

# 1 The generation of crystal-poor rhyolites in the upper crust

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## 12 **ABSTRACT**

13 The extraction of felsic melts, from crystallizing crustal magma reservoirs, is essential for the  
14 chemical evolution of the crust and is a phenomenon preceding some of the largest eruptions on  
15 Earth. The physical properties of residual melt and magma and the time at which the conditions  
16 remain appropriate for melt extraction are the most important factors controlling the efficiency of  
17 melt extraction and the distribution of melt in magma reservoirs. We use rhyolite-MELTS  
18 simulations to evaluate the physical evolution of crystallizing granodioritic (or dacitic) hydrous  
19 magma (i.e.  $\geq 1$  wt.% H<sub>2</sub>O) at 200 MPa. These results allow us to estimate extraction velocities of  
20 residual melt and to identify the optimal conditions at which melt segregation occurs. We  
21 additionally estimate the time that magma reservoirs of different thicknesses spend within the  
22 window that is best suited for magma extraction. Hydrous magmas that attain water saturation  
23 after 40 wt.% crystallization (rheological locking point) are best suited for melt extraction. In

24 fact, once water-saturation is achieved, the rate of release of latent heat of crystallization  
25 increases while the viscosity of the residual liquid and crystal-liquid density contrast remain  
26 favorable for melt segregation. We test our findings on the Takidani pluton (Japan) because it  
27 shows clear evidences of residual melt segregation from crystallizing magma, and was associated  
28 with caldera-forming eruptions. In agreement with geochemistry, the calculations show that most  
29 of the melt-rich body at the top of the pluton was formed once the pluton crystallized to 40-50  
30 wt.% and water-saturation was achieved. Estimates of the duration of cooling in this system  
31 suggest that residual melt properties were appropriate to allow the formation of a single melt-rich  
32 lens at the top of the reservoir. Our results can be generalized to upper crustal magma reservoirs  
33 and suggest that sufficiently large upper crustal reservoirs containing granodioritic (i.e. dacitic)  
34 magma with more than 3 wt.% H<sub>2</sub>O can produce large melt-rich caps at the top of partially  
35 crystallized magma within relatively short timescales. In H<sub>2</sub>O-poorer magmas the time available  
36 for melt extraction is not sufficient for complete extraction of the residual melt, which, therefore,  
37 accumulates in isolated pockets. The tendency of water-poorer magmas to form melt-rich lenses  
38 within partially crystallized magma may decrease our capacity of detecting eruptible magma  
39 using geophysical methods in volcanic systems such as Yellowstone.

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## 41 **1. Introduction**

### 42 *1.1. Crystal-liquid separation in the upper crust*

43 Segregation of interstitial melt from a rheologically-locked partially-crystallized magma has  
44 been proposed by various authors as a potential mechanism for the generation of shallow and  
45 voluminous reservoirs of crystal-poor and eruptible rhyolite (Bachmann and Bergantz, 2004;  
46 Dufek and Bachmann, 2010; Hildreth, 2004, 1981; Hildreth and Wilson, 2007; Marsh, 1981).

47 Thermo-mechanical simulations suggest that the efficiency of melt extraction for common  
48 hydrous silicic magma compositions is highest at crystal contents between 50% and 70% (Dufek  
49 and Bachmann, 2010). These studies also emphasize that the probability for interstitial melt  
50 extraction is not only controlled by the physical properties of residual melt and magma, but by  
51 the time spent by magma at conditions best suited for melt extraction (Dufek and Bachmann,  
52 2010; Huber et al., 2009). This, in turn, is function of the topology of the phase diagram,  
53 specifically of the rate of latent heat release during progressive cooling, and evolution of the  
54 physical properties of the residual melt of magma with increasing crystallinity (Caricchi and  
55 Blundy, 2015; Huber et al., 2009; Lee et al., 2015; Melekhova et al., 2013). The results of these  
56 studies permit to draw some general conclusions about extraction of residual melt in felsic  
57 systems: i) Independently of the process leading to the extraction of residual melt in crystallizing  
58 felsic magmas, the separation between residual melt and crystals occurs when magma is  
59 rheologically locked (i.e. crystal fraction  $>0.4$ ; Dufek and Bachmann, 2010; Huber et al., 2010;  
60 Marsh, 1981; Pistone et al., 2015); ii) The velocity of residual melt extraction is directly  
61 proportional to the ratio between the density difference of crystals and residual melt and the  
62 viscosity of the residual melt (Bachmann and Bergantz, 2004; Dufek and Bachmann, 2010) ; iii)  
63 The longer magma spends at conditions suitable for residual melt extraction, the larger is the  
64 amount of residual melt extracted (Dufek and Bachmann, 2010; Huber et al., 2009).

65 Evidences for large-scale segregation of rhyolitic melts is commonly retrieved from  
66 volcanic sequences (Bachmann and Bergantz, 2004; Deering et al., 2011; Hildreth and Wilson,  
67 2007), however, such testimony is scarce or obscure in the intrusive record (Coleman et al.,  
68 2004; Gelman et al., 2014; Vigneresse, 2014). The Takidani pluton is texturally zoned, with a  
69 gradual transition (over about 50 m) from equigranular to porphyritic texture (Fig. 1). The whole

70 rock chemistry of the equigranular (GDT) and the porphyritic portions (pGT) of the intrusion,  
71 suggest that pGT was extracted from GDT once the residual melt fraction dropped to 40-50 wt.%  
72 (Figs. 1, 2a; Hartung et al., 2017). These findings are confirmed by trace element analyses  
73 carried out on plagioclase (Fig. 2b). Additionally, the composition, mineral chemistry and age, of  
74 the Takidani pluton and volcanic products distributed across Japan are similar, which supports  
75 the hypothesis that the Takidani pluton fed volcanic activity (Kataoka et al., 2001; Kimura and  
76 Nagahashi, 2007). This makes the Takidani pluton an excellent candidate to investigate the  
77 formation of shallow rhyolitic reservoirs and the build-up to large caldera-forming eruptions. In  
78 this study, we calculate the variation of the physical properties of magma and residual melt for  
79 granodioritic (i.e. dacitic) magmas that are comparable to those of the Takidani pluton, for a  
80 range of initial water contents ( $H_2O_i$ ) between 1 and 6 wt.%. We aim 1) to constrain the effect of  
81  $H_2O_i$  content on the efficiency of melt extraction, 2) to identify the conditions that led to the  
82 extraction of residual melt from the Takidani pluton, and 3) to define the impact of  $H_2O_i$  content  
83 on the architecture of upper crustal magma reservoirs.

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## 85 **2. Material and methods**

### 86 *2.1. Rhyolite-MELTS*

87 Existing experimental data do not cover the entire range of temperature and water content  
88 required to trace the evolution of residual melt during cooling and crystallization of magma in  
89 the upper crust (Costa et al., 2004; Holtz et al., 2005; Scaillet and Evans, 1999). Thus, we use  
90 rhyolite-MELTS (Gualda et al., 2012) to calculate the chemical and physical evolution of  
91 residual melt of granodioritic magma from liquidus to solidus temperature and over the entire  
92 range of initial water content between 1 and 6 wt.%. Because granodiorites represent about 95

93 wt.% of the upper crust (Rudnick and Gao, 2003) and because the main portion of the Takidani  
94 pluton is granodioritic with a composition similar to the starting material of Costa et al. (2004;  
95 Hartung et al., 2017), we use this composition for the rhyolite-MELTS calculations. This  
96 composition also allows us to test the performance of rhyolite-MELTS, especially in reproducing  
97 the residual melt compositions produced experimentally by Costa et al. (2004).

98         In our rhyolite-MELTS simulations we force crystallization by removing an equal  
99 amount of heat from the system (i.e. 1 J/g) at each step ( $n$ ) starting from the liquidus temperature  
100 down to a temperature ( $T$ ) of about 740°C, which corresponds to a residual melt fraction of about  
101 0.1. With this approach, we assume that a fix rate of heat is being released from the magma (i.e.  
102 constant heat loss). Thus, the number of modeling steps within a given temperature interval  
103 becomes proportional to the time spent by the magma within that interval of temperature. This is  
104 important to be able to quantify the total time that magma spends within the temperature and  
105 crystallinity range at which residual melt extraction occurs (Dufek and Bachmann, 2010).

106         For all calculations, the confining pressure was fixed at 200 MPa, which are the  
107 conditions applied in the Costa et al. (2004) experiments and are close to the inferred  
108 emplacement depth for the Takidani pluton (Hartung et al., 2017). The oxygen fugacity was  
109 initially fixed to the nickel-nickel oxide buffer (NNO) to calculate the liquidus temperature (for  
110 different  $H_2O_i$ ), but remained unconstrained during progressive heat extraction. Although  
111 rhyolite-MELTS does not capture all subtleties of the phase equilibria for hydrous magmas (i.e.  
112 amphibole and biotite crystallization), the residual melt composition varies as function of  
113 temperature and water content following the experimental residual liquids of the experiments of  
114 Costa et al. (2004; Fig.3).

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116        2.2. *The Takidani pluton: evidences of melt segregation and eruption*

117 In the following we provide a summary of the main results of a geochemical study previously  
118 performed on the Takidani pluton (Hartung et al., 2017). The Takidani pluton is a well exposed  
119 and extremely young pluton (1.63 Ma, Ito et al., 2017), located in the Central Japan Alps and it is  
120 thought to present the source of voluminous dacitic and rhyolitic eruptions at the Plio-  
121 Pleistocene boundary (Kimura and Nagahashi, 2007). The pluton is vertically exposed over 1800  
122 m (Fig. 1; Harayama et al., 2003) from a tectonic contact at the base to a magmatic roof contact  
123 with older volcanic lithology (i.e. Hotaka Andesite, Harayama, 1994). Textural, chemical and  
124 isotopic evidence of large-scale melt segregation is observed in the upper part of the pluton  
125 (Figs. 1,2; Hartung et al., 2017). The rock textures of the Takidani pluton change from  
126 holocrystalline to progressively more porphyritic appearance from the base and center to the roof  
127 of the intrusion. Major and trace element whole rock analysis and data obtained through  
128 quantitative evaluation of minerals by QEMSCAN and electron microprobe analyses (EMPA)  
129 are used to determine the area percent and chemical composition of the matrix components  
130 (equivalent to residual melt composition) throughout the upper section of the Takidani pluton  
131 (Fig. 1). This data shows a progressive increase in the residual melt components defined by  
132 quartz (Qtz), alkali feldspar (Kspar) and albite-rich plagioclase (Plg<An30) from the  
133 equigranular granodiorite (GDT) to the porphyritic granite (pGT; Fig. 1). However, the relative  
134 fraction of quartz (Qtz), albite (Ab), and orthoclase (Or) and therefore the melt compositions  
135 remains constant across the textural and chemical transition and suggest that the residual melt  
136 had a chemical composition equivalent to the granitic minimum at approximately 200 MPa  
137 (Johannes and Holtz, 1996).

138 Hartung et al. (2017) show that magmatic differentiation in the Takidani pluton is  
139 dominated by crystal fractionation with minor assimilation of older partially molten granite (Fig.  
140 2a). Concentrations of Rb in plagioclase increases from core to rim and can be modeled with the  
141 crystallization of magma to more than 50 wt.% (Fig. 2b). All plagioclases are characterized by a  
142 common rim, which formed when the magma crystal fraction reached 40-50 wt.%. The  
143 ubiquitous presence of such plagioclase rims indicates that the magma reached its rheological  
144 locking point at this crystallinity (Fig. 2b). Additionally, petrographic observations suggest that  
145 plagioclase started crystallizing at temperatures of about 900-850°C and before amphibole  
146 reached its liquidus temperature (~850°C). The distribution of temperature estimates in  
147 amphibole and comparison to phase equilibria experiments from Costa et al. (2004) highlight  
148 that amphibole dominantly grew under low temperature conditions (<800°C, Hartung et al.,  
149 2017) and crystallinities of >40 wt.%, which again corresponds to the rheological locking of  
150 crystal mushes (Caricchi et al., 2007; Pistone et al., 2013). The late appearance of amphibole  
151 thus not only indicates emplacement and crystallization at pressure of about 200 MPa, but that  
152 the initial water content of the granodioritic magma was between 3 and 4 wt.% and that the  
153 extraction of residual melt from the crystallizing magma occurred under water saturated  
154 conditions (Costa et al., 2004; Hartung et al., 2017). These evidences show that the pGT unit  
155 represents a lens of residual melt extracted from the underlying GDT granodiorite.

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### 157 **3. Results**

#### 158 *3.1. Thermal, chemical and physical evolution of dacitic magma*

159 Water has an important effect on phase equilibria as it depresses liquidus temperatures and  
160 modifies the relationships between crystallinity, physical properties of magmas and temperature

161 (e.g. viscosity and density of the residual melt ; Caricchi et al., 2007; Giordano et al., 2008;  
162 Lange, 1994; Melekhova et al., 2013; Whitney, 1988). The extraction of heat from a magma  
163 reservoir forces its crystallization and causes silica and water enrichment in the residual melt  
164 (Fig. 4). Once the residual melt becomes water saturated,  $H_2O_i$ -undersaturated magmas join the  
165  $T$ -crystallinity trajectory of  $H_2O_i$ -saturated magma (Fig. 4). At 200 MPa the liquidus temperature  
166 of granodioritic (or dacitic) magma with an initial water content of 1 wt.% lies at 1080°C  
167 (rhyolite-MELTS), while the liquidus temperature of water saturated (about 6 wt%  $H_2O$ ; Ghiorso  
168 and Gualda, 2015) dacitic magma is 110°C lower (Fig. 5a). Such difference in liquidus  
169 temperature implies that relatively drier magmas have a higher initial heat content with respect to  
170 water-bearing magmas, thus, leading to longer cooling periods. Moreover, the initial water  
171 content affects the relationship between temperature and crystallinity of magma (Fig. 5a;  
172 Whitney, 1988). The rate of crystallization is non-linear for hydrous magmas. Thus, the rate of  
173 latent heat release is not constant and in a system in which heat is extracted at approximately  
174 constant rate, magma spends the largest amount of time at temperatures where the rate  
175 crystallization (i.e. rate of latent heat release) is highest (Caricchi and Blundy, 2015; Marsh,  
176 1981). Water also affects the evolution of density contrast between crystals and residual melt and  
177 the viscosity of the residual melt within the rheologically locked region, which, in turn,  
178 modulates the velocity of residual melt extraction (Figs. 5b, c; Bachman and Bergantz, 2004).  
179 Regardless of the initial water content of the magma, residual melt viscosity increases down to  
180 melt fractions of 0.5-0.4 because of decreasing temperature and increasing silica content. At  
181 lower melt fractions (<0.4) and once volatile saturation is achieved, the viscosity of the residual  
182 melt remains unchanged independent of the initial water content (Fig. 5b). Relatively dry melts  
183 ( $H_2O_i \leq 2$  wt.%) reach a maximum in viscosity before joining the viscosity-temperature path at



184 low melt fractions (Fig. 5b). The contrast in density between the solid phase and residual melt  
185 spans a wide range of values near liquidus conditions (for different  $H_2O_i$ ) but becomes less  
186 dependent on  $H_2O_i$  for melt fractions  $<0.6$  (Fig. 5c). The ratio of the difference in density  
187 between crystals and residual melt and the viscosity of the residual melt, which is directly related  
188 to the velocity of melt extraction (Bachman and Bergantz, 2004), generally increases with water  
189 content (Figs. 5b, c).

190         Based on the above and when considering only the physical properties of the residual  
191 melt, the extraction velocity of residual melt is the fastest for  $H_2O_i$ -saturated magmas. However,  
192 the total time spent by magma at melt fractions  $<0.6$  (i.e. rheologically locked conditions) is  
193 inversely proportional to the initial water content of magma (Fig. 5d). To assess the relative  
194 importance of the initial water content on the physical properties of magma and the timescales  
195 available for melt segregation to occur, we calculate the velocity of melt extraction by hindered  
196 settling for granodioritic-dacitic magma throughout the rheologically locked portion of the  
197 magmatic cooling history (melt fraction  $<0.6$ ). As the velocity of residual melt extraction depends  
198 importantly on the process and the physical properties of crystals and residual melt (Bachmann  
199 and Bergantz, 2004), the timescales and velocity of melt extraction provided here should be  
200 considered as first order estimate. We further notice that the process of residual melt extraction  
201 in this formulation is simplified but we are interested in the comparison between the efficiency  
202 of residual melt for magmas with different initial water contents. Compaction or gas-filter  
203 pressing are viable mechanisms but an accurate analysis of the mechanisms responsible for the  
204 extraction of residual melt is beyond the scope of this contribution.

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206         3.2. *Timescales of melt segregation*

207 We use the physical properties obtained from rhyolite-MELTS simulations to calculate hindered  
208 settling velocities ( $U_{hs}$ ) for crystallizing magma reservoirs (i.e. Takidani pluton) following the  
209 equation provided by Bachmann and Bergantz (2004):  
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$$211 \quad U_{hs} = \frac{2r^2 g \Delta\rho}{9m} \frac{(1-c)^2}{(1+c^{1/3})^{[5c/3(1-c)]}} \quad (1)$$

212  
213 Where  $r$  is the crystal radius,  $g$  is gravitational acceleration ( $9.81 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ ),  $\Delta\rho$  is the density  
214 difference between crystal and melt,  $\mu$  is the viscosity of the melt and  $c$  is the crystal fraction.  
215 Crystal fraction and size control porosity and permeability of silicic mushes (McKenzie, 1984),  
216 and can affect melt extraction velocity by several orders of magnitude (Bachmann and Bergantz,  
217 2004). To compare the velocities obtained for magmas with different  $H_2O_i$ , we always consider a  
218 crystal radius of 3 mm, which is appropriate for the Takidani pluton (Fig. 1; Hartung et al.,  
219 2017). Settling velocities vary between 3.0 and 0.02 m/yr for melt fractions decreasing from 0.6  
220 to 0.2 (Fig. 6). Segregation velocities for  $H_2O_i \geq 3$  wt.%, i.e. within the rheologically locked  
221 interval remain essentially the same because the residual melt at these crystallinities is water  
222 saturated (Fig. 6). Magmas with  $H_2O_i < 3$  wt.%, however, become water saturated at lower  
223 temperature and at higher crystallinities resulting in much slower settling velocities mainly  
224 because of their higher viscosity. Based on these calculations, the residual melt separates more  
225 efficiently from highly crystallized dacitic magmas if the initial water concentration is equal or  
226 greater than 3 wt.%. It is important to stress that these conclusions are valid for a confining  
227 pressure of 200 MPa. Water solubility in magma increases with pressure, thus, at higher pressure  
228 the threshold of  $H_2O_i$  at which the increase of segregation efficiency occurs is higher.

229           The relative amount of melt that can be extracted depends on the time period that magma  
230 spends within the rheologically locked temperature interval, which, in turn, is function of magma  
231 temperature and the crystallization rate (i.e. rate of release of latent heat of crystallization) within  
232 the rheologically locked interval. For  $H_2O_i \leq 3$  wt.% the average magma temperature within the  
233 rheologically locked interval increases (Fig. 5a). When  $H_2O_i$ -undersaturated magmas reach  
234 volatile saturation, the rate of crystallization sharply increases resulting in an increase of the rate  
235 of release of latent heat of crystallization (Fig. 5a; Marsh, 1981, Caricchi and Blundy, 2015b).  
236 Magmas that formed the Takidani pluton were initially  $H_2O$ -undersaturated with water contents  
237 of about 3 to 4 wt.% (Hartung et al., 2017; Costa et al., 2004). The residual melt would have  
238 reached volatile saturation at melt fractions of about 0.70 to 0.55 and temperatures around 820°C  
239 to 780°C (Fig. 5a,b), at which point an increase of crystallization rate, enhanced release of latent  
240 heat of crystallization, and decreased magma cooling rates are expected. This is confirmed by  
241 amphibole thermometry, as the largest number of amphiboles measured in the granodiorite  
242 portion of the Takidani intrusion suggest prolonged residence within a relatively narrow  
243 temperature interval below 800°C (Hartung et al., 2017).

244           Our rhyolite-MELTS calculations and experimental phase relationships (Costa et al.,  
245 2004) indicate that the Takidani pluton initially contained about 3 to 4 wt.%  $H_2O$  and spent a  
246 relatively large fraction of its cooling timescale at melt fractions  $<0.65$  (Fig. 5d). The interplay  
247 between the viscosity of the residual melt, the density contrast between residual melt and  
248 crystals, and the time spent within the rheologically locked crystallinity interval, favored the  
249 extraction of residual melt from the Takidani pluton (Fig. 5).

250           In the following we investigate how the initial amount of water dissolved in magma can  
251 affect the architecture of partially crystallized dacitic reservoirs. More specifically we calculate

252 the potential for the formation of melt-rich rhyolitic lenses within partially crystallized magma,  
253 or caps at the roof of magma reservoirs (Bachmann and Bergantz, 2004; Wotzlaw et al., 2014).

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## 255 4. Discussion

### 256 4.1. *Application to the Takidani pluton*

257 We estimate the time required for magma to cool to a crystal fraction of 0.1 by 1) considering the  
258 total enthalpy content (from rhyolite-MELTS) of a magmatic reservoir constituted of fully  
259 molten granodioritic magma and 2) removing heat by applying a constant heat loss per surface  
260 area. For a fixed volume, reservoirs with high aspect ratios (i.e. diameter to thickness ratio) have  
261 larger surface area and, thus, cool faster. The time available for melt migration is equal to the  
262 time the magma spends within the rheologically locked temperature range. The distance travel by  
263 the melt is the cumulative sum of the hindered settling velocity calculated for each temperature  
264 range, multiplied by the time the magma spends within each temperature range.

265 For the Takidani Pluton, we consider a cylindrical shape and a volume of 80 km<sup>3</sup> with a  
266 radius of 6.5 km (i.e. 13 km length; Harayama, 1992) and mush thickness of 0.6 km (i.e. GDT  
267 and pGT units, Hartung et al. 2017). These are the dimensions of the exposed portion of the  
268 pluton and are therefore minimum reservoir volume estimates. The observed column of extracted  
269 melt (h) corresponds to the pGT unit in the upper part of the pluton (270 m; Fig. 1, Hartung et al.  
270 2017). The total amount of enthalpy available for the Takidani reservoir for a dacitic  
271 composition, a fixed bulk density of 2500 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and initial water content of 3 and 4 wt.% is 3.1  
272 and 2.8 x 10<sup>19</sup> J, respectively. To estimate the cooling timescale from the liquidus to a  
273 temperature corresponding to a melt fraction of 0.1, we use a constant heat loss of 2 J/s/m<sup>2</sup>,  
274 which is comparable to average heat flow measurements at Yellowstone Caldera (DeNosaquo et

275 al., 2009). Cooling from liquidus to a melt fraction of 0.1 for such reservoir geometry, would  
276 have been completed in 1500-1700 years for magmas with initial water contents of 4 to 3 wt.%,  
277 respectively. We normalize these cooling timescales to the number of simulation steps from  
278 rhyolite-MELTS to calculate the time magma spent within each simulation step. By multiplying  
279 the time within each step by the corresponding hindered settling velocity for the corresponding  
280 temperature (Fig. 6), we calculate the distance travel by the melt while the magma was in a  
281 rheologically locked state (i.e. 0.6-0.2 melt fraction). Rhyolite-MELTS simulations in  
282 combination with our estimates of cooling timescales show that the segregation of the 270 m  
283 pGT unit occurred over 220 -160 years. Such timescales indicate that the extraction of residual  
284 melt is a relatively fast process that currently cannot be resolved with geochronology (e.g.  
285 Wotzlaw et al., 2014). Velocities of melt extraction about one order of magnitude slower (see  
286 compaction velocities with respect to hindered settling in Bachmann and Bergantz, 2004) would  
287 not lead to the formation of a melt-rich cap in the Takidani Pluton. Using the approach applied to  
288 the Takidani pluton, in the following we estimate the potential amount of residual melt extracted  
289 from magma reservoirs of different volumes containing dacitic magma with different initial H<sub>2</sub>O  
290 content (1-6 wt.%).

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#### 292 *4.2. The control of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>i</sub> on the extraction of residual melt from crystallizing magmas*

293 Geochemical and petrologic studies show that crystal poor rhyolites are sourced either from caps  
294 at the top of partially crystallized reservoirs (Bachmann and Bergantz, 2004; Hildreth and  
295 Wilson, 2007), or from the amalgamation of isolated melt pockets dispersed within a highly  
296 crystallized magma (Wotzlaw et al., 2014, Ellis et al., 2014). However, the processes responsible  
297 for the generation of reservoirs with such distinct architecture are not yet fully understood.

298 Considering the extraction of residual melt by any physical process, the final distribution of  
299 crystal-poor melt will be determined by the total distance the melt can travel before the system  
300 cools to its solidus temperature. Thermally, the maximum amount of crystal-poor melt that can  
301 potentially be accumulated depends mainly on the mass of magma within a magmatic system  
302 (i.e. heat content) and on its volume to surface ratio (rate of heat loss; Fig. 7). Our results show  
303 that chemically, the initial amount of water dissolved in dacitic magmas affects both the total  
304 amount of time magmas spend within the rheologically locked temperature interval and the  
305 velocity of residual melt extraction from crystallizing magmas (Figs. 5d, 6, 7). To identify which  
306 magma compositions are best suited for the formation of melt caps or lenses, we first calculate  
307 the cooling timescale by considering a constant heat loss of  $2 \text{ J/s/m}^2$  for dacitic magmas with  
308 different  $H_2O_i$  for reservoirs of different volume and aspect ratio volumes (volume =  $10^2$ - $10^4 \text{ km}^3$   
309 and thicknesses 1-5 km). We assume that a melt-rich cap forms at the top of the reservoir if  
310 segregation velocities and time within the rheologically locked temperature window are  
311 sufficiently high for the residual melt to reach the top of the reservoir before the magma reaches  
312 a crystal fraction of 0.8. Hence, to extract fifty percent of residual melt, the calculated  
313 segregation distance needs to be half of the thickness of the magma reservoir. If less melt is  
314 extracted the residual melt needs to travel further. If velocities are lower or if reservoir aspect  
315 ratios are low (i.e. horizontally extended reservoirs), the melt does not reach the roof of the  
316 magma reservoir before cooling to 80 wt.% crystals. In this case we consider that isolated melt-  
317 rich pockets form within a highly crystallized magma.

318 Our calculations show that the residual melt of magmas containing more than 3 wt.%  
319  $H_2O_i$  moves greater distances in shorter timescales (Fig. 7) and are very likely to form crystal  
320 rich caps at or near the roof of the magma reservoir (Fig. 8). Magmas with less than 2 wt.%  $H_2O_i$

321 are unlikely to form any melt-rich body independent of the size or thickness of the magma  
322 reservoir (Figs. 7,8). Although magmas with 1 wt.%  $H_2O_i$  spent half of their cooling time within  
323 the rheological locking temperature window, because of the high viscosity of the residual melt  
324 (i.e. low extraction velocity) they tend not to form caps or melt-rich lenses of crystal poor  
325 rhyolite. The boundaries between caps and lenses depend on the segregation velocity of the  
326 residual melt. Slower segregation of the residual melt, for instance through compaction or  
327 hindered settling in magma with smaller crystals ( $< 3\text{mm}$  radius; Bachmann and Bergantz,  
328 2004), will decrease the probability of forming caps of crystal-poor rhyolitic melt and expand the  
329 field appropriate for the formation of isolated melt-rich lenses.

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## 331 **5. Conclusions**

332 The Takidani magmatic reservoir formed, what appears to be, a cap of segregated residual melt  
333 near the roof of the magmatic reservoir (Hartung et al., 2017). With an estimated initial water  
334 content of 3-4 wt.% and a thickness of 0.6 km, segregation of the residual melt to form the 270m  
335 thick pGT unit would have occurred between 220 and 160 years. The fact, that the Takidani  
336 pluton shows evidence of large-scale melt segregation may be associated with its water  
337 undersaturation at time of emplacement, which prolonged the time spent within the rheologically  
338 locked temperature range (Fig. 5d).

339  $H_2O_i$  appears to have a pronounced impact on the potential of formation of crystal-poor  
340 melt caps or separate melt pockets. Dacitic magma mushes with  $H_2O_i \geq 3$  wt.% are most likely to  
341 form large melt caps at the roof of a magma reservoir, while magmas with  $H_2O_i < 3$  wt.% tends to  
342 form separate melt pockets due to slower segregation velocities. Magmas with  $H_2O_i \ll 2$  wt.%  
343 are unlikely to show any signs of segregation of rhyolitic melts (Fig. 7).

344 Our calculations support the hypothesis that the porphyritic unit observed at the roof of  
345 the Takidani Pluton presents a melt-rich cap. Considering a thicker or more volumetric magma  
346 reservoir would strengthen this conclusion (Fig. 8). Our simplified model only considers constant  
347 heat diffusion across a fixed magma surface, however, it captures the fundamental parameters  
348 controlling the architecture of upper crustal magma reservoirs. The initial magma water content  
349 has a significant control on the potential of magma reservoir to form melt-rich caps or isolated  
350 melt pockets dispersed in a highly-crystallized magma. Our calculations suggest that while water  
351 rich magmas have the highest potential to form melt-rich caps, water poorer magma, as those  
352 typical of the Snake River Plane (USA), should have a higher tendency to form dispersed melt-  
353 rich lenses within magma mushes. This is in agreement with geochemical data, suggesting that  
354 eruptions in the Snake River Plane are fed by multiple melt-rich lenses (Wotzlaw et al., 2014,  
355 Ellis et al., 2014) and suggests that detection of eruptible magmas using geophysical methods,  
356 may be more complicated in H<sub>2</sub>O-poor systems.

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466 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

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468 Figure 1:

469 Evidence of melt segregation in the upper section of the Takidani Pluton. Variations of Rb/Sr  
470 whole-rock content from GDT to pGT and QEMSCAN images with interstitial quartz (pink),  
471 orthoclase (green) and plagioclase with anorthite content <30wt.% (red). All other abundant  
472 mineral phases (including plagioclase phenocrysts) are represented in different shades of grey.  
473 Interstitial quartz, alkali feldspar and plagioclase (An<30) are considered to represent the  
474 residual melt of the magma, which gradually increases from the equigranular GDT unit towards  
475 the porphyritic pGT unit. The values below the bars show the content of quartz, orthoclase and  
476 albite, normalized to a fraction of 1. These values remain relative constant and suggest that the  
477 residual melt composition was buffered at the granitic minimum (Johannes and Holtz, 1996).

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479 Figure 2:

480 Crystal fractionation trends from whole-rock and mineral analyses; (a) Assimilation and  
481 fractional crystallization (AFC) models (Hartung et al., 2017) performed on whole rock analyses  
482 show that compositional diversity is dominantly produced by crystal fractionation. The grey  
483 dashed lines and numbers on the side show the amount of melt (i.e. 60 wt.%) and assimilation  
484 (i.e. 3.2 wt.%). (b) Concentrations of Rb in plagioclase phenocrysts increase from 0.54 to 1.31  
485 ppm from core to rim, respectively, and point towards a progressive enrichment of the  
486 incompatible element Rb in the melt phase through crystal fractionation. The grey dashed lines  
487 and number below indicate the amount of melt fraction.

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489 Figure 3:  
490 Comparison between rhyolite-MELTS simulations (lines) and the matrix glass compositions  
491 (circles) measured between 950°C and 800°C by Costa et al. (2004). The color contouring  
492 indicates the initial water content of the starting material (Costa et al. 2004). Rhyolite-MELTS  
493 and experiments are in broad agreement and show the effect of initial water content on the  
494 chemical evolution of residual melt with decreasing temperature. No experimental data is  
495 available below 800°C.

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497 Figure 4:  
498 Results of rhyolite-MELTS simulations for dacitic magma. The colors show different initial  
499 water content of the magma, from 1 wt.% H<sub>2</sub>O (red line) to H<sub>2</sub>O saturated (black line). (a)  
500 Evolution of the residual melt water content as function of temperature. (b) Relationship between  
501 water content of the residual melt and melt fraction. (c) Silica content of the residual melt versus  
502 temperature. d) Water content versus silica content of the residual melt.

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504 Figure 5:  
505 Physical parameters of hydrous dacitic magma during melt evolution from rhyolite-MELTS  
506 simulations. (a) Temperature decreases with decreasing melt fraction. (b) Evolution of melt  
507 viscosity during magma crystallization of H<sub>2</sub>O-saturated and undersaturated dacitic magma. (c)  
508 The density difference between crystals and the residual melt is large near the liquidus  
509 temperature but becomes less pronounced towards lower melt fractions. (d) Relative time magma  
510 spends within each fraction interval based on enthalpy budget.

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512 Figure 6:  
513 Hindered settling velocities (Bachmann and Bergantz, 2004) of dacitic magma with different  
514 initial water content ( $H_2O_i$ ). Physical properties are obtained from rhyolite-MELTS simulations.  
515 Melt segregation is most effective for hindered settling at its maximum melt fractions of 0.5-0.6.  
516 Magmas with  $H_2O_i \geq 3$  wt.% segregate at the same rate below a melt fraction of 0.55. Magmas  
517 with lower initial water contents have velocities of up to one magnitude lower. All velocities are  
518 calculated for a fixed crystal size (i.e. radius) of 3 mm.

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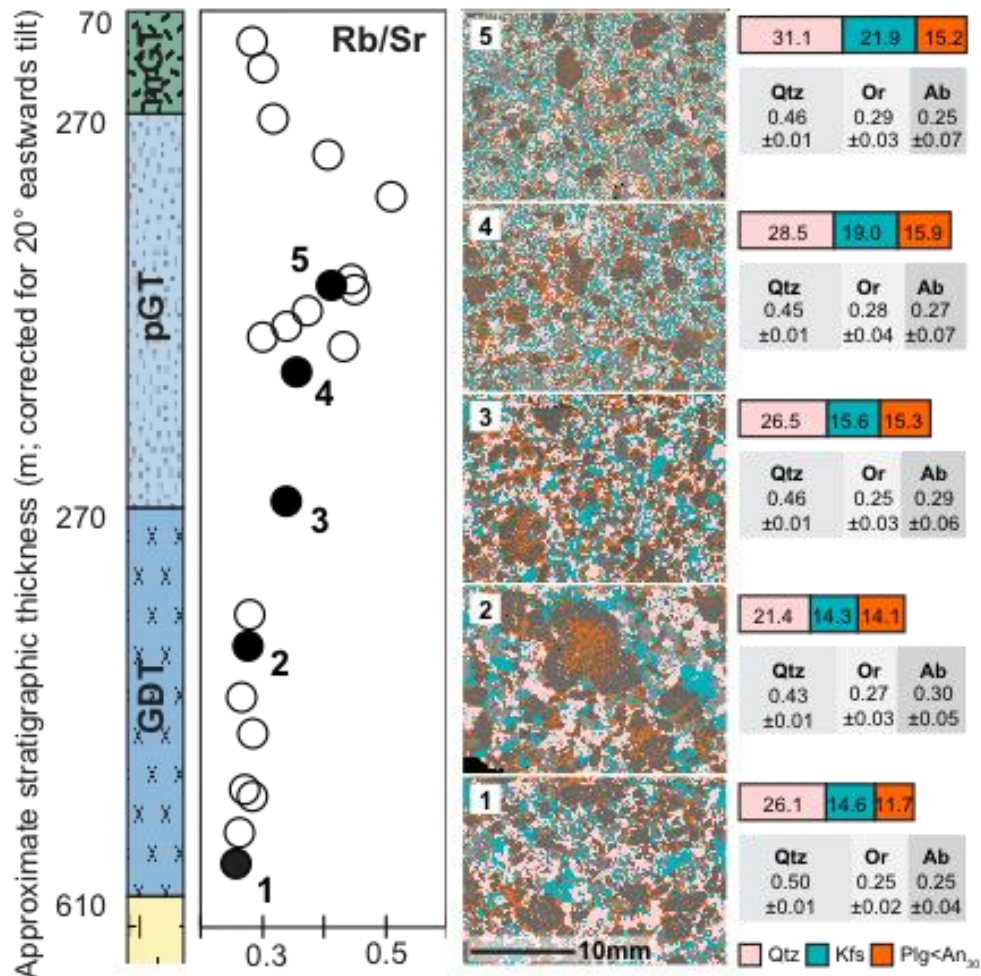
520 Figure 7:  
521 Simulations of residual melt extraction within rheologically locked window for different initial  
522 water contents, reservoir volumes (V) and thicknesses (Th). Each line represents one calculation  
523 and the cumulative distance travelled by the residual melt for a given reservoir thickness  
524 (numbers next to the colored lines).

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526 Figure 8:  
527 a) Regime diagram showing the regions of  $H_2O_i$  and thickness of the magma reservoir best suited  
528 for the formation of melt caps or lenses. For water content of 1 wt.% there is essentially no  
529 significant residual melt segregation before solidification. The dashed lines separate the field  
530 where melt caps (below or to the right of the line) and melt lenses (above or to the left of the  
531 line) for magmas with different  $H_2O_i$ . For higher  $H_2O_i$  the potential of forming melt caps  
532 increases with increasing reservoir volume. Grey zones indicate regions where melt lenses may  
533 form instead of melt caps.

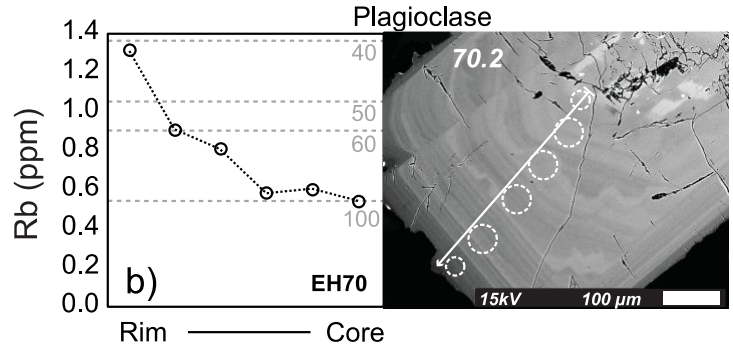
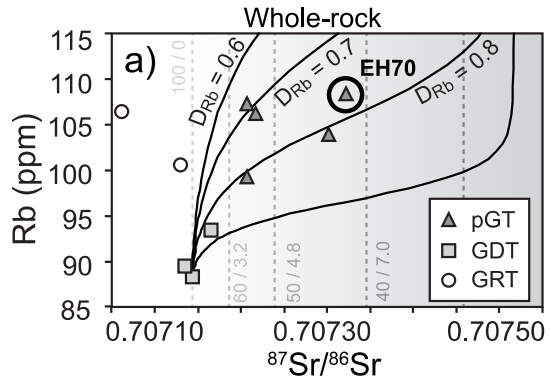
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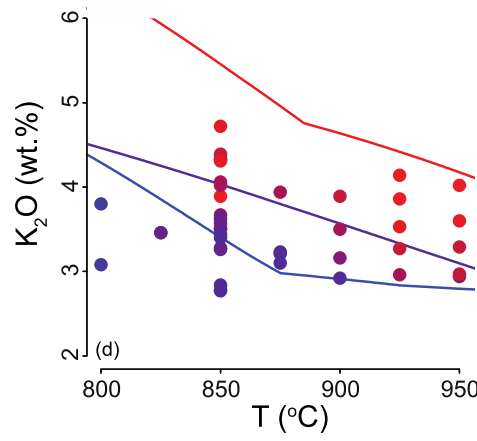
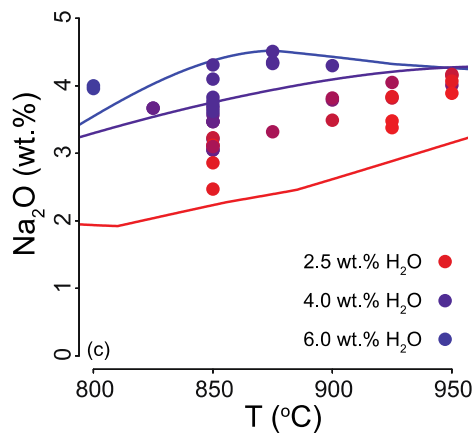
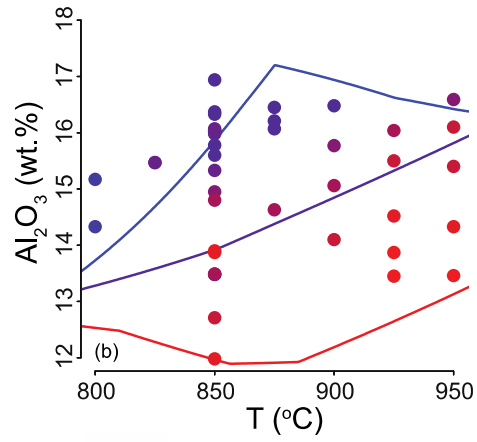
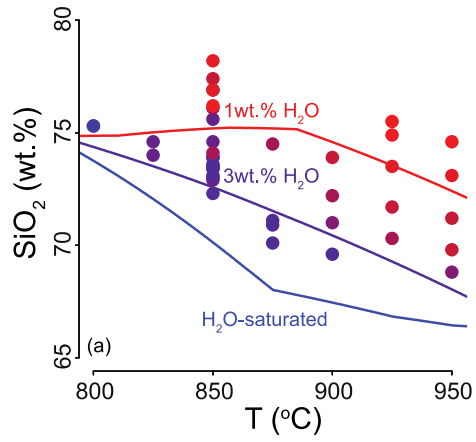
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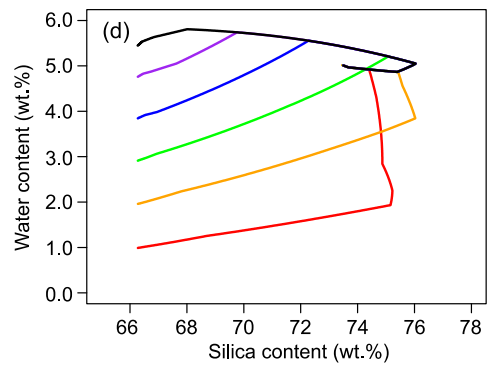
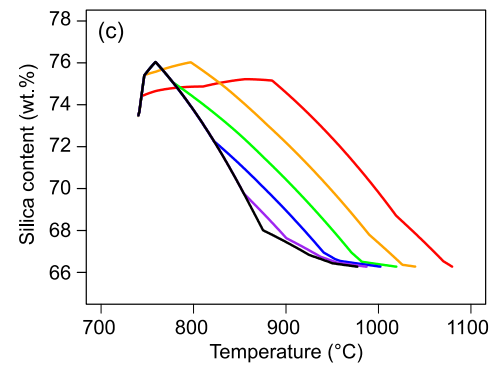
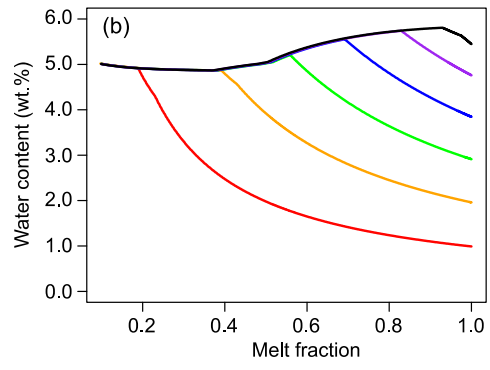
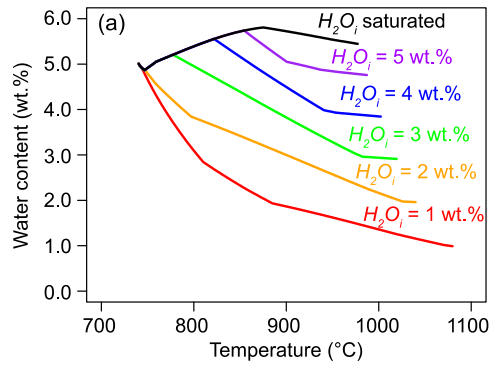
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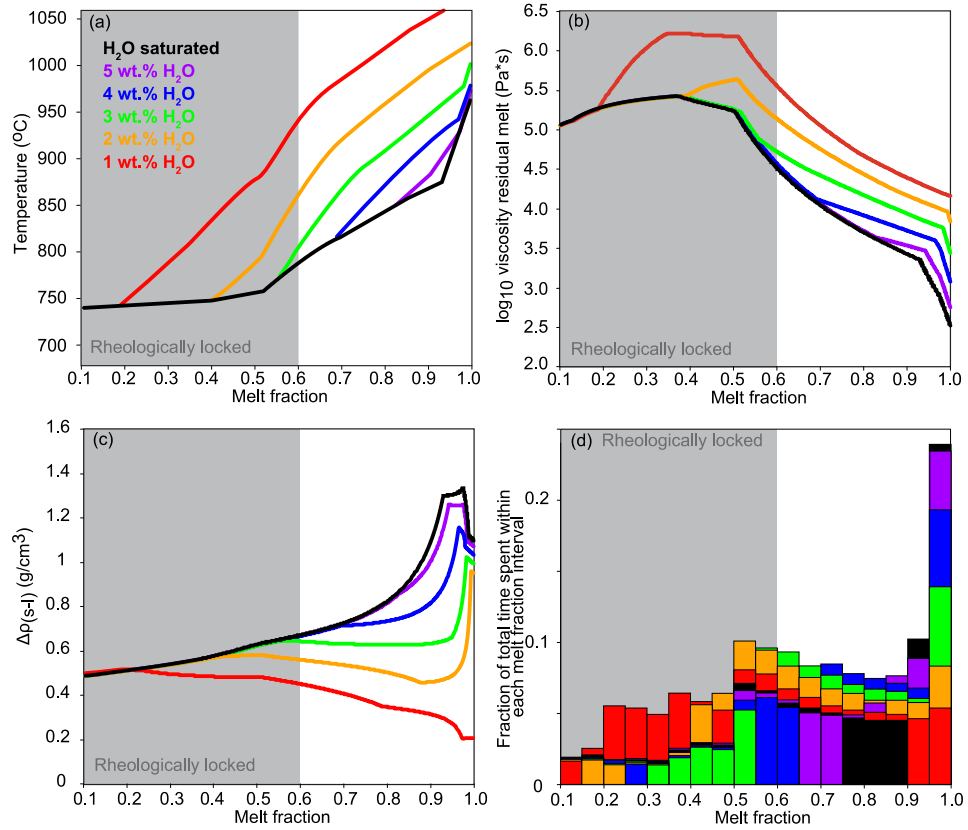
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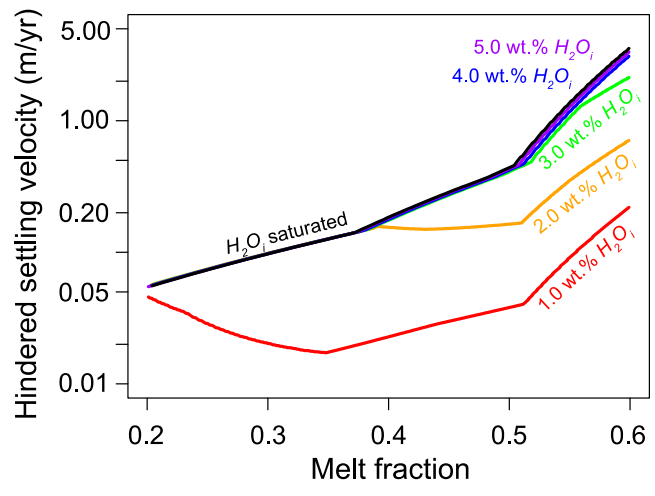
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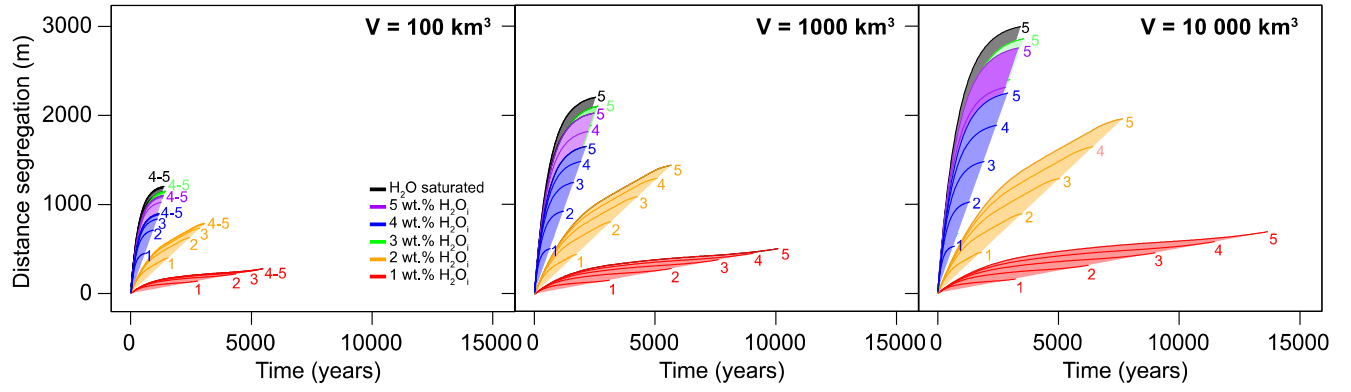
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