type, with microvesicles  $< 50 \mu\text{m}$  in diameter and cavities  $> 100 \mu\text{m}$  in diameter (marked  
326 “Cavity”, Fig. 6e).

#### 327 **4.4 Hg-porosimetry**

328 As most KPT pumices have bubble entrances (throats) that are smaller than the vesicles  
329 themselves, Hg-porosimetry will yield a distribution of pore access (throat) radii, rather than a  
330 pore size distribution. If the results are considered as a pore size distribution, the volume  
331 proportion of small vesicles will be overestimated: a large vesicle with a small entry diameter  
332 will be interpreted as a large number of small vesicles, with the same total volume. This is  
333 commonly referred to as the inkbottle effect (Abell et al. 1999; Salmas and Androutsopoulos  
334 2001), and will be particularly acute for the frothy pumices.

335 We obtained pore access radii distributions from  $250 \mu\text{m}$  to  $2 \mu\text{m}$ , as pressure during our  
336 analyses ranged from 3 kPa to 350 kPa. According to this method, 90% of the pore access radii  
337 are smaller than  $25 \mu\text{m}$  in the microvesicular pumices (Fig. 7). This suggests that the cavities  
338 observed in hand specimen have pore access radii in the same order of magnitude as the  
339 microvesicles (Fig. 6d), unless they are much larger ( $>250 \mu\text{m}$ ) and cannot be discriminated by  
340 the Hg-porosimetry method. In contrast, frothy pumices have a larger fraction of pore access  
341 radii between 25 and  $250 \mu\text{m}$ , although they do contain a significant proportion of pore access  
342 radii  $<25 \mu\text{m}$ . Tube pumices fall at intermediate positions; they contain fewer small pore access  
343 radii than the microvesicular pumices ( $\sim 70\%$  to  $80\%$  of their pore access radii are smaller than  
344  $25 \mu\text{m}$ ). For tube pumices, pore access radii distribution is probably close to a true pore size  
345 distribution due to the almost cylindrical shape of the vesicles.

## 346 4.5 Permeability

347 Viscous permeability ( $k_1$ ) in KPT pumice cores ranges from  $10^{-14}$  to  $10^{-11}$  m<sup>2</sup>, and shows  
348 significant overlaps of data from the different pumice classes (Fig. 8a; Table 3). Despite the  
349 overlap in the permeability data, tendencies can be defined for each pumice class (Fig. 8c). Tube  
350 pumices measured parallel to vesicle elongation are the most permeable (average of  $3 \cdot 10^{-12}$  m<sup>2</sup>),  
351 frothy pumices are slightly less so (average of  $1 \cdot 10^{-12}$  m<sup>2</sup>), while grey-banded pumices and tube  
352 pumices measured perpendicular to vesicle elongation are the least permeable (average of  $7 \cdot 10^{-14}$   
353 and  $1 \cdot 10^{-13}$  m<sup>2</sup> respectively), and microvesicular pumices show a large spread (from  $1.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$   
354 to  $6 \cdot 10^{-12}$  m<sup>2</sup>). Permeabilities of tube pumices measured parallel to vesicle elongation are  
355 systematically one to two orders of magnitude greater than those of tube pumices measured  
356 perpendicular to vesicle elongation (Fig. 8d), indicating that permeability does not depend  
357 exclusively on porosity, bubble connectivity, or throat size (Saar and Manga 1999). Permeability  
358 impedance due to tortuosity of flow paths (length of actual path/length of core) is needed to  
359 explain the difference (Wright et al. 2006).

360 The Forchheimer coefficient,  $\beta$ , theoretically contains information on the tortuosity of the  
361 flow paths, as tortuosity is the major mean of creating fluid-recirculation zones (i.e. turbulent  
362 flow; Ruth and Ma 1992). However, for this to be valid, the factor  $\beta$  must be an intrinsic property  
363 of the porous media and the flow must be turbulent (otherwise there are no inertial effects to be  
364 measured). After rewriting the Forchheimer equation, the apparent permeability (i.e.  
365 permeability calculated using Darcy's law) is defined as (Huang and Ayoub 2006):

$$366 \frac{1}{k_a} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \frac{1}{\mu v} = \frac{1}{k_1} + \beta \frac{\rho v}{\mu} \quad (9)$$

367           The relationship between  $1/Ka$  and  $\rho v/\mu$  is controlled by the variability of the factor  $\beta$   
368 over the filter velocity range. The variability of the factor  $\beta$  was examined for the standards, and  
369 for seven samples (Fig. 9a). Linear relationships with positive slopes were obtained for the nine  
370 standards with the greatest capillary tube diameters, and for the frothy and tube pumices  
371 measured parallel to vesicle elongation, suggesting that  $\beta$  was constant in the range of interest.  
372 The standard with the smallest capillary tube diameter (0.20 mm; i.e. least permeable), and the  
373 microvesicular, grey-banded and tube pumices measured perpendicular to vesicle elongation  
374 define concave up curves. This behaviour could be due to the absence of turbulence during flow;  
375 therefore, the relationships between the inverse apparent permeability and the Reynolds number  
376 ( $Re = \rho v d/\mu\phi$ ) were examined for the standards (Fig. 9b). When  $Re$  is  $< 2000$ , the flow is  
377 laminar, and the factor  $\beta$  should vanish. The  $Re$  number is only smaller than 2000 in the standard  
378 with the smallest capillary tube diameter (0.20 mm), confirming that flow was laminar during  
379 this analysis. As the microvesicular, grey, and tube pumices measured perpendicular to vesicle  
380 elongation display a similar trend in Figure 9a, we believe that flow was laminar in these  
381 samples as well. The factor  $\beta$  is thus significant only for the frothy pumices and the tube pumices  
382 measured parallel to vesicle elongation. The factor  $\beta$  is larger in frothy pumices than in tube  
383 pumices measured parallel to vesicle elongation (Fig. 10). This suggests greater inertial effects  
384 hence greater tortuosity in frothy pumices.

## 385 **5 Discussion**

386           The connected porosity-permeability relationship proposed by Klug and Cashman (1996)  
387 does not fit our entire data set. Tube pumices measured parallel to vesicle elongation plot well  
388 above the upper limit that bounds most of the Klug and Cashman (1996) data, and

389 microvesicular pumices are so heterogeneous that no relationship between connected porosity  
390 and permeability can be determined.

391 Mueller et al. (2005) defined two types of relationships between permeability and total  
392 porosity (Fig. 8b). The first one uses a Kozeny-Carman relationship to describe flow in tube-  
393 shaped porous media corresponding to effusive material, and the second one applies a theoretical  
394 fully penetrable spheres percolation model (FPS) to describe flow in a porous media  
395 characterized by spheres. Frothy pumices are well described by the FPS model, as would be  
396 expected from the large spherical vesicles that form the porous media. Data for tube pumices  
397 measured parallel to vesicle elongation are bounded by the two sets of curves confirming their  
398 hybrid pore structures that mimic tubes (similar to the Campi Flegrei and Pinatubo pumices  
399 described in Mueller et al., 2005). Grey-banded pumices and tube pumices measured  
400 perpendicular to vesicle elongation are less permeable than predicted by either model, although  
401 slightly better represented by the FPS, and microvesicular pumices show no correlation between  
402 total porosity and permeability. This suggests that their porous media cannot be simply  
403 represented by tubes or spheres.

404 In this section, we shall mainly focus on the pumices originated from the crystal-rich  
405 magma (i.e. tube and frothy pumices), as they are by far the most abundant (> 99 vol% of the  
406 total amount of pumiceous material produced by the KPT).

## 407 ***5.1 Tube and frothy pumices***

408 Tube and frothy pumices have the same geochemical composition, mineralogy and a  
409 similar range in crystallinity (~25-30 vol% crystals, if we assume that the panning method for the  
410 frothy pumice overestimates the crystal content), implying that they originated from the same

411 magma batch. The presence of both types of pumices, with a gradation from pumices with tube-  
412 shaped vesicles to pumices with spherical vesicles in Units D and E reinforces this inference.  
413 Hence, we attribute the significant differences in total porosity, connected porosity, permeability  
414 and  $\beta$  factor between them to differences in the amount of shearing each pumice type  
415 experienced while ascending in the volcanic conduit. Below, we review the impacts shearing had  
416 on the petrophysical properties of these two pumice types:

417 (1) Shearing enhanced coalescence (Stasiuk et al. 1996; Okumura et al. 2006): vesicles in  
418 frothy pumices had to reach the maximum packing of spheres (~74-83% vesicles; Klug  
419 and Cashman, 1996) to reach the same bubble connectivity as the tube pumices, and even  
420 then, vesicles had the tendency to deform into polyhedral cells rather than coalescing  
421 (Fig. 6).

422 (2) Shearing reduced the amount of inertial effects that developed during gas flow through  
423 the magmatic foam: The data show that (1) the factor  $\beta$  is larger in frothy pumices than in  
424 tube pumices, and (2) with the same degree of bubble connectivity and lower connected  
425 porosities, tube pumices still have larger viscous permeabilities than do frothy pumices.  
426 Due to shearing, flow paths in tube pumices are numerous, and tortuosity is low, as  
427 vesicles have been stretched and aligned (Fig. 11d). Moreover, pore throats in tube  
428 pumices resemble more venturi models than orifice models used in fluid mechanics (Ruth  
429 and Ma 1992; Fig. 11a), thereby lowering inertial effects. On the opposite, flow paths in  
430 frothy pumices are less connected and more tortuous (Fig. 11c). Pore throats are closer to  
431 orifice models (Fig. 11b), thereby increasing inertial effects.

432 (3) As it increases coalescence and decreases tortuosity, shearing favours the early  
433 development of a permeable network. Therefore, more intensely sheared pumices display  
434 a higher permeability despite a significantly lower total porosity than the frothy pumices.

435 To understand how magma grows bubbles and degasses during ascent, we need to  
436 understand how shearing is distributed throughout the volcanic conduit. A tube-shaped vesicle  
437 can be generated either by (a) simple or (b) pure shear of a spherical vesicle (e.g., Rust et al.,  
438 2003). Both types of shear can occur during volcanic eruptions. Simple shear is obtained with a  
439 horizontal velocity gradient across the conduit (e.g., Poiseuille flow), whereas pure shear is  
440 obtained due to the acceleration of magma in the conduit. In light of this, we propose two  
441 eruption models that could have generated both the tube and the frothy pumice types, and discuss  
442 them according to field observations (Figure 12).

443 (1) Simple Shear: Velocity profiles across a conduit are found to be parabolic or plug-  
444 flow (e.g., Llewellyn et al. 2002; Polacci et al. 2003; Mastin 2005; Gonnermann and Manga,  
445 2007). In both cases, simple shearing occurs due to higher velocities in the centre than at the  
446 margins of the conduit. In the case of a plug-shaped velocity profile, simple shearing is more  
447 intense on the margins than in the centre, leading to a *horizontally* zoned conduit in terms of  
448 vesicle morphology (Llewellyn et al. 2002; Fig. 12a).

449 If strain rates were dominated by simple shear in the conduit, synchronously producing  
450 both tube and frothy pumices is straightforward. Tube pumices would be formed at the edges of  
451 the conduit, where shear was highest, and frothy pumices would form in the low-shear plug-flow  
452 zone in the centre. This model is supported by the observation of a section across a conduit at the  
453 Mule Creek vent (Stasiuk et al. 1996), where sub-rounded vesicles are found in the centre and  
454 flattened/lensoidal vesicles at the margins.

455 The relative amount of frothy pumices and tube pumices will be determined by the size of  
456 the low shear region relative to the size of the conduit, which depends on the conduit Capillary  
457 number  $C_c$  (e.g., Llewellyn et al., 2002)

$$458 \quad C_c = \frac{P' R \lambda}{\mu} \quad (10)$$

459 where  $P'$  is the pressure gradient,  $R$  the radius of the conduit,  $\lambda$  the bubble relaxation time, and  $\mu$   
460 the magma viscosity. Assuming that the pressure gradient, the bubble relaxation time, and the  
461 magma viscosity remain roughly similar at fragmentation, an increase in conduit radius would  
462 shift the conduit Capillary number from low to intermediate-high values, which would promote  
463 the co-existence of both frothy and tube pumices by enlarging the low-shear plug-flow region in  
464 the centre of the conduit. This scenario would be consistent with the observed appearance of  
465 frothy pumice only in the climactic, highest eruption rate period of the eruption (unit D and E)  
466 (Dufek and Bergantz 2007). The influence of a possible shift from an early sub-circular vent to  
467 fissural, ring-fractures during the caldera-forming stage (e.g, Wilson and Hildreth 1997) is  
468 expected to decrease the frothy/tube ratio (fissures have higher internal conduit surface over the  
469 conduit volume) but wide-enough fissures would still potentially be able to sustain a low-strain  
470 central region in the conduit.

471 Considering a conduit dominated by simple shear, gas escape from the permeable magma  
472 foam is expected to occur at the conduit margins relative to the centre, and parallel to magma  
473 flow (as previously suggested by Blower 2001; Gonnermann and Manga 2003; Rust et al. 2003;  
474 Wright et al. 2006). Horizontal gas escape into wall rocks should be minor as permeability in  
475 tube pumices is 1-2 orders of magnitude smaller in the direction perpendicular to vesicle  
476 elongation.

477           (2) Pure shear: Along the conduit, pressure decreases, leading to gas exsolution and  
478 bubble growth. As a result, magma will be forced to accelerate and elongational strain rate will  
479 increase (Papale 1999). During magma ascent, vesicles will remain spherical until the  
480 elongational strain is sufficient to stretch them. The conduit then becomes *vertically* zoned in  
481 terms of vesicle morphology, with tube pumices overlying frothy pumices (Fig. 12b).

482           If strain rates were dominated by pure shear in the conduit, synchronously producing tube  
483 and frothy pumices requires that the fragmentation occur over a significant thickness of magma  
484 so as to fragment both the elongated vesicle- and the deeper-seated spherical vesicle-bearing  
485 regions (Figure 12b). The relative abundance of frothy pumices is determined by the thickness of  
486 the fragmentation zone. To explain the observed pumice type distribution in the KPT by this  
487 mechanism, the fragmentation thickness must have been small at the beginning of the eruption  
488 (Units A to C, no frothy pumices), large during the maximum mass discharge rate (Units D and  
489 E), and small again during the waning phase of the eruption (Unit F, no frothy pumices). During  
490 the “thick fragmentation” phase, we expect the eruption to have high-frequency pulses, as, once  
491 the magma batch containing both types of vesicles has been fragmented, some time is required to  
492 stretch the following ascending vesicles.

493           On the basis of the current understanding, we cannot convincingly rule out a particular  
494 style of shear in the conduit. Both probably play a role, and the observations made on the KPT  
495 pumices do not favour either set-up. Determining more precisely the style and the thickness of  
496 the fragmentation zone and the shape of the velocity profile close to fragmentation is a research  
497 avenue that will further refine our understanding of magma flow in volcanic conduits.



498 **5.2 *Microvesicular pumices***

499         Despite having the same chemical composition and the same mineralogy (but different  
500 crystal content), microvesicular pumices are petrophysically distinct from tube and frothy  
501 pumices by virtue of their bimodal pore size distributions (they are dominantly microvesicular  
502 but also contain some mm-size cavities), very variable porosity (due to the presence/absence of  
503 cavities in the core analysed), and permeability. They were synchronously erupted with tube  
504 pumices, implying that different eruption rates, variable interactions with seawater, and/or  
505 fragmentation depth cannot be the main factors responsible for these differences. The presence of  
506 large cavities could have been produced by bubble coalescence. However, such a scenario  
507 appears unlikely for a rhyolitic plinian eruption as magma is generally quenched before bubble  
508 wall retraction and re-rounding occurs (Gonnermann and Manga 2007).

509         The bimodal vesicle size distribution is traditionally attributed to two stages of bubble  
510 nucleation and growth (Sparks and Brazier 1982, Whitam and Sparks 1986). In agreement with  
511 the observation of a bimodal vesicle population, we suggest that small bubbles in microvesicular  
512 pumices were produced by a late event of homogeneous nucleation. The fact that homogeneous  
513 bubble nucleation can be observed in laboratory experiments in the presence of a first  
514 heterogeneous bubble nucleation event along the walls of the experimental charge, suggests that  
515 both types of bubble nucleation can also occur in a same batch of magma (Mangan et al., 2004).  
516 Mangan et al. (2004) suggest that early heterogeneous bubble nucleation may occur at depth  
517 using Fe-Ti oxides and biotites as nucleation sites, and homogeneous bubble nucleation follows  
518 in response to high super-saturation as the magma ascends. In the microvesicular pumices, the  
519 early heterogeneous bubble nucleation event would have generated the large cavities, whereas  
520 the later homogeneous bubble nucleation event would have generated the small diameter bubble

521 population (microvesicles). In this scenario, the later nucleation would have been enabled by the  
522 low crystallinity of the magma (Massol and Koyaguchi 2005), which explains the absence of  
523 small, isolated vesicles in the tube and frothy pumices.

## 524 **6 Summary**

525 The study of the pumice types generated by the KPT eruption shows that large rhyolitic  
526 eruptions can produce different types of pumices, which acquire their distinct petrophysical  
527 characteristics (connected porosity, permeability and  $\beta$  factor) mostly during the ascent in the  
528 conduit (see also Marti et al, 1999; Polacci et al., 2001). The KPT pumice types (similar to those  
529 defined by Allen, 2001) include, in order of abundance, (1) crystal-rich tube pumices (by far the  
530 most common type), (2) crystal-rich frothy pumices, (3), microvesicular pumices with a bimodal  
531 bubble size distribution and (4) grey-banded pumices. Crystallinity, porosity and permeability  
532 measurements, which consider the development of inertial effects during analysis, allow us to  
533 interpret the differences between pumice types in terms of processes by which permeable  
534 networks develop in conduits during eruption. We infer that the distinction between the two  
535 types of crystal-rich pumices is due to shearing (either simple or pure shear), that (1) favoured  
536 coalescence, (2) straitened flow paths and thereby reduced the development of inertial effects  
537 during gas flow through the magmatic foam, and thus (3) allowed the earlier development of a  
538 permeable network in tube pumices relative to frothy pumices. On the other hand, the differences  
539 between the crystal-poor and the crystal-rich pumices are inferred to the occurrence of a  
540 homogeneous bubble nucleation event in the former and not in the latter.

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## 664 **8 Illustrations and Tables**

### 665 **8.1 Figure captions**

666 *Figure 1:* Map of the Aegean region, showing the main volcanic centres of the modern  
667 Aegean Arc, and a GoogleEarth close-up on the Kos-Nisyros area, with approximate locations  
668 (stars) and types of samples used in this study. The dashed rectangle on the regional map in the  
669 lower left corner corresponds to the extension of the GoogleEarth picture.

670 *Figure 2:* Variation in eruption intensity with time during the KPT eruption, and  
671 distribution of the different pumice types within the KPT deposits (modified from Fig. 11 in  
672 Allen, 2001).

673 *Figure 3:* Selected thin sections of the four pumice types in the KPT. (a) Crystal-rich tube  
674 pumice, parallel to vesicle elongation. Vesicle stretching direction is emphasized by the red  
675 double-head arrow. (b) Crystal-rich tube pumice, perpendicular to vesicle elongation. (c) Crystal-  
676 rich frothy pumice. (d) Crystal-poor, microvesicular pumice, showing mostly small vesicles, but  
677 also displaying mm-sized cavities (marked “cavity”). (e) Grey-banded pumice. Note the colour  
678 banding implying a mix between two different magmas.

679 *Figure 4:* Theoretical vs. measured viscous permeability (a) and  $\beta$  factor (b). There is  
680 good agreement between theoretical and measured values.

681 *Figure 5:* Connected porosity vs. total porosity for the different types of KPT pumices.  
682 Error is smaller than symbol size. Straight line represents total connection of the vesicles and  
683 dashed lines represent contours of the volume percentage of connected vesicles in the pumice.  
684 Tube and frothy pumices are the most connected. Microvesicular pumices are very  
685 heterogeneous.

686 *Figure 6: SEM images of the four different pumice types. All scale bars correspond to*  
687 *100 μm. (a) Tube pumice sample cut perpendicular to vesicle elongation. Note the sub-circular*  
688 *vesicle sections, except where bubble walls are thinning just prior to coalescence of adjacent*  
689 *bubbles (in the white circle). (b) Frothy pumice. Note the size of the vesicles and the*  
690 *development of polyhedral cells. The first steps of bubble coalescence can be seen where bubble*  
691 *walls are ruptured (arrows) (c) Detailed view of a large vesicle developed by coalescence in a*  
692 *grey-banded pumice. Note the presence of thin filaments due to incomplete bubble wall*  
693 *retraction. (d) Detailed view of the vesicle network in a microvesicular pumice. Note the high*  
694 *degree of bubble connectivity and the remarkably circular throats. (e) Less detailed view of the*  
695 *same microvesicular pumice, arrows show small vesicles coalescing into larger cavity-type*  
696 *vesicles.*

697 *Figure 7: Pore access radii distributions obtained by Hg-porosimetry for a microvesicular*  
698 *pumice, a frothy pumice and the three tube pumices. Microvesicular pumices have the largest*  
699 *amount of more small (<25 μ) pore access radii, while frothy pumices show much larger pore*  
700 *access radii.*

701 *Figure 8: (a) Viscous permeability vs. connected porosity; bold, dash-point line*  
702 *represents the relationship suggested by Klug and Cashman (1996) ( $\text{perm} = 2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ ves}^{3.5}$ ), and*  
703 *light coloured dash-point lines represent upper and lower limits bounding most of their data. (b)*  
704 *Viscous permeability vs. total porosity; curves were defined by Mueller et al. (2005), based on*  
705 *Kozeny-Carman relationships representative of flow in tubes (dashed lines), and a fully*  
706 *penetrable spheres percolation model (FPS) representative of flow in a porous media*  
707 *characterized by spheres (bold and light coloured lines). (c) Average viscous permeability vs.*  
708 *average connected porosity for pumice types and (d) permeability comparison between tube*

709 pumices measured parallel and perpendicular to vesicle elongation. Notice that tube pumices  
710 measured parallel to vesicle elongation are systematically more permeable than tube pumices  
711 measured perpendicular to vesicle elongation. In all graphs, error is smaller than symbol size.

712 *Figure 9:* (a) Inverse apparent permeability vs. filter velocity for the six smallest  
713 standards and seven samples; Straight lines with positive slopes are obtained for the 9 largest  
714 standards as well as for frothy (red) and tube pumices (blue) measured parallel to vesicle  
715 elongation, implying that the factor  $\beta$  is constant during analysis for these samples. (b) Inverse  
716 apparent permeability vs. Reynolds number for the ten standards; maximum error on Re is ~5%  
717 for Re = 2000 and ~20% for Re = 10000. Re numbers smaller than 2000 are only obtained for  
718 the smallest standard (0.20 mm) suggesting it is the only standard in which laminar flow  
719 occurred.

720 *Figure 10:* Forchheimer  $\beta$  factor versus connected porosity for frothy and tube pumices  
721 measured parallel to vesicle elongation. Error is smaller than symbol size. Greater values are  
722 observed for frothy pumices than for tube pumices measured parallel to vesicle elongation  
723 implying more inertial effects occur in the former than in the latter.

724 *Figure 11:* (a) Orifice model and (b) venturi model of pipes used in fluid mechanics.  
725 Inertial effects will be greater in the orifice model than in the venturi model, during flow.  
726 Scanned thin sections of (c) a frothy pumice with pore throats resembling the orifice model and  
727 (d) a tube pumice with pore throats resembling the venturi model, suggest that the inertial effects  
728 will be larger in the former than in the latter. The red arrows indicate possible flow paths.

729 *Figure 12:* Conduit sections illustrating the generation of tube pumices by simple shear  
730 (a) or pure shear (b) of the magma during eruption. In (a) simple shearing occurs due to higher  
731 velocities in the centre than at the margins of the conduit. In the case of a plug-shaped velocity

732 profile (as drawn here), simple shearing is more intense on the margins than in the centre,  
733 leading to a *horizontally* zoned conduit in terms of vesicle morphology (Llewellyn et al. 2002,  
734 Polacci et al. 2003). Tube pumices are generated at the margins and frothy pumices in the centre  
735 of the conduit. In (b) pure shearing occurs due to the acceleration of the magma driven by bubble  
736 expansion following decompression. During magma ascent, vesicles will remain spherical until  
737 the elongational strain is sufficient to stretch them, leading to a *vertically* zoned conduit in terms  
738 of vesicle morphology, with tube pumices overlying frothy pumices.

## 739 **8.2 Table captions**

740 *Table 1:* Crystallinities of the four different types of KPT pumices. Crystal percentage is  
741 always on a bubble free basis. Abbreviations: Cryst. = crystallinities and Nb TS = number of thin  
742 sections.

743 *Table 2:* Main porosity characteristics of the four types of pumices preserved in the KPT.  
744 Abbreviations:  $\Phi_T$  = total porosity,  $\Phi_C$  = connected porosity, CV = proportion of vesicles that are  
745 connected, IV = volume percentage of isolated vesicles.

746 *Table 3:* Characteristics of the permeability standards: inner diameter of capillaries,  
747 porosity, measured and theoretical  $k_1$  and  $\beta$ .

748 **8.3 Tables**

749 **Table 1**

Pumice type	JMicroVision		Panning	
	Nb TS	Cryst.	Panned weight	Cryst.
Tube	2	24%	300g	30%
Frothy	4	24%	200g	56%
Microvesicular	3	11%	170g	5%
Grey-banded	1	13%	115g	13%

750 **Table 2**

		Grey-banded	Microvesicular	Frothy	Tube
<b>Average</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>64</b>
$\Phi_T$ (%)	Minimum	51	63	78	59
	Maximum	70	79	84	72
<b>Average</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>58</b>
$\Phi_C$ (%)	Minimum	24	14	63	49
	Maximum	47	78	81	68
<b>Average</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>90</b>
CV (%)	Minimum	40	23	79	81
	Maximum	78	98	99	98
<b>Average</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
IV (%)	Minimum	12	1	1	1
	Maximum	39	49	17	11

751 **Table 3**

	d (mm)	$\Phi$ (%)	measured values		theoretical values	
			$k_1$ (m <sup>2</sup> )	$\beta$ (m <sup>-1</sup> )	$k_1$ (m <sup>2</sup> )	$\beta$ (m <sup>-1</sup> )
Std_188	1.88	0.566	$6.3 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$6.6 \cdot 10^5$	$6.25 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$8.3 \cdot 10^5$
Std_116	1.16	0.215	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$9.9 \cdot 10^6$	$9.05 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$9.3 \cdot 10^6$
Std_100	1.00	0.160	$1.8 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$2.2 \cdot 10^7$	$5.00 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^7$
Std_080	0.80	0.102	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$4.7 \cdot 10^7$	$2.05 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$6.0 \cdot 10^7$
Std_068	0.68	0.074	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^8$	$1.07 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^8$
Std_060	0.60	0.058	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$3.3 \cdot 10^8$	$6.48 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^8$
Std_051	0.51	0.042	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$6.0 \cdot 10^8$	$3.38 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$5.7 \cdot 10^8$
Std_048	0.48	0.037	$4.8 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^9$	$2.65 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$7.7 \cdot 10^8$
Std_043	0.43	0.030	$7.2 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^9$	$1.71 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^9$
Std_020	0.20	0.006	$5.2 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$3.7 \cdot 10^{10}$	$8.00 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$6.1 \cdot 10^{10}$

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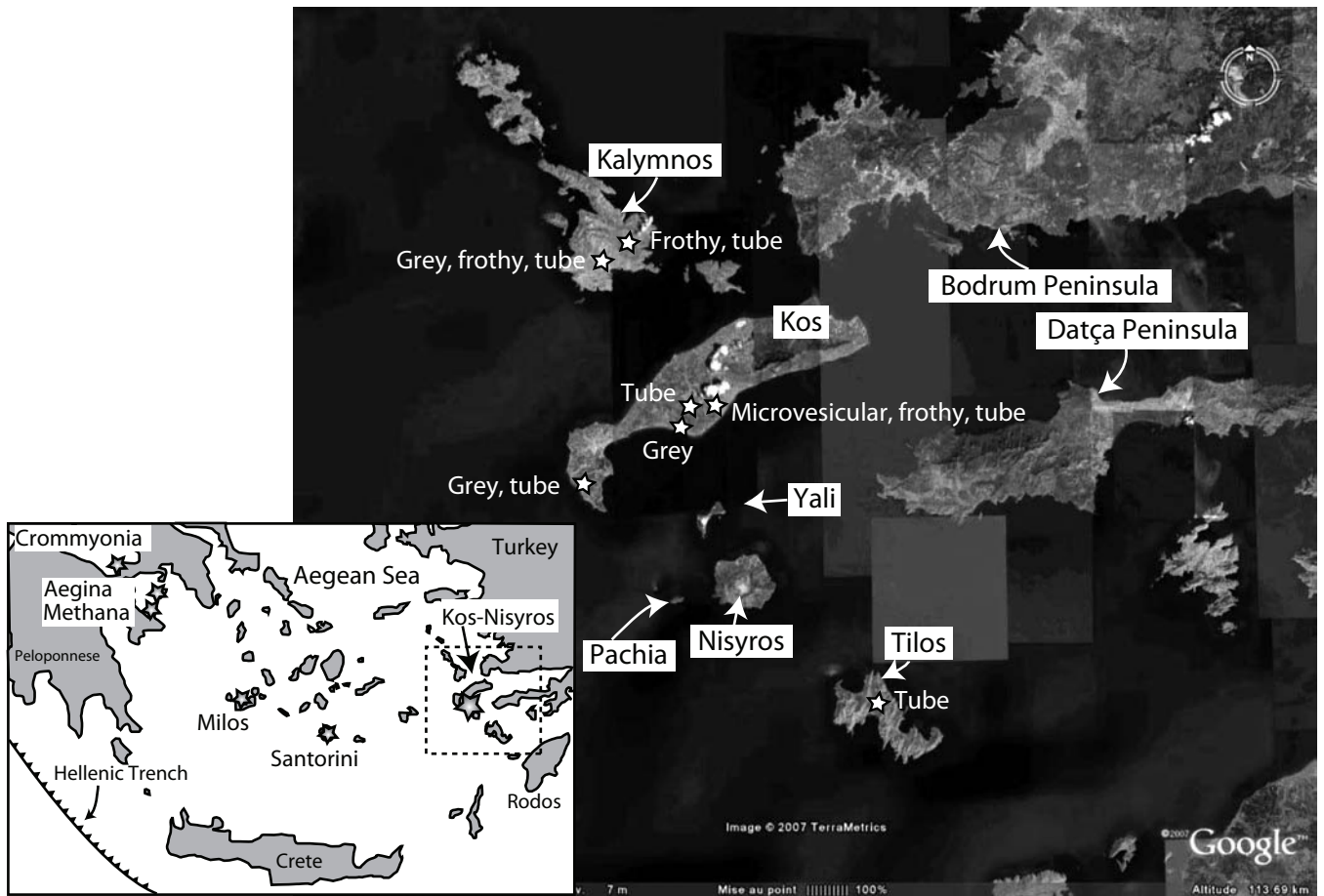


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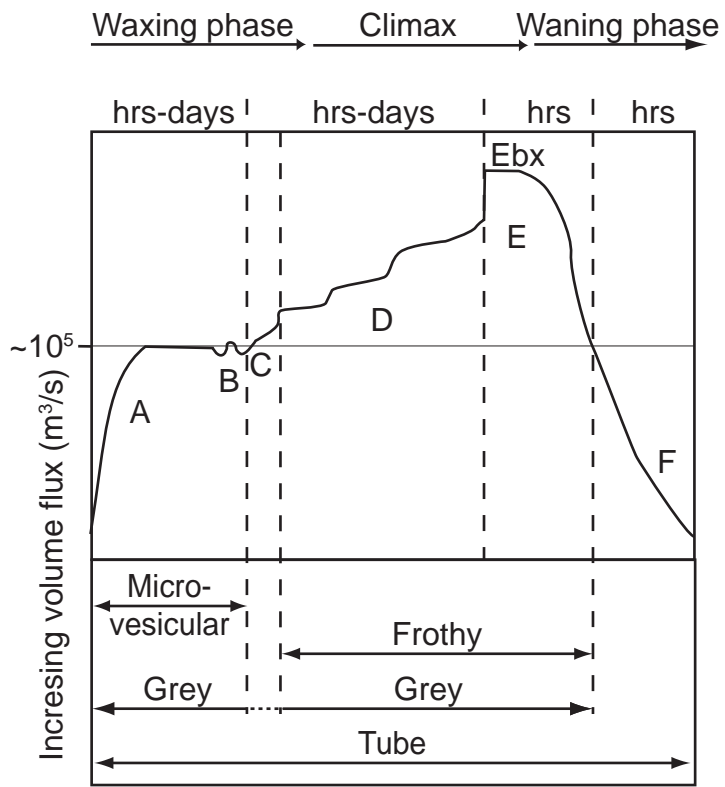


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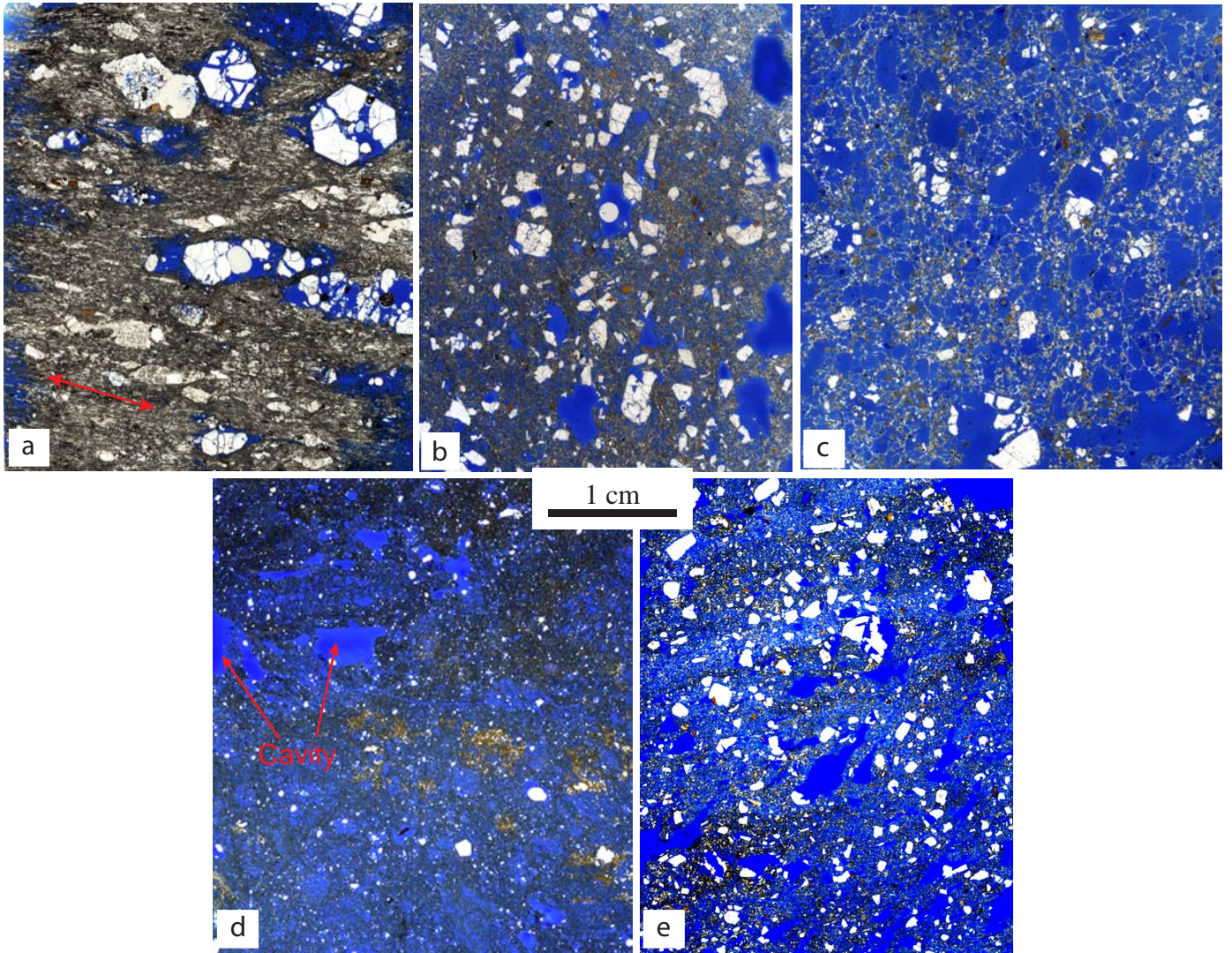


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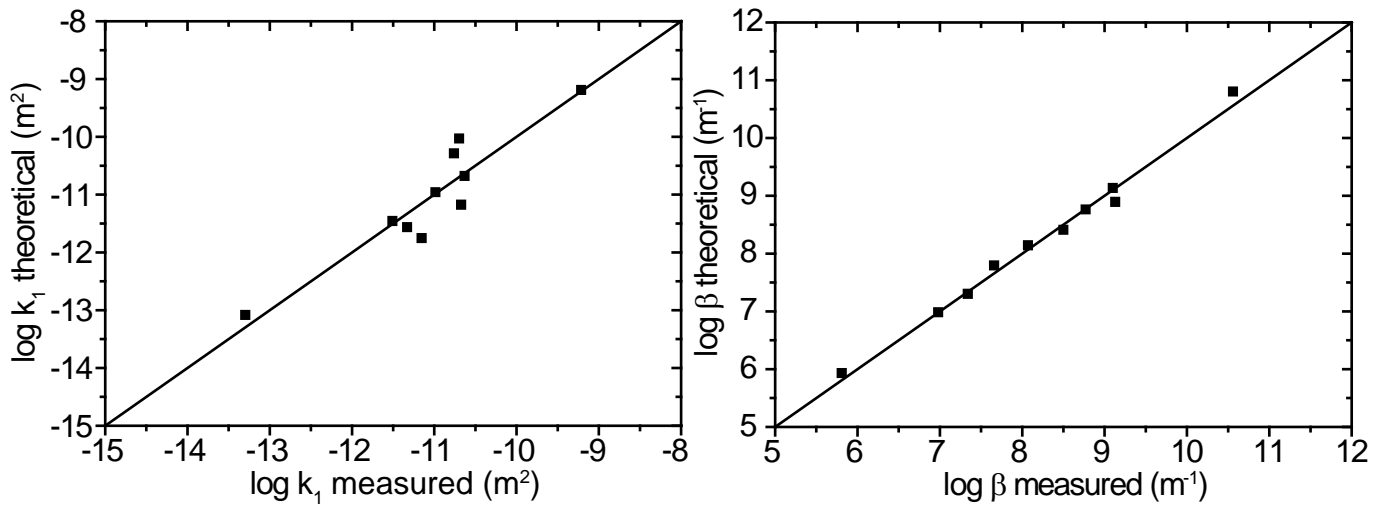


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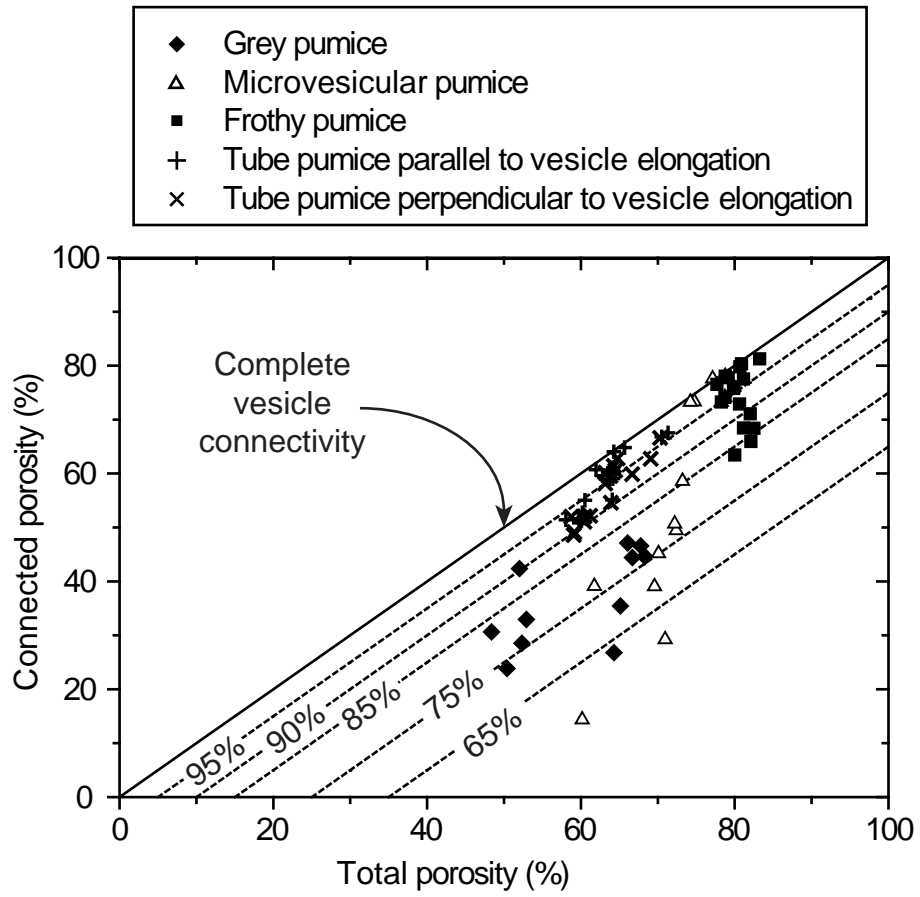


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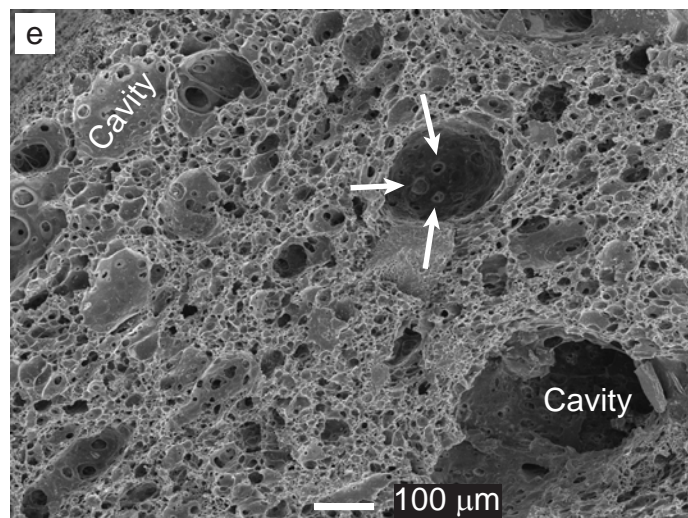
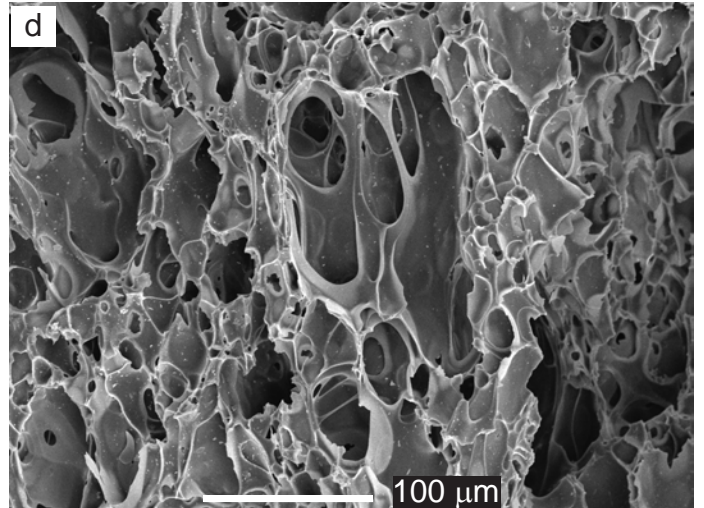
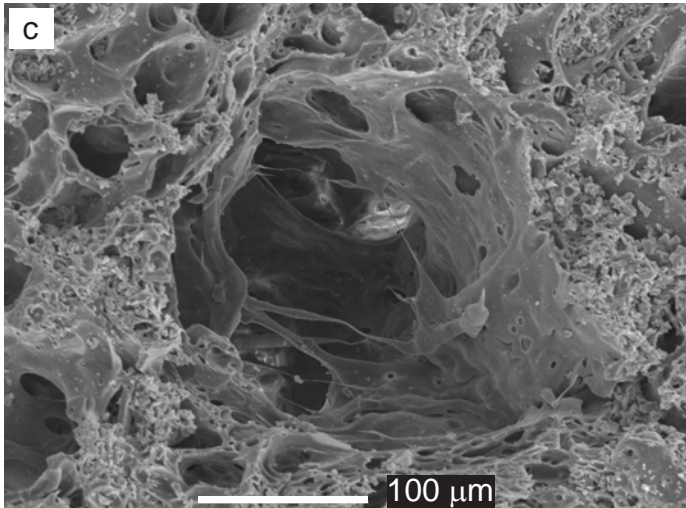
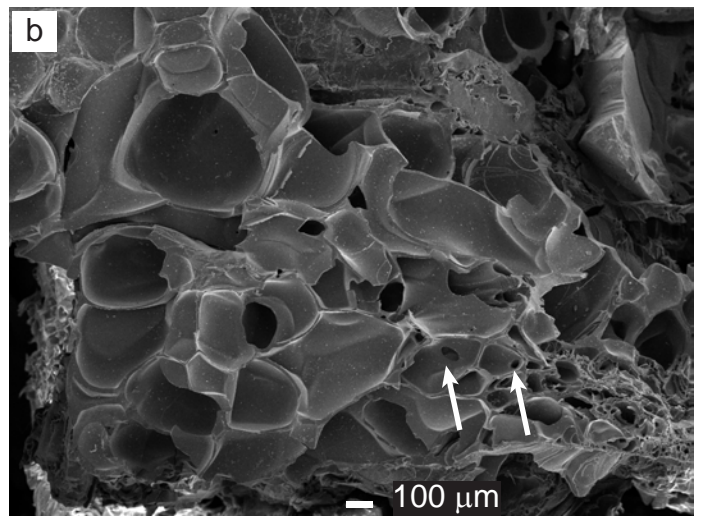
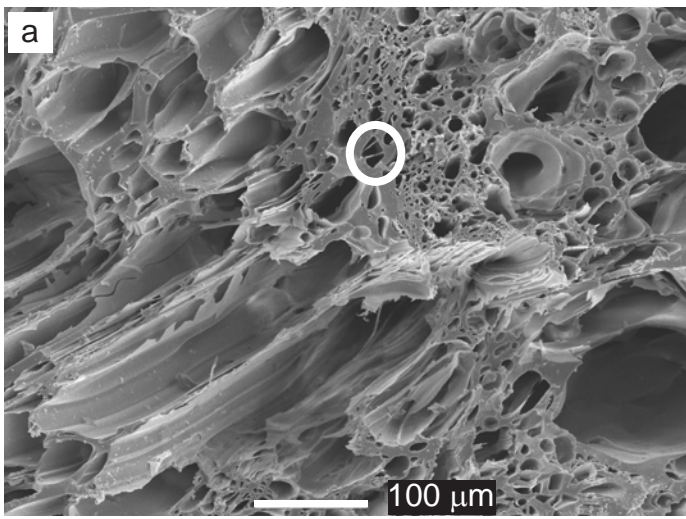


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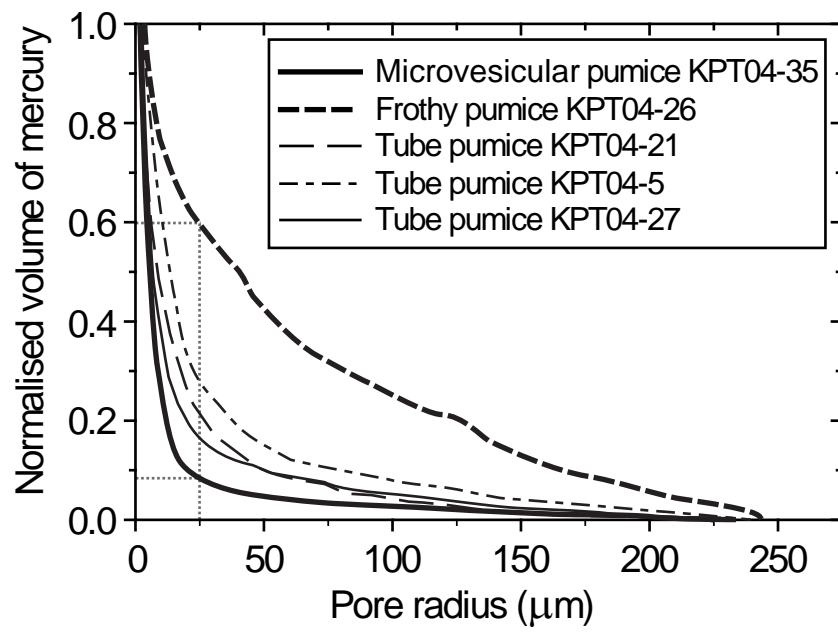


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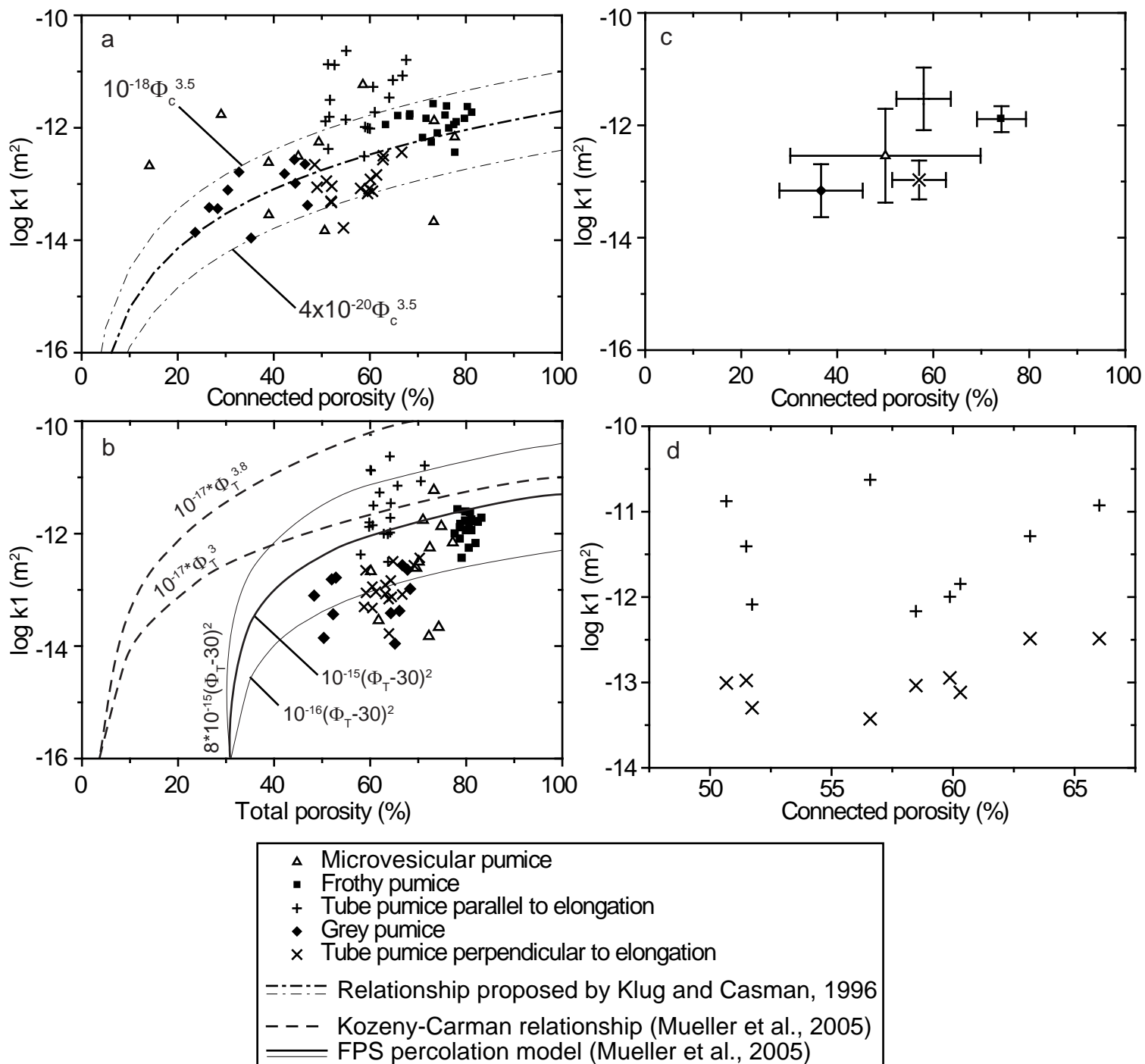


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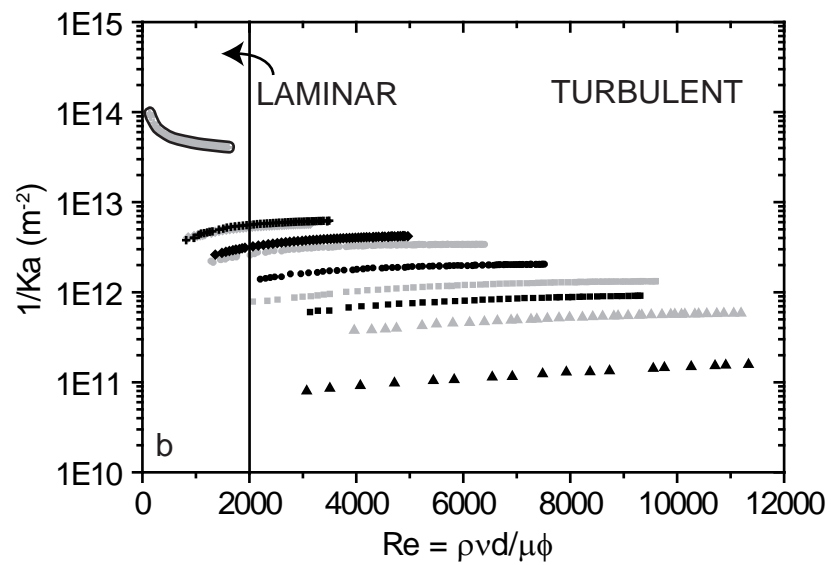
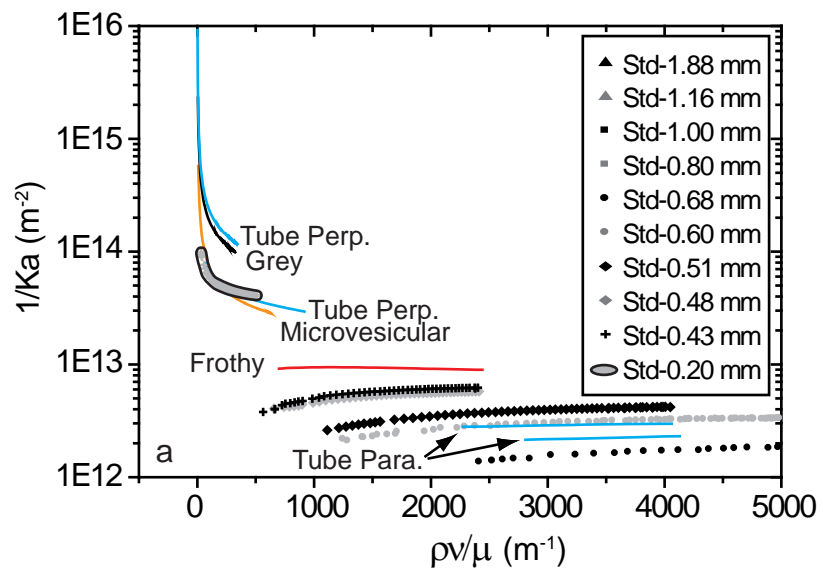


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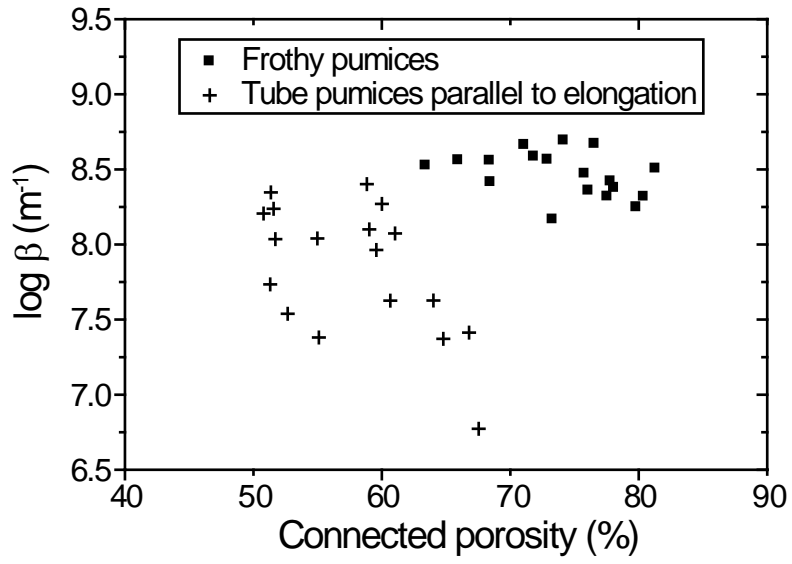


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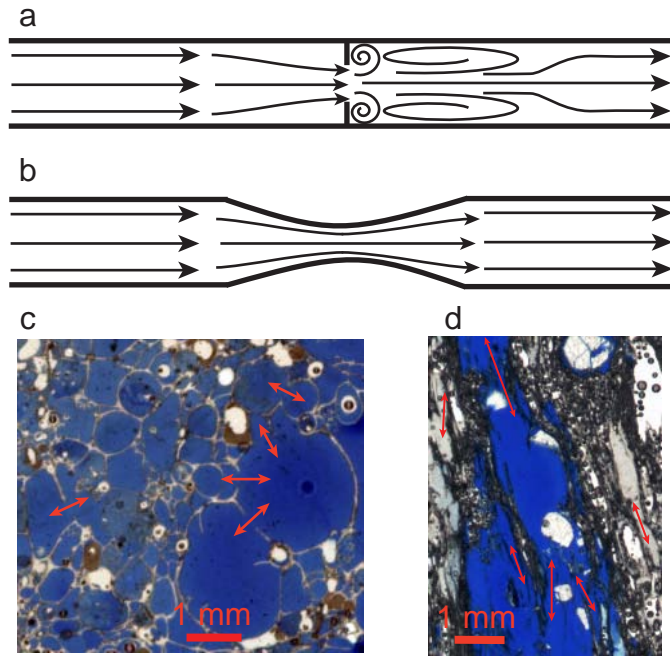


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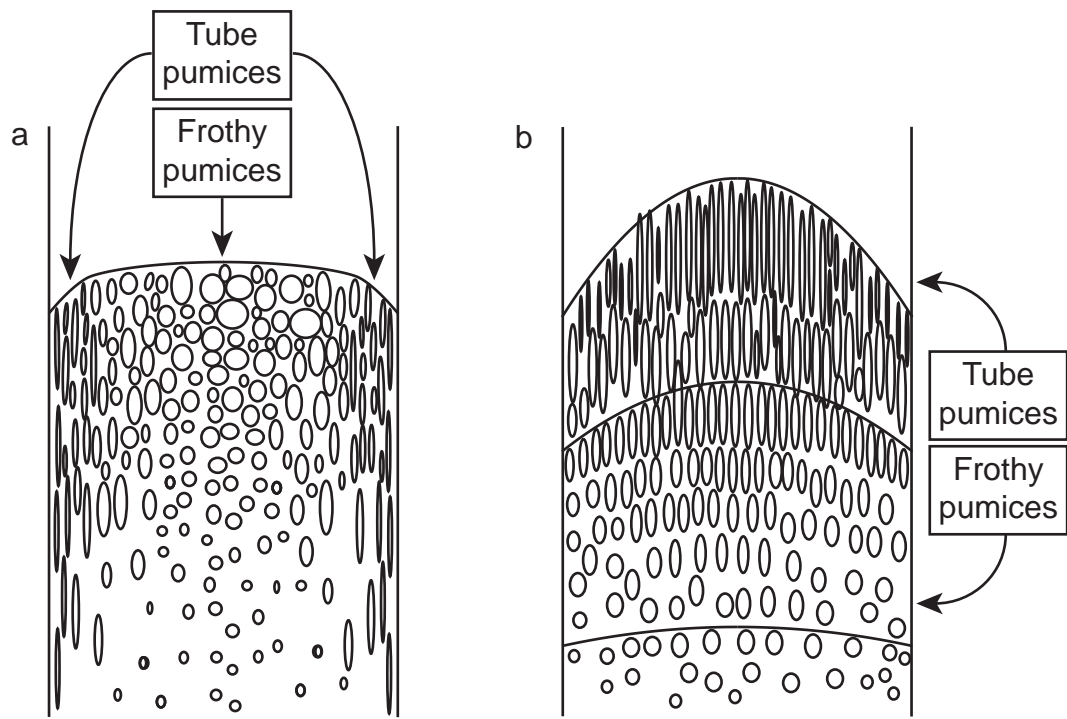


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