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abstract

We established the phase equilibria of a representative tephriphonolitic sample of the 1631 eruption of Vesuvius (Italy). Experiments were conducted at 100 MPa, in the temperature range 950–1050 °C for melt water content ranging from 1.3 to 3.2 wt%, and at an oxygen fugacity (fO_2) of NNO+1 to NNO+3 (one to three log unit above the fO_2 of the Ni-NiO solid redox buffer). Results show that clinopyroxene, biotite and leucite dominate the crys-tallizing phase assemblage, with minor proportions of plagioclase and amphibole, in agreement with the petro-logical attributes of the tephra. Comparison between the phase proportions and compositions obtained in experiments and those observed in the rock indicates a pre-eruptive temperature of $950 \pm 30^\circ$ and a melt water content $H_2O_{melt} = 2.3 \pm 0.3$ wt%, for an oxygen fugacity around NNO+1. These T-H₂O estimates are con-firmed by empirical geothermometers based on experimental clinopyroxene and melt compositional trends. As for other Vesuvius eruptions, the most felsic part of the 1631 reservoir appears to have reached pre-eruptive leucite saturation, although a large amount of leucite microcrystals in the studied samples likely grew syn-eruptively. Our results confirm that magma storage conditions beneath Vesuvius became hotter, shallower, and more CO₂-rich after the AD 79 Pompeii Plinian event.

1. Introduction

The knowledge of the range of possible styles of magmatic activity to be expected from renewed activity at active volcanoes like Somma-Vesuvius is a challenging task, yet such information is of first-order im-portance for volcanic hazard assessment and emergency planning. Magma composition and pre-eruptive physical conditions directly in-fluence magma rheology, volatile content and style of degassing. In turn, these strongly control the style of volcanic activity and the pre-eruptive state of the volcano, giving clues to interpret the precursory signals of an impending eruption (Blundy and Cashman, 2008; Rutherford, 2008; Cashman, 2004; Oppenheimer et al., 2014).

The study of the products of past eruptions, and the changes of magma composition with time, represent a viable way to infer the range of possible magma conditions for a reactivation of the volcanic ac-tivity. Experimental petrology conducted on these products may con-strain possible physico-chemical conditions of pre-eruptive magma crystallization, as indicated by the general stability fields of the different mineralogical phases under variable conditions of pressure P, tempera-ture T and volatile fugacity in the coexisting fluid phase.

The last 20 ka of activity at Somma-Vesuvius (Italy; SV) have been punctuated by several explosive eruptions, that dispersed widespread sheets of fallout deposits and often ravaged the volcano slopes and the plain nearby with pyroclastic density currents (Cioni et al., 2008). This fact, with the dreadfully high population density of the many villages encircling the volcano, only few kilometers far from the summit vent, make SV one of the higher risk volcanoes in the world.

SV products are characterized by a variable composition, from slightly evolved tephritic to phonolitic tephritic melts, which especially characterized the most recent activity, up to phonolites and trachytes, generally associated to the largest eruptions in terms of both Intensity and Magnitude (Pyle, 2015). A general perspective about the SV past ac-tivity clearly reveals that SV is a highly dynamic system, where the main compositional features of the magma and the frequency and style of eruptions show significant changes with time, at scales from millennia (for the oldest activity) to centuries (for the most recent activity; Cioni et al., 2008, Santacroce et al., 2008; Sbrana et al., 2020). In addition, the large set of available experimental petrology data (Scaillet et al., 2008; Pichavant et al., 2014) clearly suggests a progressive shallowing of the main magma reservoir with time, with two main levels of magma stalling at pressures of about 200 MPa and 100 MPa (about

8 km and 4 km depth, respectively). This evidence is also confirmed by other different, independent datasets, such as the pressure

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inferences from chlorine in glass (Balcone-Boissard et al., 2016) or from water concentration in melt inclusions in the products of different eruptions of Vesuvius (Cioni, 2000; Fulignati and Marianelli, 2007), or the available seismic tomography data (Auger et al., 2001; Scarpa et al., 2002). The deepest reservoir was active at least from 9 to 2 ka ago, while the shallower was surely active during the last 2 ka of activity, up to the last eruption in 1944. In this context, the definition of the main fields of physico-chemical conditions related to all the main eruptions of SV, and especially to those which occurred during the last centuries of activity, can be of extreme importance for the definition of the possible range of expected magma composition and physical properties in the case of a next reactivation of the volcano. The present strategy adopted by the Dept. of Italian Civil Defense for SV to face a possible next renewal of activity is based on a so-called "Maximum Expected Event" scenario (Barberi et al., 1990; Cioni et al., 2003), considered to be a subplinian eruption (Subplinian I type in the classification of Cioni et al., 2008). Following the Plinian AD 79 event, the two largest events at SV, are of this type (AD 472, AD 1631). While the products of the AD 472 eruption have already been the object of detailed studies aimed at defining PTX magma conditions (Scaillet et al., 2008; Fulignati and Marianelli, 2007), the products of the 1631 event are still not well studied in this respect. In the paper, we present experimental data on the mineral phase stability for this very important eruption, with the aim of constraining pre-eruptive storage conditions and physical properties expected to control similar eruptive scenarios.

2. The 1631 eruption

The 1631 eruption is the last large explosive event of Vesuvius, which strongly impacted on the societal framework of the time and claimed from 1000 to more than 6000 casualties, according to different authors (Bertagnini et al., 2006; Rosi et al., 1993; Rolandi et al., 1993). The eruption started on 16 December 1631 and had several phases. According to Rosi et al., 1993, after the opening of a radial fissure along the flanks of the cone, the eruption rapidly escalated to a subplinian phase, with the formation of a sustained convective plume issued from the central vent. The plume reached a maximum height of about 20 km and was dispersed to the East by the prevailing winds; ash fallout was directly recorded as far as Turkey. This activity was sustained for about 8 h, during which about 0.1 km^3 of DRE (dense rock equivalent) were erupted and a scoria fallout bed, up to several decimeters thick, deposited. This phase shifted toward a pulsating, vulcanian-like activity characterized by a discontinuous and weakly sustained eruptive plume, which resulted in an alternation of ash and lithic-rich, lapilli-bearing beds, only deposited in very proximal outcrops. This activity was followed by a phase of low column fountaining, lasting at maximum for 2 h, during which several pyroclastic density current lobes dispersed along the western and southern slopes of the volcano, rapidly reaching numerous surrounding villages. The eruption ended with a prolonged phase of semi-continuous ash emission; it deposited a widespread sheet of nearly impervious fine ash, which promoted the frequent formation of lahars and floods, possibly protracting for years the devastating effects of the eruption.

Contrary to other eruptions, the products of the 1631 event have not received dedicated petrological studies, apart from the recent paper of Stoppa et al. (2017) dealing with an extensive presentation and discussion of compositional data of juvenile material and skarn fragments from the metasomatic halo around the magma chamber. The tephra fallout deposit shows a general compositional zoning, ranging from tephritic phonolite at the base to phonilitic tephrite at top (MgO variable from 2.4 to 6.2 wt% upsection). Macroscopically, juvenile material of the eruption is mainly represented by poorly to moderately vesicular, green scoria clasts, with a largely inhomogeneous vesicularity (in terms of shape and size) and characterized by the presence of coarse, idiomorphic leucite crystals. A subordinate amount of moderately to highly vesicular, light green pumice is also present throughout the whole

sequence of deposits, being more abundant in the basal samples. No systematic compositional difference has been evidenced between these two types of juvenile material. The petrography of the samples is dominated by the ubiquitous presence of large crystals (up to cm-sized) of leucite, mm-sized clinopyroxene (with both pale green, Mg-rich diopside and dark, Fe-rich diopside present in variable proportions with respect to the stratigraphic position of the sample), minor dark mica and plagioclase. Apatite, Fe-Ti oxides and garnet are present as accessory phases. The samples from the late stages of the plinian phase up to the pyroclastic density currents phase present a more complex mineralogy, with a larger amount of mafic phenocrysts (mainly diopside) and olivine possibly derived from the partial disruption of the comagmatic, highly crystallized margin of the magma reservoir, admixed to varying degrees within the primary mineral paragenesis. Juvenile material from the very base of the eruption has a glass-bearing groundmass, which becomes much more crystalline in the later products. Groundmass is mainly formed by leucite microcrystals, clinopyroxene and minor K-feldspar microlites set in a variable amount of glass. Microlites of microsomite, a $(\text{Cl}^-, \text{SO}_4^{2-})$ -bearing mineral of the cancrinite group, are also commonly present.

In this view, the most suited products to investigate the pre-eruptive state of the 1631 magma are hence represented by the first erupted products. These present in fact a more homogeneous mineral paragenesis and record the processes occurring in the upper part of the reservoir, so giving information about the pre-eruptive conditions at top of the magma reservoir.

3. Experimental and analytical techniques

The experiments and ensuing analyses were performed using established laboratory procedures (e.g., Martel et al., 1998; Scaillet and Evans, 1999; Di Carlo et al., 2006; Cadoux et al., 2014; Andújar et al., 2015), which are briefly described below. The selected sample was ground and then fused twice at 1400 °C and 1 bar, in a Pt crucible in open atmosphere, with grinding in between. The resulting dry glass was ground to a mesh size of 20 µm and used as starting material in all experiments. Gold capsules (inner 1.5 mm, thickness 0.2 mm, length 1.5–2 cm) were prepared from Au tubing, after boiling them for a few minutes in a diluted HCl solution to remove any grease left over after tube production, then annealing them with a small torch up to red colour for a few seconds. The capsules were first arc welded at their base, then loaded with distilled water, followed by silver oxalate as the source of CO₂, and then by the silicate powder. The fluid [(H₂O + CO₂)/silicate] mass ratio was always kept at around 0.1. The initial mole fraction of water in the loaded fluid ($X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{fluid}} = \text{H}_2\text{O}/(\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2)$, in moles) varied between 1 (water saturation) down to 0.4. After being arc-welded shut, the capsules were weighed to check for volatile loss, and put in an oven at 100 °C for 15–30 min to homogenize the fluid distribution across the charges. Capsules were weighed again after the run to check for leaks. All capsules showing a weight difference less than 0.3 µg were considered successful.

The experiments were performed in internally heated vessels (IHPV), pressurized with a mixture of Ar and H₂ (Scaillet et al., 1992), to impose redox conditions around the Ni-NiO redox curve (NNO+1, or one log unit above NNO). The H₂ pressure loaded at room temperature in the IHPV was 2.6–2.8 bar, which generates fH₂ at the target P-T conditions in the range 5–8 bar, which corresponds to fO₂ slightly above NNO, in agreement with available fO₂ constraints on mafic Vesuvius magmas (Pichavant et al., 2014). A further run was also performed at 950 °C with pure Ar, to generate more oxidized conditions (NNO+3). Temperature was monitored by 2 S-type thermocouples and the gradient of the hot spot zone across the charge location was less than 3 °C. Pressure was monitored with a transducer calibrated against a Bourdon tube gauge, and is known to within ±1 MPa, with daily fluctuations of less than 2 MPa, depending on room temperature. Run durations varied according to temperature, between 5 days at 950 °C down to 17 h at

1050 °C. All except the NNO+3 experiments were ended using a drop quench device (Di Carlo et al., 2006), which ensures quench rates of about 150 °C/s.

A total of 29 successful charges were produced at 100 MPa, in the temperature range 950–1050 °C. Each capsule was then opened, and half of the run product mounted in epoxy resin and polished for a first optical inspection. Samples were then carbon coated for inspection with a scanning electron microscope (SEM) and electron microprobe analyses (EPMA) of minerals and glass. The conditions for EPMA were: accelerating voltage of 15 kV, counting time on peak of 10 s, sample current of 6 nA, using either a focused (minerals) or defocused (5–10 µm, glass) beam. The glass analyses were corrected for alkali migration using in-house hydrous glass standards of known alkali and water content. The same analytical conditions were used for the analyses of minerals and glasses of the starting rock. The relative amounts of the different phases in the run products were calculated by mass balance using the XLFAC program (Stormer and Nicholls, 1978). Analyses of backscattered electron SEM images using ImageJ software (Schneider et al., 2012) provided an additional estimate of the charge crystallinity. Volatiles (H₂O and CO₂) dissolved in the melt were not directly measured. The dissolved volatile contents (H₂O and CO₂) of the quenched glasses were calculated using the solubility data obtained on similar phonotephritic melts by Behrens et al. (2009). Specifically, we have used their H₂O and CO₂ data obtained in the pressure range 50–200 MPa to derive empirical solubility laws for these two species in phonotephritic melts. The functional relationships relating fugacities to volatile contents read as follows:

$$f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \approx 60:292 \delta \text{wt}\% \text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}} \text{p}^2 \text{p} \approx 113:157 \text{ wt}\% \text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$$

and

$$f_{\text{CO}_2} \approx 1:46 \cdot 10^4 \delta \text{ppmCO}_2\text{-melt} \text{p}^2 \text{p} \approx 6:093 \cdot 10^1 \text{ ppmCO}_2\text{-melt}$$

The fugacities of pure H₂O and CO₂ were calculated using a modified Redlich-Kwong equation of state (Holloway, 1987) and the Lewis and Randall rule was used to compute fugacities of H₂O-CO₂ fluid mixtures. With these equations, knowing the amount of crystallization, the mass of silicate glass, the H₂O and CO₂ loaded to the capsule, the final fluid composition of each charge can be calculated, along with the corresponding H₂O_{melt} and CO_{2-melt}, assuming thermodynamic equilibrium between fluid and melt and using mass balance constraints. The calculated values of XH₂O_{fluid-final}, wt%H₂O_{melt} and ppmCO_{2 melt} are reported in Table 2, along with the initial mole fraction of fluid loaded to the capsule. As expected, the final fluid composition is CO₂-richer compared to that loaded to the capsule, as a consequence of the higher solubility of H₂O in silicate melts, relative to that of CO₂. From the calculations, it appears that a plot XH₂O_{fluid} vs wt% H₂O_{melt} of all charges defines a single linear trend as follows:

$$\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}} \delta \text{wt}\% \text{p} \approx 3:1265 \text{ XH}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid-final}} \text{p} \approx 0:0511 \text{ R}^2 \approx 0:9944$$

Similarly, XH₂O_{fluid} is highly correlated to XH₂O_{fluid-final}:

$$\text{XH}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid-final}} \approx 1:2247 \text{ XH}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid}} - 0:2468 \text{ R}^2 \approx 0:9888$$

We caution that these two empirical relationships are specific to our experimental conditions and procedure (i.e., the amount of volatiles loaded to the capsules, total pressure and the amount of crystallization) and should not be applied to other contexts. In what follows, we primarily use the parameter XH₂O_{fluid} to plot our data, since it is the one variable of the system actually controlled, whereas both XH₂O_{fluid-final} and H₂O_{melt} are calculated values. We nevertheless use the above relationships to show the correspondence between equilibrium (final) fluid composition and melt H₂O contents in our experiments whenever needed.

4. Bulk rock, mineral and glass composition of the analyzed sample

The 1631 products show a compositional variability from more evolved, tephritic-phonolites at the base of the lapilli fallout sequence up to less evolved phonolitic-tephrites at top (Rosi et al., 1993; Santacroce et al., 2008; Stoppa et al., 2017). Similar gradients have been classically interpreted at Vesuvius as the result of the interplay between the eruption dynamics and the tapping of a vertically zoned magma reservoir (Civetta et al., 1991; Cioni et al., 1998). Alternative explanations for the observed compositional variability, like the effects of a variable crystal content in the juvenile material, have been generally discarded as they can be hardly reconciled with the regular variability of magma composition observed in the products. The analyzed products were collected from the thin bed at the base of the eruption sequence (basal crystal-rich sand fallout of Rosi et al., 1993) at a proximal site 4.5 km East of the Vesuvius crater, characterized by the presence of a very high concentration (about 25 wt%) of mm-sized, loose crystals of leucite and pyroxene. An aliquot of light green pumice lapilli was selected for the experiments (Table 1). The analyzed material has a tephritic-phonolite composition, representative of the most evolved end-member of the whole eruption sequence, in agreement with literature compositions. The phenocryst paragenesis is less complex with respect to the following products, being dominated by clinopyroxene, minor leucite and lower amounts of biotite and plagioclase. The total phenocryst content is about 20–30% vol. Fine lapilli and loose crystals from the coarse ash fraction of this bed were also separated, thin sectioned and polished for further compositional analyses of phenocrysts, groundmass glass and microlites. Melt inclusions in selected phenocrysts of leucite and clinopyroxene were also analyzed.

4.1. Mineral composition

Representative compositions of minerals and glasses from the natural sample are given in Tables S1 to S7 of the Supplementary Materials (SM). Clinopyroxene (Cpx) is the most abundant phase and shows a range of compositions (En_{15–41} Fs_{9–34} Wo_{49–53}; Table S1). Despite the presence of strongly zoned crystals, at least two populations of Cpx can be still recognized, as typical for many Vesuvius eruptions (Cioni et al., 1998), with a prevalence of high Mg-Diopside. As in other eruptive products of Vesuvius, Cpx is rich in Al₂O₃ (from 3 up to 12 wt %; Fig. 1 and Table S1) and TiO₂ (0.5–2.4 wt%; Fig. 1 and Table S1), with a Mg/Mg + Fe_T (on a molar base) varying between 0.3 up to over 0.8. The large variation of clinopyroxene composition (Fig. 1, Table 1 SM), and the complex zoning often observed in the natural Cpx phenocrysts (Fig. 2) indicate either crystallization under different physico-chemical conditions, or the possible occurrence of overgrown xenocrysts. These could derive from magma mixing following mafic

Table 1

Bulk composition of the starting material 1631 SG compared with literature natural compositions. v40 - Crystal rich basal sand layer (Rosi et al., 1993); AS94-314 - Crystal rich basal sand layer (Santacroce et al., 2008); 1631 SG - Starting glass for phase-equilibrium experiments (EPMA analyses; average and standard deviation, in italic, of 30 analyzed spots).

	v40	AS96-314	1631 SG	
SiO ₂	52.00	52.06	51.61	0.30
TiO ₂	0.71	0.70	0.71	0.07
Al ₂ O ₃	19.46	19.31	19.03	0.20
FeO	5.47	5.44	5.58	0.23
MnO	0.14	0.14	0.12	0.08
MgO	1.93	2.42	2.56	0.10
CaO	7.71	7.20	8.27	0.18
Na ₂ O	3.90	4.18	3.95	0.11
K ₂ O	8.25	8.10	7.67	0.14
P ₂ O ₅	0.42	0.44	0.49	0.08
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	

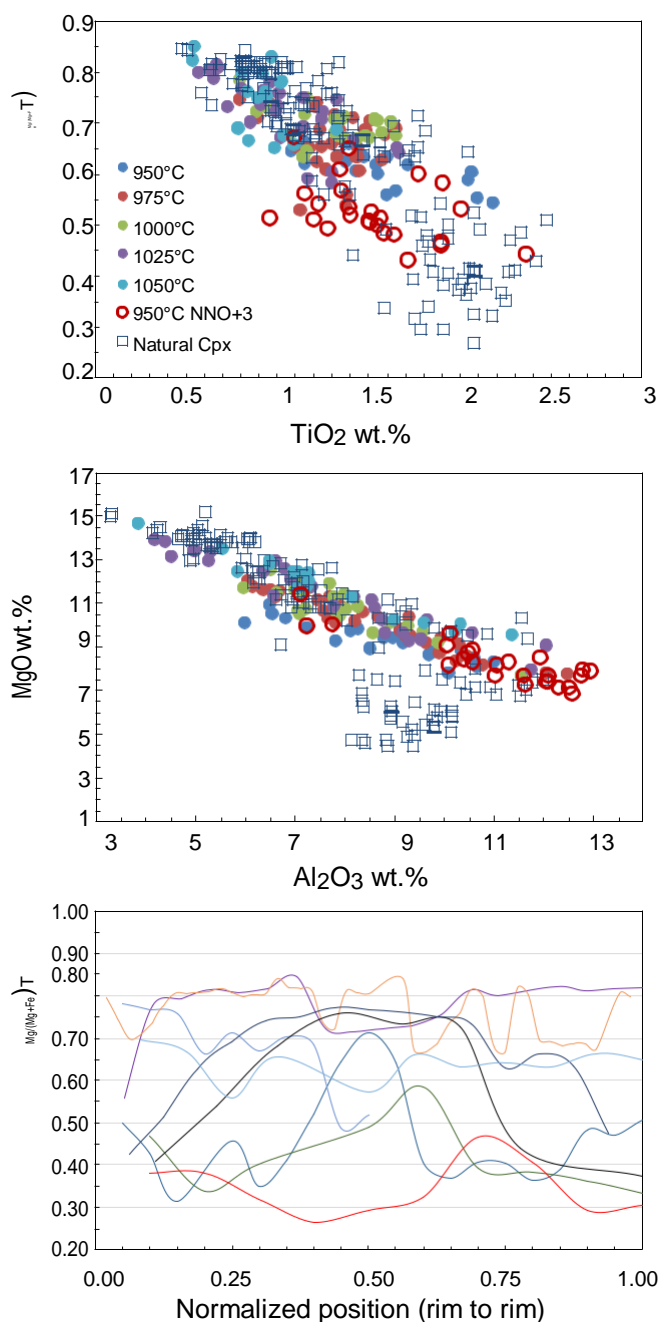


Fig. 1. Composition of experimental and natural clinopyroxene. Binary variation diagrams of (a) $Mg/(Mg + Fe)_T$ vs. TiO_2 and MgO vs. Al_2O_3 . Composition of natural Cpx (open squares) is plotted with composition of experimentally synthesized Cpx (colored dots b); c) Cpx zoning, shown along rim-to-rim profiles of single, mm-sized phenocrysts.

recharge of the reservoir and/or from the disruption of the crystallized margins of the magma reservoir and of the thermometamorphic-metasomatized host rocks (Cioni et al., 1995; Stoppa et al., 2017). This compositional variation is also clearly visible from the analysis of single phenocrysts, in which Mg-rich phenocrysts may, or may not, be rimmed by Mg-poor compositions (Figs. 1b; 2), suggesting different crystallization history for those Mg-rich Cpx.

A few phenocrysts with values of $Mg/(Mg + Fe)_T$ lower than 0.45 are also characterized by largely scattered, high TiO_2 concentrations

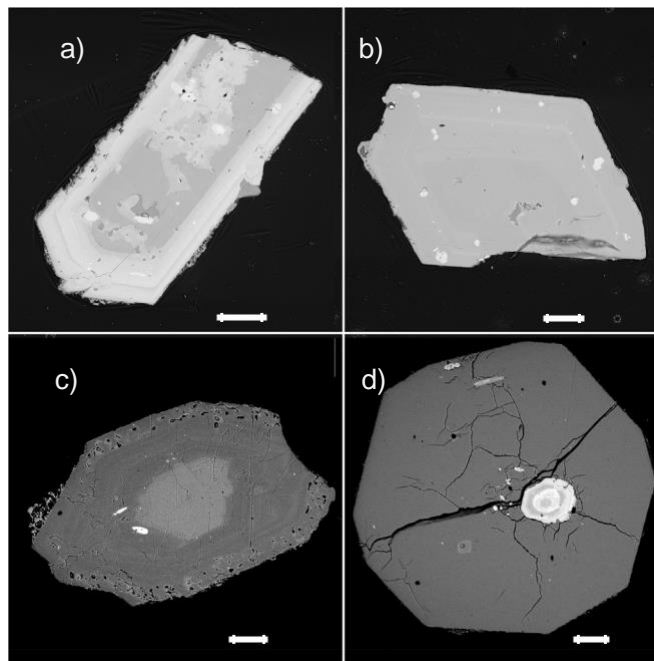


Fig. 2. BS-SEM photos of minerals in the natural paragenesis. a), b), c) differently zoned Cpx crystals; d) leucite phenocryst with a large inclusion of multiply zoned Cpx (white bar = 200 μ m).

(1.5–2.5 wt%), and variable Al_2O_3 , between 8 and 13 wt%. These compositions clearly deviate from the otherwise regular inverse relation between TiO_2 (or Al_2O_3) and $Mg/(Mg + Fe)_T$, suggesting the possible presence of xenocrysts/antecrysts crystallized under different conditions. Crystal zoning is generally oscillatory or direct (Mg-rich cores), while reverse zoning is less common (Fig. 1c). The complex zoning patterns of Mg-rich Cpx (Figs. 1b, 2a) have been interpreted at Vesuvius as the combined effects of repeated recharge and cooling cycles affecting the reservoir (Cioni et al., 1998).

Leucite (Lc) is the second most abundant phase, displaying a significant range in crystal size, from mm-sized phenocrysts down to 50–200 μ m microphenocrysts or microlites, all being generally homogeneous in composition (Table S2). Lc phenocrysts have generally 0.8–0.9 wt% Na_2O (equivalent to 93–94 mol% Lc), while smaller individuals display slightly higher Na_2O contents (1.2–1.3 wt% or 91–92% Lc; Table S2). Plagioclase (Pl) occurs as single large crystals (0.5–1 mm), generally carrying a number of inclusions of Lc, apatite (Ap) and rare sanidine. They display normal zoning, from An_{81-88} in the core to An_{51-64} in the rim (Table S3). Biotite (Bt) occurs as single euhedral large crystals (0.2–1 mm). It is characterized by high TiO_2 and Al_2O_3 contents (3–4.5 and 16 wt%, respectively), significant amount of F (0.7–1.3 wt%), being practically unzoned with respect to its $Mg/(Mg + Fe)_T$ (0.70–0.78; Table S4). Fe/Ti oxides often occur along the boundaries of phenocrysts, in particular Cpx. They are magnetite (Mt) with ulvospinel (Usp) content of 17–19% (Table S5), with an oscillatory zoning across the mineral. Only one rounded, partially resorbed crystal of amphibole (Amph) was found included in a leucite crystal and analyzed: it is a Fe/Mg calcic amphibole with high K_2O content (2.5 wt%). A few glassy melt inclusions (MI) were also analyzed, mostly hosted in Cpx with $Mg/(Mg + Fe)_T$ between 0.50 and 0.78, Lc and occasionally

in Pl. These MI were recalculated in order to account for host crystallization, using for MI hosted in Cpx an equilibrium $K_D(Fe-Mg)^{cpx/melt}$ of 0.28 (Putirka, 2008). MI hosted in Lc were recalculated using the same K_2O/Na_2O ratio of 1.9 of the starting material (Table 1), assuming that leucite phenocrysts crystallized from this or similar melts. All the MI

were characterized by a relative amount of host crystallization variable between 10 and 25 wt%. After this correction, MI composition is rather homogeneous from crystal to crystal, reaching potassium-rich phono-lite composition ($\text{SiO}_2 = 53.3\text{--}57.4$ wt%, $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 = 19.1\text{--}21.9$ wt%, $\text{K}_2\text{O} = 7.3\text{--}10.6$ wt%, on an anhydrous basis), with MgO generally lower than 1 wt% (Table 6 SM). The raw totals vary between 94.4 and 97.5 wt%, with an average value of 96.4 wt% (Table S6), suggesting a concentration of dissolved H_2O around 2–5 wt%, in addition to generally high concentrations of F and Cl (up to >1 wt%). Compared to MI, the groundmass glasses are characterized above all by a significantly lower content in K_2O (4.9–6.8 wt%), reflecting the late, massive crystallization of Lc, and by a higher raw total (around 98 wt%) and somewhat lower contents in F (0.2–0.4 wt%) (Table 7 SM).

5. Experimental results

The details of experimental conditions and run products are given in Table 2.

Phases identified include quenched glass (Gl), Cpx, Lc, Bt, Pl and fluid (fl), the latter evidenced by the presence of vesicles of 10–100 μm size evenly dispersed across the charge. Mineral size varies from a few tens (Lc, Bt) down to a few μm (Cpx), being in general evenly distributed throughout the charges, though locally Cpx may define random mosaic patterns, possibly recording former grain boundaries, where phase nucleation was enhanced. The dominant phase is always Cpx, reaching up to 25 wt% under the investigated conditions, followed by leucite (6–10.4 wt%), and biotite (2–5 wt%). Pl is always subordinate, with abundances not exceeding a few wt% in the explored T- $\text{XH}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid}}$ interval (Table 2). The $\text{XH}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid-final}}$ values range from 1 down to 0.26.

5.1. Phase relationships

The phase relationships of the worked sample are displayed on Fig. 3 in an isobaric, T- $\text{XH}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid}}$ section. The correspondence with the final fluid composition is also indicated. The corresponding dissolved H_2O contents ($\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$) are reported for the different temperatures in Table 2 (and indicated in Fig. 3 for $T = 950$ °C), as calculated following the procedure given above. Note that for some of the driest charges, Lc and Pl phases could not be formally identified and are only suspected.

For the different experimental conditions, $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{m}}$ varies from 3.2 wt% ($\text{XH}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid}} = \text{XH}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid-final}} = 1$) to 1.3 wt% ($\text{XH}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid-final}} = 0.3$; Table 2). These values can be affected by a large uncertainty and should be considered as indicative of the real content of dissolved volatiles. Available experimental constraints on H_2O solubility for a more evolved potassic phonolite give similar values of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{m}}$ at saturation in this P-T interval, around 3.5 wt% (Iacono-Marziano et al., 2007; Schmidt and Behrens, 2008). Conversely, experimental data of Di Matteo et al. (2004) for a trachy-phonolitic melt near 850 °C give higher values, around 4.8 wt%, suggesting an important compositional control on the solubilities of the two alkaline melts. For dissolved CO_2 , calculated values go slightly over 1220 ppm for the CO_2 -richest fluids (Table 2).

In addition to phase boundaries, estimated crystal proportions, based on mass balance calculations are also reported. Data derived from image analysis of the run products largely confirm these results (Table 2). The position of the solidus has not been bracketed by our experiments and is only tentatively shown.

Cpx is always the liquidus phase, crystallizing at $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$ saturation slightly over 1025 °C, being also the phase present everywhere in the di-agram below its liquidus (i.e., there is no Cpx consuming reaction down temperature in the investigated temperature range). At $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$ saturation, Cpx is followed at lower temperature by Bt, which crystallizes at around 980 °C. The Bt stability curve has rather flat positive slope in this projection, breaking down at $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}} < 2.3$ wt% at 975 °C, or when $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}} < 1.3$ wt% at 950 °C. The tectosilicates (Lc and Pl) occur only in the H_2O -undersaturated portion of the section. At 1050 °C, Lc appears first, at $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}} = 1.6$ wt%, then Pl at $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}} = 1.3$ wt%. At 950 °C, this order of crystallization is reversed with Pl appearing first ($\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}} = 3$ wt%), then Lc ($\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}} = 2.5$ wt%). The Lc and Pl curves cross over at 1000 °C and $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}} = 2$ wt%. The phase diagram indicates that Bt crystallization in the 1631 magma investigated here requires temperatures below 1000 °C. Amphibole was detected as few scattered crystals only in some charges at 1000 and 1025 °C (Table 2), and its stability field is tentatively drawn here, being characterized by a lower-T stability limit, with Amph possibly reacting out to Cpx, and Bt at $T < 1000$ °C. The closing of the Amph stability field at low temperature has been also documented in the phase equilibrium study of Vesuvius phonolites (Scaillet et al., 2008), where Amph breaks down to garnet in those more felsic magmas as temperature drops.

Table 2

Experimental conditions, run products and phase proportions (wt%) estimated from mass balance calculations (in brackets values in vol% from image analysis). All the experiments in the table were run at $P = 100$ MPa and under $f\text{O}_2$ conditions of NNO+1. $\text{XH}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid-final}}$, $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$ and CO_2m calculated as described in the text (p = present but not quantified).

Run	T °C	$\text{XH}_2\text{O}_{\text{fl}}$	$\text{XH}_2\text{O}_{\text{fl-final}}$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{m}}$	CO_2m	Glass	Vesicles	Cpx	Pl	Lc	Bt	Other	R^2
V1631 20	950	1	1	3.23	0	79.0 (81)	(0)	18.9 (17)			2.1 (2)		0.93
V1631 21	950	0.93	0.90	2.85	180	76.8 (76)	(4)	20.6 (15)	(5)		2.6 (2)		0.71
V1631 22	950	0.83	0.76	2.56	425	77.0 (74)	(18)	21.2 (16)	(4)		1.8 (1)		0.71
V1631 23	950	0.7	0.60	2.20	676	75.1 (71)	(12)	22.3 (19)	(3)	(3)	2.6 (0.5)		0.28
V1631 24	950	0.44	0.36	1.55	1014	60.5 (65)	(17)	25.3 (14)	(8)	(7)	2.7 (0.5)		0.81
V1631 15	975	1	1	3.23	0	83.6 (82)	(0)	11.7 (17)			4.7 (2)		2.23
V1631 16	975	0.94	0.92	2.92	166	83.6 (82)	(5)	13.9 (16)			2.5 (1)		0.52
V1631 17	975	0.83	0.76	2.60	439	81.4 (85)	(12)	15.8 (12)			2.7 (0.5)		1.27
V1631 18	975	0.73	0.57	2.17	733	81.5 (82)	(8)	18.5 (16)	(0.5)				2.23
V1631 19	975	0.38	0.26	1.27	1167	68 (72)	(4)	23.5 (13)	(8)	8.5 (7)			1.14
V1631 01	1000	1	1	3.23	0	89.7 (85)	(2)	10.3 (15)					3.12
V1631 02	1000	0.93	0.89	2.92	211	89.4 (82)	(8)	10.6 (17)					2.25
V1631 03	1000	0.83	0.76	2.63	457	87.8 (85)	(9)	12.2 (14)					0.74
V1631 04	1000	0.73	0.63	2.35	662	86.7 (83)	(12)	13.3 (15)			(0.5)	Amph	0.2
V1631 05	1000	0.47	0.33	1.54	1102	78.5 (81)	(8)	15.8 (14)	p	5.7 (3)		Amph	0.74
V1631 10	1025	1	1	3.23	0	96.4 (91)	(0)	3.6 (9)				Amph	2.13
V1631 11	1025	0.93	0.90	2.98	206	94.9 (90)	(0)	5.1 (10)				Amph	3.29
V1631 12	1025	0.84	0.77	2.71	441	95 (91)	(5)	5 (8)					1.28
V1631 13	1025	0.76	0.64	2.41	661	91.7 (88)	(3)	8.3 (11)				Amph	0.79
V1631 14	1025	0.44	0.27	1.33	1223	88.9 (90)	(2)	11.1 (10)		p		Amph	0.91
V1631 06	1050	1	1	3.23	0	100 (100)	(0)						
V1631 07	1050	0.91	0.86	2.94	289	100	(0)						
V1631 08	1050	0.83	0.74	2.67	519	98.9 (99)	(0)	1.1 (1)					1.01
V1631 09	1050	0.66	0.51	2.12	890	97 (97)	(1)	3 (3)					1.12
V1631 10A	1050	0.43	0.29	1.42	1228	(70)	(6)	6.6 (7)	7.27 (10)	8.5 (12)			

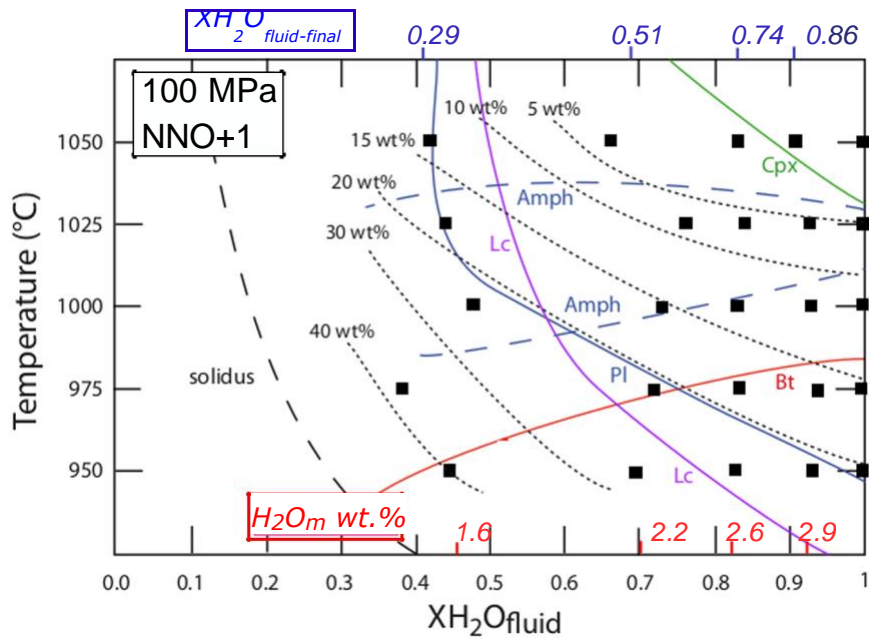


Fig. 3. Phase relations for the 1631 tephri-phonolite. The continuous curves delimit the stability fields of phases (names lying inside the stability field); dashed lines indicate regions where the stability field is not well constrained. $X(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{\text{fluid}} = \text{H}_2\text{O}/(\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2)$ loaded in the capsules, in mole fraction. The correspondence between $X(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{\text{fluid}}$ and $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$ is given along the lower horizontal axis (reported values are for $T = 950^\circ\text{C}$). Correspondence between $X\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid}}$ in the charge and $X\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid final}}$ is indicated along the upper horizontal axis (reported values are for $T = 1050^\circ\text{C}$). See text for the procedure used for the conversion between initial and final fluid composition.

5.2. Phase compositions

5.2.1. Clinopyroxene

Experimental Cpx are diopside according to the classification scheme of Morimoto (1988), with $\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}_\text{T})$ ranging between 0.55 and 0.8 (Table S8). The main compositional variations concern Ti, Al, Fe and Mg, which are all significantly affected by temperature changes, and less so by variations of $X\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid}}$ (Fig. 4).

In particular (Fig. 1), Cpx produced at 1025–1050 °C has 11.7–13.5 wt% MgO, while at 950 °C, MgO does not exceed 8–10 wt%. Both Al_2O_3 and TiO_2 increase as temperature decreases, the latter from around 1 wt% at 1050 °C, up to 2 wt% at 950 °C (5.5–7.6 wt% Al_2O_3 at 1050 °C up to 8–10.5 wt% at 950 °C).

A thermometric relationship is established on the basis of Cpx composition ($\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}_\text{T})$), showing an important linear relationship ($R^2 = 0.83$) with T , with only a second order relationship with

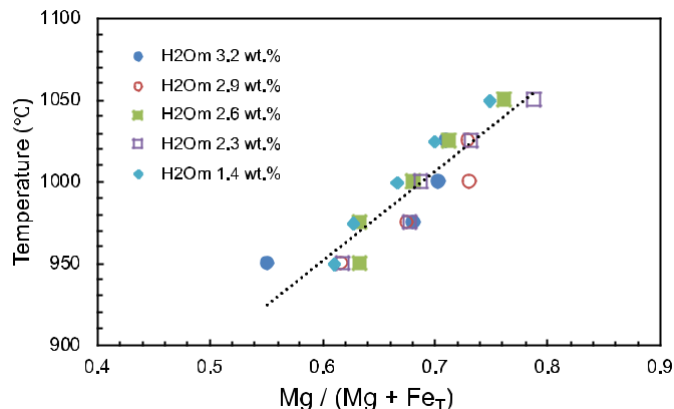


Fig. 4. Compositional variability of Cpx with temperature and water content of the melt. Symbols are for experiments run under similar initial $X\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid}}$ conditions (average water content in the glass indicated in legend; see Table 2).

$\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$. The empirical geothermometer relationships, using Cpx produced at NNO+1, is as follows:

$$T = 950 + \frac{1}{0.0001} \left(\frac{\text{Mg}}{\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}_\text{T}} - 0.55 \right)^2 + 54.6 \left(\frac{\text{Mg}}{\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}_\text{T}} - 0.55 \right) + 620.0$$

The standard error of the regression is 14.5 °C, with a maximum difference between estimated and measured T of 26 °C. The choice of a quadratic regression, or the addition of a factor accounting for $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$ do not significantly improve the results.

5.2.2. Leucite

Analyzed Lc are listed in Table S9; as expected, Lc does not show any significant compositional variation with experimental parameters.

5.2.3. Mica

Analyzed Bt are listed in Table S10. The analyzed mica straddles the biotite-phlogopite divide line in the siderophyllite-annite-eastonite-phlogopite quadrilateral, with mica produced at 950 °C being biotite, while mica from experimental charges at 975 °C being true phlogopite, and plotting very close to most of the observed natural compositional variability. Biotite is otherwise characterized by elevated TiO_2 contents, from 3 up to near 6 wt%, TiO_2 steadily increasing as $X\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{fluid}}$ decreases (Fig. 6). Conversely, its MgO content increases with increasing water content.

5.2.4. Plagioclase

Analyzed Pl are listed in Table S11. Pl crystals ($\text{An}_{70 \pm 2}$) were clearly identified and analyzed only in the H_2O -poorest, 1050 °C run (V1631 10A, Table 2). Tiny Pl crystals are also sparsely present in other experimental runs (as recognized by image analysis; Table 2) but their very small dimension prevents to collect reliable analysis. The small number of analyzed crystals, along with the relatively restricted stability field, preclude identification of any systematic compositional variation with experimental parameters.

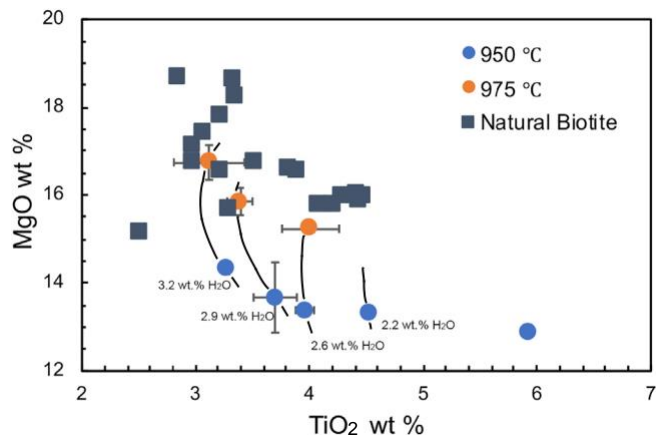


Fig. 5. Natural and experimental compositions of mica. For experimental compositions, the relation with the H_2O_{melt} is also shown.

5.2.5. Glass

The compositional variation of experimental glass (Table S12) defines a single coherent trend that broadly reproduces natural whole rock and glasses (residual glass and MI; Fig. 6), the latter mostly falling near the cold end of the experimental T-range investigated.

The variations of some representative oxides with temperature and water content in the fluid are shown in Figs. 7 and 8, respectively. As temperature decreases, Al_2O_3 , K_2O increase, while MgO, CaO and FeO decrease (although not always monotonically, as in the case of FeO; Fig. 8), reflecting the onset of Bt crystallization and the increasing role of Cpx with decreasing T in the precipitating assemblage (Table 2; Fig. 3).

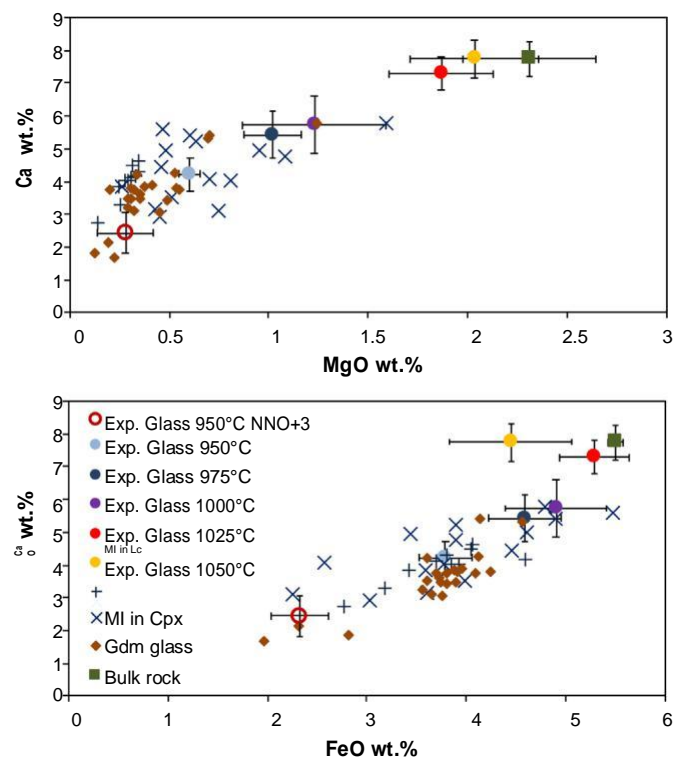


Fig. 6. Covariation of CaO, MgO and FeO contents in experimental and natural glasses (melt inclusions and groundmass). Bulk rock composition of the starting material is also shown for comparison.

At each temperature, the variation of $X_{H_2O_{fluid}}$ in the charge produces a change in oxide concentrations as well (Fig. 8), albeit of lower magnitude relative to that induced by temperature (Fig. 7). Both MgO and CaO concentrations, in particular, display a regular decrease as $X_{H_2O_{fluid}}$ (or H_2O_{melt}) decreases at fixed temperature, showing that the general increase of crystal content at lower water content in the melt involves massive Cpx crystallization (especially at low temperature; Table 2 and Fig. 8). Conversely, oxides like K_2O (or also FeO) show more complex trends, as they may either increase or decrease with the progressive change of $X_{H_2O_{fluid}}$ (Fig. 7), depending on whether leucite or biotite, or both, crystallize.

As stated above, phase relations (Fig. 3) and mass balance calculations of phase proportions (Table 2), indicate that Cpx represents the main phase controlling the general compositional variations of the melt in the investigated T- H_2O range. In particular, our data show a first order dependence on T and a minor dependence on H_2O_{melt} (and hence on $X_{H_2O_{fluid}}$; Fig. 8).

As for Cpx, the strong correlations of some oxides like MgO or CaO with T allow us to draw two simple geothermometric empirical relationships, mainly based on a linear dependence of oxide content with T, at each given H_2O_{melt} . A multiple linear fitting analysis is used to define the correlation between oxide (CaO or MgO wt%), H_2O_{melt} (wt%) and T ($^{\circ}C$). We can write the general fitting relationships as:

$$T = \frac{a_{ox} \cdot \text{wt}\%_{ox} + b_{ox} \cdot \text{wt}\%_{H_2O_{melt}} + c_{ox}}{d_{ox}}$$

Parameters calculated for MgO ($a_{MgO} = 53.8 \pm 3.1$; $b_{MgO} = -15.1 \pm 3.3$; $c_{MgO} = 961.2 \pm 8.3$) give a fit with an $R^2 = 0.93$ and a Standard Error = 9.9, while those for CaO ($a_{CaO} = 24.2 \pm 1.3$; $b_{CaO} = -18.1 \pm 3.0$; $c_{CaO} = 895.7 \pm 8.9$), with an $R^2 = 0.94$ and a Standard Error = 8.9.

When compared with the values of T estimated using the empirical thermometric relationship of Cioni et al. (1999), the here proposed CaO-in-glass thermometer gives generally lower and more accurate values (Fig. SMI in Supplementary Material), possibly reflecting the quite important dependence on the dissolved water content which was not considered by Cioni et al. (1999).

5.3. High fO_2 experiments

The run product compositions of the charges run at 950 $^{\circ}C$ and variable $X_{H_2O_{fluid}}$ (from 1 to 0.4) under highly oxidizing fO_2 conditions (NNO+3) are given in Table S13. These charges have the highest crystal content (always around 30 wt%, from mass balance calculations), as borne out by the highest SiO_2 content of residual glasses, with an average value of 57.8 ± 0.8 wt%, significantly above the average composition of experimental glasses obtained at the same temperature at NNO+1 (54.5 ± 0.3 wt%). Similar to SiO_2 , also other oxides like CaO, MgO or FeO clearly show a more evolved composition for these glasses (Fig. 6). This increase in SiO_2 merely results from the profuse crystallization of iron oxides, and in the generally more extended crystallization occurring under these conditions. Similar to other experiments, the main mineral paragenesis is formed by Cpx + Bt + Oxides. An intermediate plagioclase (An₄₇₋₅₂) is present in very low amount at this low temperature. Despite the highest crystal content, the composition of the main mineral phases is however always Mg-richer (Table S13) than those formed at lower fO_2 conditions (NNO+1), as anticipated from the role of fO_2 on Mg silicate minerals (i.e., Scaillet and Evans, 1999).

6. Discussion

6.1. Phase stability and composition

The experimental results reported above were acquired with standard laboratory procedures which have proven successful for

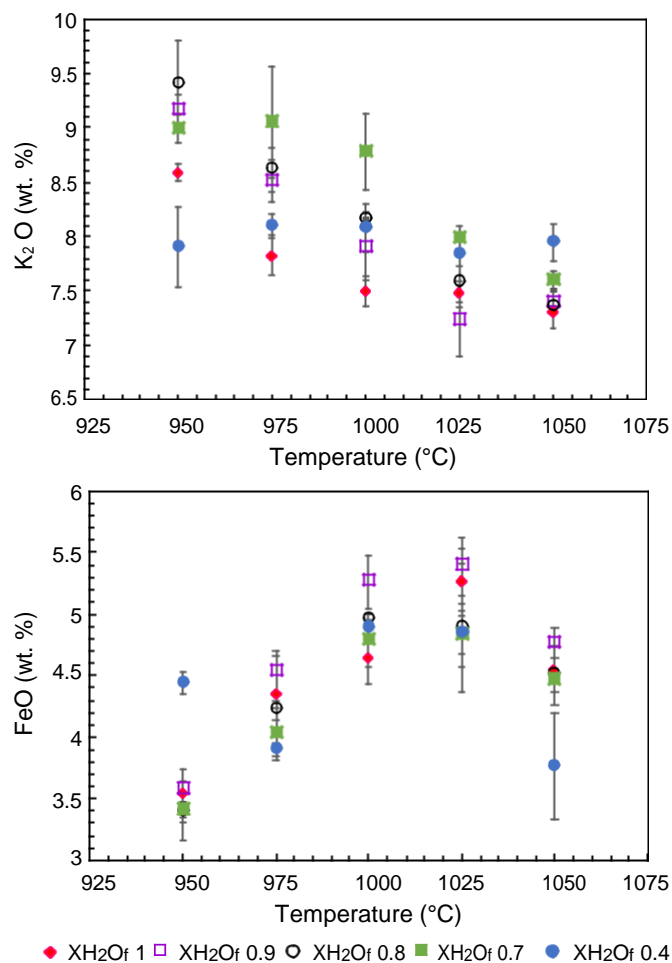


Fig. 7. Variation of K₂O and FeO contents in experimental glass with temperature, for the different initial XH₂O_{fluid}.

establishing phase equilibria in a variety of magma compositions (e.g., Martel et al., 1998; Scaillet and Evans, 1999; Di Carlo et al., 2006; Cadoux et al., 2014; Andújar et al., 2015), including Vesuvius (Scaillet et al., 2008; Pichavant et al., 2014). All those studies have demonstrated that the use of dry glass as starting material favors crystal-liquid equilibria within reasonable laboratory time scales (hours to days, depending on temperature), enabling one in turn to assess to which extent crystal-liquid equilibria were also attained in the reservoir prior to eruption. The starting composition for our experiments is a tephritic phonolite, with a composition mid-way between the phonolite compositions used by Scaillet et al. (2008) and the mafic tephrite investigated by Pichavant et al. (2014), representative of the first erupted products. The regular compositional trends with experimental parameters, the compositional homogeneity and spatial distribution of the different mineral phases in any given charge, all suggest that bulk equilibrium was closely approached in our experiments. The value of $K^{Fe/Mg}_D$ between Cpx and melt varies in the different experimental charges between 0.18 and 0.28, within the range suggested by Putirka (2008) for pyroxene-melt equilibrium. Finally, the overall good match between phase assemblages in run products and in natural 1631 tephra, attests that the experimental conditions were successful in reproducing the main petrological attributes, encompassing the P-T-H₂O conditions likely to have prevailed in the 1631 reservoir, at least in its top portion.

In general terms, the phase relationships are similar to those established for the more primitive Vesuvius magma by Pichavant et al. (2014), the main difference being the overall down temperature shift of liquidus curves, reflecting the less mafic character of the 1631

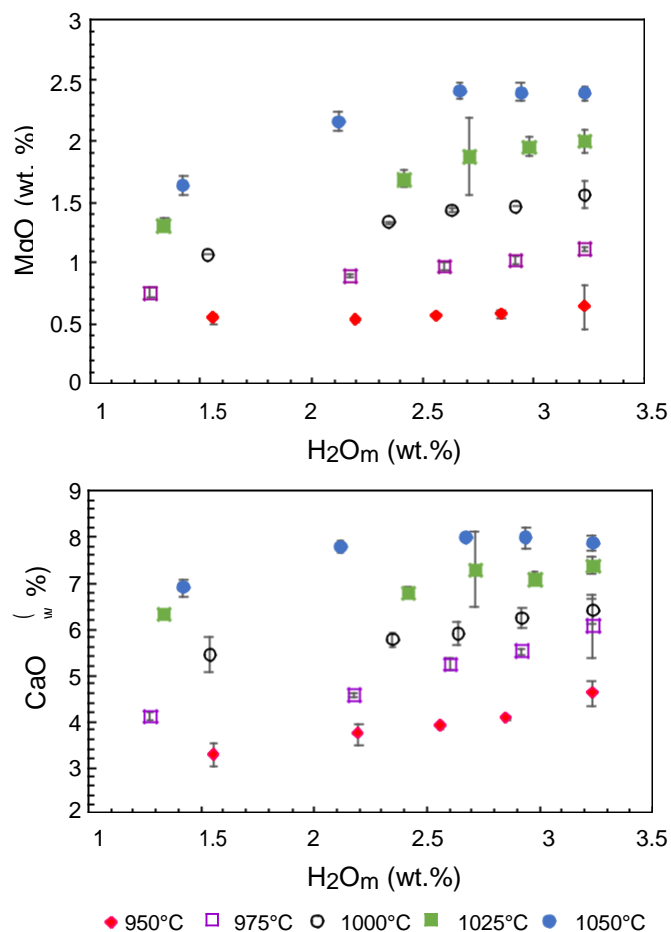


Fig. 8. Glass compositional variations of CaO and MgO in experimental glass as a function of the H₂O_{melt} in the different experimental charges.

magma used in our study. For instance, at H₂O-saturation, biotite/phlog-opite is stable over 1050 °C in the more mafic composition, while it re-acts out above 1000 °C in our composition. Similarly, Cpx liquidus is located over 1120 °C in the more mafic compositions, or about 100 °C higher than in 1631 rock. Pichavant et al. (2014) did not report a stability field for Pl, possibly because they investigated only the H₂O-rich portion at 200 MPa. Conversely, Pl is stable in our experiments in the water-poor section of the phase diagram, or, up to water saturation, at temperature below 950 °C. Comparison with the phase equilibria established on the more evolved potassic Vesuvian phonolites by Scaillet et al. (2008) reveals that the latter also display the same topological arrangement for the main phases (Lc, Cpx, Pl), liquidus curves being equally displaced down temperature relative to 1631 composition. The phonolite compositions display liquidus temperatures (Cpx) around 850–900 °C at H₂O saturation, in agreement again with their more felsic character as compared to 1631 composition. The crystal content is strongly related to the initial water content of the melt, with an amount of crystallization higher than 30% only for the water-poor region of the phase diagram (Fig. 3). As shown by the experiment run at NNO+3, an increase in fO₂ shifts the composition of Fe\Mg phases toward higher MgO contents, also accommodating a larger amount of crystallization respect to less oxidized conditions.

6.2. Pre-eruptive conditions

A first inference on pre-eruptive conditions can be done using phase equilibrium arguments alone. The mineralogy of the 1631 rocks is made of Cpx, Lc, Bt, Pl, amounting to 20–30 wt%, though this figure may be

partly overestimated owing to the fact that not all Lc belongs to pre-eruptive phenocrysts, some of it having possibly grown during ascent, and at least part of the Cpx phenocrysts are xenocrysts/antecrysts. However, simple mass balance calculations between the composition of the starting material (Table 1) and the average composition of MI in pheno-crysts (Table S6) suggest a similar amount of crystallization (around 30 wt%) of a Cpx-dominated mineral paragenesis. Crystallization around 100 MPa is suggested by the similarity of 1631 composition and petrology with that of the AD472 Pollena eruption (Scaillet et al., 2008) and by the calculation on Cl solubility by Balcone-Boissard et al. (2016). Accounting for these, the equilibrium mineralogical assemblage is reproduced at temperatures below 975 °C, and for H₂O_{melt} lower than about 2.5 wt%. If magma crystallinity and the fact that Pl is subordinate to Lc are considered, a pre-eruption magma temperature not much lower than 950 °C is implied, while H₂O_{melt} significantly lower than 2 wt% appears unlikely. In many Vesuvius eruptions, Lc is present in large proportions as microphenocrysts possibly formed, according to the very high growth rate typical of these crystals (Shea et al., 2009), by syn-eruptive, decompression-driven crystallization. For this reason, if most of the Lc microphenocrysts crystallized syn-eruptively, pre-eruptive temperatures lower than 950 °C are also possible, which would imply H₂O_{melt} > 2.3 wt%. The occurrence of rare Amph crystals, only present in the analyzed natural sample as an inclusion in a Lc phenocryst, suggests that Amph grew first, followed by Lc. These textural relationships may correspond to an early stage of magma evolution, in the temperature range 1000–1025 °C, during which H₂O_{melt} was >2 wt% (Fig. 3), so as to stabilize this sequence of crystallization.

More information can be gained by combining the natural phase compositions with the experimental observations detailed above. Owing to its greater abundance, Cpx can give important clues on pre-eruptive conditions of the 1631 magma. Both Al₂O₃ and TiO₂ exhibit a strong negative dependence with temperature (Fig. 1; Table S1). The smaller Cpx, or the re-equilibrated rims of larger crystals, have Al₂O₃ and TiO₂ contents indicating temperatures of crystallization below 1000 °C, possibly around 950 °C and water-rich conditions, while the Ti- and Al-poor Cpx point to temperatures above 1000 °C. Similarly, the Mg-rich (Mg/(Mg + Fe_T) = 0.8) Cpx, if issued from a 1631-like magma, records temperatures higher than 1000 °C, generally around 1050 °C (Figs. 1a, 4). The Mg-poor rim of Cpx has Mg/(Mg + Fe_T) = 0.5 (Fig. 1c), pointing to pre-eruptive temperatures in the range 900–950 °C. However, some natural Cpx show even lower Mg/(Mg + Fe_T), down to 0.3 (Fig. 1c), suggesting excursion of the system to temperatures significantly lower than 950 °C. Such Mg-poor crystals may come from the outer shell of the reservoir, being re-incorporated into the warmer interior by convective processes, thereafter serving as nucleation sites for new, Mg-richer, crystals. Excluding the cold outliers, temperature fluctuations recorded by Cpx lie in the range 900–1000 °C (Fig. 4). Bt composition changes with temperature and XH₂O_{fluid}, the Mg/(Mg + Fe_T) of natural biotite falling in the range of those experimentally produced. Variation in XH₂O_{fluid} in particular affects TiO₂ content (Fig. 5): a TiO₂ content of about 4.5 wt%, as observed in the rim of the largest fresh crystal analyzed (Table S4), indicates a XH₂O_{fluid} of about 0.7, corresponding to a H₂O_{melt} of about 2.2–2.6 wt% (at 100 MPa; Fig. 5). The Mg-rich Bt has a TiO₂ of about 3 wt% corresponding to conditions close to H₂O saturation, but those Mg-rich crystals may also come from more primitive magmas or from crystallization under highly oxidizing conditions. Lc composition of phenocrysts is reasonably approached by the experimental one, but slightly more Na₂O rich than the experimental Lc (0.8–0.9 vs. 0.6 wt% Na₂O, respectively; Tables S2, S9). The small-sized Lc consistently has higher Na₂O contents, which are not reproduced in our experiments, suggesting that those crystals grew during decompression and not in the reservoir, in agreement with textural evidence (Cioni et al., 1995; Shea et al., 2009). The sole Amph analyzed in the rocks is similar to that of the experiments, but the scarce occurrence of this mineral in both pumice and run products is not of a great help for estimating pre-eruptive conditions. In contrast,

as for Cpx, the composition of glass inclusions in both Cpx and Lc can be used to infer T- XH₂O_{fluid} (or H₂O_{melt}) values. Using our MgO and CaO – in glass thermometric relations derived above, temperatures of around 950–960 °C for the CaO equation and 940–960 °C for the MgO one are calculated if XH₂O_{fluid} is set to 0.7 (corresponding to an H₂O_{melt} of about 2.3 wt%, Fig. 3), being in general agreement with the values inferred from Cpx thermometry.

Finally, the compositional range of the glass from experiments at 950 and 975 °C is similar to that of the natural rock, although some discrepancies are observed. In detail, natural glass differs from the experimental one for some oxides, in particular K₂O (Table S7). This is in large part related to the massive final crystallization of leucite, which is very abundant in the groundmass of natural products, whereas it is present in smaller quantities in the experimental run products. As expected, leucite stability field increases markedly at low pressure (e.g., Taylor and MacKenzie, 1975; Scaillet et al., 2008), while Shea et al. (2009) observed an important increase of the nucleation rate (in phonolite melts) for P < 30 MPa at T around 850 °C, conditions similar to those possibly encountered during the final magma ascent. This therefore suggests that a significant part of the leucite presents in the groundmass of natural products, and which contributes to strongly change the composition of the residual glass by impoverishing it in K₂O, grew syn-eruptively, during the rise of magma to the surface.

Overall there is a good agreement between phase equilibrium constraints and mineral compositions: assuming a pre-eruptive pressure around 100 MPa (Scaillet et al., 2008), the combination of the two sets of data yields a pre-eruptive temperature at 950 °C ± 30 °C, with H₂O_{melt} = 2.3 ± 0.3 wt%. The temperature is in agreement with the thermometric relationships on pyroxene and with the observed composition of natural biotite and glass (Fig. 5). Suggested conditions also reproduce the phenocryst abundance observed in the first erupted pumices (20–30 wt%). The fact that the experiments performed at around NNO+1 reproduce the compositions of Fe/Mg bearing phases suggests that similar redox conditions were prevailing in the reservoir, as concluded by Pichavant et al. (2014) for primitive magma batches feeding the reservoir.

6.3. Volcanological implications

The experimental study on phase equilibria allowed us to define the pre-eruptive conditions of the products of the Vesuvius eruption of 1631, in terms of pressure, temperature and magma water contents. The pre-eruptive conditions are essentially similar to those inferred for that eruption, on petrological grounds only and by similarity with the experimental results obtained on the products of the AD472 Pollena eruption of Vesuvius, by Scaillet et al. (2008). In detail, the comparison with pre-eruptive conditions inferred for the AD472 Pollena event indicates that the average minimum temperature of the extruded 1631 magma was 100 to 150 °C hotter than that for Pollena. This is direct evidence for either an increased mass flux of mafic magmas entering the system or for a smaller residence time between eruptive events, or both, perhaps favoured by the shallower storage conditions relative to the pre-Pompeii state, an evolution already inferred on petrological and geochemical grounds (Santacroce et al., 2008).

Our results thus confirm that, following the AD79 Pompeii eruption, magma storage conditions at Vesuvius significantly changed, in particular with the activation of a shallower reservoir where magma could stall at low pressure before being erupted and by an increase in the temperature of the apical portion of the feeding reservoir. This change in the plumbing system also coincided with an important increase in the alkali content of the magma involved in the AD79 activity (Santacroce et al., 2008). Conditions of shallower magma storage possibly persisted during the last 2000 years of activity, as also suggested by melt inclusion data on the products of the last Vesuvius eruption in 1944 (Marianelli et al., 1999). It is worth stressing that crystallization of the parental magma feeding this shallower reservoir also occurred at depths greater

than 8–10 km (> 200 MPa; Marianelli et al., 2005; Pichavant et al., 2014), which altogether suggests the persistence of magma stalling around this depth throughout the entire activity of Somma-Vesuvius.

Experimental data on the 1631 products also suggest that magma, stored at around 100 MPa, was water-undersaturated. We stress here that pressure conditions significantly higher than 100 MPa seem pre-cluded, in view of the diminished stability of Leucite at high pressures (Scaillet et al., 2008). All these facts can be crucial to interpretation of monitoring signals associated to magma unrest; in fact, the conditions of H₂O undersaturation imply that if the reservoir was fluid-saturated (as suggested by the interpretation of precursory signals to the eruption; Bertagnini et al., 2006; Principe and Marini, 2008), then the coexisting fluid had a significant amount of CO₂, with XCO₂ fluid in the range 0.4–0.5 (Fig. 3). This is also consistent with many observations concerning carbonate assimilation by Vesuvius magmas (e.g., Iacono-Marziano et al., 2009; Stabile and Carroll, 2020).

Hence, any fluid phase escaping a 1631-like reservoir should be marked by CO₂-rich gases emanating at the surface (compared to the case of Pollena AD472, with a reservoir capped by a cold and water-rich phonolitic magma with XCO₂ fluid <0.1, Scaillet et al., 2008). The processes of CO₂ flushing, possibly supplied by early crystallization of mafic magma at depth (Marianelli et al., 2005; Pichavant et al., 2014) or thermal/metasomatic decarbonation of the basement (Iacono-Marziano et al., 2009; Dallai et al., 2011), could help in sustaining a CO₂-rich fluid phase at these shallow depths.

7. Conclusions

The described phase equilibria had no particular problem in replicating the petrographical features of the studied rock, including mineral phase and residual glass compositions. The logical conclusion is that near-equilibrium conditions, in particular at the crystal rim-melt interface, were prevailing in the top part of the tapped reservoir prior to eruption. This observation should be integrated in models aimed at deciphering the triggering mechanism of the 1631 eruption. Pre-eruptive conditions for 1631 magma can be fixed at P = 100 MPa, (mainly based on previous studies; Scaillet et al., 2008; Balcone-Boissard et al., 2016), temperature of 950 ± 30° and H₂O_{melt} = 2.3 ± 0.3 wt%, corresponding to an XH₂O_{fluid-final} around 0.5–0.6, for an oxygen fugacity around NNO+1. These conditions suggest the presence in the shallow reservoir of a CO₂-rich fluid phase, possibly fuelled by CO₂-rich fluids emanating from magma crystallization and/or interaction with the carbonate basement at deeper levels of the plumbing system. Such a two-level system functioning should be considered in the interpretation of geochemical monitoring data in case of a next reactivation of the volcano.

The evidence of magma storage at 3–4 km depth agrees with what is already observed for other eruptions of the post-AD79 period, confirming the shallowing of magma reservoirs in the recent evolution of the Somma-Vesuvius volcanic complex.

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