

Post-caldera volcanism reveals shallow priming of an intra-ocean arc andesitic caldera: Hunga volcano, Tonga, SW Pacific

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Abstract

Intra-oceanic arcs are typically associated with intermediate (andesitic) cone volcanoes. However, caldera volcanoes may also form in these settings from very large eruptions, resulting in sudden changes to the magma reservoir. These reservoirs can then produce either semi-continuous or intermittent low-intensity volcanism between major caldera-producing or caldera-deepening eruptions, providing insights into the post-caldera evolution of the system. Hunga volcano (Kingdom of Tonga, Southwest Pacific) is a large mainly submarine edifice that produced a series of caldera-forming eruptions ~900 years ago. Since then, numerous smaller-scale subaerial and submarine eruptions occurred, the most recent forming new islands in 2009 and 2014/15. Pyroclastic deposits associated with these latest eruptions have identical (range ~0.1 wt.% of all major oxides) andesitic composition that overlap with the primitive end of the slightly wider compositional range of the caldera-forming episodes. Texturally simple plagioclase, clinopyroxene and orthopyroxene phenocrysts in pre-, syn- and post-caldera pyroclasts point to a single shallow storage reservoir at 5–8 km depth. Lack of complex zonation indicates that this reservoir is constantly resupplied by low-flux inputs of basaltic andesite magma and is large enough that convective mixing rapidly homogenises new inputs. The reservoir feeds intermittent, low-intensity, post-caldera volcanism with constant andesite composition, driven possibly by magmatic overpressure and “leakage” of gas-rich magma pockets around the edges of the caldera. More primitive and compositionally variable basaltic andesites formed a lava-dominated edifice prior to the caldera-forming event. This suggests a causal link between magma supply dynamics and caldera priming relating to the maturing of the plumbing system and formation of a sustained subvolcanic andesite magma reservoir.

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1. Introduction

Calderas are a feature of long-lived magmatic systems with stable and mature plumbing systems and mainly extensional settings. Caldera volcanoes most commonly occur in continental arc settings and are associated with large magmatic reservoirs

that produce evolved (silicic) magmas (Bachmann and Huber, 2016; Hughes and Mahood, 2011; Wilson et al., 1995). In such settings, thicker low-density continental crust leads to long periods of magmatic evolution via assimilation and fractional crystallization (AFC) within a large trans-

crustal magmatic (mush) system (Ayalew and Ishiwatari, 2011; Deering et al., 2011; Ewart et al., 1977; Huber et al., 2009). Large caldera-forming eruptions are then typically fed from evolved dacite to rhyolite magmas, stored in the shallow crust (Coombs and Gardner, 2001; Vazquez and Reid, 2002). However, smaller calderas, both subaerial and submarine, are also now identified as common features of island arcs, despite the thinner crust (Eichelberger and Izbekov, 2000; Hekinian et al., 2008; Robin et al., 1995; Roobol et al., 1983; Smellie et al., 1998; Toya et al., 2005; Worthington et al., 1999; Wright et al., 2006).

Intra-oceanic calderas also erupt silicic (dacite to rhyolite) magmas, with vast pumice blankets covering the surrounding seafloor (Barker et al., 2013; Barker et al., 2012; Ikegami et al., 2018; Shane and Wright, 2011; Shukuno et al., 2006; Smith et al., 2006; Tamura et al., 2009; Wohletz et al., 1986). In contrast intermediate magma compositions (basaltic andesite to andesite) typically produce stratovolcanoes through the gradual build up of small volume lavas (Caulfield et al., 2012; Firth et al., 2015; Métrich et al., 2011; Nairn et al., 1995; Stern, 1979; Tamura et al., 2019). However, intermediate magmatism can also lead to large-scale caldera formation under the right circumstances (Firth et al., 2015; Robin et al., 1995). Caldera-formation or caldera-modification generally occurs during high-intensity and large-volume eruptions with a VEI (Volcanic Explosivity Index) >6, that are rare in the geological record (Newhall et al., 2018). More frequent volcanism between these events, so-called post-caldera (or intra-caldera) eruptions, are typically lower in volume and intensity but provide insights into the mechanisms for magmatic system rejuvenation or recovery towards a possible subsequent caldera-forming eruption.

Compositional overlap has been noted between eruptives from large-volume, high-intensity, caldera-forming and caldera-modifying events and small-scale intra-caldera eruptions at several volcanoes. At

Yasur (Tanna, Vanuatu), within the Yenkahe Caldera, continuous strombolian eruptions over the past ~800 years have uniform magma composition (Firth et al., 2014), and are associated with the growth of a large shallow magma reservoir driving rapid uplift of the central caldera (Merle et al., 2013). Similar scales and continuity of volcanism are interpreted between two past caldera-forming events at c. 43 ka and >8 ka at this centre (Firth et al., 2021; Firth et al., 2015; Métrich et al., 2011). The eruptive magnitude and frequency at Yasur reflects an overall constant input of compositionally uniform recharging magma (Firth et al., 2014). Large-scale eruptions in this case appear to extract magma accumulated over a long period within a central large magma reservoir (Firth et al., 2021). In another case, steady-state magma supply built a large shallow storage system prior to, and between caldera-forming eruptions at Tofua (Tonga), with recharge driving current continuous volcanism (Caulfield et al., 2012). Intra-caldera volcanism may also be intermittent with years/decades-long breaks between events, such as at Rabaul (Papua New Guinea) (Cunningham et al., 2009a; Cunningham et al., 2009b; Nairn et al., 1995).

In all cases of intermediate calderas, the compositional range of post-caldera volcanic products is generally narrower (basaltic andesite/andesite) compared to that of the entire volcano. These compositional relationships suggest that caldera-forming intermediate volcanism in oceanic arc systems is not necessarily caused by sudden arrival of new magma, but follows hundreds to thousands of years of steady supply (and leaking) of magma into a sub-volcanic magmatic reservoir. This is fundamentally different to models generally proposed for continental systems, where tectonics and magma recharge/mixing/buoyancy play a significant role in triggering caldera-forming eruption (Cabaniss et al., 2018; Degruyter et al., 2016; Malfait et al., 2014). A clear relationship between a pre-existing magmatic reservoir driving a caldera-forming eruption and post-caldera activity is

not always apparent. Does the small-scale post-caldera activity signify a magmatic recharge that could ultimately lead to subsequent large caldera-forming eruptions, or does it represent removal of late melts from the post-caldera reservoir (Cunningham et al., 2009a)?

Here we investigate the relationship between pre- syn- and post-caldera magma compositions through a field and chemical investigation of the emergent portion of the mainly submarine Hunga volcano in the central segment of the Tonga Arc. Hunga volcano (Fig. 1) notably formed one of the youngest volcanic islands on Earth in a recent eruption in 2014-2015. In November 2015 we visited the new island for a week to document the nature of the eruption (Colombier et al., 2018) and to assess the context of the recent eruptions within the broader geological history of the volcano (Cronin et al., 2017). We found numerous older deposits of lava and ignimbrite relating to periods of cone formation and caldera collapse. In this paper we assess the compositional relationship between different stages of caldera-related activity at Hunga volcano by examining old-edifice lavas, caldera-related pyroclastics and the most recent lower-intensity post-caldera volcanic products.

2. Geological Setting

Hunga volcano is located in the SW Pacific, along the Tonga-Kermadec intra-oceanic arc, which results from the Pacific Plate subducting beneath the Indo-Australian Plate (Schellart et al., 2006) (Fig. 1a). High-angle convergence, subduction, and slab rollback at the plate boundary have formed a remnant volcanic arc (the Lau-Colville Ridge), a back-arc basin (the Lau Basin-Havre Trench) and the active Tonga – Kermadec Volcanic Arc (Ballance et al., 1999; Smith and Price, 2006) (Fig. 1a) that has a crustal thickness of approximately 20 km (Contreras-Reyes et al., 2011; Crawford et al., 2003). The central segment of the intra-oceanic Tonga Arc

contains ~20 large volcanic edifices that rise from the sea floor west of the Tonga Ridge to close to or above sea-level (Fig. 1a). At least seven of these volcanoes have erupted since 1770 (Simkin and Siebert, 1994) typically building ephemeral islands of pyroclastic material up to 140 m above sea level (asl).

Two small uninhabited islands, Hunga Tonga and Hunga Ha’apai, each ~2 km long and rising up to 114 m asl, are the summit of the large, mostly submarine, Hunga volcano (Fig. 1b). These islands represent the remnants of a cone destroyed by at least two caldera-forming eruptions (the latest in 1040-1180 CE), and rise from a submerged caldera identified by recent mapping (Cronin et al., 2017). The two islands mostly consist of lava and scoria cut by dominantly N-S trending dykes of basaltic andesite to andesite composition (Bryan et al., 1972; Fig. 2). On Hunga Ha’apai the topmost sequence of welded and unwelded ignimbrite was deposited by the 1040-1180 CE caldera-forming eruption (“welded ignimbrite” in Fig. 2c-e). At least two older sequences of welded and unwelded ignimbrites occur below, beneath paleosols and additional volcanoclastic deposits (Fig. 2c-e).

All known historic eruptions at Hunga occurred around the rim of a submerged caldera within the two islands and the southern reef shoal (Cronin et al., 2017) (Fig. 1b). A group of shallow reefs ~3 km south of Hunga Tonga is the site of eruptive activity in 1912 and 1937 (Bryan et al., 1972). More recently in 1988 a two-day entirely submarine eruption from 2-3 vents aligned SW-NE was also reported near these reefs (Gatliff et al., 1991) (Fig 1b).

2.1. 2009 eruptions

In 2009, a two-month eruption occurred from two vents along the western shore of Hunga Ha’apai (Fig. 1b). These phreatomagmatic eruptions were characterised by numerous base surges and accompanied by ash and steam plumes, which reached heights of ≤ 7.6 km asl (Vaughan and Webley, 2010; Venzke et al., 2009). Ambient seismic unrest was

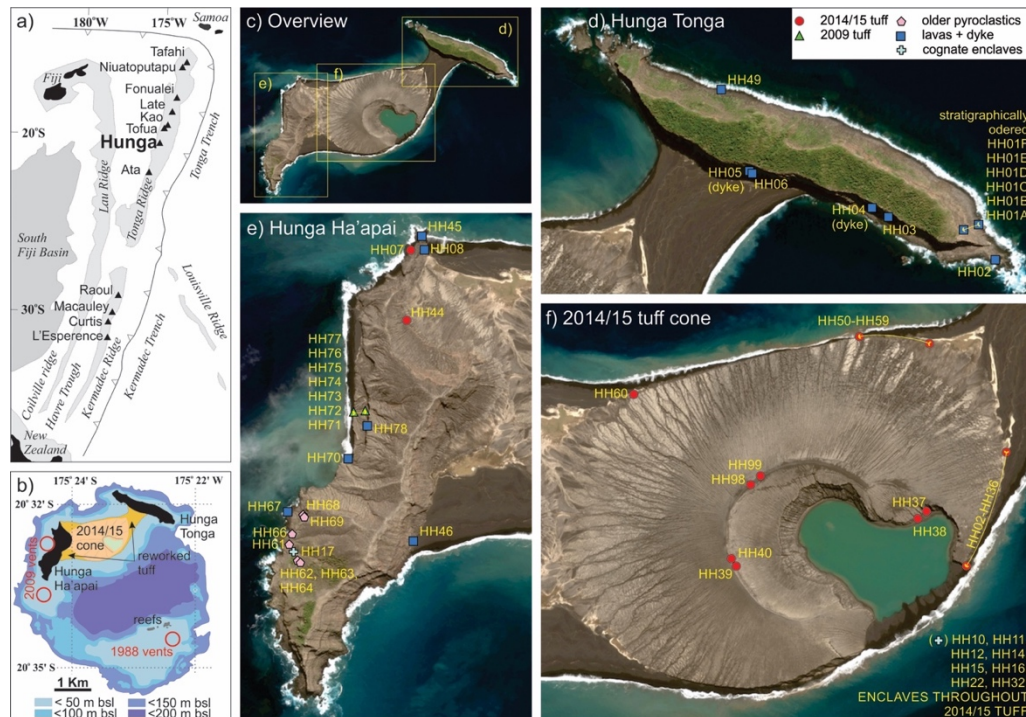


Figure 1. a) Regional geological setting of Hunga volcano in the central portion of the Tongan arc. b) Bathymetry of the summit area and caldera of the Hunga volcano modified from Cronin et al. (2017). c) satellite image of Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai taken in September 2015. d-f) detailed sampling localities on Hunga Tonga (d), Hunga Ha'apai (e) and the 2014/15 tuff cone (f).

recorded from the site from about three weeks prior to the eruption and indicates that the eruptive activity started several hours prior to the first visual reports (Bohnenstiehl et al., 2013). The young pyroclastic cones were quickly eroded once activity ceased. In November 2015, only a small subaerial remnant of the northern cone was still preserved above sea level on the western site of Hunga Ha'apai (Fig. 1e, 2f).

2.2. 2014/15 eruptions

A detailed account of the 2014/15 eruption is presented in the Global Volcanism Program (2015) report. The eruption started on the 19th of December 2014 with tephra jets several hundred m high. By 6 January 2015, a new island of pyroclastic debris had built up to ~70 m asl between the islands of Hunga Tonga and Hunga Ha'apai. By 15 January 2015 the new cone had grown to a height of ~80 m asl and explosive phreatomagmatic eruptions were occurring from three vents aligned roughly NW-SE. Vent migration led

to a partial undercutting and collapse of the south-eastern margin of the island. By 24 January 2015 activity ceased, leaving a near-circular ~120 m high and 2 km wide tephra cone connected to Hunga Ha'apai. Subsequent erosion and remobilisation of the pyroclastic deposits formed a tombolo, which connected to Hunga Tonga before 12 April 2015. Wave erosion coming from the south, has subsequently reshaped the cone and reworked the tephra to widen the tombolo (Garvin et al., 2018).

3. Methods

Whole rock major element analyses were performed at the School of Environment, University of Auckland (New Zealand) by X-ray fluorescence (PANalytical Axios X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometer). Samples were ground in a tungsten carbide ring mill. Loss-on-ignition (LOI) was measured by the weight loss of ~4 g of sample after heating for 12 hours at 105 °C and 1,000 °C, respectively. Then, 2 g of dried sample

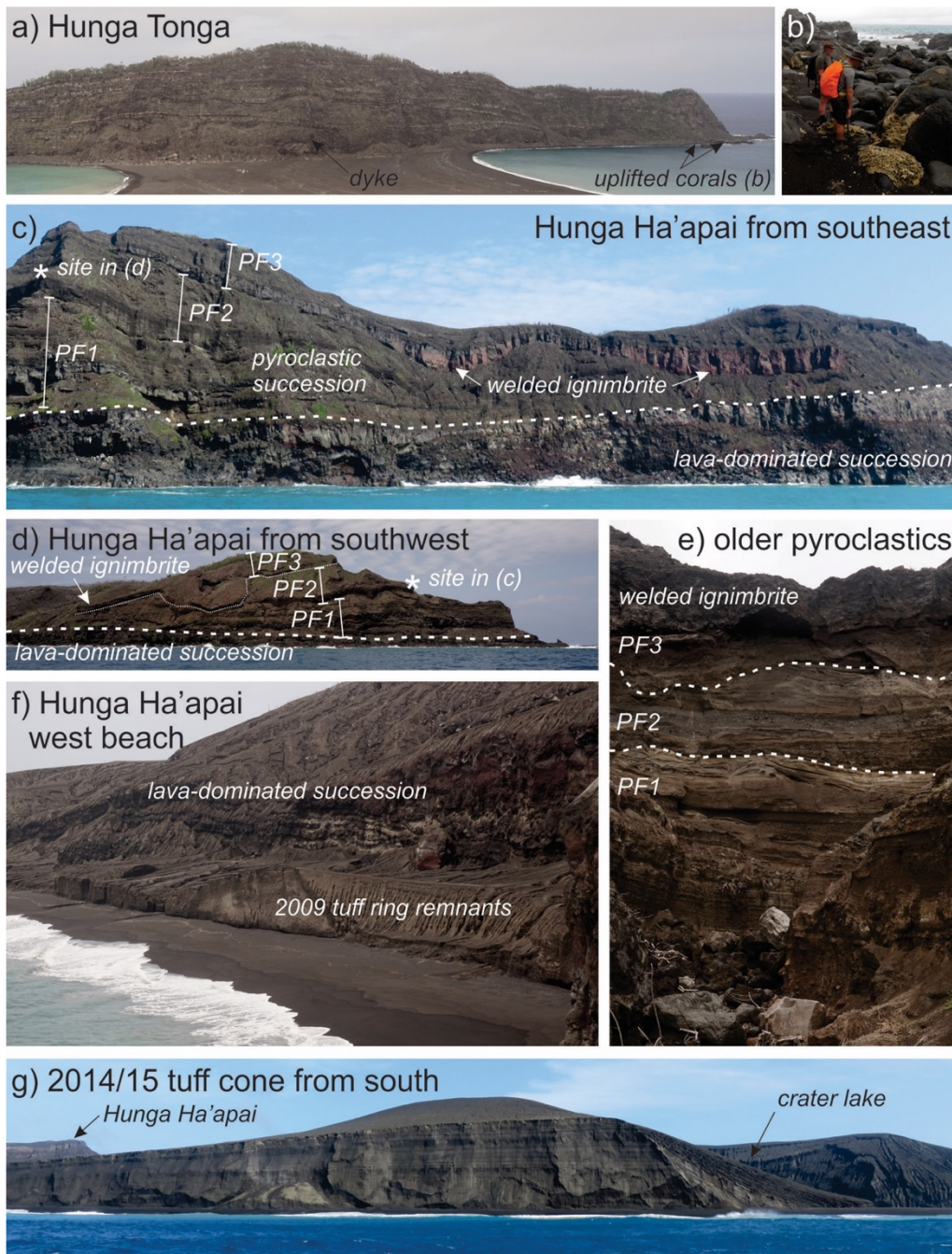


Figure 2. Images of geological features and eruptive stratigraphy on Hunga Tonga and Hunga Ha'apai and the 2014-15 tuff cone. a) Hunga Tonga seen from the southwest at the top of the 2014-15 tuff cone. b) uplifted corals exposed at the southern end of Hunga Tonga. c) Hunga Ha'apai seen from the southeast showing the thick welded ignimbrite. d) Hunga Ha'apai seen from the southwest. The stars (*) indicates the same site in c) and d). e) detail of the pyroclastic succession associated to caldera formation. At least three packages (PF1, PF2, PF3) are separated by soil horizons and erosional channels. f) Beach on the western side of Hunga Ha'apai where the remnants of the 2009 tuff ring are exposed. Note that on the northern end of Hunga Ha'apai the older sequence is dominated by lavas as opposed to the southern end where the older pyroclastics are thicker. g) The southern eroded side of the 2014/15 tuff cone.

powder were mixed with 6 g of SPECTRACHEM 12-22 flux. The mixture was fused in a Pt crucible to obtain a

homogeneous glass bead. The oxide components were measured following Norrish & Hutton (1969), with precision

better than $\pm 2\%$ (2σ) as determined using repeated analyses of SY-2 and JB-2 standards (Supplementary Data File). The Compton scatter of X-ray tube RhKb1 emission was used to correct for mass attenuation. Theoretical detection limit is 1-2 ppm and reproducibility is $<5\%$ (2σ).

Trace elements were analysed by laser-ablation, inductively-coupled-plasma source, mass-spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) at the Research School of Earth Sciences, Australian National University in Canberra. The analytical system used an EXIMER® LPX120 laser (193 nm) connected to an AGILENT® 7500 series mass spectrometer. The method follows that of Eggins (2003). LA-ICP-MS analyses were carried out on the same fused glass discs used for XRF; individual discs were glued into multi-sample mounts and sectioned and polished. Samples were run in batches of 15 using NST612 glass as the calibration standard. Repeat analyses of standard BCR-2 (fused whole rock powder) indicate precision of better than 5% (2σ) and for most elements, accuracy is within 5% at the 95% confidence level consistent with the evaluation of the method by Gao et al., (2002) (Supplementary Data File).

Compositional data on crystals and glass were acquired with the SuperProbe Electron Probe Microanalyzer (EPMA) JEOL JXA 8230 with combined EDS-WDS (five spectrometers with twelve crystals) at Victoria University of Wellington. The accelerating voltage and beam current were 15 kV and 12 nA, respectively. The beam size was 10 μm (glass analyses) and 2 μm (mineral analyses) with a counting time of 20 and 10 s on peaks and background, respectively. Sodium and potassium were analysed first to minimise alkali migration effects. The precision of the microprobe analyses was measured through analysis of well-characterised synthetic oxides and minerals. Data quality was ensured by measuring the same test materials as unknowns according to the procedure of Iezzi et al. (2014). On the basis of counting

statistics, analytical uncertainties relative to repeated analyses indicate that precision was better than 3% for the major elements of each mineral phase (Supplementary Data File).

Mineral as well as whole-rock major and trace element analyses are reported in the Supplementary Data File.

4. Results

4.1. Petrography and mineral chemistry

Lava flows and dykes of the older volcanic edifice exposed on Hunga Tonga and Hunga Ha'apai are predominantly porphyritic with phenocryst (0.5–2 mm) abundances ranging from a few percent up to 30–40 vol.% (Fig. 2a). No obvious temporal trend is seen in phenocryst abundances up-stratigraphy for the pre-caldera lavas. Plagioclase is the main phenocryst phase with subordinate clinopyroxene and minor orthopyroxene. These often occur as principally monomineralic glomerocrysts, although subophitic intergrowths are also present (Fig. 3a, e). Vesicularity is highly variable from near zero to 30%. Plagioclase crystals have compositions of An_{82-95} (cores) to An_{70-84} (rims) (Fig. 4a) and show only minor zonation principally associated with micro-inclusions (Fig. 3f). Clinopyroxene phenocrysts have compositions of $\text{Wo}_{23-29}\text{En}_{46-59}\text{Fs}_{13-31}$ and orthopyroxene phenocrysts have compositions of $\text{Wo}_5\text{En}_{60-75}\text{Fs}_{20-35}$ (Fig. 4b). The groundmass consists of plagioclase + clinopyroxene + Ca-rich orthopyroxene + Fe-Ti oxide.

Numerous cognate enclaves occur within the 2014/15 tephra particles. These are principally plagioclase-dominated cumulates with variable amount of clinopyroxene \pm orthopyroxene \pm pseudomorphed biotite \pm Fe-Ti oxides. Crystals are generally 1–2 mm in size, although plagioclase up to 4 mm-long occur. Plagioclase has compositions of An_{65-89} and the larger crystals have fine oscillatory zoning related to fluid inclusion-rich growth horizons (Fig. 3b) similar to plagioclase in the older lavas (Fig. 4a). Pyroxene crystals

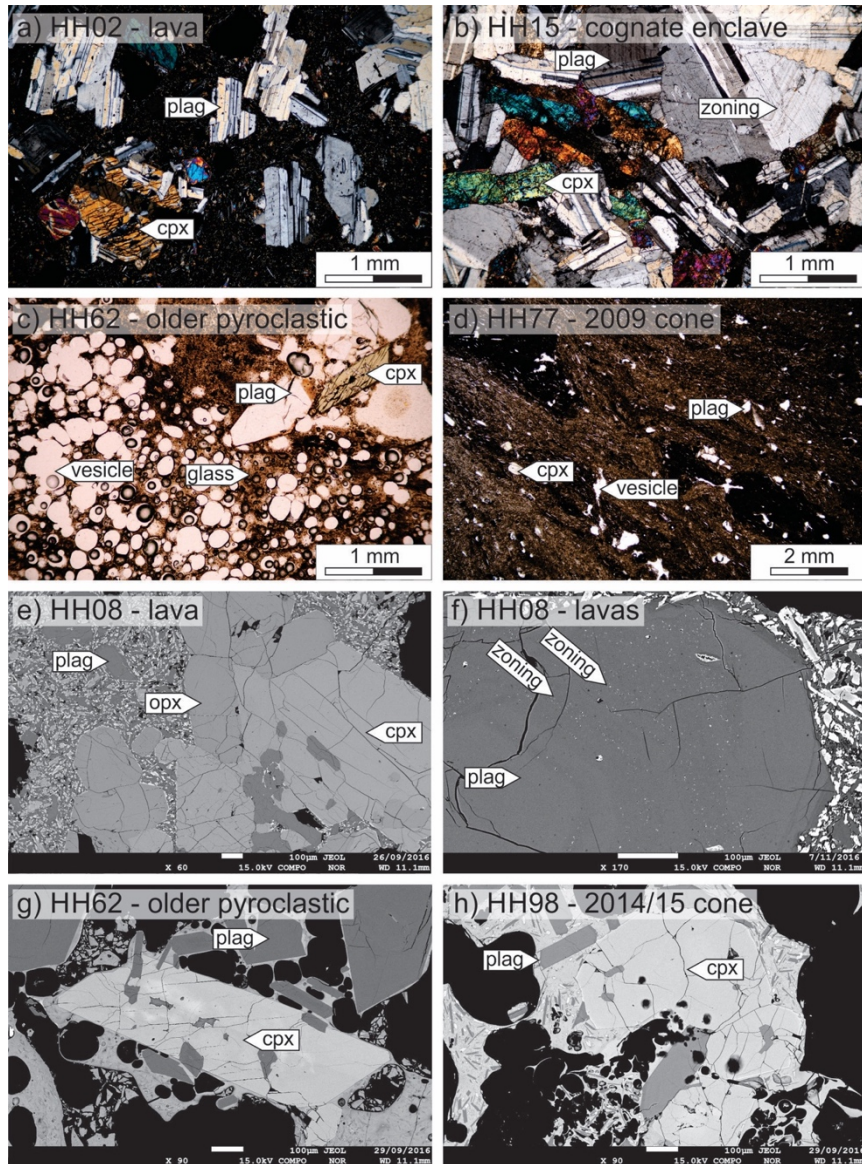


Figure 3. Photomicrographs (a-d) and backscatter electron images (e-h) of the range of lithologies observed. a, e, f) lava flows on Hunga Tonga are dominated by plagioclase, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene phenocrysts in a clinopyroxene-plagioclase groundmass. b) Xenolith/cognate enclave. Zoning in plagioclase is related to fluid inclusion-rich horizons also seen in the old lavas (f). c, g) Lapilli from pre-historic tuff sequence on Hunga Ha'apai (c, g) and from 2009 and 2014/15 eruption tuff (d, h) are dominated by clinopyroxene and plagioclase with minor orthopyroxene phenocrysts in a glassy groundmass with clinopyroxene and plagioclase microlites. Note that plagioclase crystals are uniform in (g) and (h).

are variably altered and have compositions of $Wo_{26-32}En_{37-56}Fs_{12-37}$ (clinopyroxene) or $Wo_5En_{67-70}Fs_{25-28}$ (orthopyroxene) (Fig. 4b).

Lapilli and bombs from the older pyroclastic deposits as well as within the 2009 and 2014/15 tuff are 20–80% vesiculated (Colombier et al., 2018) and contain <5 vol.% microphenocrysts (<1 mm) of mostly tabular plagioclase with minor clinopyroxene

± orthopyroxene (<1 vol.%) (Fig. 3c, d, g, h). Plagioclase crystals have lamellar to simple twinning and rarely show complex zoning although they may have thin (<10 μ m) rims with variable compositions (Fig. 3h). Plagioclase phenocrysts within the 2009 and 2014/15 tephra have dominantly compositions of An_{85-93} (cores) to An_{70-84} (rims) similar to those in lava flows (Fig. 4a). In contrast, plagioclase phenocrysts in the

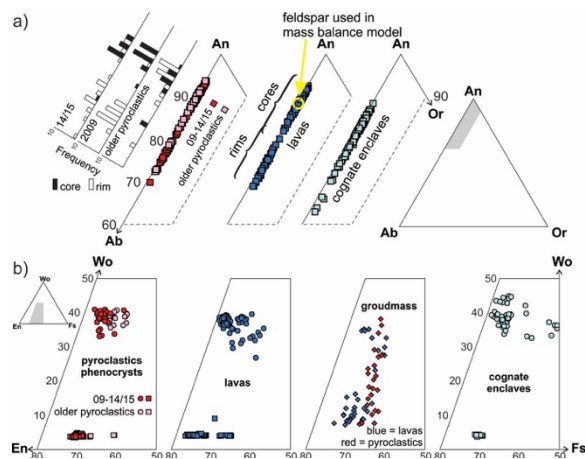


Figure 4. Composition of a) feldspars and b) pyroxenes in Hunga volcanic products.

older pyroclastic deposits related to caldera formation show reverse zoning with rims of An_{90-94} (Fig. 4a). Plagioclase sometimes occurs as glomerocrystic aggregates with clinopyroxene. The groundmass varies from glassy (sideromelane/tachylite) to consisting of mostly plagioclase microlites. Pyroxenes tend to be more magnesian within the 2009 and 2014/15 eruption products compared to those in the 1040-1180 CE deposits (Fig. 4b) but have overall composition similar to those in older lava flows.

4.2. Whole-rock geochemistry

A subset of samples were analysed for whole-rock major and trace elements. These comprise 17 lava flows and dykes from the older edifice, 7 lapilli and bombs from the older pyroclastic deposits including the 1040-1180 CE eruption, 7 cognate enclaves, 7 lapilli and bombs from the 2009 tuff and 27 lapilli and bombs from the 2014/15 cone (Fig. 1, 5).

The overall compositional variation within subaerial parts of Hunga volcano is basaltic andesite to andesitic along a low-K subalkaline trend (Fig. 5a). TiO_2 , FeO, MnO, Na_2O , K_2O and P_2O_5 are positively correlated with SiO_2 , whereas Al_2O_3 , MgO and CaO show a negative correlation with SiO_2 .

The older edifice lavas and dykes have the widest compositional spectrum ranging at ~55–64 wt.% SiO_2 , whereas younger tephras

each show tightly clustered andesite compositions. Both the 2009 and 2014/15 eruption products have a very limited compositional variation in all major elements within ± 0.1 wt.% (Fig. 5). Abundances of TiO_2 , FeO and P_2O_5 are very weakly offset from the main chemical trend defined by the older lavas and pyroclastic deposits, but compositions are otherwise within the overall trend for the volcano. Weak chemical trends with stratigraphy are present in the 2014/15 event, whereas only TiO_2 has a stratigraphic trend in the 2009 record (Fig. 5h). The cognate enclaves/xenoliths have lower SiO_2 compared to the eruptive products and have high compositional scatter, particularly in MgO abundance, likely due to mineralogy (Fig. 5e).

Trace elements are consistent with major element characteristics and fractionation assemblages and show depletion in compatible elements (Ni, Cr, Sc, V, Sr) and enrichment in incompatible elements (e.g. Ba, Rb, Zr) with evolution (increasing SiO_2). The 2009 and 2014/15 eruption products have relatively more clinopyroxene-compatible elements (e.g. V, given the paucity of Fe-Ti oxides) and relatively less plagioclase-compatible elements (e.g. Sr) compared to the older lavas (Fig. 6a, b). The presence of $Eu/Eu^* > 1$ in the more SiO_2 -poor lavas and cognate enclaves indicates some degree of plagioclase accumulation (Fig. 6c). The 1040-1180 CE pyroclasts have weak V enrichment comparable to the recent tuff and $Eu/Eu^* < 1$ suggesting some plagioclase fractionation. On a primitive mantle (McDonough and Sun, 1995) normalized diagram, Hunga rocks have relative enrichment of LILE and depletion of HFSE and are light REE depleted with respect to heavy REE (Fig. 6d).

Hunga rocks are more Si-rich than most other Tonga arc volcanoes (Fig. 5a). Ata and Tafahi are dominantly basalt-basaltic andesite and Kao, Late and Tofua are overall basaltic-andesite to andesite. Fonualei is the only subaerial volcano in the arc that has erupted dacite. Additionally, Hunga volcano

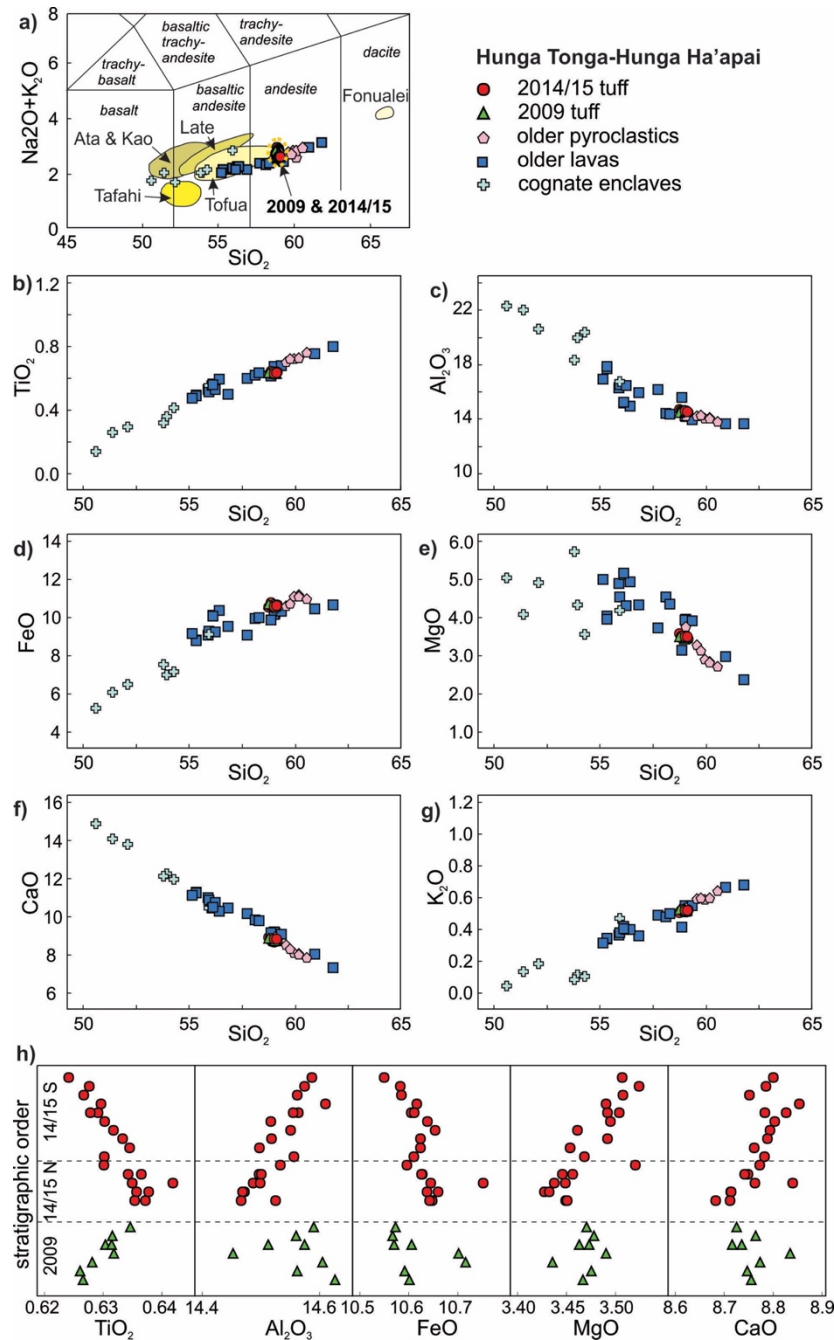


Figure 5. Major element variation of Hunga volcano. a) Total alkali vs silica diagram (Le Maitre et al., 2005) with comparison to other Tonga arc volcanoes: Ata (Turner et al., 1997; Vallier et al., 1985), Tafahi (Ewart, 1976; Ewart et al., 1977; Pearce et al., 2007; Turner et al., 1997; Wendt et al., 1997), Kao (Caulfield et al., 2008), Late (Caulfield et al., 2008; Turner et al., 2012), Tofua (Caulfield et al., 2012; Turner et al., 1997) and Fonualei (Turner et al., 2012). b-g) selected major element variation of Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai whole-rock samples and glass analyses. h) Stratigraphically ordered whole-rock chemical variability of 2009 and 2014/15 tuff. The 2014/15 samples are divided based on their location on northern or southern portions of the cone as the two sides have limited compositional overlap. Note the minimal compositional range of all 2009 and 2014/15 samples within ± 0.1 wt.% for all major oxides.

erupted low-K lavas and tephras, similar to Tafahi and collectively lower K than other Tonga arc volcanoes. Trace element

abundances of Hunga rocks are close to Tofua Volcano (Fig. 6d). Ata Volcano, despite its basaltic nature has enriched trace

elements than Hunga. Variation patterns and anomalies are nevertheless similar between all Tongan volcanoes (Fig. 6d).

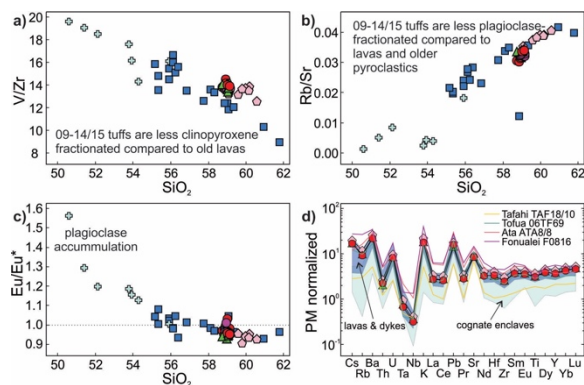


Figure 6. Trace element characteristics of Hunga volcano eruptives. Primitive Mantle (PM) normalizing values in d) are from McDonough and Sun (1995). Sources of data for other Tongan Arc volcanoes are as in Figure 5a.

5. Reconstruction of the magmatic plumbing system at Hunga

Despite having a diverse eruptive history, Hunga volcano magma compositions are relatively restricted to intermediate compositions. Below we describe the magmatic plumbing system at Hunga that gives rise to an andesitic caldera and post-caldera magmatism in an intra-oceanic arc setting.

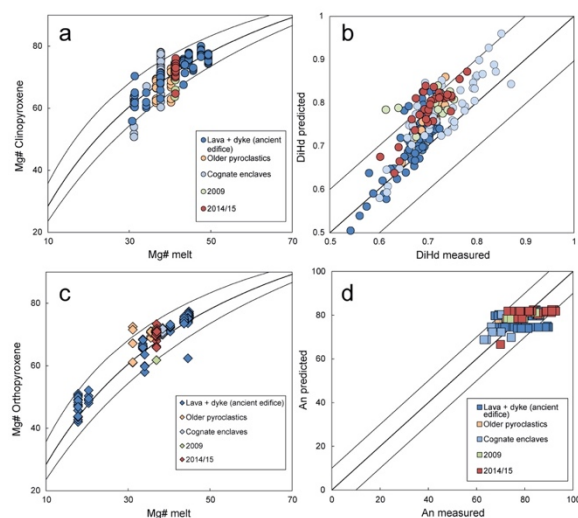


Figure 7. Crystal-melt equilibrium criteria: (a) Clinopyroxene Mg-Fe equilibrium plot, K_d (Fe-Mg) after Putirka (2008). (b) Measured vs. predicted DiHd clinopyroxene components after Mollo et al. (2013). (c) Orthopyroxene Mg-Fe equilibrium plot, K_d (Fe-Mg) after Putirka (2008). (d) Plagioclase measured vs. predicted (Putirka, 2005) anorthite concentration.

5.1. Thermobarometry

Crystallization conditions recorded by the magmatic products from Hunga volcano have been calculated based on equilibrium mineral compositions. Given that holocrystalline enclaves are unlikely to represent bulk equilibrium systems (e.g. Ziberna et al., 2017), their crystals have been equilibrated with host rock compositions. In order to estimate crystallization conditions of clinopyroxene, we employed the independent thermometer (error of ± 36 °C) of Putirka et al. (2003), suited for hydrous andesitic to dacitic magma compositions, and the T -dependent barometer (error of ± 220 MPa; eq. 32a) of Putirka (2008). The crystallization temperatures of orthopyroxene-melt and plagioclase-melt pairs have been calculated on the basis of the H_2O -dependent eq. 28a and the H_2O -dependent eq. 24a of Putirka (2008; model errors of ± 41 °C and ± 36 °C, respectively), by considering melt water contents estimated on the basis of plagioclase-melt pairs. The amount of An in plagioclase is positively correlated either with T or H_2O , thereby it is very difficult to isolate the effect of each variable. To avoid spurious correlation between the two model results, we calculated the activity of An in the melt phase through thermodynamically-derived coefficients from Glazner (1984). Activity of An in the melt phase was used as input parameter in the thermodynamic eq. 28 of Namur et al. (2012), in order to derive the temperature at which the melt was saturated with plagioclase. Once the melt saturation temperature was known, the melt- H_2O content was determined by applying the hygrometer of Lange et al. (2009) (model

error ± 0.32 wt.% H₂O). The attainment of mineral-melt equilibrium was tested via 1) the Fe-Mg exchange between clinopyroxene and melt ($K_{\text{Fe-Mg}}^{\text{cpx-melt}} = 0.28 \pm 0.08$) proposed by Putirka (2008), 2) the model of Mollo et al. (2013) based on the difference (Δ) between measured vs. predicted diopside + hedenbergite (DiHd) components in clinopyroxene (Mollo and Masotta, 2014), 3) the Fe-Mg exchange between orthopyroxene and melt ($K_{\text{Fe-Mg}}^{\text{opx-melt}} = 0.29 \pm 0.06$) proposed by Putirka (2008), and 4) the model of Putirka (2005) based on the exchange of An between plagioclase and melt (Fig. 7).

for crystal rims in lavas and dykes of the ancient edifice (966 ± 20 °C) and cognate enclaves (933 ± 3 °C) (Fig. 8). These low temperatures could indicate late stage crystallization within the conduit or a shallow crystalline mush lost since caldera formation. Plagioclase mostly equilibrated at lower temperatures than orthopyroxene, but partially overlapping with those of orthopyroxene crystal rims in ancient edifice magmas and cognate enclaves (Fig. 8). Some degree of phase co-saturation during crystallization of Hunga magmas is also indicated by plagioclase inclusions within

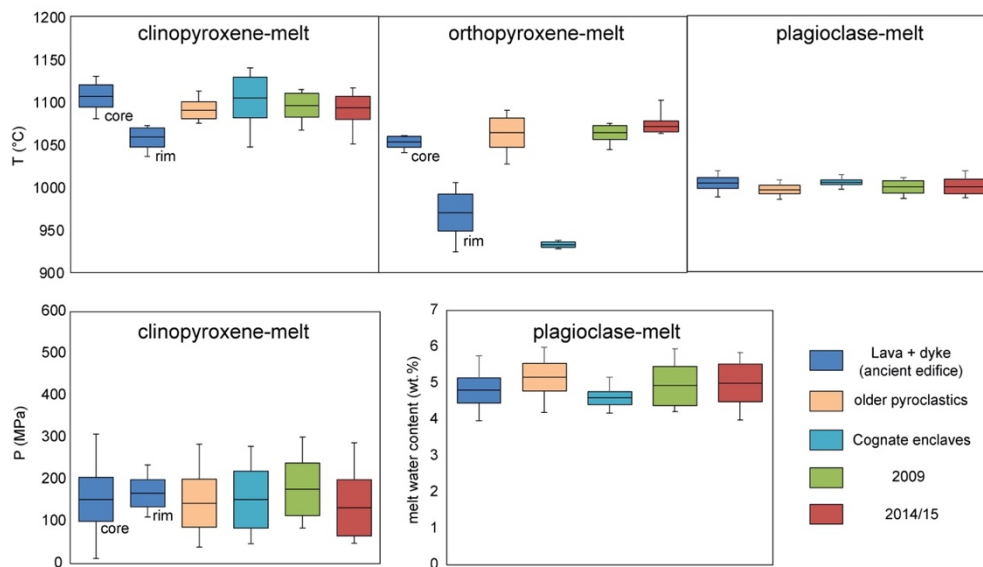


Figure 8: Box-whisker plots of temperature, pressure and melt water content, estimated on the basis of orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene and plagioclase compositions. Central lines inside boxes are defined by the average for each sample group, box outlines are comprised between one standard deviation above and below the average, and the whiskers include all the sample populations. Average and standard deviation values are included in Table 1.

The highest crystallization temperatures are those estimated with clinopyroxene-melt models ($1087\text{--}1106 \pm 19$ °C, representing the range of mean values and the average standard deviation for all Hunga eruptions). This indicates that clinopyroxene represents the liquidus phase in Hunga magmas. Lower temperatures of 1053 ± 17 °C are recorded by clinopyroxene rim compositions in the magmatic products of the ancient edifice (Fig. 8). Orthopyroxene crystallizes at lower temperatures, with orthopyroxene-melt models indicating $1053\text{--}1071 \pm 11$ °C, except

mantles and rims of pyroxene crystals (Fig. 3e, g, h), which can be reconciled with temperature estimates (Table 1) once errors of thermometric models are taken into account (Fig. 8).

The reconstructed temperatures of phenocryst crystallization in Hunga magmas are consistent with experimental results of Firth et al. (2019) for similar Tongan basalts from Late Volcano. Phase equilibria for a hydrous (5 wt.% initial H₂O) Late Volcano basaltic-andesite (similar to the most

primitive lavas from the old Hunga volcano) (Fig. 5) indicate that crystallization occurred in the shallow crust (≤ 200 MPa; < 7 km). This is comparable with results of clinopyroxene-based barometry and plagioclase-based hygrometry, indicating $108\text{--}181 \pm 70$ MPa and melt water contents of $4.6\text{--}5.1 \pm 0.4$ wt.%, respectively (Fig. 8; Table 1). Residual glass compositions at 950 °C closely resemble Tongan dacites from Fonualei (Fig. 5), suggesting magma differentiation by crystal fractionation of clinopyroxene, plagioclase and a low-Ca pyroxene in the shallow reservoir (Firth et al., 2019). High melt-water contents of Tongan magmas are also consistent with high H_2O concentrations in tholeiitic magmas from Late Volcano and neighbouring volcanoes ($2.3\text{--}4.7$ wt.% H_2O) (Caulfield et al., 2012; Cooper et al., 2012).

Despite some heterogeneity within the results, depending on the mineral phase and within the limitations of the models used, the general consistent and unimodal P - T estimates across the different eruptive periods record monobaric conditions for the magmatic plumbing system feeding eruptions at Hunga volcano. These results suggest that a main magmatic storage region feeding most recent and pre-historic subaerial eruptions is present at $\sim 2\text{--}8$ km beneath the summit of the volcano. Considering that solubility of $\sim 5\%$ H_2O in an evolved andesite melt (~ 61 wt.% SiO_2) requires a minimum pressure of ~ 150 MPa (Duan, 2014), the depth range for the storage region could be reduced to $\sim 5\text{--}8$ km. Crystallization of plagioclase and pyroxenes occurs to form cumulate and gabbroic rocks/mushes, which are entrained by erupting magmas. Seismic refraction surveys of the Tonga Ridge slightly north of Hunga volcano have revealed that there is a sudden change in seismic velocity 4 to 5 km beneath the seafloor (Crawford et al., 2003). Between ~ 5 and 10 km depth seismic velocities of 6 to 6.5 km/s are observed and suggested to reflect andesitic compositions in the middle crust. The velocity structure of the Tonga Ridge is strikingly similar to that of the Izu-Ogasawara arc, where intermediate

compositions are also inferred (Suyehiro et al., 1996; Tamura and Tatsumi, 2002). These depths broadly overlap with our estimated storage pressures using mineral barometry (~ 200 MPa) and highlight the significant volumes of andesite that may reside in this intra-oceanic arc setting. Such rock bodies leftover from intra-oceanic volcano plumbing systems are considered important contributors to continental crustal growth and evolution (Tamura et al., 2016).

5.2. Pre-caldera and caldera magmatism

The older Hunga subaerial volcanic edifice was dominated by lava flows with interbedded autobreccias as exposed on Hunga Tonga and Hunga Ha'apai (Fig. 2). Lava compositions range from basaltic andesite to andesite, and their relative stratigraphic position indicates eruptive packages with distinct compositions (Fig. 9). On Hunga Tonga, the lowest exposed lavas are relatively primitive at ~ 56 wt.% SiO_2 . Above these are a set of at least four lava flows with $\sim 59\text{--}61$ wt.% SiO_2 and another set of at least four lava flows with $\sim 57\text{--}58$ wt.% SiO_2 . A direct correlation with lava flows on Hunga Ha'apai is not possible due to lack of exposure, but four lavas underlying the 1040-1180 CE pyroclastic deposits have $\sim 55\text{--}56$ wt.% SiO_2 . Low-Si lavas have consistently more primitive trace element character, such as higher V/Zr and Eu/Eu^* , indicating lesser fractionation of pyroxene and feldspar, whereas high-Si lavas have low V/Zr and $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* < 1$ consistent with fractionation of pyroxene and feldspar (Fig. 6).

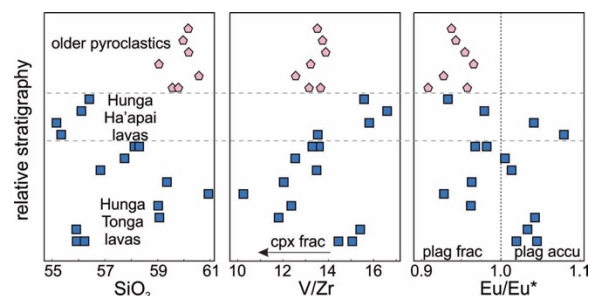


Figure 9. Compositional stratigraphy of lavas and ignimbrite.

The older lavas are characterised by plagioclase and pyroxene phenocryst compositions analogous to those of caldera and post-caldera deposits. Despite the range in whole-rock compositions, thermo-barometric estimates of crystallization conditions in both primitive (HH78) and evolved (HH01C) products are uniform, suggesting magma storage mostly within the upper crust. We tested the fractional crystallization control on the compositional range observed at Hunga volcano using the mass balance (Stormer and Nicholls, 1978) function in the software Petrograph (Petrelli et al., 2005). This is a simplification of the actual fractional crystallization process, because it assumes constant mineral compositions. It nevertheless provides a reliable approximation of crystallization assemblage if the sum of the square of the residuals is <2 (Stormer and Nicholls, 1978). In our calculation we used all major oxides, except P_2O_5 , which was not measured during microprobe analysis of silicate phases. No apatite was observed in our samples. We used the lava with the lowest SiO_2 as a parent (sample HH78) and the 1040-1180 CE sample with highest SiO_2 as the derivative (HH66). These were both collected on Hunga Ha'apai, but are overall representative of the relatively monotonous variation at Hunga volcano (Fig. 4). Mineral analyses (crystal cores) are from a lava flow on Hunga Ha'apai and representative of all crystal cores analysed for which the variation is relatively restricted (Fig. 3). Results are presented in Table 2. The model produces a best fit result with minimal residuals ($SSR = 0.39$) for a fractionation assemblage consisting of 26 wt.% plagioclase, 10 wt.% clinopyroxene and 8 wt.% orthopyroxene. The modal mineralogy and composition of the bulk fractionate is similar to that of the cognate enclaves (Fig. 2b), supporting an origin of the latter by accumulation of fractionating crystals. This is supported by the similarity in mineral compositions and subsequently thermo-barometric estimates.

The overall monotonous chemical variation and mineral assemblage in the rocks at

Hunga volcano suggest a mostly monobaric plumbing system, where repeated recharge events inject primitive basaltic andesite magma into the crustal storage area. Processes in the crustal reservoir are dominated by crystallization of plagioclase, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene as well as minor late stage oxides and biotite. The 1040-1180 CE and earlier explosive eruptions were preceded by eruption of some of the most primitive lavas, but also involved relatively evolved andesite magma (Fig. 9). The presence of both reversely zoned as well as normally zoned clinopyroxene and plagioclase (Fig. 4a) in the pyroclastic products of the caldera-forming events indicates input of a more primitive melt to the magma reservoir, suggesting a possible triggering relationship.

5.3. Post-caldera magmatic activity

Compositions of the 2009 and 2014/15 eruption products overlap with the more SiO_2 -poor end of caldera-forming pyroclastic units (Fig. 5). The whole-rock composition of magma feeding these two recent events only five years apart is essentially analogous (Fig. 5h). Minor differences in the composition of lapilli and bombs distinguish the northern and southern portions of the 2014/15 cone. The northern samples have marginally higher TiO_2 but lower Al_2O_3 , MgO and CaO compared to samples from the southern exposures (Fig. 5h).

Small-volume and short-lived eruptions may display a wide spectrum of chemical compositions controlled by magma evolution and ascent processes within the plumbing system (Brenna et al., 2021; McGee et al., 2019). At Hunga volcano, negligible chemical variability in the two recent successive eruptions, five years apart, as well as the homogeneity throughout each eruption implies no differentiation of the melts during ascent to eruption. It is also unlikely that the 2009 and 2014/15 events were fed by deeply derived primitive melts, because they show evolved compositions within the Hunga volcano spectrum (Fig. 5). Crystals in these

eruptives show no inheritance from deep crustal reservoirs (thermo-barometric estimates are unimodal) and no obvious evidence for mixing/resorption. Therefore, the 2009 and 2014/15 Hunga volcano eruptions are likely fed from a shallow crustal/subvolcanic (5–8 km) reservoir.

Pyroxene crystals tend to be more magnesian in the 2009 and 2014/15 products compared to those of the older pyroclastics (Fig. 4b). This implies that the recent events are not simply sourced from residual cooling and crystallization of a post-caldera reservoir, but that fresh magma input into the system has occurred. The simple crystal textures imply that magma recharge occurred at a slow and steady rate, or that recharging magmas entered a large volume and actively convecting magma reservoir. Convective mixing within the reservoir enables extraction and eruption of constant andesitic compositions (Fig. 10). This is in contrast to systems where intra-caldera eruptions are dominantly basaltic and directly derived from deeper portion of the plumbing system (Stern, 1979) or where mixing and mingling is obvious due to the presence of complex mineral zoning and enclaves (Fabbro et al., 2020).

The 2009 and 2014/15 eruptions therefore represent minor extraction (i.e., leaking) events of relatively small and homogeneous magma batches from the convecting subvolcanic reservoir. Dyking and preferred locations of magma ascent is facilitated by fracturing and structural weaknesses and a modified stress-field around the caldera rim after caldera forming eruptions (Corbi et al., 2015). This scenario for Hunga volcano is consistent with other intra-oceanic arc steady-state andesitic caldera systems, such as at Yasur (Firth et al., 2014) or Tofua (Caulfield et al., 2012).

5.4. Implications for processes controlling caldera onset

Our study presents a view of the magmatic system of an intra-oceanic arc volcano before and after a caldera-forming eruption (or

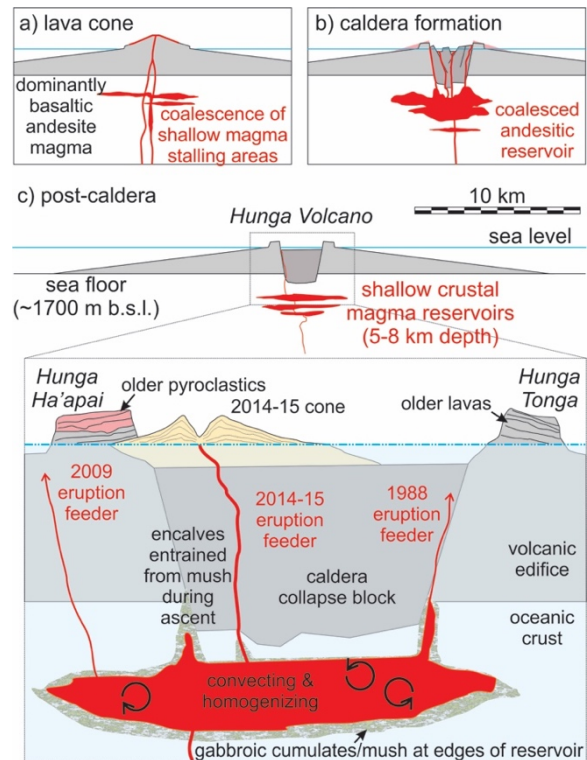


Figure 10. Conceptual model of Hunga volcano plumbing geometry. See text for details of the sequence of events and maturity of the plumbing system.

series of eruptions). Before the cataclysmic event, the system was dominated by lava effusion (Fig. 2, 10a). Erupted compositions ranged from basaltic andesite to andesite resulting from >40% fractional crystallization of plagioclase and pyroxenes. The compositional evolution occurred mostly within the upper few km of the crust. Lack of complex zonation in crystals within lavas and enclaves implies that separate, monotonous, individual magma batches fed lava effusion events, rather than a common zoned magmatic reservoir. Amalgamation of these over time would have nevertheless led to the growth of shallow magma storage areas (Biggs and Annen, 2019). Formation of a large magma reservoir fed by continuous injection of basaltic andesite magma within the shallow crust likely pre-conditioned the system for the caldera-forming eruption (Aizawa et al., 2006; Sparks et al., 2019) (Fig. 10b). The magma system of Hunga volcano matured with repeated injections up to the initiation of the caldera forming event sequence (Fig. 9). The nearby emergent

volcanoes in the Tonga Arc, Ata, Kao and Late (Fig. 1a), have compositions ranging from basalt to basaltic andesite (Fig. 5a), and have not experienced caldera collapse. Tofua and Fonualei (Fig. 1a) have had previous caldera collapse and their compositions range up to andesite and dacite (Fig. 5a). We suggest that the maturity of a magmatic system represents a driving factor for occurrence of caldera collapse in intra-oceanic arc volcanoes. Based on their relative degree of chemical evolution, Late volcano may be the next site of caldera collapse within the Tonga Arc if similar pre-eruptive processes were to occur. However, geophysical measurements of the magma reservoir would be needed to confirm this hypothesis.

The magma feeding process is likely ongoing in the post-caldera period at Hunga volcano, with recent eruptions (e.g., historical ones) representing surface “leaks” of magma, with part of the supply going into the gradual (re)building of a shallow reservoir (Fig. 10c). Evidence for recent shallow magma reservoir growth and caldera resurgence is shown by bathymetric evidence of large shallow portions in the SE caldera (Fig. 1 and Cronin et al., 2017), along with recently uplifted shore-platforms and fresh/intracate coral along the Hunga Tonga shoreline (Fig. 2b). These fragile coral colonies are in growth position on a high-energy coast, thus they must have been exposed for only months to years. Their position at and above current high-tide mark indicates at least 10 m of recent post-caldera uplift. All these lines of evidence points to a shallow magmatic system that is actively growing and will continue to produce eruptions of variable magnitude and style.

6. Conclusions

Extensive sampling of the subaerial portion of the Hunga volcanic edifice, including products from 2009 and 2014/15 Surtseyan-style eruptions, reveal a currently monobaric, steady-state magmatic plumbing system.

Eruptions of lava building the older edifice have variably basaltic andesite to andesite composition, and culminate in the 1040-1180 CE andesitic welded ignimbrites of a caldera forming event. This was followed by intermittent post-caldera volcanism. The latest two events, in 2009 and 2014/15 built phreatomagmatic cones/rings along the rim of the caldera and have consistently homogeneous andesite composition. The relatively simple crystal cargo of both lavas, as well as old and young pyroclastics, provide evidence for magmatic evolution occurring within a single magmatic storage area within the shallow crust (5–8 km). Lack of complex crystal zoning patterns in both volcanic products and mush/enclaves, as well as the constant composition of post-caldera eruptions, support a relative steady-state supply of primitive magma within a homogenizing reservoir. Recent intra-caldera uplift is indicated by a broad shallow platform on the southern caldera and fragile, freshly uplifted coral heads on the caldera-inside shore of Hunga Tonga. This, together with the regular historic eruptions indicate that the magmatic system beneath Hunga is gradually growing and evolving from repeated recharge events into a relatively homogeneous andesitic reservoir. Similar trends in magma chemistry should be taken into account at other Tongan volcanoes where large caldera-forming eruptions could occur in the future.

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Table 1: Thermobarometry results on clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene and plagioclase crystals expressed as average and standard deviation for each sample group.

Eruptive unit	cpx		opx		pl		
		T average \pm s.d. ($^{\circ}$ C)	P average \pm s.d. (MPa)		T average \pm s.d. ($^{\circ}$ C)	T average \pm s.d. ($^{\circ}$ C)	H ₂ O average \pm s.d.(wt.%)
Lava + dyke	core	1096 \pm 8	153 \pm 52	core	1053 \pm 6		
	rim	1053 \pm 17	168 \pm 53	rim	966 \pm 20	999 \pm 4	4.8 \pm 0.4
Older pyroclastics		1087 \pm 19	144 \pm 57		1064 \pm 18	996 \pm 5	5.1 \pm 0.4
Cognate enclaves		1106 \pm 25	108 \pm 97		933 \pm 3	1005 \pm 3	4.6 \pm 0.2
2009		1091 \pm 23	181 \pm 100		1064 \pm 8	998 \pm 7	4.8 \pm 0.4
2014/15		1092 \pm 23	140 \pm 81		1071 \pm 6	1000 \pm 9	5.0 \pm 0.5

Table 2. Mass balance model input data and results

	parent	derivate	feldspar ^a	cpx ^b	opx ^c	bulk frac	obs diff	calc diff	obs-calc
SiO ₂	55.21	60.64	45.93	53.09	54.56	49.047	5.431	5.11	0.321
TiO ₂	0.47	0.76	0	0.16	0.11	0.055	0.291	0.312	-0.021
Al ₂ O ₃	16.89	13.85	33.75	1.72	0.92	20.821	-3.041	-3.072	0.03
FeO _{tot}	9.14	11.01	0.87	10.34	16.08	5.659	1.87	2.358	-0.488
MnO	0.16	0.18	0	0.28	0.38	0.13	0.015	0.021	-0.007
MgO	5.00	2.72	0.17	16.62	25.72	8.341	-2.281	-2.477	0.197
CaO	11.11	7.87	17.94	17.78	2.22	15.133	-3.237	-3.2	-0.036
Na ₂ O	1.70	2.32	1.31	0.02	0.01	0.793	0.625	0.674	-0.049
K ₂ O	0.32	0.64	0.04	0	0	0.021	0.327	0.274	0.053
TOT	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				
								SSR =	0.39
Fractionated abundance (%) =			26	9.8	7.8				

^aHH08_feld1_4; ^bHH78_maf3; ^cHH78_maf1_2