

Biotite/melt trace-element, lithium, and F-OH partitioning in silicate magmas

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Abstract

Biotite is a key hydrous silicate mineral in evolved magmatic systems, but its control on the behaviour of minor- and trace-elements, in particular Li, Nb, F and the REE is not well understood. Here, we quantify that control in sodic (per)alkaline H_2O -saturated magmas with variable F-content through crystallisation experiments at 650–800°C and 200 MPa total pressure, at $\log fO_2 \approx FMQ + 1$. Biotite-glass pairs from tephriphonolite to phonolite fall deposits from Tenerife, Canary Islands, and a broad compilation from literature, complement our experimental data set. The new biotite-melt $Kd_{F/OH}$ exchange coefficients are 2.9–47.0, typically 6.5–12.5, with minima for Al-rich, Mg-poor biotite. Nernst partition coefficients (D) for lithium are 0.24–32.8 with minima in F-poor biotite formed at high temperatures from peraluminous silicate melt. D values for the large alkali metal ions Na–Cs define Onuma parabolae consistent with their incorporation on the biotite $X^{II}A$ -site. Niobium partition coefficients are 0.1–1.2, and highest in Ti-rich biotite. The REE and actinides have D values less than 0.01 as their ionic radii fall between the size of the $X^{II}A$ -site and $V^{IV}M$ -sites of biotite. Our data, alongside a literature compilation, constrain empirical models that: (1) describe the exchange of F and OH between the silicate melt and the biotite W-site; (2) predict the partitioning of 1+ cations Li–Cs between silicate melt and the biotite A- and M-sites; (3) predict D_{Nb} values. The models use the major-element composition of biotite and silicate melt, pressure and temperature as input. Models are calibrated for use over a wide range of pressure, temperature and bulk composition (P - T - X) and can be used to interrogate biotite from natural systems to determine the composition of their source melt, or to forward model the trace-element evolution of mafic to evolved peralkaline syenite or peraluminous granite systems at upper-mantle to crustal pressures.

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1 Introduction

2 Biotite forms in a wide variety of natural settings and is estimated to comprise up to 8% of the
3 exposed continental crust (Nesbitt & Young, 1984). The biotite series are trioctahedral micas with
4 a structure that comprises two opposing sheets of tetrahedrally-coordinated cations, with a sheet of
5 larger octahedrally-coordinated cations sandwiched between (Rayner 1974; Brigatti & Guggenheim 2002;
6 Fleet 2003; see inset to Fig. 7 below). Biotite mica has the general formula $A M_3 T_4 O_{10} W_2$ where A are
7 large, dominantly monovalent, interlayer cations that are twelve-fold coordinated (K, Na, Ba), M are
8 octahedrally coordinated cations (Li, Mg, Fe^{2+} , Al, Fe^{3+} , Ti) split into two M1 sites and one slightly
9 smaller M2 site, T are tetrahedrally coordinated cations (Si, Al, Fe^{3+}), and W (sometimes known as
10 the X- or OH-site) are dominantly monovalent anions that are positioned perpendicular to the plane of
11 the silicate sheets (OH^- , F^- , O^{2-} with minor Cl^-).

12 The composition of igneous biotite tracks that of their co-existing melts, with Mg-rich phlogopite stable
13 in calc-alkaline arc systems and in small-fraction lithospheric mantle melts (e.g., Abdel-Rahman, 1994;
14 LaTourrette *et al.*, 1995; Ezad & Foley, 2022), and Fe^{2+} -rich annite stable in (per)alkaline magmatic
15 systems (Finch *et al.*, 1995; Möller & Williams-Jones, 2016). Trioctahedral micas in peraluminous
16 granites are mostly magnesian annite ($Fe^{2+}/(Fe^{2+}+Mg) = 0.63\text{--}0.68$), with high M-site Al contents
17 ($^{M}Al = 0.35\text{--}0.64$ cfpf; Brigatti & Guggenheim 2002) whereas biotite in metaluminous, commonly I-
18 type granites such as the Sierra Nevada batholith in California, USA have intermediate $Fe^{2+}/(Fe^{2+} +$
19 Mg) of ca. 0.48–0.41, and low Ti content up to 0.02 cfpf (Gray *et al.*, 2008).

20 As a major hydrous silicate mineral in both crustal and upper mantle environments, biotite is an
21 important host for volatile components including water, fluorine (London, 1997; Grégoire *et al.*, 2002;
22 Dolejš & Baker, 2007; Aiuppa *et al.*, 2009; Ezad & Foley, 2022) and lithium (Ellis *et al.*, 2022; Kunz
23 *et al.*, 2022; Neukampf *et al.*, 2023). Most igneous biotite have molar $F/(F + Cl + OH) < 0.4$, with
24 biotite hosting 70–90% of the F in muscovite- and fluorite-free granitoids (Speer, 1984). Mg-F rich
25 metasomatic biotite has been reported from Mt Etna and a number of other potassic volcanoes in Italy
26 (Gianfagna *et al.*, 2007) and is associated with porphyry copper deposits (Speer, 1984).

The behaviour of the halogen fluorine is of particular interest because it reduces both the liquidus and solidus temperature of most silicate assemblages (Wyllie & Tuttle, 1961), the viscosity of silicate melts (Dingwell *et al.*, 1985) and impacts the mineralogy and major-element composition of crystallising phases (Giehl *et al.*, 2014; Beard *et al.*, 2020). In alkaline-silicate systems, fluorine is thought to play a key role in the orthomagmatic enrichment of the REE, HFSE and U (London, 1987; Linnen *et al.*, 2012; Marks & Markl, 2017; Siegel *et al.*, 2018; Beard *et al.*, 2023). This role is, at least in part, because fluorine complexes directly with REE in silicate melt (Ponader & Brown Jr., 1989) and influences the medium-range structural environment around HFSE⁴⁺ cations (Farges, 1996), reducing their activity and thus availability for incorporation into silicate minerals (Beard *et al.*, 2020). The limited effect of fluorine on the solubility of Mn-columbite and Mn-tantalite, and small positive effect on the solubility of zircon and hafnon indicates that fluorine has a smaller influence on the budget of 5+ and 4+ HFSE cations in magmas relative to REE (Aseri *et al.*, 2015). Temperature and melt ASI (molar $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/(\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O} + \text{CaO})$) appear to be the dominant controls on HFSE phase saturation. Fluorine in the melt thereby promotes residual enrichment of the REE and, to a lesser extent, HFSE during crystallisation of alkaline magmatic systems. To a certain degree fluorine, along with the alkalis, explains the high concentration of REE and HFSE in some of the most evolved peralkaline rocks. Fluorine can also trigger liquid immiscibility, which can further segregate and concentrate the REE and HFSE (Vasyukova & Williams-Jones, 2016; Yang & van Hinsberg, 2019).

Because biotite has the highest Li concentration of the major mineral phases in alkaline and calc-alkaline volcanic suites, the crystallisation or destabilisation of biotite represents a major control on the lithium budget of silicate melts, and of crustal igneous systems globally (Ellis *et al.*, 2022; Neukampf *et al.*, 2023). Major economic deposits of lithium occur in LCT (Li-Cs-Ta) pegmatites associated with evolved peraluminous igneous systems (Linnen *et al.*, 2012; London, 2018; Gardiner *et al.*, 2024). However, forward modelling of the processes responsible for the enrichment of their contained lithium have mostly been limited to use of fixed $D_{\text{Li}}^{\text{mineral/melt}}$ values (e.g., Koopmans *et al.* 2024), despite broad reported variation that spans incompatible to compatible behaviour (see Horányi *et al.* 2025; Morris *et al.* 2026, accepted). Only a few studies have presented experimental Li partition coefficients (Icenhower & London, 1995; LaTourrette *et al.*, 1995; Schmidt *et al.*, 1999; Evensen & London, 2002; Adam & Green, 2006; Pichavant *et al.*, 2016; Horányi *et al.*, 2025) most likely due to challenges with analyses of Li via EPMA, and contamination of ICP-MS instruments with lithium metaborate flux.

57 None to our knowledge have presented continuous functions that describe lithium partitioning among
58 biotite and silicate melt.

59 Biotite has been produced experimentally over a wide range of temperatures and pressures (500–1430
60 °C, 1 atm to 5 GPa, LEPR database; Hirschmann *et al.*, 2008), with Mg-rich biotite stable at high
61 temperature and pressure relative to Fe-rich varieties. The presence of fluorine expands biotite stability
62 to higher temperatures (by up to ~500 °C; Munoz 1984; Peterson *et al.* 1991) and to atmospheric
63 pressure (e.g. Hammouda & Cherniak, 2000).

64 Experimental investigations have also studied biotite-melt partitioning of minor- and trace-elements
65 at a range of conditions, including in mafic bulk compositions at upper mantle pressures (15–30 kbar;
66 Guo & Green 1990; LaTourrette *et al.* 1995; Schmidt *et al.* 1999; Green *et al.* 2000; Adam & Green
67 2006), granitic systems (Icenhower & London, 1995, 1997; Lukkari & Holtz, 2007) and moderately
68 evolved alkaline silicate compositions at upper crustal pressures (0.76–2 kbar; Righter & Carmichael
69 1996; Fabbrizio & Carroll 2008; Zhang *et al.* 2022). These element partitioning studies indicate that
70 biotite readily incorporates the LILE and HFSE, but not the REE or actinides (see compilation in
71 Appendix B). However, none of these studies targeted peralkaline systems, where F-OH exchange may
72 be influenced by short-range order between F and excess alkalies in the silicate melt (Dolejš & Baker,
73 2006) and trace-element partitioning may be controlled by different exchange mechanisms relative to
74 those active in less-evolved igneous systems (cf. Beard *et al.* 2019).

75 Here, we investigate the effects of biotite composition and temperature on the uptake of minor- and
76 trace-elements in silica-undersaturated alkaline and peralkaline silicate melts at varying F contents.
77 We combine experiments at 200 MPa with biotite phenocryst-glass pairs from phonolitic pumice fall
78 deposits, and collate biotite-melt partitioning experiments from the literature that simulate mafic to
79 evolved systems, including granites. We then characterise the mineral and melt compositional controls
80 on element partitioning behaviour and present empirical models for fluoride-hydroxyl exchange (cf. Riker
81 *et al.* 2018; Zhang *et al.* 2022), the partitioning of Li and Nb, and a lattice-strain model for partitioning
82 of the large 1+ ions Na–Cs. These new element partitioning models can be used to predict the evolution
83 of element budgets during magmatic differentiation, as well as providing a tool to reconstruct parental
84 melt compositions from analyses of biotite in natural igneous rocks.

Methodology

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Experimental techniques

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Biotite was synthesised in sodic alkaline melts of tephriphonolite to phonolite composition to obtain a range of mineral compositions consistent with those in natural alkaline-silicate magmas. Three synthetic, trace-element doped starting glass compositions were investigated (compositions M3, M5 and H5 from Beard *et al.*, 2019, Table 1), and fluorine was added to some of the charges as trace metal grade 40% hydrofluoric acid (Beard *et al.* 2020; see Appendix B). Powders of starting glass (0.125–0.190 g) were loaded into platinum capsules of 3.0–3.5 mm internal diameter and 16–25 mm length, with distilled water in excess of saturation \pm HF added immediately prior to closure and welding. Capsule mass was monitored throughout the loading procedure and verified after the experiments to check for leaks.

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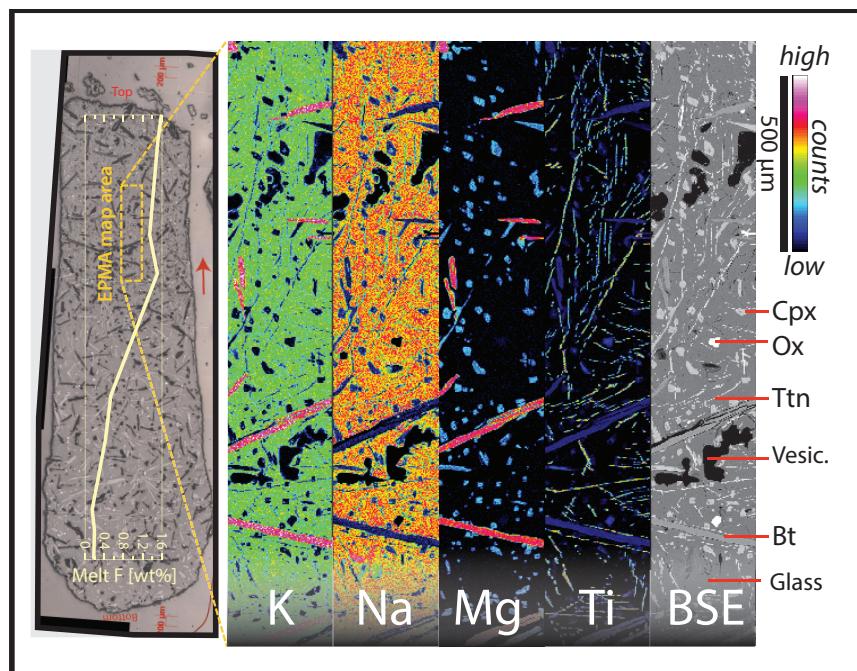


Figure 1 Reflected light micrograph and major-element abundance maps for experiment M3 1.25F, as measured by wavelength dispersive spectrometry. The thick cream line in the left panel shows the melt fluorine content at each vertical interval averaged over the capsule width. Bt = biotite; Cpx = clinopyroxene; Ttn = titanite; Ox = Fe oxide minerals; Vesic. = vesicle of aqueous fluid.

95 Crystallisation experiments were conducted in Pt capsules in a Harwood-type internally heated
 96 pressure vessel in the HP-GeoMatS laboratory at the GeoForschungsZentrum, Potsdam, Germany.
 97 Run temperatures were chosen between liquidus and solidus for each of the compositions of interest,
 98 corresponding to 650 to 800°C at 200 MPa total pressure. Oxygen fugacity was buffered using an Ar-
 99 H₂ gas pressure medium, with exchange of H₂ through the experiment capsule walls resulting in log
 100 $f\text{O}_2 \approx \Delta\text{FMQ} + 1$ in our H₂O-saturated charges (see Berndt *et al.* 2002; Jugo *et al.* 2010). Our vessel
 101 did not feature a Shaw membrane for measurement and control of H₂ fugacity (Berndt *et al.*, 2002).
 102 Charges were placed into the apparatus, pressurised, then homogenised at 1100–1200°C for at least
 103 16 h. Following homogenisation, the charges were cooled to run temperature at 1°C/min to facilitate
 104 slow growth of crystals and to impede development of melt heterogeneities adjacent to phase boundaries.
 105 Temperature was then cycled twice between run temperature and run temperature + 10°C to encourage
 106 dissolution of small crystals at the expense of larger grains, and to promote crystal growth close to the
 107 run temperature (one cycle equals 30 min at T_{run}, 30 min at T_{run} + 10°C, then cooling to T_{run} at
 108 1°C/min). The final run temperature was held for >45 h to allow for homogenisation of the melt and
 109 Ostwald ripening of the biotite crystals. Capsules were then quenched to room temperature. Wherever
 110 possible, rapid quench apparatus was used to limit the growth of groundmass crystals. Here, the vessel
 111 was mounted vertically on a trunion, with capsules hung from a fusible Pt wire allowing them to fall out
 112 of the hot zone on experiment termination. Even without rapid quench apparatus, cooling to below the
 113 glass transition (< 350°C; Giordano *et al.* 2005) was achieved in less than 150 seconds. Following quench
 114 the capsules were weighed, pierced, dried and re-weighed, which confirmed in all cases the presence of
 115 a free fluid phase. Capsules were then torn open with pliers and charges split along their vertical axis
 116 with a low-speed wafering saw. Half of each charge was mounted in epoxy and polished for microanalysis
 117 (Fig. 1). A more detailed experimental methodology is presented in Beard *et al.* (2019, 2020).

118 Natural samples

119 Biotite crystals were separated from fifteen pyroclastic deposits from the Canary Islands with basanitic
 120 to phonolitic compositions (Appendix A, see Beard *et al.* 2019). The pumices and scoria were rinsed
 121 under tap water, dried at 110°C overnight, then gently hand crushed with a hammer. Crystals and
 122 glass fragments were hand-picked from sieved size fractions of 125–1180 µm, and 5–20 crystals of
 123 biotite from each sample were mounted in epoxy for microanalysis. The pyroclastic rocks also contain

augite clinopyroxene, anorthoclase to sanidine feldspars, \pm spinel, \pm amphibole, \pm olivine, \pm titanite, 124
 \pm sodalite (see analyses in Beard *et al.*, 2019). The glass analysed for partition coefficients was adhered 125
to the walls of the mounted clinopyroxene crystals. 126

The Canaries biotite are elongate faceted crystals with vesicular glass adhered to the surface of some 127
grains (Fig. 2). The mounted biotite crystals were examined using backscattered electron imagery and 128
all from the selected samples appeared to be free of chemical zoning. 129

Biotite crystals from all of the samples were analysed by electron probe microanalyser (EPMA) 130
to determine their major-element composition (Fig. 3). A subset of four samples were selected for 131
determination of apparent biotite/melt trace-element partition coefficients by laser ablation ICP-MS 132
(Appendix B). These samples were chosen because, in addition to biotite, they contain unzoned crystals 133
of clinopyroxene, a mineral that readily records chemical and physical perturbations to the magmatic 134
system during growth (e.g., Ubide *et al.* 2019; Masotta *et al.* 2020). The clinopyroxene-melt pairs within 135
these fall deposits preserve near-equilibrium crystallisation (Beard *et al.*, 2019), and their biotite most 136
probably formed under similar conditions. The samples comprise phonolitic, plinian fall deposits from 137
the ~ 2 ka eruptions of Montaña Blanca (units LMB and UMB-II) and Pico Viejo, Tenerife (Ablay 138
et al., 1995), as well as a basanite pyroclastic deposit from Montaña Samara, a monogenetic cinder 139
cone, also on Tenerife (Albert *et al.*, 2015). Pre-eruptive magma storage conditions for Montaña Blanca 140
unit UMB-II have been constrained with phase equilibrium experiments to be $850 \pm 15^\circ\text{C}$, 50 ± 20 MPa, 141
with 2.5 ± 0.5 wt% H_2O at $\log f\text{O}_2 \approx \Delta\text{NNO} - 0.5$ (Andújar & Scaillet, 2012). 142

Analytical techniques 143

Electron probe analysis 144

Major-element compositions of the experiment run products and natural biotite and glass were measured 145
using a JEOL 8900 instrument at McGill University and a JEOL 8230 instrument at the University of 146
Ottawa, with analyses calibrated using natural mineral standards. Biotite crystals were measured with 147
a 15 nA beam of 2–5 μm diameter, accelerated by a potential of 15 kV. Quenched melts were measured 148
with a 4 nA beam of 50 μm diameter. At Ottawa, all major-elements, including fluorine, were measured 149
for 60 s. At McGill, counting times for the elements Al, K, Fe, Na, Si, Mg and Ca were 20 s, Cl 30 s, Ti 150
40 s and F 150 s. For fluorine, a notoriously challenging element to measure, we used TAP diffraction 151

152 crystals with intensities calibrated against natural fluorite reference materials. Fluorine detection limits
153 at Ottawa were \sim 275 ppm and at McGill were \sim 1100–3600 ppm. With these routines, we observed no
154 sodium loss, nor amplification of signals for the rest of the major-elements over the measurement time
155 period (e.g., Al, F; Morgan vi & London 2005). Melt compositions for the Canary Islands rocks were
156 determined by analyses of glass rims adhered to clinopyroxene grains separated from the same samples
157 (see Beard *et al.*, 2019).

158 Data for two mica and twelve glass secondary standards are in Appendix B. Reproducibility of major
159 and minor element oxide abundance in mica standards is 1–7% RSD (1σ) and for F and Cl is 8.7–13.6%.
160 Accuracy relative to GeoRem compiled values is better than 10%, except for Na and Cl, which are
161 within 20%. Glass secondary standard reproducibility ranges from 0.17–1.06% for SiO_2 and is better
162 than 5% for most major elements (± 1 wt.%).

163 Laser ablation ICP-MS

164 The trace-element concentrations of biotite crystals and glass were measured with a NewWave 213 nm
165 Nd-YAG laser system coupled to a Thermo Finnigan iCAP-Qc quadrupole ICP-MS instrument at McGill
166 University. A pulse frequency of 10 Hz was used, and beam fluence was typically 6–10 J/cm^2 . Ablated
167 material was carried to the ICP-MS instrument in a He flow of 800 mL/min and mixed with Ar prior to
168 injection into the plasma. The primary standard glass BCR-2G was used to monitor and correct for drift,
169 and accuracy was determined by the analyses of secondary standards NIST-610, USGS-RGM-1 rhyolite,
170 UTR-2 peralkaline rhyolite glass, and Mg-mica and Fe-mica reference materials. Sample surfaces were
171 pre-ablated to remove residues from polishing and to improve coupling between the laser beam and
172 sample. A list of analytes with typical precision, as determined from multiple analyses of reference
173 materials, is given in Appendix B.

174 Experiment biotite crystals were measured with a beam of 12–40 μm diameter, along line scans of
175 4–12 $\mu\text{m/s}$, with 5–15 grains measured per experimental charge. To minimise downhole fractionation
176 among analytes we used faster scans where target phases required a smaller beam size. Experiment
177 glass was measured with a beam size of 20–60 μm along line scans at 4–8 $\mu\text{m/s}$, and 8–16 areas of glass
178 were measured per charge. These settings resulted in ca. 4–60 sec of signal per analysis. Canary Islands
179 biotite crystals were analysed along line transects at 4 $\mu\text{m/s}$ with a beam of 40 μm diameter and fluence

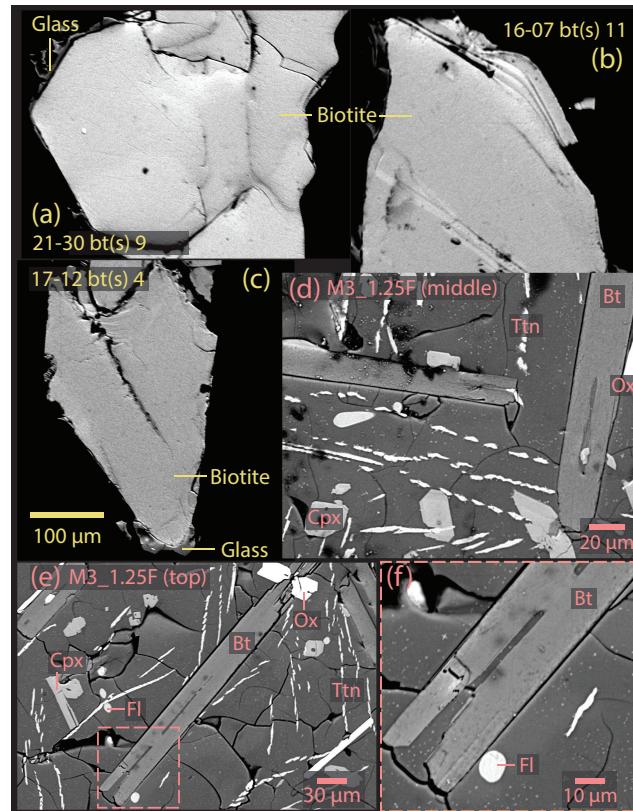


Figure 2 Canary Islands biotite (a–c; yellow annotations, all same scale) are faceted and show no zonation in backscattered electron images (BSE). Some have vesicular glass adhered to their margins. Experiment biotite (d–f; pink annotations) also show no zonation in BSE, and commonly preserve melt inclusions. Occasionally, biotite also enclose clinopyroxene (d). Bt = biotite; Cpx = clinopyroxene; Ttn = titanite; Ox = Fe oxide mineral; Fl = fluorite.

of 9.5 J/cm². A total of 4–10 crystals of biotite were measured per sample. Corresponding quenched 180 melts were measured with a static beam of 20–30 μm. 181

Drift corrections and data reduction were performed with the Iolite v2.5 software (Paton *et al.*, 2011), 182 running in the Igor Pro environment. For the glass and Canary Islands biotite, the Al concentration 183 from electron probe analyses was used as an internal standard. For the majority of biotite crystals in the 184 experimental charges, mixed analyses of biotite and glass resulted. In this case, a robust linear unmixing 185 model was applied to determine the trace-element composition of these crystals using their Mg/Al ratio 186 as determined by electron probe to constrain mixing ratios (see Appendix C, cf. Rubatto & Hermann 187 2007; Yang *et al.* 2018; Beard *et al.* 2019, 2020). For some samples, glass analyses by LA-ICP-MS also 188 required unmixing, and here the mixing ratio was constrained using the Na/Al ratio as determined by 189

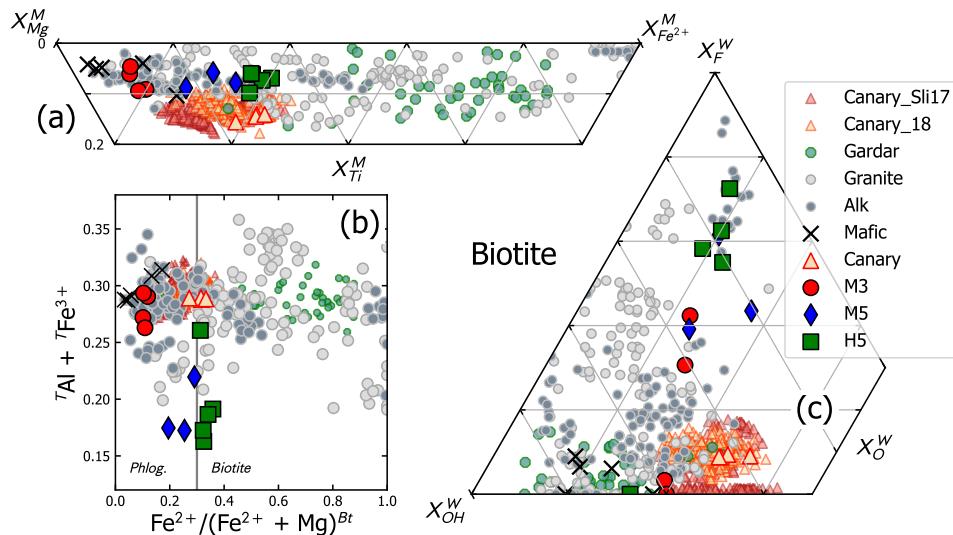


Figure 3 Major-element compositions of biotite from the Canary Islands pyroclastic rocks, compared with those produced in the experiments. (a) M-site Fe^{2+} , Mg, Ti ternary diagram; (b) Tetrahedral $\text{Al} + \text{Fe}^{3+}$ vs. $\text{Fe}^{2+}/(\text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Mg})$ ratio for biotite; (c) W-site F^- , OH^- , O^{2-} ternary diagram. Lattice site occupancies are calculated based on a total cation charge of 22 per formula unit following Li *et al.* (2020). Literature experiment biotite are divided into: Granite, Alk, and Mafic based on their glass compositions (Full references in Appendix B). Canary Islands biotite compilations not used in determination of partition coefficients from Sliwinski *et al.* (2017) and Beard (2018). Gardar Province biotite from Finch *et al.* (1995).

190 electron probe analysis. A series of three MATLAB scripts for reduction of laser ablation data from
 191 both unmixed and mixed analyses are available in Appendix C.

192 Results

193 Experiment run products

194 Results were obtained for eight experimental charges (Tables 2–3). The experiments equilibrated at
 195 near-liquidus conditions (< 35% crystals, Figs. 1, 2), and glass in most charges is free of quench
 196 crystals. Charges run without fluorine are homogeneous with respect to melt composition and phase
 197 proportions, containing an assemblage of quenched melt, aqueous fluid, biotite, sodic clinopyroxene
 198 \pm magnetite \pm titanite \pm alkali feldspar. Charges run with fluorine contain quenched melt, aqueous
 199 fluid, biotite \pm sodic clinopyroxene \pm Fe-oxide \pm F-rich titanite \pm fluorite \pm a F-Ti-Ca-Na phase with
 200 a composition consistent with the sorosilicate minerals hiordahlite and kochite. The fluorine-bearing

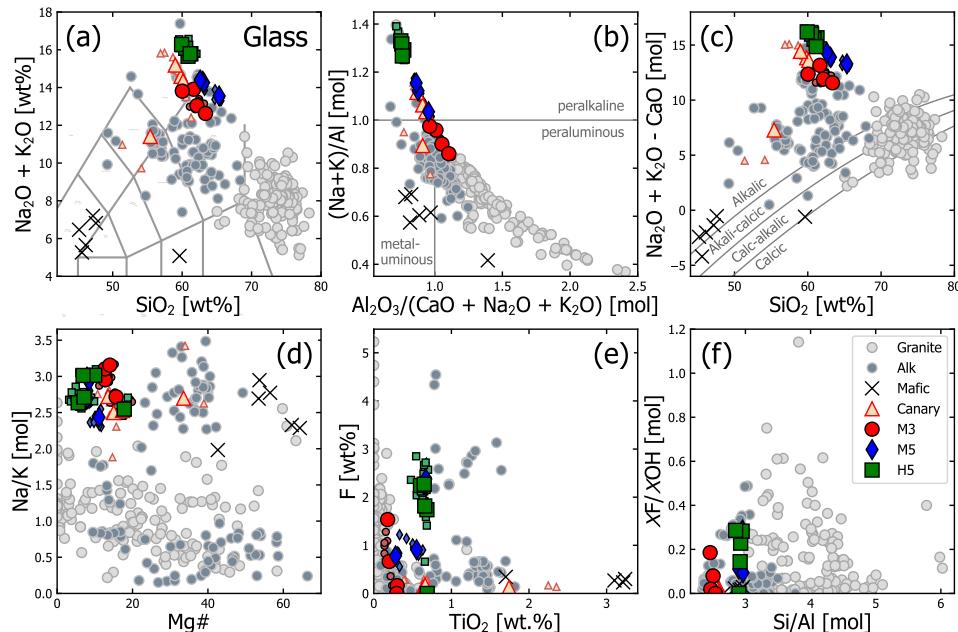


Figure 4 Major-element compositions of quenched melt from experiments and Canary Islands pyroclastic rocks (subset for partitioning). Small symbols are individual EPMA points, and larger ones are averages per experiment zone or natural sample. Literature data for 'Alk', 'Mafic', and 'Granite' as in Figure 3. (a) is a total alkalies vs. silica diagram, showing that our experiment quenched melts are trachyte to phonolite in composition; (b) shows their per-/metaluminous to peralkaline compositions; (c) shows glass compositions on a granite classification diagram from Frost *et al.* (2001); (d) shows their low Mg# and high Na/K compositions; (e) shows glass TiO₂ and F content, and; (f) the proportion of F⁻ to OH⁻ anions versus molar Si/Al ratio.

charges are internally zoned, with higher quenched melt fluorine contents and greater modes of fluorine-rich biotite and titanite toward their top, grading to clinopyroxene-rich assemblages toward their bottom (maximum melt F variation in a single capsule was 0.16–1.57 wt.%; see Fig. 1). Vertical variation in fluorine concentration results from addition of concentrated HF to the top of capsules and subsequent downward migration of fluorine through the charges. The concentration of other major-elements in quenched melt show limited variation with position in the capsule, with small offsets associated with changes to phase relations that follow melt fluorine. While capsule-wide equilibrium was not attained, our earlier Cpx/melt study that uses these same charges demonstrated close approach to local equilibrium between minerals and melt (Beard *et al.*, 2020). Phase relations and Cpx/melt partition coefficients are similar among charges with differing fluorine concentration gradients, as well as with unzoned charges where fluorine was pre-homogenised throughout the starting glass. A detailed description of

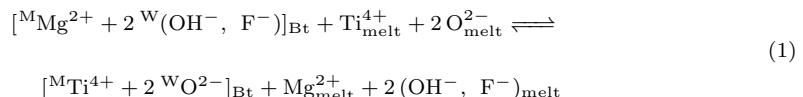
212 the textures, phase relations and variations in melt chemistry, and a discussion of the implications of
 213 capsule stratification are presented in Beard *et al.* (2020).

214 Capsules with a melt fluorine gradient are split into up to five zones for a total of 39 zones including
 215 the fluorine-free compositions. A total of twelve zones contain biotite and are discussed below.

216 **Biotite compositions**

217 Major-element compositions of the experiment and natural biotite are given in Table 2 and Figure 3
 218 & S1. Major- and minor-element ions were assigned to lattice sites following the method of Li *et al.*
 219 (2020), including the $\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ratio, Li, and the proportions of fluorine, hydroxyl, O^{2-} and chlorine
 220 at the biotite W-site (calculations are for a charge of 22 per formula unit). This method is based on
 221 a principle component regression machine learning model, calibrated on a training set of 155 biotite
 222 references with measured chemistry and crystal structural refinement. Absolute errors reported for this
 223 model are ± 0.2 apfu for octahedral Fe^{2+} , octahedral Al^{3+} and OH^- at the W site, and ± 0.3 apfu for
 224 total Fe^{3+} and WO^{2-} .

225 Biotite crystals from the experiments are phlogopite to fluorophlogopite following Rieder *et al.* (1998),
 226 with molar Mg# of 57–78, tetrahedral Al of 0.43–1.14 c.f.u., octahedral Al of 0.04–0.34 c.f.u., Ti of 0.13–
 227 0.26 c.f.u. and F contents of 0–1.45 a.f.u (Fig. 3). With increasing fluorine content in the synthesised
 228 biotite, ${}^{\text{IV}}\text{Al}$ exchanges for ${}^{\text{IV}}\text{Si}$ (Fig. S1a), and ${}^{\text{VI}}\text{Ti}$ exchanges for ${}^{\text{VI}}\text{Mg}$ (Fig. S1b), the latter consistent
 229 with the Ti-oxy-hydroxide coupled substitution mechanism reported by Schmidt *et al.* (1999):



231 Further, potassium at the A-site increases at the expense of sodium with increasing fluorine at the
 232 biotite W site. These trends are observed across all experiment bulk compositions.

233 The Canary Islands crystals selected for this partitioning study (large triangles in Fig. 3) are phlogopite
 234 to biotite in composition and sit toward the upper end of the $\text{X}_{\text{Ti}}^{\text{M}}$ and $\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Mg}$ range defined by
 235 a larger Canaries biotite dataset (including our measurements and those from Sliwinski *et al.* 2017). They
 236 show no notable zonation in BSE intensity across grains, suggesting minimal compositional variation

during growth (Fig. 2). When compared to our experiment biotite, the Canaries minerals extend the 237 compositional range to slightly lower Mg# (54–72), higher ^{IV}Al (1.05–1.30 c.f.u.) and Ti (0.23–0.44 238 c.f.u.), and have a narrower range of F contents (0.05–0.30 a.f.u.). The Canary Islands biotite follow 239 compositional trends defined by the experiment biotite and additionally display a positive correlation 240 between Mn and F content (the experiments are Mn-free). 241

The most abundant trace-elements in both the experiment and natural biotite are Ba and Rb (ca. 100– 242 3700 & 200–350 µg/g, respectively). Our Canary Islands biotite have Ba, Zr, Sr and Nb concentrations 243 that fall within the typical range for biotite from Tenerife zoned phonolitic ignimbrites (Sliwinski *et al.*, 244 2017). They have Li contents of 3.5–28 µg/g and REE contents close to or below the detection limit of 245 our setup (ca. 0.1 µg/g). 246

Glass compositions 247

Quenched silicate melts from the experiments are trachyte and phonolite on the TAS classification of Le 248 Maitre *et al.* (2005), with molar (Na + K)/Al of 0.86–1.34, Mg# of 6–14, and F contents of up to 2.85 249 wt.% (Fig. 4). The final experiment glasses have higher SiO₂ and lower FeO_T, MgO and CaO relative 250 to their respective starting material, consistent with crystallisation of the produced mineral phases. A 251 superliquidus experiment using the H5 composition lost 0.82% FeO_T relative to its starting glass via 252 alloying with the Pt capsule (see Beard *et al.* 2019). This alloying phenomenon will contribute to changes 253 in experiment Mg#, but is not enough to explain the all of the Fe-Mg systematics of the experiment 254 glass data set. The Canary Islands tephra glasses are tephriphonolite and phonolite and overlap with the 255 composition of experiment glass with molar (Na + K)/Al 0.78–1.16 and F contents <0.07–0.28 wt.%. 256 Canary Islands glass extends to higher Mg# (13–39) than the experiments. 257

All experiments produced an aqueous fluid phase in addition to silicate melt. The water content of 258 the silicate melt was estimated as 6.19–7.62 wt.% using a solubility model calibrated on andesite and 259 rhyolite compositions that takes into account the effects of fluorine (Zhang *et al.*, 2022). The model 260 assigns water dissolved in the silicate melt to molecular water (H₂O_m) and hydroxyl species (OH[−]) 261 using equilibrium constants for water dissociation from Botcharnikov *et al.* (2006), which are optimised 262 for andesitic melts. This approach is valid as there is little variation in water dissociation constants 263 between rhyolitic and basaltic melts (Behrens, 2020). Following this scheme, X_F/X_{OH} for the quenched 264 melt in our fluorine-bearing experiments is 0.02–0.29. The melt ratio of non-bridging oxygen anions 265

266 per tetrahedrally coordinated cation (NBO/T) was calculated following Mills (1993). This calculation
267 method does not consider the potential role of ferric iron, nor that of water or the halogens. It was
268 chosen to maximise applicability of our empirical models, especially considering scenarios where only
269 routine whole-rock geochemical measurements have been made.

270 Discussion

271 The attainment of equilibrium between biotite and silicate melt

272 Close approach to local equilibrium in the experiments is indicated by consistency of results among
273 duplicate charges, and in the case of experiments with vertical zonation in fluorine content, in vertical
274 zones within charges (see below, for both Cpx/melt and Bt/melt D values; cf. Beard *et al.* 2020) and the
275 presence of mineral phases with limited to no chemical zoning. Biotite crystals from our experiments are
276 homogeneous with respect to major-element compositions, as determined from EPMA mapping (Fig. 1),
277 although they are too small to assess whether zonation of trace-elements is present. Quenched melts
278 are homogeneous with respect to both major- and trace-elements, showing no discernible gradients in
279 composition adjacent to crystal boundaries. Zonation of lanthanides within clinopyroxene from the same
280 experiments is minimal (Beard *et al.*, 2019, 2020), suggesting that trace-element zonation within the
281 experimental biotite would also be minor.

282 Numerous fluorine-bearing charges in this study are vertically-zoned (Fig. 1), an effect attributed
283 to the incomplete homogenisation of fluorine, which was added as concentrated HF to the top of the
284 capsules (see discussion in Beard *et al.* 2020). For these charges, local equilibrium between the minerals
285 and melt is demonstrated by the following observations: (1) minerals and glass have the same composition
286 within horizontal bands of equal melt F content among separate experimental charges; (2) charges with
287 pre-homogenised fluorine contents (added as NaF & KF powders) developed similar mineral and melt
288 compositions for a given melt fluorine content, and return similar mineral/melt D values (Beard *et al.*,
289 2020); and (3) mineral compositions, melt compositions and partitioning behaviour are consistent among
290 experiments and natural samples, including literature data (Figs 3,4 and below).

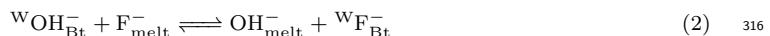
291 Homogenisation of major and trace-element concentrations within the mica structure is generally
292 assumed to occur quickly relative to that of inosilicates and the feldspar minerals, because biotite in
293 natural igneous systems rarely displays zonation (e.g., optical zonation related to composition, Deer

et al., 1992). Biotite grains that preserve major-element or trace-element zoning have been reported for 294
volcanic systems and pegmatites (Sliwinski *et al.*, 2017; Azadbakht & Lentz, 2020). The experimental 295
diffusion database for micas is limited, with published studies focused on the diffusion of LILE cations, 296
Ar, O, H, and the OH-F exchange (see review by Cherniak & Dimanov, 2010). For Sr, the activation 297
energy for diffusion in mica is significantly lower than that for hornblende, which in turn is lower than 298
for diopside. Diffusion in melt is faster. It can thus be assumed that our experiment biotite and glass 299
compositions represent the equilibrium partitioning of elements at the run conditions. 300

In the Canary Islands samples, biotite is unzoned in backscattered electron images (e.g., Fig. 2), and 301
the compositional consistency between crystals in each pyroclastic fall sample supports the hypothesis 302
of equilibrium. This interpretation is further corroborated by the presence of unzoned clinopyroxene in 303
the same samples that record a relatively constant physical and chemical environment in the magma 304
chamber during crystal growth (see Beard *et al.*, 2019). Icenhower & London (1997) suggested that 305
fluorine partition coefficients determined from pyroclastic rocks are biased toward higher values due to 306
oxidation reactions and reequilibration associated with degassing and decline of the $f\text{H}_2\text{O}/f\text{HF}$ ratio of 307
biotite. We do not see F-rich rims on biotite from our Canary Islands rocks, suggesting this phenomenon 308
does not affect our results. 309

F-OH exchange between biotite and silicate melt, and implications for Ti-in-biotite 310 thermometry 311

Biotite incorporates fluoride as a structural anion, replacing as much as 100% of the OH^- and O^{2-} 312
anions (e.g., Fig 3c), and can therefore exert a major control of the fluorine budget of alkaline-silicate 313
magmatic systems (Speer, 1984; Munoz, 1984). Fluoride can be incorporated into biotite via the following 314
exchange reaction: 315



Fluorine in the investigated system acts as a major to minor element, with its partitioning expected 317
to be in the Raoult's law domain. We therefore discuss the exchange of fluorine between biotite and 318
silicate melt in terms of exchange coefficients (K_d) rather than a Nernst partition coefficient (D); 319

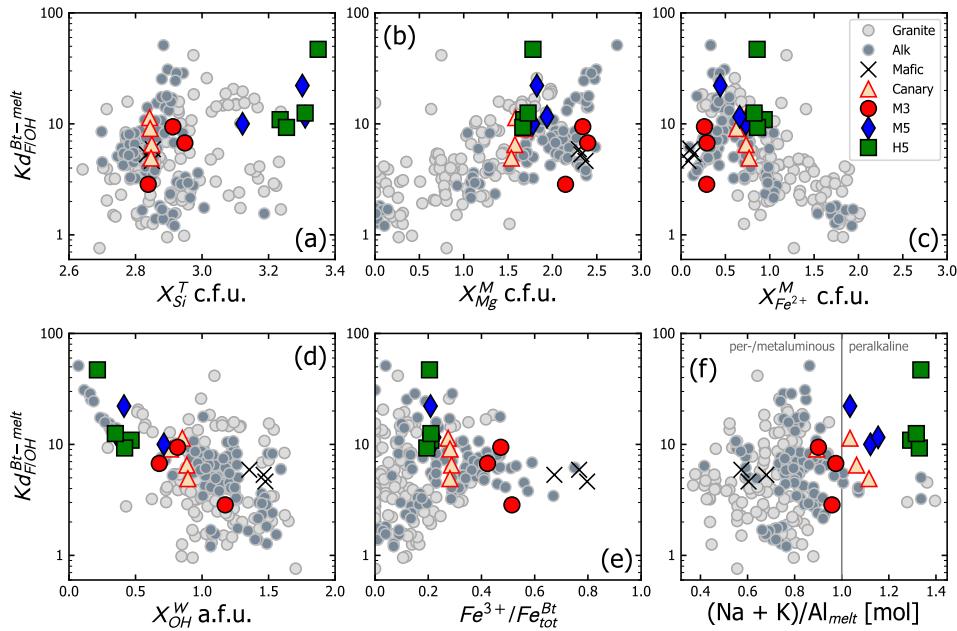


Figure 5 Biotite-melt fluorine/hydroxyl exchange coefficients vs. biotite and melt compositional parameters for our experiments and Canary Islands pyroclastic rocks, compared with literature experiments, labeled ‘Granite’, ‘Alk’, ‘Mafic’ (references are in Appendix B. a.f.u. is anions per formula unit, and c.f.u. cations, both of which are calculated for a total charge of 22 per formula unit following Li *et al.* (2020)).

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$$Kd_{\text{Ft-OH}}^{\text{Bt-melt}} = (X_{\text{F}}^{\text{Bt}} / X_{\text{OH}}^{\text{Bt}}) / (X_{\text{F}}^{\text{melt}} / X_{\text{OH}}^{\text{melt}}) \quad (3)$$

321 where X_{F}^{Bt} and $X_{\text{OH}}^{\text{Bt}}$ are mole fractions of F and OH on the biotite W site, and $X_{\text{F}}^{\text{melt}}$ and $X_{\text{OH}}^{\text{melt}}$
 322 are mole fractions of F^- and OH^- in the silicate melt. A spreadsheet to calculate these terms is provided
 323 in Appendix B.

324 The $Kd_{\text{Ft-OH}}^{\text{Bt-melt}}$ are 9.3–47.0 for our experiments, and 4.9–11.4 for the Canary Islands natural
 325 mineral-melt pairs (Fig. 5), ranges that are broadly consistent with literature experiments on granitic
 326 compositions (Icenhower & London 1997; 1.9–20.6), and on alkali-rich basalt to tephriphonolite
 327 compositions (Zhang *et al.* 2022; 6.1–51.1). This shows that F is compatible to highly compatible
 328 in biotite (for alkaline compositions in particular) and that if sufficient biotite is crystallising, it will
 329 deplete the residual melt of fluorine.

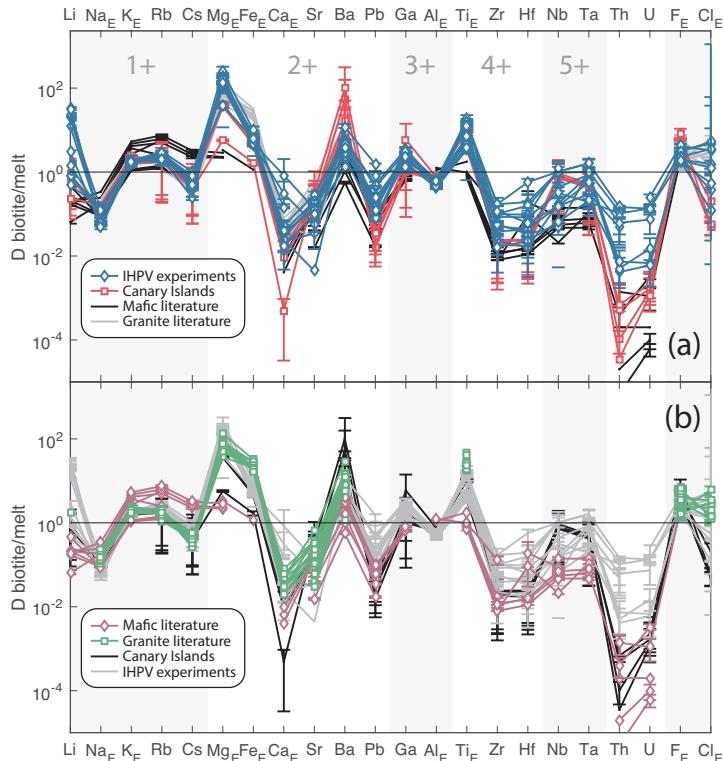


Figure 6 Biotite/melt element partition coefficients for experiments and Canary Islands pyroclastic rocks. Shown for comparison are published experimental partition coefficients for mafic compositions from Adam *et al.* (1993); LaTourrette *et al.* (1995); Schmidt *et al.* (1999); Green *et al.* (2000); Adam & Green (2006), and from granitic compositions from Ikenhauer & London (1995, 1997). Panel (a) and (b) show the same data in a different order and colour to aid readability. Elements with a subscript E are partition coefficients determined by EPMA (this study). All other D_i values determined for this study were measured by LA-ICP-MS.

In experiments containing greater concentrations of fluorine, the biotite are offset to higher Mg contents and lower Ti contents, indicating that the exchange mechanism (Eqn. 1) is driven to the left in biotite dominated by F rather than OH. This finding confirms that the Ti-in-biotite thermometer of Henry *et al.* (2005) should not be applied to fluorine-bearing systems since variations in fluorine content reduce the amount of Ti in biotite at a given Mg# and temperature, resulting in an over-prediction of temperature (also see Patiño Douce, 1993; Patiño Douce *et al.*, 1993; Li & Zhang, 2022).

Trace-element partitioning

Apparent Nernst partition coefficients (D values) are reported for twelve experimental and four Canary Islands biotite-glass pairs (Fig. 6, Table 4). D values are highly consistent among our experiments and

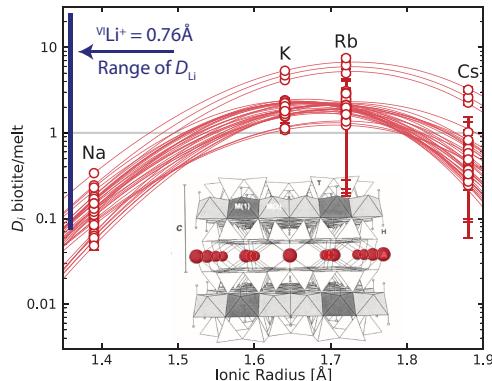


Figure 7 Onuma diagram for partitioning of 1+ cations between the mica ^{XII}A interlayer site and silicate melt (this study & literature). Note the range of D values for Li^+ , which is too small for the A-site. Mica structure from Brigatti & Guggenheim (2002). See Figure S5 for a comparison to lattice site sizes determined via X-ray diffraction (Brigatti & Guggenheim, 2002).

339 are broadly similar to those reported from existing experiments on mafic or granitic compositions (Adam
 340 *et al.* 1993; Icenhower & London 1995; LaTourrette *et al.* 1995; Schmidt *et al.* 1999; Green *et al.* 2000;
 341 Adam & Green 2006).

342 Biotite/melt partition coefficients for the large R^+ cations (Na, K, Rb, and Cs) cover a narrow range
 343 of values (Figs 6, S4), with K and Rb being compatible in biotite (D_{K} 1.43–2.67, D_{Rb} 1.74–3.08), and
 344 Na and Cs being incompatible to weakly compatible (D_{Na} 0.05–0.51, D_{Cs} 0.41–1.02). D values for these
 345 four monovalent ions define Onuma parabolae (Onuma *et al.*, 1968), consistent with their partitioning
 346 onto the twelve-fold coordinated A-site (interlayer) of biotite (Fig. 7). Increases to the fluorine content
 347 of the biotite subtly elevate partition coefficients for Rb while having little influence on the behaviour
 348 of Na, K and Cs (Fig. S4).

349 Lithium is weakly incompatible to strongly compatible in biotite, with D_{Li} values in our experiments
 350 and natural samples from 0.24–32.8 that are decoupled from those for larger R^+ cations (Fig. 6).
 351 This decoupling results from the Li^+ cation being too small for the XII A-site, and instead sitting in
 352 the octahedral M-sites of the biotite lattice (${}^{\text{VI}}\text{Li} = 0.76 \text{ \AA}$; with M-site radii from X-ray diffraction
 353 on natural biotite = 0.50–0.86 \AA ; Brigatti & Guggenheim 2002, Fig. 7). Our apparent D_{Li} values
 354 overlap partly with compiled experimental studies on mafic and granitic compositions. There is excellent
 355 correspondence of D_{Li} between the Canaries samples and the M3 composition experimental charges (D_{Li}
 356 0.24–0.90, Fig 8). Fluorine-rich experiments on the M5 and H5 compositions have strongly elevated D_{Li}

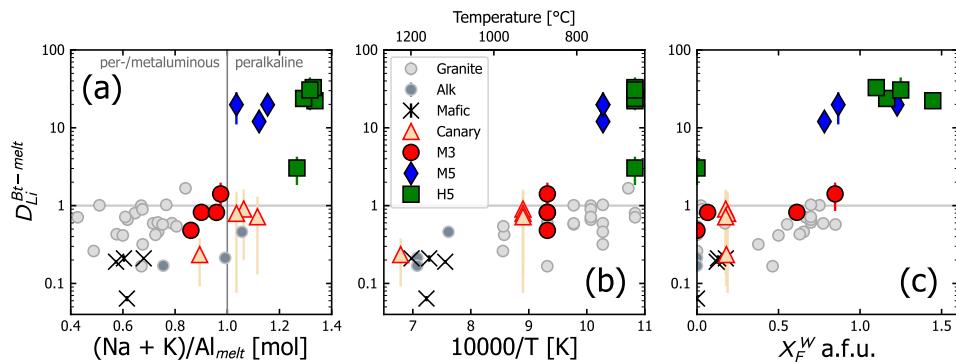


Figure 8 Biotite-melt D_{Li} vs. biotite tetrahedral silica, inverse temperature and biotite fluorine content for our experiments and Canary Islands pyroclastic rocks, compared with compiled experiments from literature. 'Granite' compositions from Icenhower & London (1995); Evensen & London (2002); Pichavant *et al.* (2016); Horányi *et al.* (2025); 'Alk' compositions from Schmidt *et al.* (1999); 'Mafic' compositions from LaTourrette *et al.* (1995); Adam & Green (2006). Uncertainty on D_{Li} values is shown at the 1σ level. *a.f.u.* is anions per formula unit, and *c.f.u.* cations, both of which are calculated for a total charge of 22 per formula unit.

relative to the Canaries rocks and M3 composition experiments (Fig 8c; e.g., for M5 and H5 experiments 357 with 1.25–2.5% bulk fluorine, D_{Li} is 12.0–32.8). Lithium D_{Li} values further show positive correlations 358 with biotite X_{Si}^T and inverse temperature (Fig 8a,b). 359

The large R^{2+} cations Ca, Sr, Ba and Pb (residing on the biotite A-site) show a larger range of 360 partitioning behaviour compared with R^+ cations on this site. Their D values generally fall within the 361 range of published experimental values for mafic and granitic compositions (Fig. 6). Ca is strongly 362 incompatible in biotite (D_{Ca} 0.004–0.06), Sr and Pb are incompatible to weakly compatible (D_{Sr} 363 0.10–0.29, D_{Pb} 0.02–1.54) and Ba is compatible (D_{Ba} 1.3–11.8). This trend reflects the decreasing 364 mismatch in radius between the ions and the biotite $X^{II}A$ site. D_{Ba} from our experiments and Canary 365 Islands rocks define a negative log-linear correlation with inverse temperature (temperature based on 366 phase equilibrium experiments of Andújar & Scaillet 2012; Fig. S3), which contrasts with the positive 367 log-linear correlation reported by Wood & Blundy (2014). We attribute this mismatch to a smaller 368 decrease in biotite solubility with increasing temperature (and hence A-site D_0^{2+}) in our alkali-rich 369 compositions relative to those mafic and granitic data compiled by Wood & Blundy (2014). Calcium 370 partition coefficients could not be calculated for all of our samples owing to low concentrations of Ca 371 in the biotite and high LA-ICP-MS background counts for ^{44}Ca due to interferences from CO_2^+ and 372 N_2O^+ . 373

374 The ions Ga^{3+} and Ti^{4+} are compatible in biotite (D_{Ga} 1.3–3.5, D_{Ti} 3.3–19.0, Fig. 6), whilst the
 375 4+ and 5+ HFSE are incompatible to weakly compatible (D_{Zr} 0.02–0.17, D_{Nb} 0.05–1.2), and actinides
 376 U and Th are incompatible. This behaviour is similar to that in the compiled literature data (Fig. 6b).

377 The REE and Y are strongly incompatible, with the biotite usually containing concentrations of REE
 378 below the detection limit of our laser ablation setup (Fig. S2). Their partition coefficients are less than
 379 10^{-2} . The REE^{3+} cations have ionic radii intermediate between the size of the M and A-sites of biotite
 380 (cf. Schmidt *et al.*, 1999), and their very low biotite/melt partition coefficients reflect this. Partition
 381 coefficients for La are highest as it has the smallest mismatch in radius with the A-site of biotite (our
 382 Canaries data and Adam & Green 2006, see Fig. S2).

383 **Fits to the lattice strain model**

384 The equilibrium partitioning of trace-elements between minerals and silicate melts is controlled largely
 385 by the size and elasticity of the crystal lattice sites (Onuma *et al.*, 1968; Brice, 1975; Blundy & Wood,
 386 1994; Wood & Blundy, 2014) and the ability of the mineral to accommodate a local excess or deficit
 387 in charge (Blundy *et al.*, 1998; Mollo *et al.*, 2020). This behaviour is quantitatively described by the
 388 lattice-strain equation:

$$389 D_i^{\text{min.}/\text{melt}} = D_0 \exp \left[\frac{-4\pi E_s N_a}{RT} \left(\frac{r_0}{2} (r_0 - r_i)^2 - \frac{1}{3} (r_0 - r_i)^3 \right) \right] \quad (4)$$

390 where r_0 is the ideal radius for the lattice site (\AA), E_s is its Young's modulus (i.e. stiffness in
 391 GPa), D_0 is the strain-free partition coefficient, N_a is Avagadro's number, R is the gas constant, T is
 392 temperature (Kelvin) and r_i is the ionic radius of each element (\AA). The r_0 is controlled by mineral
 393 composition as the lattice site dimensions change systematically with, for example, $\text{Mg}^{2+} \rightleftharpoons \text{Fe}^{2+}$
 394 exchange or $\text{Al}^{3+} \rightleftharpoons \text{Si}^{4+}$ substitution. The same is true for the elastic properties of the lattice, and
 395 hence E_s , and mineral solubility, which is tracked by D_0 . Lattice strain parameters also vary with the
 396 physical conditions, for example via thermal expansion of the lattice with increasing temperature and
 397 its compression with increasing pressure. These trends can (in part) be estimated from independently
 398 obtained data, e.g., thermal expansion from high-temperature x-ray diffraction.

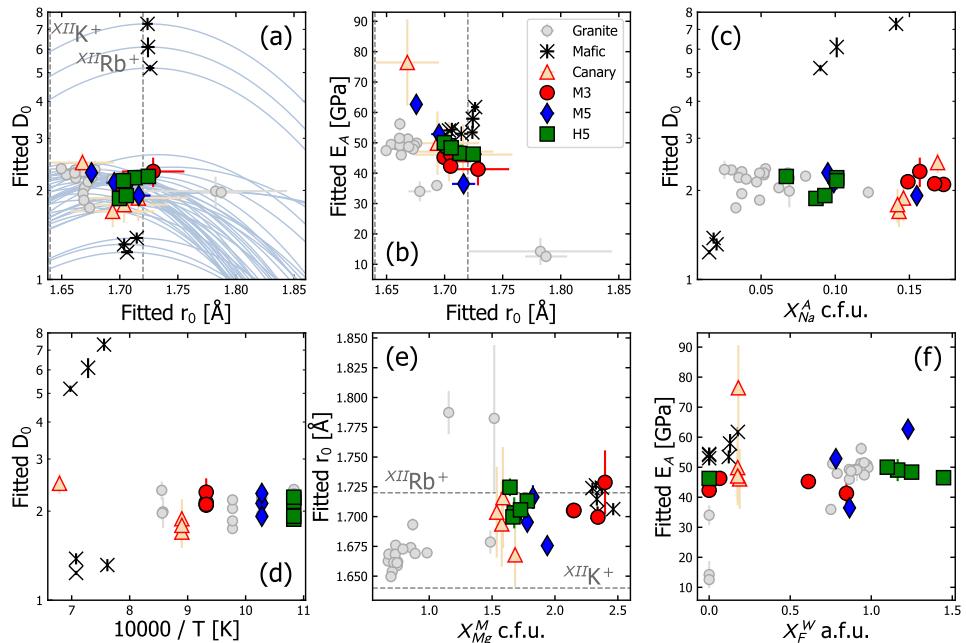


Figure 9 Lattice strain parameters for 1+ ions in the A-site of biotite, compared with our fits of published experimental partition coefficients for mafic systems (Adam *et al.*, 1993; LaTourrette *et al.*, 1995; Schmidt *et al.*, 1999; Green *et al.*, 2000; Adam & Green, 2006) and granitic compositions (Icenhower & London, 1995). (a) The latter have smaller A-site sizes (r_0) for a given D_0 than our samples and experiments performed with mafic compositions and (b) similar E_A values. (c) D_0 shows a positive correlation with Na in biotite at Na contents ≤ 0.1 c.f.u., and (d) a positive correlation with inverse temperature. (e) r_0 vs. the X_{Mg}^M of biotite show a positive correlation, (f) E_A vs. X_F^W shows no clear correlation. Ionic radii after Shannon (1976). Uncertainty on all fitted lattice strain parameters is shown at the 1σ level. a.f.u. is anions per formula unit, and c.f.u. cations, both of which are calculated for a total charge of 22 per formula unit.

To investigate the systematics in D_i values and the mechanisms by which alkali elements are incorporated into biotite, element partitioning behaviour was explored using the lattice strain model. Parabolae for 1+ ions were fitted for the A-site (XII coordination) using the elements Na, K, Rb and Cs, with fits weighted based on analytical uncertainties on the partition coefficients (Fig. 7). For 1+ ions in twelvefold coordination, the data define r_0 values of 1.7–1.73 Å, E_s 35–75 GPa, and D_0 1.2–7.5. The r_0 parameter is similar for our experimental biotite, our natural Canaries biotite, and for biotite grown from mafic melts (Fig. 9). Biotite in granitic experiments has a smaller r_0 of 1.64–1.68 Å. A–O bond lengths determined for biotite via single-crystal X-ray diffraction are reported as inner and outer sphere values (Fleet, 2003). After subtraction of the ionic radius of tetrahedral O^{2-} , their A-site cation

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408 radii are 1.586–1.579 Å (median 1.587 Å) for the inner sphere, and 1.976–1.988 Å (median 1.980 Å) for
 409 the outer sphere; bracketing the range of r_0^{1+} values fitted to element partitioning data (Fig. 9).

410 The low Young's modulus values (35–75 GPa) for the A-site of biotite indicate its relative flexibility
 411 compared with the M2-site of clinopyroxene, or the cation site of plagioclase (cf. Wood & Blundy,
 412 2014). These elastic modulii are similar to values measured for biotite using a spherical nanoindentation
 413 apparatus at room temperature (30.8–51.4 GPa, layer-normal; Lanin *et al.*, 2021).

414 D_0 values for 1+ ions at the A-site have a narrow range of positive values 1.2–7.5. A positive correlation
 415 exists between r_0^{1+} and D_0^{1+} for our experiments and for mafic compositions (Fig. 9a, Schmidt *et al.*,
 416 1999; Adam & Green, 2006). No such correlation is observed for granitic experiments (Icenhower &
 417 London, 1995). As D_0^+ tracks the solubility of an ideal monovalent cation in the biotite A-site (cf.
 418 Wood & Blundy, 2014), a similar chemical substitution may be related to expansion of the A-site (r_0)
 419 facilitating incorporation of 1+ ions.

420 Lattice strain fits were attempted for the large 2+ cations onto the A-site (Ca, Sr, Ba), but generation
 421 of a satisfactory parabola was not possible in most cases owing to the low concentrations of Ca in biotite,
 422 and corresponding high analytical uncertainty. Fits with Pb were attempted, but Pb plotted consistently
 423 below lattice strain parabolae defined by the other three elements, an effect reported elsewhere and
 424 attributed to the non-ideal electronic structure of the Pb^{2+} ion (Wood & Blundy, 2014).

425 The 4+ and 5+ HFSE ions Ti, Zr, Hf, Nb, and Ti provide an insufficient spread of radii for the fitting
 426 of lattice strain parabolae for the two M-sites in biotite.

427 Empirical element partitioning models

428 The partitioning behaviour of major- and trace-elements between minerals and melts varies
 429 systematically with the physicochemical conditions of magmas (Wood & Blundy, 2003). In principle,
 430 partitioning behaviour can be predicted a-priori from the dependence of the lattice-strain parameters
 431 r_0 , D_0 and E_s on pressure, temperature and the composition of the mineral and the melt. A number
 432 of empirical models have been presented that describe element partitioning between melt and various
 433 minerals (e.g., Wood & Blundy 1997; Bédard 2014, 2023; Siewwright *et al.* 2017; Sun *et al.* 2017; Beard
 434 *et al.* 2019, 2020; Mollo *et al.* 2020). These models permit forward modelling of the major- and trace-
 435 element budget of crystallising magmatic systems and vice versa can be used to read the mineral record
 436 of melt composition in natural volcanic and intrusive igneous systems (cf. van Hinsberg *et al.* 2010).

Few models so far pertain to biotite-melt element partitioning (e.g., Zhang *et al.*, 2022) and none, to 437
our knowledge, are calibrated for compositions extending to peralkaline magmatic systems. We present 438
six models: one describes the F-OH exchange between silicate melt and the biotite W-site; a second, 439
based on lattice strain theory, describes the exchange of 1+ cations between silicate melt and the ^{XII}A- 440
site of biotite; a third, fourth and fifth describe lithium partitioning between the melt and the M-sites 441
of biotite (with and without a temperature term, and without a fluorine term) and finally a sixth 442
addresses niobium. Model performance is shown in Figures 10–11, coefficients are in Table 5 and an 443
EXCEL spreadsheet of the empirical partitioning models is provided in Appendix B. 444

Our calibration database includes 229 biotite-melt partitioning experiments and covers a wide range 445
of melt and biotite composition, pressure, temperature, and oxygen fugacity (50–3000 MPa, 620–1200 446
°C, $\log f\text{O}_2 = \text{IW}$ (iron-wüstite) to MH (magnetite-haematite) $\approx \Delta\text{FMQ}$ -5 to +5). The database 447
includes experiments with a range of bulk compositions including our tephrite to phonolite composition 448
experiments, alkali basalt to trachyte Zhang *et al.* (2022), peraluminous and metaluminous granite 449
(Icenhower & London, 1995, 1997), and nepheline-normative basanite (Adam & Green, 2006). A full list 450
of references is in Appendix B. Experiment biotite have 2.6–3.3 ^TSi, 0–1.4 ^MAl, 0–2.7 ^MMg and 0–1.8 451
^{WF} ions per formula unit (total unit charge of 22). Quenched melt has 44.7–78.3 wt% SiO_2 , 0–1.0 molar 452
 $\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg} + \text{Fe})$, and 0.37–1.40 molar $(\text{Na} + \text{K})/\text{Al}$. The majority of trace-element partition coefficients 453
in this data set were determined via SIMS or LA-ICP-MS analyses, minimising analytical uncertainty 454
compared to data from electron microprobe. 455

A model for F-OH exchange between silicate melt and the biotite W-site

To determine the principal physicochemical controls on the exchange of F and OH anions between 456
silicate melt and the W-site of biotite a least-squares multiple linear regression analysis was performed 457
using our new $Kd_{\text{F}/\text{OH}}^{\text{Bt-melt}}$ values, alongside a compilation of previously published experimental data. 458
Candidate fitting parameters were initially examined in binary scatter diagrams (e.g., Fig. 5) to check 459
for covariance and to ascertain whether correlations were linear. Intensive variables for multiple linear 460
regression models for $Kd_{\text{F}/\text{OH}}^{\text{Bt-melt}}$ were introduced following a hierarchical forward selection criterion with 461
switching. Only parameters with student t-tests showing statistical significance at the 95% confidence 462
level were retained, with the preferred model incorporating five biotite compositional terms (Table 463
5). Uncertainties on the model coefficients were determined via bootstrapping. The PRESS R^2 value 464
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466 obtained by repeated random sub-sampling of the data set is similar to the R^2 value calculated for the
 467 full data set, indicating that the model is robust and has high predictive power. Full regression reports
 468 are in Appendix D.

469 The final set of significant parameters defines the model equation:

$$470 \quad \begin{aligned} \ln Kd_{\text{F}/\text{OH}}^{\text{Bt-melt}} = & a_1 + a_2 X_{\text{Si}}^T + a_3 X_{\text{Mg}}^M + a_4 X_{\text{OH}}^W \\ & + a_5 X_{\text{Fe}^{2+}}^M + a_6 \text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{tot}}^{\text{Bt}} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

471 Compositional coefficients are included for the T, M and W sites of the biotite structure, and for
 472 the oxidation state of iron in the biotite (Table 5). The positive X_{Si}^T coefficient is consistent with
 473 Pearson acid-base theory: The W and T sites are adjacent in the biotite lattice, meaning there is a
 474 direct bond between Al or Si in the T site and OH or F in the W site (Munoz, 1984; Brigatti &
 475 Guggenheim, 2002). Si⁴⁺ has a higher Z/r relative to Al³⁺, therefore is expected to bond preferentially
 476 with F⁻, which has a higher electronegativity than OH⁻. The positive correlation between X_{Mg}^M and
 477 $Kd_{\text{F}/\text{OH}}^{\text{Bt-melt}}$ and negative correlation with $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{tot}}^{\text{Bt}}$ and $X_{\text{Fe}^{2+}}^M$ are consistent with Fe²⁺-F avoidance in
 478 silicate minerals (Rosenberg & Foit, 1977; Munoz, 1984; Finch *et al.*, 1995; Fleet, 2003), a phenomenon
 479 attributed to crystal field theory. The negative correlation between $Kd_{\text{F}/\text{OH}}^{\text{Bt-melt}}$ and biotite X_{OH}^W might
 480 result from non-ideal mixing of OH⁻ and F⁻ on the biotite W-site, or in the silicate melt.

481 As model equation 5 includes biotite compositional terms only it can be applied to biotite grains from
 482 natural igneous systems where one cannot directly determine melt composition, and the pressure and
 483 temperature of equilibration. The multiple linear regression procedure did not identify temperature,
 484 pressure or melt compositional terms as strong predictors for F/OH exchange, relative to the biotite
 485 compositional parameters shown above.

486 An empirical model to predict F/OH exchange between biotite and melt was recently presented by
 487 Zhang *et al.* (2022), and was calibrated using experiments on alkaline-silicate bulk compositions, though
 488 most were not peralkaline (grey circles on Fig. 5e). On a measured vs. predicted diagram (Fig. 10d),
 489 we note that the Zhang *et al.* (2022) model accurately reproduces some of our calibration data set; for
 490 example Kd values for our experiments with peralkaline bulk compositions are predicted to within a
 491 factor of 2–3 of measured values. However, the Zhang model systematically under-estimates $Kd_{\text{F}/\text{OH}}^{\text{Bt-melt}}$
 492 values for some peraluminous granite experiments (e.g., Icenhower & London 1995) and for our Canary

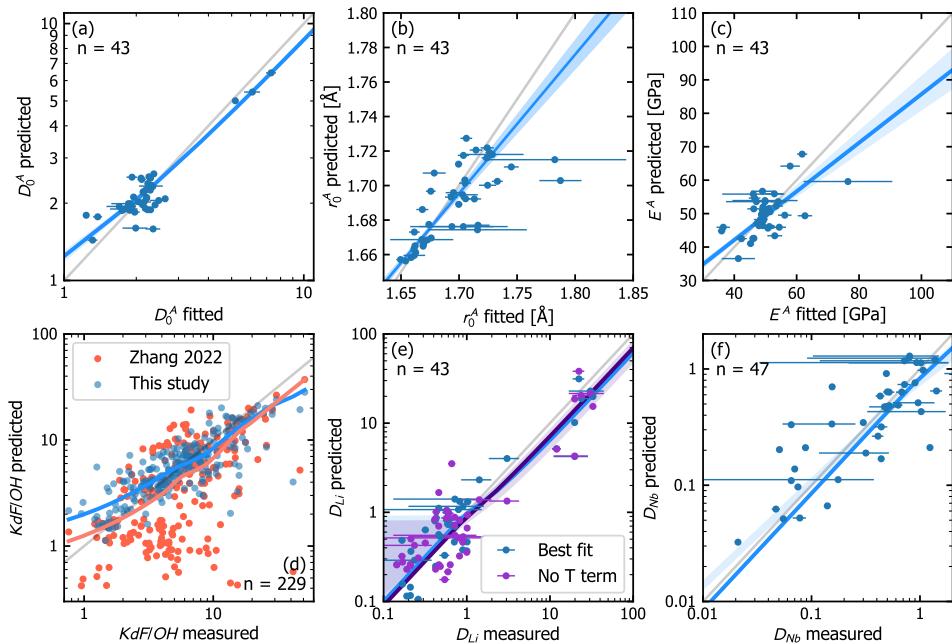


Figure 10 Fitted (or measured) vs. predicted model values for (a-c) lattice strain parameters describing partitioning of 1+ cations between the A-site of biotite and silicate melt, (d) F-OH exchange, (e, f) Li & Nb partition coefficients. Model equations are in the main text, with coefficients given in Table 5. Grey lines show 1:1 relationships. Blue and purple coloured lines are robust linear regressions, except for in (b) where the fit is a weighted least-squares based on precision, and in (d) where regression lines are locally-weighted scatterplot smoothing (LOWESS) fits. Shaded 68.2% confidence intervals ($\sim 1\sigma$) were generated via bootstrapping.

Islands natural biotite-melt pairs, in extreme cases by over an order of magnitude (Figs 10d, S7a). The peraluminous granite experiments of Icenhower & London (1995) have much higher ASI values (mean 1.76) of the melt) than the calibration data set for the model of Zhang *et al.* (2022) (1.17), which may be why their model predicts such low $Kd_{\text{F}/\text{OH}}^{\text{Bt-melt}}$ values for these compositions.

A partitioning model for 1+ ions at the biotite A-site

The partitioning of 1+ cations between silicate melt and the A-site of biotite is described below using empirical models to predict the lattice strain parameters r_0^+ , D_0^+ and E_s^+ as a function of pressure, temperature and composition. Firstly, we fitted Onuma curves for the monovalent ions Na–Cs, with weighting based on analytical precision on the experimental and literature reported D values. Uncertainty on the fits was determined via bootstrapping. Where precision on biotite or glass analyses was not reported (e.g., Evensen & London 2002) we attempted fits using uncertainty determined on

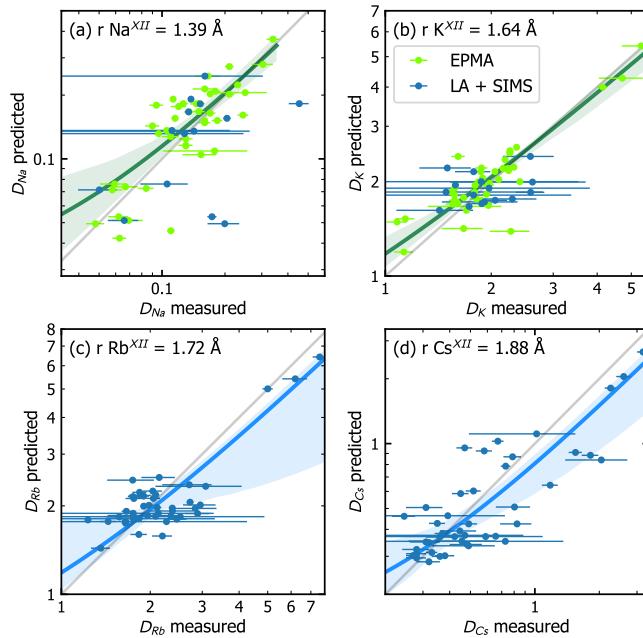


Figure 11 Measured vs. predicted D values for 1+ between silicate melt and the XII-coordinated biotite A-site. Grey lines are 1:1 fits. Coloured robust regression lines with shaded 95% confidence intervals ($\sim 2\sigma$) were generated via bootstrapping (green use EPMA data, blue use LA-ICP-MS or SIMS data)

504 other charges from the same study (see Appendix B). For several experiments from the literature
 505 compilation, D values for one or more ions fell outside the 95% confidence interval on the LST parabola.
 506 We do not consider these charges further as we suspect issues with either the analytical or experimental
 507 procedure. Onuma curves for each experiment, and histograms showing LST parameters determined via
 508 bootstrapping are given in Appendix D.

509 Lattice strain parameters for 43 experiments were used to fit empirical models that describe
 510 partitioning of the monovalent ions Na–Cs. A least-squares multiple linear regression analysis was
 511 performed following the method described above for F–OH exchange. The largest number of significant
 512 terms was five for the E^+ parameter (Table 5). Equations from the multiple linear regression are given
 513 below:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ln}D_0^{A+} = & b_1 + b_2 X_{\text{Na}}^A + b_3 \text{NBO}/\text{T}^{\text{melt}} \\ & + b_4 (\text{Na} + \text{K})/\text{Al}^{\text{melt}} + b_5 \times 10^4/\text{T}[\text{K}] \end{aligned} \quad (6) \quad 514$$

$$r_0^{A+} = b_6 + b_7 X_{\text{Fe}^{2+}}^M + b_8 X_{\text{Mg}}^M + b_9 X_{\text{Ti}}^M + b_{10} X_{\text{F}}^W \quad (7) \quad 515$$

$$\begin{aligned} E^{A+} = & b_{11} + b_{12} X_{\text{K}}^A + b_{13} \text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{tot}}^{\text{Bt}} \\ & + b_{14} X_{\text{Fe}^{3+}}^M + b_{15} X_{\text{Ti}}^M + b_{16} X_{\text{O}^{2-}}^W \end{aligned} \quad (8) \quad 516$$

where b_i are the regression coefficients for each variable (Table 5) T is temperature in Kelvin and 517
 P is pressure in MPa. The resultant empirical models account well for changes to the lattice-strain 518
parameters over a range of compositions from basanite to peralkaline phonolite to peraluminous granite, 519
reproducing the larger r_0 for the interlayer site typical for biotite grown from sodic alkaline silicate melt 520
(Fig. 9b). PRESS R^2 values are similar to overall R^2 values, indicating that the models are robust and 521
have high predictive power. Fitted vs. predicted diagrams for the lattice strain parameters are in Figure 522
10a–c, and full multiple regression reports are in Appendix D. 523

The model for $\text{Ln}D_0^{A+}$ includes a compositional term from the A-site of biotite, two melt compositional 524
terms, and a term for inverse temperature. The positive correlation between A-site Na and D_0^{A+} is the 525
largest contribution to the model, indicating that elevated concentrations of large ions other than K 526
on the interlayer site (e.g., Na, Ca, Ba) are associated with higher values of D_0^{A+} . The relationship 527
between D_0^{A+} and the melt compositional terms NBO/T (non-bonding oxygens per tetrahedral cation; 528
i.e., the degree of melt depolymerisation; Mills 1993) and the molar (Na + K)/Al ratio, and with inverse 529
temperature are tied to the solubility of the mineral in the melt (Wood & Blundy, 2003). These terms 530
are physically grounded as they are consistent with increased stabilisation of biotite in systems with a 531
depolymerised melt structure (with high volatile and alkali content), and at low temperature. 532

533 The model for r_0^{A+} incorporates compositional controls on the M and W sites of biotite. Model fitting
 534 was performed with weights for each experiment assigned by $r_{0,\text{weight}}^{A+} = 1/(r_{0,\sigma}^{A+}/r_0^{A+})^2$. For this reason
 535 the model reproduces more accurately the r_0 for experiments where r_0 fits have been determined to
 536 higher precision (Fig 10b). While our r_0^+ model has a lower predictive power than our D_0^+ and E^+
 537 models it still has physical grounding: The positive ${}^M\text{Mg}$ and ${}^M\text{Fe}^{2+}$ terms, and a negative ${}^M\text{Ti}$ term,
 538 are consistent with a larger interlayer separation, as determined via X-ray diffraction, in Mg-rich micas
 539 relative to Ti-rich ones (Brigatti & Guggenheim 2002, Fig. S5). The model also contains a small negative
 540 contribution from ${}^W\text{F}$, which has a small effective ionic radius relative to hydroxyl anions it substitutes
 541 for.

542 The model for E_A^+ has compositional terms from the A, M and W sites of biotite, as well as the iron
 543 oxidation state in biotite. The negative ${}^A\text{K}$ term suggests that the interlayer of K-rich micas is less
 544 stiff than those with higher proportions of smaller, and perhaps less readily deformed, Na^+ ions. The
 545 compositional term X_{Ti}^M is positively correlated with E_A , whereas X_{O}^W has a strong negative correlation.
 546 The polarity of these terms are physically grounded, as Ti^{4+} is a small ion that form bonds that are not
 547 as readily deformed, compared to bonds including larger Mg and Fe cations. Similarly, the large O^{2-}
 548 anion will form relatively less stiff bonds than the smaller W-site F^- and OH^- anions that it substitutes
 549 for.

550 Diagrams of measured vs. predicted D values for individual R^+ cations are given in Figure 11. For
 551 the A site all of the measured R^+ partition coefficients, except for Na^+ , are reproduced to better
 552 than a factor two. D values for the elements K and Rb are reproduced most faithfully because their
 553 XII-coordinated ionic radius is closer to the biotite r_0^A and therefore prediction of their partitioning
 554 behaviour is influenced less strongly by inaccuracies in predicted E_A values. Partitioning behaviour for
 555 Na is not predicted accurately by our lattice strain model, with the lowest measured D_{Na} values being
 556 underpredicted (Fig. 9a). As the effect is of similar magnitude for EPMA and higher-precision LA and
 557 SIMS measurements this bias is unlikely to be an analytical artefact. It may reflect incorporation of a
 558 small amount of Na cations on the biotite M sites.

559 Three models for lithium partitioning

560 Using the methodology described above, we fitted three empirical models that describe the partitioning
 561 behaviour of Li between silicate melt and the M-sites of biotite. The same training data set described

above was used, with 43 entries for lithium. Partitioning was explored directly, rather than in the frame of lattice strain theory, owing to the lack of other 1+ cations with radii similar to the biotite M-sites. The ‘*Best fit*’ equation for the partitioning of lithium, as obtained from multiple linear regression, is given below:

$$\text{Ln}D_{\text{Li}} = c_1 + c_2(\text{Na} + \text{K})/\text{Al}^{\text{melt}} + c_3 \times 10^4/\text{T[K]} + c_4 X_{\text{F}}^W \quad (9) \quad 566$$

where c_i are the regression coefficients for each variable (Table 5). Measured vs. predicted D_{Li} values are shown in Figures 10e and S8.

The first model for D_{Li} includes one melt composition term, a term for inverse temperature, and a term for biotite composition and reproduces accurately the two order of magnitude range of D_{Li} values in the training data set (Fig. 10e; S8). The positive $(\text{Na} + \text{K})/\text{Al}^{\text{melt}}$ term is consistent with the low whole-rock lithium content of peralkaline magmatic rocks (e.g., Teng *et al.* 2009), and the association between lithium-caesium-tantalum pegmatites and peraluminous granites (Gardiner *et al.*, 2024). The positive correlation between D_{Li} and inverse temperature likely results from broad variations in melt and mineral composition that are correlated with temperature. It is consistent with the observation that F-Li rich micas form at low temperatures in evolved granitic systems (Förster *et al.*, 1999; Černý *et al.*, 2005) and that silicate minerals from slowly-cooled alkaline and calc-alkaline lavas and ignimbrites are enriched in Li relative to rapidly cooled portions of the same volcanic deposits (Neukampf *et al.*, 2023). Correlations between the fluorine and lithium content of micas are widely reported from rare metal granites, pegmatites, and metamorphic rocks (Martins *et al.*, 2012; Kunz *et al.*, 2022; Breiter *et al.*, 2023).

A second temperature-free model for lithium partitioning was calibrated, as when interrogating minerals from natural systems, the temperature of equilibration and melt composition can be challenging to constrain. The above procedure was used, but only biotite compositional terms were included in the list of permitted intensive variables. The temperature- and melt-free equation for the partitioning of lithium is as follows:

587 $\text{Ln}D_{\text{Li}} = c_5 + c_6 X_{\text{Fe}^{2+}}^M + c_7 X_{\text{Mg}}^M + c_8 X_{\text{Si}}^T$ (10)

588 The predictive power of the temperature-free model for lithium partitioning is slightly weaker than
 589 that our ‘best fit’ model ($R^2 = 0.799$ vs. 0.859), but reproduces all measured and compiled D_{Li} values
 590 to within a factor of two (Fig. 10e, S8). The fit coefficients are physically grounded: Mg^{2+} & Fe^{2+} have
 591 relatively low charge compared to Fe^{3+} and Ti^{4+} and their positive fit coefficients indicate their relative
 592 readiness to substitute for Li^+ . Additionally, increasing the Si^{4+} content of the T-site of biotite over
 593 Al^{3+} may promote incorporation of Li^+ in place of more highly-charged M-site cations such as Mg^{2+} ,
 594 Fe^{2+} and Ti^{4+} (cf. Breiter *et al.* 2023).

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596 A third empirical biotite partitioning model is designed for integration directly with the current
 597 generation of phase equilibrium model systems that do not include fluorine (e.g., MELTS family, HPx-
 598 eos; as implemented in Gibbs energy minimisation software such as THERMOCALC, and MAGEMin;
 599 Ghiorso *et al.* 2002; Asimow *et al.* 2004; Gualda *et al.* 2012; Weller *et al.* 2024; Green *et al.* 2025).
 600 For this reason, our best-fit model cannot currently be applied to forward model lithium behaviour in
 601 silicate magmatic systems. Instead, we recommend using the following empirical relationship:

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$$\text{Ln}D_{\text{Li}} = c_9 + c_{10} X_{\text{Fe}^{3+}}^M + c_{11} (\text{Na} + \text{K})/\text{Al}^{melt} + c_{12} 10^4/T[K]$$
 (11)

603 The predictive power of this fluorine-free model for lithium partitioning is intermediate between that
 604 of our ‘best fit’ model and temperature-free model ($R^2 = 0.840$ vs. 0.799 & 0.859; Table 5). The fit
 605 coefficients in model 11 are physically grounded, with a negative $X_{\text{Fe}^{3+}}^M$ term tracking an increasingly
 606 positive charge of the biotite M-site, and corresponding increased difficulty of incorporating monovalent
 607 Li^+ cations. The positive $(\text{Na} + \text{K})/\text{Al}^{melt}$ & $10^4/T$ coefficients follow mechanisms discussed for our
 608 best fit model (Equation 9) above.

A model for niobium partitioning

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We fitted an empirical model to describe Nb partitioning between biotite and silicate melt. The D_{Nb} model has physical grounding with a compositional term for the M-sites of biotite, and an inverse temperature term:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln D_{Nb} = d_1 + d_2 X_{Fe^{2+}}^M + d_3 X_{Mg}^M + d_4 \text{NBO}/T^{melt} \\ + d_5 P[\text{MPa}] \end{aligned} \quad (12) \quad 613$$

The coefficients d_2 and d_3 describe a negative correlation between Nb^{5+} incorporation in biotite and the Fe^{2+} and Mg content of biotite. The substitution of Nb^{5+} for Fe^{2+} or Mg^{2+} incurs a charge penalty of 3+ that must be balanced elsewhere within the biotite structure, a larger penalty than if Nb replaced Fe^{3+} or Ti^{4+} . The positive correlation between D_{Nb} and melt NBO/T suggests that Nb activity in the silicate melt might rise with increasing depolymerisation of the silicate melt. However, this finding is reverse to that of Aseri *et al.* (2015) who report increases to solubility of HFSE oxide and silicate minerals with increasing melt alkalinity. We suggest the correlation incorporated into our model reflects broad variation activity of Nb in the silicate melt as well as that of biotite composition, which across our calibration data set may be stronger than the melt activity effect alone. The subtle negative correlation with pressure also likely results from broad correlations with melt and mineral composition. A second model fit was attempted where no melt, pressure or temperature terms were permitted to facilitate application to biotite grains from natural systems. However, a satisfactory fit was not possible.

Implications for mineralisation of Li and REE-HFSE in magmatic systems

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Biotite has the highest lithium concentration of rock-forming mineral phases in both alkaline and calc-alkaline volcanic rocks globally (Ellis *et al.*, 2022; Neukampf *et al.*, 2023), and represents an important reservoir for lithium in metamorphic and plutonic environments (e.g., Kunz *et al.* 2022; Gardiner *et al.* 2024). Together, this indicates that biotite-melt partitioning is a major control on the lithium budget of many evolved crustal magmas. We note a wide range of partitioning behaviour for lithium that spans incompatible to strongly compatible behaviour (Fig. 8). The composition of biotite in residua generated during crustal melting, and the composition of biotite generated during subsequent crystallisation of

634 silicate melts therefore has a strong influence on the lithium budget of magmas. Ultimately, element
635 budgets control the ability of igneous systems to develop economic concentrations of metals, for example
636 in lithium-caesium-tantalum pegmatites (e.g., Linnen *et al.* 2012; London 2018; Breasley *et al.* 2024;
637 Koopmans *et al.* 2024; Goodenough *et al.* 2025; Wu *et al.* 2025).

638 First, we note a positive correlation between D_{Li} and inverse temperature (Fig. 8b). During progressive
639 heating and melt extraction from crustal rocks (e.g., Loiselle & Wones 1979), this would initially produce
640 a residual mineral assemblage containing Li-rich biotite, with a Li-poor silicate melt, a scenario consistent
641 with field observations that Li and F-rich pegmatites are often notably younger than spatially associated
642 granites (Simons *et al.*, 2016; Gardiner *et al.*, 2024).

643 A granite chronology of increasing Li abundance is also easier to explain if the effect of fluorine is
644 considered: Fluorine can stabilise biotite to higher temperatures (Munoz, 1984; Peterson *et al.*, 1991),
645 and is positively correlated with D_{Li} (Fig. 8c), therefore emphasises the temperature effect described
646 above. Progressive melting of a fluorinated metasediment or granitoid precursor could therefore stabilise
647 in the residual mineral assemblage biotite that becomes more fluorine-rich with an increasing degree
648 of melt extraction (Finch & Tomkins, 2017). Multi-stage melt extraction (from an individual source
649 volume) and eventual heating to F-biotite-out would release a Li and F-enriched silicate melt (cf. Morris
650 *et al.* 2026, accepted). Such a mechanism provides a possible origin for LCT pegmatites contrasting
651 with that of Koopmans *et al.* (2024) where granites derived from metasedimentary rock anatexis are
652 themselves remelted.

653 Fractional crystallisation is also important for enriching incompatible trace-elements in magmatic
654 systems. Because biotite-melt D_{Li} values are positively correlated with the molar (Na + K)/Al ratio
655 of silicate melt (Fig. 8a), the residual enrichment of Li should be most efficient during crystallisation
656 of magmatic systems with high Al/Si ratios. Such a model is compatible with the association between
657 lithium-caesium-tantalum (LCT) pegmatites and peraluminous granites (Linnen *et al.*, 2012; London,
658 2018; Gardiner *et al.*, 2024). By contrast biotite crystallisation in peralkaline systems (high (Na +
659 K)/Al) would efficiently deplete the residual melt of lithium.

660 Our results also have implications for REE-HFSE mineralisation in alkaline-silicate (and associated
661 carbonatite) intrusions. Biotite is a major host of fluorine in evolved muscovite and fluorite-free
662 igneous rocks (Speer, 1984; Finch *et al.*, 1995), and fluorine affects REE-HFSE behaviour. Synchrotron
663 experiments on silicate melt structure resolve REE-F complexes (Ponader & Brown Jr., 1989), and an

effect of fluorine on the medium-range structural environment around HFSE⁴⁺ cations (Farges, 1996). 664
 Both phenomena reduce the activity of these cations, and thus hinder their incorporation into minerals 665
 (Beard *et al.*, 2020; Xue *et al.*, 2024). Fluorine therefore promotes the residual enrichment of REE and 666
 HFSE⁴⁺ during crystallisation of both alkaline-silicate and carbonatite magmas. 667

To quantify the fluorine budget of evolved silicate magmas, we constrained the physicochemical 668
 controls on the exchange of hydroxyl and fluoride anions between biotite and silicate melt. Biotite 669
 can then be used as a mineral record or ‘probe’ for the fluorine content of the melts from which it 670
 formed, as has been calibrated for apatite (cf. McCubbin *et al.*, 2015; Riker *et al.*, 2018; Li & Costa, 671
 2020). The range of $Kd_{\text{F}/\text{OH}}^{\text{Bt-melt}}$ values across our new dataset and that compiled from experimental 672
 studies is ~ 0.76 –51.10. Where $Kd_{\text{F}/\text{OH}}^{\text{Bt-melt}}$ values are high, crystallisation of even a small amount of 673
 biotite can effectively strip fluorine from the melt. This scenario occurs where biotite has high Si and 674
 Mg, and low Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺/Fe_{tot} ratios (Fig. 5). The same concepts hold for apatite, where F-OH 675
 exchange coefficients vary in the range ~ 3 –500 (Riker *et al.* 2018). In silica-undersaturated peralkaline 676
 systems, such as those associated with REE-HFSE mineralisation, the Fe/Mg ratio is commonly high. 677
 Biotite-melt $Kd_{\text{F}/\text{OH}}$ values should therefore be low, facilitating residual enrichment of fluorine during 678
 crystallisation. Here, variations in biotite mode represents a major control on the fluorine concentration 679
 of residual melts. 680

Glimmerite, a biotite-rich rock formed through interaction between silicate or carbonate melts 681
 and their host rocks (O’Brien *et al.*, 2015; Giebel *et al.*, 2019; Vasyukova & Williams-Jones, 2022; 682
 Anenburg & Walters, 2024), therefore represents a potential trap for REE. By drawing down the fluorine 683
 concentration of the melt, massive crystallisation of biotite increases the activity of REE, which can 684
 trigger saturation of REE mineral phases. This may have occurred at the Longbaoshan prospect, China, 685
 where multiple stages of metasomatism formed glimmerite containing an assemblage with the REE- 686
 bearing minerals chevkinite-(Ce), fluoroapatite, fluorobritholite-(Ce), synchysite-(Ce) and parisite-(Ce) 687
 (Yang *et al.*, 2025). Similar processes may occur during formation of glimmerite (or PIC: phlogopite, 688
 ilmenite, clinopyroxene) veins in the lithospheric mantle (e.g., Fitzpayne *et al.* 2018; Tappe *et al.* 2025). 689

Conclusions and possible applications

Twelve IHPV crystallisation experiments and four natural biotite-glass pairs from Tenerife, Canary 691
 Islands were used to constrain biotite-melt partitioning of minor- and trace-elements in sodic alkali-rich 692

693 magmas and together with a compilation from the literature, constrain empirical models to predict F-
694 OH exchange; partitioning of the monovalent ions Li, Na, K, Rb, Cs; and Nb partitioning over a broad
695 range of silicate magmatic systems.

696 Our fluorine-bearing charges contain biotite offset to higher Mg and lower Ti content relative to
697 equivalent fluorine-free experiments. This finding confirms that the Ti-in-biotite thermometer of Henry
698 *et al.* (2005) is not calibrated for use in fluorine-bearing systems.

699 Most minor- and trace-elements are incompatible in biotite with the exception of Rb, Ba, Ga, Ti, and
700 in Si-F-rich biotite, Li. The LIL elements Na, Cs, Sr and Pb, and HFS elements Zr, Hf, Nb and Ta are
701 incompatible to weakly compatible ($D_i = 0.008\text{--}1.6$), whereas the REE, Y and actinides U and Th are
702 strongly incompatible ($D_i \approx 0.0001\text{--}0.01$).

703 To facilitate application of partition coefficients across a wide range of $P\text{-}T\text{-}X$ conditions, we calibrated
704 empirical models that describe partitioning with continuous functions, rather than as discrete points.
705 Empirical models for F-OH exchange show preferential uptake of fluorine into Mg-rich biotite with high
706 T_{Si} and low Fe^{2+} . Biotite grown from evolved, Mg-poor peralkaline magmatic systems have a weaker
707 preference for fluorine, therefore are predisposed to develop melts with high fluorine/water ratios during
708 fractional crystallisation of a biotite-bearing assemblage. As fluorine and the REE have strong chemical
709 interactions, the residual enrichment of F promotes the residual enrichment of REE.

710 Our empirical models for D_{Li} show a large positive correlation with biotite fluorine content and with
711 melt alkalinity. As fluorine stabilises biotite to higher temperature the progressive melting of crustal
712 rocks, for example during orogenesis, will eventually release F and Li together during a biotite-out
713 reaction. Once in the melt, lithium can be enriched or depleted by crystallisation. In peraluminous
714 systems the biotite has a low affinity for lithium, therefore evolved peraluminous granites are most
715 likely to develop high concentrations of lithium.

716 Partition coefficients for the large 1+ cations Na–Cs define Onuma parabolae with r_0 and E_s values
717 consistent with independent estimates from XRD and nanoindentation studies for the XII A-site. A
718 further empirical model, based on lattice strain theory, can be used to determine partition coefficients
719 for large 1+ cations over a wide range of $P\text{-}T\text{-}X$. For convenience we provide an EXCEL spreadsheet of
720 the empirical partitioning models (Appendix B).

721 New constraints on element partitioning between biotite and melt may be used to forward model
722 the crystallisation of magmatic systems and test mechanisms for the petrogenesis of mineral deposits,

including for Li-bearing pegmatites and alkaline-silicate associated REE and HFSE mineralisation. Phase 723
equilibrium modelling tools (e.g., Ghiorso & Sack 1995; Holland & Powell 2011; Holland *et al.* 2018; 724
Heinonen *et al.* 2020; Riel *et al.* 2022; Weller *et al.* 2024; Green *et al.* 2025) can be coupled with empirical 725
models that describe the saturation behaviour of accessory phases, facilitating modelling of various key 726
elements outside of the model system used for activity-composition relations (cf. Yakymchuk *et al.* 2017). 727
A similar approach, layering distribution coefficients between melt and major minerals permits forward 728
modelling of the halogen, volatile, and trace-element budgets of magmatic systems across P - T - X space 729
(Humphreys *et al.*, 2021; Nathwani *et al.*, 2023; Soderman *et al.*, 2025). 730

Our partitioning models also facilitate the interrogation of mineral grains, with or without 731
compositional zoning, from natural igneous systems to determine the concentration of trace-elements 732
in their parental melts (cf. Bédard 2001). By combining biotite/melt partition coefficients with our 733
recent studies of clinopyroxene/melt element partitioning (Beard *et al.*, 2019, 2020), one can determine 734
the concentration of a broad range of geologically important trace-elements in the parental melts for 735
silicate-dominated magmatic systems. 736

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Data availability

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Major- (EPMA) and trace-element determinations (LA-ICP-MS) that underpin this study, along with 743
data treatment procedures and empirical element partitioning models are provided in the Supplementary 744
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Tables

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Table 1 Major-element oxide composition of starting materials for the internally heated pressure vessel experiments. The totals are calculated with all iron as FeO. The standard deviation (σ) and relative standard deviation (RSD) are given for EPMA measurements of glass from a superliquidus experiment.

Dry starting glass composition calculated from masses of reagents added [wt%]										
Composition	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	FeO _T	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	Total	(Na+K)/Al
M3	52.67	2.27	18.13	7.86	2.75	5.40	7.19	3.73	100.00	0.875
M5	60.04	0.66	19.13	3.69	0.42	0.89	9.76	5.41	100.00	1.145
H5	58.38	0.65	18.60	3.59	0.41	0.86	11.31	6.20	100.00	1.362

Water saturated glass compositions from a superliquidus experiment (EPMA) [wt%]										
	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	FeO _T	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	Total	(Na+K)/Al
H5 (fluorine free)	55.5	0.61	16.2	2.6.	0.42	0.91	10.8	5.7	92.8	1.48
σ (n = 13)	0.3	0.06	0.2	0.1	0.04	0.05	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.03
RSD	0.59%	9.33%	1.36%	4.41%	10.44%	5.40%	1.90%	2.69%	0.45%	1.87%

Table 2 Major-element oxide composition (in wt%) of biotite from the experiments and Canary Islands rocks. The standard deviation (σ) and relative standard deviation (RSD) are given for the EPMA data.

	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	FeO _T	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	F	Cl	Total
16-07	36.6	6.9	12.7	15.5	0.43	13.7	0.01	0.97	8.51	0.7	0.02	95.9
σ (n = 31)	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.03	0.3	0.02	0.04	0.09	0.2	0.01	0.7
RSD	1.06%	2.72%	3.37%	2.88%	7.95%	2.31%	121.11%	3.62%	1.02%	25.70%	44.16%	0.68%
21-30	36.86	6.718	12.64	15.92	0.467	13.70	0.007	0.952	8.580	0.666	0.020	96.25
σ (n = 24)	0.41	0.39	0.19	1.06	0.06	0.81	0.01	0.05	0.09	0.19	0.01	0.96
RSD	1.11%	5.74%	1.48%	6.64%	13.13%	5.95%	157.95%	5.63%	1.09%	29.02%	31.71%	1.00%
17-12	36.91	7.606	13.05	13.57	0.278	14.71	0.003	1.128	8.274	0.675	0.023	94.71
σ (n = 12)	0.27	0.14	0.11	0.12	0.04	0.28	0.00	0.02	0.09	0.22	0.01	1.99
RSD	0.74%	1.90%	0.81%	0.89%	13.64%	1.91%	92.44%	1.91%	1.07%	33.18%	33.58%	2.11%
17-14	36.63	6.690	12.52	16.45	0.479	13.26	0.011	0.940	8.582	0.660	0.019	95.96
σ (n = 25)	0.46	0.12	0.23	0.20	0.01	0.16	0.02	0.03	0.14	0.15	0.01	0.83
RSD	1.25%	1.76%	1.81%	1.19%	3.01%	1.23%	169.33%	3.46%	1.60%	23.19%	33.74%	0.87%
M3.2	38.19	4.467	13.73	9.546	-	19.76	0.040	1.162	8.403	-	-	95.32
σ (n = 10)	0.97	0.17	0.62	0.87		0.54	0.03	0.06	0.13			1.99
RSD	2.55%	3.72%	4.49%	9.14%		2.76%	67.24%	5.33%	1.56%			2.09%
M3.0.6F	39.42	2.909	12.40	8.105	-	21.47	0.037	1.209	8.659	2.710	0.004	96.93
σ (n = 9)	0.97	0.19	0.33	0.34		0.55	0.02	0.05	0.09	0.51	0.00	1.49
RSD	2.46%	6.60%	2.67%	4.21%		2.55%	46.74%	4.02%	0.99%	18.95%		1.53%
M5.2.5F Top	44.64	2.460	8.593	10.10	-	17.59	0.002	0.663	9.748	5.268	0.024	99.12
σ (n = 4)	0.56	0.21	0.38	0.62		0.22	0.00	0.03	0.20	0.30	0.02	0.29
RSD	1.25%	8.44%	4.45%	6.15%		1.24%		4.67%	2.00%	5.78%		0.29%

Table 3 Major-element oxide composition (in wt%) of quenched melts from the experiments and Canary Islands rocks.

	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	FeO _T	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	F	Cl	Total
21-30 Pico Viejo	60.40	0.642	19.85	3.481	0.198	0.344	0.754	9.161	5.570	0.132	0.408	100.93
16-07 LMB	60.38	0.635	19.96	3.284	0.138	0.387	0.758	9.000	5.410	0.084	0.376	100.41
17-14 MBII	59.08	0.663	19.68	3.620	0.222	0.317	0.765	9.760	5.450	0.173	0.395	100.12
17-12 M. Samara	55.10	1.733	18.30	6.494	0.229	1.837	4.098	7.257	4.087	0.123	0.193	99.45
M3_2 (800°C)	57.29	0.265	19.14	1.217	-	0.126	0.954	7.319	4.097	-	-	90.41
M3_0.3F GI[2:6, 8, 10]	58.95	0.283	19.51	1.283	-	0.142	0.984	7.834	4.036	0.110	0.005	93.16
M3_0.6F GI[10:6]	58.63	0.278	19.60	1.365	-	0.121	0.824	8.170	4.215	0.123	0.009	93.35
M3_1.25F GI[1:3]	57.47	0.248	19.64	1.660	-	0.138	0.720	8.520	4.233	0.157	0.010	92.82
M3_0.6F GI[2:4:5]	58.15	0.129	19.76	1.530	-	0.125	1.228	7.990	4.123	0.956	0.011	94.01
M3_1.25F GI[9:10]	56.10	0.166	19.36	1.835	-	0.167	1.359	8.710	4.195	1.535	0.017	93.45
M5_2 (700°C)	57.45	0.226	16.69	0.912	-	0.148	0.244	9.078	4.682	-	-	89.43
M5_0.3F GI[1:4]	55.67	0.243	16.23	2.305	-	0.189	0.311	10.51	4.353	0.000	0.005	89.81
M5_0.6F GI[6:8]	57.61	0.246	16.89	2.360	-	0.196	0.381	8.475	4.835	0.000	0.000	90.99
M5_0.3F GI[7:9]	55.89	0.326	16.12	2.623	-	0.172	0.394	10.65	4.337	0.043	0.003	90.56
M5_1.25F GI[1:4]	59.80	0.123	17.54	1.427	-	0.084	0.225	8.120	5.005	0.346	0.017	92.70
H5_3 (650°C)	54.91	0.618	16.06	2.843	-	0.346	0.837	8.880	5.301	-	-	89.81
H5_0.3F GI[1:7]	55.72	0.238	16.16	2.426	-	0.187	0.309	10.66	4.331	0.000	0.004	90.03
H5_0.3F GI[9:12]	55.57	0.390	16.03	2.845	-	0.161	0.421	10.58	4.365	0.127	0.003	90.48

Table 4 Biotite-melt partition coefficients from a selection of the Canary Islands pyroclastic rocks and internally heated pressure vessel experiments. EP indicates partition coefficients calculated from concentrations measured by EPMA. All others are from LA-ICP-MS. Analyses where either biotite or melt were below detection limit of our setup are denoted by '-'. Note that the experiments are Mn-free.

Model for $\text{Ln}Kd \text{ F/OH}$ (n = 229)			Model for $\text{Ln}D_0^+, \text{XII A-site}$ (n = 43)		
Parameter	Coefficient	σ	Parameter	Coefficient	σ
Intercept	-2.27	1.01	Intercept	-0.671	0.274
Bt $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{tot}}$	-1.35	0.26	XII ANa	3.95	0.60
VI MFe^{2+}	-0.565	0.209	NBO/T melt	1.72	0.17
VI MMg	0.535	0.158	NK/Al melt	-0.850	0.095
IV TSi	1.54	0.27	10000/T [K]	0.179	0.028
wOH	-0.472	0.126			
R^2 ; PRESS	0.640	0.632		0.798	0.777

Model for $r_0^+ [\text{\AA}]$, XII A-site (n = 43, weighted)			Model for $E^+ [\text{GPa}]$, XII A-site (n = 43)		
Parameter	Coefficient	σ	Parameter	Coefficient	σ
Intercept	1.592	0.018	Intercept	114	17
VI MFe^{2+}	0.0650	0.0172	XII AK	-103	22
VI MMg	0.0603	0.0078	Bt $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{tot}}$	70.3	8.9
VI MTi	-0.143	0.056	VI MFe^{3+}	-92.4	23.0
wF	-0.0214	0.0082	VI MTi	345	39
R^2 ; PRESS	0.823	0.805	wO^{2-}	-110	15
				0.721	0.683

Model for $\text{Ln}D_{\text{Li}}$ (best; n = 43)			Model for $\text{Ln}D_{\text{Li}}$ (No T term; n = 43)		
Parameter	Coefficient	σ	Parameter	Coefficient	σ
Intercept	-7.21	0.89	Intercept	-26.36	2.16
NK/Al melt	3.56	0.41	VI MFe^{2+}	4.89	0.76
10000/T [K]	0.377	0.095	VI MMg	3.05	0.58
wF	1.25	0.31	IV TSi	6.08	0.65
R^2 ; PRESS	0.859	0.848		0.799	0.784

Model for $\text{Ln}D_{\text{Li}}$ (No F term; n = 43)			Model for $\text{Ln}D_{\text{Nb}}$ (n = 47)		
Parameter	Coefficient	σ	Parameter	Coefficient	σ
Intercept	-7.01	1.06	Intercept	12.5	2.4
VI MFe^{3+}	-4.29	1.35	VI MFe^{2+}	-5.17	1.20
NK/Al melt	4.18	0.41	VI MMg	-5.42	0.90
10000/T [K]	0.407	0.104	NBO/T melt	1.15	0.23
R^2 ; PRESS	0.840	0.828	P [MPa]	-0.0011	0.0002
				0.716	0.689

Table 5 Coefficients for the prediction of element partitioning between biotite and silicate melt. Multiple linear regression reports generated during the calibration of these models are available in the Appendix.

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List of supplementary files

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Electronic appendix A (.kml): A waypoint file for field localities for the Canary Islands pyroclastic rock samples

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Electronic appendix B (.xlsx) A spreadsheet containing (1) Compositions of starting materials for the IHPV experiments; (2) Experiment run conditions; (3) Electron microprobe (EPMA) major-element data for experiment and Canary Islands biotite; (4) EPMA major-element data for experiment and Canary Islands glass; (5) EPMA reference material measurements, including comparison to values retrieved from the GeoReM database (Jochum et al. 2005; compiled values from Govindaraju 1994); (6) Laser ablation ICP-MS measurements of Canary Islands biotite and glass; (7) Laser ablation measurements of experimental run products; (8) Laser ablation analyses of reference materials compiled across several measurement sessions, including comparison to compiled values retrieved from the GeoReM database (Jochum et al. 2005, 2011, 2016; Smith 1995; John Stix 2015 compilation) (9) Deconvolved analyses of biotite and glass via LA-ICP-MS; (10) Nernst partition coefficients (D values) for major- and trace-elements as determined from EPMA and LA-ICP-MS analyses; (11) and finally a spreadsheet for assigning biotite major-element ions to lattice sites following Li et al. (2020) modified after Zhang et al. (2022), for calculating silicate melt water speciation following Behrens (2020), and subsequently melt X_F and X_{OH} values, melt NBO/T following Mills (1993), and for determining modelled F-OH and Cl-OH exchange coefficients following Zhang et al. (2022), and F-OH exchange, $X^{II}A$ -site lattice strain parameters, D values for Na, K, Rb, Cs, Li and Nb using our new empirical partitioning models.

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Electronic appendix C (.zip) A folder containing MATLAB scripts for reduction of laser-ablation trace-element measurements from both unmixed and mixed

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Supplementary figures

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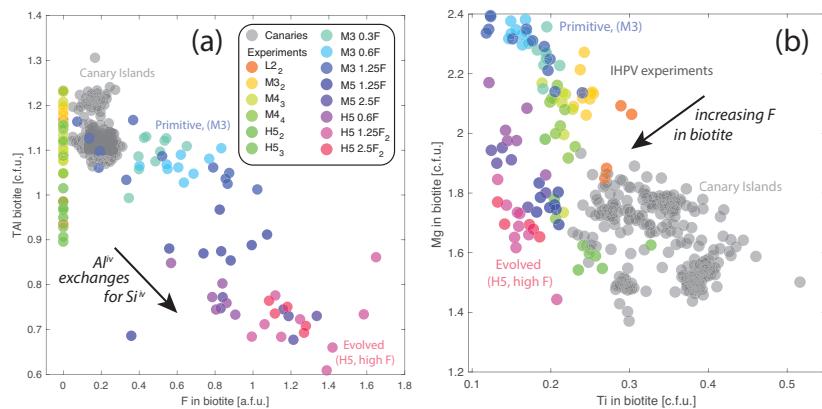


Figure S1 Major-element compositions of biotite from the Canary Islands pyroclastic rocks, compared with those produced in the internally heated pressure vessel experiments. (a) Tetrahedral Al vs. F content, (b) Mg vs. Ti content. Arrow shows compositional offset in biotite for the same experiment starting composition when fluorine is added. Ionic site assignments are calculated based on a total cation charge of 22 per formula unit.

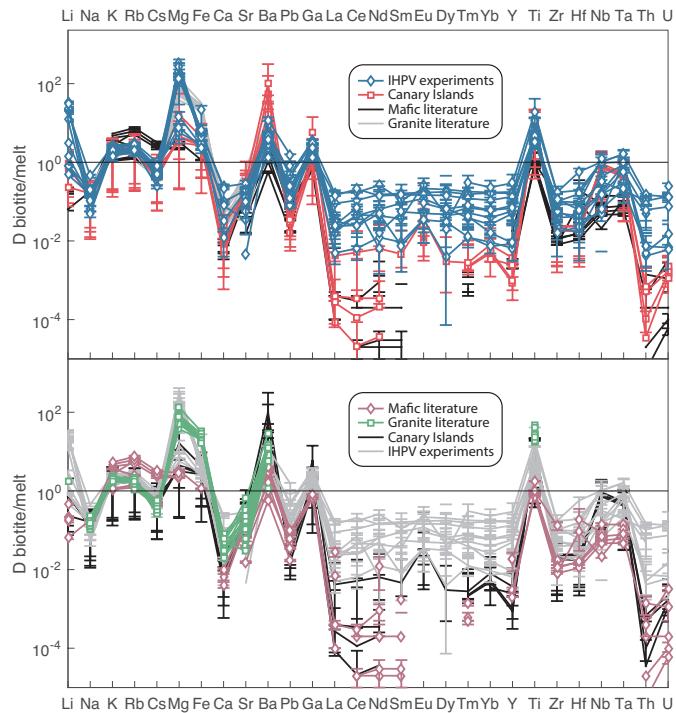


Figure S2 Biotite/melt element partition coefficients for experiments and Canary Islands pyroclastic rocks, including partition coefficients for the REE. Shown for comparison are published experimental partition coefficients for mafic compositions from Adam *et al.* (1993); LaTourrette *et al.* (1995); Schmidt *et al.* (1999); Green *et al.* (2000); Adam & Green (2006), and from granitic compositions from Icenhower & London (1995, 1997). Note how D_{La} is slightly higher than D_{Ce} in case of the Canary Island rocks and mafic experiments from Adam & Green (2006). Note that D_{REE} for the IHPV experiments from this study are unreliable, because the REE concentration in the biotite is at or below the detection limit of our LA-ICP-MS setup.

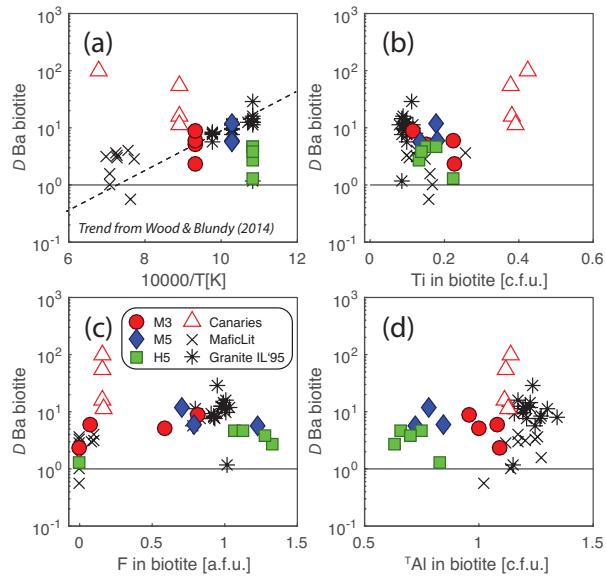


Figure S3 Barium partitioning vs. inverse temperature and compositional parameters for biotite. (a) follows Wood & Blundy (2014, literature data), where our experimental results for the M3 and M5 composition are consistent with trends defined by published D_{Ba} values (citation in prev. figs), with our Canaries samples returning consistently higher values for D_{Ba} and experiments on the H5 composition consistently lower. (b) shows that the elevated D_{Ba} values of the Canaries biotite are correlated with their high Ti contents. (c) shows a poor correlation between F in biotite and D_{Ba} , and (d) shows a weak positive correlation between tetrahedral Al and D_{Ba} . Literature data sources as listed in Fig. 6.

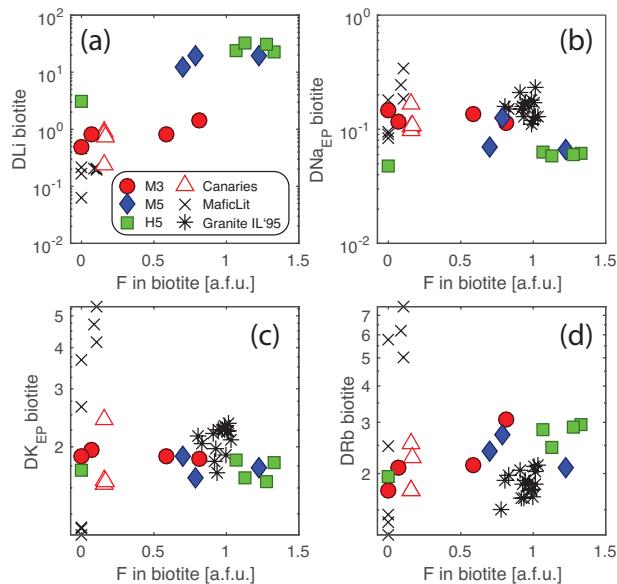


Figure S4 Partitioning of 1+ elements vs. fluorine content of the biotite, calculated on the basis of 22 charges per formula unit. Mafic literature data sources as listed in Fig. 6. IL'95 is Ikenhower & London (1995).

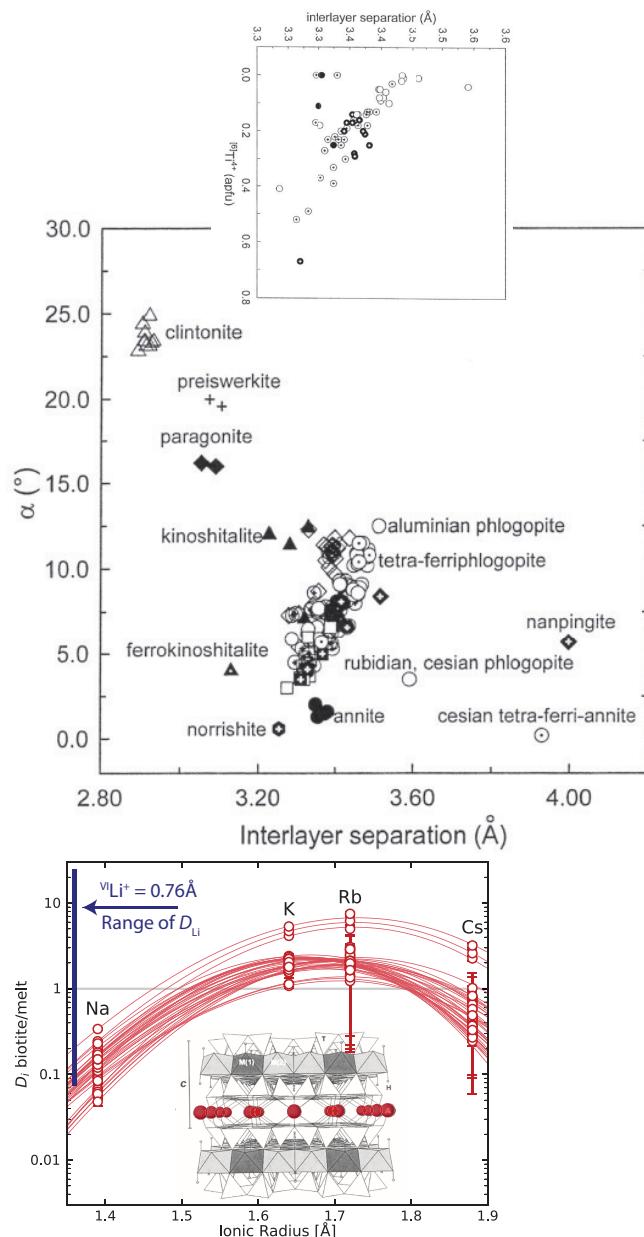


Figure S5 Onuma diagram for the partitioning of 1+ cations between the mica interlayer site and silicate melt. Interlayer separation diagrams from Brigatti & Guggenheim (2002) for comparison, where the radius scale is aligned to half of the interlayer separation value.

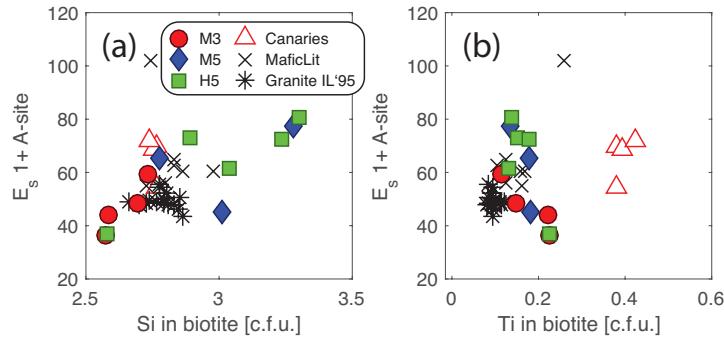


Figure S6 Young's modulus for 1+ ions in the A-site of biotite vs. compositional parameters.

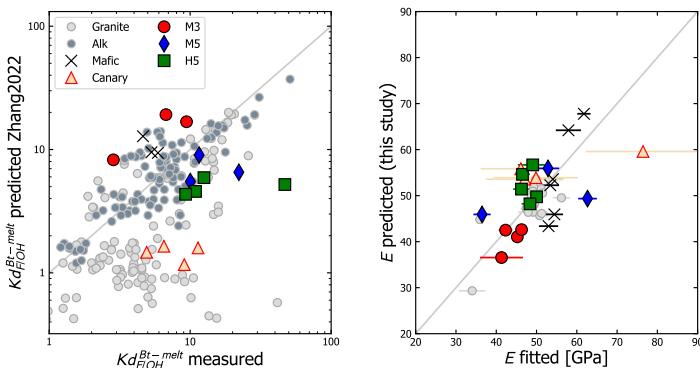


Figure S7 Measured vs. predicted diagrams for (left) Kd_{F-OH} for the empirical model of Zhang *et al.* (2022), which broadly reproduces our experimental data set, but systematically underpredicts Kd values for the peraluminous granite experiments of Icenhower & London (1995) and our Canary Islands natural mineral-melt pairs. The right panel shows performance of our model for the E parameter of the lattice strain model for 1+ cations at the biotite XII-coordinated A-site.

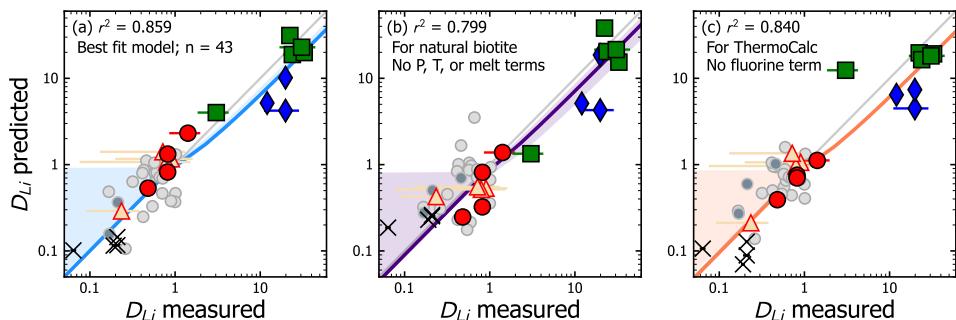


Figure S8 Measured vs. predicted diagrams for three contrasting empirical models for lithium partitioning between biotite and melt. The gray diagonal lines show 1:1 relationships between measured and predicted D_{Li} values. Coloured regression lines are robust fits to the partitioning data with uncertainty envelopes shown at the 1σ level.