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5 Formation of miarolitic-class, segregation-type pegmatites in
6 the Taishanmiao batholith, China: The role of pressure
7 fluctuations and volatile exsolution during pegmatite
8 formation in a closed, isochoric system

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18 ABSTRACT

19 The Taishanmiao granitic batholith, located in the Eastern Qinling Orogen in Henan
20 Province, China, contains numerous small (mostly 10s of cm in maximum dimension) bodies
21 exhibiting textures and mineralogy characteristic of simple quartz and alkali feldspar

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22 pegmatites. Analysis of melt (MI) and fluid inclusions (FI) in pegmatitic quartz, combined
23 with Rhyolite-MELTS modeling of the crystallization of the granite, have been applied to
24 develop a conceptual model of the physical and geochemical processes associated with
25 formation of the pegmatites. These results allow us to consider formation of the Taishanmiao
26 pegmatites within the context of various models that have been proposed for pegmatite
27 formation.

28 Field observations and geochemical data indicate that the pegmatites represent the latest
29 stage in the crystallization of the Taishanmiao granite and occupy ≤ 4 vol% of the syenogranite
30 phase of the batholith. Results of Rhyolite-MELTS modeling suggest that the
31 pegmatite-forming melts can be produced through continuous fractional crystallization of the
32 Taishanmiao granitic magma, consistent with designation of the pegmatites as miarolitic class,
33 segregation-type pegmatites rather than the more common intrusive-type of pegmatite. The
34 mineral assemblage predicted by Rhyolite-MELTS after $\sim 96\%$ of the original granite-forming
35 melt had crystallized consists of ~ 51 vol% alkali feldspar, 34 vol% quartz, 14 vol%
36 plagioclase, 0.1 vol% biotite, and 1 vol% magnetite, similar to the alkali feldspar + quartz
37 dominated mineralogy of the pegmatites. Moreover, the modeled residual melt composition
38 following crystallization of $\sim 96\%$ of the original melt is similar to the composition of
39 homogenized MI in quartz within the pegmatite. Rhyolite-MELTS predicts that the
40 granite-forming melt remained volatile-undersaturated during crystallization of the batholith
41 and contained ~ 6.3 wt% H₂O and ~ 500 ppm CO₂ after $\sim 96\%$ crystallization when the
42 pegmatites began to develop. The Rhyolite-MELTS prediction that the melt was

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43 volatile-undersaturated at the time the pegmatites began to form, but became volatile-saturated
44 during the early stages of pegmatite formation, is consistent with the presence of some
45 inclusion assemblages consisting of only MI, while others contain coexisting MI and FI. The
46 relationship between halogen (F and Cl) and Na abundances in MI is also consistent with the
47 interpretation that the very earliest stages of pegmatite formation occurred in the presence of a
48 volatile-undersaturated melt, and that the melt became volatile saturated as crystallization
49 progressed.

50 We propose a closed system, isochoric model for the formation of the pegmatites.
51 Accordingly, the Taishanmiao granite crystallized isobarically at ~3.3 kbar, and the pegmatites
52 began to form at ~734°C and ~ 3.3 kbar, after ~96 % of the original granitic melt had
53 crystallized. During the final stages of crystallization of the granite, small pockets of the
54 remaining residual melt became isolated within the enclosing granite and evolved as constant
55 mass (closed), constant volume (isochoric) systems, similar to the manner in which
56 volatile-rich melt inclusions in igneous phenocrysts evolve during post-entrapment
57 crystallization under isochoric conditions. As a result of the negative volume change
58 associated with crystallization, pressure in the pegmatite initially decreases as crystals form
59 and this leads to volatile exsolution from the melt phase. The changing *PTX* conditions
60 produce a pressure-induced “liquidus deficit” that is analogous to liquidus undercooling, and
61 results in crystal growth as required to return the system to equilibrium *PTX* conditions.
62 Owing to the complex closed system, isochoric *PVTX* evolution of the melt-crystal-volatile
63 system, the pressure does not decrease rapidly or monotonically during pegmatite formation

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64 but, rather, gradually fluctuates such that at some stages in the evolution of the pegmatite the
65 pressure is decreasing while at other times the pressure increases as the system cools to
66 maintain mass and volume balance. This behavior, in turn, leads to alternating episodes of
67 precipitation and dissolution that serve to coarsen (ripen) the crystals to produce the
68 pegmatitic texture. The evolution of the pegmatitic melt described here is analogous to that
69 which has been well-documented to occur in volatile-rich MI that undergo closed system,
70 isochoric, post-entrapment crystallization.

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72 **Keywords:** Melt inclusion, fluid inclusion, Taishanmiao batholith, liquidus
73 deficit, volatile-saturated melt, Rhyolite-MELTS, pegmatite

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INTRODUCTION

76 Granitic pegmatites are characterized by coarse- to giant-sized (cm to m-scale)
77 crystals, and vary in mineralogy from simple to complex (London, 2008).
78 Considerable debate surrounds the processes that lead to the formation of
79 pegmatite textures, and a model that explains all pegmatite characteristics has yet
80 to be developed (Simmons and Webber, 2008). Based on experimental data and
81 observations, Jahns and Burnham (1969) suggested that exsolution of an aqueous
82 phase from the silicate melt following extensive crystallization is the most critical
83 step in the genesis of pegmatites, and that water saturation characterizes the
84 transition from a granitic (phaneritic) to pegmatitic texture. However, London

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85 (2005) noted similarities in pegmatite textures and zonation produced in
86 experiments conducted at both anhydrous and vapor-saturated conditions (London
87 et al., 1988; London et al., 1989), and concluded that pegmatitic textures could
88 develop in the absence of volatile-saturation. Furthermore, Fenn (1986) and
89 London et al. (1989) asserted that a large degree of liquidus undercooling of a
90 water-undersaturated silicate melt can produce the large crystals that are a
91 characteristic feature of pegmatites. Despite the general consensus requiring an
92 igneous source, it has also been suggested that pegmatitic melt could be formed by
93 direct anatexis of rocks with appropriate composition, and this model does not
94 require protracted fractional crystallization (Nabelek et al., 1992; Simmons et al.,
95 1995; Falster et al., 1997)

96 More recently, Sirbescu et al. (2017) and Maneta and Anderson (2018) studied
97 pegmatite formation using the hydrothermal diamond anvil cell (HDAC). This
98 method offers the advantage that the process can be monitored continuously and in
99 real time to observe changes as the pegmatite texture forms. Sirbescu et al. (2017)
100 studied pegmatite formation in the haplogranite-Li-B-H₂O system in the HDAC
101 and were able to reproduce many of the textures commonly observed in zoned
102 pegmatites, including skeletal, graphic, unidirectional, radiating, spherulitic,
103 massive, and replacement textures. Maneta and Anderson (2018) were able to
104 monitor the growth of crystals in real time in their HDAC experiments and

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105 determined growth rates for quartz and alkali feldspars that ranged from 3 to 31
106 cm/yr and 18 to 58 cm/yr, respectively.

107 Melt (and fluid) inclusions in plutonic igneous rocks provide important information on
108 petrologic processes (Student and Bodnar, 1996; Bodnar and Student, 2006; Thomas et al.,
109 2006) and can contribute to evaluate the various models proposed for pegmatite formation
110 (Thomas et al., 2000; Thomas et al., 2006). In particular, the coexistence of melt inclusions
111 (MI) and fluid inclusions (FI) (see, for example, Audétat and Pettke, 2003, their Figure 3B;
112 Thomas and Davidson, 2013) provides conclusive evidence that the silicate melt was
113 volatile-saturated at the time of inclusion trapping. Moreover, MI trapped in pegmatite
114 minerals can be analyzed to obtain compositions of pegmatitic melt that are more reliable
115 recorders of the melt composition during pegmatite formation compared to whole rock
116 compositions, owing to uncertainties in bulk compositions obtained from pegmatites with
117 coarse and variable grain size.

118 The Taishanmiao granitic batholith, located in the Eastern Qinling Orogen in Henan
119 Province, China (Fig. 1), contains numerous small bodies with textural and mineralogical
120 characteristics similar to those reported in granitic pegmatites and miarolitic cavities. The
121 geology, petrology and mineralogy of the granitic batholith have been studied in detail
122 previously (Ye et al., 2008; Gao et al., 2014; Qi, 2014; Wang et al., 2016; Jin et al., 2018), and
123 the results provide a solid foundation for modeling the crystallization history of the pegmatites.
124 In this study, FI and MI in coarse quartz crystals intergrown with alkali feldspar from the
125 Taishanmiao pegmatites have been examined. Some inclusion assemblages (Bodnar and

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126 Student, 2006) contain only melt or fluid inclusions, while other assemblages consist of
127 coexisting MI and aqueous-carbonic FI. MI and FI were analyzed by a variety of methods,
128 including microthermometry, Raman spectroscopy, and electron probe microanalysis that
129 included EDS (Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy) and WDS (Wavelength Dispersive
130 Spectroscopy), to determine the Pressure-Volume-Temperature-Composition-time (*PVTXt*)
131 evolution of melts and aqueous fluids associated with formation of the Taishanmiao
132 pegmatites. Additionally, magmatic-hydrothermal evolution in the Taishanmiao batholith was
133 examined by applying the Rhyolite-MELTS (Gualda et al., 2012) model, and the residual melt
134 composition after 96% crystallization of the original melt was compared with the
135 compositions of MI in pegmatitic quartz. The good agreement between *PVTXt* results from
136 analysis of MI and FI and modeling predictions suggest that the Taishanmiao pegmatites
137 formed by the continued fractional crystallization of volatile-enriched silicate melt that
138 evolved from the magma that produced the Taishanmiao granite. The melt was
139 volatile-undersaturated during the initial stages of pegmatite formation, but became volatile
140 saturated during the early stages of pegmatite formation as a result of pressure fluctuations
141 associated with crystallization in a closed, isochoric system. These observations have
142 important implications concerning the role of volatile saturation and pressure fluctuations in
143 the formation of pegmatitic textures.

144 Here, we use the term “pegmatite” to refer to an igneous rock composed of large
145 (cm-scale or larger), subhedral to euhedral crystals. Our goal is to better understand the
146 physical and chemical conditions that cause a melt that is crystallizing an equilibrium

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147 assemblage of anhedral, medium-to-coarse grained phases (mostly quartz and alkali feldspar)
148 in the enclosing granite to begin to form much larger subhedral crystals of those very same
149 phases, i.e., a pegmatitic texture, with little or no apparent change in the bulk melt
150 composition or physical environment associated with the abrupt change in crystal morphology
151 and texture.

152 The Taishanmiao pegmatites described here are thought to represent the end-stage of
153 crystallization of the enclosing host granites, and do not represent an externally-derived melt
154 that was intruded into a compositionally-different and cooler host rock. As such, the pegmatite
155 bodies studied here represent “segregations” as described by London (2008), and Candela and
156 Blevin (1995) describe segregation pegmatites as “*lacking intrusive contacts, and are thought*
157 *to represent the last volumes of residual melt in the plutons that host them*”. Moreover, the
158 textural, mineralogical and petrologic features place the pegmatites in the miarolitic class of
159 pegmatites that show an abundance of open space and/or clay-filled or crystal-lined cavities.
160 We note that London (2008) describes two different types of miarolitic pegmatites – one type
161 is represented by segregations within shallowly emplaced granites that produce crystal-lined
162 cavities with open space, and the other is hosted in intrusive pegmatites that are concentrically
163 zoned or layered, such as those in the well-known San Diego County, California, pegmatite
164 deposits. The Taishanmiao pegmatites described here represent the former type of miarolitic
165 pegmatite, i.e., the miarolitic class, segregation-type pegmatites described by London (2008).
166 For simplicity, throughout this presentation we refer to these bodies simply as “pegmatites”
167 unless additional characterization is required for clarification.

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GEOLOGIC BACKGROUND AND SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

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The Taishanmiao batholith is located in the Eastern Qinling Orogen in Henan Province, China (Fig. 1). The orogen is part of the Qinling-Dabie orogenic belt that was formed by collision of the North China Block and the Yangtze Craton during the Early Mesozoic (Zhang et al., 1996; Mao et al., 2002; Ratschbacher et al., 2003). The Taishanmiao batholith is exposed at the surface over an area of ~290 km², and intrudes to the north and east into the Proterozoic Xiong'er Group (Fig. 2), which is mainly composed of ~1.78 Ga volcanic rocks (Peng et al., 2008). At the western margin, an extension of the batholith is intruded into the slightly older Early Cretaceous Heyu granite batholith (Fig. 2) that has been dated at ~127 Ma (Mao et al., 2010). To the south, the Checun fault separates the Taishanmiao batholith from the Mesozoic Funiushan granite batholith (Fig. 2).

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The Early-Middle Cretaceous Taishanmiao granite (125-113 Ma, Ye et al., 2008; Gao et al., 2014; Qi, 2014; Wang et al., 2016) consists of three syenogranite lithologies that are differentiated based on crystal size and texture. Here, we use the term “Taishanmiao batholith” to describe the physical intrusive body, and use the term “Taishanmiao granite” to refer to the undifferentiated lithologies that make up the batholith and which are distinguished from each other based mostly on texture. The undifferentiated Taishanmiao granite is classified as an aluminous, high-K, calc-alkaline A-type granite that was generated in a post-orogenic or intraplate extensional setting (Xie et al., 2007; Ye et al., 2008; Wang et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2016). It includes medium- to coarse-grained syenogranite, fine- to medium-grained

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189 syenogranite, and porphyritic syenogranite (Ye et al., 2008) (Fig. 2). These three phases have
190 similar chemical compositions and mineral assemblages, although the proportions of the
191 mineral phases differ slightly. Pegmatites and quartz veins are found in all three granite phases
192 (Ye et al., 2008; Qi, 2014). The pegmatites mostly occur as irregular or elongated features (Fig.
193 3a, c, d), and occupy ~2 to 4 vol% of the syenogranite phase (Ye et al., 2008). The pegmatites
194 are generally tens of centimeters in outcrop length, and are mainly composed of
195 coarse-grained, intergrown quartz and K-rich alkali feldspar with crystal size typically 0.5 - 3
196 cm (Fig. 3b, d). Open space, with faceted crystals extending into the open space, is a common
197 feature of the pegmatites (Fig. 3c).

198 The samples studied here were collected from a pegmatite body that is ~70 cm long and
199 10-20 cm wide (Fig. 3c) and is typical of pegmatites within the Taishanmiao medium- to
200 coarse-grained syenogranite. In the field and in hand samples, the boundary between
201 pegmatitic and granitic texture is easily recognized based on the abrupt change in crystal size
202 without an associated change in mineralogy (Figs. 3a, c, d). The melt (and fluid) inclusion
203 assemblages studied occur in the coarse-grained quartz that is intergrown with K-feldspar
204 (area labeled “Intergrown coarse quartz & K-feldspar” in Fig. 3c). MI are not observed in
205 coarse quartz crystals that extend into open space and are interpreted to represent the latest
206 stage of crystallization of the pegmatites, although FI do occur in these crystals. This suggests
207 that either melt was not present during the final stages of quartz crystal growth or,
208 alternatively, melt was present but was not trapped as melt inclusions. We note that the
209 crystals are complexly intergrown and individual crystals do not show growth zoning or other

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210 macro- or microscopic features that can be used to establish a relative chronology of
211 individual crystals, although we recognize that other methods, such as cathodoluminescence
212 or trace element zoning, could provide such paragenetic information (Peppard et al., 2001).

213 MI in pegmatite quartz appear to be completely crystallized (although we cannot exclude
214 the possibility that some amount of glass may be present), which is typical of MI in plutonic
215 rocks (Bodnar and Student, 2006) (Fig. 4a-c). Two-phase, liquid + vapor (L+V) FI coexist
216 with crystallized MI in several cases (Fig. 4c). Fluid inclusions similar to those observed
217 coexisting with MI are also observed randomly distributed in some quartz crystals, without
218 any associated MI (Fig. 4d, e). These FI are interpreted to have trapped magmatic fluid similar
219 to the fluid trapped along with MI in other parts of the crystal. Some secondary FI along late,
220 healed fractures were also observed (Fig. 4d), but these were not studied here. A detailed
221 petrographic description of the MI and FI is included in the Supplementary Material.

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223 **ANALYTICAL METHODS AND MODELING**

224 In order to constrain the physical conditions and geochemical processes associated with
225 formation of the Taishanmiao pegmatites, various methods were applied to analyze MI and FI,
226 including microthermometry, Raman spectroscopy, and EDS and WDS analyses. In addition,
227 the Rhyolite-MELTS algorithm (Gualda et al., 2012; Ghiorso and Gualda, 2015) was applied
228 to reconstruct the igneous evolution of the Taishanmiao granite to test the hypothesis that the
229 Taishanmiao pegmatites crystallized from a late-stage (residual) melt, and thus represent
230 segregation-type pegmatites. Details of the analytical methods are provided in Supplementary

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231 Materials.

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RESULTS

233 The H₂O and CO₂ concentrations in the MI were estimated through a combination of
234 analyses of the glass and vapor bubbles in MI by Raman spectroscopy. The H₂O content of
235 glass in the homogenized MI (Fig. 5a, b) ranges from 3.2 – 4.5 wt%, with an average content
236 of 4.1 wt% and a standard deviation of ~0.5 wt% (Supplemental Table S1; Supplemental Fig.
237 S3). After heating, some MI still contained crystals and/or a large vapor bubble (Fig. 5c) and
238 these MI were assumed to have leaked or trapped multiple phases and were not selected for
239 further analysis. Details of the analytical procedures and assumptions are included in
240 Supplemental Materials.

241 Raman analysis of the glass phase in the MI failed to detect CO₂, and we have assumed
242 that the trapped melt contains 500 ppm CO₂ (based on results of the Rhyolite-MELTS
243 modeling) (see Supplemental Materials for additional details). The assumed CO₂
244 concentration is within the range reported for MI in other silicic magmatic systems (Anderson
245 et al., 2000; Wallace, 2005). We note that the actual CO₂ concentration selected for the trapped
246 melt has little effect on the conclusions reached below because we are only considering
247 relative changes in the MI properties during pegmatite formation.

248 Raman analyses of fluid inclusions that coexist with MI in quartz crystals Z2 and A5
249 indicate the presence of CO₂ in the bubble, and only liquid H₂O was detected in the liquid
250 phase when analyzed at room temperature. The data confirm that the fluid phase in
251 equilibrium with the melt during pegmatite formation contained both H₂O and CO₂. The FI

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252 homogenize to the liquid phase at 278.4° to 306.4°C, and salinity ranges from 5.0 - 5.7 wt%
253 NaCl equivalent. Homogenization temperatures of other randomly distributed FI that do not
254 coexist with MI (cf. Fig. 4e) range from 283°C to 370°C. As noted above, these randomly
255 distributed FI that do not coexist with MI do not occur along healed fractures and not of
256 obvious secondary origin. Here, we assume that these FI were trapped at magmatic conditions
257 when the pegmatite minerals were forming. Details concerning the microthermometric
258 analyses are included in Supplemental Materials.

259 Crystallized MI in quartz crystals A2, A5 and Z1 were analyzed by Raman spectroscopy.
260 Owing to the fine-grained and intergrown texture of the crystals in the MI, it was generally
261 not possible to obtain an analysis of a single phase without some contribution to the spectrum
262 from other nearby phases, including the quartz host. Raman spectra of all MI were consistent
263 with a mixture of quartz and mica (most likely muscovite).

264 EDS data were collected on 14 MI from three melt inclusion assemblages contained in 3
265 different quartz crystals. We emphasize that owing to the complex intergrown nature of the
266 crystals in the pegmatite, relative ages of the three different crystals and their contained MI
267 could not be determined. One MI from crystal A5 yielded an anomalously high SiO₂ content
268 and is interpreted to be compromised by contribution from the host quartz, or alternatively, the
269 elevated SiO₂ content is the result of overheating the MI during homogenization, as described
270 above, and is not considered further. Two MI from crystal A5 yielded high Al₂O₃ and TiO₂
271 concentrations that are interpreted to reflect mixed analyses that included glass plus
272 incompletely dissolved muscovite, as was clearly observed in 1 of the 2 MI analyzed

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273 (Supplemental Fig. S4) and are not considered further. The remaining 11 analyses are listed in
274 Supplemental Table S3 along with 3 replicate analyses of MI from crystal Z1 collected by
275 WDS methods.

276 The Rhyolite-MELTS simulations assumed a constant pressure of 3.3 kbar during
277 crystallization, with oxygen fugacity buffered at QFM+2. From the initiation of crystallization
278 (0%) up to ~96 wt% crystallization, the model predicts crystallization of quartz,
279 alkali-feldspar, plagioclase, biotite, and spinel (classified as magnetite here from the simulated
280 mineral chemical result) (Fig. 6). The predicted mineral assemblage and proportions of
281 individual phases obtained from thermodynamic modeling are consistent with petrographic
282 observations. (Table 2). After ~96% crystallization, representing the beginning of the
283 pegmatite stage, the melt contains 6.3 wt% H₂O and 500 ppm CO₂ and is
284 volatile-undersaturated. Details of the Rhyolite-MELTS simulations are included in
285 Supplemental Materials.

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287 **DISCUSSION**

288 **Is the melt that produced the Taishanmiao pegmatites a late-stage product of felsic**
289 **magma evolution?**

290 Field and hand sample observations indicate that the Taishanmiao pegmatites represent the
291 miarolitic class of segregation-type pegmatites (London, 2008) that crystallize from the
292 residual melt remaining after crystallization of the bulk of the magma that produced the
293 enclosing host granites. Candela (1997) suggests that melts are not present during the

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294 formation of miarolitic cavities in granites, and that the crystals grow directly from a
295 magmatic volatile phase. Conversely, several more recent studies, such as those of Audétat
296 and Pettke (2003) and Zajacz et al. (2008), show clear evidence for the coexistence of silicate
297 melts and aqueous fluids during formation of miarolitic cavities in granites. These differing
298 interpretations suggest that multiple processes may be responsible for generating miarolitic
299 cavities containing large crystals, just as various processes have been shown to produce
300 similar pegmatitic textures.

301 Based on occurrences of MI and FI observed in the present study, it appears that at some
302 times during the formation of the Taishanmiao pegmatites only a volatile-undersaturated melt
303 was present (perhaps early in the formation of the pegmatites), while at other times both a
304 melt and H₂O-CO₂ fluid phase coexisted, and at yet other times (perhaps during the latest
305 stages of formation of the pegmatites) only an H₂O-CO₂ fluid was present without melt. We
306 also emphasize that it is well known amongst FI and MI researchers that the absence of a
307 given type of inclusion does not necessarily indicate that the phase was not present in the
308 system, as the mechanisms and processes of inclusion trapping are poorly understood. As such,
309 while the presence of a given type of inclusion (MI or FI) provides solid evidence that the
310 phase was present at the time that the inclusions were trapped, the converse is not true. As
311 such, crystals could have grown from the fluid (non-melt) phase, even if a melt was present in
312 the system. Thus, assemblages of FI (without MI) of indeterminate origin in some quartz
313 crystals that extend into open space in the pegmatites could have been trapped while melt was
314 still present, but they could also have been trapped after all of the melt had crystallized.

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315 From the initiation of crystallization (0%) to ~96% crystallization under isobaric
316 conditions (3.3 kbar), the temperature of the magma decreases from the liquidus temperature
317 (~1074°C) to ~734°C. The predicted volatile-free normalized residual melt composition after
318 96 wt% crystallization is 73.8 wt% SiO₂, 15.2 wt% Al₂O₃, 5.1 wt% K₂O, 2.8 wt% Na₂O, 1.0
319 wt% CaO, 0.29 wt% FeO, 0.26 wt% Fe₂O₃, 0.15 wt% MgO, 0.52 wt% P₂O₅ and 0.79 wt% F
320 (Table 1). The melt-free normalized mineral assemblage at this stage consists of 51.1 vol%
321 K-feldspar, 33.6 vol% quartz, 14.1 vol% plagioclase, 0.1 vol% biotite, and 1.0 vol% magnetite
322 (Table 2).

323 MI trapped in pegmatitic quartz in the Taishanmiao batholith are characterized by high
324 silica (78.2 - 81.7 wt%), 13.20 wt% Al₂O₃ (11.5 - 14.9 wt%), 1.90 wt% Na₂O (0.8 - 3.0 wt%),
325 2.85 wt% K₂O (1.8 - 3.9 wt%), 0.3 wt % CaO (0.1 - 0.5 wt%), MgO (below detection limit),
326 and 0.65 wt% FeO (0.5 - 0.8 wt%). The melts are variably enriched in F (0.3 -1.4 wt%) and Cl
327 (0.03 - 0.30 wt%). The trapped silicate melt is peraluminous with variable but high aluminum
328 saturation index (A/CNK: 1.41 ~ 2.92). The model-predicted composition is similar to the
329 peraluminous granitic composition exhibited by MI in pegmatite quartz, with some minor
330 differences. The K₂O and Al₂O₃ contents in the modeled melt are slightly higher and the SiO₂
331 is modestly lower than that in the analyzed MI. However, when differences in predicted and
332 observed biotite contents are taken into consideration, the predicted lower amounts of biotite
333 result in increased Al₂O₃ and K₂O contents and decreased SiO₂ content. The difference in
334 predicted versus observed biotite content is probably mainly responsible for the minor
335 discrepancy in Al₂O₃ and K₂O contents between the simulated residual melt and the MI, and

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336 the elevated SiO₂ contents most likely reflect excess melting of quartz from the MI walls.
337 Recognizing the minor differences described above, compositions of MI agree reasonably
338 well with the modeled residual melt composition after ~ 96% crystallization at ~734°C, and
339 we conclude that pegmatite melt represented by the MI can be derived by extensive fractional
340 crystallization of the Taishanmiao granitic magma.

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342 **Pressure-temperature conditions of formation of the Taishanmiao pegmatites**

343 The samples described here and their properties observed in the field, in hand sample and
344 in thin section show characteristics of the miarolitic class of segregation-type pegmatites
345 described by London (2008). During formation of the pegmatites, some portion of the
346 miarolitic cavity is thought to have been filled with a non-silicate (H₂O-CO₂) fluid phase that
347 exsolved from the melt during the late stages of crystallization - today the volume occupied by
348 the fluid during pegmatite formation is represented by open space within the pegmatite. While
349 pegmatites can form over a wide range of pressures, miarolitic cavities are thought to require
350 low pressure formation conditions, and Candela (1997) notes that miarolitic cavities become
351 less common with increasing formation pressure and are uncommon at crystallization
352 pressures of 3 kbar or higher. A common textural feature of both segregation-type pegmatites
353 and miarolitic cavities is that they both show external (heterogeneous) nucleation, whereby
354 the crystals nucleate on an existing substrate rather than nucleating in and precipitating
355 directly from a fluid or melt phase (homogeneous nucleation). The samples studied here
356 consist of large quartz and K-feldspar crystals, some of which are in contact with and appear

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357 to have nucleated on the enclosing granitic substrate. The crystals are inferred to have grown
358 into an open space, and open spaces are common in the samples as found in the field. As such,
359 the samples described here fit into the miarolitic class of segregation-type pegmatites
360 described by London (2008), and represent melt segregations that evolved over time to
361 produce cavities filled with large crystals that formed in the presence of both silicate melt and
362 an H₂O-CO₂ fluid phase.

363 As noted above, the input pressure for Rhyolite-MELTS that predicts a melt composition
364 and mineral assemblage that is most consistent with observations is ~3.3 kbar. We accept the
365 *PT* conditions predicted by Rhyolite-MELTS after 96% crystallization of the granitic melt
366 (734°C, 3.3 kbar) to represent the *PT* conditions at the beginning of pegmatite formation,
367 when the pegmatitic melt becomes isolated and starts to evolve as a closed, isochoric system.
368 Moreover, we assume that the FI in pegmatitic quartz were trapped during pegmatite
369 formation and that the melt was volatile saturated when the FI were trapped. As such, the
370 pressure of pegmatite formation may be constrained by the intersection of the FI isochores
371 with the vapor-saturated solidus (Student and Bodnar, 1996). Figure 7 shows the bounding
372 isochores for fluid inclusions in quartz, calculated using the model of Steele-MacInnis (2018),
373 and the gray-shaded area represents the complete *PT* range of intersection of all the FI
374 isochores (including those FI that do not coexist with MI) with the three solidi shown. The
375 choice of which solidus to use when interpreting the MI and FI data affects the estimated
376 formation conditions. Based on results of Rhyolite-MELTS modelling, analysis of FI and MI
377 in quartz, and comparison with other pegmatites, we include the H₂O-saturated granite solidus,

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378 the vapor-saturated solidus for volatile-saturated haplogranite melt in equilibrium with an
379 H₂O-CO₂ fluid containing 25 mol% CO₂, and the vapor-saturated solidus for a flux-rich melt
380 represented by the Spruce Pine Pegmatite (Fig. 7).

381 The fluid inclusion isochores intersect the various volatile-saturated solidi over a
382 pressure range from ~1.7 to ~4.5 kbar (Fig. 7), and we interpret the pegmatite formation
383 pressure to be in this broad range. The temperatures of intersection of the isochores with the
384 volatile-saturated solidi range from about 625° to 710°C and are broadly consistent with
385 observations during MI microthermometry.

386 The results of Rhyolite-MELTS modeling and FI and MI data suggest that the
387 Taishanmiao pegmatites began to form at ~730°C and ~ 3.3 kbar, at which point the original
388 granitic melt had undergone ~96 wt% crystallization; pegmatite formation continued during
389 cooling to ~625°C. During pegmatite formation, the melt became volatile saturated and
390 exsolved a magmatic H₂O-CO₂ fluid phase.

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392 **Evolution of the melt-volatile system during formation of the Taishanmiao pegmatites**

393 Various hypotheses have been put forward related to the processes and conditions required
394 to generate a pegmatitic texture in granitic rocks. Among these, the two most commonly
395 invoked models are that pegmatitic textures develop when a crystallizing melt reaches water
396 saturation and exsolves a magmatic aqueous phase (Jahns and Burnham, 1969), the other
397 being that large crystals form when a water-undersaturated silicate melt undergoes a large
398 degree of liquidus undercooling (Fenn, 1986; London et al., 1989). We note that this latter

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399 interpretation applies mostly to intrusive pegmatites that form when a hotter melt is intruded
400 into a cooler host rock.

401 Results of Rhyolite-MELTS modeling, combined with examination of mineral phases and
402 bulk rock compositions and compositions of melt inclusions, suggest that the Taishanmiao
403 batholith transitioned from crystallization of a medium-to-coarse grained granite to abrupt
404 formation of pegmatites having essentially the same bulk composition and mineralogy as the
405 granite. Field and laboratory observations, combined with Rhyolite-MELTS modeling,
406 suggest that crystallization of the batholith, including both the granite and the late pegmatites,
407 was a continuous process with no abrupt changes in temperature or pressure. We also note that
408 the silicate melt was volatile saturated during at least some portion of the time when
409 pegmatites were forming, as evidenced by CO₂-bearing aqueous FI that coexist with MI in
410 some assemblages (Fig. 4c).

411 Sodium-chloride-fluoride (Na-Cl-F) systematics observed in melt inclusions are also
412 consistent with the interpretation that the melt became volatile saturated during pegmatite
413 formation. In general, halogens such as F and Cl behave as incompatible components in
414 silicate melt systems (i.e., these elements are not incorporated into crystallizing phases) in the
415 absence of topaz or zinnwaldite formation (Webster et al., 2004). As such, their concentrations
416 in the melt increase as crystallization proceeds under volatile-undersaturated conditions.
417 However, once the melt reaches volatile saturation and an aqueous phase exsolves, F and Cl
418 show differing behavior. Experimental studies (Burnham, 1967; Hards, 1976; London, 1987;
419 Webster and Holloway, 1987) have shown that the partition coefficient of F, D_F (defined as the

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420 ratio of F concentration in the aqueous phase to that in the granitic melt) typically ranges from
421 0.1-0.4 at magmatic-hydrothermal *PT* conditions. This suggests that F would remain in the
422 melt during exsolution of a magmatic aqueous phase. The silicate melt would be continuously
423 enriched in F as fractional crystallization proceeds, even in the presence of an exsolving
424 aqueous phase, as is observed in many natural systems (Li et al., 2017). In contrast, once
425 volatile saturation is achieved, Cl is strongly partitioned into the aqueous phase, especially in
426 rhyolitic systems, with D_{Cl} varying from 16 to 115 based on experiment results (Webster et al.,
427 2009). This leads to a decrease in the Cl concentration in the silicate melt during aqueous
428 phase exsolution.

429 A correlation diagram showing the relationship between Cl and F concentrations in MI
430 shows that the Cl concentration increases with increasing F for MI containing between about
431 0.3 - 0.9 wt% F (Fig. 8). Then, the Cl concentration decreases as F continues to increase from
432 0.9 to 1.4 wt%. The trend is consistent with the petrographic observation that MI with F
433 concentrations ≥ 0.9 wt% are from crystal A5 that shows coexisting FI and MI, indicating that
434 the MI trapped a volatile-saturated melt (Student and Bodnar, 1999). Previously, Webster et al.
435 (2015) showed that Cl concentrations in the fluid-absent melt increase as the magma
436 fractionally crystallizes, and reaches its maximum or solubility limit when the melt becomes
437 saturated in hydrosaline liquid and/or vapor. Likewise, the Cl concentration in the MI of this
438 study shows a positive correlation with F in the range 0.3 - 0.9 wt% F as melt crystallization
439 proceeds, and reaches a maximum of 0.3 wt% Cl when an aqueous phase starts to exsolve
440 from the melt. Then, as magma continues to evolve, F increases from 0.9 to 1.4 wt% in the MI

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441 that are coeval with the aqueous fluid inclusions, while Cl decreases from 0.3 to 0.1 wt%. The
442 sodium concentration in the MI is also lower in MI that trapped a volatile-saturated melt (Fig.
443 8), consistent with transport of Na in the fluid as an NaCl complex. Thus, Cl and Na vs F
444 trends observed here are consistent with the interpretation that the melt was volatile
445 undersaturated during the early stages of pegmatite formation, but became volatile saturated at
446 some point during formation of the pegmatites.

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448 **Model for formation of the Taishanmiao pegmatites**

449 As noted above, the two most commonly invoked models for the formation of pegmatites
450 involve liquidus undercooling (Fenn, 1986; London et al., 1989) or volatile saturation (Jahns
451 and Burnham, 1969) of the melt. These models generally apply to intrusive pegmatites that
452 form when a hotter melt is intruded into a cooler host rock and the melt cools quickly to
453 temperatures well below its equilibrium liquidus (or solidus) temperature. Internal nucleation
454 of phases occurs and the crystals grow rapidly in this non-equilibrium environment to produce
455 a pegmatitic texture.

456 In petrology, the term *liquidus undercooling* is used to describe the process whereby a
457 magma (melt-crystal±volatile system) existing at equilibrium *PT* conditions on the liquidus
458 for that system is abruptly inserted into a lower temperature environment such that the system
459 is no longer at equilibrium. This, in turn, can lead to rapid crystal growth driven by a change
460 in melt composition as the system attempts to return to an equilibrium state at the new
461 liquidus *PT* conditions. Alternatively, if the shift to lower temperatures is sufficiently large

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462 that the new temperature is in the subsolidus region, all of the melt may crystallize as a result
463 of undercooling.

464 While decreasing the temperature (liquidus undercooling) represents one mechanism to
465 drive the magma system away from equilibrium, it is not the only process that can cause a
466 system that is initially at equilibrium to suddenly experience a non-equilibrium environment
467 (Grove and Till, 2015). For example, pressure-induced crystallization may result if the
468 pressure decreases for a system with a liquidus or solidus curve that shows a negative slope in
469 PT space, such as the volatile-saturated solidus in most volatile-bearing silicate melt systems,
470 including the granite- $H_2O \pm CO_2$ system (see Burnham and Davis, 1971; Keppler, 1989).
471 Similarly, crystallization may result if the composition of one or more of the phases in the
472 system changes. As an example, consider a haplogranite melt that is in equilibrium with an
473 H_2O-CO_2 fluid phase containing 25 mol% CO_2 . If the CO_2/H_2O ratio of the fluid that coexists
474 with the melt were to suddenly increase while the temperature and pressure remain constant as,
475 for example, during flux of mantle-sourced CO_2 -rich fluid into a magma undergoing
476 crystallization, the temperature of the system would be lower than the temperature on the
477 liquidus corresponding to the new CO_2 -enriched fluid composition at the same pressure. This
478 would drive crystallization to bring the melt back into equilibrium with the new fluid
479 composition (see Keppler, 1989, his Figure 2). These various processes that can lead to
480 non-equilibrium conditions to produce a “*liquidus deficit*”, as defined by Labrosse (2014).
481 Accordingly, a *liquidus deficit* is the result of any change in the physical or chemical
482 properties of a system that causes the system to depart from equilibrium liquidus conditions,

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483 and the units of the liquidus deficit are Kelvins (or degrees Celsius), identical to the units for
484 liquidus undercooling. Thus, a change in composition or pressure that leads to a liquidus
485 deficit would be described in terms of the difference in temperature on the equilibrium
486 liquidus before the perturbation, and the temperature of the system after the temperature,
487 pressure or composition of the system has changed to move the system away from
488 equilibrium.

489 The model proposed here for formation of the Taishanmiao pegmatites involves
490 development of a pressure-induced, vapor-saturated liquidus deficit that promotes episodic
491 crystal dissolution and precipitation in an attempt to return the system to equilibrium
492 conditions. This interpretation is consistent with results presented by Candela (1997) who
493 reports that “the formation of miarolitic cavities requires bubble growth during magma ascent
494 and decompression”. We propose that “decompression” (decreasing pressure), as well as
495 increasing pressure, can occur in the absence of magma ascent if the miarolitic cavity
496 represents a closed, isochoric system.

497 The Taishanmiao pegmatites represent miarolitic class, segregation-type pegmatites that
498 form in the very latest stages of crystallization of a larger granitic body. During the waning
499 stages of crystallization of the granite, pockets of melt became isolated and enclosed within a
500 rigid container represented by the previously crystallized granite surrounding the melt pocket.
501 As crystallization of the pegmatites proceeds in this closed (constant mass), isochoric
502 (constant volume) system, the *PVTX* conditions within the pegmatite body evolve in a manner
503 that diverges from that of the larger granitic body. The model proposed here for the *PVTX*

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504 evolution of the melt remaining after ~96% of the granite-forming melt has crystallized is
505 analogous to the *PVTX* evolution of a melt inclusion trapped in an igneous phenocryst. We
506 apply those same principles here to infer the *PVTX* evolution of the pegmatite melt. We
507 assume that the melt from which the pegmatite forms is represented by the melt that is present
508 after ~96% of the original granitic melt has crystallized, in agreement with both field
509 observations and results of Rhyolite-MELTS modeling. We further assume that the total
510 volume of the system melt + crystals + vapor remains constant during pegmatite formation.
511 Thus, the melt pocket (pegmatite) represents a closed (constant mass), isochoric (constant
512 volume) system.

513 The composition of the residual melt remaining after ~96 % crystallization of the original
514 granitic melt is listed in Table 1, and this is the starting composition for formation of the
515 pegmatites. Results of the Rhyolite-MELTS model suggest that the pegmatites began to form
516 at about ~734°C, and microthermometric results suggest that pegmatite formation continued
517 to ~625°C. The mineral assemblage predicted to form during crystallization of the residual
518 melt consists of 24.3 mol% K-spar, 68.8 mol% quartz, 6.8 mol% plagioclase plus minor
519 biotite and magnetite (Table 2). As crystals begin to form in the very earliest stages of
520 pegmatite formation, the volume occupied by crystals + remaining melt is less than that
521 occupied by the melt before crystallization began because the crystals are more dense (occupy
522 a smaller volume) than the melt from which they precipitated. We assume that the proportions
523 of minerals that are forming is the same as the mineral proportions in the pegmatites (Table 2)
524 and the volume change during crystallization may be calculated from the volume of fusion of

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525 the minerals, multiplied by their molar proportions. The volumes of fusion used to calculate
526 the volume change are: microcline (9.75 cm³/mol); β-quartz (3.85 cm³/mol); albite (8.64
527 cm³/mol) (Lange and Carmichael, 1990). We note that most of the inferred *PT* range of
528 formation of the pegmatites is in the β-quartz field, rather than the α-quartz field (Fig. 7).
529 Accordingly, the mineral-averaged volume of fusion for the pegmatite melt is 5.6 cm³/mol of
530 melt crystallized. That is, the volume occupied by crystals + melt decreases by 5.6 cm³ for
531 every mole of melt that crystallizes. We assume that the volume of the pegmatite is equal to
532 the volume of melt before crystals began to form, i.e., the system is isochoric; as such, the
533 decrease in the volume of the system as melt crystallizes (melt → crystals) requires the
534 formation of a void space in the cavity that is analogous to the shrinkage bubble that forms in
535 a melt inclusion during post-entrapment crystallization on the inclusion walls. The formation
536 of the shrinkage bubble requires that the pressure in the MI decrease and this results in a
537 liquidus deficit – i.e., the new pressure is not the pressure corresponding to the liquidus at the
538 temperature of the pegmatite body. This, in turn, leads to crystal growth combined with
539 exsolution of volatiles from the melt into the shrinkage volume, resulting in an increase in
540 pressure in the cavity (Figure 9). The decrease in pressure and concomitant decrease in
541 volatile solubility in the melt, and decrease in the amount of melt available to dissolve the
542 volatiles as a result of crystallization, are processes that are well known in the
543 magmatic-hydrothermal community and are referred to as “first boiling” and “second boiling”,
544 respectively. Exsolution of volatiles from the melt ceases once the pressure in the pegmatite
545 has stabilized at the pressure required to maintain equilibrium.

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546 The conceptual model for formation of the Taishanmiao pegmatites assumes a starting
547 melt composition predicted by Rhyolite-MELTS after ~96% crystallization of the original
548 granitic melt (Table 1). As such, Rhyolite-MELTS predicts that the residual melt has a broadly
549 rhyolitic (granitic) composition and contains 6.3 wt% H₂O and 500 ppm CO₂. At 3.3 kbars
550 and 734°C, the melt is volatile undersaturated and the VolatileCalc solubility simulator
551 (Newman and Lowenstern, 2002) predicts that a rhyolite composition melt would become
552 volatile saturated and contain 6.3 wt% H₂O and 500 ppm CO₂ when the pressure decreases to
553 2.653 kbar. Additionally, the H₂O-CO₂ vapor phase in equilibrium with the melt at these
554 conditions (734°C, 2.653 kbar) would contain 20.4 mol% CO₂ and 79.6 mol% H₂O. The
555 density of the vapor phase calculated using the equation of state for H₂O-CO₂ of Connolly and
556 Bodnar (1983) would be 0.618 g/cm³.

557 Developing a rigorous quantitative model to calculate the exact *PT* evolution of the
558 pegmatite is beyond the scope of this study. However, we have conducted some simple mass
559 and volume balance calculations to constrain the *PT* evolution of the pegmatite during its
560 formation, applying the same methodology that has been used successfully to model
561 post-entrapment crystallization of volatile-bearing melt inclusions (Steele-MacInnis et al.,
562 2011) and H₂O-saturated haplogranite melts (Student and Bodnar, 1996). Steele-MacInnis et
563 al. (2011) developed a quantitative model that predicts the *PT* evolution of a melt inclusion
564 based on *PVTX* and thermodynamic data for the system albite-H₂O. As crystallization
565 proceeds, the volume of the shrinkage bubble (vapor bubble) is equal to the difference in
566 volume of albite melt and crystals at the *PT* conditions of interest. Accordingly, the volume of

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567 fusion of albite is $8.64 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ (Lange and Carmichael, 1990). That is, for each mole of albite
568 that crystallizes in the melt inclusion, a void space of 8.64 cm^3 is generated. Stated differently,
569 assuming a melt molar volume of $112.83 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ and an albite molar volume of 104.13
570 cm^3/mol (Lange and Carmichael, 1990), the volume occupied by the crystal is $\sim 7.7 \text{ vol}\%$
571 smaller than that of the melt from which it crystallized. The pressure in the MI at any *PT*
572 condition is a function of the volume of the void space generated by crystallization, the
573 amount and composition of the volatile phase that exsolves from the melt as a result of the
574 pressure decrease and melt crystallization, and the relative difference between the molar
575 volume of the volatile phase and the partial molar volumes of H_2O and CO_2 in the melt. As
576 such, the partial molar volumes of H_2O and CO_2 in a granitic melt are estimated to be ~ 18
577 cm^3/mol for H_2O (Burnham and Davis, 1971) and $\sim 34 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ for CO_2 (Lange and
578 Carmichael, 1990). For comparison, the molar volume of H_2O at 700°C ranges from 36.1
579 cm^3/mole at 2 kbar to $26.0 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ at 4 kbar. Similarly, the molar volume of CO_2 ranges from
580 69.2 to $50.1 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ over this same pressure range. Assuming ideal mixing in the exsolved
581 vapor phase, the volume occupied by H_2O in the vapor phase (assuming a pure H_2O
582 composition) ranges from ~ 45 to 100% greater than the volume when dissolved in the melt.
583 Similarly, the volume occupied by the CO_2 vapor phase is ~ 47 to $103 \text{ vol}\%$ larger than the
584 volume in the melt phase. These differences in partial molar volumes compared to molar
585 volumes, combined with the pressure dependence of the partitioning behavior of H_2O and CO_2
586 between the melt and coexisting vapor, lead to complex trends in the *PT* evolution within the
587 MI. As such, Steele-MacInnis et al. (2011) report that the internal pressure in a melt inclusion

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588 that trapped a CO₂-saturated albitic melt at 1,500 bars and 1,165°C decreases from the
589 pressure at trapping (1,500 bars) to <500 bars as the amount of melt crystallized increases
590 from 0 to 25 wt%. In the case of this simple system, as melt begins to crystallize, a shrinkage
591 bubble forms in the MI owing to the smaller volume of crystals relative to the volume of melt
592 before crystallization. This, in turn leads to a pressure decrease and loss of volatiles from the
593 melt that drives the *PTX* conditions further from the equilibrium conditions, promoting
594 additional crystallization to drive the conditions back towards the CO₂-saturated solidus, which
595 in turn, promotes additional fluid loss from the melt to the vapor phase and a concomitant
596 decrease in pressure. These two competing effects, decreasing pressure and volatile loss from
597 the melt into the vapor that drive the conditions away from the equilibrium conditions, and
598 crystallization that works to drive conditions back towards equilibrium, continue until a steady
599 state condition is reached whereby the proportions and compositions of melt, crystals, and
600 vapor are in equilibrium at some new set of *PTX* condition. Conversely, during
601 post-entrapment crystallization of an albite melt containing only H₂O, the pressure in the MI
602 increases along the H₂O-saturated solidus until crystallization is complete. This same behavior
603 was reported by Student and Bodnar (1996) for crystallization in the haplogranite-H₂O system.
604 Finally, Steele-MacInnis et al. (2011) report that during closed system isochoric crystallization
605 of an albite melt containing both H₂O and CO₂, the pressure in the MI initially decreases as
606 mostly CO₂ is exsolved, followed by an increase in pressure as the exsolving fluid becomes
607 more H₂O-rich. We propose that this same process that leads to a complex *PT* evolution
608 within MI undergoing crystallization in a closed, isochoric system is applicable to formation

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609 of the miarolitic class, segregation-type pegmatites in the Taishanmiao granite.

610 At any temperature in the range from $\sim 725^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $\sim 625^{\circ}\text{C}$, representing the assumed range
611 of pegmatite formation in this study, the physical and chemical conditions that satisfy mass
612 and volume balance based on known solubilities of H_2O and CO_2 in silicate melts, the
613 partitioning behavior of H_2O and CO_2 between melt and vapor as a function of temperature
614 and pressure, and the density of the exsolved vapor, may be calculated. As such, at 734°C ,
615 mass and volume balance can be achieved over the pressure range 2,320 to 4,836 bars, and as
616 crystallization proceeds the pressure in the pegmatite must increase to maintain mass and
617 volume balance (Table S4). As temperature decreases, the pressure range over which mass and
618 volume balance may be achieved decreases, such that at 675°C mass and volume balance are
619 only possible at pressures of 2,225 to 2,255 (Table S4). At temperatures lower than 675°C the
620 pressure range over which mass and volume balance are possible again increases, and at
621 625°C balance constraints can be satisfied between 1,737 and 2,155 bars. Importantly during
622 cooling from 734°C to 675°C , pressure in the cavity must increase as crystallization proceeds
623 to maintain mass and volume balance, whereas at temperatures $<675^{\circ}\text{C}$ pressure in the cavity
624 must decrease as crystallization proceeds to maintain mass and volume balance (Table S4). It
625 is this pressure cycling in the cavity that occurs as temperature slowly decreases that leads to
626 the liquidus deficit and the concomitant episodic dissolution and precipitation of minerals that
627 results in ripening (coarsening) to produce the pegmatitic texture, as described below.

628 The pressure-driven liquidus deficit model described here may explain some
629 inconsistencies related to an undercooling-driven model for pegmatite formation in some

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630 cases. In discussing textures of granites in magmatic-hydrothermal ore-forming systems,
631 Candela (1997) notes that while undercooling may be valid in more shallow systems,
632 “*magmas at deeper levels, or magmas in regions of high flow, will cool more slowly and*
633 *acquire an equilibrium [i.e., finer-grained?] texture.*” Candela (1997) also notes that rounded
634 cores of quartz “eyes” (phenocrysts) in these deposits suggest that at some stage in its growth
635 history the quartz experienced an episode of dissolution, followed by continued growth.
636 Similar resorption of quartz phenocrysts in the Red Mountain, Arizona, porphyry copper
637 deposit was observed by Bodnar and Student (2006; their Figure 1-15). Candela (1997) relates
638 the resorption and rounding of quartz eyes to changes in the water content of the melt, but we
639 emphasize here that pressure-induced liquidus deficits could produce this same result. Candela
640 (1997) also notes that, owing to the inverse relationship between nucleation rate and crystal
641 growth rate, undercooling can produce both a pegmatitic (coarse-grained) and aplitic
642 (fine-grained) texture. Thus, during the initial pressure decrease in the pegmatite volume that
643 results when crystallization begins, a fine-grained mixture of quartz and K-feldspar may be
644 precipitated and with time, as the *PT* conditions in the pegmatite volume fluctuate, the crystals
645 may undergo ripening (coarsening) to produce the pegmatite texture (Fig. 9). Moreover,
646 evidence for the early formation of finer-grained crystals that coarsen as a result of fluctuating
647 dissolution and precipitation processes may not be preserved in the final texture, as suggested
648 by Sirbescu et al. (2017) who report that “early products of crystallization may be hidden or
649 reprocessed by superimposed crystal generations, recrystallization, and deformation.”

650 Based on petrographic studies of the Taishanmiao granite, combined with thermodynamic

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651 simulation of the crystallization history of the Taishanmiao granite-forming melt, and
652 petrographic and compositional analyses of MI and FI in pegmatite quartz, the *PVTXt*
653 conditions associated with formation of the Taishanmiao pegmatite can be summarized. After
654 ~96% of the original Taishanmiao felsic melt had crystallized at ~3.3 kbar to produce an
655 igneous rock with a phaneritic texture, small pockets of residual melt became isolated and
656 evolved as a closed (constant mass), isochoric (constant volume) system, and the *PT* path
657 within the melt pockets diverged from that of the enclosing host granite (Figure 9). While the
658 pegmatite melts remained in thermal equilibrium with the surrounding host granite, the
659 pressure in the melt pockets varied in a complex manner in response to crystallization because
660 the volume occupied by the crystals was less than that of the melt from which they
661 precipitated. The pressure fluctuations resulted in a liquidus deficit (analogous to
662 undercooling) whereby the melt and crystals in the pegmatite were no longer in equilibrium
663 with the new *PT* environment. This drove crystallization to change the melt and H₂O-CO₂
664 fluid composition in an attempt to return the system to an equilibrium condition. As the
665 temperature of the pegmatite decreased over time, the response to varying pressure in the
666 pockets led to episodes of mineral growth and dissolution which served to coarsen the grain
667 size to reduce total surface area and minimize surface free energy. The model proposed here
668 that large crystals may be generated by ripening (coarsening) of an originally fine-grained
669 mixture is analogous to that which is commonly observed during microthermometric analysis
670 of fluid inclusions (Fig. S6).

671 The transition from formation of a coarse-grained granite to formation of pegmatites is

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672 temporally associated with the evolution from a volatile-undersaturated to a volatile-saturated
673 melt. However, while the generation of an H₂O-CO₂ volatile phase within the pegmatite may
674 have facilitated the movement of mineral-forming components from the melt to the site of
675 crystallization, we do not suggest that the generation of a volatile phase was necessary for
676 pegmatite formation. Even in a dry (anhydrous and CO₂-free) melt, the pressure in the system
677 will decrease during constant mass, constant volume evolution owing to the volume of fusion
678 that results in a decrease in total volume of melt + crystals.

679 While the presence of an H₂O-CO₂ volatile phase is not required to cause the pressure to
680 fluctuate in a closed, isochoric system undergoing crystallization, the volatile phase does
681 facilitate and promote crystal growth. As reported by Maneta and Anderson (2018), who
682 experimentally studied the crystallization of H₂O-saturated granitic melts, “The experimental
683 results underscore the important role of water as a medium for the transport of essential
684 elements such as Si, Al, Na, and K from the silicate melt to the newly formed crystals.”
685 Moreover, Zajacz et al. (2008) analyzed coexisting melt and fluid inclusions in quartz crystals
686 from miarolitic cavities in several granitic to intermediate composition plutons, and found
687 significant concentrations of Al, Na and K in the fluid inclusions. For example, the following
688 ranges in average concentrations of these elements from 13 different melt/fluid inclusion
689 assemblages were reported: Al – 635 to 27,796 ppm; Na – 12,147 to 109,418 ppm; K – 6,885
690 to 124,871 ppm. These results emphasize the significant carrying-capacity of the
691 magmatic-hydrothermal fluids present during the formation of the crystals in the miarolitic
692 cavities and suggest that a volatile phase plays a critical role in transferring elements from the

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693 melt to the growing crystal surfaces.

694 The presence of volatiles also affects the viscosity of the melt phase which, in turn, affects
695 the movement of crystal-forming components by either diffusion or advection, or both, in the
696 evolving melt-volatile system. Audétat and Keppler (2004) showed that adding ~5 wt% H₂O
697 to an albite melt at 800°C decreased the viscosity by about 8 orders of magnitude, and with 10
698 wt% H₂O the viscosity is more similar to that of pure H₂O at the same conditions than it is to
699 that of the anhydrous melt. Similarly, Bartels et al. (2011) report that granitic melts containing
700 a few weight percent of Li₂O, F, B₂O₃ and P₂O₅ had viscosities at 773K that were similar to
701 those of water-saturated granitic melts at 973-1,023K. While we do not believe that melt
702 viscosity had a significant effect on the formation of the Taishanmiao pegmatites, the lowered
703 viscosities would favor the transfer and re-distribution of dissolved species within the
704 melt-crystal-fluid system.

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706 **IMPLICATIONS**

707 The petrogenesis of pegmatites has intrigued professional mineralogists, petrologists, and
708 geochemists for at least the past century, and serious mineral collectors continuously seek the
709 elusive mineralized cavity filled with giant crystals. Two different processes to explain the
710 formation of large crystals in granitic rocks are supported to greater or lesser extent by
711 experimental studies. In one case, pegmatites are interpreted to form when a crystallizing melt
712 achieves water saturation, while the other popular model suggests undercooling as the
713 mechanism associated with pegmatite formation. Both of these processes likely contribute to

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714 the formation of the more common intrusive-type pegmatites that are generated when a hotter
715 melt is intruded into a cooler host rock.

716 Here, we document that MI and FI contained within pegmatite minerals provide a record
717 of the crystallization history during pegmatite formation. Coexisting MI and FI confirm that
718 the melts became volatile saturated during pegmatite formation, and provide information on
719 the composition of melts and fluids that exsolved from the melts – these data are not otherwise
720 obtainable.

721 The pegmatites studied here represent the miarolitic class of segregation-style pegmatites
722 that are the result of *in situ* crystallization of the last remnants of residual melt remaining after
723 the larger enclosing and cogenetic igneous body has almost completely crystallized. Field and
724 compositional data support the interpretation that the Taishanmiao pegmatites began to form
725 after ~96 % crystallization of the host granite and the melt became saturated in volatiles
726 shortly after the pegmatites began to form. Given the environment and mode of formation of
727 these bodies, the undercooling model for pegmatite formation is not supported as it is difficult
728 to envision a scenario that could generate significant temperature differences between the
729 pegmatite melt and the surrounding, cogenetic granitic body. However, the petrological
730 consequences of undercooling can be achieved by other means, including variations in the
731 pressure and/or the composition of the system. Thus, a liquidus deficit may be related to
732 changes in the temperature, or pressure, or composition of the magmatic system, and here we
733 provide a model for generation of a pressure-induced liquidus deficit that drives crystallization
734 in a closed system. It is unclear if the pegmatitic (very coarse-grained) texture observed today

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735 was generated during the initial precipitation of quartz and K-feldspar in the pegmatite
736 volume, or if a fine-grained mixture of these phases was originally precipitated, and
737 subsequently underwent coarsening (ripening) to reduce total crystal surface area to minimize
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983 Figure Captions

984 Figure 1. Simplified geologic map of China showing the location of the
985 Taishanmiao batholith within the Eastern Qinling Orogen (modified after
986 Wang et al., 2016). The study area outlined by the black dashed line is
987 shown in more detail in Figure 2.

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989 Figure 2. Simplified geologic map of the Taishanmiao batholith in Henan Province
990 (modified after Ye et al., 2008). Also shown by the star is the location
991 within the batholith where the samples studied here were collected.

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993 Figure 3. Photographs of pegmatite outcrops within the Taishanmiao granite. White
994 dashed lines in panels “a” and “d” denote the boundary between the
995 coarse-grained K-feldspar and quartz assemblage in the pegmatite and the
996 similar but finer-grained assemblage in the surrounding granite. (a)
997 Pegmatite body that surrounds and envelops a granite clast; (b) Intergrowth
998 of coarse-grained K-feldspar and quartz in the pegmatite, with crystal sizes
999 ranging from ~0.5 - 3 cm; (c) The melt (and fluid) inclusion assemblages
1000 studied mostly occur in the coarse-grained quartz from the intergrowth
1001 texture shown here. Also shown is open space within the pegmatite that is
1002 interpreted to have been filled with an H₂O-CO₂ magmatic fluid during
1003 pegmatite formation; (d) Pegmatite body showing the boundary between

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1004 the pegmatite and surrounding granite. Note the absence of dendritic quartz
1005 that is often interpreted as evidence of undercooling that leads to formation
1006 of the pegmatitic texture in intrusive-style pegmatites.

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1008 Figure 4. Photomicrographs of melt and fluid inclusions entrapped in quartz. (a) An
1009 assemblage consisting of crystallized melt inclusions outlining a crystal
1010 surface in quartz; (b) Crystallized melt inclusions containing crystals +
1011 vapor + aqueous liquid from the assemblage shown in “a”; (c) An inclusion
1012 assemblage consisting of coeval melt inclusions (MI) and fluid inclusions
1013 (FI) in quartz. The FI contain CO₂-bearing aqueous liquid + vapor, with the
1014 vapor phase occupying ~20 - 50 vol% of the inclusion; (d) Secondary
1015 liquid-rich inclusions along a healed fracture and two CO₂-vapor-rich,
1016 negative-crystal shaped two-phase FI in pegmatitic quartz; (e) Two
1017 negative-crystal shaped, two-phase FI that homogenized at 370°C (left FI)
1018 and 359°C (right FI).

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1020 Figure 5. Photomicrographs of melt inclusions in crystal A5 after heating to 850°C
1021 in the Linkam 1400XY heating stage. (a) Most of the MI are homogenized
1022 and contain glass ± a small vapor bubble occupying 0.5 - 2 vol% of the
1023 inclusion. MI that are completely homogenized (no vapor bubble) tend to
1024 be smaller than those that still contain a vapor bubble. Some MI contain a

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1025 relatively large bubble (usually >25 vol%) as shown by the MI in the upper
1026 right. These MI likely leaked during heating or trapped some vapor along
1027 with the melt and are not considered further in the interpretation of results;
1028 (b) MI after heating to 850°C that contain glass ± a small vapor bubble
1029 occupying 0.5 - 2 vol% of the inclusion; (c) MI that contain a relatively
1030 large bubble (usually >25 vol%) and crystals after heating and quenching.
1031 These and similar MI are interpreted to have leaked during heating and
1032 were not studied further. Details of the homogenization of MI are provided
1033 in Supplementary Materials.

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1035 Figure 6. Mineral phases and their relative abundances (in volume percent)
1036 predicted by Rhyolite-MELTS during crystallization of the granitic melt
1037 that formed the Taishanmiao batholith. After ~96% crystallization, the
1038 predicted mineral assemblage and their relative abundances are consistent
1039 with the mineralogy of the granite in the Taishanmiao batholith at the time
1040 that the pegmatites began to form (Table 2).

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1042 Figure 7. Estimated *PT* conditions for the formation of the Taishanmiao pegmatite
1043 based on the intersection of the isochores for fluid inclusions with the
1044 Spruce Pine granitic pegmatite solidus (SP; Vaughan, 1963), the
1045 H₂O-saturated granite solidus (0; Student and Bodnar, 1996), and the

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1046 haplogranite-H₂O-CO₂ solidus for melt in equilibrium with a vapor phase
1047 containing 25 mol% CO₂ (25; Keppler, 1989). Only the isochores that
1048 intersect at the solidi at the highest and lowest pressures are shown; all
1049 other isochores intersect the solidi at pressures between these two limiting
1050 values. The green box represents the *PT* conditions (3.3 kbar; 734°C) after
1051 ~96% of the melt that formed the Taishanmiao granite had crystallized, and
1052 is interpreted to represent the *PT* conditions at the beginning of pegmatite
1053 formation. The gray shaded area represents the *PT* range defined by
1054 pressures along the FI isochores in the temperature range from 625° to
1055 734°C, and is interpreted to represent the range in *PT* conditions
1056 corresponding to pegmatite formation. Also shown are the α/β quartz
1057 transition *PT* coordinates.

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1059 Figure 8. Relationship between the concentration of Cl (left) and Na (right) versus
1060 F concentration in MI based on data from EDS and WDS analyses. (Left)
1061 Cl concentration increases with increasing F concentration over the range
1062 0.3 - 0.9 wt% F, after which the Cl concentration decreases with continued
1063 increase in F from 0.9 wt% to 1.4 wt%. The change from increasing Cl with
1064 F to decreasing Cl with F is interpreted to represent the stage in the
1065 crystallization history at which the melt becomes volatile saturated. The
1066 line is not a fitted line to the data, but rather is meant to highlight the trend

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1067 of increasing Cl with F, followed by a decrease in Cl with continued
1068 increase in F concentration. (Right) Na content versus F concentration
1069 measured in MI. The concentration of Na₂O in MI that coexist with FI (0.8
1070 - 2.2 wt%; red dots) is lower than the Na concentration in inclusion
1071 assemblages where MI do not coexist with FI (Na₂O: 2.2 - 3.0 wt%; blue
1072 dots). This is consistent with the fact that Cl is likely transported from the
1073 melt into the magmatic aqueous phase as an alkali chloride (NaCl) species.

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1075 Figure 9. Schematic representation of the conceptual model proposed for formation
1076 of the Taishanmiao pegmatites. At 734°C and 3.3 kbar, residual melt that
1077 remains after crystallization of ~96% of the Taishanmiao granite becomes
1078 isolated and continues to evolve as a closed, isochoric system (Stage 1).
1079 The melt at this stage contains 6.3 wt% H₂O and 500 ppm CO₂ and is
1080 volatile undersaturated. During the initial phase cooling, crystals nucleate
1081 on preexisting crystals on the walls (heterogeneous nucleation; Stage 2) and
1082 this, in turn, generates a shrinkage bubble (Stage 3) because the volume
1083 occupied by the crystals is ~7.7 vol% smaller than the volume of melt from
1084 which the crystals grew owing to the volume of fusion. The formation of
1085 the shrinkage bubble and the decrease in pressure causes a liquidus deficit
1086 and moves the *PTX* conditions within the pegmatite-forming melt away
1087 from the equilibrium liquidus. This, in turn promotes crystal growth and an

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1088 H₂O-CO₂ fluid continues to exsolve from the melt in an attempt to return to
1089 an equilibrium state. Owing to the complex relationship between pressure,
1090 volatile solubility in the melt, and the H₂O-CO₂ ratio in the fluid in a closed,
1091 isochoric system, the pressure in the MI fluctuates until a new equilibrium
1092 pressure is achieved, resulting in episodes of dissolution and growth of the
1093 crystals in the pegmatite (Stage 4). Ripening (coarsening) leads to
1094 development of fewer, larger crystals to reduce the surface area and surface
1095 free energy, and this results in the pegmatitic texture that characterizes
1096 miarolitic class, segregation-type pegmatites. At some later subsolidus stage
1097 (Stage 5), fractures intersect the fluid-filled cavity and the H₂O-CO₂
1098 escapes, leaving behind a cavity containing large crystals and a void space.
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Table 1. Bulk rock and melt compositions for the Taishanmiao granite.

Major oxide components	Range in reported bulk composition for the Taishanmiao granite** (wt%)	Starting composition used to model crystallization of Taishanmiao granite (wt%)	Residual melt composition at beginning of pegmatite formation (wt%)	Volatile-free residual melt composition at beginning of pegmatite formation (wt%)	Compositions of MI in quartz (wt%)
SiO ₂	70.28-78.98	75.73	69.1	73.8	78.2-81.7
TiO ₂	0.09-0.44	0.1	0.23	0.25	-
Al ₂ O ₃	11.20-14.57	12.64	14.2	15.2	11.5-14.9
Fe ₂ O ₃	-	0.60	0.24	0.26	-
FeO	1.07-2.35*	1.09	0.27	0.29	0.5-0.8*
MgO	0.07-0.62	0.07	0.14	0.15	-
CaO	0.21-1.23	0.42	0.95	1.0	0.1-0.5
Na ₂ O	2.92-4.30	3.58	2.6	2.8	0.8-3.0
K ₂ O	4.51-6	5.38	4.7	5.1	1.8-3.9
P ₂ O ₅	0.01-0.11	0.02	0.49	0.52	-
F	0.02-0.5	0.03	0.74	0.79	0.3-1.4
H ₂ O	-	0.26	6.3	-	-
CO ₂	-	0.0022	0.05	-	-

* Note that total Fe is reported as FeO.

** Data summarized from Ye et al. (2008); Gao et al. (2014); Wang et al. (2016); Jin et al. (2018).

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Table 2. Observed and predicted mineralogy of the Taishanmiao granite.

Major mineral components	Mineralogy of lithologies 1 and 2 (vol%)*	Mineralogy of lithology 3 (vol%)**	Mineral assemblage of the pegmatite predicted by Rhyolite-MELTS (vol%) [mol%]
K-feldspar	45-65	~50	51.1 [24.3]
Quartz	25-35	~35	33.6 [68.8]
Plagioclase	10-20	~12	14.1 [6.8]
Biotite	1-5	~2	0.1
Magnetite	minor	minor	1.0

* Lithologies 1 and 2 include the medium- to coarse-grained syenogranite and the fine- to medium-grained syenogranite. Mineral proportions are summarized from Qi (2014); Wang et al. (2016); Jin et al. (2018).

** Lithology 3 represents the porphyritic syenogranite. Mineral proportions are summarized from Wang et al. (2016).

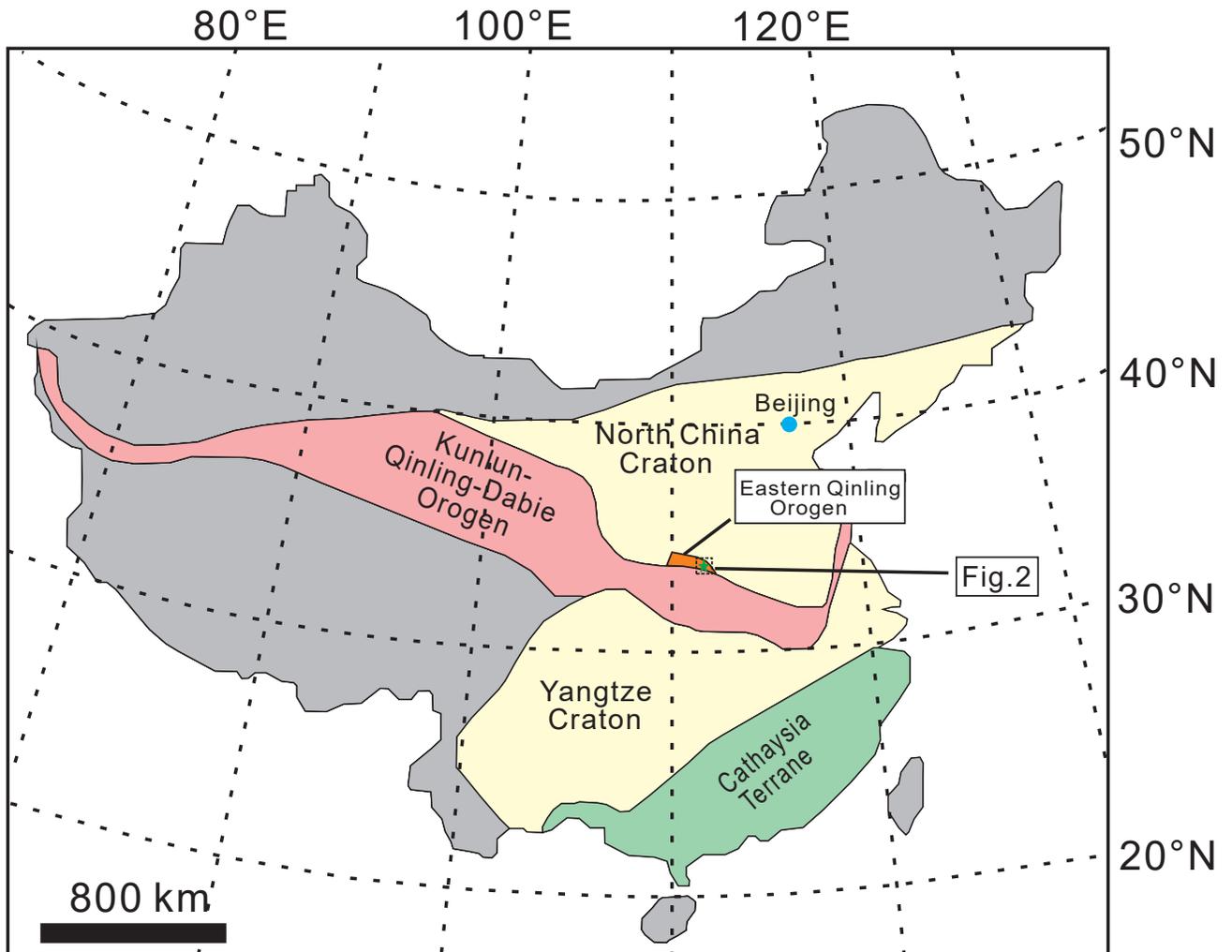


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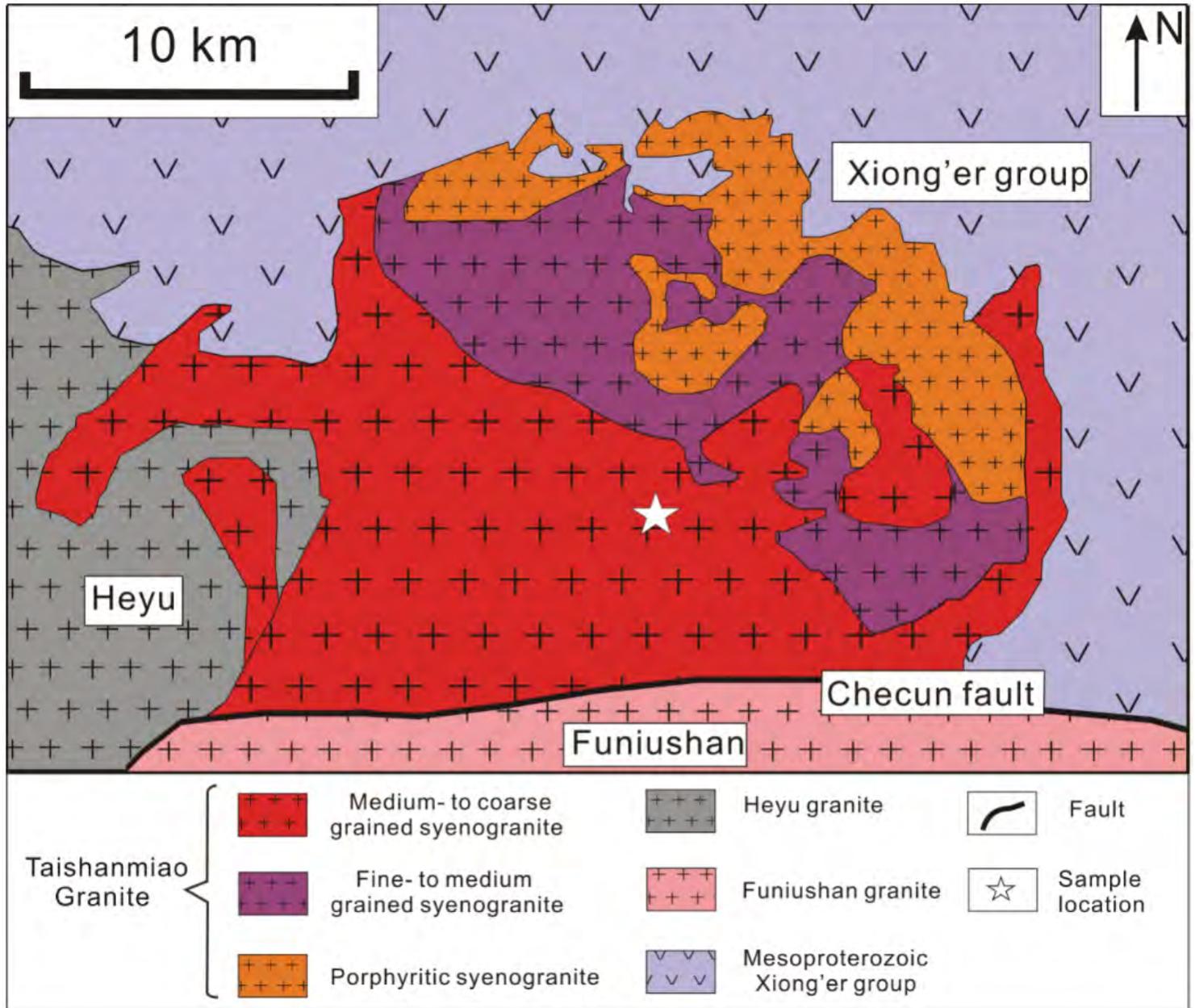


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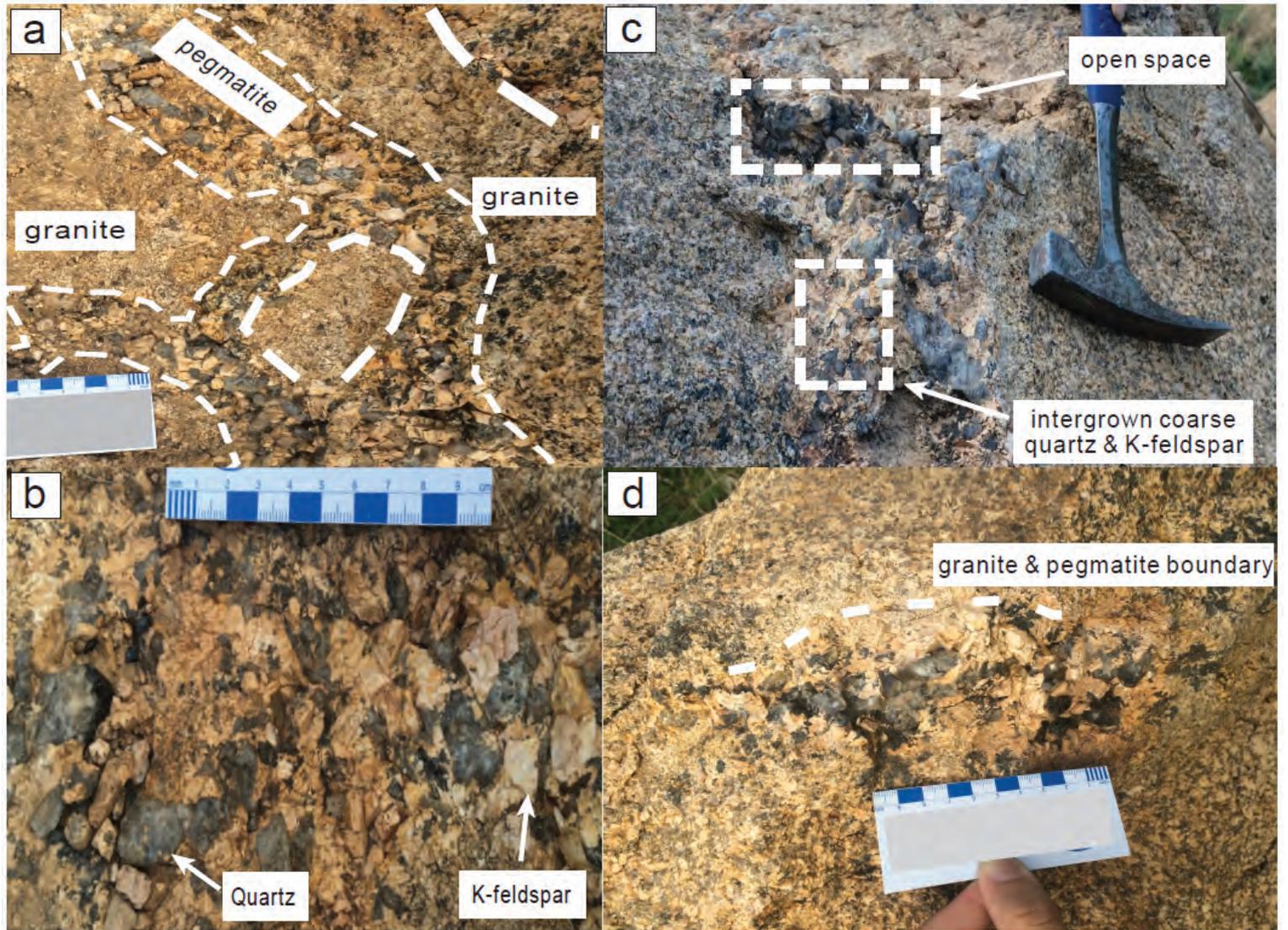


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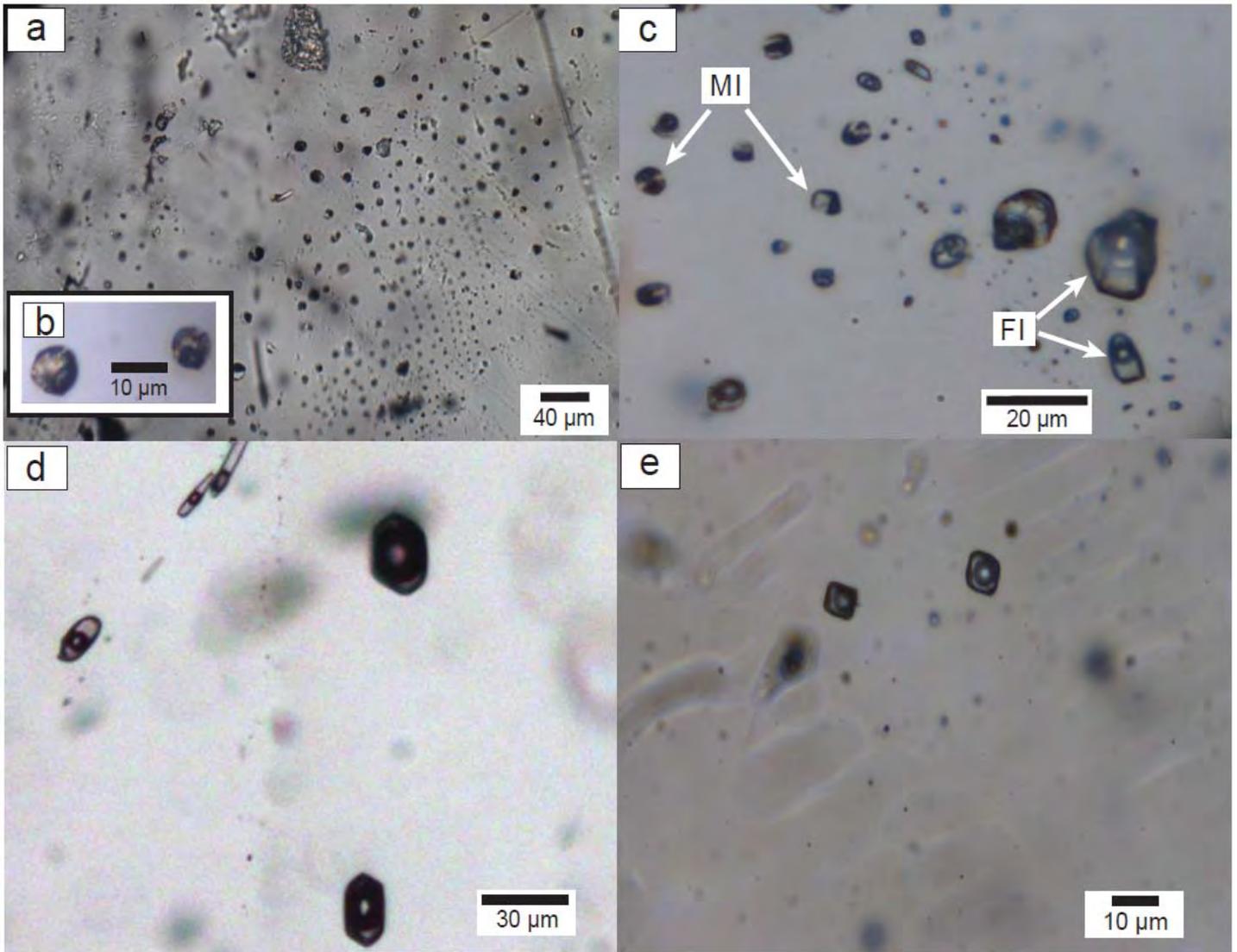


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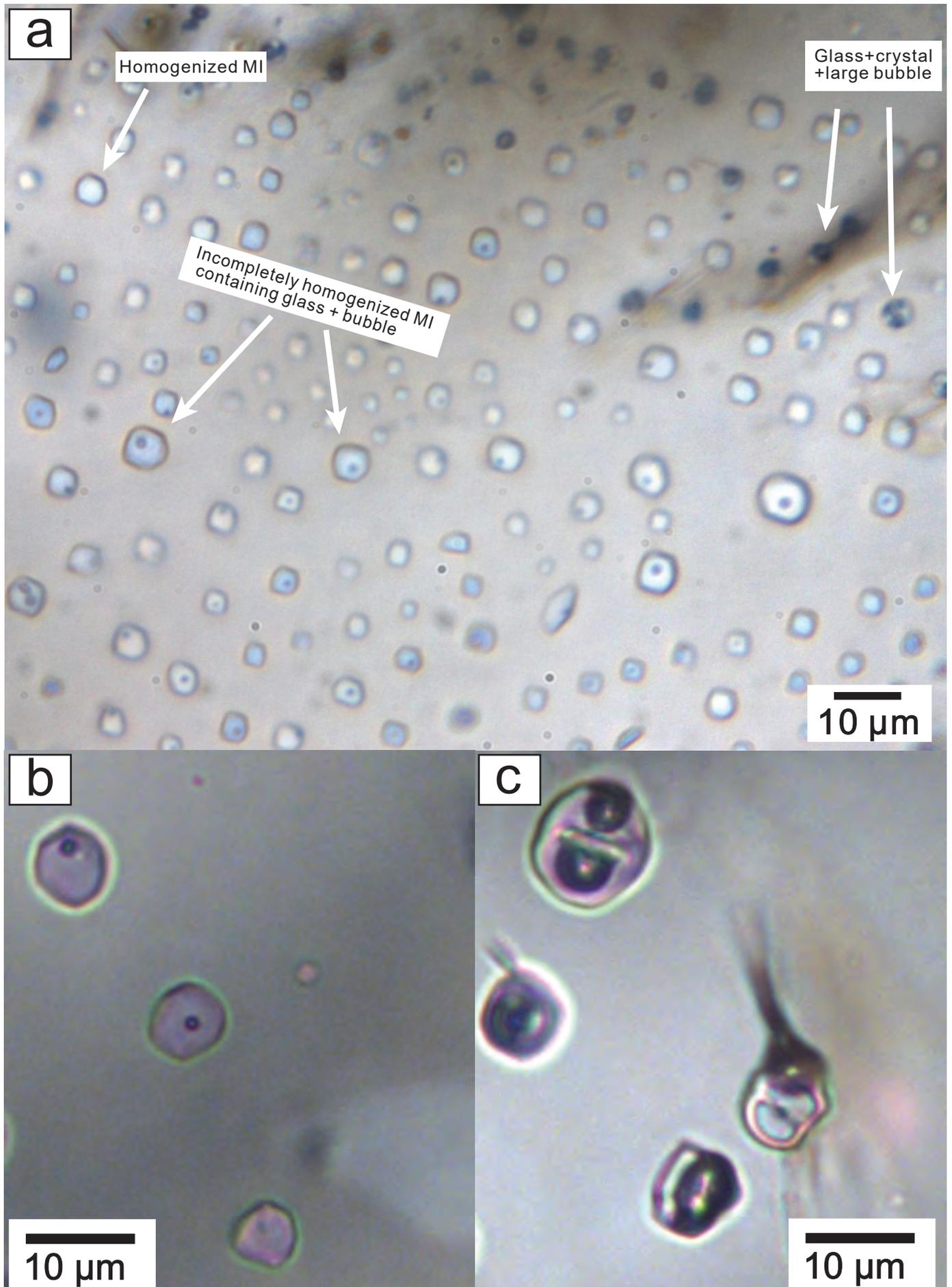


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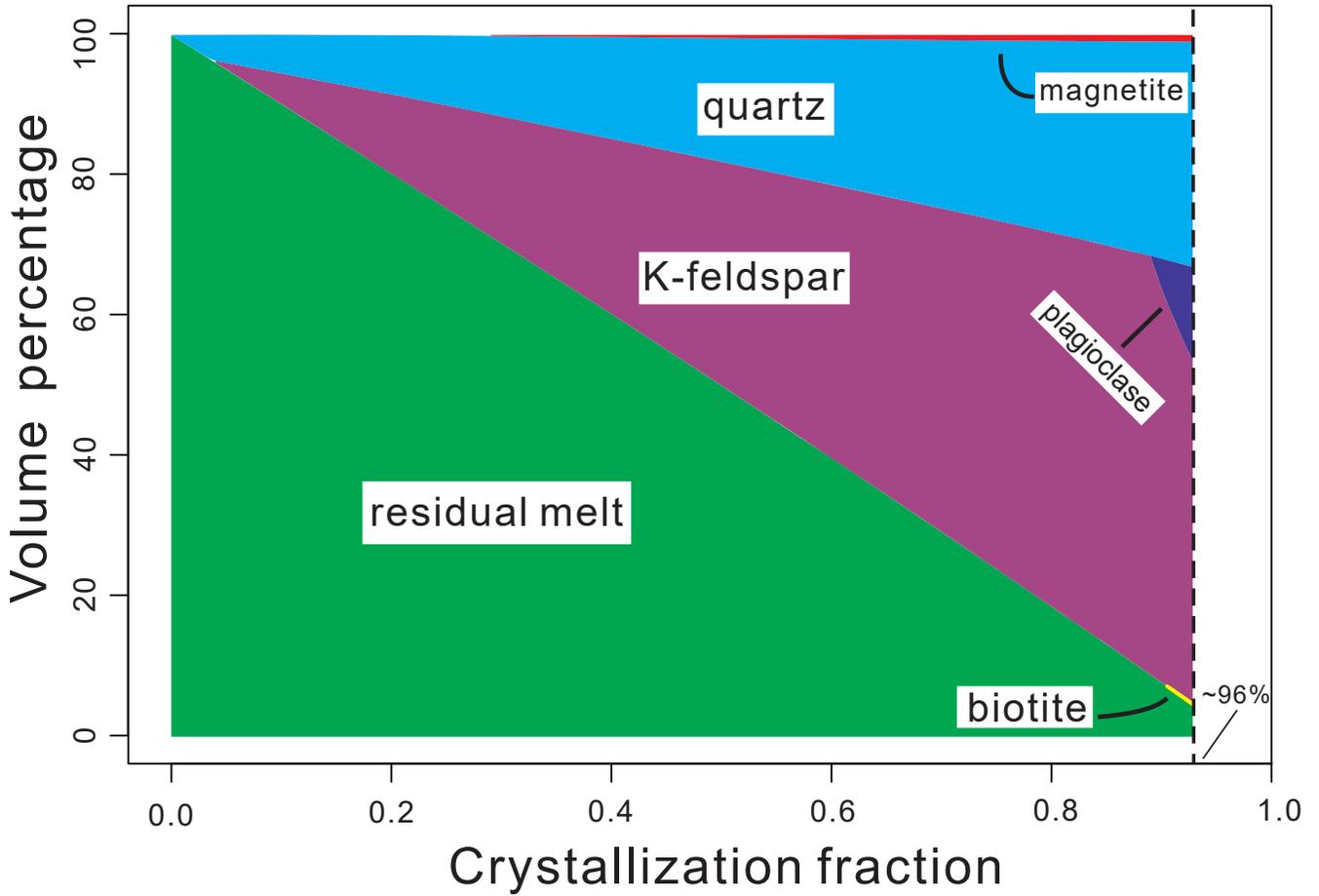


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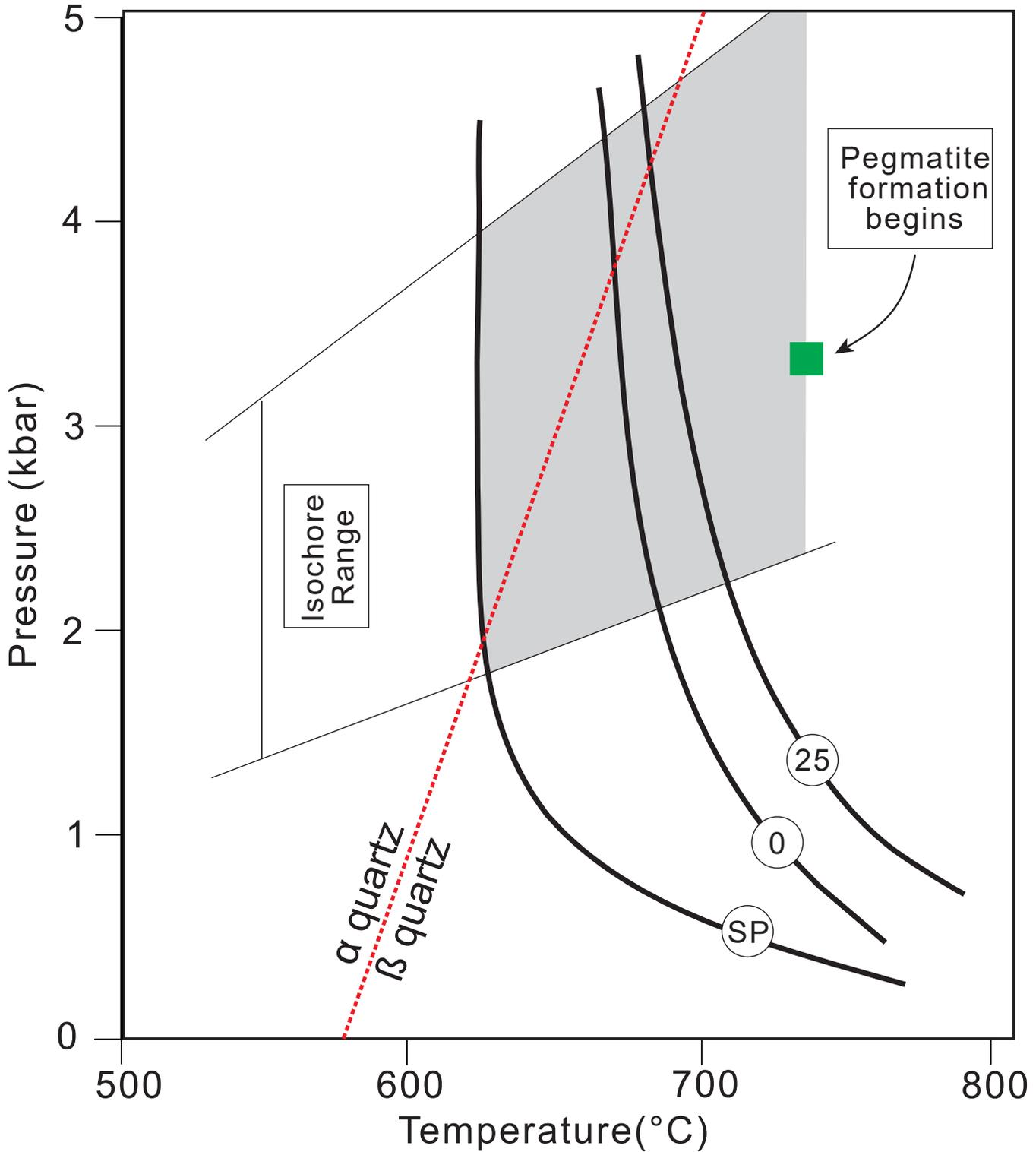


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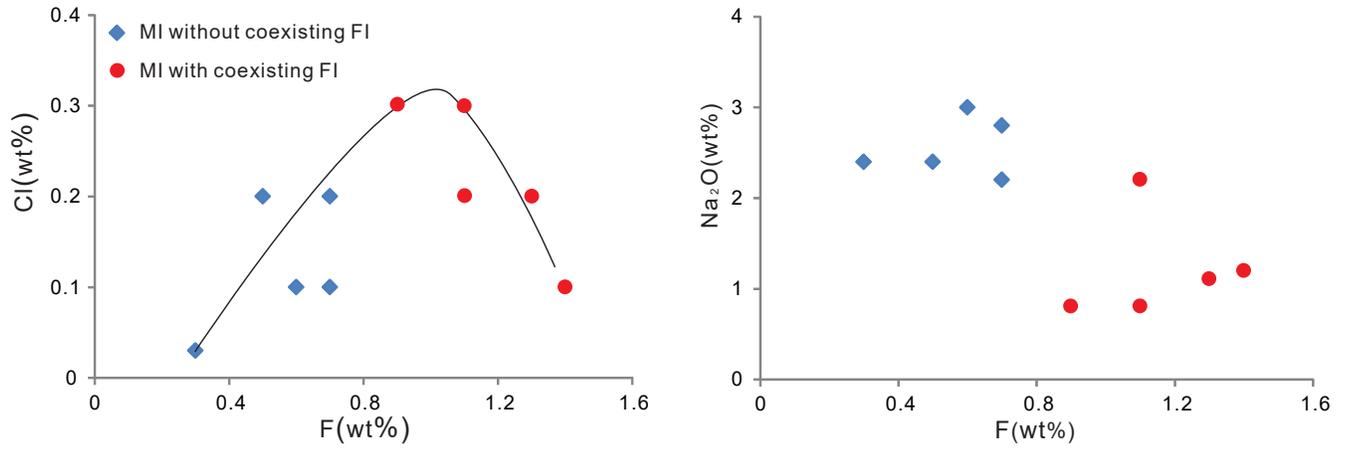


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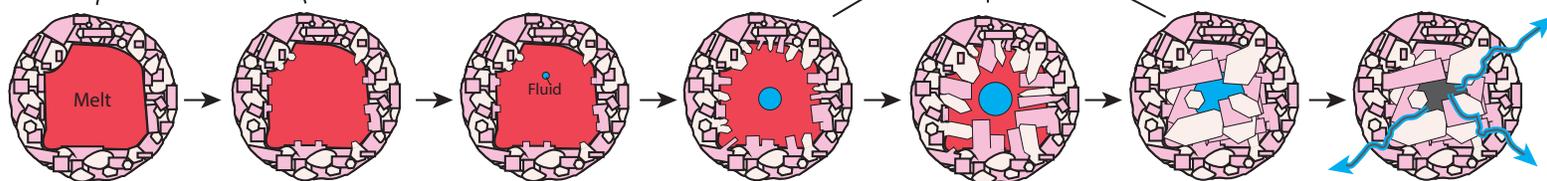
1. During the late stages of crystallization of the Taishanmiao granite, small pockets of residual melt become isolated and continue to evolve as a closed, isochoric system.

2. Crystals of quartz and K-spar nucleate on existing quartz and K-spar crystals lining the melt pocket (heterogeneous nucleation) and grow towards the interior of the pocket

4. As the system slowly cools and pressure in the pegmatite fluctuates to maintain mass and volume balance, crystals ripen (coarsen) in the presence of an H₂O-CO₂ fluid that facilitates transfer of components from melt to crystals and from smaller to larger crystals. Ripening reduces surface area and minimizes surface free energy and may continue into the subsolidus region.

3. Crystallization decreases the pressure inside the melt pocket, eventually leading to volatile saturation of the melt and the exsolution of a fluid phase

5. Today the fluid filled volume is represented by open space in the exposed pegmatite because the fluid has been lost along fractures during continued cooling and unroofing



Pressure

