

1 **The influence of pre-eruptive reservoir conditions on**
2 **peralkaline magma explosivity: Case for the Rungwe**
3 **Pumice (Tanzania) Plinian eruption**

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23 **ABSTRACT**

24 The style and explosivity of volcanic eruptions are primarily influenced by interrelated factors:
25 conduit dynamics (such as magma ascent rate and degassing efficiency) and pre-eruptive
26 magmatic conditions, both of which control the magma's rheological behaviour. In the case of
27 highly alkaline magmas (i.e., agpaite index > 1), the depolymerisation of silica bonds exerted
28 by alkaline elements promotes a relatively low-viscosity rheological response for a given
29 temperature and therefore theoretically less explosive eruptive behaviour, even for silica-rich
30 magmas. However, several well-studied eruptions show that peralkaline magmas (e.g.,
31 trachytes or phonolites) can experience highly explosive Plinian events, suggesting other
32 parameters influence eruption style. In the East African Rift, several such volcanoes with
33 peralkaline magma compositions have erupted both explosively and effusively in the past. We
34 investigated the pre-eruptive magmatic system of the Plinian eruption that produced the
35 Rungwe Pumice (RP) deposit in southern Tanzania. The late chemical evolution of the
36 plumbing system was modelled by analysing hauyne-hosted melt inclusions (MIs) which
37 suggests that an evolved magmatic body of deeper origin was stored at shallow depths shortly
38 before the eruption. Water concentrations in the MIs, measured using transmitted Fourier-
39 transformed infrared spectroscopy, revealed water-poor conditions (e.g., 2-3 wt.%) and shallow
40 depths (2-5 km). Thus, volatile concentration alone is not sufficient to explain the explosive
41 behaviour, but the degree of water undersaturation and conduit dynamics must also be
42 considered.

43 1 INTRODUCTION

44 The eruptive behaviour of magma is governed by the exsolution of volatiles and their efficiency
45 in decoupling from the melt while rising in the volcanic conduit (Cassidy et al., 2018). Among
46 other factors (e.g., ascent and thus decompression rate, conduit radius, the presence of crystals
47 acting as nucleation sites), the efficiency of this process is strongly related to magma
48 composition (i.e., major element and volatile concentrations) and the relative intrinsic rheology
49 (Sparks, 1978; Degruyter et al., 2012 and references therein). A primary variable controlling
50 explosivity is the availability of water dissolved in the melt, as this represents the engine of
51 eruptions. The decompression of the melt at (approximately) isothermal conditions during
52 magma ascent induces the oversaturation of volatiles, promoting the exsolution of a
53 supercritical fluid and later gas phase that forms bubbles (vesicles) and will gradually turn the
54 magma into a foam (Sparks, 1978). In turn, the viscosity of magma affects the diffusion of
55 elements and volatile compounds inhibiting early bubble nucleation and, subsequently, slowing
56 their uprising promoting vesicle-melt coupling. These processes may cause bubble overpressure
57 and potential energy accumulation in the melt that will be released explosively when the
58 decompression-related strain rate exceeds the structural relaxation timescales of the melt
59 inducing brittle fragmentation (Dingwell and Webb, 1989; Dingwell, 1996; Cassidy et al.,
60 2018).

61 Such eruptive dynamics, associated with polymerised high-silica magmas widespread along
62 subduction-related, volcanic arcs, can produce violent Plinian-style eruptions. Elevated
63 quantities of alkalis (Na and K) depolymerise the silica bonds of phonolitic or peralkaline
64 trachytic and rhyolitic magmas resulting in melt viscosities that, at equivalent temperature and
65 water content, are generally lower (by up to two orders of magnitude for rhyolite) than their
66 calc-alkaline counterparts (Giordano et al., 2008; Di Genova et al., 2013). However, several
67 well-known examples demonstrate that Plinian-style eruptions can also be generated from such

68 lower-viscosity, silica-undersaturated (e.g., Houghton et al., 2004; Jorgenson et al., 2024) or
69 alkali-rich magmas (e.g., Cioni et al., 1999; White et al., 2012), even under water-
70 undersaturated reservoir conditions (Andújar and Scaillet, 2012a). Interestingly, magmas with
71 equivalent compositions can produce either effusive or explosive eruptions, even when erupting
72 from the same volcano or during the same volcanic event (e.g., Aluto, Ethiopia; Hutchison et
73 al., 2016). The eruptive dynamics that determine the shift between different eruptive styles
74 remain a topic of ongoing debate. High-alkaline series magmas are overall less abundant on
75 Earth than the calc-alkaline series. Still, they can be found in all geological settings, from
76 subduction-related volcanic arcs to intraplate hotspots and they are particularly common in
77 continental divergent settings, above all along the East African Rift (EAR).

78 Silicic volcanism within the EAR is characterised by extensive, multcentred volcanic systems
79 whose Quaternary volcanism includes Plinian-size eruptions that sometimes culminated in
80 caldera collapses (e.g., Williams et al., 1984; Macdonald, 1987; Fontijn et al., 2018). Magmatic
81 products span from silica-undersaturated to -saturated compositions but are generally enriched
82 in alkali elements. The limited knowledge of many of these volcanic centres leads to a
83 substantial underestimation of the volcanic hazard in densely populated regions across the EAR
84 (Biggs et al., 2021).

85 To unravel the factors influencing the explosivity of moderate viscosity, peralkaline systems
86 widespread along the EAR, we investigated the pre-eruptive conditions of the Rungwe Pumice
87 (RP) eruption. These parameters are critical indicators of the current state and potential unrest
88 development of a magmatic reservoir. The RP is the result of a Plinian-style eruption generated
89 by the Rungwe volcano in the Rungwe Volcanic Province (RVP; Tanzania). The eruption is
90 dated around ~4 ka and occurred under near-wind-free conditions, producing a $\geq 1.4 \text{ km}^3$ dense
91 rock equivalent pumice deposit radially distributed around the Rungwe summit (Fontijn et al.,
92 2011). Information related to the pre-eruptive physical and chemical processes is well preserved

93 in crystal-hosted melt inclusions (MIs). These melt pockets, formed in crystal imperfections
94 during growth, can maintain chemical equilibrium with the original melt and are not affected
95 by its subsequent evolution during ascent (Esposito et al., 2014). MIs retain the original
96 concentrations of volatiles dissolved in the melt, whereas the pumice matrix melt extensively
97 degases upon ascent (e.g., Cioni, 2000). In this study, the evolution of magma chemistry and
98 water content within the pre-eruptive reservoir is analysed in hauyne-hosted MIs collected from
99 different stratigraphic horizons of a type section of the RP deposit. These findings were used to
100 evaluate the eruptive triggers and the role of water concentration in driving the eruptive style.

101 2 RUNGWE VOLCANIC PROVINCE

102 The RVP covers more than 1500 km² and is located along the EAR in southern Tanzania (**Fig.**
103 **1**). The EAR is the largest divergent continental margin still active today. It is generated by the
104 divergence of the Somali and Nubian (African) Plates and extends south for over 3000 km from
105 the Afar triple junction to Mozambique (Saria et al., 2014). In its central part, the rift encounters
106 the thick and rigid Tanzanian craton and here it splits into two sectors termed Western and
107 Eastern branches (Saria et al., 2014; Ebinger et al., 2017). In the EAR the extension is driven
108 by gravitational stresses equilibrating the topographic anisotropy induced by the rising of the
109 African superplume and it is mostly accommodated by large border faults in the early stages of
110 rifting or by secondary, rift-floor faults and magmatic intrusions in more mature stages
111 (Keranen et al., 2004; Ebinger, 2005; Kendall and Lithgow-Bertelloni, 2016).

112 Volcanism is present across the entire rift but is predominantly concentrated in the more mature
113 Eastern branch (**Fig. 1a**). However, some of the present-day most active volcanic centres (e.g.,
114 Nyiragongo or Nyamuragira) can be found along the Western branch, where overall four of the
115 twenty-one EAR's volcanoes that erupted in historical times are located (Wadge et al., 2016).
116 The type of eruptive activity at EAR volcanoes spans from basaltic fissure eruptions and flood

117 basalts to Plinian, caldera-forming eruptions (Macdonald, 1987; Fontijn et al., 2011, 2018).
118 Magmatic products range from mafic to silicic compositions along the alkaline or peralkaline
119 series, and their genesis has been widely investigated (e.g., Macdonald and Scaillet, 2006;
120 Hutchison et al., 2018).

121 The Rungwe Volcanic Province is located in the Western branch of the EAR, south of the
122 Tanzanian Craton. Here, the Western branch deviates from the prevalent NW-SE trend of the
123 Tanganyika-Rukwa rift toward the N-S trend of the North Malawi rift and also connects with
124 the NE-SW trending Usangu basin (**Fig. 1a**). The RVP sits at the junction between the active
125 Livingstone, Rukwa borders faults (Ebinger et al., 1993), which consistently controlled the
126 spreading of volcanic centres (Fontijn et al., 2010a, 2012). Together with the main present-day
127 active centres, Ngozi, Rungwe, and Kyejo, over 100 smaller eruptive centres are scattered
128 across the area, and whose distribution follows two major NW-SE and NE-SW-oriented
129 alignments (Fontijn et al., 2010a).

130 Volcanic stratigraphy reveals that the activity in the area commenced at around 9 Ma and was
131 dominated by the eruption of basalts, trachytes and phonolites of alkaline composition, from
132 both effusive and explosive eruptions (Fontijn et al., 2012 and references therein). According
133 to field cross-correlation and radiometric ages of deposits, the activity has been divided into
134 three main stages: 1) Late Miocene (9.2-5.4 Ma), 2) Late Pliocene-Early Pleistocene (3-1.6
135 Ma), 3) Mid-Pleistocene–Recent (since 0.6 Ma) (Fontijn et al., 2012 and references therein).

136 The effusion of basaltic lava flows and the deposition of phonolitic ignimbrites dominate the
137 first two stages. Many different volcanic centres, today buried or eroded, are considered the
138 sources of these eruptions, possibly including the large Katete volcano (NE of Rungwe) and
139 Tukuyu shield volcano (centred under Tukuyu town; Fontijn et al., 2012 and references therein).
140 The last stage of activity commenced with basaltic and trachytic lava flows spreading northern
141 in the Rukwa rift and Usangu basin and then concentrated into a narrow (~30 km-wide) NW-

142 SE trending sector of the RVP along the three main volcanic centres, Ngozi, Rungwe and Kyejo
143 and their satellite small eruptive centres. During the second stage, the activity of several centres
144 in the northern part built up Mporoto ridge, into which the Ngozi volcano was formed, and
145 which culminated in the Late Pleistocene to Holocene (third stage) with large explosive
146 eruptions (i.e., 10-12 ka Kitulo Pumice and < 1ka Ngozi Tuff) shaping its present-day caldera
147 depression (Fontijn et al., 2010b). The edifice of the Kyejo volcano is composed of a multitude
148 of small centres (*Kyejo cluster*; Fontijn et al., 2010a) that erupted effusively or mildly
149 explosively. These satellite eruptive centres are scoria or spatter cones and mostly produced
150 alkaline basaltic to trachytic-phonolitic lava flows (Harkin, 1960). The only historical eruption
151 of the RVP belongs to the Kyejo cluster: the Sarabwe tephrite lava flow dated approximately
152 1800 CE from oral accounts (Fontijn et al., 2012). Beyond this, the volcanic history of Kyejo
153 remains unknown.

154 Rungwe is the largest volcanic edifice in the RVP and is centrally located in the province (**Fig.**
155 **1b**). It consists of a stratovolcano structure whose summit is cut by a 300 m high scar facing
156 WSW. The scar results from a sector collapse whose debris avalanche formed a hummocky
157 landscape down to 22 km along the SW flank of the edifice (Fontijn et al., 2012). No evidence
158 of associated magmatic activity exists for the gravitational collapse (Fontijn et al., 2012). The
159 pre-collapse edifice is formed by lava flows of basaltic, phonolitic, and trachytic compositions,
160 and the oldest dated unit has a whole-rock K-Ar age of 0.25 ± 0.01 Ma (Ebinger et al., 1989).
161 Multiple silicic domes and tephra cones formed on the edifice summit depression after the
162 sector collapse. The most relevant deposit that is widespread across the whole RVP is the ~4 ka
163 old Rungwe Pumice (RP) deposit (Fontijn et al., 2010b, 2011). The latest activity of Rungwe
164 includes the eruption of the Isongole Pumice, the second most explosive eruption of Rungwe
165 (VEI 4; Newhall and Self, 1982), and three additional explosive eruptions of reduced intensity
166 dated < 1.5 ka (i.e., Ngumbulu Tephra; Aphyric Pumice, Kizungu Tephra; Fontijn et al., 2010b).

167 Overall, a rate of at least one explosive eruption every 500 years is estimated for Rungwe
168 volcano, including violent Strombolian to Plinian events (Fontijn et al., 2010b).

169 **2.1 Rungwe Pumice eruption**

170 The RP deposit consists of a massive pumice lapilli fall deposit that covers the RVP completely
171 and is dated around 4 ka based on radiocarbon dating of the underlying palaeosol (Fontijn et
172 al., 2010a) and age constraints from the Lake Masoko sedimentary record (Garcin et al., 2006).

173 The deposit is lithic-poor and is predominantly composed of cream-coloured, highly
174 vesiculated pumice lapilli of high-alkaline, trachytic composition (WR; Fontijn et al., 2013).

175 Additionally, a small proportion (<1wt%) of grey/banded pumice was found and interpreted as
176 indications of mingling with a slightly more mafic melt (Fontijn et al., 2011). In the finer grain-
177 size ranges (≤ 1.5 mm), alkali feldspar is the main mineralogical component followed by
178 subordinate amounts of biotite, clinopyroxene and Fe-Ti oxides. Of particular interest is the
179 occurrence of cyan-coloured haüyne which is absent in most other deposits from the RVP. These
180 crystals, clearly visible to the naked eye, have been used as a marker to track down RP outcrops
181 in the field (Fontijn et al., 2011). More than 100 RP outcrops were mapped around the province
182 up to 28 km from Rungwe summit, but where it still has a thickness of 30 cm. A ~1 m-thick
183 tephra layer attributed to the RP eruption was found in the Lake Masoko sedimentary record
184 around 25 km SSE of Rungwe (Garcin et al., 2006; Fontijn et al., 2012). More distal deposits
185 are lacking and have likely undergone pedogenesis. However, sediment cores from Lake
186 Malawi (SE of Rungwe) drilled up to 115 km from the summit showed visible ash horizons that
187 can be chronologically correlated with the RP (Fontijn et al., 2011).

188 The spatial distribution of outcrops has been used to constrain the vent location to the current
189 Rungwe summit though its precise crater location is unidentified. The outcrops are radially
190 distributed around the summit and the near-circular shape of isopleths suggests that the eruption

191 occurred under wind-still conditions (Fontijn et al., 2011). An eruptive column of 30-35 km
192 was inferred using the maximum lithics method (Carey and Sparks, 1986; Fontijn et al., 2011),
193 which was likely sustained throughout the entire duration of the eruption, as no PDC deposits
194 are found to be associated with the RP eruption. The peak mass discharge rate, calculated using
195 a range of column heights, ranges from 2.8 to $4.8 \times 10^8 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$, and the minimum erupted volume
196 is estimated at 1.4 km^3 dense rock equivalent (Fontijn et al., 2011). This volume is reported as
197 a probable underestimation by Fontijn et al (2011), as it does not include very proximal deposits
198 (i.e., those deposited from the column margin) and especially lacks clear information on distal
199 deposits. Given these parameters, the eruption was classified as Plinian yielding a VEI 5
200 (Newhall and Self, 1982; Fontijn et al., 2011).

201 A type section for RP was defined around 11.7 km SSE from the Rungwe summit and named
202 KF176 in previous studies (Fontijn et al., 2010b, 2011, 2013). It consists of a ~ 2.5 m-thick,
203 massive pumice deposit, that is reversely graded at the base and bounded by overlying and
204 underlying palaeosols. The entire deposit was previously sampled by Fontijn et al. (2011) and
205 divided into 14 subsamples every 20-25 cm from bottom to top and named from KF176-B to
206 KF176-O, whereas KF176-A corresponds to the basal palaeosol.

207 Overall, the deposit grain-size distribution is unimodal and well-sorted (sorting $\sigma_\phi < 2$) around
208 the median at -2.2ϕ (~ 4.5 mm) apart for the reversely graded base (lower 50 cm) which is finer
209 (Fontijn et al., 2011). A similar trend is reflected by the total grain size distribution of the whole
210 RP deposit, for which a median value is found around -2ϕ (4 mm) using different interpolation
211 models (Fontijn et al., 2011). Slight changes in whole rock compositions across the type section
212 were observed by Fontijn et al. (2013), more precisely an increase of MgO, TiO₂ and CaO and
213 a decrease of SiO₂ and MnO from bottom to top which led them to infer a possible chemical
214 zonation of the magmatic reservoir. Storage conditions were estimated using the
215 titanomagnetite-ilmenite pair geothermometer (Ghiorso and Evans, 2008) which yielded

216 temperatures in the 925-950 °C range and oxygen fugacity in the NNO+0.25-NNO+0.45 range
217 (nickel-nickel oxide buffer; Fontijn et al., 2013). Reservoir ponding depths were estimated at
218 2.5-13 km in the shallow-mid crust with the clinopyroxene-liquid barometer (Putirka, 2008)
219 and maximum pre-eruptive water content of 5.5 wt.% was estimated by difference from major
220 element compositions of melt inclusions (Fontijn et al., 2013).

221 **3 METHODS**

222 **3.1 Componentry analyses**

223 The different types of clasts that constitute the coarse ash portion of the Runge Pumice deposit
224 were investigated separately for each horizon of the type section (KF176-B to KF176-O). The
225 0.355-0.500 mm (1.5ϕ - 1ϕ) and the 0.710-1.000 mm (0.5ϕ - 0ϕ) grain-size ranges were selected
226 for the observations (hereafter termed medium and coarse ash fraction respectively). The
227 fractions were partitioned several times (up to 6) using a sample splitter to reduce the sample
228 size and still maintain a representative and functional amount. With the aid of a
229 stereomicroscope, the clasts were characterised and allocated to 3 classes, i.e. Juvenile, lithics
230 and crystals (further subdivided into feldspars, mafic minerals, Fe-Ti oxides, haüyne and
231 titanite), until a total of 3000 clasts per sample were categorised.

232 **3.2 MI water content**

233 To quantify the total amount of water dissolved within MI glasses we used the transmission
234 Fourier Transformed Infrared spectroscopy technique (FTIR; §3.2.2). The FTIR method allows
235 quantifying the sample absorbance for specific wavelengths in the near-/mid-infrared light
236 range (usually between 1400 and 8000 cm^{-1} ; von Aulock et al., 2014), which is caused by the
237 vibration of specific molecules (analytes). The relationship between light absorption and the
238 analyte concentration in the sample is described by the *Beer-Lambert Law*, which can be
239 rewritten to express the analyte mass fraction (Stolper, 1982):

$$w = \frac{A \cdot M}{\epsilon \cdot l \cdot \rho} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

240 where w is the analyte concentration in wt.%, A (dimensionless) the absorbance of the sample,
241 corresponding to the height (or area) of specific peaks in the FTIR spectrum (§ 3.2.2), M the
242 molecular weight of the analyte (e.g., 18.015 g·mol⁻¹ for H₂O), ϵ (l·mol⁻¹·cm⁻¹) the composition-
243 dependant absorptivity index of the sample for the analyte of interest, l (cm) the thickness of
244 the sample crossed by the beam, and ρ the density of the sample (in g·l⁻¹).

245 3.2.1 Sample preparation

246 Alkali feldspar crystals in the RP deposit host MIs and embayments (i.e., inclusions open on
247 one side), however, their lamellar shapes and tiny volumes made them impractical to be used
248 for this study. MIs hosted in pyroxenes and Fe-Ti oxides were hard to identify due to the dark
249 and opaque colour of the crystals. Häüyne crystals instead tend to contain visibly more MIs
250 than the other mineral phases and therefore represented the best target for this investigation.
251 Five stratigraphic horizons representative of the bottom (KF176-C), middle (KF176-G and
252 KF176-K), and top (KF176-O) sequences of the deposit type section were selected. For each
253 layer, several pumice clasts in the 11.3-16 mm (-3.5 ϕ /-4 ϕ) grain-size range were manually
254 crushed. Over 100 häüyne crystals were handpicked from the crushed material in the 0.5-2 mm
255 (1 ϕ /-1 ϕ) grain-size range and subjected to careful observation and sample selection. The
256 crystals were placed on a glass slide and embedded in a thermosetting resin (Crystalbond™
257 509). An exploratory first polishing of the crystal surfaces allowed a detailed description of MI
258 features and recognition of potential melt inclusion assemblages (MIAs, i.e., groups of coeval
259 MIs originated from the same magma at the same reservoir conditions; Bodnar and Student,
260 2006; Esposito et al., 2014) which helps in describing the history of both the MI and MI's host.
261 Moreover, FTIR measurements require a clear path large enough to let the infrared beam pass
262 through the sample to avoid any contamination of the spectrum. Therefore, small MIs (i.e.,

263 smaller than 15 μm , the minimum infrared beam aperture) or MIs hosting too many bubbles
264 were discarded (§ 4.2).

265 To ensure that only the MI was crossed by the infrared beam, the crystals hosting MIs or
266 embayments suitable for analyses were polished on two sides in a way that two parallel surfaces
267 of the selected MIs were exposed (doubly exposed; von Aulock et al., 2014). Firstly, the crystals
268 were grounded on one side with a 6 μm diamond paste until one or more MIs were properly
269 exposed. Final polishing was achieved with progressively finer-grade diamond pastes (3 μm
270 and 1 μm). Finally, the crystal was gently removed from the resin and flipped over to expose
271 and polish the opposite side of the MI following the same process. This way we obtained fragile
272 crystal wafers tens of micrometres thick. Eventually, a variable number of MIs per layer was
273 successfully prepared because of crystal availability and MIs' suitability for analyses, for a total
274 of 86 MIs and embayments.

275 *3.2.2 Infrared absorption*

276 The transmission FTIR spectra of MIs were acquired at the ISTO-CNRS laboratory (Orleans,
277 France) using a Nicolet 6700 FTIR spectrometer connected to a Nicolet Continuum Infrared
278 Microscope equipped with a MCT IR Detector Module. The acquiring setup consisted of a
279 Global light source, an XT-KBr beamsplitter and a 32x infinity-corrected Schwarzschild
280 objective matching to a 32x condenser. The crystals were gently removed from the resin after
281 heating on a hot plate, then rinsed in acetone to remove any resin residuals and placed over a
282 CaF_2 window.

283 The fundamental stretching vibration of O-H bonds in H_2O and OH^- absorbs infrared light at
284 the 3550 cm^{-1} wavenumber (**Fig. 2**). The height (or area) of this characteristic overtone peak in
285 IR spectra is directly proportional to the total concentration of water in the sample, and usually,
286 it retains a good signal-to-noise ratio. However, this overtone can be easily saturated at

287 relatively high water concentrations unless the thickness of the sample is extremely thin (von
288 Aulock et al., 2014). In that case, water concentration can be measured by the combination of
289 the absorbance band of the hydroxyl group (OH⁻; 4500 cm⁻¹) with the band of molecular water
290 (5200 cm⁻¹). Therefore, we acquired spectra in the 1200-6000 cm⁻¹ wavenumbers unit range
291 with a spectral resolution of 4 cm⁻¹ (**Fig. 2**). The aperture of the square beam was set at 20x20
292 μm or 40x40 μm when the size of the MI allowed it, while a 15x15 μm beam aperture was
293 exceptionally used for the smallest MIs. For each spectrum, 256 (512 for the 15x15 μm beam
294 aperture) acquisitions were collected. A background spectrum on the CaF₂ window was
295 collected for calibration before each sample analysis, and every time the spectra showed
296 abnormal trends due to environmental changes in temperature, CO₂ concentration or humidity.
297 We chose to use peak heights instead of areas as they are less subjected to peak distortions,
298 especially for the combination bands. Finally, we adopted a linear baseline to measure peak
299 intensity. A minimum of three scans were collected for each melt inclusion for reproducibility
300 which were then averaged through the data processing tools of Omnic™ software to reduce the
301 spectral noise. FTIR spectra were acquired at the centre of MIs but also closer to rims to
302 evaluate the consistency of the estimated water content, while embayments were scanned in
303 their most internal portions.

304 The molar absorptivity index in Eq. (1) is a composition-dependant constant that can be
305 determined for each glass composition once the water content is constrained with other
306 analytical methods (e.g., Karl Fisher titration or secondary ion mass spectrometry). However,
307 absorptivity indices present in the literature for glasses with a chemical composition similar to
308 that of the sample can be applied with good approximation (von Aulock et al., 2014). For high-
309 alkali trachytic glasses a value of $66.9 \pm 5.8 \text{ l}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ was experimentally determined for
310 the 3550 cm⁻¹ overtone (Behrens and Hahn, 2009) while absorptivity indices for the 4500 cm⁻¹
311 and 5200 cm⁻¹ overtones (ϵ_{4500} and ϵ_{5200}) were estimated through a multiple linear regression

312 based on the absorbance values of the 4500 cm⁻¹ and 5200 cm⁻¹ peaks (A_{4500} and A_{5200}
313 respectively), according to the following relationship (Di Matteo et al., 2004):

$$\frac{w_{3550}}{100} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_{4500}} \cdot \frac{A_{4500}M}{l\rho} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_{5200}} \frac{A_{5200}M}{l\rho} \quad (2)$$

314 where w_{3550} is the water content (in wt.%) calculated with the 3550 cm⁻¹ band and used as a
315 fixed term for the regression. The regression was performed including those spectra that did not
316 reach saturation and at the same time showed well-shaped combination bands. It was iteratively
317 reproduced by systematically excluding those spectra values that deranged the interpolation
318 until a satisfying goodness was achieved ($r^2 \approx 0.9$). The regressed molar absorptivity indices
319 and their 90% confidence bounds (subscript and superscript values) measured $0.80_{0.09}^{1.51}$ l·mol⁻¹
320 l·cm⁻¹ and $1.97_{1.15}^{2.80}$ l·mol⁻¹·cm⁻¹ for the 4500 cm⁻¹ and 5200 cm⁻¹ overtones respectively. These
321 indices are considerably different from those previously estimated for trachytic (1.58 l·mol⁻¹
322 l·cm⁻¹ and 1.36 l·mol⁻¹·cm⁻¹ respectively; Di Matteo et al., 2004) and phonolitic (1.25 l·mol⁻¹
323 l·cm⁻¹ and 1.10 l·mol⁻¹·cm⁻¹ respectively; Carroll and Blank, 1997) glass.

324 3.2.3 Thickness

325 The MI thickness is a fundamental parameter that must be carefully determined as it represents
326 one of the major sources of error in Eq. (1), especially for the thinner crystal wafers. For
327 example, in our dataset, a difference of 1 μm produces on average a ~3% percentage error on
328 the water content estimation, equivalent to 0.1 wt.% H₂O. Moreover, during sample preparation,
329 it is important to monitor the thickness of the samples as this could determine which absorbance
330 band can be used (von Aulock et al., 2014). To minimise the uncertainty introduced by
331 operator's biases (e.g., optical focus recognition) two different methods were applied, and the
332 results compared. Firstly, the thickness was measured with a flat-anvil digital micrometer
333 (resolution = 1 μm; accuracy = ±2 μm). A flat micrometer was chosen over a pointed
334 micrometer to minimise the risk of damaging or disrupting the extremely fragile crystals. Once

335 we ensured that crystals were adhering properly to their glass slides, each glass slide was
336 measured together with the hosted crystal and on its own. Crystal thickness was then obtained
337 by difference. The measurements were repeated two or three times per crystal. Subsequently,
338 we used an optical microscope with calibrated focus stages. A LEITZ DMR microscope
339 equipped with an automated stage (resolution = 2 μm) was used, and each crystal was measured
340 two times for consistency.

341 To verify the consistency of the thickness measurements, we applied the spectral fringes
342 counting method for those transmission spectra that showed interference fringe patterns
343 (Nichols and Wysoczanski, 2007; von Aulock et al., 2014). This method consists of counting
344 the spectral fringes in a specific spectral region where no absorption peaks are present (usually
345 in the 2000-2700 cm^{-1} range; Wysoczanski and Tani, 2006), and which relate to the thickness
346 (l) following the equation (Nichols and Wysoczanski, 2007):

$$l = \frac{m}{2n(\nu_1 - \nu_2)} \quad (3)$$

347 where m is the number of waves, n is the refractive index of the sample (dimensionless), and ν_1
348 and ν_2 are the highest and lowest wavenumber (in cm^{-1}) respectively of the selected spectral
349 interval. Interference fringes were detected on both h aüyne crystals and MIs, and refractive
350 indices of 1.50 and 1.52 were used respectively (Taylor, 1967; Keller et al., 1978). While a good
351 correlation was found between thicknesses measured with the optical focus stages method and
352 the digital micrometer, a systematic underestimation ($35.4\% \pm 18\%$ percentage error on
353 average) was observed between the results obtained with these methods and the thicknesses
354 estimated by the interference fringes method. As the latter is considered less affected by
355 operator biases and does not apply to all the MIs in the dataset because of interference
356 recurrence, the measured thickness of each MI was increased by 35% to compensate for the
357 underestimation.

358 3.2.4 Glass density

359 The density of MI glass has been estimated as a function of its chemical composition at room
360 temperature following the equation (Lange, 1997):

$$\rho_{298K} = \frac{\sum X_i M_i}{V_{298K}} \quad (4)$$

361 where X_i represents the mole fraction of each major oxide component (i), and M_i their molecular
362 weights. The volume of the glass at room temperature (V_{298K}) is considered equivalent to the
363 volume of the glass at the quenching temperature (V_{liq}) as no contraction after solidification is
364 expected because of the volume-constrained nature of MIs and the fast cooling in the
365 atmosphere of pumiceous tephra. Therefore, the contribution of the thermal expansion
366 coefficient (Eq. (4) in Lange, 1997) was not considered and the glass volume at quenching
367 temperature was estimated using the equation for iron-bearing silicate glasses, modified after
368 Lange and Carmichael (1987):

$$V_{liq}(T) = \sum X_i(T) V_i(T) + X_{Na_2O} X_{TiO_2} V_{Na_2O-TiO_2} + X_{H_2O} V_{H_2O}(T) \quad (5)$$

369 where V_i is the volume regression of major oxide components as a function of the liquid
370 temperature with respect to the volume at the modelled temperature of 1300 °C (Lange and
371 Carmichael, 1987):

$$V_i(T) = V_{i,1573K} + \frac{dV_i}{dT} (T - 1573K) \quad (6)$$

372 and $V_{H_2O}(T)$ is the temperature-dependent molar volume of water modelled starting from the
373 volume at ~1000 °C (Ochs III and Lange, 1999; Richet et al., 2000). The mole fractions of the
374 MI's major oxides (X_i) were derived from chemical analyses measured with a JEOL JX-
375 iHP200F field emission electron probe micro-analyser (EPMA) at the IMAP laboratories of the
376 Université Grenoble-Alpes (France). The crystal wafers were embedded in epoxy resin,
377 polished (down to 1 µm diamond grade), and carbon coated. We used an acceleration voltage

378 of 15 kV, a probe current of 5 nA, and a defocused beam diameter of 15 μm to analyse the MIs.
379 The analytes were measured with four WDS (wavelength dispersive spectroscopy) and one
380 EDS (energy dispersive spectroscopy; Si only, with StHs6-80 glass as calibration material)
381 spectrometers. Sodium was analysed first to avoid element dispersion and a ZAF correction
382 was applied. The StHs6-80, Atho-G and KE12 reference materials (Jochum et al., 2006) were
383 analysed three times each, after every 30-40 measurements to evaluate accuracy. Each MI was
384 measured at least three times for consistency. Water concentrations were roughly estimated
385 from the difference of the sum of all the analytes from the equilibrated total concentration (100
386 wt.%; Devine et al., 1995).

387 To constrain the MI's quenching temperature T , equivalent to the fictive temperature of the pre-
388 eruption silicate liquid, we applied the alkali feldspar-liquid geothermometer (Eq. (24b) in
389 Putirka, 2008). This thermometer describes the chemical equilibrium between magmatic melts
390 and alkali feldspars as a function of temperature. Alkali feldspar crystals were handpicked from
391 the 0.5-2 mm grain-size fraction of crushed pumices and then embedded in epoxy resin.
392 Pumiceous glass shards were obtained from the 125-250 μm grain-size fraction of manually
393 crushed pumice clasts. The crushed material was rinsed and wet sieved at 80 μm in
394 demineralised water to remove accretionary dust or clays and embedded in epoxy resin. Grain
395 mounts of glass shards and alkali feldspar crystals were grounded and polished with diamond
396 paste down to a grade of 1 μm . Alkali feldspar composition was analysed by EPMA, using the
397 same instrument and analytical conditions as those used to analyse the h  yryne-hosted MIs, and
398 with Cr-Augite, Ortho-B13 and Ortho-B12 as secondary standards. For the glass shards, a 2 nA
399 probe current and a 5 μm beam diameter were used. We analysed glass from each layer at least
400 eight times for reproducibility, while core-to-rim transects of 5 measurements were performed
401 on the alkali feldspars. As the alkali feldspar-liquid geothermometer does not foresee an
402 equilibrium constant to constrain the equilibrium between melt and alkali feldspars (Putirka,

403 2008), we inspected the alkali feldspar crystals with backscattered electron imaging to evaluate
404 the occurrence of resorption structures around the crystal rims. No signs of disequilibrium were
405 identified. Imaging was performed in backscattered electron mode, with an accelerating voltage
406 of 15 kV using a Hirox SH5500P scanning electronic microscope (SEM) equipped with a
407 Bruker EDS Quantax detector at the Laboratoire G-Time of the Université libre de Bruxelles
408 (Belgium).

409 The estimated hydrated glass density is $2.25 \pm 0.01 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ on average, a value slightly lower
410 than densities generally accepted for trachytic and phonolitic glasses (Di Matteo et al., 2004).
411 This discrepancy might be caused by the fact that we measured the density of the glass at the
412 quenching temperature, corresponding to the liquid density, instead of room temperature.

413 **3.3 Reservoir modelling**

414 To constrain the pre-eruptive conditions of the magmatic reservoir, we applied different
415 petrological models well established in the literature. To our knowledge, h a yine-melt
416 equilibrium-based geothermometers have not been experimentally described. Therefore,
417 h a yine-hosted MIs were equilibrated with alkali feldspars, the most recurrent crystal
418 throughout the deposit, and the most stable mineralogical phase during the entire crystallisation
419 sequence. For each sample, the entrapment temperature was estimated by comparing the K-
420 feldspar-liquid hygrometer developed by Mollo et al. (2015) and the alkali feldspar-liquid
421 geothermometer from Putirka (calibration error $\pm 23 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$; Putirka, 2008). The K-feldspar-liquid
422 hygrometer was inverted to express temperature as a function of the water concentrations
423 computed through FTIR analyses. Each MI glass composition was equilibrated with the core,
424 middle and rim portions of each alkali feldspar collected from its corresponding deposit
425 horizon, allowing to obtain a predicted equilibrium constant (K_d ; Eq. (2) in Mollo et al., 2015).
426 The best correlation between the resulting K_d and the measured equilibrium constant

427 (Supplementary Material in Mollo et al., 2015) was found between MIs and the rim of alkali
428 feldspars. Therefore, entrapment temperatures were estimated by pairing each MI with the rim
429 of each crystal from the corresponding horizon, and the results were averaged to express
430 variance. Additionally, the occurrence of possible chemical zonation in alkali feldspars was
431 investigated with SEM imaging and chemical mapping. Once temperature and water content
432 are constrained, the minimum pressure in the magmatic reservoir at the moment of MI
433 entrapment was computed through the MagmaSat (Ghiorso and Gualda, 2015), MooreWater
434 (Moore et al., 1998), Iacono-MarzianoWater (Iacono-Marziano et al., 2012), and
435 ShishkinaWater (Shishkina et al., 2014) water solubility models, all available within the
436 VESICAL python3 library (v. 1.2.6.; Iacovino et al., 2021).

437 The same procedure used to measure the water concentration in MIs through FTIR analysis was
438 then applied to estimate the H₂O and CO₂ content in MI-hosting h a yne crystals. Spectra were
439 acquired close to the MIs adopting the same acquisition settings and a beam aperture of 40x40
440  m. As the h a yne absorbance spectrum for water is composed of three overlapping overtones
441 in the ~2800 – 3700 cm⁻¹ range, the integrated absorbance was used (Bellatreccia et al., 2009),
442 while the stretching of structural CO₂ molecules gives a well-defined absorbance peak at ~2350
443 cm⁻¹ (**Fig. 2**). The composition-dependant integrated molar absorptivity indexes for H₂O and
444 CO₂ were fixed at 5422 l·mol⁻¹·cm⁻² and 1866 l·mol⁻¹·cm⁻² respectively for h a yne of similar
445 compositions (Bellatreccia et al., 2009), while the crystal density was estimated to be 2.4 g·cm⁻³
446 (Taylor, 1967).

447 A principal component analysis of MI major element concentrations allowed to identify the
448 most relevant oxides affecting the chemical variability of the magma, in an attempt to identify
449 chemically differentiated magmas co-occurring in the magmatic reservoir. The three most
450 representative principal components were used to identify chemically distinct clusters of MIs
451 through hierarchical clustering. The crystallisation history of the magma was characterised by

452 modelling the liquid line of descent of magmatic compositions starting from the composition
453 of a possible Rungwe mafic parental magma (**Table 1**; Furman, 1995). The rhyolite-MELTS (v.
454 1.0.2.; Gualda et al., 2012a; Ghiorso and Gualda, 2015) source code was used for the modelling,
455 imposing a fractional crystallisation of olivine, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, hornblende,
456 biotite, plagioclase, alkali feldspar, nepheline, kalsilite, leucite, spinel, apatite and rutile, and an
457 oxygen fugacity fixed at the FMQ +1 buffer ($\sim+0.42$ NNO; Fontijn et al., 2013). The final
458 temperature was set to the average quenching temperature estimated from the application of the
459 alkali feldspar-liquid geothermometer (§3.2.4), whereas pressure was changed iteratively in the
460 range given by the lowest pressure estimated from MI calculations (~ 650 bar; §4.4.1) and the
461 pressure at 10 km depth (~ 2700 bar), considered an acceptable depth for deep crystalline mush
462 accumulation (Huber et al., 2019). The available chemical analyses of the potential mafic
463 parental magma (Furman, 1995) do not contain water concentrations. However, to fit the
464 amount of water we measured in the final magma, we assumed the initial mafic magma to
465 contain between 0 and 1.1 wt.% of water, a range commonly accepted for rift basalts (White et
466 al., 2012; Rowe et al., 2015; Hutchison et al., 2018). Magma compositions were re-normalised
467 with this presumed water content.

468 Whole-rock major and trace element concentrations were determined for pumices of each
469 deposit horizon (KF176-B to KF176-O) at the Laboratoire G-Time of the Université libre de
470 Bruxelles (Belgium). Samples were manually crushed to powders in an agate mortar and then
471 prepared as a solution by alkaline fusion. Loss on ignition (LOI) was estimated by heating the
472 powders at 800 °C for 2h after having dried them completely at 105 °C for over 24h. Major
473 elements were measured with a Thermo Fisher Scientific iCAP inductively coupled plasma-
474 optical emission spectrometer (ICP-OES) using Y as an internal standard. Trace elements were
475 measured with an Agilent 7700 quadrupole inductive-coupled plasma mass spectrometry (Q-
476 ICP-MS) operated with a He-filled collision cell. The USGS standards BHVO-2, RGM-2, and

477 QLO-2 were analysed as reference materials and one sample was measured twice for
478 reproducibility. The total reproducibility based on reference materials was estimated to be better
479 than 4% and 12% relative standard deviation for major and trace elements respectively.

480 **4 RESULTS**

481 **4.1 Componentry analyses**

482 The coarse ash fraction of the deposit analysed is composed of three broad clast types: i)
483 juvenile, ii) lithics, and iii) crystals. Juvenile clasts are cream-white highly vesicular pumices.
484 Clast shapes are mostly solid, equidimensional and subrounded but, according to the size and
485 shape of vesicles, can be more elongated or irregular. Lithic clasts include rock fragments of
486 different nature extracted from the volcanic edifice, older lava deposits, and holocrystalline
487 rocks. Free crystal phases include alkali feldspar, hauyne, pyroxene, biotite, Fe-Ti oxides,
488 titanite, and accessory olivine. In the coarser ash fraction, the juvenile class is dominant in each
489 layer of the deposit (always > 65% of the components), but it is substantially less dominant in
490 the medium ash fraction (between 45% and 80% of the components) where the crystal content
491 reaches up to the 45% of the components (**Fig. 3**). A gradual increase of the crystal content is
492 observed from the bottom to the top of the stratigraphic section, particularly for the medium
493 ash fraction, associated with an opposite trend of the juvenile content (**Fig. 3**). The lithic
494 component represents a small fraction of both analysed grain sizes (3 - 12%) and it is almost
495 constant along the stratigraphic section, except for a peak around 25 cm from the bottom
496 (samples KF176C-KF176D) where it reaches up to 28% of the components (**Fig. 3**).

497 On average, $88\% \pm 3\%$ and $96\% \pm 2\%$ of the crystal component within the medium and coarse
498 ash fractions respectively are represented by alkali feldspars (**Fig. 3**). Mafic minerals
499 (pyroxenes and biotite) are the second most abundant crystalline component (between 3.4%
500 and 10.5%) followed by Fe-Ti oxides (between 1.5% and 9.0%). Relative crystal abundances

501 are almost constant throughout the stratigraphic column, apart from haüyne which shows a
502 progressive increase from bottom to top, even though it never represents more than 3% of the
503 crystal population (**Fig. 3**). The medium ash contains a smaller amount of haüyne, which is
504 absent in the bottom 150 cm of the deposit (**Fig. 3**). Titanite crystals are found only in the
505 medium ash and in small numbers (always < 0.9%).

506 **4.2 Melt inclusion textures**

507 MIs and embayments are ubiquitous features of haüyne crystals of the RP deposit. A
508 comprehensive description of the MIs is provided in the **Supplementary Table 1**.

509 The colour of MIs ranges from pale to dark brown and is related to MI thickness and bubble
510 content. The volume of MIs varies by about six orders of magnitude (10^3 - $10^8 \mu\text{m}^3$; equivalent
511 ellipsoid volume) but their sizes are relatively large (major axis $147 \pm 122 \mu\text{m}$ on average) and
512 altogether they can occupy a considerable part of the crystals. All MIs tend to have blunt
513 morphologies, but the vast majority are ellipsoidal or sub-spherical (ca. 44% and 23%
514 respectively; **Fig. 4a**). Funnel-like MIs and embayments can be found in pairs often coaxial and
515 connected by a tapered bottleneck (**Fig. 4b, c**). The distribution of MIs within the crystals
516 appears to be arbitrary and does not create evident textural zonation. Only elongated MIs tend
517 to have the major axis oriented sub-parallel to one crystallographic face, an arrangement
518 particularly evident for MIs which mirror crystal growth stages with clusters of sub-parallel,
519 planar MIs (**Fig. 4d**). Despite some inclusions having near-angular morphologies, fully faceted
520 MIs are extremely rare (ca. 2%). Within the same crystal, it is common to find MIs of different
521 shapes or sizes, and no correlation exists with the height in the stratigraphic section. Most
522 embayments show irregular morphologies that cannot be geometrically described (termed
523 *complex* as in Ruefer et al., 2021). Subsequently, sub-cylindrical (simple) and bulbous
524 morphologies are the second most represented.

525 Other than one MI hosting a micrometric apatite crystal, crystalline phases are absent in MIs
526 while the number and size of bubbles were the most distinctive features in separating MIs that
527 experienced similar entrapping histories. The MIs observed can be free of bubbles (**Fig. 4a**),
528 host a single, spherical, shrinkage bubble (**Fig. 4a**), or be partially (or entirely) filled with a
529 multitude of microscopic bubbles (termed microvesicular MIs; **Fig. 4c, f**). On rare occasions,
530 MIs host several bubbles (usually less than 10) of variable size (**Fig. 4e**). Bubble-free MIs are
531 overall the most abundant, especially in the lowest stratigraphic horizon, followed by single-
532 bubble MIs and microvesicular MIs, whereas the latter are particularly present in top horizon
533 O (**Fig. 4g**). The size of shrinkage bubbles varies between different MIs but scales well with
534 their size. The bubble volume in single-bubble MIs occupies on average $2.21 \pm 1.62\%$ of the
535 inclusion volume, whereas in a microscopic bubble it covers at most 0.23 vol.% (0.04 ± 0.06
536 vol.% on average; **Fig. 4h**), and the bubble size can reach up to 41.7 μm and 5.1 μm in diameter
537 respectively. We acknowledge that a large standard deviation results from the assumption of the
538 equivalent ellipsoidal volume as the MI volume. Bubbles occurring in couples or groups of a
539 maximum of ten bubbles, generally include one larger bubble, whose volume occupancy is
540 comparable to that of the single bubbles, and several smaller bubbles whose occupancy can be
541 as small as that of microscopic bubbles. No evident correlation is shown between the number
542 and size of bubbles and the size and geometry of MIs. Noteworthy, groups of MIs hosted in the
543 same crystal generally contain the same amount of bubbles that share a similar volume
544 occupancy. Only bubble-free and single-bubble inclusions which do not show any post-
545 entrapment modification (e.g., leaking through fractures) were considered for further analyses.
546 Embayments often host a multitude of discrete large bubbles (10.77 ± 0.78 vol.% on average)
547 that concentrate, and seem to propagate, from the outlet where they assume ellipsoidal to droplet
548 shapes (**Fig. 4f**). If bubbles do not fully form inside the embayments, these might be present at
549 the outlet as a large bubble variably intruding from the glass attached to the crystal exterior.

550 These characteristic bubble assemblages facilitate the recognition of embayments when the
551 outlet is hidden.

552 **4.3 MI's water content**

553 Water concentration in MIs ranges from 1.89 wt.% to 5.59 wt.%, with an average of 2.85 ± 0.8
554 wt.%. Embayments contain slightly less water, showing an average of 2.16 ± 0.46 wt.%, while
555 no noticeable variation is detected between MIs that have or do not have a vapour bubble (2.81
556 ± 0.55 wt.% and 2.89 ± 0.96 wt.% on average respectively). Similar water contents are observed
557 in MIs and embayments collected from different horizons within the deposit, however on
558 average MIs in layer C contain less water (i.e., 2.40 ± 0.67 wt.%; **Fig. 5a**), while a mild,
559 progressive decrease can be observed in embayments from horizon C to O. Water
560 concentrations given by the combination of the 4500 cm^{-1} and 5200 cm^{-1} overtones were
561 consistent with concentrations estimated using the 3500 cm^{-1} overtone (**Fig. 5b**). On average, a
562 percentage difference of $17 \pm 16\%$ between the two approaches was observed. However, water
563 concentrations given by the combination of the 4500 cm^{-1} and 5200 cm^{-1} overtones were
564 considered only in the rare case when the 3500 cm^{-1} overtone reached saturation. The
565 uncertainty given by the error propagation of every parameter in Eq. (1) is on average $12 \pm 4\%$,
566 which is comparable to the uncertainty generally expected from this type of estimation (e.g.,
567 10-20%; Agrinier and Jendrzewski, 2000; Wysoczanski and Tani, 2006; von Aulock et al.,
568 2014).

569 **4.4 Reservoir modelling**

570 *4.4.1 Geothermobarometry*

571 Entrapment temperatures estimated for MIs with the K-feldspar-liquid hygrometer range
572 between ~ 830 and $1275\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, with an average at $\sim 1110 \pm 96\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (**Fig. 6a**). Embayments record a
573 similar, but slightly higher, range of temperatures, with an average at $\sim 1203 \pm 66\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. No

574 substantial temperature variations are shown by MIs of different stratigraphic horizons (**Fig.**
575 **6a**). Temperatures estimated with the Putirka (2008) alkali feldspar-liquid geothermometer
576 resulted on average in a lower but tighter temperature range: from ~ 938 to 1054 °C for MIs
577 and from ~ 942 to 1011 °C for embayments. Overall, temperatures estimated with the Putirka
578 (2008) geothermometer are comparable but slightly higher than values previously estimated
579 from Fe-Ti oxide pairs (i.e., 915-950 °C; Fontijn et al., 2013).

580 Minimum lithostatic pressures given by the different solubility models are consistent, apart
581 from the Iacono-Marziano Water model which significantly deviates from the other models (**Fig.**
582 **6b**) and are not visibly affected by the temperature estimation method used. Statistical values
583 for each solubility model are reported in **Supplementary Table 2**. Pressures range between 30
584 and 194 MPa, lower than previously estimated from the clinopyroxene-liquid barometer (i.e.,
585 70-350 MPa; Fontijn et al., 2013). We emphasise that the pressures estimated refer to the
586 minimum entrapping pressure as, for a given melt temperature and composition, the solubility
587 models compute the pressure at saturation, for which we however do not observe any
588 petrographic evidence. Pressures recorded from different horizons do not indicate substantial
589 differences, except for horizon G which gives a more scattered distribution due to outlier values
590 (**Fig. 6b**). Embayments result on average in slightly lower, but more clustered, pressure values.

591 *4.4.2 Glass geochemistry*

592 Melt inclusions have a homogeneous trachytic-phonolitic composition, with around $\sim 61 \pm 0.3$
593 wt.% SiO₂ and an elevated alkaline elements content (**Fig. 7**). The agpaitic index ($[\text{Na}+\text{K}]/[\text{Al}]$)
594 ranges between 0.99 and 1.07 with an average at 1.02 ± 0.02 while the Mg# ($[\text{Mg}]/[\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}]$) is
595 0.22 ± 0.01 on average. The full range of chemical compositions is provided in the
596 **Supplementary Table 3**. Comparisons of different element concentrations do not show any
597 evident trend apart from the positive correlation of CaO and MgO concentrations and the

598 negative correlation of Na₂O and K₂O (**Fig. 8a, b**). Embayments and MIs have similar major
599 element concentrations, only K₂O tends to be slightly higher in MIs. Overall, the glass
600 composition within a single MI or embayment is chemically homogenous and does not show
601 any systematic variation from core to rims (e.g., relative standard deviation equals $0.36 \pm 0.20\%$
602 and $1.34 \pm 1.09\%$ on average for SiO₂ and Na₂O respectively), even for more mobile elements
603 as Cl and S in open embayments. Major element concentrations in MIs are roughly constant
604 through the different horizons (i.e., relative standard deviation between 0.16% in FeO and
605 9.42% in P₂O₅), however, a slight increase of K₂O and TiO₂, and a decrease of Na₂O occur from
606 layer C to layer O (**Fig. 8c**). The chemical composition of pumice matrix glass is overall similar
607 to that of the MIs and embayments for silica and most of the major elements (**Fig. 7**) but is
608 slightly depleted in K₂O ($-7.0 \pm 1.0\%$ on average) and enriched in Na₂O ($+9.4 \pm 4.4\%$ on
609 average). Tephra glass shows a more systematic variation of element/oxide concentrations from
610 base to top of the stratigraphic succession. Particularly, K₂O, MgO, TiO₂, SO₃, and CaO
611 concentrations tend to decrease, whereas Na₂O and Cl increase towards the top (**Table 1; Fig.**
612 **8c**).

613 The principal component analysis of MI glass composition suggests that the chemical variance
614 is dominated by K₂O, Na₂O and SiO₂, which constitute the majority of the first three principal
615 components and represent a total variance of ~26%, ~25% and ~23% respectively. The attempt
616 to cluster the MIs according to their stratigraphic horizon was unsuccessful. Instead, the first
617 three principal components, which represent ~96% of the variance, were used to group the data
618 into two major chemical clusters plus an outlier sample (**Fig. 9**) through a hierarchical
619 clustering. While the first cluster includes only six MIs, the second cluster includes most of the
620 MI dataset and represents a slightly more silicic magma, enriched in Na₂O and depleted in K₂O
621 (**Fig. 9**). The incorporation of MIs in one or the other cluster is not related to the distribution
622 within crystals or to whether it hosts a shrinkage bubble. However, all the MIs belonging to the

623 more evolved first cluster are found in the topmost stratigraphic horizons. Additionally, the
624 temperatures estimated from the first cluster are on average slightly higher, while pressure
625 estimations largely overlap.

626 Multiple tests were performed in Rhyolite-MELTS to identify a possible liquid line of descent
627 that might match the crystallisation path that generated the chemical composition of the erupted
628 magma. However, the lack of intermediate compositions did not allow us to verify the
629 occurrence of multi-step crystallisation. The best match was obtained for K₂O, TiO₂, SiO₂, CaO
630 and MgO adding 0.3 wt.% of water to the initial mafic composition before normalisation (**Fig.**
631 **10**). For the range of pressures considered, the liquid line of descent corresponds to ~85%
632 fractional crystallisation of the parental magma, which is dominated in the initial stages by
633 olivine and clinopyroxene until alkali feldspar starts to form. Some phases fractionated from
634 the magma (e.g., spinel) as suggested by the model are not identified in the deposit. These
635 phases might be early forming crystals that were fractionated in the magmatic mush at depth.
636 Häüyne, or any other phases of the sodalite group, cannot be included as a fractionating solid
637 in the model, therefore the modelled crystallisation of another feldspathoid mineral such as
638 leucite (not observed in the deposit) might partially explain the enrichment in Na and Ca in the
639 modelled composition compared to the measured values.

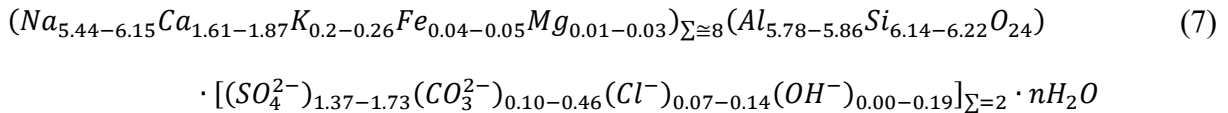
640 The bulk composition of pumice is similar in major elements to the matrix glass, though slightly
641 depleted in SiO₂ (-3.6 ± 0.9 wt.% on average) and Na₂O (-2.3 ± 0.5 wt.% on average), while
642 the amount of Al₂O₃ is higher ($+1.6 \pm 0.5$ on average). Across the stratigraphic section, the
643 composition progressively decreases in SiO₂ and becomes enriched in TiO₂, CaO, MgO, P₂O₅
644 from bottom to top. The other oxides remain stable. Noteworthy, the composition of the bottom
645 horizon B differs considerably from the other horizons, showing anomalous trends in Al₂O₃,
646 FeO_{tot}, MnO, K₂O and TiO₂. Trace element concentrations of bulk pumices are reported in
647 **Table 1**. The primitive mantle-normalised (McDonough and Sun, 1995) concentrations are

648 overall higher than values previously recorded in Rungwe basalts (Castillo et al., 2014), but
649 they show similar trends (**Fig. 11a**). The highest normalised values are observed for highly
650 incompatible U and Th. REE concentrations normalised to the primitive mantle (McDonough
651 and Sun, 1995) indicate higher concentrations of LREE compared to HREE and a marked
652 negative Eu anomaly (**Fig. 11b**). Progressive increasing or decreasing trends are observed
653 across the stratigraphy (**Fig. 11c**). Particularly, from bottom to top, most of the middle REE and
654 LILE (apart from Rb) tend to increase, while extreme HREE or LREE and HFSE show an
655 opposite trend. Substituent metals of Fe-Mg do not show any particular trend. Noteworthy, for
656 several elements, the bottom horizon (i.e., sample KF176_B) retains anomalous values (**Fig.**
657 **11c**).

658 *4.4.3 Crystal geochemistry*

659 The composition of alkali feldspars is homogeneous and ranges from $Ab_{71}Or_{28}An_1$ to
660 $Ab_{54}Or_{44}An_2$ (**Supplementary Fig. 1a; Supplementary Table 3**). Textural observations did
661 not indicate any visible chemical zonation of the crystals (**Supplementary Fig. 1a,b**). Across
662 the stratigraphic section, the anorthite component tends to increase from bottom to top, which
663 correlates to a progressive increase of CaO at the expense of Na_2O , while K_2O remains
664 essentially stable.

665 Häüyne is also chemically homogenous and did not show any visible chemical zonation.
666 Häüyne crystals from different horizons have similar chemical compositions (**Supplementary**
667 **Table 3**), apart from a subtle, progressive, increase of SO_3 (wt.%) from the bottom to the top of
668 the deposit. Water content within the crystals estimated with FTIR analyses ranges from 0.49
669 wt.% to 2.16 wt.% with an average at 1.14 ± 0.37 wt.% and tends to decrease across the
670 stratigraphic section, whereas CO_2 ranges from 0.39 wt.% to 2.06 wt.% and tends to remain
671 quite homogeneous. The stoichiometric formulae of the häüyne crystals can be written as:



672 where n ranges from 0.68 to 2.68. The unit formula was normalised considering (Si + Al) = 12,
673 while the anionic site equals 2 for the purpose of the occupancy of water. As the overtone at
674 $\sim 3500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ used to estimate water content from FTIR spectra does not resolve the speciation
675 of water, we allocated water to the OH^- group in the anionic site to complete a valence of 2
676 (Bellatreccia et al., 2009), and the remaining water was added as molecular water. All the
677 sulphur was allocated to sulphate (SO_4^{2-}) as h uyne is known to be stable at more oxidising
678 conditions (Baudouin and Parat, 2015 and references therein) and because of the presence of
679 sharp overtones at $\sim 2200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ in FTIR spectra (Bellatreccia et al., 2009). The ubiquitous
680 occurrence of Ca in the stoichiometric formulae (Eq. 7) confirms that all the crystals analysed
681 are close to the h uyne end-member in the h uyne-nosean solid solution. However, a
682 progressive increase of Ca and SO_4 , and an opposite decrease of Na are observed across the
683 stratigraphic unit from horizon C to horizon O, implying subtle variations in the h uyne-nosean
684 series. Apart from melt inclusions, h uyne crystals host biotite, ilmenite and apatite crystals.
685 The crystal edges are commonly altered to unidentified zeolitic phases, which are enriched in
686 Si and Al and banded with Ca enrichments (**Supplementary Figure 2**).

687 5 DISCUSSION

688 The type section for the Rungwe Pumice fall deposit (outcrop KF176) discussed in this study
689 consists of a massive, 250 cm-thick pumice fall deposit which was previously sampled every
690 ca. 15-20 cm (Fontijn et al., 2010b, 2011). To interpret the geochemical data, we considered
691 samples collected at the base of the stratigraphic section (e.g., KF176_B), representative of the
692 topmost portions of the magmatic reservoir at the moment of the eruption, while, in contrast,
693 the top deposit horizons (e.g., KF176_O) represent the deepest part of the plumbing system that

694 fed the eruption. Pumice clasts forming the finer-graded horizon KF176_B are slightly darker
695 and softer than pumices of the overlying deposit horizons, appearing visibly more altered.
696 Reverse grading at the base of RP deposits was identified only at outcrops located SE of
697 Rungwe and close to the vent, where also isopach tends to be slightly thicker (Fontijn et al.,
698 2010b). This might suggest an initial opening phase of lower explosivity emplacing a fine-
699 grained lapilli fallout deposit mostly in the south, followed by a temporal hiatus long enough
700 to allow early alteration processes to act on the pumice glass. Subsequently, the peak in lithics
701 in KF176_C may correlate with a conduit-clearing event during the initial stages of the eruption,
702 which is also consistent with the reverse grading at the base (Fontijn et al., 2011). Additionally,
703 the progressive increase of crystal components toward the top portions of the deposit suggests
704 the accumulation of crystals in the deeper parts of the magmatic reservoir (**Fig. 3**), which is
705 particularly accentuated in the medium ash fraction.

706 **5.1 Melt Inclusions**

707 Different types of information about the conditions of magma accumulation at depth can be
708 inferred from petrographic, geochemical, and modelling investigations of crystal-hosted melt
709 inclusions (Danyushevsky et al., 2002; Rose-Koga et al., 2021). Such relevant data can then be
710 used to describe the pre-eruptive processes that eventually lead to magma ascent, fragmentation,
711 and eruption. At the same time, care is needed before interpretation as entrapment conditions
712 or post-entrapment modifications can alter the properties of a MI (Esposito et al., 2014;
713 Cannatelli et al., 2016).

714 *5.1.1 Morphology*

715 Melt inclusions entrapped in RP's h a yne crystals have discrete morphologies and variable
716 sizes. Their distribution within crystals does not exhibit any textural pattern that implies
717 variations in crystal growth rate induced by magmatic recharge (Cooper et al., 2015), but their

718 ubiquitous presence in haüynes, from cores to rims, might imply a steady crystal growth.
719 Additionally, their erratic allocation within crystals, unrelated to phenocryst growth zones,
720 made the recognition of separated melt inclusion assemblages (MIAs; Bodnar and Student,
721 2006) impractical. The assumption that specific groups of MIs may have formed at the same
722 reservoir conditions was therefore unattainable from petrographic observations (Esposito et al.,
723 2014).

724 Specific morphologies such as funnel-shaped MIs and embayments (termed *curvilinear*; Faure
725 and Schiano, 2005), were observed in olivine during single-stage, low-rate, cooling
726 experiments, and associated with the growth of crystals at equilibrium (Faure and Schiano,
727 2005). The common occurrence of similar morphologies in haüyne suggests that even the most
728 irregular MIs can be formed at a constant, low undercooling, crystal growth in the absence of
729 dissolution by local disequilibrium induced by fluid bubbles. Embayments might be the result
730 of incomplete inclusion entrapment.

731 Haüyne-hosted MIs in our dataset have blunt/subrounded shapes while fully faceted
732 morphologies are rare (<2%). For quartz-hosted MIs and embayments, the diffusion-dependent
733 faceting process has been inferred to occur in tens to hundreds of years according to the
734 inclusion size (Gualda et al., 2012b; Pamukcu et al., 2015; Ruefer et al., 2021) and assuming
735 that post-entrapment crystallisation is hindered. The relationship between MI size and faceting
736 times described in Gualda et al. (2012b) for quartz hosts cannot be applied directly to haüyne,
737 as diffusion for elements other than silica must be considered. Additionally, we note that this
738 geospeedometer is temperature-dependent and tested with substantially lower temperatures in
739 Gualda et al. (2012b). Higher temperatures might delay faceting resulting in longer crystal
740 residence times. However, the occurrence of sub-rounded MIs as small as 15 μm in diameter at
741 the core of crystals suggests that haüyne growth and inclusion entrapment occurred shortly on

742 geological timescales (tens to hundreds of years) before the eruption, which is also supported
743 by the absence of microlites or growth rims within the MIs.

744 Further implications on entrapping conditions and crystallisation history are given by the
745 amount and size of bubbles in MIs. Vapour bubbles found within MIs might be entrapped during
746 MI formation if a separate vapour phase was present in the magma (i.e., in case of volatile
747 saturation) or formed within the MI (Davidson and Kamenetsky, 2007). A single post-
748 entrapment bubble can form due to volatile oversaturation induced by post-entrapment
749 crystallisation or due to different degrees of contraction exerted by the melt compared to the
750 host crystal (Danyushevsky et al., 2002; Cannatelli et al., 2016; Rose-Koga et al., 2021 and
751 reference therein). The volume percentage occupied by single bubbles in hauyne-hosted MIs is
752 small and overall constant when comparing inclusions hosted in the same crystal, crystals
753 located in the same horizon, and even across the stratigraphic section. This implies that the
754 bubbles formed within the MIs in the absence of pre-entrapment vapour phases (Danyushevsky
755 et al., 2002; Moore et al., 2015; Cannatelli et al., 2016; Rose-Koga et al., 2021). Additionally,
756 based on petrographic and geochemical observations (see hereafter) we exclude that a post-
757 entrapment crystallisation might have occurred, therefore the formation of a single bubble is
758 interpreted as caused by the shrinking of the melt during cooling (Cannatelli et al., 2016; Rose-
759 Koga et al., 2021 and references therein). If instead, the cooling rate is excessively fast, the
760 bubble does not have enough time to nucleate before quenching and the MI results free of
761 bubbles (Cannatelli et al., 2016). The bubble-free type of MIs is overall the most abundant,
762 particularly in crystals located at the shallower levels of the magmatic reservoir prior to the
763 eruption, suggesting elevated ascent and cooling rates. Single bubbles instead formed mostly
764 in crystals coming from the lower portions of the magmatic reservoir, where they might have
765 had more time to cool during the eruption. Textures like those of microvesicular MIs have been
766 observed in re-homogenisation experiments of volatile-saturated MI entrapping a primary

767 vapour bubble (Esposito et al., 2012). Therefore, we infer these MIs were likely entrapped in
768 volatile-saturated portions of the magmatic reservoir. Additionally, they host microscopic
769 bubbles that can occupy the entire MI but also much larger bubbles, suggesting a volatile phase
770 was already separated from the melt during entrapment and not formed inside the inclusion
771 (Cannatelli et al., 2016; Steele-MacInnis et al., 2017). Decrepitation and leaking processes, or
772 alternatively differential shrinking at high quenching rates, are instead inferred to cause
773 inclusions hosting several bubbles of different sizes (Cannatelli et al., 2016). As we are not able
774 to discern their formation process, we considered those MIs unsuitable for this study and they
775 were not investigated further. The formation of large, tapered, bubbles propagating from
776 embayment outlets is instead associated with syn-eruptive melt supersaturation that led to
777 volatile degassing and vesiculation just before quenching (Ruefer et al., 2021). Bubbles are
778 present within embayments either intruding from the outlet or forming discrete bubbles,
779 however, experimental observations proved that different bubble textures can be generated by
780 the same decompression history (Hosseini et al., 2023). The reason why bubbles concentrate at
781 the outlet of embayments can be explained by the fact that melt inside the embayment does not
782 react to decompression disequilibrium in the same way as the melt outside. Therefore, bubbles
783 tend to form in portions of embayments closer to the free melt and likely migrate in and out of
784 the embayment. Preservation of supersaturated conditions in embayments and MIs also inhibits
785 decompression-induced microlite formation (Ruefer et al., 2021) as shown by the total absence
786 of microlites within the embayments studied.

787 *5.1.2 Melt composition*

788 When dealing with the chemical composition of MIs it is fundamental to assess the
789 representativity of the original melt. We exclude that post-entrapment crystallisation (Esposito
790 et al., 2011, 2014) occurred to modify the chemical composition of MIs in our dataset. Glass is
791 homogeneous within each MI and no zonation is observed within the host around them.

792 Additionally, given the similarity of MI compositions with those of tephra glass and the
793 independence from MI size, we also exclude a boundary layer effect that would have caused
794 the inclusion to entrap a non-representative portion of melt (Faure and Schiano, 2005; Esposito
795 et al., 2014). Furthermore, experimental studies indicated that well-shaped, euhedral crystals
796 growing at lower cooling rates tend to collect a representative portion of parental melt in
797 contrast to diffusion-governed, fast-growing, skeletal/dendritic crystals (Faure and Schiano,
798 2005).

799 From chemical modelling of the potential liquid line of descent, we infer that the RP
800 phonolitic/tephritic composition can be derived by over 80% fractional crystallisation of a
801 basaltic parental magma. However, we emphasise that there is no concrete evidence that these
802 early basaltic products of Rungwe are cogenetic to RP magma. Moreover, there is no consensus
803 about processes that can originate phonolitic and peralkaline trachytic magmas. Several studies
804 suggest that these might not be generated solely by fractional crystallisation but invoke a
805 contribution of direct mantle partial melting or volatile-induced crustal assimilation
806 (Macdonald, 1987; Scaillet and MacDonald, 2001; Baudouin and Parat, 2015 and references
807 therein). More targeted investigations are required.

808 Major element concentrations within hauyne-hosted MIs of RP are overall constant throughout
809 the different deposit's horizons suggesting the entrapment of a chemically homogeneous
810 magma. Even the clustering of principal components does not reveal substantial chemical
811 differentiation apart from a subtle increase of magmatic evolution from the bottom of the
812 reservoir, which is inferred by the preferential occurrence of MIs from the slightly less evolved
813 cluster at the topmost horizons K and O in the stratigraphic section. In any case, embayment
814 chemical compositions overlap those of MIs, inferring that once hauyne started to crystallise
815 the magma did not undergo excessive compositional evolution. The major element composition
816 of MIs is also substantially closer to that of the pumice matrix glass compared to pre-

817 differentiation bulk rock compositions (**Fig. 12**), inferring that MIs most likely sampled the
818 very last and most evolved magma before the eruption. Comparison with chemical
819 concentrations of MIs entrapped in mafic hosts showed less evolved compositions (**Fig. 12**;
820 Fontijn et al., 2013), implying that differentiation processes occurred before haüyne started to
821 form. This is confirmed by trace element concentrations of pumice whole rock indicating a
822 certain degree of differentiation within the magmatic reservoir. The progressive enrichment of
823 the most compatible trace elements with depth in the magmatic reservoir infers an advanced
824 degree of fractional crystallisation in its shallowest portions where the compatible elements
825 (e.g., mostly Ba, Sr, and Eu compatible in alkali feldspars) are caught during crystallisation and,
826 in contrast, incompatible elements are enriched in the residual melt. Considering the extreme
827 case of maximum incompatibility (i.e., bulk partition coefficient $D = 0$) for those elements that
828 showed the higher enrichment with height in the stratigraphic section (i.e., U and Th), we
829 observed that the trend between horizon KF176_B and KF176_O corresponds to a minimum
830 of 60% Rayleigh fractional crystallisation, meaning the whole rock of horizon KF176_B
831 corresponds to the 40% residual melt of the magma in horizon KF176_O (**Fig. 11d**).

832 A similar result is obtained by comparing the trends of compatible against incompatible trace
833 elements for a range of pumice bulk partition coefficients (**Fig. 11c**). Only the horizon KF176_B
834 diverts strongly from the general trend, having much higher values of Ba (and other compatible
835 elements such as Sr) than expected. While lower SiO₂ and total alkali and higher FeO_{tot} and
836 compatible trace element concentrations of KF176_B whole-rock composition may suggest a
837 less evolved magma, its depletion in MgO and enrichment in incompatible elements compared
838 to the rest of the deposit implies a more advanced stage of evolution. This early-extracted
839 magma may therefore represent an older and separate, shallow mush zone of the reservoir where
840 fractionation of crystals was less efficient and instead an *in-situ* equilibrium crystallisation was
841 promoted. This may explain a lower fractionation of compatible elements as observed at the

842 topmost regions of crystalline intrusions (Namur and Humphreys, 2018). Discarding horizon
843 KF176_B from the main trend suggests a lower degree of fractional crystallisation (**Fig. 11c,**
844 **d**). Nonetheless, the crystal-poorer topmost portions of the magmatic chamber yield the highest
845 degree of crystallisation, consistent with an effective fractionation of crystals that are physically
846 separated toward the reservoir walls or sink in the crystal-rich reservoir bottom (e.g., horizon
847 KF176_O), and also suggesting a positive thermal gradient with depth. The substantial degree
848 of crystallisation estimated by trace element concentrations contrasts with the homogeneity of
849 major element concentrations in MIs, which yield compositions closer to those of pumice whole
850 rocks of the most evolved horizon, KF176_C (**Fig. 7**). This suggests that h  y  ne started
851 crystallising quite lately and mostly entrapped a residual melt at late stages of chemical
852 evolution. Sealed melt inclusions in h  y  ne crystals sampled in the deepest portions of the
853 magmatic reservoir are on average slightly richer in K₂O and poorer in Na₂O compared to the
854 topmost reservoir zones and open embayments (**Fig. 8c**). A preferential uptake of sodium
855 relative to potassium indicates a less advanced stage of feldspar evolution at depth in the
856 magmatic reservoir, which is then progressively balanced in open embayments with the
857 progressive maturation of magma chemistry.

858 *5.1.3 Water content*

859 Water content in RP's melt inclusions is relatively lower than the estimated volatile content at
860 saturation for phonolitic magmas at crustal levels (e.g., ~8 wt.% at 200 MPa; Carroll and Blank,
861 1997; Berndt et al., 2001) or values previously recorded in EAR peralkaline magmas (e.g.,
862 Wilding et al., 1993; Iddon and Edmonds, 2020), but is in agreement with undersaturated values
863 of other phonolitic magmas hosting modal h  y  ne (e.g., El Abrigo ignimbrite at Tenerife, Spain;
864 And  jar et al., 2008). The water concentrations are consistent in MIs and do not shift much
865 from the average of 2.85 wt.%. A strong coherence is shown between MIs entrapped in a more
866 external or internal portion of the same crystal (i.e., relative standard deviation ~6%), meaning

867 that even if MIs sampled different portions of the reservoir during the crystal migration, the
868 magma was homogeneous in its water content (Peppard et al., 2001). However, some outliers
869 above the first upper standard deviation (~ 3.7 wt.%) are found, mostly in horizons G and O.
870 We can therefore infer that water concentrations in the magma were homogeneously below
871 saturation at given pressure and temperature conditions, however, some localised portions of
872 the reservoir were more hydrated up to saturation as suggested by the presence of a pre-
873 entrapment fluid phase in some MIs (e.g., Dunbar and Hervig, 1992). Embayments yield on
874 average less water than sealed inclusions because melt in open embayments progressively
875 equilibrates with the surrounding melt during ascent and is more likely to experience a
876 diffusion-controlled re-equilibration during syn-eruptive degassing (Liu et al., 2007). We are
877 aware that diffusive loss of hydrogen through the crystal at magmatic temperatures might also
878 promote an equilibration of OH^- content in MIs with the external melt during magmatic
879 evolution (Esposito et al., 2014; Cannatelli et al., 2016 and reference therein). However, we
880 infer that melt was trapped in hauyne shortly before the eruption, in a steady shallow magmatic
881 reservoir and most likely a substantial degassing occurred during the eventual eruption, too fast
882 for the water content to be fully equilibrated. Additionally, no correlation exists between
883 location within the crystal, MI size and water content, making us confident that the latter was
884 not modified after trapping (Esposito et al., 2014).

885 Modelling of shrinking bubble formation during post-entrapment crystallisation suggests that a
886 considerable amount of water can be taken up in the bubble if no separated vapour phase is
887 present at the moment of entrapment, meaning that MIs are not always representative of water
888 content in the parental magma (Steele-MacInnis et al., 2017). Even though we expect no pre-
889 existing vapour entrapped in single-bubble MIs from our dataset, as argued above, we exclude
890 that post-entrapment crystallisation occurred. Additionally, we observe that water content
891 within bubble-free MIs is statistically equivalent to water content within MIs hosting a single

892 bubble (on average 2.89 ± 0.97 wt.% and 2.81 ± 0.55 wt.% respectively) whereas a larger
893 variability (i.e., first standard deviation) is shown by bubble-free MIs because of a few outliers.
894 Therefore, we are confident that the shrinkage bubble, when formed, mostly captured insoluble
895 CO₂ from the melt. Previous studies of shrinkage bubbles revealed that these can yield between
896 30% and 90% of the originally total dissolved CO₂ (Esposito et al., 2011; Moore et al., 2015;
897 Rose-Koga et al., 2021 and references therein; Feignon et al., 2022) marking their importance
898 when assessing total CO₂ concentrations in MIs. No absorbance peak for the molecular CO₂
899 overtone at 2351 cm⁻¹ (Brooker et al., 1999) was shown in the FTIR spectra collected, even for
900 the thickest MIs, implying that CO₂^{mol} in the glass must be below the thickness-dependent
901 detection limit of tens up to a hundred ppm (von Aulock et al., 2014; Rose-Koga et al., 2021).
902 For lower silica and depolymerised melts, dissolved carbonate species (CO₃²⁻) prevail over
903 CO₂^{mol} in C-O species speciation (Brooker et al., 1999; Morizet et al., 2013) and produce an
904 absorption doublet between 1670 and 1375 cm⁻¹ (Brooker et al., 1999). Most of our IR spectra
905 are particularly noisy below 1600-1550 cm⁻¹, and those spectra having a good signal-to-noise
906 do not show any evident doublet, which can also be masked by the H₂O_{mol} peak at 1650 cm⁻¹.
907 Dissolved CO₂ concentrations cannot be estimated for bubble-free MIs as well, suggesting that
908 the amount of CO₂ uptake in shrinkage bubbles is overall limited. However, we claim that
909 enough CO₂ was dissolved in the parental melt to allow the crystallisation of CO₂-rich haüyne
910 and that possibly the current method was not capable of detecting it. Potentially, CO₂ loss might
911 have occurred through diffusion within the host crystal, however, we do not have enough
912 constraints about such a process and further investigations such as mapping of CO₂
913 concentrations in the host around the MIs or investigation of MIs hosted in CO₂-free crystalline
914 phases would be required.

915 **5.2 Thermobarometry**

916 Entrapment temperatures estimated with the K-feldspar hygrometer (Mollo et al., 2015) are
917 substantially higher (i.e., percentage difference $13 \pm 6\%$ on average for MIs) and more dispersed
918 than those given by the alkali feldspar geothermometer (Putirka, 2008). The K-feldspar
919 hygrometer is strongly dependent on glass water estimations, and considering the related
920 estimated error, we prefer to rely on the glass chemistry-dependent alkali feldspar
921 geothermometer for further discussions. However, the equilibrium constant provided by Mollo
922 et al. (2015) was adopted as a further constraint to evaluate equilibrium between feldspars and
923 MI melts because the albite-anorthite test for equilibrium provided in Putirka (2008) is mostly
924 tested for plagioclase and has been only tested for alkali feldspar with 60 samples, resulting in
925 large standard deviations (Putirka, 2008).

926 Temperature estimations from MIs match the liquidus temperature estimated with rhyolite-
927 MELTS (Gualda et al., 2012a; Ghiorso and Gualda, 2015) at a given chemical composition and
928 lithostatic pressure. The progressive increase toward the bottom of the reservoir (**Fig. 6a**),
929 especially for the more dispersed distribution of MIs collected from horizon O, is interpreted to
930 be caused by the occurrence of both MIs entrapped at deeper portions of the reservoir and
931 shallower MIs entrapped in crystals that subsequently sunk in the reservoir because of density
932 gradients and convective motions.

933 A wide range of pressures can be recorded by MIs entrapped in crystals at different depths or
934 by MIs (or MIAs) entrapped in the same crystal at different times during their ascent or sinking
935 in the reservoir (Anderson et al., 2000; Peppard et al., 2001; Métrich and Wallace, 2008).
936 However, such constraints based on volatile variations in MIs must be interpreted carefully as
937 pressure estimations from solubility models can delineate a degassing path only in the case of
938 saturation. Furthermore, caution is required when interpreting depressurisation trends from
939 water estimates as artefacts can be introduced by the significant error in water determination
940 (Esposito et al., 2014). As we do not have any strong evidence for the saturation conditions

941 during the entrapment of bubble-free and single-bubble MIs, the pressures we estimated with
942 solubility models correspond to a minimum lithostatic pressure. This means that constraining a
943 degassing path is not possible. The pressures obtained from different deposit horizons are
944 similar, implying that even though these horizons might reflect different depths in the reservoir,
945 this information is not recorded in the estimated pressures because the water content is below
946 saturation. Similarly, MIs entrapped in the same crystals at different times and reservoir depths
947 did not preserve such information due to their homogeneity of water content below saturation.
948 Minimum lithostatic pressure skews around 55-65 MPa for all the solubility models considered,
949 implying a considerably shallow magmatic reservoir. Assuming an average continental crust
950 density of $2.7 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$, pressures from MIs can be converted to depths in the crust, which yield
951 an average depth of $2.47 \pm 1.24 \text{ km}$ and $2.35 \pm 1.15 \text{ km}$ for MooreWater and ShishkinaWater
952 models respectively. Even though the average depth given by the Iacono-MarzianoWater
953 solubility model gives a more realistic value (i.e., $6.95 \pm 1.93 \text{ km}$ depth), this model is mostly
954 calibrated for subalkaline and alkaline mafic magmatic compositions and therefore, might not
955 be appropriate for trachytic and phonolitic compositions. A calibration for broader compositions
956 is given for MagmaSat and MooreWater solubility models, whose results largely overlap.
957 Solubility experiments proved that such models might underestimate water solubility for
958 peralkaline trachytes and phonolites (Carroll and Blank, 1997; Di Matteo et al., 2004). This
959 effect is mainly attributed to the high concentration of alkaline elements, but it is observed only
960 at pressures higher than 50 MPa and considered significant over 200 MPa (Di Matteo et al.,
961 2004), meaning this underestimation might affect only to a minor extent our estimations.

962 Water contents in embayments are lower and so are the subordinate minimum pressure
963 estimations. The equilibration process of embayment melts with the external melt during syn-
964 eruptive degassing is correlated with element diffusivity and therefore, depending on ascent
965 rate, water content at different distances from the outlet within the embayment can record the

966 degassing path (Liu et al., 2007). We can assume that at least embayment portions at the outlet
967 were close to water saturation at the moment of quenching (deGraffenried and Shea, 2021;
968 Geshi et al., 2021), as also indicated by the formation of a large number of bubbles. This means
969 that lithostatic pressures estimated from embayments are closer to the true pressure values
970 which, however, correspond to the syn-eruptive water exsolution depth and not to the reservoir
971 storage depth. To avoid any border refraction, we collected FTIR spectra away from the outlet,
972 implying the possible overestimation of water saturation depths which are narrowly distributed
973 around 1.4 ± 0.4 km deep.

974 **5.3 Häüyne stability**

975 Despite häüyne crystals not showing any visible textural or chemical (in BSE imaging)
976 zonation, their chemistry across the stratigraphic section shows some progressive variation,
977 particularly for volatile species. The stability of häüyne in phonolitic melts from Laacher See
978 volcano (Germany) and Tenerife (Spain) has been experimentally constrained to oxidising
979 conditions ($fO_2 > \text{NNO}$ buffer), pressures below 200-300 MPa, and temperatures between 750
980 and 900 °C (Berndt et al., 2001; Andújar et al., 2008; Baudouin and Parat, 2015). Häüyne
981 formed within the RP reservoir entrapped melt at shallower levels and slightly higher
982 temperatures. However, the sulphur content in RP magma is considerably higher than other
983 phonolitic systems in both häüyne (e.g., ~4 wt.% less in Laacher See phenocrysts; Berndt et al.,
984 2001) and melt (e.g., one order of magnitude lower in Laacher See MIs and matrix glasses;
985 Harms and Schmincke, 2000). This agrees with the experimental observation of Berndt et al.
986 (2001) that positively correlates the stability temperatures with sulphur availability and
987 oxidising conditions in the parental melt. The accessibility of sulphur thus likely plays an
988 important role in häüyne stability and growth rate (Harms and Schmincke, 2000; Berndt et al.,
989 2001; Cooper et al., 2015).

990 The ubiquitous occurrence of h  y  ne in the stratigraphic section from Laacher See, and the
991 composition of its MIs, let Berndt et al. (2001) imply a late differentiation of h  y  ne and
992 oxidising conditions likely shortly before the eruption due to the injection of a fresher and
993 oxidised magma. Sulphur sparging from depth is inferred to be one of the causes that promoted
994 the acceleration of h  y  ne growth in Tenerife (Spain) phonolites (Cooper et al., 2015). Sulphur
995 concentration in RP h  y  nes decreases ($\Delta_{\text{SO}_3} \approx 2600$ ppm on average) toward the shallower
996 parts of the reservoir and is mirrored by a similar pattern in hosted MIs ($\Delta_{\text{SO}_3} \approx 200$ ppm on
997 average) and tephra matrix ($\Delta_{\text{SO}_3} \approx 400$ ppm). Among all the crystalline phases, the prolonged
998 uptake of sulphur in h  y  ne could potentially account for the depletion observed in the residual
999 melt at shallower depths (Harms and Schmincke, 2000). However, given the low modal
1000 proportions of crystallised h  y  ne (roughly estimated between 0.0 and 0.7 wt.%), it is unlikely
1001 that it alone was able to buffer sulphur content in the magma. Through a mass balance
1002 calculation, we estimated an extremely low (~ 38 ppm) sulphur uptake in h  y  ne in the topmost
1003 portions of the reservoir, while it is considerably more abundant in the deepest areas (600-800
1004 ppm) given the progressive increase of h  y  ne crystals there. Even though we inferred, to some
1005 extent, crystal migration within the reservoir, we would expect a higher sulphur content in
1006 h  y  ne formed in the reservoir cap, at least in the early-formed crystals. Sulphur loss might
1007 occur also due to exsolution in a fluid phase (Harms and Schmincke, 2000), but we do not have
1008 evidence for a separated fluid phase capping the reservoir, and on the contrary, MIs entrapped
1009 in the presence of a pre-entrapment fluid phase (i.e., microvesicular MIs) and MIs with
1010 anomalously higher water content, are more common at the reservoir bottom. All these
1011 instances indicate a higher h  y  ne stability in the deepest layer, which might be due to higher
1012 oxidised conditions and/or an input of sulphur from depth caused either by gas sparging (Cooper
1013 et al., 2015) or mixing/mingling with a more oxidised, sulphur-rich, magma (Harms and
1014 Schmincke, 2000; Berndt et al., 2001). These possible deep sources of volatiles were mostly

1015 enriched in sulphur as other volatiles are constant (e.g., H₂O and CO₂) or show opposite trends
1016 (e.g., Cl⁻) within háüyne and hosted MIs. Additionally, small grains of pyrrhotite were found
1017 included in alkali feldspar, biotite, and pyroxene (Fontijn et al., 2013), implying initial reducing
1018 conditions probably changed during háüyne crystallisation just prior to the eruption, similar to
1019 what observed at Laacher See phonolites (Berndt et al., 2001).

1020 **6 RESERVOIR CONCEPTUAL MODEL AND IMPLICATIONS**

1021 Pre-eruptive conditions for the Rungwe Pumice plumbing system obtained from geochemical
1022 data describe a relatively hot (~980 °C), phonolitic/peralkaline trachytic, magmatic reservoir
1023 ponded at shallow (≥ 2.2 km) depths below the surface. The pressures estimated with solubility
1024 models provide a minimum storage depth for an undersaturated melt, implying that magma
1025 could be stored at higher depths. However, we do not exclude that magma was indeed stored at
1026 shallow depths in the crust. Magma stored at such depths is considered unusual, however,
1027 petrological pieces of evidence, as well as factual observations (e.g., boreholes drilled in magma
1028 pockets at Krafla, Iceland, or Menengai, Kenya; Papale and Garg, 2022), showed that this might
1029 be more common than expected. Shallow depths are also inferred for other phonolitic systems
1030 in divergent, convergent or intraplate settings (e.g., Teide, Andújar et al., 2008; Andújar and
1031 Scaillet, 2012b; Vesuvius, Italy, Scaillet et al., 2008). Additionally, the CO₂ concentrations
1032 below FTIR detection limits in MIs suggested a prolonged magmatic degassing at crustal depth.
1033 Exsolved CO₂ may successfully escape the system and migrate upward and be emitted
1034 diffusively or in concentrated zones at the volcano's surface and surrounding areas. Differently
1035 from other volcanic systems along the rift hosting widespread hydrothermal systems (e.g., Hunt
1036 et al., 2017; Cappelli et al., 2023), gaseous emissions from present-day RVP are cold and
1037 enriched in CO₂ (Barry et al., 2013),

1038 The RP reservoir might have been separated and differentiated from a deeper basaltic parental
1039 magma (Furman, 1995) through fractional crystallisation (**Fig. 13a**). However, like at other
1040 peralkaline systems across the EAR where intermediate products are missing (e.g., Macdonald,
1041 1987; Tadesse et al., 2019 and references therein), we do not exclude that crustal assimilation
1042 processes contributed to some extent to magmatic differentiation, as also inferred by La/Nb
1043 values always above 1 (Plank, 2005). Once stored in the upper crust, a temperature gradient
1044 promoted crystal fractionation mostly at the shallower portions of the reservoir, crystallising
1045 mafic minerals (e.g., clinopyroxenes, biotite, and amphiboles in minor extent) and early alkali
1046 feldspars (**Fig. 13a**). Magmatic differentiation through fractional crystallisation proceeded
1047 consistently for quite some time, as implied by trace element patterns that suggest up to 50%
1048 fractional crystallisation and the size of some alkali feldspar crystals larger than 2 mm. Crystals
1049 formed at the topmost regions of the reservoir were most likely pushed toward reservoir walls
1050 and deeper regions, as inferred by the accumulation of alkali feldspars as free components at
1051 the highest horizons of the stratigraphic section and the corresponding enrichment in Ba (**Fig.**
1052 **13b**). However, as the crystal content in the ash components or within lapilli clasts is
1053 substantially low, and given the estimated degree of fractionation, it is plausible that only a
1054 small number of crystals formed this way were retained in the eruptible portion of the reservoir.
1055 Most crystals could have successfully segregated from the magma, as is modelled for crystal-
1056 poor rhyolitic magmas leaving behind batholithic crystalline mushes (Bachmann and Bergantz,
1057 2004) or inferred for other peralkaline systems within the EAR where mush segregation can be
1058 as fast as 10^{-1} - 10^{-4} km³·yr⁻¹ (Iddon et al., 2019).

1059 Convective motions might have partially homogenised the major element chemistry of the
1060 reservoir during h a yne crystallisation (**Fig. 13c**), which probably commenced at shallower
1061 crustal depths in comparison to mafic crystallisation as inferred by the different lithostatic
1062 pressures estimated in this study (i.e., 30-194 MPa) with those obtained from clinopyroxene-

1063 liquid chemical stability (i.e., 70-350 MPa; Fontijn et al., 2013). Additionally, MIs hosted in
1064 biotite and clinopyroxenes yield more primitive compositions (Fontijn et al., 2013), suggesting
1065 a different time of entrapment. In any case, residence time at such shallower depths must have
1066 been relatively short, as indicated by the unfaceted shapes of MIs and the absence of breakdown
1067 or reaction rims around biotite crystals (Fontijn et al., 2013), unstable to depressurisation-
1068 induced water loss. However, given the original undersaturated conditions, an upward
1069 migration of RP's magmatic reservoir might have not directly caused water exsolution,
1070 preventing biotite breakdown (e.g., Fougnot et al., 1996).

1071 Häüyne was probably stabilised in the deeper parts of the reservoir (horizon KF176_O) by more
1072 oxidising conditions. This could have been caused by either (1) the input of fresher, oxidised
1073 magma or (2) an SO₃-rich volatile phase sparging from depth, without a significant magma
1074 input. In case (1), the fresher magma must have yielded major element chemical concentrations
1075 close to the magma in the reservoir or have rested shortly in it (according to crystallisation
1076 kinetics), as no evident changes in alkali feldspars (or other phases) growth rims occur.
1077 Additionally, no strong compositional differences exist between tephra matrix glasses from
1078 different horizons and no evidence for magmatic mingling was found. The rare (<1% modal
1079 components) grey/banded pumice found in the lapilli grain size fraction (Fontijn et al., 2011)
1080 can be derived from local differences in crystallinity that were induced during magmatic ascent
1081 (Akin et al., 2024) since they do not have evident textural (vesicularity) or major oxide
1082 concentration differences (**Supplementary Table 3**). Evidence for (2), i.e. a volatile phase
1083 sparging from depth, comes from the preferential occurrence of microvesicular MIs within
1084 häüynes extracted from the bottom of the reservoir. The potential gaseous phases must have
1085 been rich in sulphur and depleted in other volatiles as the latter do not show any enrichment
1086 trends toward the reservoir bottom. Either a rapid accumulation of fresh magma or the input of
1087 external volatiles could potentially have a relevant role in destabilising the system and initiating

1088 the unrest that culminated in an explosive eruption (**Fig. 13c,d**; e.g., Caricchi et al., 2018;
1089 Jorgenson et al., 2024).

1090 By comparing parameters from several effusive and explosive eruptions from phonolitic-
1091 trachytic systems, Andújar and Scaillet (2012a) suggest that the relationship between water
1092 content and ponding depth significantly influences the eruptive behaviour of these magmas.

1093 While the proximity to water-saturation conditions is a relevant factor, water-saturation alone
1094 is not definitive in triggering explosive eruptions (Andújar and Scaillet, 2012a). In contrast,

1095 there does not appear to be a correlation between the rheological properties of these magmas
1096 and their eruptive dynamics. At a given temperature high-alkali silicic magmas yield viscosities

1097 more than one order of magnitude lower than their sub-alkaline counterparts (Di Genova et al.,
1098 2013). Low viscosities help decouple volatiles from magma and theoretically promote efficient

1099 outgassing and mildly explosive eruptions (Cassidy et al., 2018). However, at similar
1100 rheological conditions, peralkaline systems can experience either effusive or highly explosive

1101 eruptions (Andújar et al., 2008; Andújar and Scaillet, 2012a). For the RP magmas at storage
1102 conditions, we estimated an average viscosity of $10^{3.45 \pm 0.33}$ Pa·s (**Supplementary Table 2**)

1103 using the model of Giordano et al. (2008). At equivalent temperatures, such viscosity values are
1104 comparable to viscosities of phonolitic/trachytic melts from other explosive volcanic systems

1105 (Andújar and Scaillet, 2012a) but also to those of lathitic or shoshonitic magmas that produced
1106 strombolian or lava-fountaining activity (Di Genova et al., 2013). Volatile loss during magma

1107 ascent significantly impacts its viscosity. However, for RP magmas, the decrease in water
1108 content toward anhydrous conditions increases melt viscosity by a maximum of four orders of

1109 magnitude (up to 10^6 Pa·s). Despite this rise, viscosities remain below the threshold generally
1110 associated with brittle fragmentation ($> 10^8$ Pa·s; Papale, 1999). Additionally, the matrix glass

1111 of RP pumice clasts is aphyric and contains a limited amount of phenocrysts, indicating that
1112 crystallinity was most likely irrelevant to the magma's rheology (Dingwell et al., 1993). Water

1113 content in the RP reservoir was low, likely below saturation, but considerably close to it.
1114 Additionally, the elevated bubble number density (Cappelli L, unpublished data) in pumice
1115 clasts suggests that rapid syn-eruptive bubble nucleation significantly influenced magma
1116 rheology. Consequently, conduit dynamics might have had a pivotal control in preventing
1117 outgassing and leading to brittle magma fragmentation, as suggested for other “low-viscosity”
1118 explosive eruptions (e.g., Houghton et al., 2004; Hughes et al., 2017).

1119 We suggest that the RP magma was stored at shallow depths in conditions close to saturation. A
1120 gaseous phase sparging from deeper magmas entered the reservoir, induced h a yine
1121 crystallisation and likely destabilised the system. Shortly after, as inferred by unfaceted h a yine-
1122 hosted MIs, the eruption started. Once the eruption initiated, the magma rose rapidly and
1123 suddenly degassed producing the coeval homogeneous nucleation of a multitude of
1124 unconnected bubbles which hindered outgassing and promoted explosivity. Further
1125 investigations of conduit dynamics are required to unravel the degassing and fragmentation
1126 processes that ultimately determined the magma’s behaviour, beyond the characteristics
1127 initially acquired at the reservoir level.

1128 Across the East African Rift, several peralkaline silicic systems produced violent eruptions that
1129 sometimes culminated in caldera-forming events (e.g., Leat, 1984; Macdonald and Scaillet,
1130 2006; White et al., 2012) but also showed less violent effusive activity associated with similar
1131 magmatic compositions. Although the eruptive volume of such explosive eruptions is generally
1132 modest ($\sim 1 \text{ km}^3$ DRE max) compared to arc magmatism, the transitional nature of these systems
1133 still poses a significant threat to such densely populated regions. Here, we state the importance
1134 of comprehensively describing the pre-eruptive conditions of such volcanic systems as single
1135 parameters such as water content or magma viscosity might be insufficient to predict the
1136 eruption style, and on the contrary, may lead to underestimating the explosive potentiality of
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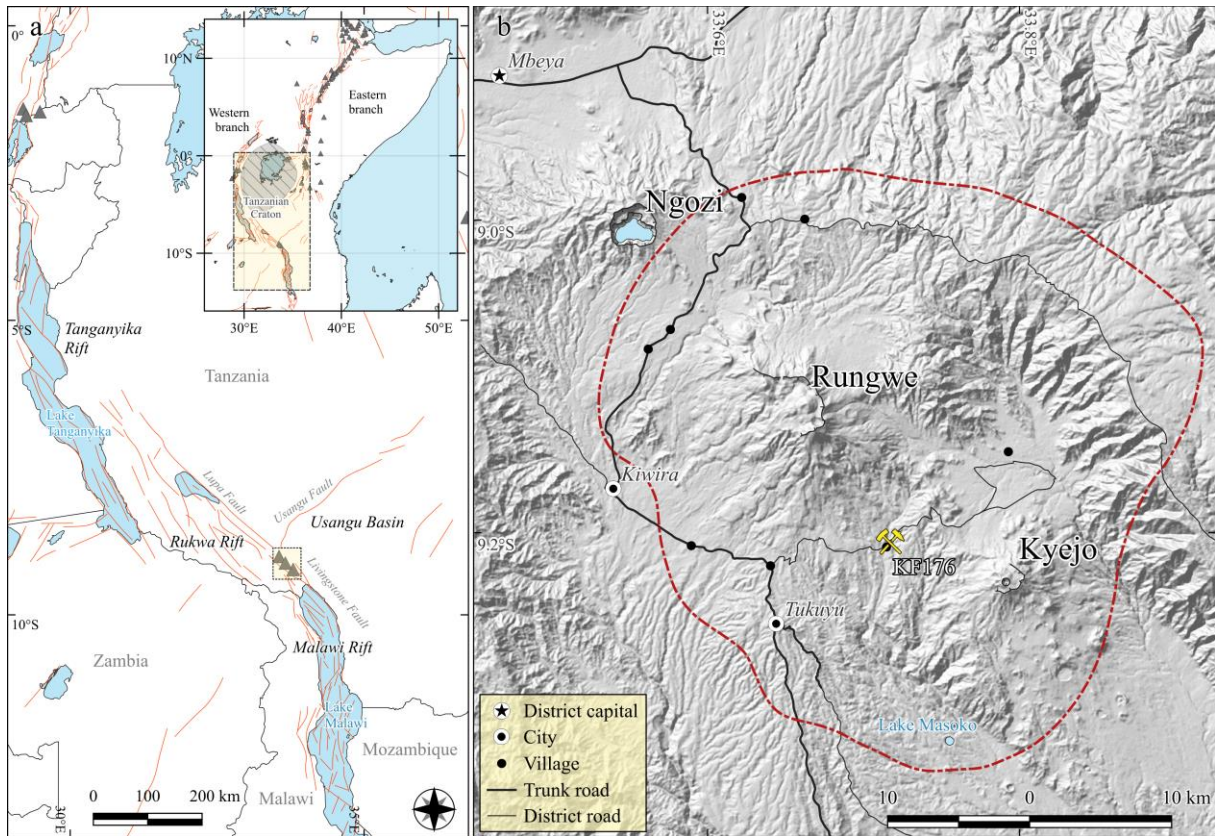
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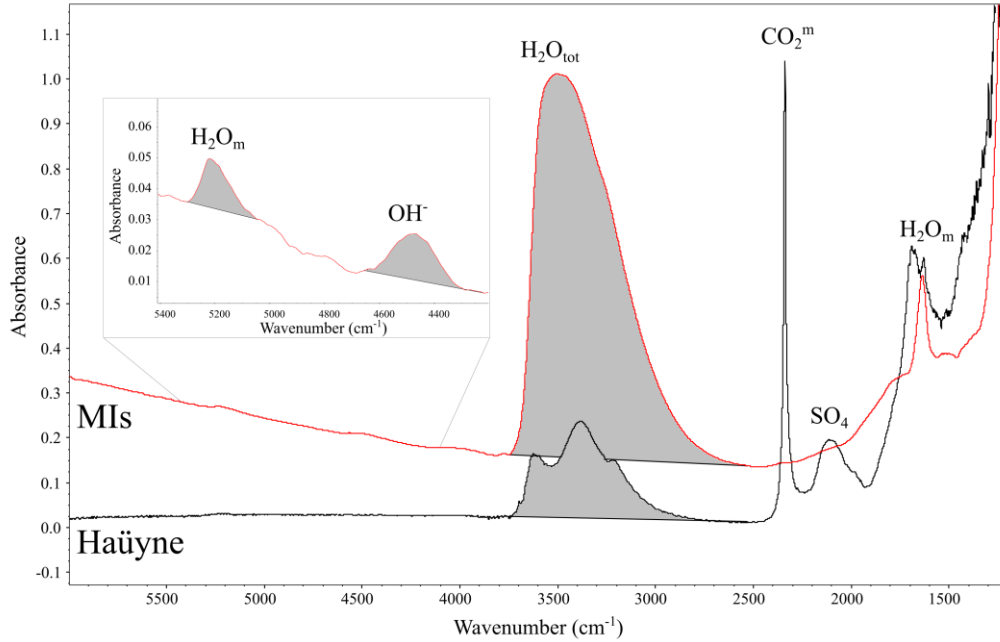
1551 **FIGURES**

1552 **Fig. 1: a)** Location of the Rungwe Volcanic Province (*yellow box*) at the junction between the
1553 Eastern and Western branches of the EAR. Major rift faults (*red lines*) and volcanoes (*grey*
1554 *triangles*) are indicated; **b)** shaded relief map of the RVP. The extension of the 25 cm isopach
1555 of the Rungwe Pumice fallout deposit is indicated by the red, dashed line (modified after Fontijn
1556 et al., 2011) while the location of the type section KF176 is indicated with the yellow symbol
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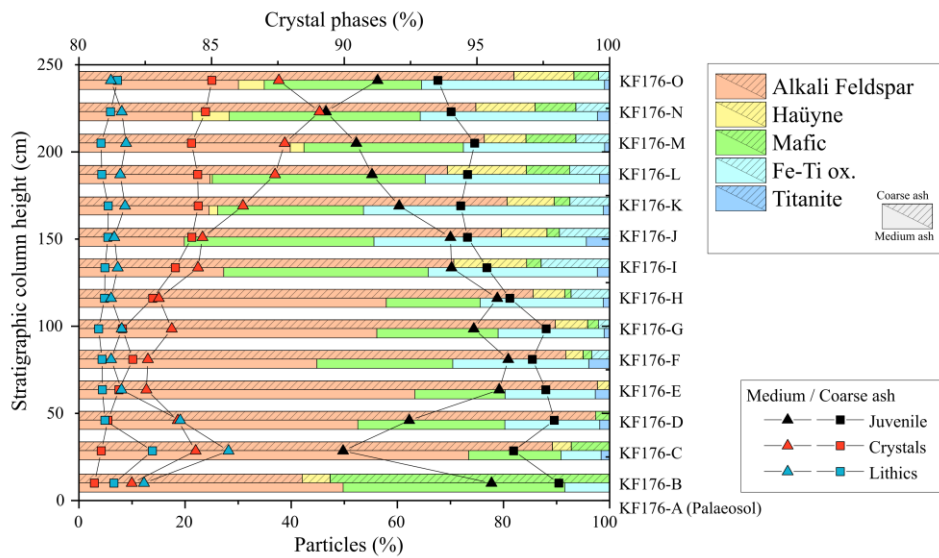


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1560 **Fig. 2:** Typical appearance of FTIR spectra for h  yne crystals and MIs volcanic glasses from
 1561 our sample set. The main peaks for total water, molecular water, CO₂ and SO₄ are reported,
 1562 while the inset zooms into the Near-IR region where the small molecular water and OH⁻ peaks
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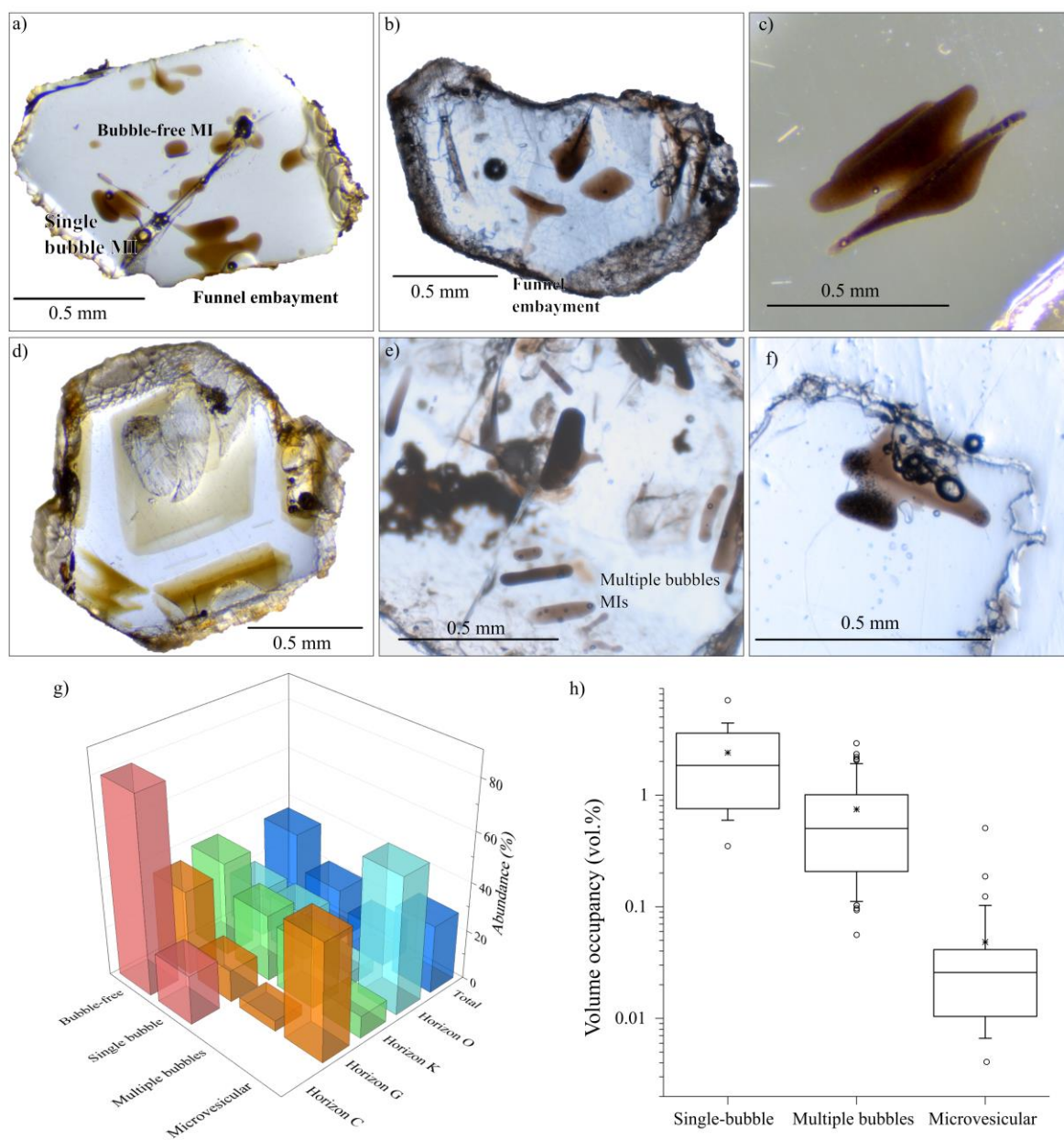


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 1565 **Fig. 3:** Variations of componentry occurrence across the Rungwe Pumice deposit (*markers*).
 1566 The top x-axis illustrates the cumulative distribution of the different crystalline phases (*bars*)
 1567 within the crystal component. As the alkali feldspars always represent at least 80% of crystals,
 1568 the axis origin was set at this value. For both, the medium and coarse ash grain sizes are reported
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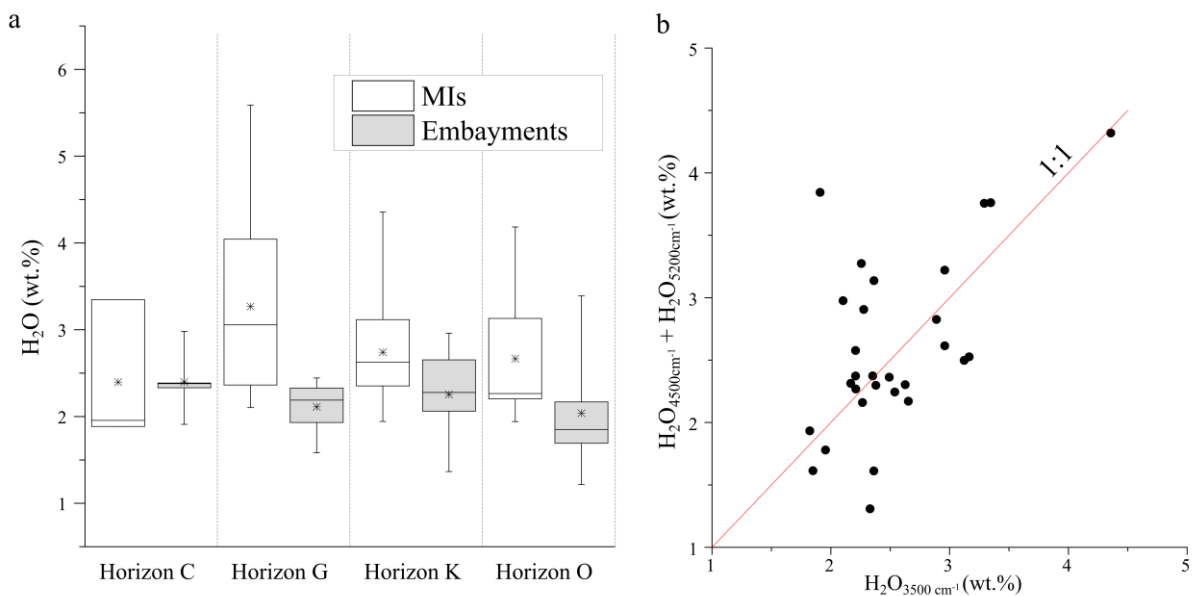


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1571 **Fig. 4:** Melt inclusion (MI) and embayment textures in h aüyne crystals. **a)** Crystal hosting
 1572 different types of MIs: e.g., ellipsoidal single-bubble or bubble-free MI and double-funnel
 1573 embayment; **b)** funnel embayment; **c)** microvesicular MI hosting several larger bubbles; **d)**
 1574 large, sub-planar, faceted MIs; **e)** elongated MIs hosting multiple bubbles of variable size; **f)**
 1575 embayment hosting several large bubbles connected to the outside and microvesicular in its
 1576 most internal portions; **g)** distributions of different types of MIs within the different horizons
 1577 of the deposit; **h)** Box-and-whisker plot showing the statistical distribution of volume
 1578 occupancy for the different types of MI-hosted bubbles. The *horizontal line* indicates the
 1579 median, whereas the *asterisk* indicates the mean. *Whiskers* delimit 90% of the data set, whereas
 1580 *circles* indicate outliers.

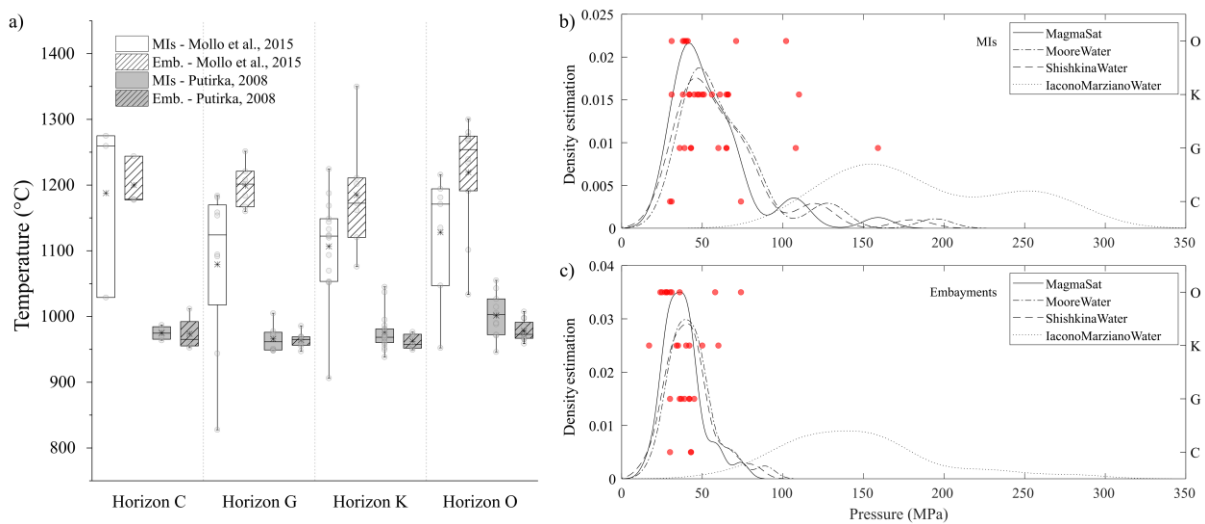


1582 **Fig. 5:** a) Box-and-whisker plots of water concentrations within melt inclusions and
 1583 embayments for the different horizons of the RP type section. The *horizontal line* indicates the
 1584 median, whereas the *asterisk* indicates the mean. *Whiskers* delimit the maximum and minimum
 1585 values within the dataset; b) Comparison between the water content estimated with the 3500
 1586 cm^{-1} overtone and the combination of the 4500 cm^{-1} and the 5200 cm^{-1} overtones.



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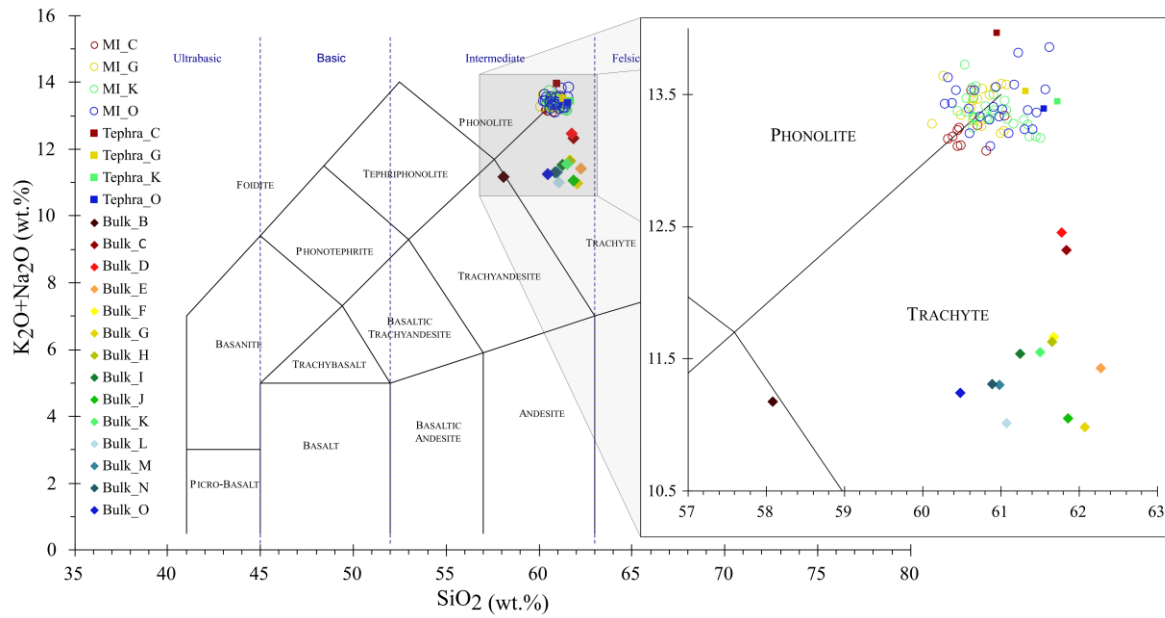
1588 **Fig. 6: a)** Box-and-whisker plots of temperatures estimated for the melt inclusions (MIs) and
 1589 embayments using the K-feldspar-liquid hygrometer (Mollo et al., 2015) and the alkali feldspar-
 1590 liquid geothermometer (Putirka, 2008). The *horizontal line* indicates the median, whereas the
 1591 *asterisk* indicates the mean. *Whiskers* delimit the maximum and minimum values within the
 1592 dataset. *Grey dots* indicate the temperature values estimated for each MI; **b)** and **c) left axis:**
 1593 Kernel density estimations comparing the minimum pressure values obtained by applying
 1594 different solubility models: MagmaSat (Ghiorso and Gualda, 2015), MooreWater (Moore et al.,
 1595 1998), Iacono-MarzianoWater (Iacono-Marziano et al., 2012) and ShishkinaWater (Shishkina
 1596 et al., 2014). The *red dots* indicate the pressure values estimated with the MagmaSat solubility
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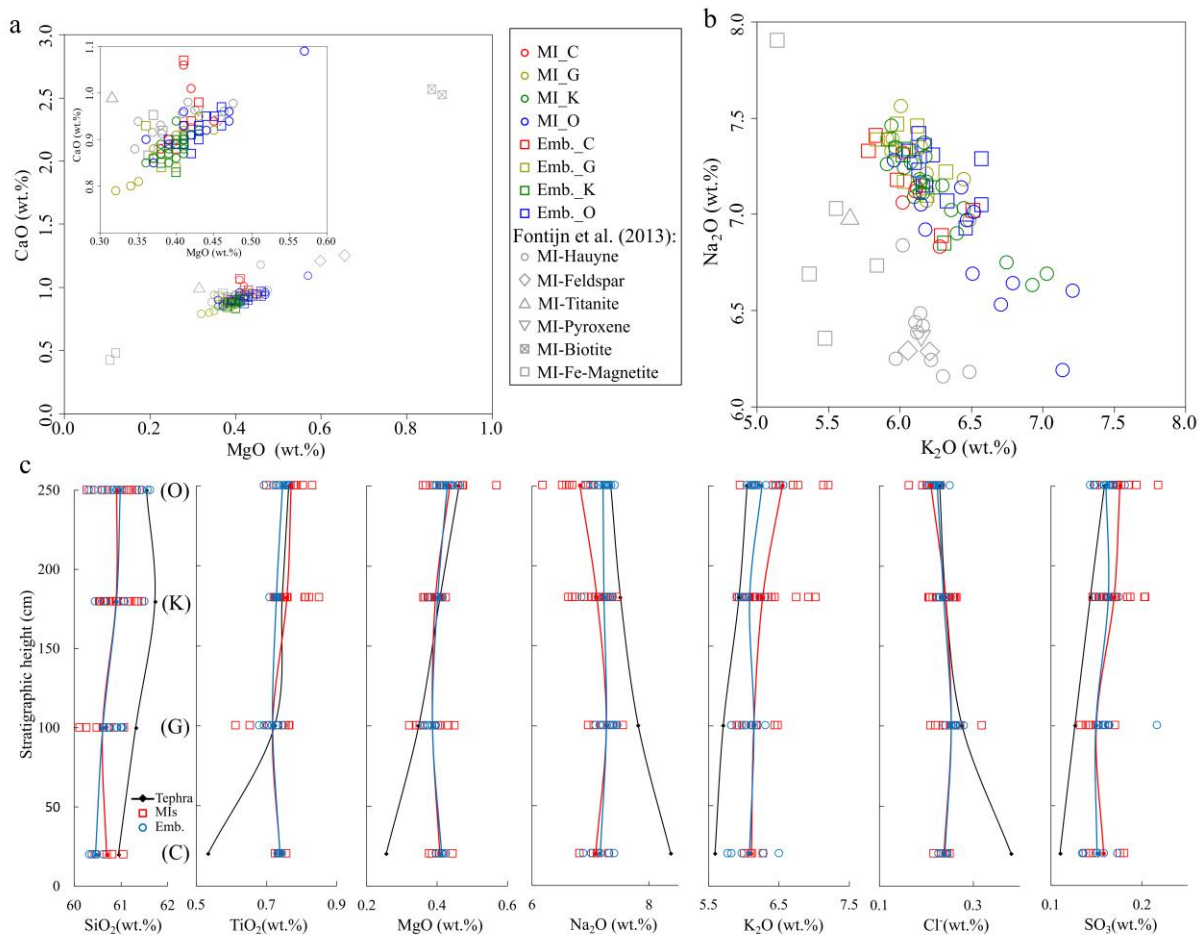
1600 **Fig. 7:** Total alkali-silica diagram for the melt inclusions (including embayments), tephra matrix
 1601 glass and pumice bulk rock compositions. The inset zooms in on the phonolite-trachyte field.
 1602 *MI:* melt inclusions; *Tephra:* tephra glass matrix; *Bulk:* pumice whole rock.



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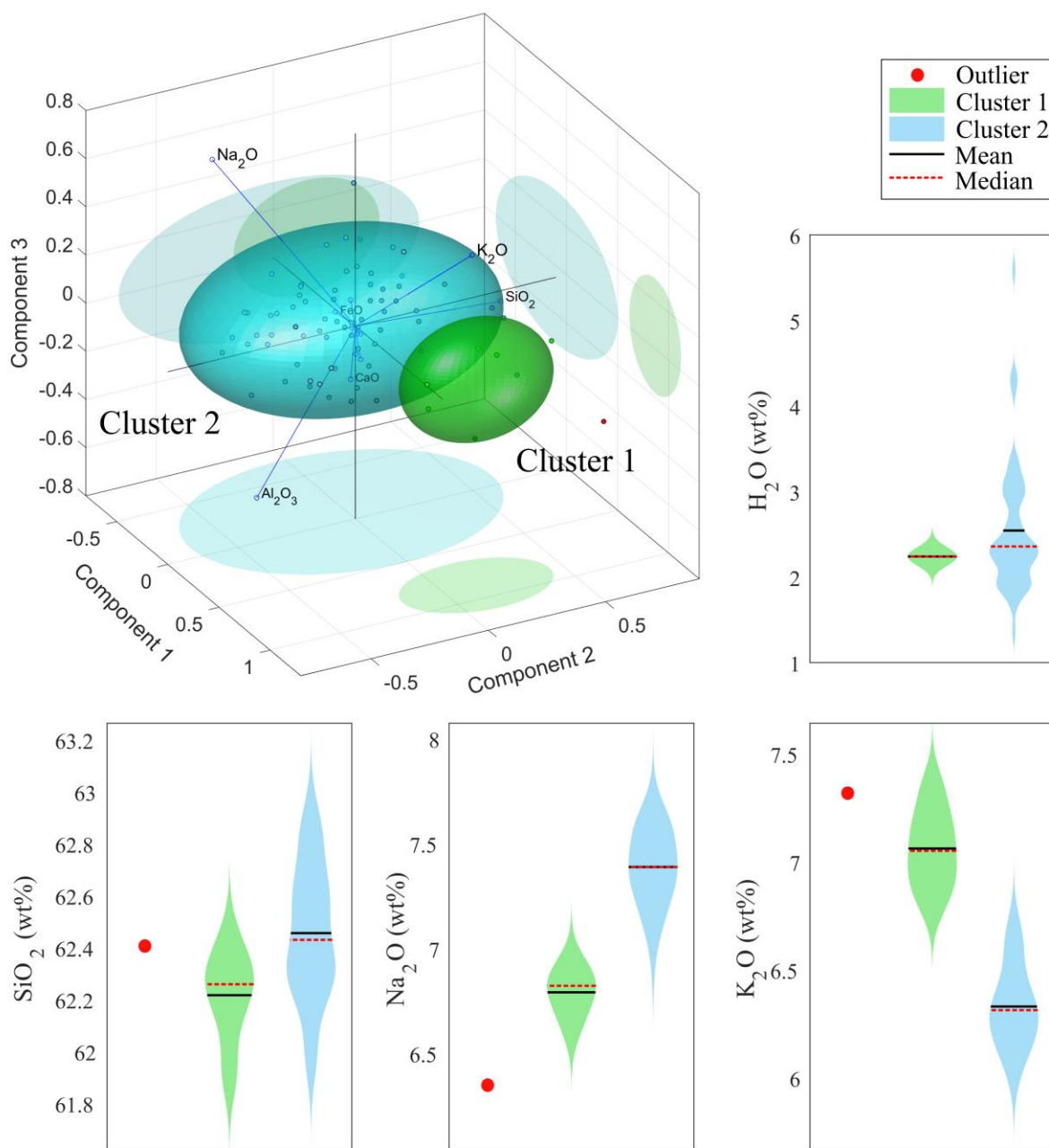
1605 **Fig. 8: a) and b)** major element binary plots for melt inclusions and embayments, including
 1606 geochemical data for melt inclusions hosted in different crystalline phases of Rungwe Pumice
 1607 available in the literature (Fontijn et al., 2013); **c)** changes of major element concentrations
 1608 across the deposit for melt inclusions, embayments and tephra matrix glass. The *red* and *blue*
 1609 curves show mean values for each horizon for melt inclusions and embayments respectively.



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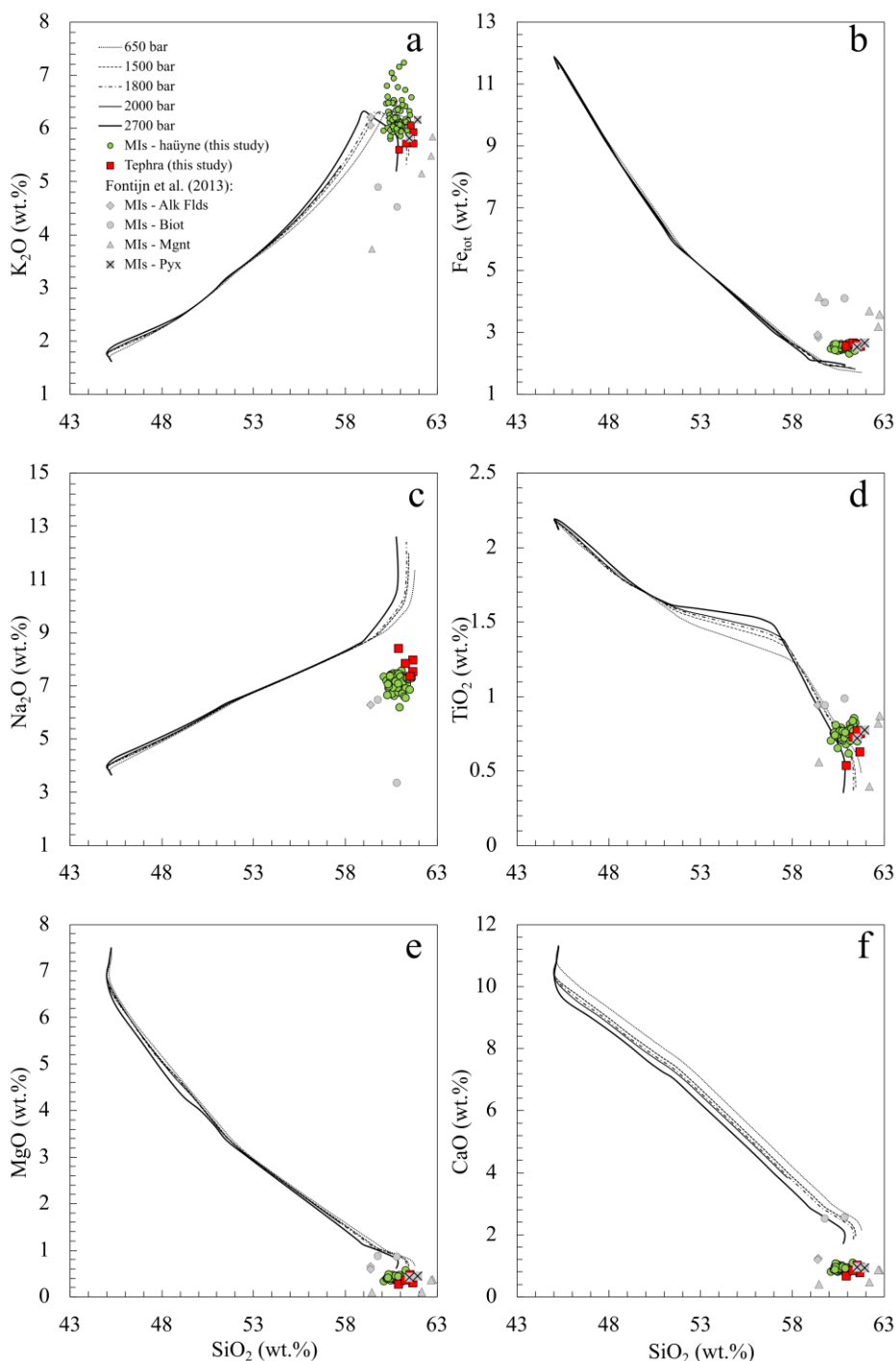
1612 **Fig. 9:** Principal component analysis of major element concentrations: for each melt inclusion
 1613 (including embayments) the values of the three major principal components obtained are shown
 1614 together with the variance contribution of each element (*blue lines*). The samples were divided
 1615 into two major clusters (*green and cyan ellipses*) plus an outlier (*red dot*) through hierarchical
 1616 clustering. Statistical distribution of SiO₂, Na₂O, K₂O and H₂O concentrations for each cluster
 1617 are shown in violin plots.



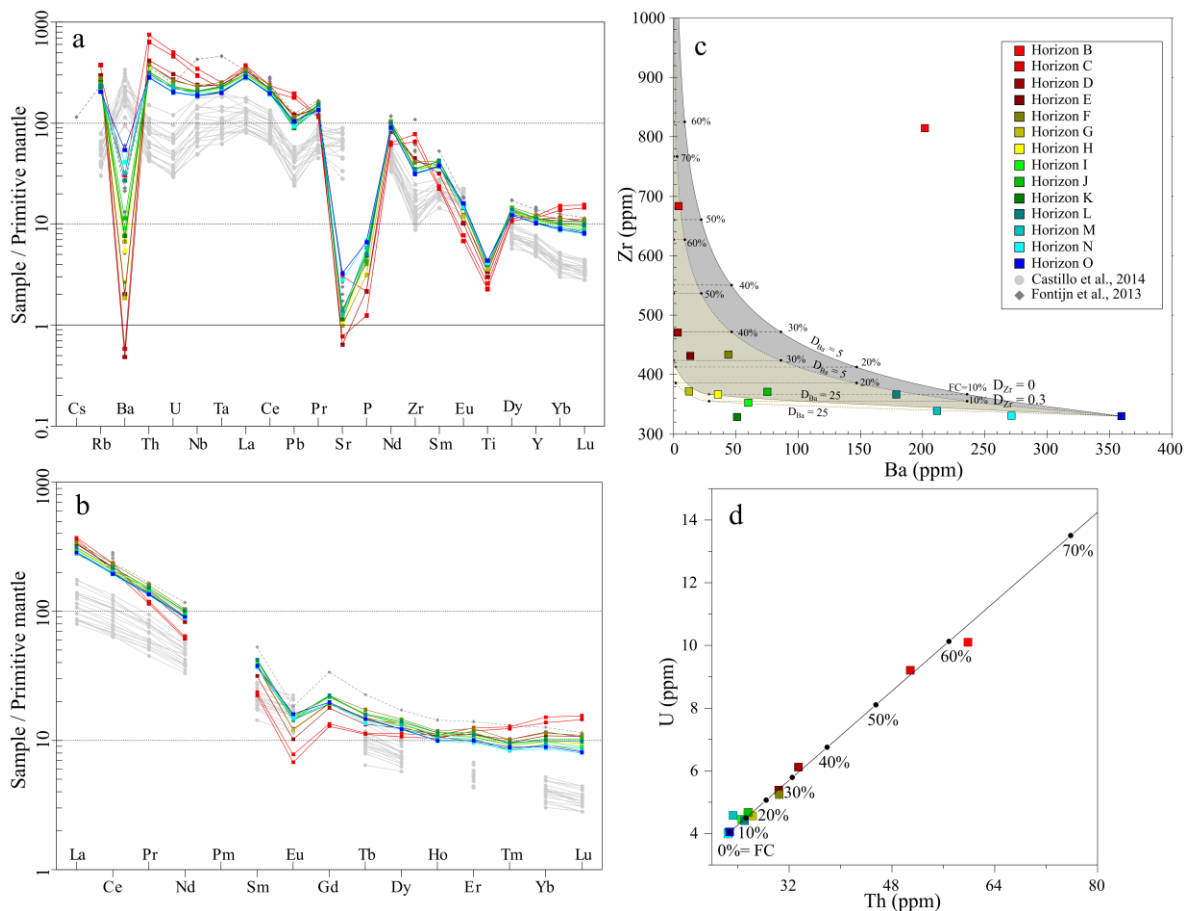
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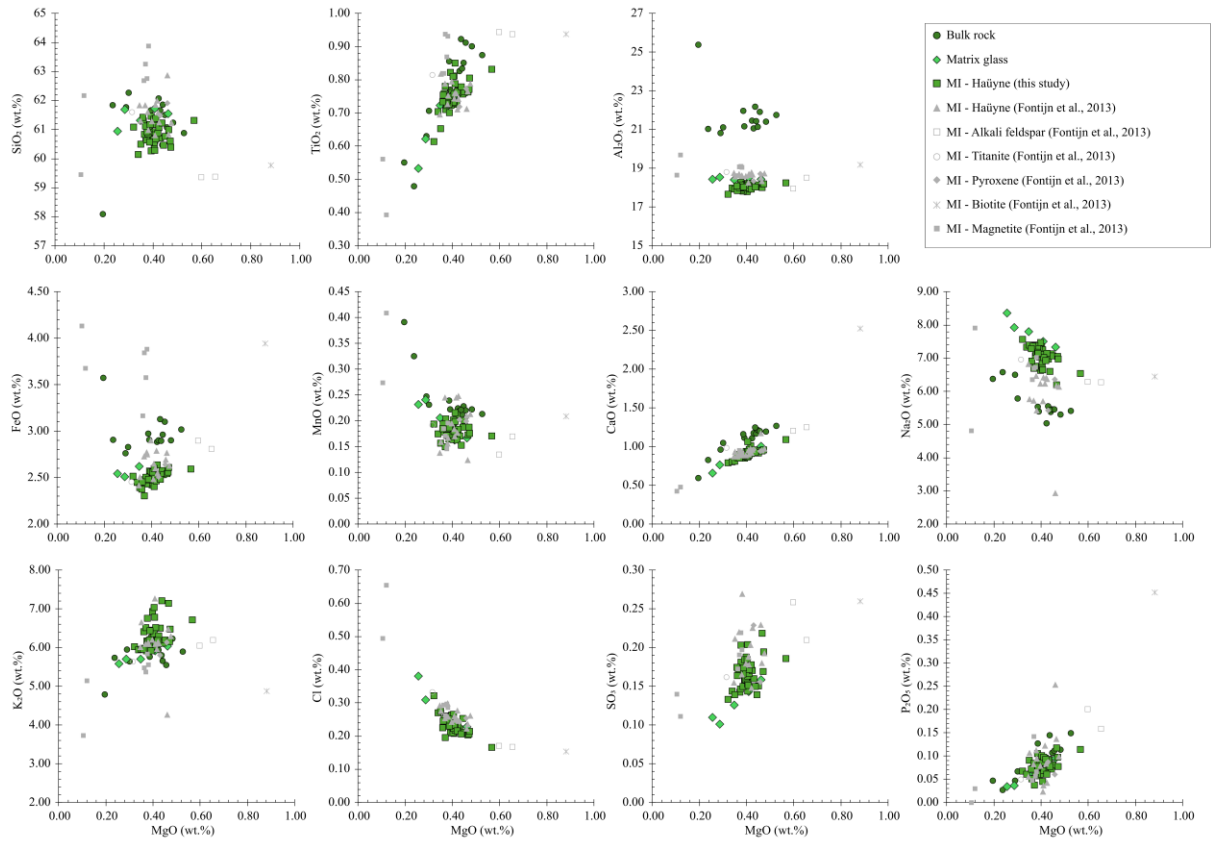
1620 **Fig. 10:** Binary plots showing the liquid line of descent of major elements concentrations
 1621 computed with rhyolite-MELTS (v. 1.0.2.; Gualda et al., 2012a; Ghiorso and Gualda, 2015) for
 1622 a range of pressures and an initial water content of 0.3 wt.%. Values for melt inclusions
 1623 (including embayments) are reported together with tephra matrix glass and values available in
 1624 the literature for melt inclusions collected in different types of RP crystals (*grey symbols*;
 1625 Fontijn et al., 2013). *Alk Flds* - Alkali Feldspar; *Biot* – Biotite; *Mgnt* – Magnetite; *Pyx* –
 1626 *Pyroxene*.



1628 **Fig. 11: a)** Spider diagram of primitive mantle-normalised (McDonough and Sun, 1995) trace
 1629 elements and **b)** REE for pumice bulk rock of the different stratigraphic horizons, compared to
 1630 values available in the literature for RP pumice bulk rock (Fontijn et al., 2013) and for older
 1631 Rungwe basalts (Castillo et al., 2014); **c)** comparison of the variation of concentration across
 1632 the stratigraphic horizons for incompatible (i.e., increases from bottom to top of the magmatic
 1633 reservoir; e.g., Zr) and compatible (i.e., decreases from bottom to top of the magmatic
 1634 reservoir; e.g., Ba) trace elements. Hypothetical variations of element concentration as a
 1635 function of fractional crystallisation (FC%) were computed assuming the horizon O as the less
 1636 evolved (initial) liquid composition. Two cases were considered: the maximum (bulk partition
 1637 coefficient, $D_{Zr} = 0$; *grey area*) and a lesser ($D_{Zr} = 0.3$; *yellow area*) incompatibility of Zr while
 1638 the compatibility of Ba was made to change between $D_{Ba}=5$ and $D_{Ba}=25$. The bulk partition
 1639 coefficient ranges were selected as the best areas enclosing data points after iterative attempts;
 1640 **d)** comparison of the concentration variation across the stratigraphic horizons for two
 1641 incompatible elements. A hypothetical FC trend was traced assuming a total incompatibility (D
 1642 $= 0$) for both elements. The legend shared by all diagrams is shown in panel c).



1644 **Fig.12:** Comparison of major element oxide concentrations of bulk rock, pumice matrix glass
 1645 and hauyne-hosted melt inclusions. For reference, compositions of MIs hosted in various
 1646 mineralogical phases after Fontijn et al. (2013) are also reported.



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1650 **Fig.13:** Schematic conceptual model of the proposed plumbing system dynamics pre-Rungwe
1651 Pumice eruption. **a)** A magmatic batch evolves at depth from a primitive magma of, presumably,
1652 basaltic composition forming a peralkaline trachytic magma. Early fractionation of biotite and
1653 pyroxenes occurs at a depth of up to 12 km (Fontijn et al., 2013); **b)** rising in the crust, alkali
1654 feldspars fractionation is promoted forming a crystalline mush at the reservoir bottom;
1655 gaseous phases sparging from depth promote h aüyne crystallisation at shallow depths and
1656 shortly after trigger the eruption. The rising of a deep magmatic plume is unknown. An opening
1657 phase of reduced intensity involves a shallower and older reservoir, which experienced a
1658 different magmatic evolution; **d)** eventually, prolonged gas-sparging led to the Plinian-style
1659 eruption.

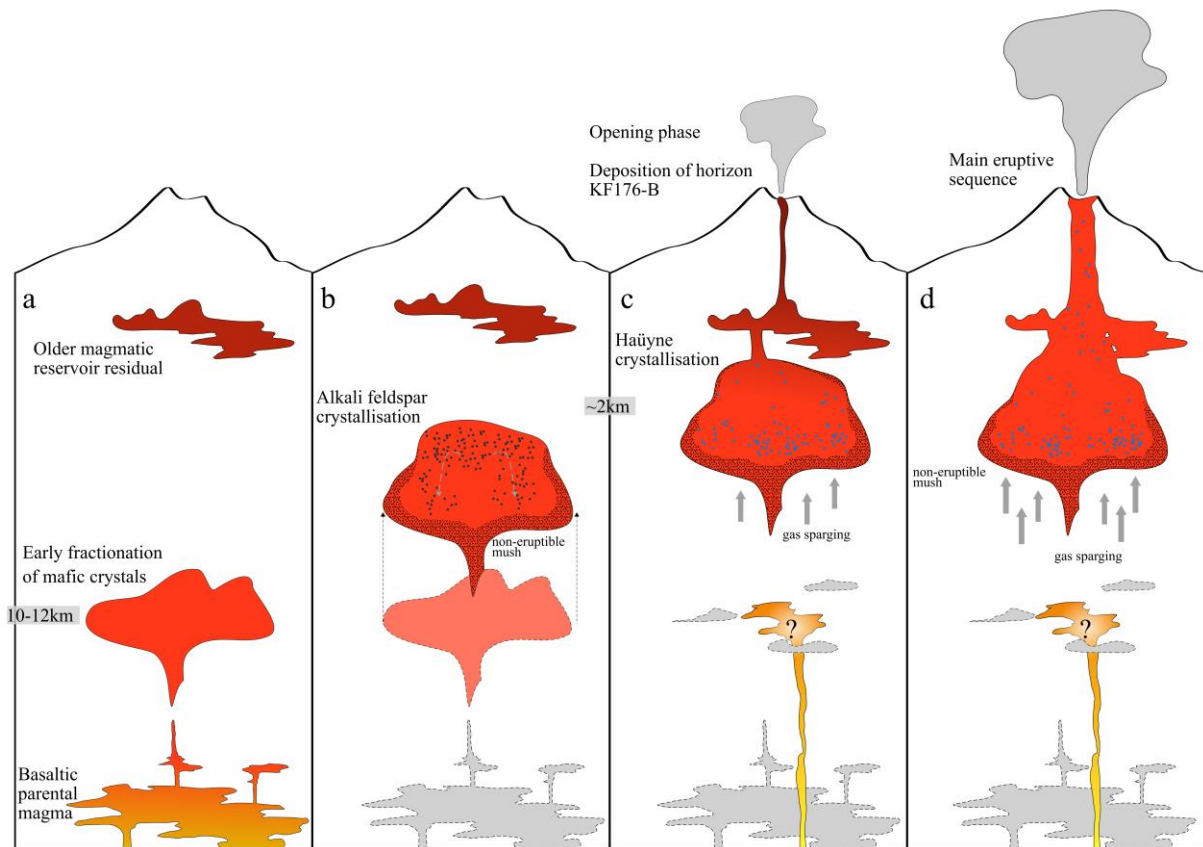


Table 1

Major element compositions obtained with EPMA of pumice matrix glass of five different horizons of the Rungwe Pumice tephra deposit. Major and trace element composition of pumice bulk rock for the whole deposit were analysed with ICP-OES and Q-ICP-MS respectively. Bulk rock major element oxides are normalized to 100%. Lava flow basalt composition is also reported after Furman (1995).

Sample	Matrix glass					Bulk rock															Primitive basalt (Furman, 1995)
	KF176-C	KF176-D	KF176-G	KF176-K	KF176-O	KF176-B	KF176-C	KF176-D	KF176-E	KF176-F	KF176-G	KF176-H	KF176-I	KF176-J	KF176-K	KF176-L	KF176-M	KF176-N	KF176-O	RUN-2	
wt. %																					
SiO ₂	61.0	61.7	61.3	61.7	61.6	58.08	61.84	61.77	62.27	61.67	62.08	61.66	61.25	61.86	61.50	61.08	60.98	60.88	60.48	44.99	
TiO ₂	0.534	0.623	0.723	0.745	0.764	0.551	0.479	0.630	0.707	0.770	0.776	0.827	0.901	0.834	0.852	0.913	0.857	0.874	0.922	2.11	
Al ₂ O ₃	18.45	18.56	18.42	18.53	18.46	25.39	21.03	20.84	21.11	21.17	21.45	21.07	21.40	21.45	21.14	21.91	21.97	21.76	22.17	15.54	
FeO	2.55	2.51	2.63	2.51	2.58	3.57	2.91	2.76	2.83	2.91	2.88	2.90	2.90	2.89	2.96	3.10	2.97	3.02	3.13	*12.38	
MnO	0.233	0.242	0.207	0.163	0.168	0.392	0.326	0.248	0.231	0.222	0.224	0.219	0.222	0.213	0.228	0.221	0.240	0.214	0.222	0.19	
MgO	0.26	0.29	0.35	0.41	0.46	0.20	0.24	0.29	0.30	0.39	0.42	0.43	0.48	0.44	0.45	0.46	0.39	0.53	0.44	7.45	
CaO	0.66	0.77	0.84	0.94	1.01	0.59	0.83	0.96	1.05	1.11	1.11	1.17	1.20	1.17	1.21	1.20	1.16	1.27	1.25	11.22	
Na ₂ O	8.37	7.94	7.82	7.51	7.34	6.38	6.58	6.50	5.78	5.39	5.05	5.55	5.30	5.39	5.45	5.46	5.54	5.40	5.44	3.64	
K ₂ O	5.59	5.71	5.71	5.93	6.05	4.80	5.74	5.96	5.65	6.27	5.94	6.08	6.24	5.66	6.10	5.56	5.76	5.90	5.81	1.61	
Cl	0.382	0.310	0.277	0.242	0.229																
SO ₃	0.11	0.10	0.13	0.14	0.16																
P ₂ O ₅	0.035	0.037	0.061	0.085	0.096	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.13	0.15	0.14	0.95	
Total	98.12	98.78	98.47	98.92	98.86	norm.	norm.	norm.	norm.	norm.	norm.	norm.	norm.	norm.	norm.	norm.	norm.	norm.	norm.	100.08	
H ₂ O (b.d.)	1.88	1.22	1.53	1.08	1.14																
LOI						6.97	6.09	5.79	6.43	6.87	7.70	6.77	7.87	7.23	6.91	8.06	8.00	7.77	8.35		
ppm																					
Sc						13.50	10.49	8.82	8.30	8.89	7.14	7.10	7.05	6.89	7.43	7.34	6.99	7.11	7.42		
V						6.32	22.92	10.22	20.65	16.94	21.70	12.01	23.55	16.59	33.38	12.75	25.08	14.15	18.85		
Cr						<i>bdl</i>	0.17	1.08	<i>bdl</i>	3.36	<i>bdl</i>	1.81	0.94	0.54	0.18	0.91	<i>bdl</i>	0.33	0.71		
Co						0.33	0.15	0.26	0.19	0.65	0.29	0.30	0.69	0.40	0.59	0.65	0.37	0.68	0.58		
Ni						<i>bdl</i>	<i>bdl</i>	<i>bdl</i>	<i>bdl</i>	<i>bdl</i>	<i>bdl</i>	<i>bdl</i>	<i>bdl</i>	<i>bdl</i>	<i>bdl</i>	<i>bdl</i>	<i>bdl</i>	<i>bdl</i>	<i>bdl</i>		
Cu						15.33	9.11	29.80	8.60	10.94	5.41	8.98	9.29	9.24	5.03	7.52	4.90	5.52	4.24		
Zn						175.71	115.40	100.73	79.74	86.25	68.83	104.11	74.57	79.63	81.91	79.25	73.83	71.48	70.45		
Ga						57.03	49.20	51.30	50.22	53.68	47.38	48.66	49.71	50.58	47.14	51.37	46.82	46.95	47.63		
Rb						179.08	225.89	177.70	163.26	166.19	145.02	145.69	141.47	148.61	133.17	140.89	123.87	124.83	122.65		
Sr						60.79	15.25	12.65	19.92	28.27	20.05	21.41	26.79	25.77	22.64	27.42	25.29	55.25	64.64		
Y						51.64	49.32	47.88	48.49	52.58	46.35	47.93	47.65	49.37	44.05	48.52	45.30	43.68	43.87		
Zr						814.60	683.68	471.29	431.77	434.09	371.99	366.71	353.08	370.99	328.65	366.56	338.92	331.12	330.09		
Nb						227.58	194.45	157.28	150.21	152.95	135.22	136.57	131.89	137.79	121.98	136.36	124.80	121.78	123.29		
Ba						201.52	3.83	3.17	13.35	43.91	12.21	35.37	59.77	75.27	50.64	178.75	211.14	271.03	359.20		
La						240.50	234.77	217.15	214.12	221.15	193.89	197.66	194.37	203.17	181.44	201.92	185.51	183.67	185.69		
Ce						395.08	345.25	364.91	368.51	392.78	347.20	361.03	349.06	368.15	330.03	365.79	337.09	322.46	327.38		
Pr						30.19	29.16	34.75	36.94	40.62	35.97	37.77	37.47	38.83	34.87	38.50	35.38	34.06	34.28		
Nd						80.15	77.00	103.37	114.27	129.81	113.25	122.11	121.44	125.67	111.73	125.23	112.36	110.11	113.31		
Sm						9.57	9.08	12.81	15.42	17.05	15.08	16.46	16.49	16.95	15.46	17.17	15.01	14.89	15.26		
Eu						1.20	1.04	1.57	1.88	2.20	1.86	2.29	2.27	2.38	2.21	2.35	2.23	2.30	2.47		
Gd						7.30	7.02	9.70	10.55	12.07	10.44	11.80	11.77	11.88	10.47	12.16	10.76	10.65	10.74		
Tb						1.12	1.11	1.32	1.46	1.71	1.49	1.55	1.58	1.58	1.44	1.56	1.44	1.34	1.46		
Dy						7.61	7.20	8.38	9.06	9.84	8.84	9.21	8.97	9.61	8.29	9.34	8.67	8.18	8.25		
Ho						1.64	1.54	1.65	1.59	1.76	1.67	1.72	1.65	1.71	1.59	1.72	1.56	1.47	1.48		
Er						5.49	5.16	4.83	4.96	5.41	4.69	4.78	4.60	5.01	4.31	4.82	4.49	4.20	4.37		
Tm						0.87	0.84	0.69	0.66	0.69	0.61	0.65	0.64	0.64	0.59	0.65	0.57	0.57	0.60		
Yb						6.69	6.05	5.10	4.77	5.02	4.33	4.39	4.30	4.55	4.08	4.42	4.05	3.80	3.93		
Lu						1.06	0.99	0.72	0.73	0.75	0.65	0.64	0.61	0.70	0.56	0.67	0.59	0.54	0.55		
Hf						15.16	13.10	9.41	8.59	8.71	7.55	7.36	7.19	7.58	6.51	7.43	6.79	6.41	6.46		
Ta						9.35	8.09	8.84	8.93	9.38	8.42	8.53	8.27	8.61	7.58	8.45	7.70	7.39	7.37		
Pb						29.29	26.79	18.09	17.03	17.21	14.69	14.90	14.37	15.17	13.43	14.49	14.01	13.96	15.71		
Th						59.84	50.87	33.45	30.40	30.46	26.31	25.69	24.64	25.59	22.61	25.07	23.28	22.50	22.75		
U						10.10	9.21	6.12	5.38	5.24	4.56	4.67	4.45	4.67	4.04	4.41	4.58	3.99	4.05		

norm. = total major elements normalised to 100%; *bdl* = below detection limit.

*Iron indicated as Fe₂O₃ in Furman (1995).

1663 **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**

1664 **Supplementary Table 1:** Melt inclusions and embayment catalogue comprehensive of detailed
1665 descriptions of qualitative and quantitative features. (available upon request to
1666 lorenzo.cappelli@ulb.be).

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1668 **Supplementary Table 2:** Results for each thermometer and barometer used to estimate the reservoir
1669 conditions. A summary of each method used, and the combination of different thermometers and
1670 barometers is reported in “MIs and Embayments” sheet, together with the estimated storage depth for
1671 each. (available upon request to lorenzo.cappelli@ulb.be).

1672 **Supplementary Table 3:** Chemistry data for melt inclusions, embayments, mineralogical phases and
1673 grey pumice glass. Results for the standards used as a reference for EPMA and mass spectrometry are
1674 also reported as well as the instrument conditions used for EPMA. (available upon request to
1675 lorenzo.cappelli@ulb.be).

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1678 **Supplementary Figure 1: a)** Feldspar ternary diagram reporting core and rim analyses of alkali
 1679 feldspars. Python3 tool Thermobar (v.0.07; Wieser et al., 2022) was used for data plotting; **b)** SEM
 1680 backscattered electron image of an alkali feldspar crystal showing no evident textural zonation. The *red*
 1681 *line* indicates the core-to-rim transect of analyses. (Wieser, P.E., Petrelli, M., Lubbers, J., Wieser, E.,
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