

1 Quartz in Toba rhyolites show textures symptomatic of rapid crystallization

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12 ABSTRACT

13 Textural and chemical heterogeneities in igneous quartz crystals preserve unique records
14 of silicic magma evolution, yet their origins and applications are controversial. To improve our
15 understanding of quartz textures and their formation, we examine those in crystal-laden rhyolites
16 produced by the 74 ka Toba supereruption (>2800 km³) and its post-caldera extrusions. Quartz
17 crystals in these deposits can reach unusually large sizes (10–20 mm) and are rife with
18 imperfections and disequilibrium features, including embayments, melt inclusions,
19 titanomagnetite and apatite inclusions, spongy morphologies, hollow faces, subgrain boundaries,
20 multiple growth centers, and Ti-enriched arborescent zoning. Using a combination of qualitative
21 and quantitative analyses (petrography, CL, EBSD, X-ray CT, LA-ICP-MS), we determine that
22 those textures commonly thought to signify crystal resorption, crystal deformation, synneusis, or
23 fluctuating *P–T* conditions are here a consequence of rapid disequilibrium crystal growth. Most

1 importantly, we discover that an overarching process of disequilibrium crystallization manifests
2 among these crystal features. We propose a model whereby early skeletal to dendritic quartz
3 growth creates a causal sequence of textures derived from lattice mistakes that then proliferate
4 during subsequent stages of slower polyhedral growth. In a reversed sequence, the same
5 structural instabilities and defects form when slow polyhedral growth transitions late to fast
6 skeletal-dendritic growth. Such morphological transitions result in texture interdependencies that
7 become recorded in the textural-chemical stratigraphy of quartz, which may be unique to each
8 crystal. Similar findings in petrologic experimental studies allow us to trace the textural network
9 back to strong degrees of undercooling and supersaturation in the host melt, conditions likely
10 introduced by dynamic magmatic processes acting on short geologic timescales. Because the
11 textural network can manifest in single crystals, the overall morphology and chemistry of erupted
12 quartz can reflect not only its last, but its earliest growth behavior in the melt. Thus, our findings
13 imply that thermodynamic disequilibrium crystallization can account for primary textural and
14 chemical heterogeneities preserved in igneous quartz, and may impact the application of quartz
15 as a petrologic tool.

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18 megacryst, supereruption, Youngest Toba Tuff

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INTRODUCTION

21 Giant subsurface bodies (100s–1000s of km³) of silica-rich magma pose a danger to our
22 environment and existence, driving us to understand ones that erupted in Earth's past. Key
23 questions surround the rates at which these bodies assemble, crystallize and evolve, and for what

1 duration they reside in an eruptible state (Bachmann and Huber 2016 and references therein).
2 While current models indicate that their longevity in the crust depends much on their thermal
3 evolution (e.g., Huber et al. 2009; Annen 2009; Gelman et al. 2013), the thermodynamics and
4 kinetics of multiscale processes operating in these systems is challenging to constrain and
5 quantify. This information, however, is crucial for understanding magma dynamics and
6 associated timescales, and fundamentally lies stored in the erupted minerals and melt.

7 Compositional growth layers of magmatic minerals represent a chronologic record of the
8 evolving subsurface environment, providing a basis for reconstructing magmatic conditions. The
9 chemical analysis and visualization of growth layering in quartz (SiO₂) through
10 cathodoluminescence (CL) has permitted its use as a tracer of magma temperature, pressure, and
11 composition, as these parameters influence trace element solubility in the crystal structure.
12 Titanium content correlates well with CL growth layers and serves as a thermobarometer (Wark
13 and Watson 2006; Thomas et al. 2010; Huang and Audétat 2012), while Ti gradients across layer
14 boundaries can be used to calculate diffusional relaxation times and crystal residence (Gualda et
15 al. 2012b; Gualda and Sutton 2016). Modeled timescales derived from Ti diffusion and the
16 faceting of melt inclusions in quartz are on the order of decades to millennia, and may suggest
17 quartz is a timekeeper of rhyolite crystallization and residence in the crust (Gualda et al. 2012b;
18 Gualda and Sutton 2016; Pamukcu et al. 2015; Seitz et al. 2015; 2018b). Other geochronometers
19 such as zircon, on the other hand, suggest rhyolite bodies are much longer-lived (>100,000 years;
20 e.g. Reid et al. 1997 and many more), bringing into question what the timescales mean (see
21 Bachmann and Huber 2016 for a review). Because these tools or their calibrations assume that
22 quartz reflects chemical equilibrium with its host melt, each requires careful application.
23 Experiments and numerical modeling have already shown that fast crystal growth rates lead to

1 increased uptake of Ti in quartz and anomalous temperature and pressure estimates (Huang and
2 Audétat 2012; Pamukcu et al. 2016). Thus, despite quartz being a structurally simple mineral,
3 untangling the origins of its chemical zoning at the crystal-scale has proven to be challenging
4 and, as a consequence, interpretations remain inconsistent.

5 Magmatic quartz also exhibits textures that signify conditions may begin far from
6 equilibrium. Crystal morphologies often deviate from ideal polyhedral shapes and, in some
7 cases, may indicate near-equilibrium conditions were never achieved. Crystals are commonly
8 filled with embayments and inclusions of melt (glass), they display concentric, oscillatory,
9 convolute, or truncated growth zoning with varying CL intensities, and may attach in groups or
10 clusters (e.g., Peppard et al. 2001; Bachmann et al. 2002; Liu et al. 2006; Molloy et al. 2008;
11 Müller et al. 2009; Bachmann 2010; Beane and Wiebe 2012; Matthews et al. 2012a, b; Wilcock
12 et al. 2013; Bégué et al. 2014; Graeter et al. 2015; Pamukcu et al. 2016; Befus and Manga 2019).
13 This textural variability has been attributed to disparate processes, including crystal dissolution
14 caused by magma recharge, mixing, decompression, or exsolved volatiles (embayments,
15 convolute and truncated zoning; Bachmann et al. 2002; Matthews et al. 2012a, b; Befus and
16 Manga 2019), faster growth or dissolution followed by regrowth (melt inclusions; Roedder
17 1979), the assimilation of xenocrysts (irregular, bright CL crystal cores; e.g. Liu et al. 2006),
18 fluctuating conditions of temperature, pressure, or melt composition (compositional and
19 oscillatory zoning; Wark et al. 2007; Thomas et al. 2010), and synneusis by crystal accumulation
20 and compaction (crystal clusters; Vance 1969; Graeter et al. 2015). There is currently no general
21 agreement on the mechanisms that produce these textures, which are routinely, yet variably, used
22 as guides to conduct geochemical analyses (i.e. trace element concentrations and diffusion;
23 isotopes; melt inclusion chemistry and volatile contents; Wallace et al. 1999; Anderson et al.

1 2000; Bindeman and Valley 2002; Liu et al. 2006; Campbell et al. 2009; Smith et al. 2010;
2 Chesner and Luhr 2010; Gualda et al. 2012a; Bégué et al. 2014; Pamukcu et al. 2015; Seitz et al.
3 2015, 2018a, b; Gualda and Sutton 2016; Myers et al. 2016; Budd et al. 2017; Troch et al. 2017).
4 Fortunately, petrologic experiments provide a framework within which to investigate crystal
5 texture and morphology development (Kirkpatrick 1975; Swanson 1977; Lofgren 1980; Swanson
6 and Fenn 1986; MacLellan and Trembath 1991). Experimental work shows that supersaturation
7 controls the rate of crystal growth, which dictates crystal morphology and the partitioning of
8 trace elements into the crystal relative to their diffusion rates in the melt (Hammer 2008).
9 Therefore, crystal textures can be utilized to constrain magmatic processes and rates when
10 combined with the chemical record.

11 We studied quartz from an extensively crystallized system that not only spawned Earth's
12 largest Quaternary eruption, but captures much of the textural variability observed at silicic
13 calderas worldwide. Rhyolites from Toba caldera provide a vast chronicle of quartz growth
14 preserved as abundant and frequently megacrystic grains. The crystals form a wide range of sizes
15 (0.1–20 mm) and all display imperfections and disequilibrium textures common to igneous
16 quartz. Ubiquitous wormy embayments, abundant melt inclusions, spongy morphologies,
17 glomerophyric appearances, subgrain boundaries, and arborescent compositional zoning are
18 some of their prominent symptoms. Here, we use an integration of serial sectioning, imaging,
19 and micro-analytical methods to better understand origins of these textures. After carefully
20 examining over one-thousand quartz crystals from Toba, we come to a conclusion that contrasts
21 some longstanding ideas on magmatic quartz growth. The following work seeks to recognize the
22 quartz textural record in a new capacity and begins to probe for chemical links, as we find
23 abundant evidence of rapid crystallization within this suite of textures. Our findings emphasize

1 that integrating textural and chemical facets of the crystal stratigraphy could improve our
2 understanding of quartz and its petrologic applications, while they have major implications for
3 rates of dynamic magma processes and the thermal evolution of silicic magma bodies.

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QUARTZ-BEARING ROCKS OF TOBA CALDERA

6 The Toba Caldera Complex in northern Sumatra, Indonesia has been a locus of
7 intermediate to silicic magmatism for ~1.2 m.y. (Chesner and Rose 1991; Chesner 1988, 1998,
8 2012). It comprises four nested calderas and associated ignimbrites, of which the youngest three
9 are quartz-bearing and similar mineralogically and geochemically (Chesner 1998, 2012). The
10 most recent (~74 ka) and largest caldera-eruption produced the >2800 km³ rhyodacitic-rhyolitic
11 Youngest Toba Tuff (YTT) and present 100 x 30 km Toba caldera (**Fig. 1**; Chesner and Rose
12 1991; Chesner 1998, 2012). The YTT ignimbrite extends over 30,000 km² and is mostly non-
13 welded except for where it exceeds 100 m in thickness, typically inside the caldera and within
14 paleo-valleys (Chesner 2012). Resurgent uplift and volcanism dramatically modified the YTT
15 caldera floor, which has centrally risen over 1 km and sits up to ~700 m above the crater's lake
16 as the Samosir Island resurgent dome (**Fig. 1**). The only quartz-bearing post-YTT volcanics are
17 intracaldera rhyodacitic-rhyolitic lava domes that occur in multiple locations on Samosir Island,
18 often along faults that parallel Samosir's main eastern fault scarp. Subaerial exposures of the
19 domes are limited (~0.2 km³) and form several steep-sided, 30–120 m tall, vegetated hills with
20 massive interiors and brecciated carapaces or talus. This study focuses on the YTT and these
21 post-caldera lava domes, as they contain abundant and often large (≤20 mm) quartz crystals, and
22 are essentially identical in compositional range (~68–77 wt% SiO₂), mineralogy (quartz,
23 plagioclase, sanidine, biotite, amphibole; accessory titanomagnetite, ilmenite, allanite, zircon,

1 apatite, orthopyroxene), mineral textures, Sr isotopes, zircon and allanite U-Th ages, and quartz
2 CL zoning characteristics (Chesner 2012; Barbee 2015). Both YTT pumice and dome rock are
3 also particularly crystal-rich (~20–40% and ~30–50%, respectively). Therefore, the YTT and
4 lava domes likely have a common magmatic origin and together provide insight into the
5 evolution of Toba's pre- and post-caldera magma bodies (Barbee 2015).

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METHODS

8 **Samples and preparation**

9 Eight YTT pumice blocks and fourteen lava dome samples representative of the
10 compositional range, textural variety, and geographic distribution of these deposits were studied
11 (**Fig. 1**; bulk-rock compositions in **Table 1 of App.¹**). Most YTT pumice blocks were collected
12 within or just outside the caldera walls. Lava dome samples were collected from both dome
13 interiors (quarries) and exteriors from three separate areas on Samosir Island (**Fig. 1**). Such
14 chemical-spatial parameters of selected samples offer a general view of what has been suggested
15 by Chesner (1998) to represent a compositionally-zoned magma body.

16 To establish a textural context for quartz (e.g., size, shape, occurrence as single crystals
17 or clusters) and to keep those fractured intact, we prepared the majority of crystals in situ (**Fig. 2**;
18 **Table 2 of App.¹**). Hand samples were cut into 3" x 2" x 1" (76 x 51 x 25 mm) blocks and
19 vacuum impregnated with ultra-low viscosity L.R. White Resin inside plastic molds using
20 equipment at Eastern Illinois University (EIU) (detailed in **App.²**). Large 3" x 2" thin or thick
21 sections of the blocks were made to accommodate large crystal sizes and increase the number of
22 crystals for study (**Table 2 of App.¹**). Unidirectional serial sectioning perpendicular to the 1"

1 height of each block was performed to obtain multiple interior views of larger crystals (**Fig. 2;**
2 **Fig. 1 of App.³**) and allow for a more detailed characterization of their growth records.

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4 **Petrography, stereomicroscopy, and SE imaging**

5 Quartz textures in each sample were first studied petrographically (**Fig. 2 of App.³**). In
6 addition, several hundred loose crystals hand-picked from mineral separates were imaged using a
7 SPOT Insight QE digital camera attached to an Olympus SZ61 stereomicroscope at EIU.
8 Secondary electron (SE) images of loose crystals were obtained using a FEI Philips XL 40
9 ESEM at Michigan Tech (operating conditions detailed in **App.²**). The loose crystals were
10 oriented to observe their growth forms and morphologies and to complement two-dimensional
11 (2D) views of sectioned, in situ crystals.

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13 **CL imaging**

14 Cathodoluminescence (CL) images of 887 in situ quartz crystals (YTT, n=294; lava
15 domes, n=593; includes single crystals and clusters; each cluster represents n=1) were collected
16 to observe internal crystal growth patterns (**Table 2 of App.¹**). Quartz CL zones (growth layers)
17 are defined by variations in luminosity due to differences in trace element and defect abundances
18 within the crystal structure (Wark and Spear 2005; Thomas et al. 2010). Brighter CL zones
19 usually correlate with higher trace element concentrations (Ti, Al) (e.g., Wark et al. 2007;
20 Campbell et al. 2009; Müller et al. 2009). Panchromatic CL (gray-scale) and some color CL
21 images were obtained from up to nine 3" x 2" serial sections per sample using a TESCAN
22 VEGA3 XMU variable-pressure SEM located at University of California, Los Angeles
23 (operating conditions, **App.²**). Serial section images provide two to seven interior views of many

1 crystals and inform the third-dimensionality of internal (growth zone) and external crystal
2 morphologies.

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4 **EBSD analysis**

5 *Quartz cluster* is used to describe a crystal with multiple growth centers, or *units*, terms
6 that carry no genetic connotation. CL-imaged quartz clusters (YTT, n=129; lava domes, n=184;
7 each cluster represents n=1) were first examined optically to determine which of those contain
8 parallel units (synchronous extinction) versus non-parallel units (asynchronous extinction).
9 Electron backscatter diffraction (EBSD) analysis was primarily focused on adjacent non-parallel
10 units in thirteen different clusters to determine their relative three-dimensional (3D)
11 crystallographic orientations. Quartz clusters were chosen from samples wherein they are most
12 abundant and based on a set of textural criteria: (i) clusters containing only two units; (ii) clusters
13 having more than two units, (iii) clusters having more than two units and at least one pair of
14 parallel units; (iv) the presence of internal arborescent CL zones in (i) and (ii); (v) an absence of
15 arborescent CL zones in (i) and (ii); and (vi) clusters of different sizes. In addition, a set of nine
16 clusters comprising parallel units with apparent 1–2° extinction offsets were targeted to quantify
17 degrees of crystallographic misorientation. EBSD maps were collected using Oxford Instruments
18 HKL Nordlys II Detector and Channel 5 software on a JEOL JSM-7600F SEM at Nanyang
19 Technological University, Singapore and TESCAN VEGA3 LMU SEM at Bowdoin College
20 (operating conditions, **App.**²).

21 Because all quartz now reside below the β - α inversion (<573°C, 1 atm), their atomic
22 lattices have trigonal symmetry. This means crystals initially formed as β -quartz now have
23 rhombohedral (trigonal) lattice planes despite preservation of an external hexagonal dipyramidal

1 form. EBSD patterns (EBSPs) acquired from Toba quartz were compared to those of known α -
2 quartz lattice parameters within the Channel 5 HKL phase list to calculate crystallographic
3 orientations. Quartz crystallographic data project three poles each to the upper $\{10\bar{1}1\}$ and lower
4 $\{01\bar{1}1\}$ faces (r and z rhombohedral lattice planes) that are rotated 60° about one another on an
5 upper hemisphere stereographic projection. Angles between corresponding crystallographic axes
6 and corresponding poles to faces of grouped crystal units were measured manually in HKL
7 Channel 5 module Mambo and Stereonet 8 (Allmendinger et al. 2012; Cardozo and
8 Allmendinger 2013); where there is some spread to orientation data, mean orientations were used
9 (Beane and Wiebe 2012). Measurements between c -axes were replicated and indicate ~ 1 – 4°
10 measurement errors (Brugger and Hammer 2015). Given the average mean angular deviation
11 (MAD) values of 0.2–0.9, the number of Kikuchi bands detected in EBSPs (7–9), and work of
12 Krieger-Lassen (1995), the relative precision of crystallographic measurements is $\sim 1^\circ$ (Beane
13 and Wiebe 2012) (data acquisition and reduction detailed further in **App.**²).

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15 **X-ray tomography**

16 The shattered nature of Toba crystals >1 mm does not allow them to be extracted intact.
17 X-ray tomographic imaging of raw YTT pumice (T-20 and T-57) and dome lava (TT-2) was
18 performed using a NSI ImagiX microCT system at Vanderbilt University to allow direct 3D
19 observation of in situ quartz crystals and to compliment 2D cross-sectional views (e.g., Gualda
20 and Rivers 2006; Pamukcu et al. 2010, 2012) (operating conditions, **App.**²). Three-dimensional
21 X-ray tomograms of 25–50 mm diameter cylindrical samples were reconstructed from raw data
22 using ImagiX software. The visualization of air, glass, and different mineral phases within 3D
23 reconstructions is possible due to their differing linear attenuation coefficients, which are

1 functions of density and mean atomic number (Gualda and Rivers 2006; Pamukcu et al. 2012).
2 Thus, in 3D gray-scale maps, air and glass appear dark, whereas biotite, amphibole, and
3 magnetite appear bright, and quartz and feldspars have an intermediate and relatively similar
4 brightness. Using gray-scale thresholding, quartz crystals were observed by removing air and
5 glass from tomograms, and distinguished from feldspars by crystal habit and morphology.

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7 **Crystallographic modeling**

8 Quartz habit (i.e. size, growth forms), interfacial angles, and twin laws were simulated
9 using SHAPE v7.4 software (Dowty 1980a, 1987) and c/a crystallographic axial lengths of both
10 β - and α -quartz polymorphs (Fron del 1962; Deer et al. 1963). Angular relationships between
11 corresponding crystallographic axes of grouped crystal units measured in Mambo (Channel 5)
12 and Stereonet 8 were compared with those of each twin law to identify quartz twinning (Fron del
13 1962). Crystal unit shapes and CL zoning were then combined with EBSD data to model 3D
14 solutions of quartz clusters using SHAPE. To determine the crystallographic positions of
15 grouped units relative to one another, simple growth zones were applied to SHAPE crystal
16 models and matched closely to CL zone configurations by changing section height ($x=0$ at
17 crystal center), unit distances, and translation vectors.

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19 **LA-ICP-MS**

20 Quartz trace element concentrations were collected from seven in situ crystals displaying
21 arborescent CL zones using a 193 nm Resonetics Resolution 155 excimer laser ablation system
22 coupled to a Thermo Scientific Element XR sector field mass spectrometer at ETH Zürich.
23 Quartz was ablated using a spot size of 29 μm (operating conditions, **App.**²). NIST 612 and

1 NIST 610 were used as primary standards and QTZ-F1 (crystal aliquot from Audéat et al. 2015)
2 was used as a secondary standard. Data reduction was performed using SILLS software
3 (Guillong et al. 2008) with SiO₂ contents at 100% for internal standardization. Elements
4 measured include: Li⁷, B¹¹, Na²³, Mg²⁵, Al²⁷, Si²⁹, P³¹, K³⁹, Ca⁴³, Ti⁴⁷, Ti⁴⁹, Mn⁵⁵, Fe⁵⁷, Cu⁶³,
5 Zn⁶⁶, Ga⁶⁹, Ge⁷², Rb⁸⁵, Nb⁹³, Ag¹⁰⁷, Sn¹¹⁸, Ba¹³⁷, Pb²⁰⁸. Reported Ti concentrations are ⁴⁹Ti, as
6 interferences are negligible for this isotope.

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8 TEXTURES OF TOBA QUARTZ

9 Habits

10 Quartz occurs as both solitary and composite crystals, or clusters, made of several crystal
11 units (**Fig. 2; Figs. 1 and 2 of App.³**; also see **Figs. 4–8**). Individual clusters contain, on average,
12 two to four units, but may comprise as many as fourteen units, each discernible by repetitive
13 crystal faces and cores (cf. Beane and Wiebe 2012; Welsch et al. 2013). Cluster sizes are
14 generally independent of the number of constituent units. Both single crystals and clusters form
15 microcrysts (<0.1 mm), mesocrysts (0.1–0.5 mm), and macrocrysts (0.5–10 mm), whereas only
16 clusters form megacrysts (>10 mm). Megacrysts reach respective diameters of 20 mm and 15
17 mm in the YTT and lava domes (**Fig. 2**), and occur throughout both deposits, except in fine-
18 grained high-SiO₂ YTT pumice (sample T-5B; **Table 1 of App.¹; Figs. 1 and 2 of App.³**).
19 Mesocrysts and microcrysts, on the other hand, are only significant in the more-evolved rocks
20 (**Fig. 2 of App.³**), though microcrysts occur exclusively in the lava domes.

21 Toba quartz is expected to be crystallographically preserved as high-temperature
22 (>573°C, 1 atm), hexagonal β-quartz. However, in all samples, we find an overwhelming
23 abundance of crystals to have crystallographic forms more characteristic of the low-temperature

1 (<573°C, 1 atm), trigonal α -quartz polymorph (**Figs. 3–6**). Equant crystals exhibiting hexagonal
2 symmetry appear as hexagonal dipyramids $p\{10\bar{1}1\}$, whereas those exhibiting trigonal symmetry
3 have *apparent* positive $r\{10\bar{1}1\}$ and negative $z\{01\bar{1}1\}$ rhombohedra \pm a prism $m\{10\bar{1}0\}$ (**Figs.**
4 **3–6**; Frondel 1962). Trigonal-appearing quartz exhibit distinctive features that include (i)
5 diagonal edges bounding either opposing rhombohedral faces, or opposing rhombohedral and
6 prism faces (**Figs. 3** and **4**), as well as (ii) edge extension along apical portions of touching r
7 faces as z faces become smaller, both products of faster growth of typically z faces relative to r
8 faces, which yields larger r rhombohedra (Sunagawa 2005); and (iii) frequent asymmetry which
9 can result from differential growth rates of individual rhombohedra belonging to the same or
10 crystallographically equivalent form (Frondel 1962; **Figs. 3, 4a–h, j–m** and **5a**). The prism form,
11 when present, can be either stubby (e.g., **Fig. 4b, m**) or elongate parallel to the c -axis (shape
12 ratio $a:c = \sim 1:1.5–1.7$; **Fig. 4c, d, l**). In thin section, asymmetric rhombohedral and prism faces
13 can be identified through interfacial angle measurements when the c -axis orientation
14 approximately parallels the plane of section (**Figs. 3, 4e, 5b, and 6b, c, e, f**).

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16 **Morphologies**

17 Toba quartz crystals show two primary morphologies: polyhedral (**Figs. 3, 4a–c, e, i, l, m**
18 and **6a, h–j**) and skeletal (**Figs. 3, 4d, f–h, j, k** and **6b, d, k**). Both morphologies appear in single
19 samples, and are commonly observable within a single crystal or crystal unit, such that some
20 faces are well-developed and flat, and others are hollow (**Figs. 3, 4d, g, j, k 5a, and 6c, e–g**).
21 Skeletal (hopper) cavities can correspond to some or all pyramidal $\{10\bar{1}1\}$ – or rhombohedral
22 $\{10\bar{1}1\}$, $\{01\bar{1}1\}$ – and prism $\{10\bar{1}0\}$ faces. Each cavity contains tens to as few as one or two
23 sharp, concentric, stair-like terraces (i.e. macrosteps; Faure et al. 2003a, 2007) stepping down

1 into a funnel-shaped, hollow crystal face (compare **Figs. 4d, f–h, j, k, 5a, and 6b–d**). The
2 terraces, whose widths range from tens to hundreds of micrometers, parallel external crystal face
3 directions and appear petrographically as curvilinear lobes or faceted to slightly rounded ledges
4 separated by matrix glass (e.g., **Fig. 6b, d**). All single crystals and grouped crystal units still
5 maintain recognizable, doubly-terminated hexagonal or pseudo-hexagonal shapes.

6 Subordinate morphologies include anhedral and granophyric intergrowths with feldspars
7 (1–2 mm), the latter occurring only in the most-evolved rocks (see **Fig. 5j, k of App.**³). Anhedral
8 is used to describe extensive rounding along what were either developing or deteriorating
9 skeletal cavities (i.e. cavity walls have smooth surfaces with curvature and minimal to no
10 terracing; **Fig. 4j, k**; cf. MacLellan and Trembath 1991). A reduction in faceting, however, need
11 not be uniform over a single crystal or crystal unit (e.g., **Fig. 4j**). Thus, compound morphologies
12 result between polyhedral, skeletal, and anhedral, and are also characteristic of the granophyric
13 quartz. Quartz intergrowth morphologies transition outward from anhedral to skeletal to radiating
14 with potassium feldspar, and have polyhedral terminations in contact with matrix glass;
15 plagioclase crystals are subhedral in the intergrowths (see **Fig. 5j, k of App.**³).

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17 **Embayments**

18 Quartz embayments are lobate voids that extend up to several millimeters between their
19 outlets at crystal margins and the crystal interior (e.g., **Figs. 4e, h, j, k and 6a–g**). They appear in
20 cross section as smooth-walled channels and ovoid to subpolygonal holes filled with vesicular
21 matrix glass (**Fig. 6a–g**). Their contours can become exceptionally wormy and concentrated to
22 generate a spongy texture in the host crystal (e.g., **Fig. 6b**). Embayments occur dominantly
23 within crystal face sectors, as opposed to edge or apical locations, and can occur locally between

1 grouped crystal units. Serial sections and tomograms show that the crystal rim near the
2 dipyramidal mirror plane (0001), or of the $\{10\bar{1}0\}$ prism form, frequently contains higher
3 concentrations of embayments than regions nearer the pyramidal – or rhombohedral –
4 terminations. Importantly, observable intersections of embayment walls and crystal rims are
5 nearly always bounded by crystal facets, albeit a common light curvature of crystal corners and
6 edges (**Figs. 4–6**).

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8 **Inclusions**

9 Single crystals and grouped units of quartz contain abundant melt inclusions (MIs),
10 which typically measure ~10–200 μm and have negative-crystal, dipyramidal shapes (e.g., **Fig.**
11 **6i**; Chesner and Luhr 2010). Only within the most-evolved YTT pumice (sample T-5B) are MIs
12 of this size commonly ovoid, or non-faceted (Chesner and Luhr 2010). Sealed embayments may
13 also constitute MIs that are larger (~200–500 μm) and irregular (e.g., **Figs. 4i** and possibly **6a–c,**
14 **e–g**). Melt inclusions are frequently located beneath euhedral faces and the flat bottoms of
15 hollow faces (cavities) (e.g., **Figs. 3, 4i,** and **6b, c**; cf. Welsch et al. 2013); irregular ones
16 occasionally parallel and mimic the shape of the overhanging pyramidal or rhombohedral face
17 (**Fig. 4i**). Negative inclusions can also occur in planar arrays parallel to face directions and
18 crystal unit contacts. Additionally, augen-shaped to highly oblate melt lenses ($\leq 500 \mu\text{m}$) lie
19 between grouped crystal units (**Fig. 7**; also see **Fig. 10**). Many MIs contain post-entrapment
20 modifications such as shrinkage bubbles, devitrification, and daughter crystals (detailed in
21 Chesner and Luhr 2010). Most of those $>200 \mu\text{m}$ have oversized vapor bubbles related to
22 cracking and leakage. Crystal fractures radiating from the walls of these larger inclusions imply
23 that the shattered nature of quartz resulted from MI decrepitation upon rapid syneruptive

1 decompression (e.g., **Fig. 6a, f; Fig. 2 of App.**³; Best and Christiansen 1997). Notably, sparse
2 titanomagnetite [$\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{Fe}^{3+}, \text{Ti})_2\text{O}_4$] microcrysts and mesocrysts can lie within the open fractures,
3 or are attached to walls of intact MIs and embayments (**Fig. 5b**; Chesner 1998; cf. Befus and
4 Manga 2019). In the latter case, magnetite is located at or near the heads of embayments.
5 **Figures 5b, 6l, m and Movie 1 of Appendix**³ best demonstrate examples of these relationships.
6 Some magnetite crystals are peculiar in that they represent single or interpenetrated (parallel or
7 twinned) crystals with stepped topography on octahedral faces (**Fig. 6m and Fig. 6 of App.**³; cf.
8 Fig. 6 of Drev et al. 2013). Quartz also contains highly luminescent micro-needles of what is
9 likely to be apatite [$\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{OH})$] (**Fig. 6m**; also see **Figs. 10a and 11a**). These needles
10 can be at least partially enclosed by a tiny melt capsule, and often host their own tubes of melt
11 (glass) (**Fig. 6m**). Long axes of the needles parallel internal growth zones and external face
12 directions of host quartz crystals. Quartz rarely occurs as an inclusion or constituent phase in
13 clusters composed of other minerals; whereas accessory magnetite and apatite also occur in the
14 matrix and as inclusions in other major and accessory phases.

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16 **Clusters of parallel crystal units**

17 Quartz clusters represent approximately 45–60% of quartz crystals in YTT samples and
18 5–60% of crystals in lava dome samples (**Figs. 7 and 8**). Two-thirds of the clusters are made only
19 of organized, parallel units (e.g., **Figs. 5a, 6b, e, k and 8a; Table 3 of App.**¹). Identical *c*-axis
20 and *a*-axes orientations of units are indicated by their simultaneous optical extinction, same
21 interference color, and parallel corresponding faces (e.g., **Figs. 6b, e, f, k**). Parallel units within
22 several clusters, however, display slight 1–2° extinction offsets (e.g., **Fig. 6g**), which correspond
23 to EBSD-measured misorientation angles of 0–5° between the *c*-axes [0001] and 0–7° between

1 corresponding *a*-axes (mostly within error) (**Table 3 of App.¹**; **Fig. 8a, b, d, e**). Misorientations
2 appear as grain or subgrain boundaries (**Fig. 6f, g**), but may also be delineated by narrow melt
3 lenses (**Fig. 7**; also see **Fig. 10**). Additionally, rare compact clusters of tens of parallel units show
4 successive extinctions every $\sim 2\text{--}3^\circ$ of rotation, planar to irregular dislocation planes, and highly
5 repetitive sets of parallel faces (**Fig. 6k**), similar to that described for dendritic olivine
6 macrocrysts in basalts (e.g., Welsch et al. 2013, their Fig. 10e, f). Parallel orientations are also
7 inferred for ruptured, or detached, units with their corresponding *c*-axes and *a*-axes separated by
8 a misorientation angle of $0\text{--}12^\circ$ and $0\text{--}13^\circ$, respectively (**Table 3 of App.¹**).

9 All parallel units within a cluster usually appear to have similar habits, morphologies, and
10 sizes; otherwise, units exhibit a decrease in size away from the center of a cluster (e.g., **Figs. 5a**
11 **and 6f**; cf. Welsch et al. 2013). Parallel units can even appear as interpenetrated replicas having
12 the same habit and shape ratio (e.g., **Figs. 6b, e, f, 7 and 8a, d**; also see **Fig. 10a, g and Fig. 5f of**
13 **App.³**; cf. Welsch et al. 2013). **Figure 5a** shows multi-angle tomographic views of an in situ
14 macrocryst made of two (ruptured) units of different sizes, but with parallel corresponding faces
15 and the same shape ratio. Some faces are clearly hollow, whereas others may exhibit depressions
16 or terraces. Notably, crystal faces do not occur where the smaller unit sits astride the larger unit,
17 indicating the units are intergrowths. In section planes near cluster margins, units may be
18 portrayed as closely-spaced individuals separated by matrix glass, whereas sections through the
19 centers of clusters expose unit contacts or interpenetration (e.g., **Fig. 3a of App.³**; also see **Fig.**
20 **10h**). Section plane orientations also dictate whether the external morphology of a cluster
21 resembles a single hexagonal crystal, aggregate, or rare chain (e.g., compare **Fig. 8a, e**). Parallel
22 units may be separated by a fracture or melt lens at their suture (**Fig. 7, 8d**); otherwise, they form

1 continuous interstitial growth zoning, appearing as a single entity rather than an aggregate of
2 aligned individuals (compare **Fig. 8a, e**; also see **Fig. 10**).

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4 **Twinnings**

5 **Contact twins.** The remaining one-third of quartz clusters include at least one pair of
6 units in a non-parallel orientation. Adjacent non-parallel units consistently show larger $\sim 5\text{--}30^\circ$
7 offsets in extinction position (complements of $60\text{--}85^\circ$), varied interference colors, and
8 misaligned growth faces (**Figs. 6f, h–j; Fig. 3 of App.**³). Unit pair orientations determined using
9 EBSD frequently agree with two common quartz twin laws: Verespatak and Esterel (**Fig. 8b–e**;
10 **Table 3 of App.**¹). Each twin law describes a contact twin, expressed by mirror reflection in the
11 $(11\bar{2}2)$ compositional plane in Verespatak twins and the $(10\bar{1}1)$ plane in Esterel twins, or by 180°
12 rotation about low-index twin axes (**Fig. 3**; Grimmer 2006). Resultant inclination of the *c*-axes at
13 angles of $84^\circ 33'$ (Verespatak) and $76^\circ 26'$ (Esterel), and the orientations of *a*-axes and faces
14 distinguish the twin types (**Fig. 3**; Drugman 1927; Kozu 1952; Beane and Wiebe 2012). Like
15 parallel units, intact twinned units may deviate from ideal *c*-axis orientations by up to 5° (mostly
16 within error). Therefore, intact units with their *c*-axes separated by an angle of $85\text{--}89^\circ$ and one of
17 their $\{10\bar{1}0\}$ poles parallel ($0\text{--}9^\circ$) (i.e. consider it an *a*-axis $[10\bar{1}0]$ or $m(10\bar{1}0)$ prism face) are
18 interpreted as Verespatak twins (**Fig. 8b, e**). Whereas, intact units with their *c*-axes oriented 71--
19 77° apart, the poles to one set of dipyrarnidal – or rhombohedral – faces oriented approximately
20 parallel ($3\text{--}13^\circ$), and the other set oriented $\sim 30^\circ$ apart ($25\text{--}36^\circ$) are interpreted as Esterel twins
21 (**Fig. 8c, d; Tables 3 and 4 of App.**¹; cf. Beane and Wiebe 2012; Graeter et al. 2015). Most
22 ruptured units in proximate twin orientations did not rotate far from original twin position (e.g.,
23 **Fig. 8c**).

1 Conversely, many non-parallel units do not satisfy Verespatak or Esterel twin laws
2 (**Table 3 of App.¹**), and have been previously denoted as “random” orientations in some
3 granitoids (Beane and Wiebe 2012; Graeter et al. 2015). However, units twinned repetitively on
4 the same law or combinations of laws can create additional *c*-axis coordinations (**Table 4 of**
5 **App.¹**). Thus, angles between *c*-axes in **Table 3 of Appendix¹** close to 67° (supplement of 113°),
6 60°, 51°, 48°, 38°, 33°, 27°, and 9° may comply with multiply-twinned units in clusters
7 manifesting the Verespatak or Esterel laws (Drugman 1927; Watanabe 1974; this study; **Table 4**
8 **of App.¹**). For example, *Units 1* and *2* of the YTT macrocryst in **Figure 8c** are non-twinned ($+c_1$
9 $\nless +c_2 = 113^\circ$), yet still related by symmetry because they are linked by and both Esterel-twinned
10 with *Unit 3*. The much smaller lava dome macrocryst in **Figure 8d** shows the same repeated
11 Esterel twinning and crystallographic relation between non-twinned units. Alternatively, some
12 extraneous *c*-axis coordinations may comply with rare twin laws listed in **Table 4 of Appendix¹**;
13 although it seems implausible such a variety of rare twins would occur frequently in the subset of
14 clusters analyzed (see Drugman 1927; Frondel 1962). These ‘other’ orientations are important
15 nonetheless, as their recurrences may imply that potentially all units within a given cluster are in
16 some way related by symmetry. Indeed, the number of possible *c*-axis coordinations becomes
17 exponential with unit additions and twin law combinations.

18 Simple twinning, multi-component twinning, and ‘other’ possible assemblages manifest
19 in clusters ranging widely in size, from microcrysts to megacrysts. Contact twins can occur as a
20 group of two virtually equal units (e.g., **Fig. 6j**), or, more commonly, as symmetric or
21 asymmetric attachments on groups of parallel units (e.g., **Fig. 8b, d, e**). ‘Other’ orientations often
22 recur in clusters having many units (**Table 3 of App.¹**). Units touching twins can replicate twin
23 orientations and sometimes appear in positions of re-entrant edges (**Fig. 8b, d, e; Fig. 3e of**

1 **App.**³; cf. Drugman 1927; Welsch et al. 2013). Like parallel units, voids or melt lenses can occur
2 along twin contacts (cf. Kozu 1952; Welsch et al. 2013). In some section planes, Verespatak
3 twins exhibit characteristic V-shapes and flattening parallel to their co-planar $m\{10\bar{1}0\}$ prism
4 faces (**Figs. 3** and **6h, j**; Sunagawa et al. 2004). Comparing 2D sections of clusters between
5 tomograms and EBSD maps verifies that twin orientations also generate more prismatic cross-
6 sections similar to those seen in **Figures 6f, i, j** and **8b, d** [also see **Figs. 10e, g, 11c**; cf. Fig. 9 of
7 Müller et al. (2000) and Figs. 5a, 6a of Beane and Wiebe (2012)].

8 **Penetration twins.** Stereographic projections of EBSD data show six poles (instead of
9 three) rotated $\sim 60^\circ$ about one another for each set of rhombohedral planes [i.e. $\{10\bar{1}1\}$ and
10 $\{01\bar{1}1\}$] (**Fig. 8**). This particular projection reflects a penetration twin corresponding to the
11 Dauphiné Law (**Fig. 3**). Dauphiné twins are related by a 180° rotation about the c -axis on $\{10\bar{1}0\}$
12 and are of like handedness, thus they have coincident c -axes and coincident $r\{10\bar{1}1\}$ and
13 $z\{01\bar{1}1\}$ lattice planes (Fron del 1945, 1962). Consequently, the twin and host are optically
14 undetectable. Dauphiné twins are only stable in the α -quartz structure due to symmetry, and
15 therefore have no primary origin associated with temperatures above 573°C (1 atm). As seen in
16 Fron del's (1945) basal sections of etched natural α -quartz, Dauphiné twin domains are irregular
17 and often patchy (**Fig. 3**). Similar intergrowth irregularities are depicted in EBSD maps, which
18 define patchy regions of two distinct crystallographic orientations within single crystals or
19 crystal units (**Fig. 8**). Twin domains can be preferentially located along closed and open fractures
20 associated with decrepitated MIs, consistent with observations made by Fron del (1945).
21 Dauphiné twins can also follow boundaries between non-parallel units, but extend continuously
22 across units of identical orientation (**Fig. 8**), the latter implying that parallel units represent a
23 single crystal lattice.

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2 **Zoning**

3 **Adaptations.** Cathodoluminescence images reveal that quartz growth layers adapt to
4 crystal imperfections. That is, skeletal cavities, embayments, MIs, and crystal unit contacts do
5 not dissect, but rather deflect growth zones. Linear zones of varied thicknesses taper inward
6 along walls of embayments and curve around MIs (**Fig. 7** and **Fig. 4 of App.³**; also see **Figs. 8,**
7 **10, 11**). In contrast, oscillating lens-shaped zones ($\leq 10\text{--}100\ \mu\text{m}$), which generally swell along
8 face directions and pinch at edge locations, pinch out prior to approaching margins of cavities,
9 embayments, and MIs (**Fig. 7**; exceptional examples in **Fig. 4a, b, j, p of App.³**). Lens zone
10 adaptations also signify locations at which crystal segments have sutured together and sealed
11 embayments (at least partially, e.g., **Fig. 4p of App.³**). In addition, as zones approach the
12 contacts of incompletely sutured crystal units (i.e. melt lenses), they either pinch out (**Fig. 7**; also
13 see **Fig. 10g, i**), become indistinct and disappear, or taper inward at the seams (e.g., **Fig. 8d**).
14 Zone adaptation can be broad in character, with deflection beginning hundreds of micrometers
15 away from a crystal imperfection (e.g., **Fig. 4l, m, s of App.³**), or it can begin within just tens of
16 micrometers of one's periphery (e.g., **Fig. 4a, b of App.³**). Zone boundaries and adaptations are
17 unseen only proximal to embayments elongated perpendicular to the section plane, presumably
18 because zones taper out of the section in this case. The few cross-cutting relationships observed
19 differ in that they correspond to a crystal-wide dissolution surface (rounded zone boundary; e.g.,
20 **Fig. 10d; Fig. 4m, s of App.³**).

21 **Branching patterns.** Cathodoluminescent zones bearing a tree-like resemblance appear
22 in $\sim 25\text{--}70\%$ of quartz crystals in YTT samples and $\sim 20\text{--}60\%$ of crystals in lava dome samples
23 (**Figs. 9–11; Fig. 5 of App.³**). These arborescent zones are dominantly located at the cores of

1 single crystals and crystal units, but can additionally or alternatively reside in their mantles.
2 Arborescent zones are slight to moderately *brighter* CL features corresponding with modest
3 enrichments in Ti (by ~5–10 ppm; as high as ~20 ppm) and sometimes Al (by ~5–20 ppm)
4 concentrations (**Figs. 10** and **11**; trace element data in **Table 5 of App.¹**). Although their
5 branching patterns vary in scale and intricacy among crystals, arborescent zones emanate
6 consistently from the crystal interior, bifurcating from internal vertices of a concentric euhedral
7 zone of identical or even brighter CL (**Figs. 9–11**). Each arborescent ‘tip’ may extend as a
8 ~0.05–1 mm primary limb anchoring a second set of branches, reminiscent of the feathery P-rich
9 zonings described extensively in olivine (Milman-Barris et al. 2008; Welsch et al. 2013, 2014).
10 Tertiary branches are rare (**Figs. 9f** and **10b**). The primary limbs usually appear straight, but
11 occasionally curve or arch as they follow paths of older apical and edge positions within a crystal
12 (**Figs. 9f** and **10b**). The secondary branches are more varied, ranging from feathery regions to
13 discrete, regularly-spaced, ≤ 100 μm long and 10–40 μm wide lineations, and have terminations
14 that are blunt, or tapering, curved, and diffuse. Each primary limb displays its secondary
15 branches in two arrays, each in a single orientation that may or may not align with the outer
16 growth faces of the crystal. Branches paralleling subjacent external face directions form interior
17 angles with the primary limb, creating a chevron semblance (e.g., **Figs. 9a–c, e, g–k**); whereas,
18 those forming roughly perpendicular or exterior angles with the primary limb do not parallel
19 subjacent face directions (but opposite, or adjacent, ones), and more closely simulate the pinnate
20 venation of a leaf (e.g., **Figs. 9d, f, 10b, and 11b**). In both cases, the loci of branch terminations
21 often trace crystal faces of $\{10\bar{1}1\}$ or $\{10\bar{1}0\}$ (e.g., **Fig. 9a**). The diverseness of 2D branching
22 patterns appears to be largely an effect of crystallographic and section plane orientations based
23 collectively on (1) EBSD information, (2) pattern disparities between individual limbs within the

1 same crystal (e.g., **Figs. 9k** and **10a**), and instances where secondary branches derive from no
2 apparent primary limb (i.e. chevron oscillations lying on a common axis; e.g., **Figs. 9c, 10f**).
3 Notably, sections through the crystal core at nearly perpendicular or parallel orientations to the *c*-
4 axis often display the most spectacular patterns – ‘snowflakes’ with several ‘arms’ that
5 presumably relate to positions of *c* and *a* crystallographic axes or growth faces (e.g., **Figs. 9f, k**
6 and **10a, b**; cf. Swanson and Fenn 1986).

7 Arborescent zones are accompanied by a number of features. The most fundamental one
8 is a distinct, *very dark* CL region occupying the interstices of the branching pattern (**Figs. 7, 10**
9 and **11**). Chemically, this region is poorer in Ti relative to the arborescent zones (**Fig. 11**; **Table**
10 **5 of App.**¹). It can merely coat limbs and branches (**Figs. 10b, j** and **11a, b**), but typically
11 broadens within face sectors, and terminates in facets 10–20 μm beyond limb extremities (e.g.,
12 **Fig. 10a**). Where it occurs interstitially, the dark region is non-zoned; whereas, interior to the
13 euhedral zone rooting limbs and branches, it commonly separates brighter, concentric
14 oscillations (**Figs. 9–11**). The euhedral ‘root’ zone is often the outermost of these oscillations,
15 which are periodic, yet may be widely-spaced (20–50 μm wide, 20–40 μm apart) or fine-scale
16 (5–10 μm wide, 5–10 μm apart). Notably, the CL of the oscillations is similar to that of the ‘root’
17 and arborescent zones. Additional oscillations sometimes lie outside a branching pattern (e.g.,
18 **Fig. 10d, h**; **Fig. 5g of App.**³); some crystals even show complex alternations of oscillations and
19 arborescent zones (**Figs. 8e, 9g, i** and **10e, h**; **Fig. 5a, d of App.**³). Otherwise, the oscillations
20 may appear unaccompanied (**Figs. 8a, b, d** and **10k**). Together, brighter arborescent zones,
21 oscillations, and their dark envelope extend across a ~0.5–2 mm² area at crystal or unit cores,
22 where they most commonly occur. In crystal or unit mantles, arborescent zones occasionally
23 manifest as a single, thin, concentric, ‘wavy’ zone composed of numerous, faceted, rimward

1 projections ($\leq 50 \mu\text{m}$), which attach along internal faces or rounded surfaces (**Figs. 7 and 10j**; cf.
2 Fig. 3.18 of Sunagawa 2005); it is here that precedent and succedent oscillations are absent, and
3 the dark region is limited to a veneer (**Figs. 10e, f, j and 11b**). Alternatively, arborescent zones
4 can be associated with a subordinate zonation that exhibits the *brightest* CL observed for Toba
5 quartz. The branching patterns themselves are configured in the same ways as described
6 previously, but are relatively much brighter and gently merge with a region chiefly of high CL
7 intensity (**Fig. 10l**; **Fig. 5l of App.**³). In most cases, the bright region is thick (1–3 mm), often
8 spongy, and can mantle a rounded dissolution surface. Because the bright region is filled with
9 MIs and embayments, it exhibits tortuous internal zoning that is adaptive to these features (e.g.,
10 **Fig. 10l and Figs. 4n, s, 5l of App.**³).

11 Pockets of melt (glass) are positioned next to every pattern of arborescent zones. Melt
12 inclusions tend to situate between limbs, branches, and tiny projections of ‘wavy’ zones (**Figs. 7,**
13 **8, 9–11**), while embayments can extend between primary limbs, sometimes causing crystals or
14 units to externally mimic a morphology defined roughly by the shape of the internal branching
15 pattern (**Figs. 10c and 11b**). Although MIs and embayments only occur in regions surrounding
16 arborescent zones, they may abut limbs and branches. Halos that often surround melt pockets
17 also may abut the arborescent zones (**Fig. 10 and 11**). These CL halos can be subtly zoned,
18 sometimes showing a circular zone inside a triangular one. In a given crystal, most halos
19 typically match in CL intensity, but cannot be easily matched with that of nearby zones. Melt
20 inclusions associated with halos are not always exposed, while the visibility of halos diminishes
21 as the MIs become smaller. Rarely do halos correspond with a crystal-wide truncating zone (i.e.
22 dissolution surface; **Fig. 10d**). Melt inclusions with walls that truncate zones tend to be central to
23 the core and branching pattern where an occasional magnetite inclusion will take the same

1 position, suggesting these are possible points of quartz nucleation instead of resorption sites
2 (e.g., **Figs. 8a, b, d and 10c, d, h**; cf. Müller et al. 2009).

3 **Identities of crystal units.** Arborescent zones show an affinity with quartz clusters,
4 appearing in ~40–85% of YTT clusters and up to ~80% of lava dome clusters. In most samples,
5 approximately half or more of the observable branching patterns occur in grouped crystal units,
6 as opposed to single crystals with one growth center (**Figs. 8, 10 and 11**). Regardless of how
7 complex or simple the cluster assemblage, any unit pair may exhibit arborescent zones, but
8 parallel units display them most frequently. Even if a unit pair does not display arborescent
9 zones, it may still coexist with or be bound to units that do. Considering that single sections do
10 not expose equivalent levels of all units in a cluster (**Figs. 8a, e, 10h and 11c; Fig. 3a, b of**
11 **App.³**), the reported numbers of units, clusters, and total crystals containing arborescent zones
12 are minimums (e.g., Dowty 1980b).

13 Serial sections reveal that grouped units of the same size share similar to virtually
14 identical core-to-rim zoning (e.g., **Fig. 8a**). Whereas, grouped units that differ appreciably in
15 size, namely large megacryst units versus relatively smaller units (~1–2 mm) occasionally
16 embedded in their mantles, do not share the same core-to-rim zoning (e.g., **Fig. 8e; Fig. 3a, b of**
17 **App.³**). In these megacrystic clusters, for example, only the larger units have closely-spaced,
18 nearly identical cores, which are mantled by a common exterior (**Fig. 8e; Fig. 3a, b of App.³**).
19 Generally, similarly-zoned units exhibit the same sequence of CL variations, but often in
20 different zone thicknesses that are presumably controlled by 2D sectioning; similar units are
21 observable in ~50–100% and ~55–100% of YTT and lava dome clusters, respectively. Two or
22 more nearly identical units are visible in ~15–90% and ~0–60% of the respective clusters.
23 Furthermore, all units in a cluster can appear similar regardless of orientation, but it is common

1 to see only some units that are identical (e.g., three of seven units). Conceivably, units sharing a
2 common orientation are most likely to appear identical in 2D sections (e.g., **Fig. 8a, d**). For
3 example, the most near-identical units observed in a single section of a cluster is five, and they
4 lie in parallel orientation with arborescent zones at their cores (**Fig. 8a**; also see **Fig. 12**). Rarer
5 sections of parallel units expose unit interpenetrations through to the core zones, wherein
6 arborescent limbs connect from one unit to another (**Figs. 10c, g; Fig. 5h of App.**³).

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DISCUSSION

9 **Textural and chemical signs of rapid quartz growth**

10 Deciphering the quartz record at Toba requires understanding the mechanisms that form
11 crystal textures. Here, we relate our observations to theoretical and experimental work on crystal
12 growth to interpret quartz texture origins (summarized in **Table 1**). The outcome is a model
13 demonstrating a genetic interrelation of disparate textures that can be explained by an
14 overarching process of rapid crystal growth.

15 **Buried skeletal and dendritic relics.** *Signs: Zoning forms a branching pattern brighter*
16 *in CL and richer in Ti; Melt inclusions and embayments are positioned between arborescent*
17 *zones.*

18 Arborescent CL zones (**Figs. 9–11**) resemble contours of skeletal and dendritic quartz
19 grown in crystallization experiments (e.g., Swanson and Fenn 1986). Their architecture also
20 shows a crystallographic control strikingly similar to P-rich zones that delineate skeletal-
21 dendritic frameworks of olivine (Welsch et al. 2013, 2014; Milman-Barris et al. 2008). The
22 growth processes by which those crystal morphologies develop are diffusion-controlled, where
23 the crystal growth rate exceeds the diffusion rate of impurity elements away from the crystal

1 interface under high degrees of undercooling (i.e. the difference between the liquidus and magma
2 temperature, or ΔT) and supersaturation (Kirkpatrick 1975; Sunagawa 1981). Thus, crystal
3 corners and edges (regions of greater surface area) rapidly grow into sharp protuberances by
4 penetrating through a compositional boundary layer contaminated with rejected incompatible
5 elements and into melt richer in those compatible with the crystal (Hammer 2008), a process
6 known as constitutional supercooling (Berg 1938; Kirkpatrick 1975; see **Fig. 14**). This
7 preferential growth leads to the branching morphology of dendrites, as well as the macroscopic
8 terraces lining hopper cavities, each a new frame that envelops the growing crystal (Faure et al.
9 2007; Welsch et al. 2013). Considering that natural and experimentally-produced hopper crystals
10 and dendrites develop melt-filled cavities between their protrusions (e.g., Drever and Johnston
11 1957; Lofgren 1974; MacLellan and Trembath 1991; Faure et al. 2003a, 2007; Kohut and
12 Nielsen 2004; Brugger and Hammer 2015; Welsch et al. 2013, 2014, 2016), the strict positioning
13 of MIs or embayments between limbs and branches substantiates our idea that arborescent zones
14 represent buried, three-dimensional structures (**Figs. 10–13**; see *Trapped melt*).

15 Using their shapes in cross-section with crystal orientation data, we formulate a 3D
16 model of arborescent zones that defines them as older hopper cavities and dendrites, whose
17 diverse profiles can be resolved by varying crystallographic or section plane orientation (**Figs. 12**
18 **and 13**). Sections through relic hopper crystals intersect their once hollow faces and the terraces
19 that lined or overhung these cavities. Most sections near the center of a hopper relic portray its
20 planar terraces as secondary branches paralleling external forms $\{10\bar{1}1\}$, $\{01\bar{1}1\}$, or $\{10\bar{1}0\}$
21 (**Fig. 12**). Intersected corners and edges of the older hopper represent the primary limb zones
22 from which terraces extend into the cavities. Thus, unexposed interior corners and edges explain
23 why terraces sometimes appear as ‘floating chevrons’ in the zoning pattern (e.g., **Fig. 11a** and

1 **12)**. In sections far from the relic's center that roughly parallel a face direction or clip only cavity
2 walls, the terraces appear as concentric pseudo-oscillations (**Figs. 8a, 10h, k, 11c and 12**).
3 Conversely, sections through dendrites intersect true rod-like primary and secondary branches,
4 which attach at right angles or form exterior angles, much like those of a dendritic snowflake
5 (**Figs. 9d, f, 10b, 11b and 13**). Sections roughly perpendicular to the *c*-axis of both dendritic and
6 hopper relics (also sections parallel or oblique to *c* of the latter) will create a snowflake
7 semblance, but we surmise crystals like **Fig. 10b** preserve proper examples of dendritic 'arms'
8 (Swanson and Fenn 1986). Finer dendritic overgrowths are also represented by the tiny faceted
9 projections of thin 'wavy' zones coating older crystal surfaces (**Fig. 10j**). Because skeletal
10 hoppers and dendrites theoretically lie on a continuous morphological spectrum, or represent
11 transient stages along a morphological evolutionary path (Donaldson 1976; Lofgren 1974; Faure
12 et al. 2003a, b, 2007; Swanson and Fenn 1986; MacLellan and Trembath 1991), they may mimic
13 one another in some sections (compare **Figs. 12 and 13**). For example, oblique sections steeply
14 inclined to stacks of hopper terraces or secondary dendritic branches may yield feathery zoning.
15 Even where these morphologies cannot be discriminated, their fundamental implication is that
16 they both signify rapid crystal growth.

17 Quartz arborescent CL zones and associated oscillations are always notably brighter and
18 richer in $Ti \pm Al$ than juxtaposing zones. They even represent some of the brightest CL zones in
19 some crystals (**Figs. 8, 10, 11**). Experimental work has shown that Ti solubility in quartz is a
20 function of temperature (Wark and Watson 2006) and pressure (Thomas et al. 2010), thus
21 relatively brighter CL (higher Ti) zones may indicate crystallization at relatively higher
22 temperatures or lower pressures. The experiments of Huang and Audétat (2012) show that Ti as
23 well as Li, Al, and Na uptake in quartz may also be influenced by melt composition and crystal

1 growth rate (also see models of Pamukcu et al. 2016). It is implausible that the higher CL
2 intensity and Ti concentration of rapidly-grown quartz is a product of higher temperature
3 formation than adjacent low CL intensity (Ti-poorer) polyhedral zones. Large cyclic pressure
4 changes on the order of those described by Thomas et al. (2010) also cannot explain fine-scale
5 rhythmic oscillations or multiple generations of arborescent zones spaced tens to hundreds of
6 micrometers apart (**Figs. 8e, 9g, i and 10e, h; Fig. 5a, d of App.**³). For these reasons, we propose
7 the higher CL intensity of arborescent zones is best explained by (1) the incorporation of a
8 boundary layer, whereby the rapidly advancing crystal surface incorporated slow-diffusing
9 rejected elements accumulated in the liquid at the crystal-melt contact (extrinsic defects; **Fig. 14**;
10 Kirkpatrick 1975; Swanson and Fenn 1986; Milman-Barris et al. 2008; Huang and Audétat 2012;
11 Welsch et al. 2013), and very likely (2) intrinsic point defects imposed by rapid crystallization
12 (**Fig. 14**; Götze et al. 2001 and references therein). In other words, lattice defects and the
13 elements enriched in the engulfed boundary layer (having higher partition coefficients in quartz,
14 most importantly Ti^{4+} and Al^{3+}) act as CL activators and fossilize parts of quartz that grew at
15 high rates during strong undercooling and supersaturation (**Fig. 14**; cf. Huang and Audétat 2012;
16 Welsch et al. 2013; Pamukcu et al. 2016). The defined shapes of arborescent frameworks
17 indicate that excess trace element or defect incorporation occurred during non-equilibrium
18 skeletal to dendritic growth; therefore, we suggest these relic luminescent structures are direct
19 natural evidence for the effect of high crystal growth rate on impurity uptake and defect
20 formation in magmatic quartz.

21 **Accessory mineral inclusions.** *Signs: Titanomagnetite crystals lie inside embayments*
22 *and MIs adjacent to arborescent zones; Apatite micro-needles occur at arborescent zone*
23 *boundaries.*

1 The concentration of rejected components in a boundary layer around a rapidly growing
2 major phase may locally saturate accessory phases (Bacon 1989; Sunagawa 2005). During
3 constitutional supercooling, the contacts of two phases may also be controlled by surface energy
4 minimization through heterogeneous nucleation and heteroepitaxy (Hammer et al. 2010). Quartz-
5 hosted titanomagnetite inclusions typically occur within the heads of embayments and are in
6 contact with their walls (**Figs. 5c, 6l, m and 10c**), implying not only that magnetite impeded
7 quartz growth, but that it was likely anchored to quartz surfaces. This may also be true for the
8 apatite micro-needles, which are embedded parallel to older growth surfaces. Both minerals can
9 be found adjacent to the same boundary layer-derived arborescent CL zones (e.g., **Figs. 6l, m**
10 **and 10c**), and apatite needles are more frequent at these locations. Additionally, the stepped
11 topography, subcrystals and twins of magnetite, as well as the acicular habit and glass inclusions
12 of apatite are possible indicators of faster growth and supersaturation (**Fig. 6m; Fig. 6a, b of**
13 **App.³**; Bacon 1989). Although the quartz-accessory mineral relations require further
14 investigation, it is possible that titanomagnetite and apatite nucleated on or adjacent to rapidly
15 growing quartz as slow-diffusing Ti and P (essential structural constituents) accumulated in a
16 boundary layer at the advancing crystal-melt interface (Bacon 1989). Iron and Ca contents fall
17 below detection limit and P was difficult to measure accurately in quartz (**Table 5 of App.¹**).
18 However, we expect that during crystallization of a boundary layer, the coupled substitutions
19 required to incorporate Fe^{3+} , Ca^{2+} , and P^{5+} in the lattice would be less favored relative to those
20 involving the more abundant Al^{3+} and the single substitution of Ti^{4+} for Si^{4+} . Thus, while some
21 Ti within the boundary layer became incorporated into the growing crystal (hence, the Ti
22 enrichment of arborescent zones; **Fig. 14**), a build-up of Fe, Ti, Ca, and P may have forced local
23 supersaturation of titanomagnetite and apatite, which were subsequently enveloped by quartz.

1 **Trapped melt.** *Signs: Polyhedral layers fill interstices of arborescent frameworks, and*
2 *host MIs; MI shape may mimic the shape of an overhanging crystal face or open skeletal cavity.*

3 Arborescent frameworks are encased by polyhedral layers (**Figs. 10–13**), indicating that
4 burial of skeletal and dendritic crystals involved a morphology transition from hollow forms to
5 replete faces. Positioning of MIs exclusively in the interstices of arborescent frameworks implies
6 that quartz trapped melt as it infilled and hung faces above its cavities (**Fig. 15**; cf. MacLellan
7 and Trembath 1991; Welsch et al. 2013, 2014). This explains why some melt inclusions mimic
8 shapes of overhanging polyhedral faces (**Fig. 4i**; cf. Welsch et al. 2013). External faceting of the
9 infill and crystal margins indicates slower, interface-controlled growth at lower degrees of
10 undercooling (Kirkpatrick 1975; Hammer 2008), and in turn, suggests that rapid crystal growth
11 followed by slower growth promotes melt entrapment in quartz (**Fig. 15**).

12 Melt inclusions may be sealed by two distinct polyhedral overgrowths: (1) darker CL, Ti-
13 poorer infill that directly encases arborescent frameworks, or (2) generic, moderate CL
14 oscillatory zoning, which mantles the posterior of infill (**Figs. 7 and 10–13**). Halos around MIs
15 represent separate layers inside these polyhedral overgrowths, implying that secondary processes
16 influenced inclusion formation. Three processes are interpreted based solely on CL, spatial
17 relationships between the aforementioned features, as well as 2D and 3D considerations. Each is
18 illustrated in **Figure 16a** and discussed hereafter.

19 (1) *Seal then fill.* The example discussed here focuses on what we commonly observe
20 near arborescent zones. Like melt inclusions, halos occur between arborescent zones (**Fig. 16a**).
21 They may abut, but do not crosscut them. Halos occur dominantly within dark CL infill and have
22 matching CL intensities, suggesting they are the same in origin (e.g., **Figs. 10a, d**). Most halos
23 appear homogenous, but ones with subtle zoning can show an inward (2D) shape transition from

1 triangular to circular, suggesting they were initially the shape of the skeletal cavity they lie at the
2 center of (e.g., **Figs. 10d** and **11a**; compare with **Figs. 4i** and **9**). We therefore interpret these
3 halos to represent post-entrapment crystallization of quartz on the walls of melt pockets after
4 they were sealed (**Fig. 16a**). This is consistent with the observed correlation between inclusion
5 size and halo size, which suggests the mass of quartz crystallizing on the walls is proportional to
6 that of the original melt pocket. The facets of inclusion walls in contact with halos also signify
7 the redistribution of material (e.g., **Fig. 10a, 11a, and 16a**; Chesner and Luhr 2010).

8 (2) *Dissolve and refill*. Alternatively, halo margins can connect to a concentric
9 dissolution surface across the crystal (e.g., **Fig. 10d**). These halos exhibit the same CL as the
10 overgrowth outside the dissolution surface, indicating that dissolution and quartz reprecipitation
11 sealed the inclusion. A caveat is that these melt inclusions may reside in locations of pre-existing
12 inclusions or unit contacts. In **Figure 16a**, we illustrate the cluster of **Fig. 10d**, which contains
13 two types of halos in contact with one another. The more interior halos match in CL and occur
14 within relic hopper cavities (i.e. earlier post-entrapment crystallization). A second generation
15 halo crosscuts one of the pre-existing halos, likely because dissolution acted preferentially at pre-
16 existing, high-energy unit contacts nearby (see *Growth embayments*). This is evidenced by
17 incision of the dissolution surface only where the two units meet; other parts of the cluster
18 became rounded (cf. Manzini et al. 2017). Primary MIs can also occur between units lacking
19 dissolution surfaces (e.g., **Fig. 10i**; see *Lineage of lattice defects*); however, those here were
20 newly formed during the regrowth of quartz following dissolution.

21 (3) *Fill unsealed*. Some halos clearly connect to and match the generic CL zoning of the
22 crystal mantle, indicating these melt pockets remained open and filled simultaneously with
23 mantle growth (e.g., **Figs. 10c, l and 16a**). This suggests the pockets were formerly embayments,

1 which may or may not have become sealed with continued growth. Portions of melt pockets (i.e.
2 embayments) unsurmounted by polyhedral overgrowths could be associated with high densities
3 of lattice dislocations that formed during rapid growth or slower infilling (Sunagawa 2005). An
4 incomplete transition from skeletal to polyhedral growth can explain the smooth anhedral
5 depressions ± embayments at the centers of crystal faces (**Fig. 4d, h, j, k**), as well as crystals that
6 contain both hollow and replete faces (**Fig. 15**; also **Figs. 4d, j, k** and **6b, c, e, f**). In 2D, we
7 observe that the overall shape of a crystal or cluster will partially retain that of its skeletal to
8 dendritic foundation until the size ratio between the matured polyhedron and its internal skeleton
9 reaches ~1.3:1; thereupon, the crystal begins to show recovery (**Fig. 10c**). Thus, slow infilling
10 leads to a polyhedral quartz morphology, but inevitably leaves crystals blemished with internal
11 voids due to the initial disequilibrium growth generated by high degrees of undercooling.

12 **Growth embayments.** *Signs: Growth zoning adapts to embayment margins;*
13 *Embayments are positioned between arborescent zones or skeletal protuberances on crystal*
14 *margins.*

15 Quartz embayments are commonly ascribed to resorption (e.g., Roedder 1979; Harris and
16 Anderson 1984; Manley 1996; Bachmann et al. 2002; Molloy et al. 2008; Girard and Stix 2009;
17 Wilcock et al. 2013; Allan et al. 2013; Seitz et al. 2018b; Befus and Manga 2019). However,
18 from an energy standpoint, it would be difficult to detach atoms preferentially from the centers of
19 planar crystal faces, locations where embayments often open. Therefore, locally accelerated
20 dissolution on quartz surfaces is required for this interpretation. Bubble-driven dissolution has
21 been proposed as a drilling mechanism to produce quartz reentrants (Donaldson and Henderson
22 1988; Befus and Manga 2019), but there is a lack of natural or experimental evidence that
23 suggests bubble-drilling penetrates deep into quartz interiors. Furthermore, we find the evidence

1 presented for bubble-drilling by Befus and Manga (2019) to be inconsistent with crystal
2 stratigraphies in their CL images, wherein we see MIs/embayments between infilled hopper
3 cavities (arborescent frameworks), MI halos of different origins, and zone adaptation to
4 embayments containing magnetite and separating cluster units, consistent with stratigraphies of
5 Toba quartz (**Figs. 7–12 and 16**). Alternatively, heating and dissolution might facilitate
6 embayment formation in natural quartz (discussed in *Trapped melt* and hereafter), but
7 experimental evidence suggests it should not. Superheating of experimental silicate melts causes
8 quartz to develop rounded, embayment-free surfaces (Kuo and Kirkpatrick 1985; Donaldson
9 1985; Tsuchiyama 1986; MacLellan and Trembath 1991). On the other hand, dynamic
10 crystallization experiments show that unstable, or rapid, crystal growth in supersaturated melts
11 results in embayment formation (e.g., Donaldson 1976; Lofgren 1980; MacLellan and Trembath
12 1991). Some experimentalists have hypothesized that screw dislocations may also encourage
13 their development even during polyhedral growth (Faure and Schiano 2005).

14 Embayments in Toba quartz are not late-stage reentrants, but were instead developed
15 from the interior outward. The most compelling evidence is the adaptation or inward tapering of
16 CL zones to embayment margins, which indicates their tubular shapes were acquired during
17 continued crystal growth (**Figs. 7; Fig. 4 of App.³**; Laemmlein 1930; Blackerby 1968; Müller et
18 al. 2000, 2002, 2009). If embayments originate by dissolution, they should cross-cut CL zones.
19 We only find minimal cross-cutting relationships exclusively where older dissolution surfaces
20 intersected and carved out walls of pre-existing MIs and unit suture boundaries (e.g., **Figs. 10d**
21 **and 16a; Fig. 4s of App.³**). High densities of lattice dislocations typically occur around MIs and
22 at junctions of units or skeletal protuberances, making these areas energetically unfavorable and
23 possible promotion centers for dissolution in an undersaturated melt (Sunagawa 2005). The

1 concentric nature of dissolution surfaces substantiates that dissolution causes quartz to become
2 externally rounded (e.g., **Figs. 7 and 10m; Figs. 3b, 4a, n, p and 5a of App.³**), but we suggest it
3 may locally act to minimize the high-energy of growth defects which outcrop at the crystal-melt
4 interface (Sunagawa 2005). This can explain why slightly rounded units in some clusters are
5 marginally unbound with locally cross-cut CL zones at their contacts—their sutures likely acted
6 as dissolution pathways (**Fig. 10h; Fig. 3a of App.³**; cf. Fig. 8 of Milman-Barris et al. 2008).
7 Thus, we contend embayment formation was never a direct causal effect of dissolution, but that
8 dissolution sometimes occurred preferentially at features created by crystal growth.

9 Growth embayments are ubiquitous despite that not all crystals contain skeletal to
10 dendritic foundations, multiple units, or growth impeding magnetite inclusions (**Fig. 4a–c, j–r of**
11 **App.³**). Few crystals present the possibility of dissolution and regrowth, because embayments
12 rarely originate from older dissolution surfaces (e.g., **Fig. 4m, s of App.³**). Some embayments
13 delineate distinct skeletal protuberances and hopper cavities at crystal margins, formed during a
14 late stage of rapid growth (**Fig. 6b, d; Fig. 4a–i of App.³**). These protuberances are larger than
15 relic ones preserved in crystal cores (arborescent zones), and display adaptive, generic oscillatory
16 zoning and poorly-zoned margins. Growth embayments that do not occur between distinct
17 skeletal features, but rather border anhedral to polyhedral segments of quartz (**Fig. 4j–s of**
18 **App.³**), require further explanation. Three possibilities are:

19 (1) If they are skeletal in origin, section plane orientation may prohibit their recognition
20 as skeletal features. Sections cut roughly perpendicular to face directions may yield more
21 definition to protuberances or hopper cavities than oblique sections (e.g., **Fig. 6d; Fig. 4a, b of**
22 **App.³**).

1 (2) Still, some quartz segments in **Figure 4j–s of App.**³ are unlike the faceted skeletal
2 protuberances in **Figure 4a–i of App.**³ (also see **Fig. 16b**). These segments tend to occur more
3 frequently on larger macrocrysts and megacrysts; whereas, smaller macrocrysts and mesocrysts
4 tend to exhibit pronounced skeletal features (**Fig. 6b–d and 16b; Fig. 4a–i of App.**³).
5 Theoretically, the radius of a crystal influences attachment kinetics and crystal interface stability
6 phenomena, depending on the degree of undercooling, diffusion, and crystal growth rate
7 (Kirkpatrick 1975 and references therein). Numerical modeling shows that larger crystals (≥ 1
8 mm radius) may not record the effect of increased undercooling as much as smaller crystals
9 (Hort 1998). A simple explanation is that larger radii crystals with larger surface areas should
10 require more time or sustained undercooling (due to far more molecules needed) to develop
11 skeletal protuberances proportional to their overall crystal size, as compared to smaller crystals
12 (**Fig. 16b**; Kirkpatrick 1975; Kuroda et al. 1977). Thus, skeletal overgrowths on large polyhedral
13 crystals may sometimes deviate from what we typically identify as a skeletal texture (e.g., sharp
14 disequilibrium textures in quenched experimental melts or lavas). This idea, in turn, implies that
15 different coexisting crystal sizes may record rapid growth differently (**Fig. 16b**; compare **Fig.**
16 **4a–i** with **4j–s of App.**³). We also consider crystal growth and protuberance morphology as a
17 function of time (Swanson and Fenn 1986). For example, Welsch et al. (2014) interpreted the
18 curvature of matured olivine dendrites to signify a transitional morphology between dendritic
19 and polyhedral growth. The anhedral to partly faceted lobes on some quartz margins may also
20 indicate an incomplete transition from skeletal to polyhedral morphology (**Fig. 4 of App.**³; also
21 **Fig. 4d, h, j, k**). Thus, infilling (slower growth and faceting; a change in growth mechanism)
22 may initially aid in defining large protuberances we can recognize as skeletal, but if prolonged, it
23 will eventually obscure them as a crystal restores polyhedral forms (consider **Fig. 16b**).

1 (3) Due to their high crystallinities, Toba magmas were likely volatile saturated by the
2 time quartz exteriors grew, especially if rapid crystallization had occurred (second boiling). As
3 an alternative, if pre-eruptive bubbles existed in the melt and were able to attach to quartz
4 surfaces, quartz might form embayments by growing around bubbles (Müller et al. 2000).
5 However, MI decrepitation makes it difficult to determine if quartz ever trapped pre-eruptive
6 bubbles, while vesicles in glass-filled embayments likely reflect syn-eruptive melt vesiculation.
7 Bubbles that are preserved in some intact MIs have volumes proportional to those of their host
8 inclusions, and are therefore considered post-entrapment shrinkage bubbles (Chesner and Luhr
9 2010). Because there are ample crystals with skeletal margins in our samples, we hypothesize
10 that quartz embayments dominantly formed as a direct result of unstable crystal growth related to
11 an early or late, pre-eruptive period of disequilibrium conditions (**Fig. 16b**; **Fig. 4 of App.**³).

12 **Dendritic buds and growth twins.** *Signs: Parallel crystal units have (and can share)*
13 *arborescent core zones, near-identical growth patterns, and similar morphology...; Twinned*
14 *units have similar sizes, growth patterns, ± arborescent core zones...*

15 Arrangements of grouped quartz units in dominantly parallel to sub-parallel and twin
16 orientations indicate a crystallographic control on the assembly of clusters (**Table 3 of App.**¹;
17 **Figs. 8, 10, 11**). Synneusis is said to often produce such preferred alignments through a union of
18 suspended crystals and adherence of their prominent faces (Gaubert 1896; Vogt 1921; Vance
19 1969; Schwindinger and Anderson 1989; Schwindinger 1999; Schaskolsky and Schubnikow
20 1933; Nespolo and Ferraris 2004). Synneusis caused by gravitational crystal settling,
21 accumulation, or compaction has been invoked to explain organized quartz clusters in plutonic
22 rocks (Beane and Wiebe 2012; Graeter et al. 2015). This would require pyramidal faces of
23 separate polyhedral dipyrramids to bond together through a precise alignment of their lattices in

1 parallel or Esterel twin orientations (positions of minimal interfacial energy; Vance 1969), the
2 latter of which is permitted by a paralleling of the contact twin plane ($10\bar{1}1$) and pyramidal face
3 direction $\{10\bar{1}1\}$ (Friedel 1933; Nespolo and Ferraris 2004; Grimmer 2006; Beane and Wiebe
4 2012). Synneusis then requires the assumption that Esterel twins do not form from twinned
5 nuclei, while it cannot explain Verespatak (Japan) twins that exclusively form by growth
6 twinning (**Fig. 3**; Frondel 1962). Importantly, these particular twin laws are two of the most
7 common and are often associated in nature (Drugman 1927; Frondel 1962; Watanabe 1974;
8 Sunagawa et al. 2004; Grimmer 2006). In section, any size-shape disparities between grouped
9 units, or dissimilarities and spatial offsets of their core zones, are not prima facie evidence of
10 synneusis (cf. Beane and Wiebe 2012), as they are commonly effects of off-center sectioning
11 (e.g., **Figs. 8a, e, and 10h**; **Fig. 3a, b of App.**³; Dowty 1980b; this study). In both single and
12 serial sections, similarities in size and zoning patterns among units in an overwhelming number
13 of quartz clusters is striking and cannot be coincidental (**Figs. 5a, 8, 10, and 11c**). We reason this
14 by the wide range of crystal sizes (<1–20 mm) coexisting, and the inability to correlate
15 individual CL zones between single crystals, or between crystal units in different clusters.
16 Therefore, the probability that multiple (e.g., four or five; **Fig. 8a**; **Fig. 3a of App.**³) separate
17 similar-sized quartz crystals with virtually identical CL zoning patterns would meet and attach
18 systematically by synneusis is implausibly low (cf. Welsch et al. 2013). While crystal settling
19 and accumulation would increase the probability of crystal contacts (Bachmann and Bergantz
20 2004), the high melt viscosity is likely to limit the ability of two faces to achieve the proper
21 closeness, positioning, and orientation needed for atomic bonding (Dowty 1980b). Furthermore,
22 the energy barrier that would avert numerous spontaneous rotations of multiple touching quartz
23 into perfect parallel or twin alignments is prohibitively high in a viscous rhyolite melt (Brugger

1 and Hammer 2015). Altogether, we suggest the quartz clusters are not a result of crystal
2 aggregation by synneusis.

3 We ascribe their crystallographic organizations primarily to dendritic growth and growth
4 twinning. Clusters frequently preserve relic skeletal to dendritic morphologies (arborescent
5 zones) at the centers of crystal units (**Figs. 8–13**), suggesting at least some and potentially all
6 units in many clusters grew rapidly upon or soon after nucleation. Analogous to a manner in
7 which olivine grows dendritically, parallel quartz units may represent subcrystals, or buds,
8 developed from a single lattice through replicated overgrowths of crystallographically aligned
9 hopper units (Donaldson 1976; Faure et al. 2003a, b; Welsch et al. 2013, 2014, 2016). Evidence
10 among parallel units that collectively supports dendritic budding includes their (1) simultaneous
11 extinction under crossed-polars (**Fig. 6b, e–g, k**), (2) nearly identical core-to-rim growth patterns
12 (e.g., **Figs. 8a, 10c, and 11c**) (3) similar habits and external skeletal to polyhedral morphologies,
13 (4) similar sizes, or a decrease in unit size away from the cluster center (e.g., **Figs. 5a and 10g**;
14 cf. Welsch et al. 2013), (5) elongation of the prism form consistent with growth being fastest
15 along [0001] (e.g., **Figs. 6b, e, and 8a, e**; Swanson and Fenn 1986; MacLellan and Trembath
16 1991), (6) penetrative nature and resemblance to a single hexagonal crystal shape (e.g., **Figs. 5a,**
17 **6b, 8a, and 10c, f, g, i**), and (7) continuation of Dauphiné twin boundaries across unit
18 boundaries, which indicates a mutual crystal lattice (**Fig. 8a, b, e**). Also of significance are
19 fortuitously oriented, oblique sections that show parallel units having mutual interior limbs and
20 branches, which we contend is unequivocal evidence for dendritic growth (**Fig. 10c, g; Fig. 5h of**
21 **App.³**). Welsch et al. (2013, 2014) also show that P-rich feathery zoning exists near cores of
22 parallel olivine units, which also exhibit such connections. We point out, just as they do, that
23 most 2D sections do not reveal the interconnectedness of parallel units formed by dendritic

1 budding. Thus, we assume their arborescent zones likely connect in the third-dimension and are a
2 part of the same crystal lattice and dendritic framework, which is plausibly defined by hopper
3 overgrowths inside or along the upper parts of first generation hopper cavities (Faure et al.
4 2003a, b; Welsch et al. 2013, 2014; compare **Fig. 10c, g** with **Fig. 15**). In contrast, units attached
5 in Verespatak or Esterel twin orientations are not buds, because the lattices of the units are
6 mirrored respectively in $\{11\bar{2}2\}$ and $\{10\bar{1}1\}$ (Grimmer 2006) (**Fig. 3**). However, because both
7 parallel and twinned units can occur within the same cluster and can have similar sizes and intra-
8 core arborescent zones, we surmise that their crystallization was concurrent (cf. Welsch et al.
9 2013). Strikingly similar to dendritic olivine twins, quartz twins often have their own buds,
10 which are attached replicas paralleling the twin orientation (e.g., **Fig. 8b, d**; Welsch et al. 2013).
11 These characteristics lead us to suggest that Verespatak and Esterel twins, occurring as both
12 single pairs and as units attached to groups of parallel units, must represent nucleisupersaturation
13 twins if twin individuals are essentially of equal size (Buerger 1945; Sunagawa 2005). Therefore,
14 we interpret twinning to signify nucleation errors developed early in the lattice structure due to
15 higher rates of crystal nucleation and growth (Buerger 1945; Sunagawa et al. 2004; Welsch et al.
16 2013; Brugger and Hammer 2015). We emphasize that twinning is a common phenomenon in
17 minerals, and it alone does not necessarily imply rapid growth (e.g., Brugger and Hammer 2015).
18 High driving force conditions increase the probability of defect and twin formation (Buerger
19 1945; Sunagawa 2005). Thus, when twins are prevalent and concurrent with other indicators of
20 rapid growth, they may be linked to high degrees of undercooling and supersaturation (Brugger
21 and Hammer 2015).

1 **Seeded and epitaxial intergrowths.** *Signs: Small crystal units occur at corner or edge*
2 *positions within the margins of large clusters; Small and large units lie in twin or parallel*
3 *orientations.*

4 Other intergrowth-forming processes are only evident in macrocrystic and megacrystic
5 clusters that incorporated small units during late stages of growth. These marginal units lie in
6 parallel or twin orientations with the megacryst trunk and are attached near crystal corners or
7 edges of the larger units (**Figs. 6f, 8e; Fig. 3a, b of App.**³). Serial sections of the megacryst in
8 **Figure 8e**, for example, show that a matured skeletal Verespatak twin, three small parallel units,
9 and a thin skeletal overgrowth concentric to the megacryst mantle are nearly stratigraphically
10 equivalent. From this, we infer that formations of twins and parallel units with highly unequal
11 sizes and distinctly different growth patterns can be better explained, respectively, by (1) seeded
12 twin growth through a mismatch of atomic positions on pre-existing crystals, and (2) preferential
13 nucleation and homoepitaxial growth on pre-existing crystal corners and edges, both driven by a
14 new stage of high-supersaturation (Sunagawa 2005). These processes may be applicable to
15 smaller clusters, but could be subordinate, as the majority exhibit characteristics explainable by
16 dendritic budding or growth twinning. In fact, growth twinning is energetically more achievable
17 at the nucleation stage (Buerger 1945; Sunagawa 2005; Brugger and Hammer 2015), and the
18 twinned quartz mesocrysts in **Figure 6j** and **Figure 3c–e of Appendix**³ attest that twinning
19 occurs in very early stages of quartz growth (also see **App.**⁴). Additionally, recurring twin planes
20 in single clusters are also plausible at high supersaturation (Sunagawa 2005; Brugger and
21 Hammer 2015), although multi-component twinning could also result from heterogeneous-like
22 nucleation of twins. The latter should be evidenced by a distinct and non-systematic grain size
23 difference among units that can be verified through serial sectioning (Drugman 1927).

1 Regardless of these various complex processes that may contribute to cluster construction, our
2 observations and data lead us to suggest that it may be powered exclusively by higher rates of
3 crystal nucleation and growth under high driving force conditions.

4 **Lineage of lattice defects.** *Signs: Parallel or twinned units show measurable*
5 *misorientation; Occurrences of subgrain boundaries, melt lenses at unit contacts, and Dauphiné*
6 *twins.*

7 The mechanisms forming quartz clusters produce or predispose them to a number of
8 other crystal defects worth noting. Optical and EBSD measurements of unit orientations show
9 that units may be offset a few degrees from ideal parallel or twin relation (e.g., **Fig. 6g, k; Table**
10 **3 of App.**¹). Quartz clusters in plutonic lithologies also show consistent unit offsets in EBSD
11 data (Beane and Wiebe 2012; Graeter et al. 2015), as do highly systematic groupings of dendritic
12 olivine (Welsch et al. 2013). Such slight misorientations have been formerly cited as evidence of
13 synneusis (Vance 1969 and references therein), distortions related to the β - α quartz transition
14 (Beane and Wiebe 2012; Graeter et al. 2015), or intracrystalline deformation (Carter et al. 1986;
15 Helz 1987; Beane and Wiebe 2012). Alternatively, we propose unit offsets are most likely the
16 result of lattice defects created during early rapid crystallization (Sunagawa 2005; Welsch et al.
17 2013). Defective boundaries or lattice mismatches are indicated by subgrain boundaries or
18 dislocation planes (e.g., **Fig. 6g, k**), as well as narrow melt lenses (i.e. areas unfavorable for
19 atomic attachment) that appear to have formed as faces of slightly misoriented units tried to meld
20 together throughout growth (i.e. planar defects) (e.g., **Figs. 8d, and 10f, i**; Sunagawa 2005;
21 Welsch et al. 2013). Dauphiné twins are also defects superimposed on parallel units and contact
22 twins (**Fig. 8**), a phenomenon that is quite common for the latter (Sunagawa et al. 1979; Lenart et
23 al. 2012; Xu et al. 2014; Momma et al. 2015). Dauphiné twin formation by primary growth is

1 limited to α -quartz, but can occur secondarily under mechanical stresses or transformation from
2 β - to α -structure (Fron del 1945). Because of their ubiquity, a secondary origin is probable and
3 could be related to MI bursting or strain induced by rapid cooling through the β - α inversion
4 (Fron del 1945). Conceivably, various pre-existing high-energy growth defects (i.e. contact twin
5 boundaries, planar defects, screw dislocations, impurity and point defects, MIs, etc.) increased
6 the susceptibility of crystals to additional lattice imperfection.

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8 **Conditions of rapid quartz growth**

9 Our investigation identifies disequilibrium, skeletal to dendritic crystal growth traceable
10 through intricate relationships between prominent quartz textures. The crystallization of skeletal
11 and dendritic quartz requires specific thermodynamic conditions (Swanson and Fenn 1986);
12 therefore, quartz morphologies can be used to reconstruct crystal origins and the history of the
13 host magma. Crystallization experiments using natural and synthetic silicate melts show that
14 quartz morphology can be directly related to the degree of undercooling ($\Delta T = T_{\text{liquidus}} - T_{\text{melt}}$) at
15 various pressures and water contents (e.g., Lofgren 1971; Swanson 1977; Fenn 1986; Swanson
16 and Fenn 1986; MacLellan and Trembath 1991; London 1992, 2009; Baker and Freda 2001).
17 Generally, quartz forms a polyhedral morphology at small ΔT , but develops skeletal to dendritic
18 morphologies as ΔT becomes increasingly larger than $\sim 50^\circ\text{C}$, or when cooling rates exceed
19 $\sim 2^\circ\text{C}/\text{hour}$ (Swanson and Fenn 1986).

20 Experiments collectively show that skeletal or hopper dipyrramids are characteristic of
21 quartz crystallizing at moderate undercoolings ($\Delta T > \sim 40\text{--}50^\circ\text{C}$), whereas dendrites form at large
22 undercoolings ($\Delta T > \sim 50\text{--}100^\circ\text{C}$) (Swanson and Fenn 1986; MacLellan and Trembath 1991).
23 Experiments focused on textural development at pressures appropriate for rhyolitic systems are

1 limited. Therefore, we focus on results of the 1 kbar experiments of MacLellan and Trembath
2 (1991) wherein H₂O was maintained at or below 4 wt% for granitic melts, as well as similar 2
3 kbar experiments of Swanson and Fenn (1986), as these represent minimum conditions we infer
4 for Toba magmas (Chesner 1998; Chesner and Luhr 2010) and are consistent with other rhyolitic
5 systems (Gualda and Ghiorso 2013 and references therein). Both experimental studies produced
6 a similar morphological range of quartz by inducing similar degrees of undercooling, but
7 MacLellan and Trembath (1991) thoroughly documented that morphologies are equally
8 dependent upon ΔT , crystallization duration (*time*), and melt composition. More specifically,
9 their isothermal experiments show complexity: multiple quartz morphologies (i.e. polyhedral,
10 anhedral, and skeletal dipyrramids; granophyric, micropoikilitic, and spherulitic intergrowths with
11 feldspar), which increased in number and often coexistence with increased durations of large ΔT
12 (their Figs. 3 and 6). This led MacLellan and Trembath (1991) to infer that a melt cooling
13 continuously at a constant moderate to high rate may crystallize two or more morphologies
14 sequentially without a major change in temperature, pressure, or volatile content. They also show
15 that cooling rate and melt composition (Ab- versus Or-rich) may govern the sequence in which
16 some quartz morphologies develop (their Fig. 5). MacLellan and Trembath (1991) suggest that
17 multiple quartz morphologies can form through two processes: (1) one morphology evolving into
18 another during continued growth of early crystals (**Fig. 15**; also Swanson 1977); and (2)
19 sequential crystallization of different morphologies occurring synchronously with the
20 aforementioned process. Their descriptions of textural modification (i.e. the transformative
21 sequences of polyhedral dipyrramids → anhedral quartz → skeletal quartz; and skeletal quartz →
22 polyhedral dipyrramids with MIs and embayments) are remarkably in line with the textures and
23 inferred growth processes we describe for Toba quartz (**Figs. 9–13 and 15**).

1 We infer based upon experimental studies that a minimum undercooling of ~50–100°C
2 was required for skeletal and dendritic quartz morphologies to develop in melts of Toba
3 compositions (**Fig. 17**; MacLellan and Trembath 1991; Swanson and Fenn 1986). Only in the
4 most-evolved, fine-grained YTT pumice and dome samples (T-5B and TT-2) are there
5 granophyric quartz-feldspar intergrowths (**Figs. 2 and 5j, k of App.³**), a sign that these melts
6 experienced a much stronger degree of undercooling ($\Delta T > 100^\circ\text{C}$) or crystallized at large ΔT for
7 a relatively longer duration (**Fig. 17**; Fig. 6 of MacLellan and Trembath 1991). Additionally,
8 melt composition likely played a role in the development of this particular texture (MacLellan
9 and Trembath 1991). Given that quartz is not the first phase to crystallize in this near-eutectic
10 system, other mineral phases, such as feldspars, are expected to also record such strong
11 undercooling. In addition to granophyric intergrowths, single crystals and monomineralic
12 clusters of plagioclase, sanidine, and some mafic phases show abundant textural-chemical
13 evidence of disequilibrium (some textures observable in **Fig. 2 of App.³**). Ongoing work aims to
14 collectively interpret characteristics of quartz and these minerals to more accurately reconstruct
15 crystallization conditions and the degree of undercooling. Because quartz is simpler structurally
16 and less susceptible to structural and chemical modification (MacLellan and Trembath 1991), its
17 textural record forms the most reliable foundation for understanding the cooling histories of
18 Toba melts.

19 Determining the specific process(es) that drove magma undercooling is beyond the
20 breadth of this study, as it too requires consideration of other phases and may warrant
21 experimental investigation. However, strong degrees of undercooling can be readily generated by
22 a decrease in magma temperature upon contact with a cooler environment or cold country rock
23 (i.e. conventional ΔT). Undercooling can also increase through a rise in the liquidus temperature

1 during volatile exsolution (i.e. effective undercooling, ΔT_{eff}), a process that usually accompanies
2 magma decompression or ascent (e.g., Hammer and Rutherford 2002; Hammer 2008).
3 Alternatively, phase supersaturation can be achieved through a change in melt chemistry during
4 magma mixing or assimilation (e.g., Castro 2001). Because skeletal and dendritic quartz can
5 develop in H₂O-saturated or H₂O-undersaturated melts and at various pressures (Swanson and
6 Fenn 1986; MacLellan and Trembath 1991), the consideration for either set of conditions,
7 concurrent with or exclusive of one another, is tenable (we leave ΔT unspecified here for this
8 reason). The textural transformations recorded in quartz should provide vital clues to the origin
9 of its rapid growth and are discussed hereafter.

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11 **Origins of textural transformations beneath Toba**

12 Sections of the quartz stratigraphy that record changes in crystal morphology are critical
13 for deciphering and constraining processes that led to rapid quartz growth. Here, we discuss
14 implications of the scale, location, and sequence of morphological transformations in relation to
15 CL intensity across the transitions (also see **App.**⁴). We test the applicability of experimental
16 results in finer detail where possible, and in turn, interpret causation for each type of
17 transformation.

18 **Early rapid growth (polyhedral → skeletal or dendritic).** The regular occurrence of
19 hopper and dendrite relics at the cores of single crystals and grouped units indicates that skeletal
20 to dendritic growth was characteristic of early stages of quartz crystallization (**Figs. 7–13** and
21 **15**). This can be explained by an initial lag in quartz nucleation upon sudden disequilibrium,
22 followed by a nucleation event and subsequent pulse of rapid growth (e.g., Swanson 1977;
23 Swanson and Fenn 1986; Dowty 1980b; MacLellan and Trembath 1991; Hort 1998; Milman-

1 Barris et al. 2008; **Fig. 18a**). Hopper relics themselves mantle a ≤ 300 μm faceted zone, implying
2 that crystals initially grew with polyhedral morphologies (**Figs. 9–13** and **15**). This morphology
3 sequence also appears in MacLellan and Trembath's (1991) experiments, wherein skeletal
4 morphologies evolved from continued growth of earlier dipyrramids during prolonged
5 undercooling and under a range of cooling rates. Therefore, such an early transformation in Toba
6 quartz was likely short-lived and occurred in situ (**Fig. 18a**).

7 Portions of each precursory polyhedral 'seed' may indeed preserve a conformable
8 relation to the pulse of rapid growth. These portions include euhedral zones rooting arborescent
9 zones, and the periodic oscillations that precede them (**Figs. 9–13** and **18a**). Because the
10 oscillations exhibit periodicity, display a higher CL intensity matching that of arborescent zones,
11 and can cycle back and forth with arborescent zones (**Fig. 9g, i**), we interpret them to also
12 represent entrapped boundary layers with defects (**Fig. 14**). Huang and Audétat (2012) and
13 Pamukcu et al. (2016) show that absolute concentrations of Ti, Li, Al, and Na in quartz increase
14 with increasing crystal growth rate. Thus, we interpret the Ti-richer and -poorer oscillations to
15 reflect cyclic ramp-ups and lulls in growth rate (**Fig. 18a**). Whereas, the Ti-richer 'root' zone
16 may mark a final pulse in growth rate that increases enough to sprout terraced or branching tips
17 (**Figs. 12, 13** and **18a**; Swanson and Fenn 1986). This interpretation would imply that the
18 incorporation of a melt boundary layer (and increase in defect density) does not require
19 development of skeletal and dendritic morphologies, and is in accord with crystal-growth theory
20 that predicts changes in growth mechanism induce changes in morphology (Kirkpatrick 1975 and
21 references therein). If correct, this early transformation involved two conformable styles of
22 growth: (1) sequential layer addition (tree-ring style) followed by (2) preferential growth of
23 crystal corners and edges (**Fig. 18a**). Single or recurring transitions from the former (1;

1 polyhedral oscillating zones) to the latter (2; arborescent zones) would imply progressive or
2 oscillating changes in growth mechanism, respectively (**Fig. 9 g, i**; e.g., Welsch et al. 2013;
3 Faure et al. 2007). Again, such changes would reflect shifts in growth rate as an effect of
4 undercooling at the crystal interface (Swanson 1977; Swanson and Fenn 1986). Thus, increasing
5 ΔT may explain a single transition from polyhedral to skeletal or dendritic overgrowths, whereas
6 fluctuations in ΔT or latent heat build-up and removal along the crystal surface may explain
7 transient oscillations of ‘ramp-ups’, ‘lulls’, and skeletal to dendritic overgrowths (e.g., **Figs. 9g,**
8 **i, 10e, h, 14 and 18a**; Kirkpatrick 1975; Welsch et al. 2009, 2013; Colin et al. 2012).

9 Further, we speculate whether inter-crystal variation in zoning patterns within hopper and
10 dendrite core relics also results from variability in melt evolution at a local scale (i.e. the crystal-
11 melt interface). Other than within clusters, we do not observe any two cores having followed the
12 exact same cooling or morphological path (**Figs. 10 and 11**). Analogously, just as no two
13 snowflakes that have fallen from the same cloud look alike (Libbrecht 2005), we expect that
14 early skeletal to dendritic quartz too record locally unique, although broadly similar, trajectories
15 in melts at disequilibrium conditions.

16 **Cessation and two-stage recovery (skeletal or dendritic → polyhedral x 2).** The
17 cessation of fast diffusion-controlled growth is marked by the infilling of skeletal to dendritic
18 crystals with dark CL, Ti-poorer quartz (see *Trapped melt*; **Figs. 10–15 and 18a**). This first stage
19 of recovery may correspond to the infilling of skeletal crystals in MacLellan and Trembath’s
20 (1991) experiments of longer durations at moderate to large ΔT , or at moderate cooling rates
21 (**Fig. 17**). With continued crystallization, their skeletal crystals tended to evolve to anhedral
22 morphologies (reduced faceting); whereas, the dark infill here is typically faceted above cavities
23 (e.g., **Fig. 10a**). Terminal faceting of the earliest infill is consistent with slower polyhedral

1 growth, while its poorly- to non-zoned nature implies it grew under invariant conditions,
2 possibly in situ soon after skeletal to dendritic growth ended (**Fig. 18a**).

3 Additionally, the total impurity content and lower Ti concentrations of the dark CL infill
4 may provide clues to a magmatic environment that seeded fast crystallizing quartz, which is
5 otherwise masked by the incorporated melt boundary layer and intrinsic defects. Because early
6 skeletal to dendritic crystals (core relics) grew to a common size (~0.5–1 mm diameter) before
7 their primal ‘dark recovery stage’, their growth was probably slowed by a pervasive and
8 systematic process. Melt boundary layers may poison crystal faces to the point of slowing their
9 growth (e.g., Swanson and Fenn 1986; Colin et al. 2012; Welsch et al. 2013); but this may be
10 implausible as a dominant process for quartz given that the melt itself is primarily SiO₂.
11 Alternatively, it is probable that the burst of crystallization upon high undercooling led to a
12 regional build-up of latent heat in the magma (**Fig. 18a**), which could eventually halt rapid
13 crystal growth and allow slower growth to take over in situ (Kirkpatrick 1975; Hort 1998).
14 Evolution of the melt composition during the mass of crystallization would progressively lower
15 T_{liquidus} of quartz and hence ΔT over time as it approaches equilibrium, a process that could also
16 contribute to the decay of crystal growth rate (Kirkpatrick 1975; Swanson and Fenn 1986; Baker
17 and Freda 2001; Hammer and Rutherford 2002; Nabelek et al. 2010). Infilling, however,
18 indicates undercooling remained great enough to permit crystallization. Therefore, the dark infill
19 could signify the melt’s approach to thermal equilibrium and eutectic conditions (**Fig. 18a**;
20 Swanson and Fenn 1986). Such a series of processes would account for the absence of
21 unmodified hopper and dendritic crystals in the erupted magmas.

22 Stratigraphically above the dark CL infill lies the generic CL zoning of Toba quartz,
23 characterized by subtle oscillatory patterns in moderate gray shades (**Figs. 10–13, 16a, and 18a**).

1 Contacts between dark infill and this second-stage polyhedral overgrowth can be either flat
2 (conformable) or rounded (possibly non-conformable), implying that the faceting of dark infill
3 did not always complete (cf. MacLellan and Trembath 1991; Welsch et al. 2014) or that the infill
4 occasionally dissolved prior to growth of generic polyhedral exteriors (e.g., compare **Figs. 4j, k,**
5 **10a, and 11c**). Presuming that the first stage of polyhedral overgrowth (infill) occurred in situ,
6 the second stage generic overgrowth likely marks the point at which matured skeletal and
7 dendritic crystals physically left the environment they formed in, or when that environment
8 attained conditions typical of the system (**Fig. 18a**).

9 **Intermittent rapid growth (polyhedral → dendritic).** Fine dendritic overgrowths
10 ('wavy' zones) or tips reflect a severe change in morphology due to an abrupt increase in growth
11 rate (e.g., **Figs. 10j and 11b**; Swanson and Fenn 1986; MacLellan and Trembath 1991). Because
12 these Ti-richer relics interrupt the generic zoning pattern of crystal exteriors, show a reduction in
13 scale, and are coated with dark CL infill, we interpret them to represent the response of pre-
14 existing polyhedral crystals to a pulse of strong undercooling (**Fig. 18b**). Thus, it is possible that
15 transitions from large planar crystal surfaces to finer dendritic morphologies temporally
16 correspond to nucleation and growth of early skeletal to dendritic crystals (**Fig. 18a, b**). The
17 single crystals and clusters that show both early and intermittent morphology transformations
18 may record multiple undercooling events (e.g., **Fig. 10f; Fig. 5d of App.³**), consistent with our
19 idea that multiple generations of hopper or dendrite relics formed in order to explain why they
20 occur in a wide range of coexisting crystal sizes (0.5–20 mm) (e.g., compare **Fig. 10a and m**).

21 **Late rapid growth (polyhedral → skeletal).** Growth protuberances delineating sinuous
22 crystal margins signal disequilibrium during the latter stages of magma crystallization (**Fig. 16b**
23 and **18c; Fig. 4 of App.³**). Their formation is fundamentally different from any other

1 morphology transformation in that it is often relatively much larger in scale and unassociated
2 with arborescent CL zones. Instead, there is no interruption in generic oscillatory zoning across
3 the transition into protuberances, apart from zone adjustment to embayment walls (**Fig. 16b** and
4 **18c; Fig. 4 of App.**³). These characteristics are interpreted collectively as signs of a more
5 gradual transition from polyhedral to skeletal morphology, possibly related to a moderately
6 lower degree of undercooling or cooling rate, and thus relatively slower growth rate (**Fig. 18c;**
7 **MacLellan and Trembath 1991**). With their growth seized by eruption, these exterior skeletal
8 protuberances likely represent disparate morphoses reflecting different stages of polyhedral
9 recovery (see *Growth embayments*).

10 A relevant question here is: whether this type of skeletal growth contributes to large
11 crystal growth? Large crystal sizes are, in part, a consequence of grouped crystal units growing
12 together, many of which initially grew rapidly. Although megacrystic clusters are likely older
13 than mesocrystic ones, for example, megacrysts may not be necessarily “old”. Swanson (1977)
14 shows experimentally that large (several mm) crystals in supercooled granitic melts do not need
15 long periods of time to form. Experiments also show that seeded and twinned nuclei grow at
16 faster rates than unseeded and non-twinned ones (Cahn 1954; Swanson 1977). Additionally,
17 Nabelek et al. (2010) demonstrates that if water is retained in an undercooled system because it
18 cannot be efficiently vented, growth of large crystals may occur at cool temperatures, and even
19 below the equilibrium solidus (Jahns and Burnham 1969; Baker and Freda 2001). Because
20 exteriors of macrocrysts and megacrysts often contain a wealth of growth embayments and
21 matured? skeletal appendages, perhaps a specific set of conditions (T , P , H_2O , ΔT) may have
22 facilitated growth of large quartz beneath Toba.

23

1 **How fast did quartz grow?**

2 Studies seeking to extract time information from quartz crystals are increasing (e.g.
3 Gualda et al. 2012b; Seitz et al. 2015; 2018b; Pamukcu et al. 2015, 2016). A critical variable of
4 interest is crystal growth rate, which has been investigated experimentally (e.g., Swanson 1977;
5 Swanson and Fenn 1986; Baker and Freda 2001; Huang and Audétat 2012), through models
6 (e.g., Baker and Freda 2001; Pamukcu et al. 2016), melt inclusion faceting (Pamukcu et al.
7 2015), and Ti diffusion chronometry (e.g., Gualda and Sutton 2015; Seitz et al. 2015). Because
8 experimental studies agree that crystal morphology is a function of growth rate and the diffusion
9 of crystal-forming components in the melt (e.g., Kirkpatrick 1975; Swanson 1977; Lofgren 1974,
10 1980; Swanson and Fenn 1986), the skeletal to dendritic morphologies observed here offer a
11 qualitative reference from which to assess quartz growth rates obtained through different
12 methods. Consequently, these textures may help constrain the timescales of quartz growth.

13 Here, we review previously determined growth rates, paying particular attention to those
14 measured experimentally for skeletal to dendritic quartz (e.g. Swanson and Fenn 1986), and
15 those used to model the effect of quartz growth rate on boundary layer development in rhyolitic
16 melt (Pamukcu et al. 2016). Quartz growth rates are on the order of 10^{-10} m/s (parallel to *c*) in
17 experiments that produce skeletal and dendritic morphologies (Swanson and Fenn 1986; Baker
18 and Freda 2001). These are minimum values considering nucleation lag times; although water in
19 the system may effectively lower these rates (Swanson 1977; Swanson and Fenn 1986; Baker
20 and Freda 2001). Experiments consistently document that with increasing undercooling, crystal
21 growth rate increases to a maximum, and then decreases with time (i.e. diffusion-controlled
22 growth exhibits time-dependent behavior). Thus, growth rate may vary by orders of magnitude
23 (10^{-12} to 10^{-9} m/s at minimum) during a period of high undercooling, and may be exemplified by

1 the crystal morphology transitions observed here and in experiments (*see previous section*;
2 Swanson and Fenn 1986; MacLellan and Trembath 1991). Interestingly, numerical models of
3 Pamukcu et al. (2016) show that time-dependent boundary layer enrichment occurs at growth
4 rates faster than 10^{-10} m/s, consistent with the minimum growth rates required to form skeletal to
5 dendritic quartz in experiments. Assuming that skeletal to dendritic quartz growth in Toba
6 magmas led to crystallization of melt boundary layers, it seems appropriate to use a minimum
7 growth rate of 10^{-10} m/s to calculate possible timescales of ‘rapid’ quartz growth.

8 We focus our calculations on skeletal to dendritic relics delineated by zones enriched in
9 Ti (a factor of ~1.3–1.5) because we expect these features represent the most rapidly grown
10 portions of quartz (**Figs. 9–13**). As previously described, these relics usually represent
11 overgrowths on a ≤ 300 μm polyhedral ‘seed’ at the cores of single crystals or crystal units,
12 signifying that a severe morphology change followed nucleation. Therefore, a linear growth rate
13 from core-to-overgrowth margin cannot be assumed. We simply divide the core into two parts:
14 the inner polyhedral ‘seed’, and the skeletal-dendritic overgrowth, and measure the length of the
15 overgrowth parallel to the *c*-axis (e.g., **Figs. 10a, b** and **11a**). Growing at a rate of 10^{-10} m/s, the
16 ~0.05–1 mm skeletal-dendritic portions alone would have formed within 1 week to 4 months. If
17 faster growth rates apply, their growth times are of course much shorter: on the order of hours to
18 weeks. Other portions of quartz crystals likely grew at rates orders of magnitude slower as
19 indicated by polyhedral morphologies (e.g., 10^{-14} to 10^{-11} m/s; Gualda et al. 2012b; Pamukcu et
20 al. 2015; Seitz et al. 2015), thus the overall timescale of quartz growth at Toba is expected to be
21 much longer.

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IMPLICATIONS

1 Recognizing quartz textures as disparate manifestations of rapid crystallization
2 challenges our current understanding of the crystal record, and has implications for analytical
3 approaches and the models of large silicic magma bodies.

4 • Many textures observed in this study (such as embayments, “jagged CL zones” richer in Ti,
5 and clusters) are common to quartz in silicic rocks, and have been formerly taken as direct
6 signs of crystal dissolution caused by added heat or volatiles amid magma recharge (Bachmann
7 et al. 2002) or decompression (Seitz et al. 2018b), the assimilation of xenocrysts (Liu et al.
8 2006), and synneusis forced by turbulence, crystal accumulation, compaction, or melt
9 expulsion from a mush (Vance 1969; Beane and Wiebe 2012; Wilcock et al. 2013; Graeter et
10 al. 2015). Our study demonstrates that such processes are either not applicable to or solely
11 responsible for these ubiquitous textures in Toba rhyolites. Instead, we suggest that a single
12 process of rapid disequilibrium crystallization resonates through an array of prominent quartz
13 textures related by skeletal to dendritic growth. Consequently, we recommend a reevaluation of
14 the timing or extent to which quartz texturally records thermal rejuvenations, decompression,
15 assimilation, crystal gathering, and mush dynamics.

16
17 • A correspondence between relic skeletal-dendritic morphologies and increased trace element
18 concentrations (Ti, ± Al...) in natural quartz suggests that high crystal growth rates lead to
19 incorporation of a melt boundary layer in the lattice structure (also see Huang and Audétat
20 2012; Pamukcu et al. 2016). Preservation of a skeletal-dendritic morphology (i.e. its
21 illumination and delineation in CL) presumably owes to the presence of impurities (primarily
22 Ti based on current measurements); however, because rapid crystallization may introduce
23 additional point defects (Götze et al. 2001 and references therein), the total CL intensity may

1 be influenced by both extrinsic (impurity) and intrinsic defects. Collectively, these processes
2 have major implications for the applications of Ti-in-quartz thermobarometry (Wark and
3 Watson 2006; Thomas et al. 2010; Huang and Audétat 2012) and Ti diffusion modeling
4 (Matthews et al. 2012b; Seitz et al. 2015, 2018b; Gualda and Sutton 2016). These petrologic
5 tools assume parameters such as magma temperature, a_{TiO_2} , or growth rate to be constant, that
6 CL variations are primarily due to Ti zoning, or that crystal compositions reflect chemical
7 equilibrium with the melt, all of which could be problematic when studying portions of crystals
8 grown at high rates. In addition, our study finds that skeletal to dendritic crystal growth
9 promotes melt entrapment in quartz, and that continued infilling leads to crystallization on the
10 walls of some inclusions after they have been sealed. Because anomalous MI compositions in
11 quartz are commonly documented (e.g., Liu et al. 2006; Chesner and Luhr 2010; Bégué et al.
12 2014), establishing their textural context is crucial in determining if quartz entrapped
13 representative aliquots of its host melt versus melt boundary layers, or if post-entrapment
14 crystallization has modified inclusion chemistry.

15

16 • Diverse textures traceable to shifts between fast and slow crystallization occur in single
17 crystals. Thus, their compound morphologies and chemical zoning reflect growth at both high
18 and low degrees of undercooling and supersaturation. This implies that rapid disequilibrium
19 crystallization can account for some primary, inter- and intra-crystal textural and chemical
20 heterogeneities in igneous quartz. Thus, our model of rapid quartz growth may impact the
21 approach to analyzing and interpreting the quartz crystal stratigraphy.

22

1 • Abundant skeletal to dendritic and rarer granophyric quartz textures in the YTT and its effusive
2 remnants are in accord with those produced experimentally at high degrees of undercooling
3 and supersaturation (Swanson and Fenn, 1986; MacLellan and Trembath 1991). Because such
4 morphologies require specific thermodynamic conditions, they provide a new foundation from
5 which to investigate the thermochemical evolution and dynamics of Toba's pre- and post-
6 caldera magma systems. Providing that skeletal quartz textures are non-unique to Toba
7 rhyolites, they may serve as potentially unique tracers of dynamic processes and their rates
8 over some spatial or temporal scale in silicic magma bodies.

9
10 • Skeletal to dendritic quartz textures in the Toba magma system record episodes of
11 crystallization on short geologic timescales, possibly on the order of weeks to months. While
12 such textures may echo the short timescales obtained from element diffusion modeling and
13 melt inclusion shapes (e.g., Druitt et al. 2012; Gualda et al. 2012a; Allan et al. 2013; Pamukcu
14 et al. 2015; Gualda and Sutton 2016), a record of both rapid and slow growth may suggest fast
15 crystallization contributes latent heat needed to incubate large magma bodies for longer time
16 periods (e.g., Huber et al. 2009). Moreover, the prevalence of these textures implies that
17 dynamic processes can drive (at least portions of) voluminous systems to supersaturation while
18 residing in the crust, which will have profound effects on their thermomechanical evolution
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FIGURE CAPTIONS

4 **Figure 1.** Sample locations shown on a DEM of Toba caldera (Sumatra, Indonesia). Rhyolite
5 dome exposures outside the study area (inset) were discovered in 2015 by Chesner et al.
6 (submitted).

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8 **Figure 2.** Examples of thick serial sections of YTT pumice (sample T-13). The full sequence
9 represents eight successive cuts parallel to the pumice stretch direction (slices 6–8 are in **Fig. 1**
10 **of App.**³). Individual serial sections in this study are ~0.15–0.5 mm thick and separated by a ~0.9
11 mm kerf width. A pink background shows transparent crystals of quartz (Qz; shaded red in Slice
12 3; some fractures are stained), plagioclase (Pl), and sanidine (Sa). Like quartz, the feldspars can
13 reach megacrystic sizes and form clusters. Plagioclase commonly exhibits abundant glass
14 inclusions and is shattered. Sanidine is often elongate to tabular, but low in abundance and
15 relatively small in this sample.

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17 **Figure 3.** Mineralogical data for quartz. Polymorphs of β - and α -quartz represent the hexagonal
18 crystal system, but possess different lattice symmetries. Beta-quartz is stable above 573°C at 1
19 atm and contains hexagonal 6-fold lattice symmetry (*622 class; P6₄22 or P6₂22 space group*),
20 whereas α -quartz is stable below 573°C at 1 atm and contains rhombohedral (trigonal) 3-fold
21 symmetry (*32 class; P3₂21 or P3₁21 space group*) (Le Châtelier 1889; Bragg and Gibbs 1925;
22 Keith and Tuttle 1952; Deer et al. 1963). Crystal forms and interfacial angles were calculated
23 using SHAPE v7.4 software (Dowty 1980a, 1987) for β -quartz and α -quartz in their respective

1 point symmetries (622 and 321) and unit-cell parameters ($a=5.01$, $c=5.47$ Å and $a=4.913$,
2 $c=5.405$ Å; Deer et al. 1963; Ghiorso et al. 1979), which correlate to axial ratios of $a:c=1:1.093$
3 and $a:c=1:1.1$ (Fron del 1962); however, primary β -quartz structurally possesses those of α -quartz
4 at room temperature. Orientations of a and c crystallographic axes are equal in both polymorphs,
5 but $\{10\bar{1}1\}$ and $\{01\bar{1}1\}$ lattice planes change to positive r and negative z rhombohedra in α -
6 quartz. Interfacial angles of polymorphs are red= β , blue= α , and purple=m \bar{u} tual. Interfacial angles
7 are constant regardless of crystal asymmetry (i.e. law of constancy of interfacial angles, Steno
8 1669), but cross-sections oblique to a and c axes can simulate apparent angles, especially
9 between pyramidal or rhombohedral faces. The area of each crystal form or face (dictated by
10 growth rate in nature) was controlled by changing their central distances. Angular relationships
11 and morphology variations for twin laws are drawn after Sunagawa (2004) and Fron del (1945,
12 1962). Verespatak Law (β -quartz) is traditionally Japan Law for primary α -quartz; and the
13 Esterel Law (β -quartz) is equivalent to Reichenstein-Grieserntal Law for primary α -quartz.
14 Although twin law names are implicative of polymorph, we refer to just one pair for consistency.
15 Previous literature intermixes the names as a note of caution (i.e. Beane and Wiebe 2012;
16 Graeter et al. 2015). Twin r and z rhombohedra are depicted due to observed asymmetry, but are
17 interchangeable with p faces of the dipyr amidal form. Black pins indicate the angular
18 relationships between poles to faces that distinguish the contact twins.

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20 **Figure 4.** Representative habits and morphologies of Toba quartz. Images were taken with a
21 stereomicroscope (a, b, f–i), SEM (c, d, j–m), and petrographic microscope (e). Scale bars are
22 100 μ m. Crystal replicas were drawn using SHAPE v7.4 software (Dowty 1980a, 1987) to
23 emphasize face shape and size. Crystals (a–c, e, i, l, m) are polyhedral, whereas those in (d, f–h,

1 j, k) are skeletal or contain remnant hopper cavities. Some crystals are fractured. **(a)** Crystal with
2 extended diagonal and apical edges (out of focus) between opposing rhombohedral faces (sample
3 T-12). **(b)** Crystal exhibiting extended diagonal edges between opposing rhombohedral and
4 prism faces due to asymmetric rhombohedral faces (T-20). **(c–d)** SE images of crystals
5 containing large prism faces and unequal rhombohedral faces (TT-10). Remnants of two hollow
6 prism faces in crystal (d) are indicated by an oval depression (front) and subtle terraces (front
7 and left). Dense glass is shaded orange. **(e)** Cross-section of an in situ asymmetric crystal
8 encased in vesicular matrix glass (plane-polarized light). Interfacial angles verify the prism form
9 (T-5B). **(f)** Skeletal (hopper) crystal showing many sharp terraces (growth steps) inside a hollow
10 rhombohedral face (T-12). Diagonal edge orientations are preserved in the terrace pattern (i.e. r
11 and z face inequality persisted throughout growth). **(g)** Two similar skeletal-polyhedral crystals
12 showing hollow prism faces and polyhedral rhombohedral faces (T-12). **(h)** Hopper crystal
13 showing hollow prism faces with traces of curved terraces. The funnel-shaped cavity overlies
14 part of its embayment (T-13). **(i)** Enclosed remnant hopper cavities (MIs) that mimic shapes of
15 overlying crystal faces (T-5B). **(j)** Two views of a hollow prism face that contains both terraces
16 and smooth surfaces. The crystal exhibits a compound morphology (i.e. skeletal-anhedral-
17 polyhedral) (T-5B). **(k)** Cross-section of a broken crystal similar to (g) and (h). The embayment
18 opening spans the width of the prism face depression (i.e. remnant hollow face) (T-20). **(l–m)**
19 Highly asymmetric crystals. Crystal in (l) shows the imprint of a lost subcrystal (shaded teal).
20 Imprint edges parallel crystal edges (T-5B).

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22 **Figure 5.** Quartz textures in X-ray tomograms. Air and matrix glass have been removed.
23 Separate crystals or minerals may surround quartz of interest, but they are not in contact. Purple

1 arrows indicate re-entrant edges; black arrows indicate magnetite inclusions (white). **(a)**
2 Snapshots of two parallel, interpenetrated, dipyramidal units in clockwise rotation. Views 4b and
3 5 show a hollow face (hopper cavity) in cross-section and 3D, respectively. Sectioned quartz
4 clusters that may appear similar to this one in 3D can be found in **Fig. 10a, c, and g**, for example.
5 **(b)** Successive slices that intersect MIs and embayments hosting magnetite (Mag) inclusions.
6 The shattered megacryst ($\phi \sim 10$ mm) is delineated by orange dashed lines. Crystal faces outside
7 chosen section planes are masked in red (prism, *m*) and orange (rhombohedral, *r* or *z*). Insets
8 represent enlargements of magnetite crystals attached to embayment walls (orange solid lines).

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10 **Figure 6.** Quartz textures in thin and thick sections. Images (b–f, h–k) have map coordinates in
11 3” x 2” sections of **Fig. 2 of App.**³. **(a)** Burst, faceted megacryst containing embayments lying in
12 different orientations (sample T-57). **(b)** Skeletal macrocryst with embayments or cavities.
13 Faceted MIs occur beneath crystal faces. Protuberances are faceted and extend from edge or
14 corner locations (T-5B). **(c)** Mesocryst exhibiting hollow faces of the prism form (T-5B). Small
15 MIs occur beneath rhombohedral faces. **(d)** Macrocryst (left) and mesocryst (lower right) with
16 embayments or MIs at centers of crystals faces (TT-2). The macrocryst displays (in 2D) a
17 triangular-shaped cavity with overhanging skeletal appendages (opposing terraces). **(e)** Optically
18 continuous mesocryst (near extinction) showing redundant faces, asymmetry, and skeletal-
19 polyhedral morphology (TT-2). **(f)** Burst megacryst with repeated faces, embayments, and
20 misoriented regions separated by fractures (T-12). **(g)** Macrocryst with a misoriented region
21 delineated by a subgrain boundary (TT-4). Embayments/triangular-shaped voids also bound
22 misoriented regions. **(h)** V-shaped macrocryst showing two regions with different interference
23 colors and extinctions (T-12). **(i)** Macrocryst with three regions (separated by fractures) of

1 different interference colors and extinctions (T-13). **(j)** Optically discontinuous microcryst and
2 mesocryst pairs, each a mirror image or inversion about a planar contact (arrows) (T-5B). **(k)**
3 Serial sequence showing blocky-progressive extinction and repeated faces of different crystal
4 forms (T-12). Irregular dislocation planes are concentrated nearer the repetitive external faces. **(l)**
5 Plane-polarized light (PPL) + reflected light image showing concentrated MIs and a magnetite
6 inclusion at the center of a cluster (see corresponding CL image in **Fig. 5f of App.**³). The
7 inclusion lies at the head of a deep embayment. **(m)** PPL image showing magnetite and apatite
8 inclusions in CL-imaged quartz of **Fig. 10c**. Two magnetite octahedrons are attached in parallel.

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10 **Figure 7.** Sketch summarizing crystal zoning and textures revealed by CL imaging. Sizes of
11 textural features 4 through 12 are described in the text. The relative scaling of some drawn
12 features is arbitrary.

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14 **Figure 8.** Crystallography of quartz clusters determined through EBSD. Clusters in CL images
15 are displayed next to Euler orientation maps and corresponding pole figures. Data points (pixels)
16 are represented by Euler colors that indicate different crystallographic orientations and are
17 plotted in upper hemisphere stereographic projections. Dashed white lines delineate prominent
18 crystal fractures bordered by Dauphiné twins (*D*). Crystal shape and CL zone configurations
19 were combined with EBSD data to model simplistic 3D solutions of clusters in SHAPE v7.4
20 software (see *Methods*; Dowty 1980a, 1987). Modeled crystal margins may not replicate true
21 margins due to complex asymmetric habits. Arborescent zones (described in *Zonings*, **Fig. 10–**
22 **13**) are delineated in CL images. **(a)** Five nearly identical parallel units disguised as a single
23 crystal. Each core has brighter oscillating CL zones surrounded by much darker CL zones. *Units*

1 *1* and *2* are most resembled in *Slice 1* because equivalent levels of *Units 3–5* lie outside the
2 section plane. A 3D reconstruction requires remarkably organized interpenetrations of elongate
3 prismatic units to replicate CL zoning in both *Slices 1* and *2* [sample T-12 (C11, 10)]. **(b)** Units
4 in Verespatak or parallel relation. Unit cores show brighter oscillating CL zones encased in
5 darker CL zones. A 3D reconstruction requires trigonal symmetry and asymmetric habit. The re-
6 entrant edge (*RE*) is also characteristic of growth twins (Hartman 1956; Sunagawa et al. 2004)
7 [sample T-20 (2.9)]. **(c)** Repeated Esterel twinning on *Unit 3* creates a 113° angle between *Units*
8 *1* and *2*. The two sandwiching units are thus, by symmetry, related. Because equivalent unit
9 levels are not exposed, unit size and zoning patterns appear somewhat dissimilar. Note the
10 configuration of faint brighter CL zones at the core of *Unit 1* (see *Zonings*, **Fig. 10**) [sample T-13
11 (H6)]. **(d)** Repeated Esterel twinning on parallel *Units 2* and *3* creates a 113° angle between
12 *Units 1* and *4*. Like (c), a 3D model requires the prism form to replicate unit shapes and CL
13 zoning. EBSD map and Dauphiné twins not shown (see **App.**²) [sample SF-3 (3.1)]. **(e)**
14 Megacrystic cluster comprising eight units. Larger units do not differ significantly in zoning
15 pattern, whereas *Units 3–6* are smaller, located in the megacryst exterior, and can differ in
16 zoning pattern. All units are in parallel except *Unit 5*, a Verespatak twin. Asymmetric
17 Verespatak (Japan) twin development (i.e. a small twin astride a larger one) is common in nature
18 (Drugman 1927). Note *Unit 5*'s three-fold distribution of Dauphiné twins and its layers of
19 arborescent CL zones (see *Zonings*, **Fig. 10**) [sample T-12 (B)].

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21 **Figure 9.** Sketches of arborescent CL zones in Toba quartz.

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1 **Figure 10.** Arborescent zones exposed in CL images of in situ quartz. Arborescent zones can be
2 subtle and may be better observed by magnifying the digital version of the figure. Insets
3 represent enhanced enlargements. **(a)** Ruptured pair of parallel polyhedral units (sample T-20).
4 The section plane lies in the center of *Unit 1*'s core and not in *Unit 2*'s, hence their similar CL
5 characteristics, but pattern disparity. The classic construction of arborescent zones is displayed
6 by *Unit 1* (i.e. branched limbs propagating from vertices of a polyhedral zone of similar CL, all
7 underlain by periodic oscillations). Note locations of exposed MIs/halos and that some branches
8 appear blurred. Orange arrows indicate apatite (Ap) inclusions. **(b)** Polyhedral crystal displaying
9 feathery arms between MIs/embayments (TT-10). **(c)** Two parallel units that appear as a single
10 crystal and share a mutual limb zone (pattern highlighted white; TT-6). Separate magnetite
11 inclusions lie deeper within heads of two embayments (shown in **Fig. 6m**). **(d)** Polyhedral crystal
12 with CL branches appearing as curvilinear lobes. A teardrop-shape MI is central to the core (SF-
13 1). **(e)** A section plane exposing two generations of arborescent zones in one twin, but not in the
14 other (SF-3). **(f)** Two generations of arborescent zones appear subtle at low-magnification (TT-
15 10). This section plane does not expose equivalent levels of each unit. Branches in *Unit 2* appear
16 disconnected (i.e. unattached to a primary limb). **(g)** Interpenetration of parallel *Units 1* and *2*
17 and their size decrease in the propagation direction of their mutual limb are important (SF-3).
18 *Units 3* and *4* are offset by 1–2°.
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20 **Figure 10 continued.** **(h)** Ruptured, complex cluster (T-13). Arborescent zones in different units
21 do not all appear in one section plane. Note the zoning pattern similarities and mutual
22 orientations of face directions among zones in some unit cores (especially parallel *Units 2* and *3*).
23 **(i)** Cluster disguised as a single crystal, which displays seam MIs, suture boundaries, and CL

1 zone adaptations to these features (TT-2). This section plane does not expose equivalent levels of
2 each unit, but shows their mutual exterior. **(j)** High magnification of small-scale overgrowths
3 that appear as ‘wavy’ zones within crystal mantles (TT-2). **(k)** Three units disguised as a single
4 crystal (T-20). Note that the dark CL area surrounding oscillations in *Unit 3* matches the dark CL
5 area around branches in *Unit 2*. **(l)** Arborescent zones nested in a bright CL region with
6 MIs/embalements, which were partially infilled by darker CL quartz (SF-1). Inclusions are also
7 associated with the wavy, jagged margin of the bright zone. **(m)** Ruptured megacrystic cluster
8 (T-57). Tiny MIs (black dots) in the core of *Unit 4* are consistent with the presence of
9 arborescent zones, which display diffuse boundaries with their dark CL encasement.

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11 **Figure 11.** Titanium and aluminum concentrations determined by LA-ICP-MS in arborescent
12 and surrounding CL zones. A full set of trace element data for these and additional crystals can
13 be found in **Table 5 of App.**¹. Magenta symbols for laser-ablation pits are to scale (~29 μm). Pits
14 with green-blue symbols represent crystal mantle (generic CL zoning) or rim analyses spatially
15 unrelated to arborescent zones and their encasing zones. Analytical error is 1σ . Legend is the
16 same as in **Fig. 10**. **(a)** Arborescent zones containing higher amounts of Ti (top values) and Al
17 (bottom values) relative to the dark CL polyhedral interior zone (sample T-5B). Orange arrows
18 indicate apatite (Ap) inclusions. **(b)** Branching tips propagate from vertices of a bright CL
19 polyhedral to wavy ‘root’ zone, which has some of the highest Ti, Al concentrations identified
20 for these features (T-20). The greater apparent thickness of the ‘root’ zone in *Unit 2* is likely an
21 effect of a high-angle section plane relative to its planar surface. *Units 1* and *2* are non-parallel
22 (possibly twins). **(c)** Group of six formerly intact units (T-13). *Units 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7* are parallel;
23 *Units 6* and *8* are parallel, *Unit 4* is not parallel to any other unit. In this section, most units

1 possess similar core characteristics (i.e. thin brighter CL oscillating zones \pm arborescent tips
2 encased by dark CL quartz), but *Units 1* and *2* are most resembled, showing equivalent face
3 zones and arborescent tips in mutual orientations (remainder of *Unit 2* is not exposed). *Slice 2* is
4 in **Fig. 5 of App.**³ and does not show these textures. Plotted laser-ablation transects show
5 variations in Ti and Al in *Units 1, 3, and 4*. Transect data are plotted from left to right across a
6 unit and are discontinuous (green-blue pit symbols have been enlarged in top image). At unit
7 cores, the magenta color spectrum is defined by Ti variations, which have been roughly
8 categorized (shaded boxes) into az = brighter CL arborescent zones and associated oscillations;
9 de = dark CL encasement; az:de > 1; and az:de < 1. Titanium values intermediate between the
10 highest and lowest values likely represent different proportions of az:de unavoidably sampled
11 using laser-ablation.

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13 **Figure 12.** Interpretation of arborescent CL zones using a 3D model of hopper crystals of quartz.
14 Sectioning older prismatic and dipyramidal hopper crystals containing terraced cavity walls
15 generates zoning patterns like those observed in **Figs. 8–11** (except for **8e, 9d, f, 10b, 11b** – see
16 **Fig. 13**; cf. Welsch et al. 2013, 2014). All model faces of forms p or $r\{10\bar{1}1\}$, $z\{01\bar{1}1\}$, and
17 $m\{10\bar{1}0\}$ are initially polyhedral (blue and dark gray), become hollow (red), and subsequently
18 redevelop (dark and light grays). Zoning in lower index section planes of the model are shown,
19 although obtained sections can be variations of these. Model arborescent zones are simplified, as
20 observed disparities in apparent branch thickness and length (tapered arrows vs. thin and
21 feathery) may be related to both growth phenomena and section orientation (compare **Fig. 9**
22 sketches). Branch thickening as a possible effect of terrace intersections at high-angles is
23 depicted in sections A2—plane ($1\bar{2}10$) and C—plane ($1\bar{2}12$). Successive branch lengthening is

1 most-likely growth-related and is only depicted in sections A1—plane ($1\bar{2}10$) and D—plane
2 ($1\bar{2}10$) for example. Diffuseness of branch boundaries is not illustrated in the model, but may be
3 an effect of section orientation or trace element diffusion. Sections A1 and D—plane ($1\bar{2}10$)
4 show feathery zoning similar to **Fig. 10a, i** and **Fig. 10c, m**, respectively, by intersecting terraced
5 hopper cavities, corners and edges that propagate from a polyhedral foundation (also **Fig. 5g of**
6 **App.**³). Section A2—plane ($1\bar{2}10$) shows zoning similar to **Fig. 11a** by intersecting only terraces
7 and edges and not cavities along the prism direction. Section B—plane (0001) displays
8 symmetrically distributed feathery zoning similar to **Fig. 10f, l**. Oblique section C—plane ($1\bar{2}12$)
9 exhibits many corners/edges and the continuations of terraces between them (connections of
10 branches) similar to **Fig. 10d, h** and **Fig. 5b, c of App.**³. Sections E1 and E2—plane ($1\bar{1}01$)
11 parallel the same face direction, but E1 generates pseudo-oscillatory zoning similar to **Fig. 10k**
12 by clipping only terraces of the hollow ($1\bar{1}01$) face; whereas, E2 displays feathery zoning by
13 intersecting cavities, corners, and edges. Section F—plane (0001) generates hexagonal pseudo-
14 oscillatory zoning like that in *Unit 3* of **Fig. 11c** by intersecting only terraces, edges and not
15 cavities. Crystal forms and cross-sections were drawn using SHAPE v7.4 software (Dowty
16 1980a, 1987).

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18 **Figure 13.** Interpretation of arborescent CL zones using a 3D model of dendrites. Sectioning
19 older dendritic overgrowths generates zoning patterns observed in **Figs. 8e, 9d, f, 10b, 11b**, and
20 **Fig. 5e of App.**³. All model faces of forms p or $r\{10\bar{1}1\}$ and $z\{01\bar{1}1\}$ are initially polyhedral
21 (blue and dark gray), become hollow (red), and subsequently redevelop (dark and light grays).
22 Dendrite tips may propagate first from crystal corners or in directions of crystallographic axes
23 (see Swanson and Fenn 1986). Arborescent zones are described in the same way as in **Fig. 12**,

1 but here, limbs and branches intersecting at right angles or forming exterior angles (i.e. branches
2 are inclined away from the crystal center and do not parallel subjacent face directions) are true
3 primary and secondary dendrite branches. Section A—plane (0001) exhibits ‘snowflake’ arms by
4 intersecting dendrite tips that propagate from vertices of a polyhedral foundation.

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6 **Figure 14.** Sketch of boundary layer uptake and defect increase to explain higher Ti
7 concentrations and CL intensities of arborescent zones (adapted from Welsch et al. 2013). Scale
8 is arbitrary. **(a)** The quartz crystal surface is growing slowly at near-equilibrium conditions, and
9 is not consuming a boundary layer contaminated with elements that are incompatible in quartz.
10 **(b)** An increase in quartz growth rate during rapid skeletal to dendritic crystallization leads to a
11 build-up of slow-diffusing incompatible elements at the crystal-melt contact. Continued
12 accumulation of rejected elements at the rapidly advancing crystal surface leads to their
13 consumption; elements incorporated into the lattice are dominantly ones most compatible with
14 quartz (Ti, \pm Al) (see **Table 5 of App.**¹; Huang and Audétat 2012). The rapid crystallization also
15 likely induces intrinsic point defects in the lattice structure (Götze et al. 2001). Both extrinsic
16 (Ti) and intrinsic defects may contribute to the overall higher CL intensity of the rapidly
17 crystallized layer. **(c)** Liquid differentiation and latent heat build-up along the crystal surface
18 leads to a decrease in crystal growth rate. Slow growing infill buries the skeletal to dendritic
19 layers, which are preserved by enrichments in impurity elements and lattice defects.

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21 **Figure 15.** Evolution of crystal morphology common to early stages of quartz growth (compare
22 with Welsch et al. 2013). Quartz crystallizes rapidly following nucleation, and quickly
23 transitions from a polyhedral to skeletal (hopper) morphology under a high degree of

1 undercooling (a similar transition is also common to branching snowflakes that evolve from
2 hexagonal plates; Libbrecht 2005). The propagation of crystal corners and edges may transition
3 to dendritic crystallization that manifests as replicated overgrowths, or buds, on the initial crystal
4 (see *Dendritic buds and growth twins*). The crystal growth rate subsequently decays and quartz
5 begins to infill its hollow crystal faces. Slower infilling leads to melt inclusion entrapment and
6 embayment formation as quartz develops faces above its hopper cavities. Preferential growth
7 (infilling) may occur along pyramidal $p\{10\bar{1}1\}$ or rhombohedral $r\{10\bar{1}1\}$ and $z\{01\bar{1}1\}$ faces,
8 while the prism $m\{10\bar{1}0\}$ faces lag behind (e.g., **Fig. 4d, g, h, j, k**). This is consistent with the
9 relative normal growth rates of these forms, $R_m < R_r < R_z \ll R_{0001}$ (Sunagawa 2005 and references
10 therein), from which we predict hollow r and z faces will infill quicker than hollow m faces due
11 to the anisotropy in growth rates and tendency for R_m to be relatively low. Development of the
12 prism implies a higher ratio of $R_{r,z}:R_m$, and likely formed in response to the initial rapid growth
13 stage, consistent with relic skeletal to dendritic core morphologies (**Figs. 12 and 13**).

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15 **Figure 16. (a)** Interpretations of CL halos around melt pockets (inclusions, embayments). See
16 text for details. Crystals illustrated are from **Fig. 10a, c, and d. (b)** Protuberance size and shape
17 vs. quartz crystal size. Sketched crystal margins and prominent zone adaptations correspond to
18 those in CL-images of **Fig. 4 of Appendix³**. Protuberances are indicated by green arrows. We
19 hypothesize that larger crystals may have (1) had morphologies similar to smaller crystals earlier
20 in time, and subsequently infilled, or (2) they developed skeletal protuberances and infilled after
21 having already obtained a larger crystal size.

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1 **Figure 17.** Quartz morphology as a function of cooling rate, degree of undercooling, and time
2 for haplogranite and haplogranodiorite systems modeled after Swanson and Fenn (1986) and
3 MacLellan and Trembath (1991). Qz = quartz; Pl = plagioclase; Kfs = potassium feldspar.

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5 **Figure 18.** Interpretive sketch of common morphological transformations linked to
6 thermodynamic conditions and growth phenomena. On the left, enthalpy change (ΔH)
7 corresponding to crystallization of the most abundant mineral phases in YTT rhyolite is modeled
8 using rhyolite-MELTS [~ 75 wt% SiO_2 (sample T-20) at 2 kbar, 4 wt. % H_2O , and 1°C
9 temperature increments] (Gualda et al. 2012b). The schematic cooling rate curve below is
10 dimensionless, and serves to link thermodynamic changes to stages of crystallization under a
11 high degree of undercooling. **(a)** The model of ΔH helps demonstrate that a large ΔT would
12 impose massive crystallization near the eutectic. Thus, imposing a sudden large increase in ΔT or
13 cooling rate of the melt can explain the *Stage 1* morphology sequence by nucleation and a
14 subsequent pulse of rapid crystallization. Inflection of the cooling rate curve corresponds to an
15 increase in latent heat released by crystallization, which causes ΔT , the cooling rate, and crystal
16 growth rate to decrease (*Stage 2*). Skeletal to dendritic quartz infills during the period of
17 maximum latent heat buffering and liquid differentiation, as conditions approach equilibrium
18 (*Stage 2*; see text for details). Melt inclusions are entrapped as the crystal becomes polyhedral.
19 *Stage 3* marks a second-stage of polyhedral overgrowth (generic oscillatory zoning), recording
20 conditions typical of the system. **(b)** Fine dendritic overgrowths in crystal mantles record a pulse
21 of strong undercooling (i.e. advancing crystal surface rapidly breaks into a cellular morphology),
22 perhaps the same disequilibrium event(s) that formed skeletal to dendritic crystals of (a) (see text
23 for details). Overgrowths are coated with dark CL infill and subsequently buried by ‘normal’ or

1 'generic' polyhedral growth. (c) Crystal exteriors showing a larger-scale transition from
2 polyhedral to skeletal morphology may occur under a more moderate degree of undercooling or
3 cooling rate compared to (a, b), and perhaps during a separate (late) disequilibrium event.
4 Sketched features are not drawn to scale; single crystals or crystal units may preserve early,
5 intermittent, and late morphology transformations (not illustrated).

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8 **Table 1 (next page)**

Table 1. Interpretations of quartz textures in Toba rhyolites—a summary

Quartz feature	Interpretation
Asymmetric rhombohedra ± prism form	Initial rapid crystallization led to differential growth rates between individual dipyramidal or rhombohedral faces, as well as elongation parallel to the <i>c</i> -axis ^[a, b] . Alternatively or additionally, quartz may have crystallized initially in the α -quartz stability field ^[c, d]
Replete crystal faces	Quartz developed a polyhedral morphology during slower, interface-controlled growth under small degrees of undercooling ^[e, f, g]
Hollow crystal faces with terraced cavities or curvilinear lobes	Quartz formed a skeletal (hopper) morphology (preferential growth of crystal corners and edges) during rapid, diffusion-controlled growth under moderate to large degrees of undercooling ^[e, f, g]
Crystal with both replete and hollow faces	Quartz formed a morphology transitional between polyhedral and skeletal by (1) growing skeletally, then slowly infilling, or (2) growing slowly, then skeletally. Growth or infilling may have occurred preferentially on faces of forms $\{10\bar{1}1\}$ and $\{01\bar{1}1\}$ relative to $\{10\bar{1}0\}$ ^[a, f]
Embayments	(1) Quartz developed a cellular morphology during unstable, rapid crystal growth at higher degrees of undercooling and supersaturation ^[c, h, i, j] ; or (2) infilling of early skeletal to dendritic quartz left recesses or cavities filled with matrix glass ^[b] ; or (3) incidentally, a dissolving crystal surface intersected pre-existing melt inclusions or areas of high lattice defect density (e.g., protuberance or unit suture boundaries, twin planes), causing preferential dissolution, followed by regrowth ^[a, k]
Melt inclusions	Quartz trapped initially spherical or lens-shaped pockets of host melt either (1) along its growth surfaces ^[a, l, m] , (2) during the infilling of hopper cavities ^[f] , (3) at planar lattice defects between growing dendritic buds, twins, or merging skeletal protuberances ^[a, f] , or (4) occasionally, by reprecipitation following preferential dissolution of areas with high-energy defects
Quartz clusters (Crystals with multiple growth centers, or <i>units</i>)	Quartz formed nucleation errors or lattice mistakes during rapid crystal growth, resulting in twinning and multiplex twins. Propagated growth of hopper crystals led to dendritic crystallization, which manifested as replicated overgrowths, or buds, on the initial crystals ^[a, f, k, n, o]
Subgrain boundaries	Quartz formed either (1) twin planes, or (2) dislocation planes between parallel units ^[f]
Blocky-undulatory extinction	Budding quartz formed dislocation planes at the contacts of growing, slightly misaligned units ^[a, f]
Arborescent CL zones	Quartz grew with a skeletal (hopper) to dendritic morphology, while incorporating a melt boundary layer and intrinsic lattice defects during rapid, diffusion-controlled growth under high degrees of undercooling and supersaturation ^[f, p, q, r, s]
Lens-shape, or linear oscillatory CL zones	Quartz preserves competitions between growth and diffusion at the crystal-melt interface ^[a, t, u]
Curved CL zone boundary	Quartz preserves an older dissolution surface that formed during a temperature increase ^[v, w] or adiabatic ascent of the magma ^[x]
Step CL zones	Quartz records significant changes in magmatic conditions (i.e. <i>T</i> , <i>P</i> , melt composition) that are preserved as major and non-periodic changes in CL intensity bounded by dissolution surfaces ^[t, v, x]
Accessory mineral inclusions	(1) Impurities rejected by rapidly crystallizing quartz led to a local supersaturation of titanomagnetite and apatite ^[a, f, n, y]
Dauphiné twins	Quartz formed (secondary) penetration twins to accommodate strain induced by (1) rapid cooling through the β - α transition and (2) syn-eruptive crystal fracturing related to melt inclusion decrepitation ^[b, c]

^a Sunagawa 2005; ^b Frondel 1962; ^c Frondel 1945; ^d Flick 1987; ^e Laemmlein 1930; ^f Welsch et al. 2013; ^g Swanson and Fenn 1986; ^h MacLellan and Trembath 1991; ⁱ Donaldson 1976; ^j Lofgren 1980; ^k Brugger and Hammer 2015; ^l Roedder 1979; ^m Chesner and Luhr 2010; ⁿ Hammer et al. 2010; ^o Buerger 1945; ^p Milman-Barris et al. 2008; ^q Welsch et al. 2014; ^r Huang and Audétat 2012; ^s Götze et al. 2001; ^t Allègre et al. 1981; ^u Seitz et al. 2015; ^v Wark et al. 2007; ^w Kuo and Kirkpatrick 1985; ^x Thomas et al. 2010; ^y Bacon 1989.

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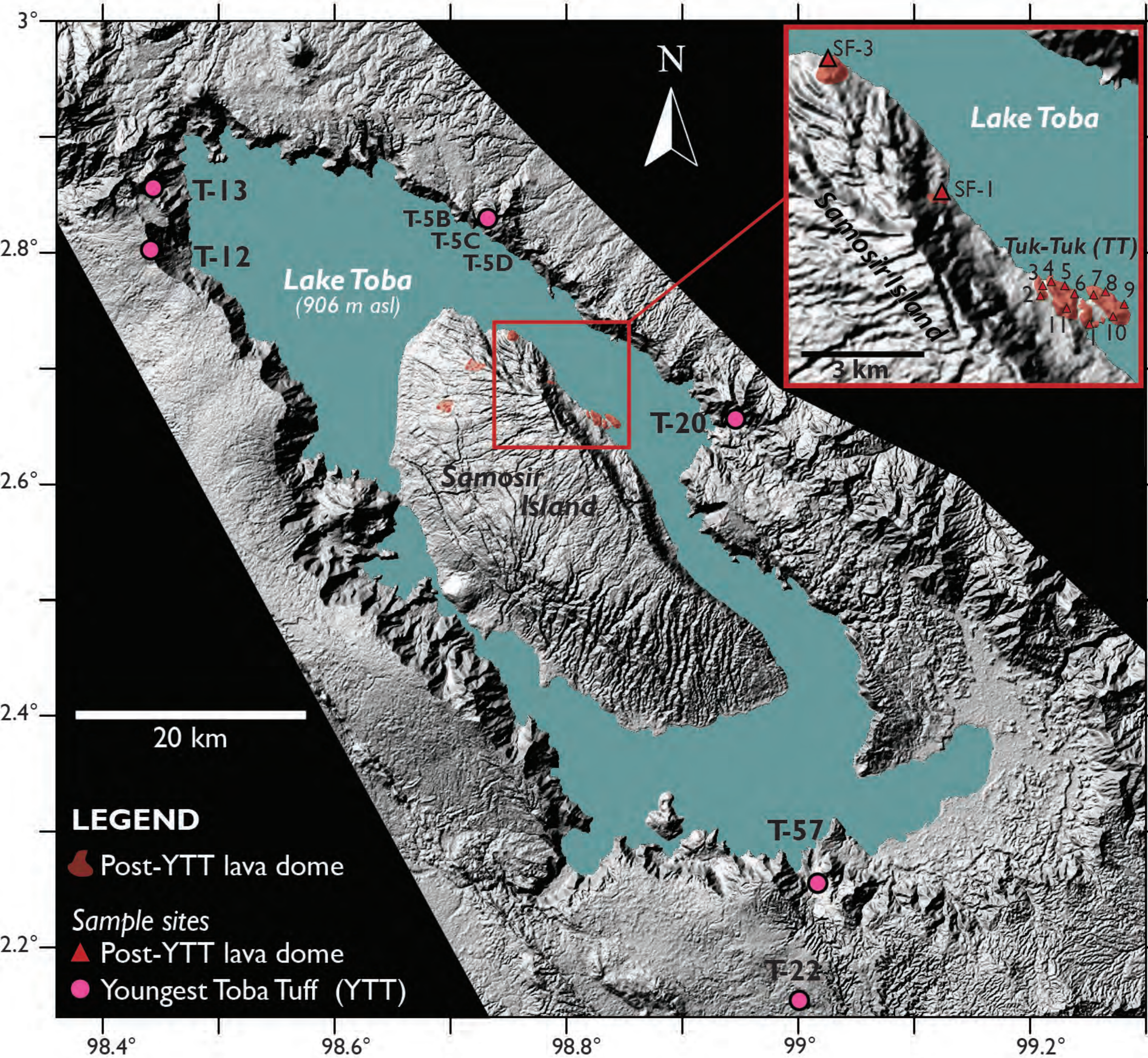


Figure 2. (3" width)

3" (76 mm)

2" (51 mm)

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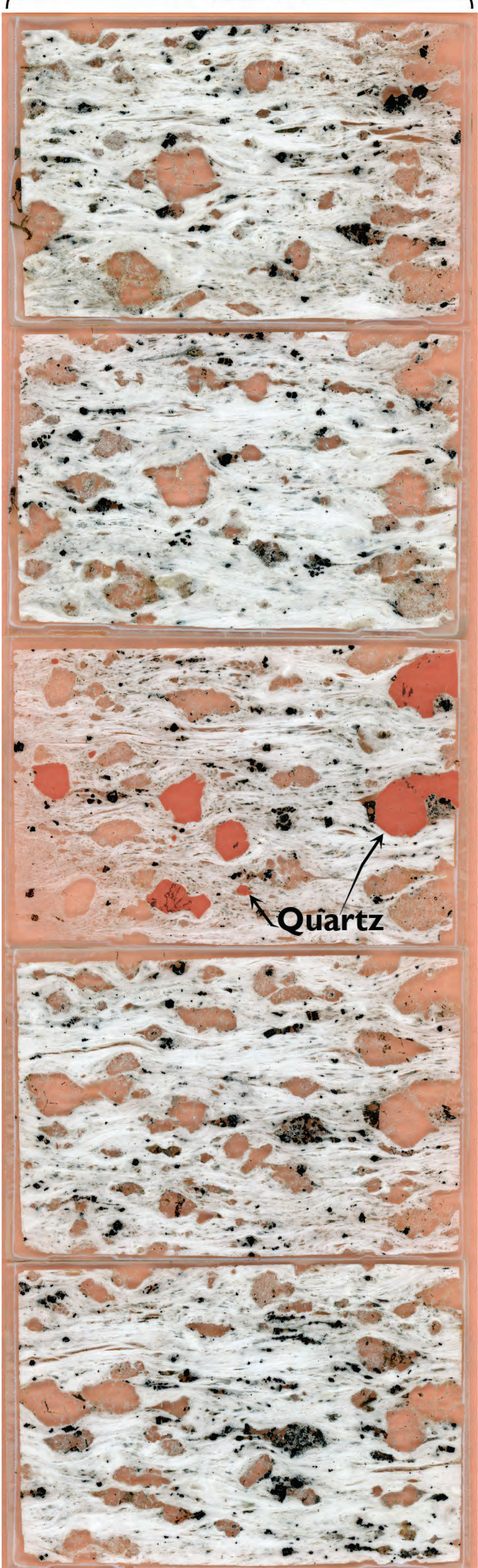


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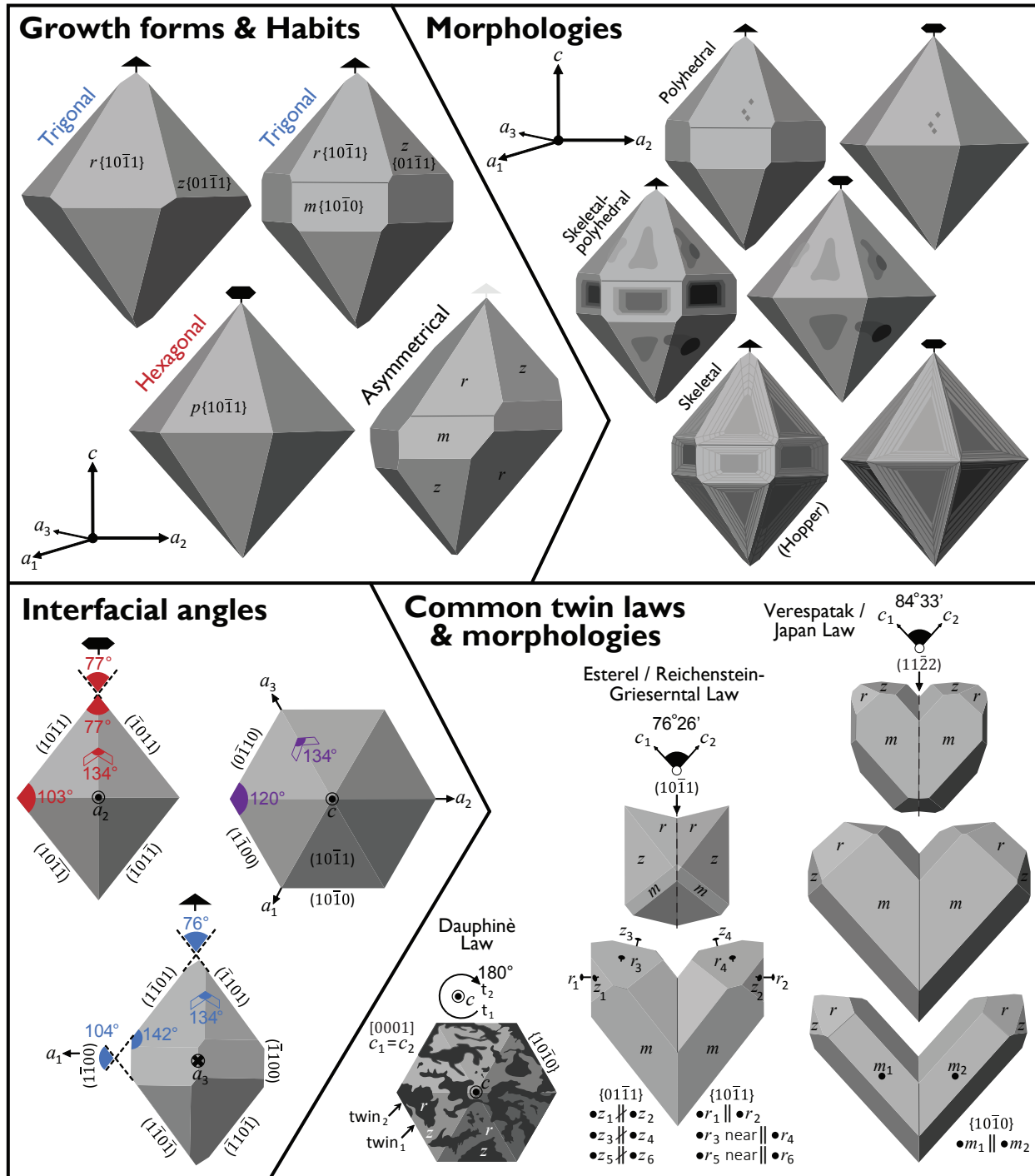


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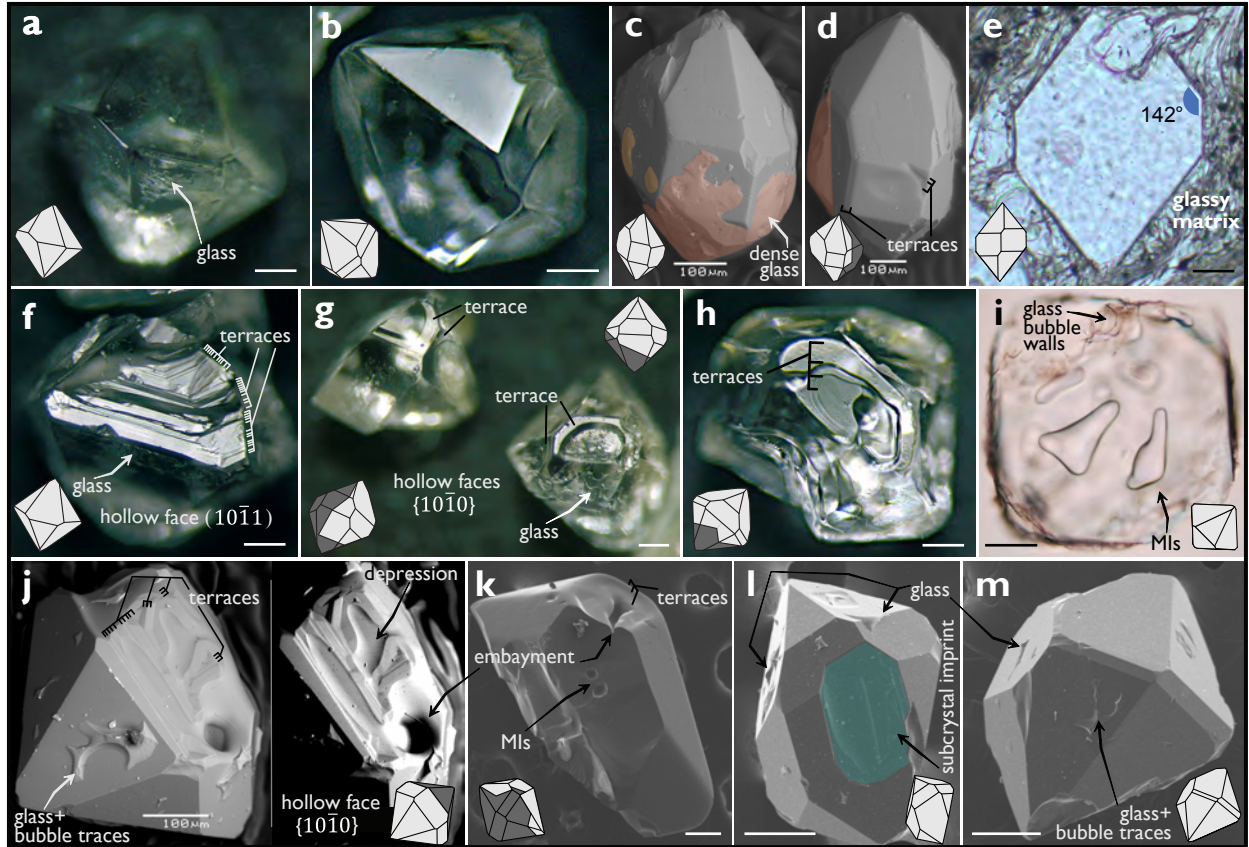


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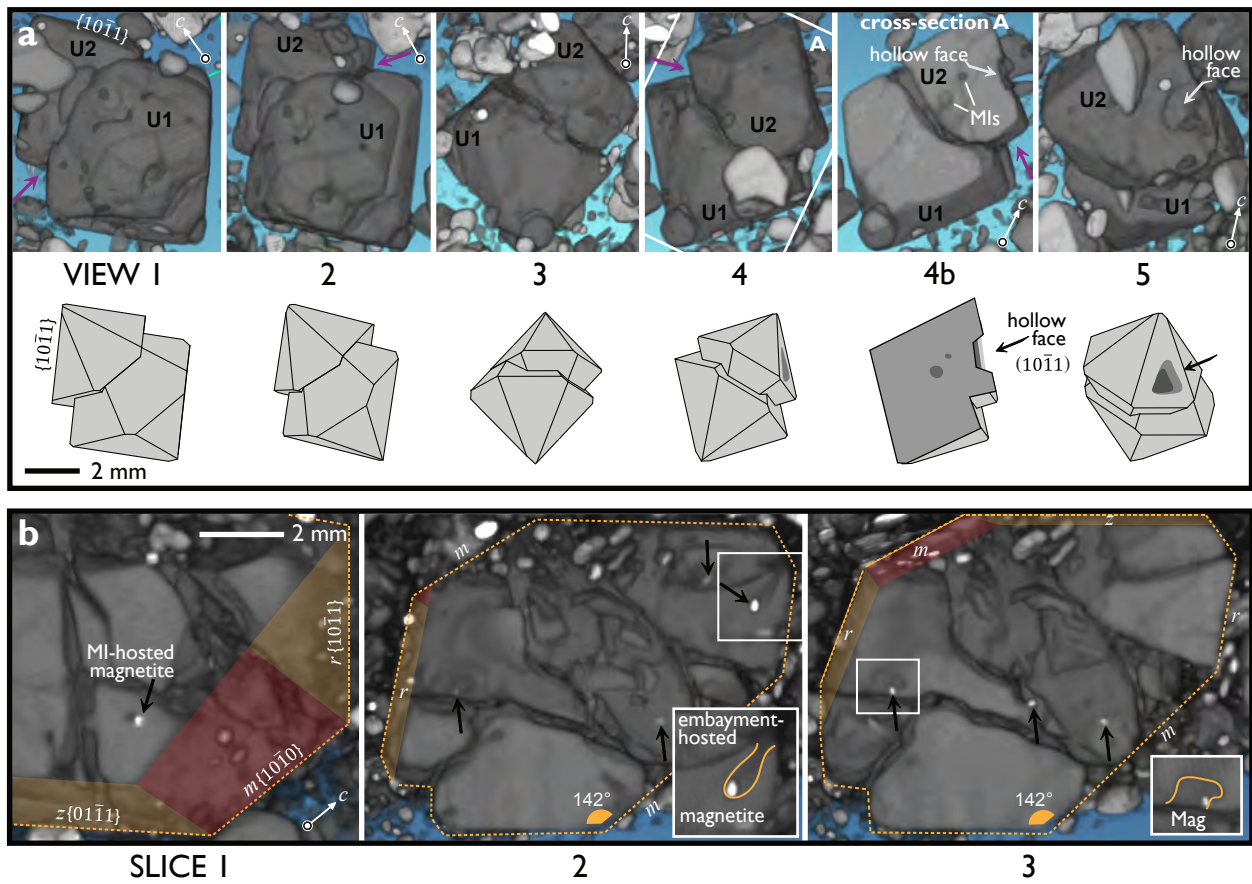


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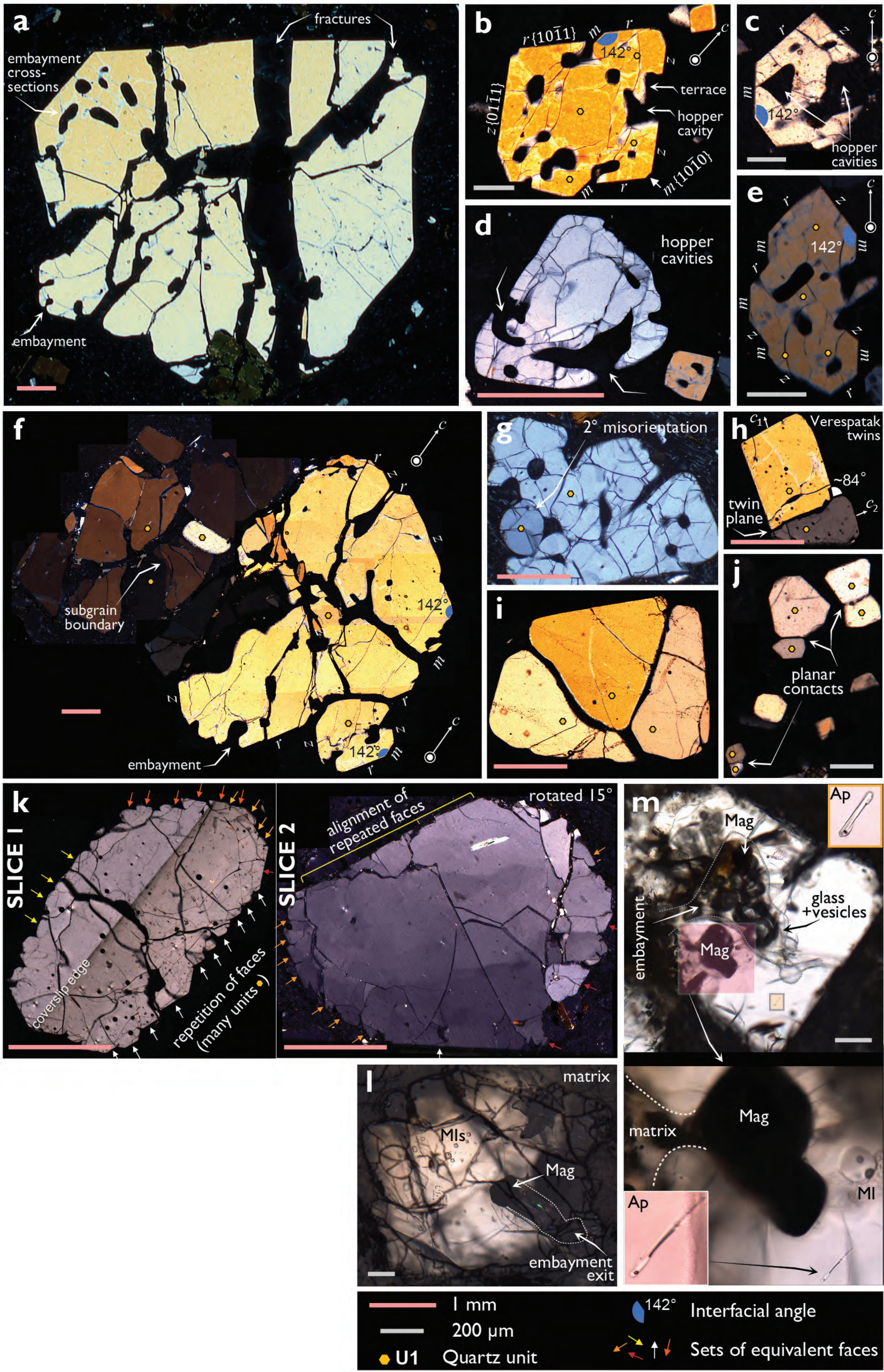


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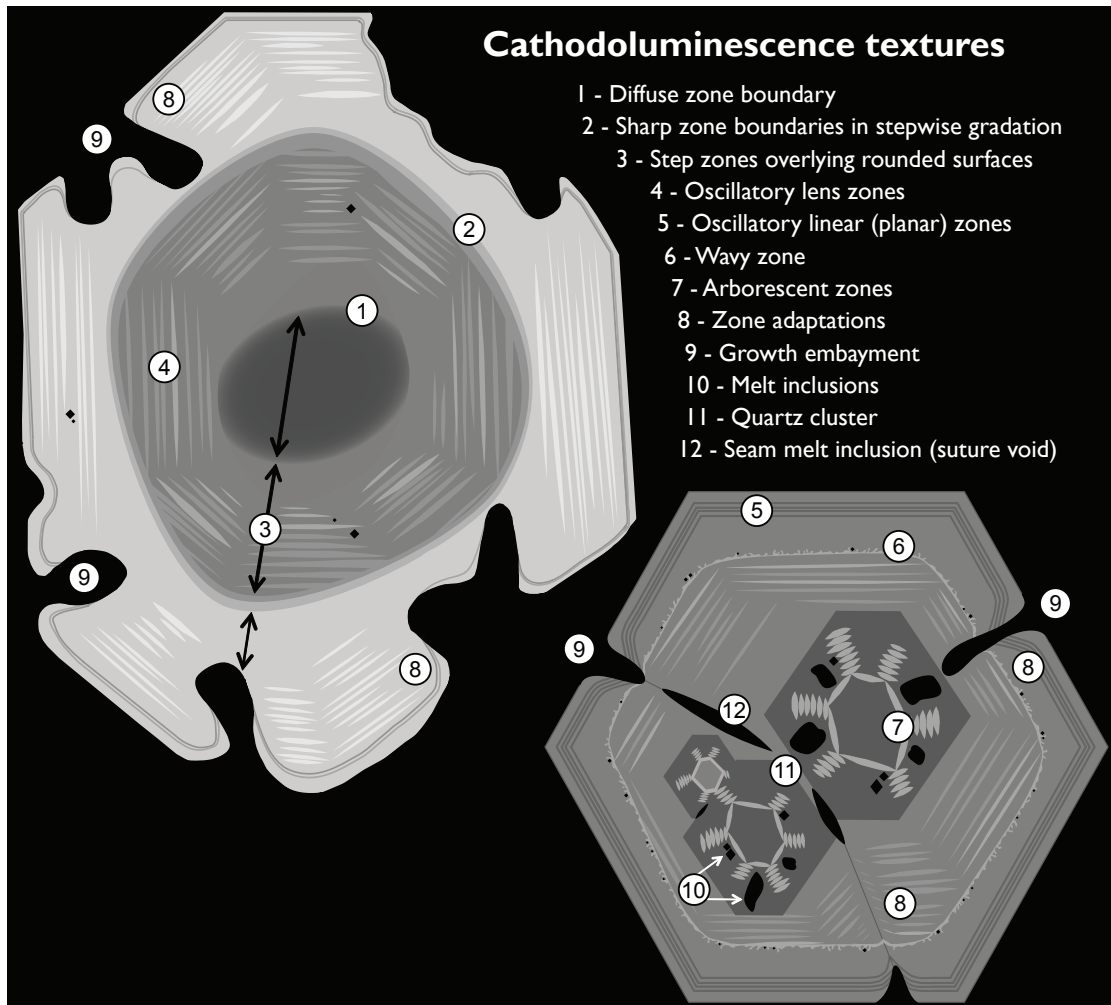


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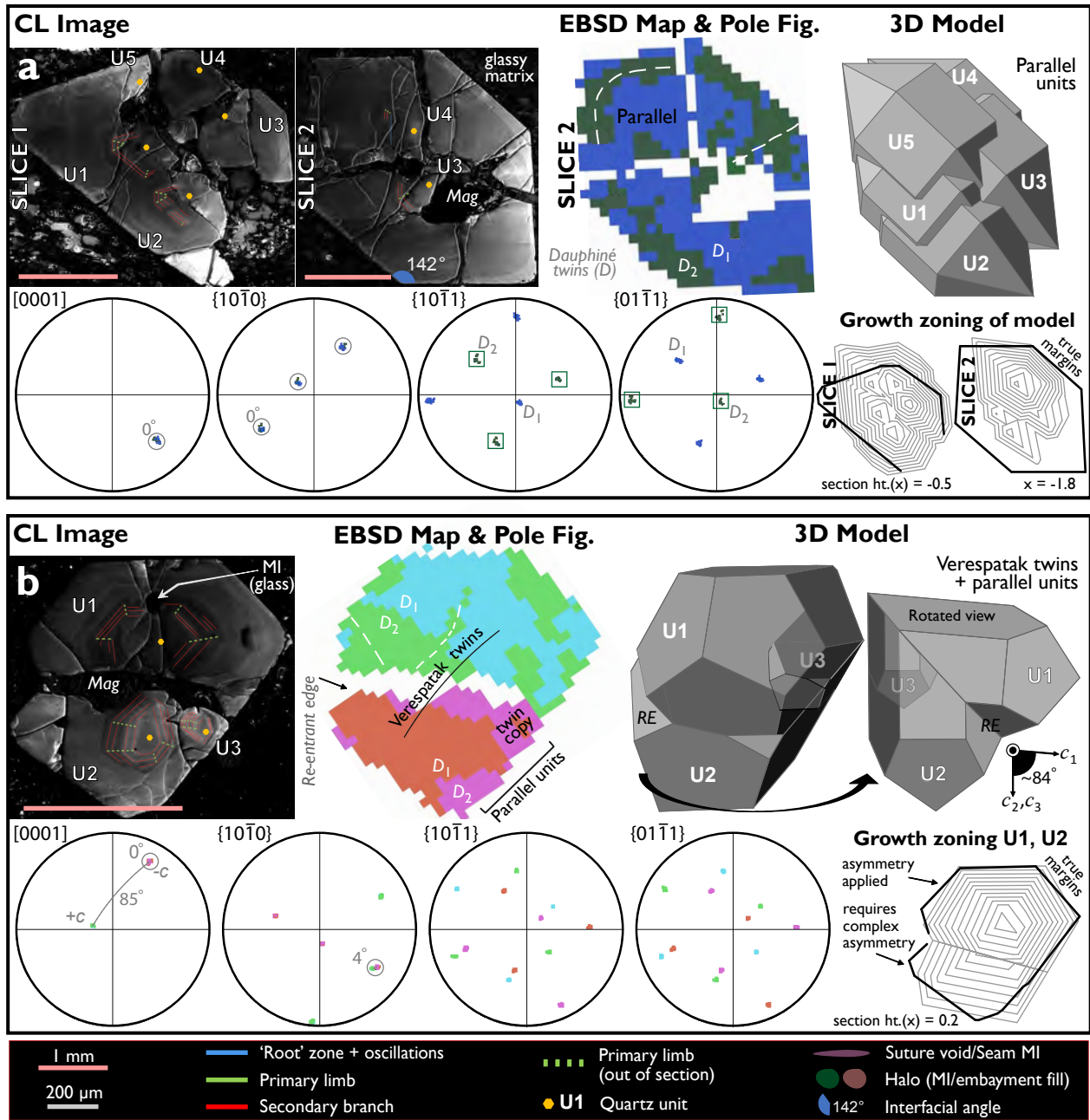


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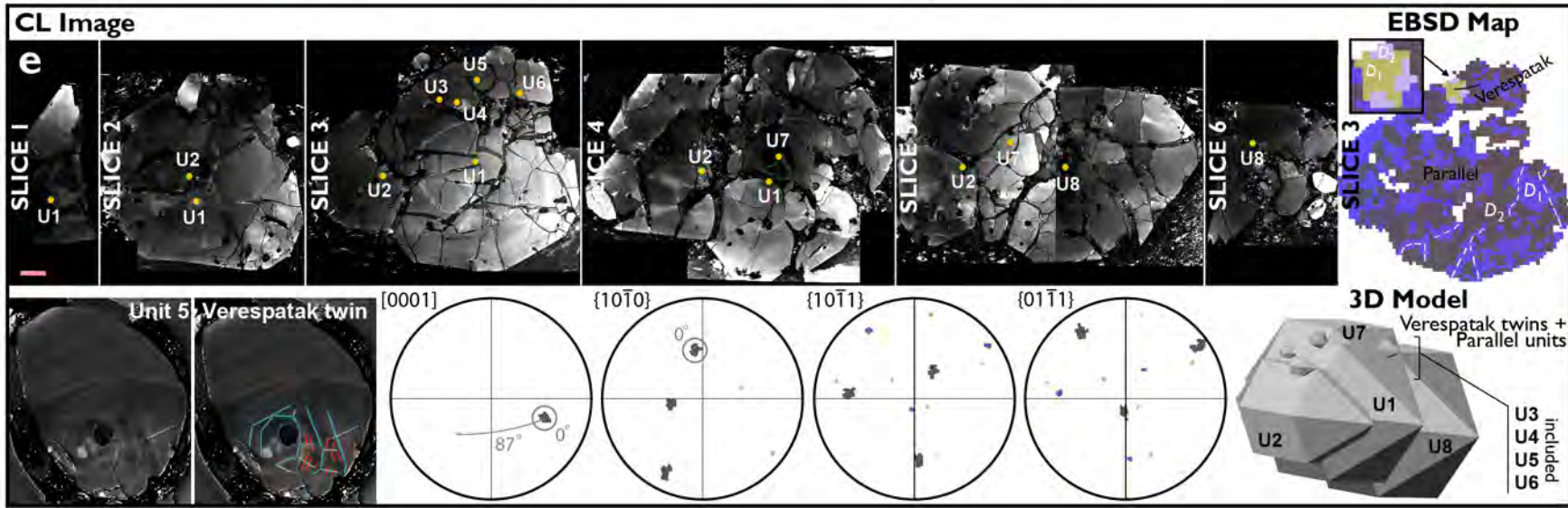
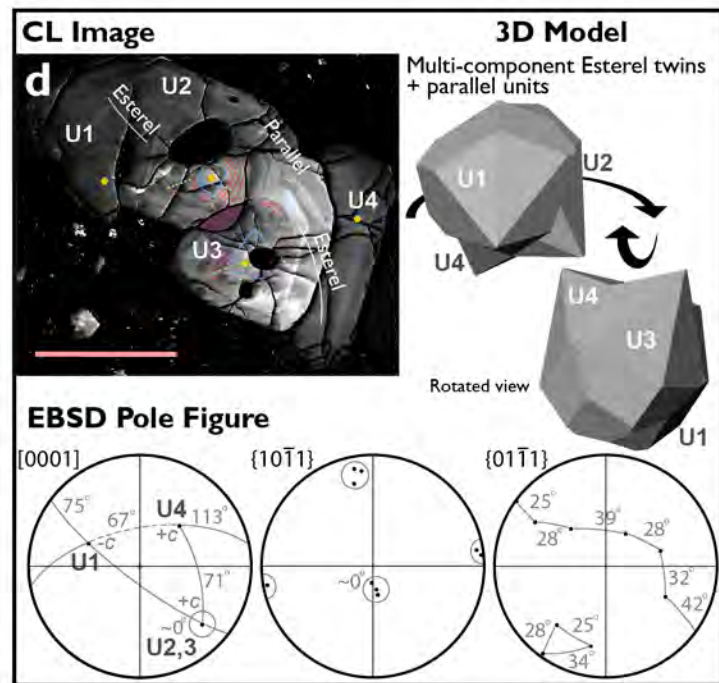
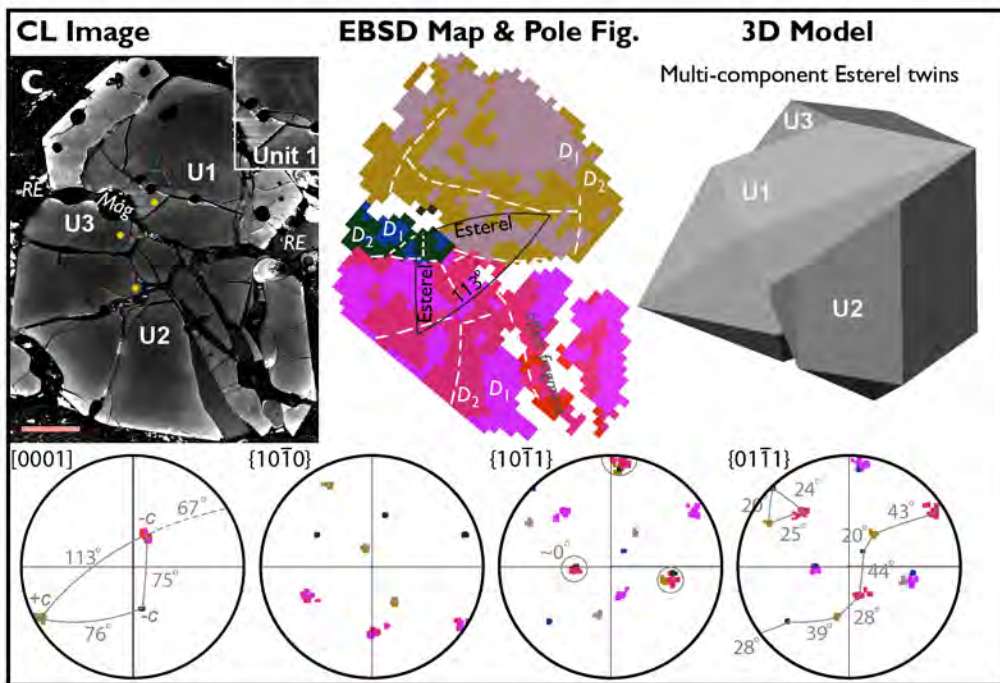


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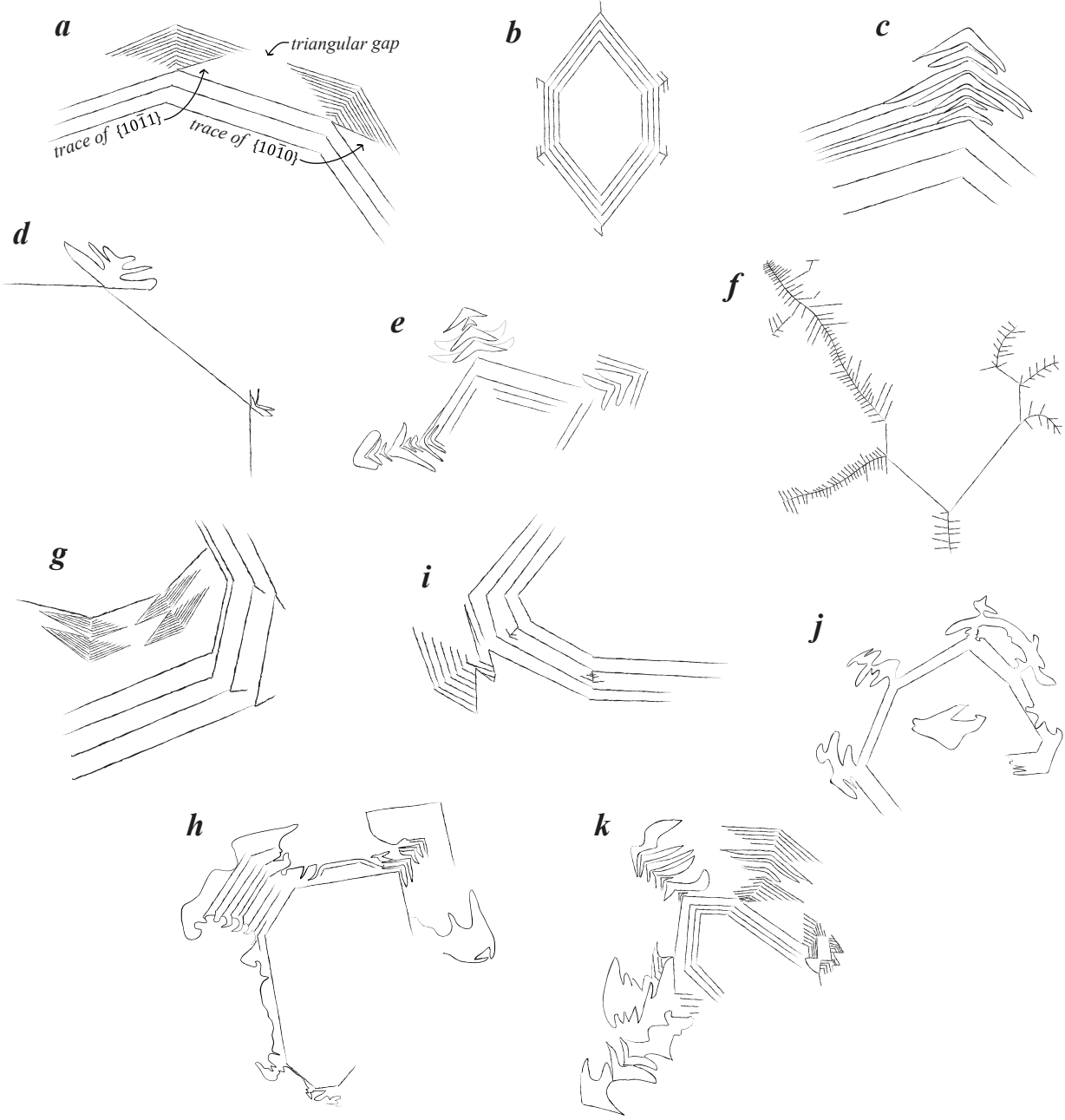


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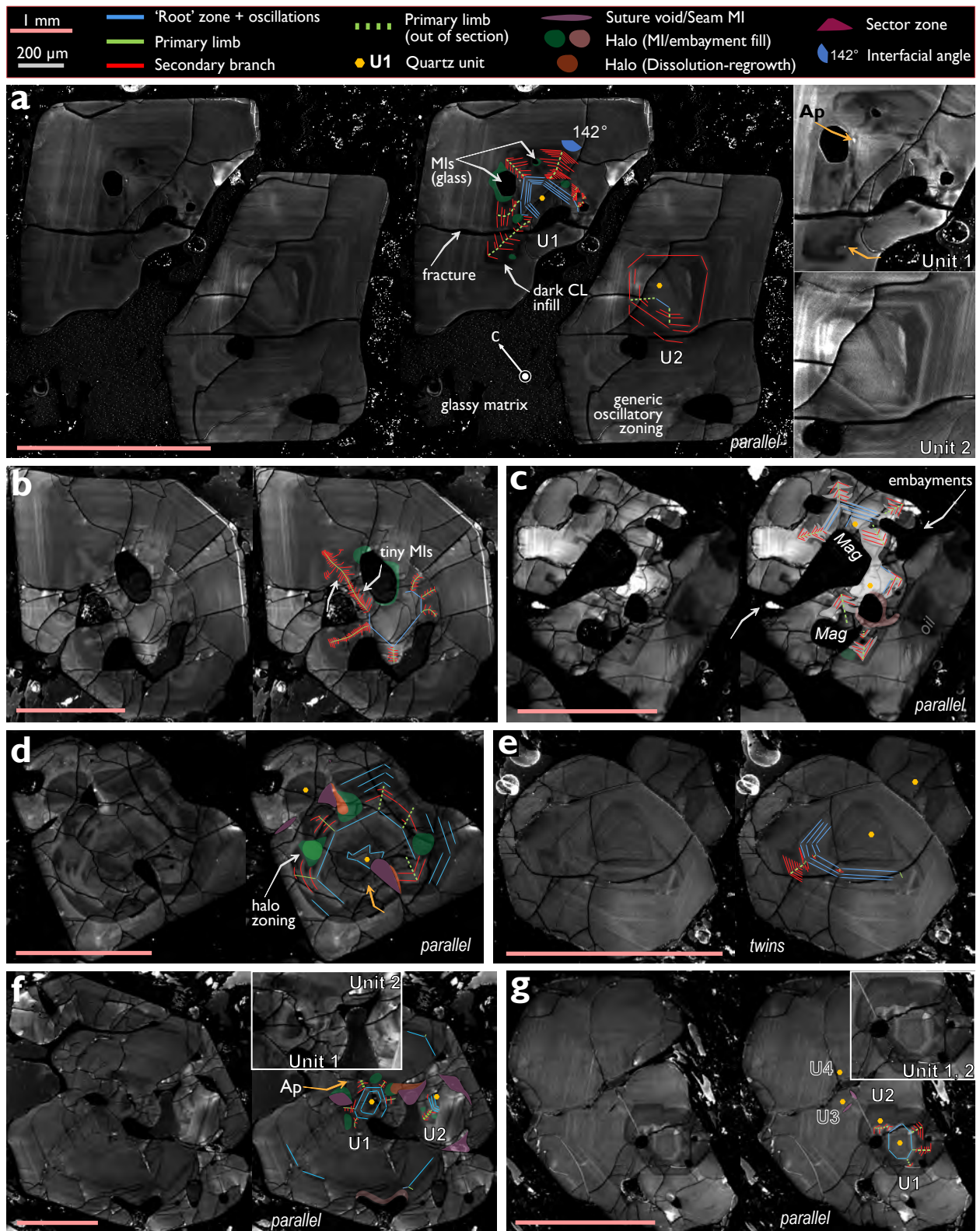


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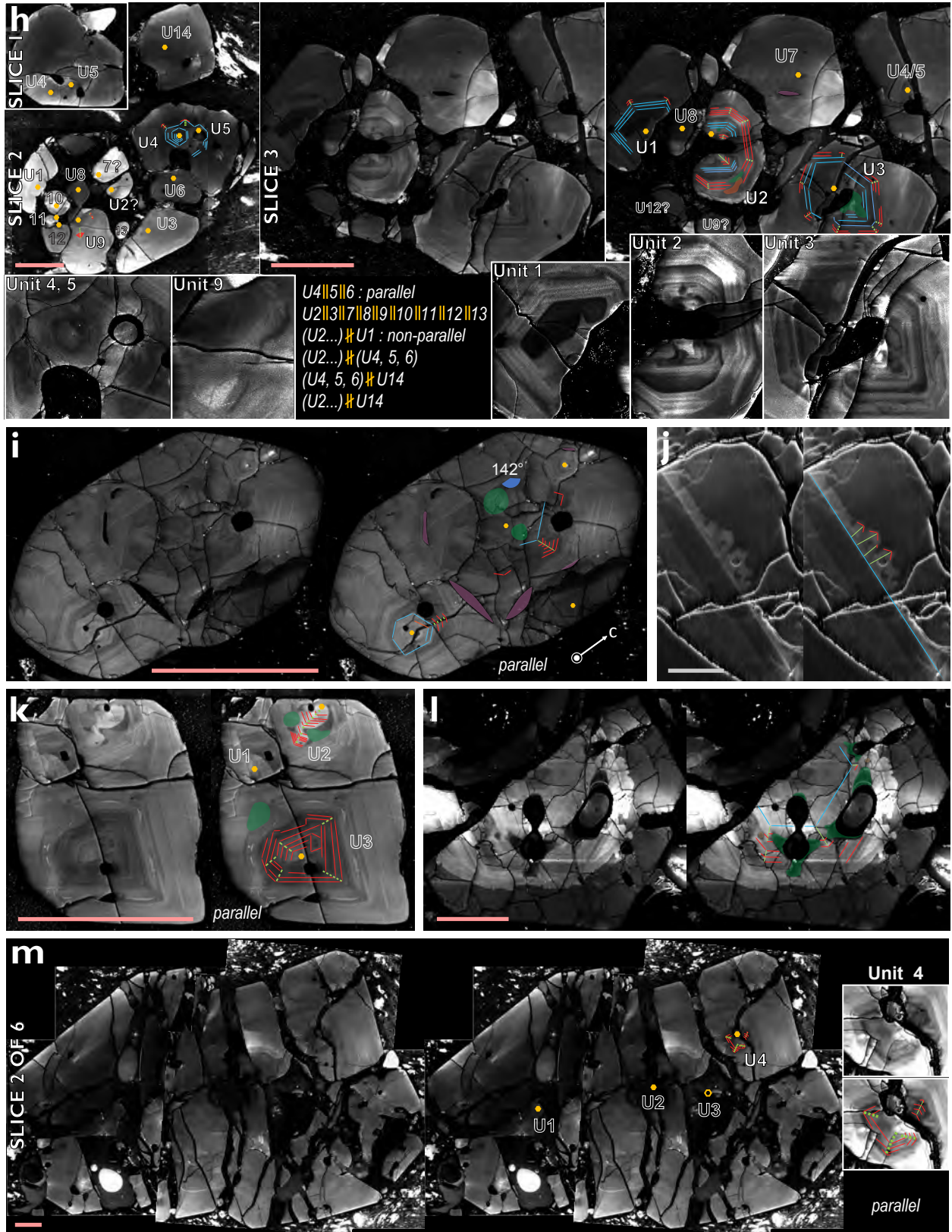


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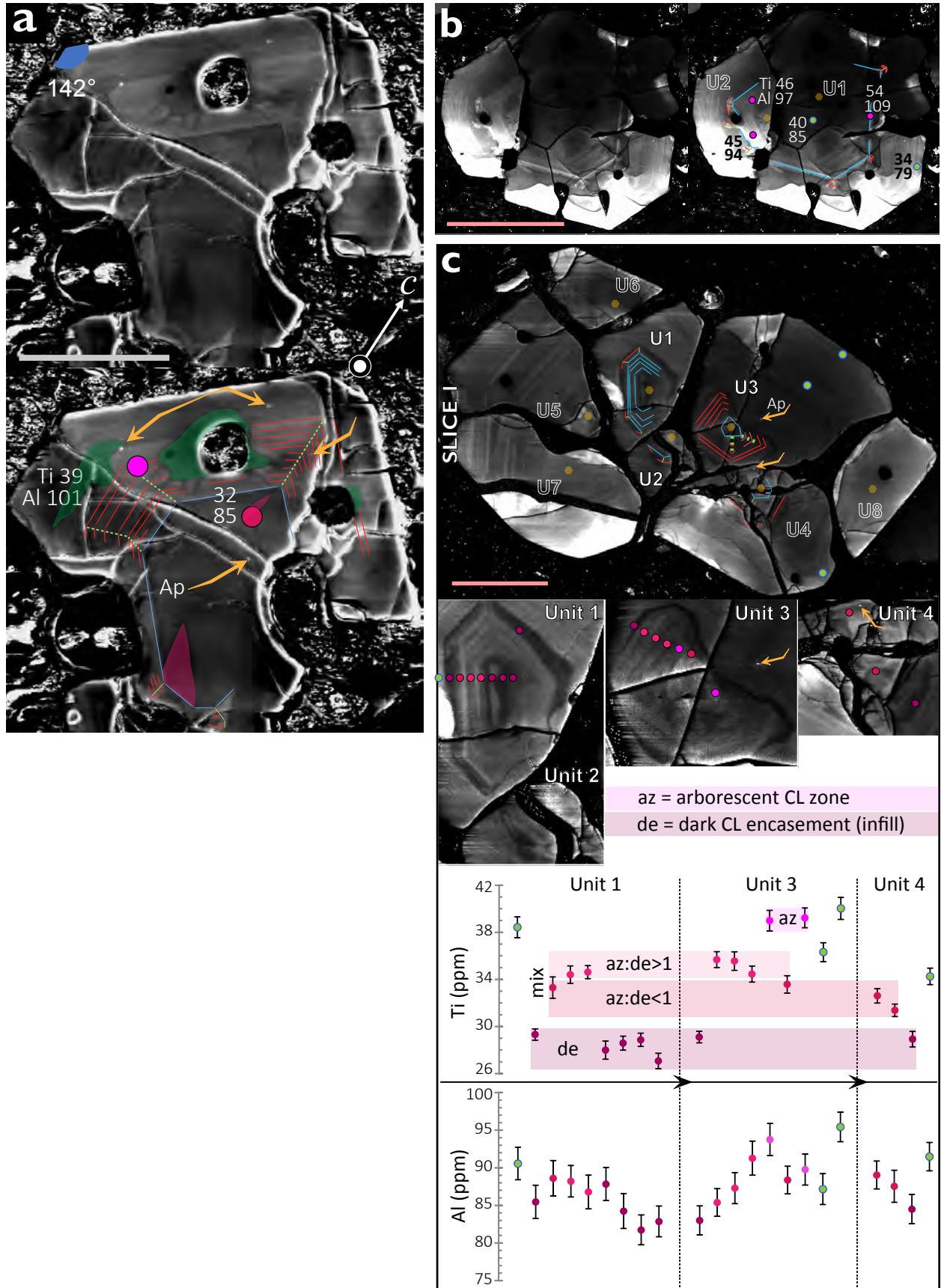


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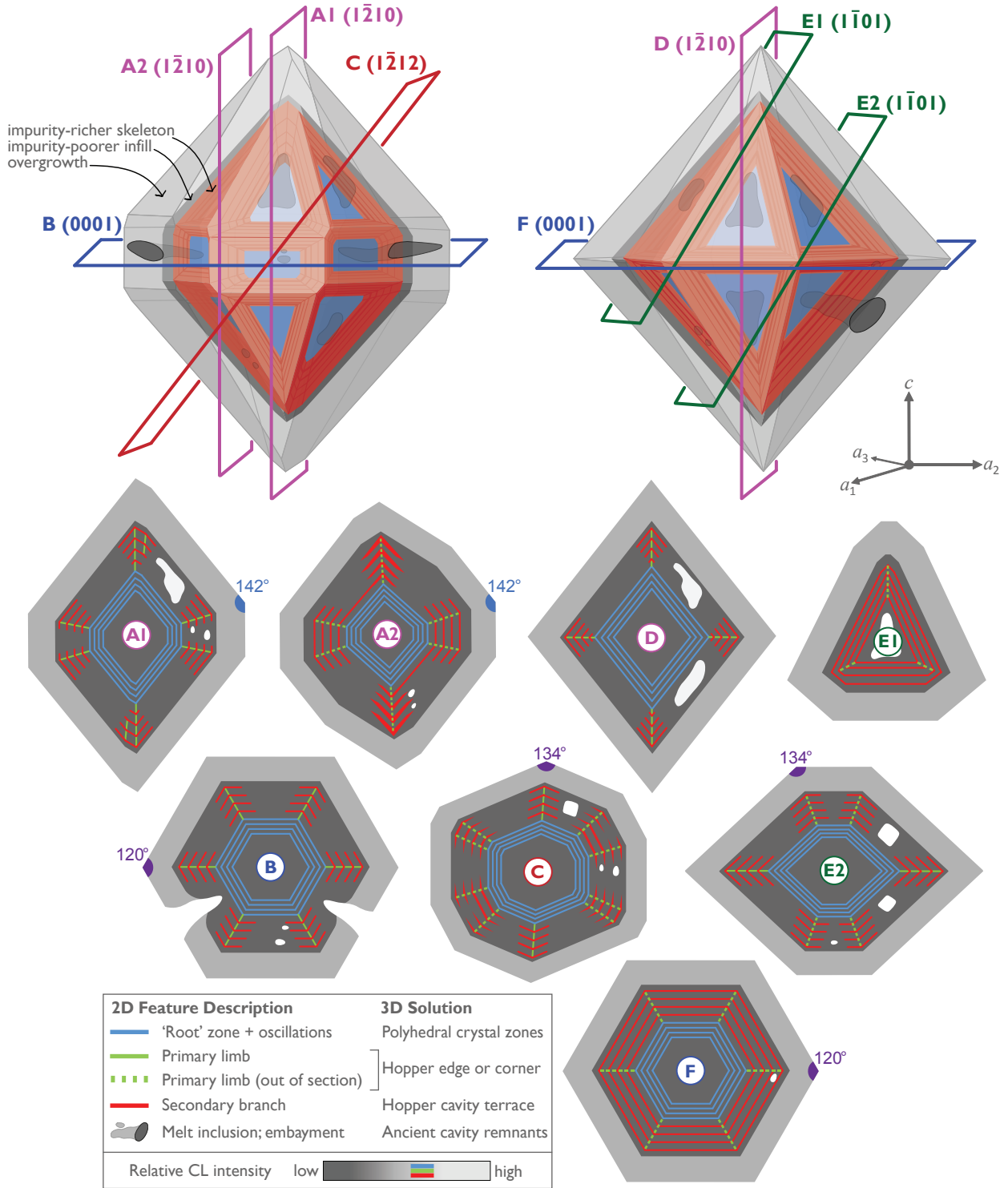


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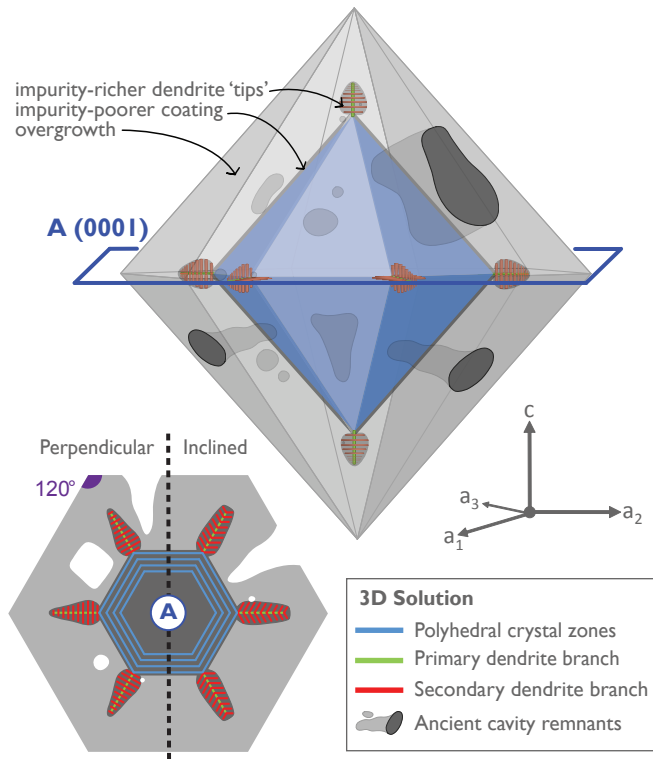


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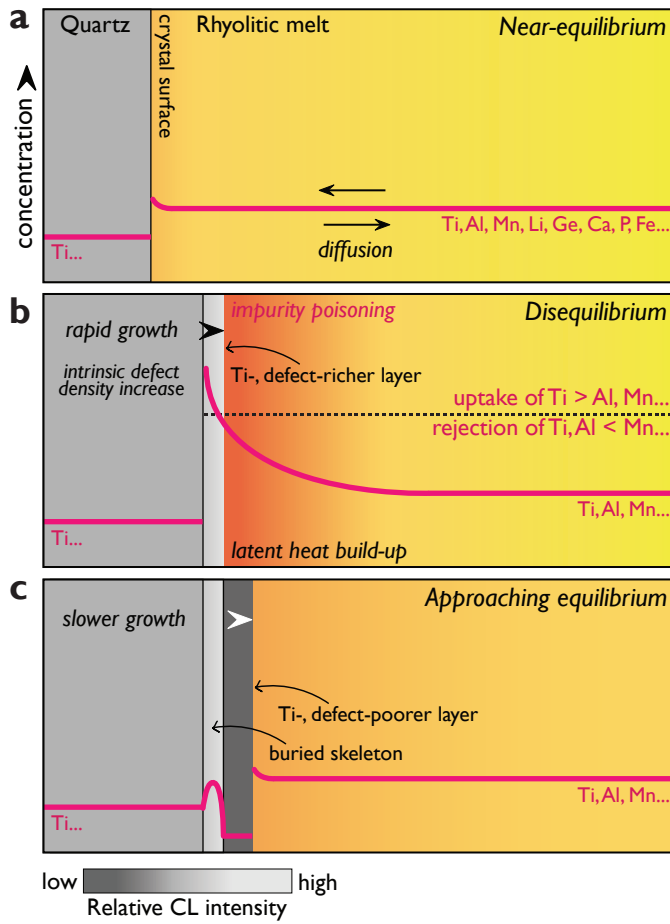


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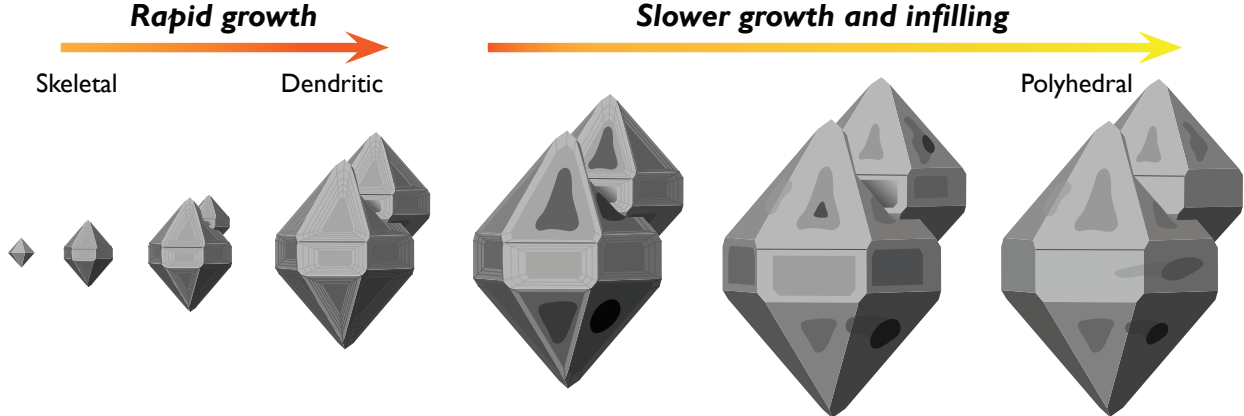


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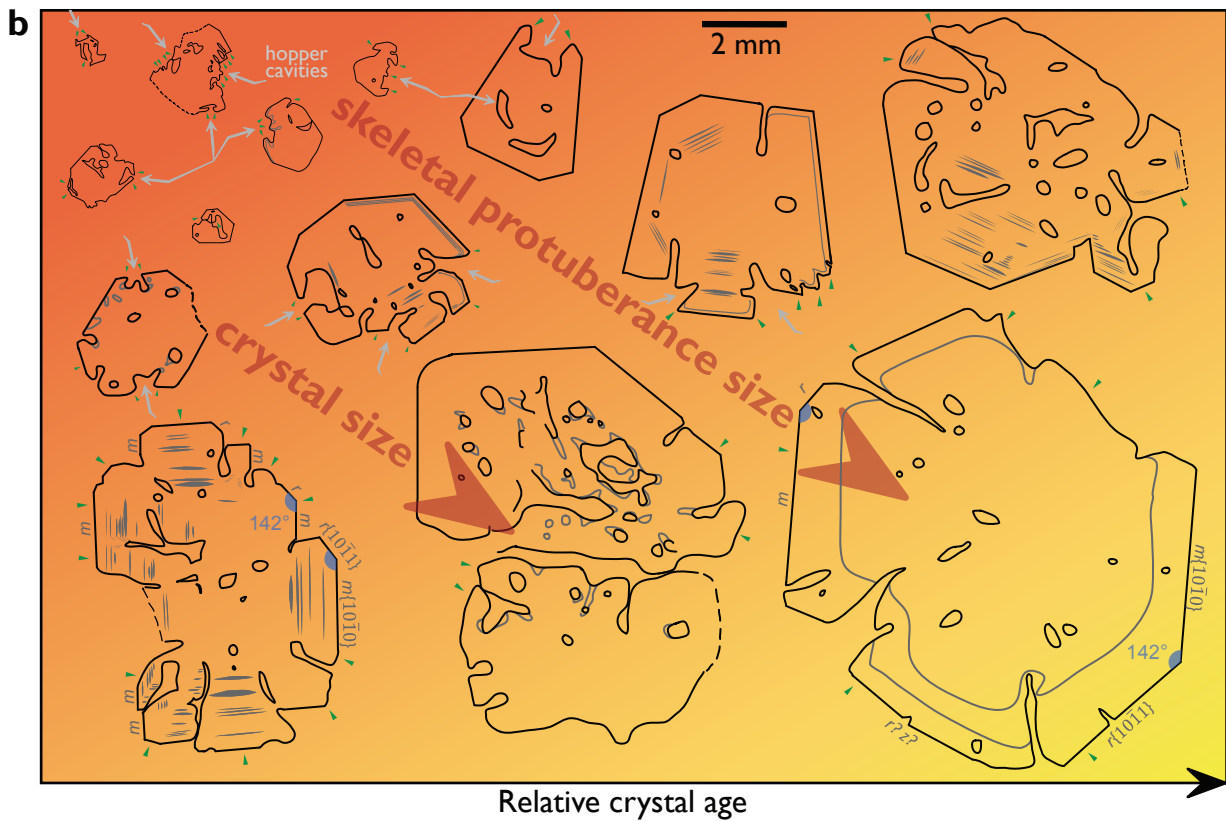
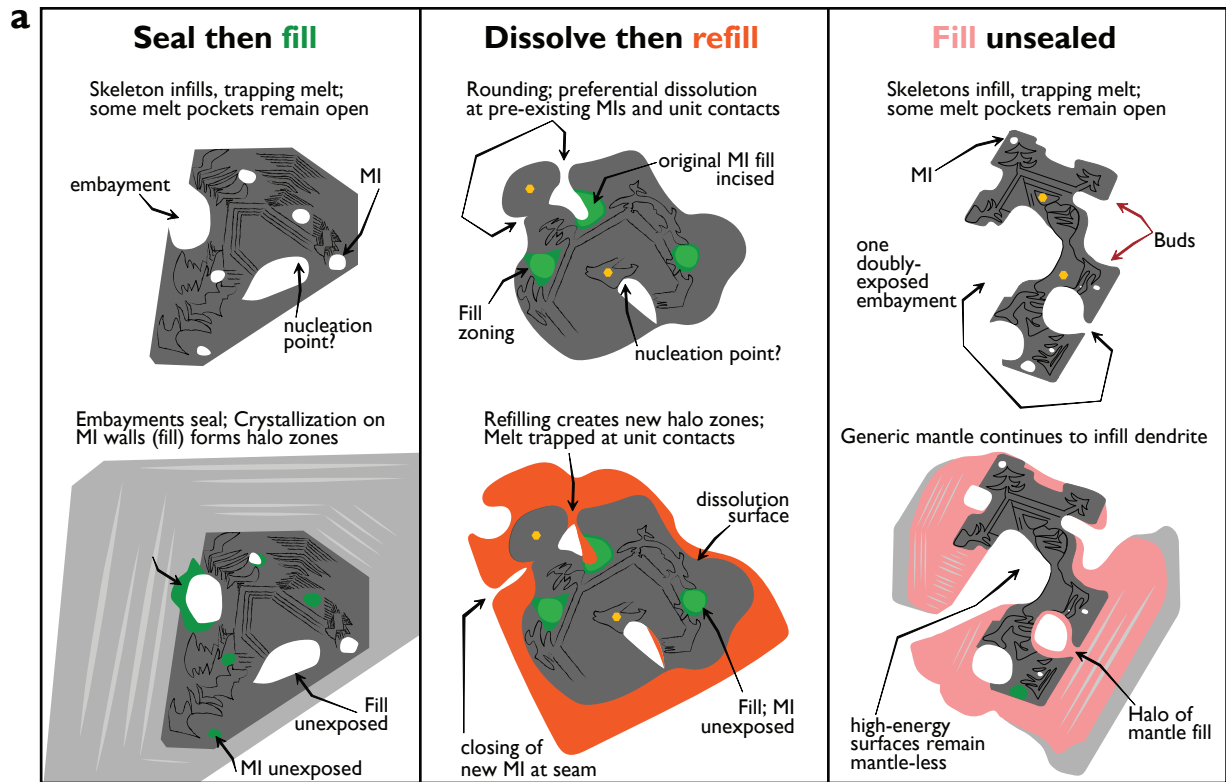


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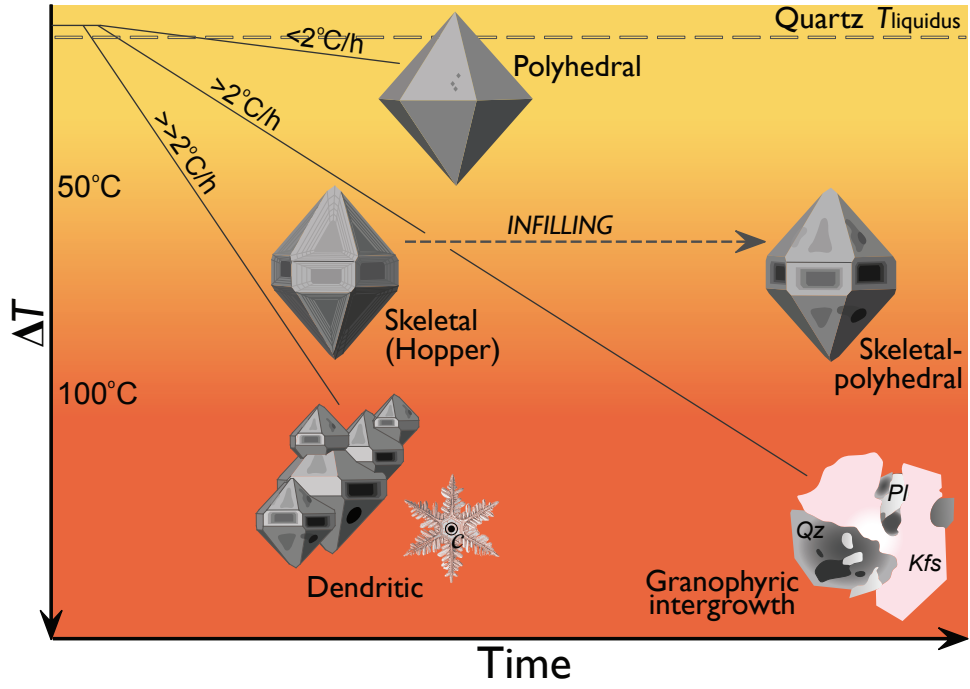


Figure 18. (6.5" width)

