1	Revision 2: Detection of liquid H_2O in vapor bubbles in
2	reheated melt inclusions: implications for magmatic fluid
3	composition and volatile budgets of magmas?
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18	ABSTRACT
19	Fluids exsolved from mafic melts are thought to be dominantly CO_2 -H ₂ O \pm S fluids.
20	Curiously, although CO2 vapor occurs in bubbles of mafic melt inclusions (MI) at room

- $21 \qquad \text{temperature (T), the expected accompanying vapor and liquid H_2O has not been}$
- 22 found. We reheated olivine-hosted MI from Mt. Somma-Vesuvius, Italy and quenched

23	the MI to a bubble-bearing glassy state. Using Raman spectroscopy, we show that the
24	volatiles exsolved after quenching include liquid H_2O at room T and vapor H_2O at 150°C.
25	We hypothesize that H ₂ O initially present in the MI bubbles was lost to adjacent glass
26	during local, sub-micron-scale devitrification prior to sample collection. During MI
27	heating experiments, the H_2O is redissolved in the vapor in the bubble, where it remains
28	after quenching, at least on the relatively short time scales of our observations. These
29	results indicate that (1) a significant amount of H_2O may be stored in vapor bubble of
30	bubble-bearing MI and (2) the composition of magmatic fluids directly exsolving from
31	mafic melts associated the Mt. Somma-Vesuvius may contain up to 29 wt% H_2O .
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33	1. Introduction
34	Melt inclusions (MI) are aliquots of melt trapped in phenocrysts during
35	crystallization of magmas. MI analyses potentially allow characterization of the volatile
36	contents of pre-eruptive silicate melts. Typically, concentrations of volatiles such as H ₂ O,
37	CO ₂ and S are measured in the glass phase in quenched MI and compared to
38	experimentally determined solubility models to deduce the composition of a coexisting
39	vapor phase (Métrich and Wallace 2008 and references therein). However, recent studies
40	have emphasized that, after entrapment, most of the CO ₂ may be transferred from the
41	melt or glass to a coexisting vapor phase bubble within the MI (e.g., Esposito et al. 2011),
42	as a result of processes such as post-entrapment crystallization (Steele-MacInnis et al.
43	2011) or differential thermal contraction (Moore et al. 2015 and references therein). In
44	fact, bubbles in MI may contain more CO_2 (by mass) than the coexisting glass phase
45	(Anderson and Brown 1993; Esposito et al. 2011; Hartley et al. 2014; Moore et al. 2015;

46	Wallace et al. 2015). Thus, it is necessary to understand the partitioning of volatiles
47	between melt (or glass) and bubbles during MI cooling as part of the characterization of
48	pre-eruptive volatile systematics (e.g., Kamenetsky et al. 2002; Lowenstern 1995).
49	H ₂ O may be abundant in mafic melts and should also be partitioned into any MI
50	bubbles that form. However, reports of condensed, liquid H_2O are chiefly in MI hosted
51	by quartz in plutonic evolved systems (e.g., Frezzotti 2001; Harris et al. 2003; Zajacz et
52	al. 2008). Several studies have commented on the non-detection of H_2O in bubbles within
53	felsic and mafic melt inclusions in volcanic rocks. For instance, Lowenstern et al. (1991)
54	reported CO ₂ vapor in the bubbles of reheated MI hosted in quartz from Pantelleria
55	(Italy), and stated that H ₂ O was likely present in the bubble, but "the lack of a liquid
56	phase in the bubble and negligible H_2O vapor peaks in the IR spectra indicated that it
57	was subordinate to CO_2 ". Yang and Scott (1996) and Kamenetsky et al. (2002 and 2001)
58	also found that the main volatile component of MI bubbles was CO ₂ , and echoed
59	Lowenstern (1991) in stating that although H_2O was likely present, it was not detected. It
60	is important to note that Kamenetsky et al. (2002) detected H_2O as a component of
61	gypsum, nahcolite, and silicate crystals found at bubble-glass interfaces. Moore et al.
62	(2015) suggested that the "missing" H_2O could reflect nuances of spectroscopic detection
63	of H ₂ O, particularly given that H ₂ O-CO ₂ fluids would likely separate into an H ₂ O-rich
64	liquid and CO ₂ -rich vapor at ambient conditions. Anderson (1991) suggested that H_2O
65	could be present in devitrified glass surrounding bubbles.
66	Based on the various results and interpretations described above, H_2O
67	is expected to be a major component of magmatic fluids contained in
68	bubbles that form in MI during cooling, but direct evidence of liquid or

69	vapor H ₂ O in bubbles in olivine-hosted, basaltic MI has not, to our
70	knowledge, been reported. In this study, we hypothesized that liquid H ₂ O may be
71	recognized in very "fresh" bubbles generated by laboratory re-heating and quenching of
72	MI. Naturally glassy MI were heated to conditions at which the silicate component of the
73	MI was fully molten. With subsequent quenching, a glass and bubble would be produced,
74	and liquid H ₂ O in the bubble, if present, could be detected because it would have little
75	time to interact with the surrounding glass.
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77	2. Materials and Methods
78	Sixteen olivine phenocrysts were selected from lavas and pumices produced during
79	mild effusive events and explosive Plinian eruptions of Mt. Somma-Vesuvius between
80	>33 ka and AD 1631 (Supplement A). Bulk-rock compositions of the samples studied
81	span a wide range, and correspond to samples reported by Ayuso et al. (1998). Lava
82	samples are slightly Si-undersaturated and plot at the boundary between the
83	trachybasalt/shoshonite fields on the TAS diagram (Le Bas et al. 1986). Pumice samples
84	show a higher degree of Si undersaturation and plot in the phonotephrite, tephriphonolite
85	and phonolite fields. The olivines selected for this study span in a wide compositional
86	range from 68 to 90 mole% forsterite (Redi 2014). We identified MI based on
87	petrographic analysis. Particular care was taken to select MI not showing decrepitation or
88	fractures intersecting the MI. We performed heating experiments using a Vernadsky
89	heating stage (Sobolev et al. 1980). The average duration of the heating experiments was
90	17 minutes (Supplement B), but MI were not heated for more than 9 minutes at T

91 >800°C. The 16 phenocrysts contained bubble [~] bearing MI after quenching from

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92	the maximum T (1143 [~] 1238 [°] C; Fig. 1 and Table DR1). After rapid quenching, the
93	bubbles were examined for evidence of volatile components (CO ₂ , H ₂ O, etc.) in the
94	exsolved magmatic fluid. The MI were analyzed by Raman spectroscopy (Supplement
95	B). The Raman signal corresponding to hydroxyl ions and molecular H_2O (H_2O/OH)
96	dissolved in the glass (Fig. 2 and 3) is clearly discernable from the signals of both H_2O
97	liquid at the glass/bubble interface (Fig. 3) and the H_2O in the H_2O -CO ₂ vapor phase at
98	>100°C. The density of CO ₂ in the vapor phase was calculated from the splitting of the
99	CO ₂ Fermi diad (Supplement B).
100	Some vapor bubbles were analyzed by Raman spectroscopy at high T (up to 150°C)
101	to test for the presence of H_2O in the bubbles (Supplement B). To estimate concentrations
102	of H_2O and CO_2 in the magmatic vapor phase, we compared the relative peak areas of
103	H_2O and CO_2 in the spectra acquired at 150 °C (Supplement B). In addition, five
104	freezing/heating experiments were performed on MI bubbles (Supplement B).
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106	3. Results
107	Twenty MI selected for this study were examined petrographically before, during,
108	and after the heating experiments (Table DR1). MI varied from slightly crystallized to
109	highly crystallized (e.g., Fig. 1). Details of the microthermometric behavior of MI are

- 110 reported in Supplement C. We did not heat the MI until the bubble was completely
- 111 dissolved, because our aim was to quench a vapor bubble in thermal equilibrium with
- a silicate melt at maximum T to study its vapor constituents. The olivine phenocrysts
- 113 were held at maximum T (1143-1238°C) for ~ 3 minutes to attain thermal equilibrium.

114	Immediately prior to quenching, the MI contained silicate liquid plus a minute vapor
115	bubble. Upon quenching, the MI contained glass plus a bubble.
116	When the laser beam was focused in the center of the bubble, CO_2 was detected in
117	all cases. The density of CO_2 ranged from 0.04 to 0.14 g/cm ³ with one outlier (Table
118	DR1). No H_2O was detected in the vapor at room T. The bubbles were also analyzed at
119	the glass-bubble interface. At the upper interface, sub-hexagonal crystals and dark flakes
120	of calcite (in 4 bubbles) or calcite plus native sulfur (in 3 bubbles) were observed and
121	analyzed (Fig. 2b; Table DR1). We did not observe these crystal aggregates at high T.
122	We also detected gypsum at the glass/bubble interface of one vapor bubble (P1-D49-2-7;
123	Fig. C1 and Table DR1). After focusing on the calcite \pm native sulfur aggregates, the
124	laser was focused ~1 μ m below or beside the crystalline aggregates (Fig. 2). At this
125	position, five MI also showed evidence of liquid H_2O at the glass-bubble interface (Table
126	DR1). Some Raman spectra at the glass-bubble interface indicated the coexistence of
127	carbonates \pm native sulfur, H ₂ O, and CO ₂ (Fig. 2a). In six H ₂ O-bearing MI, the presence
128	of H_2O and CO_2 was confirmed by microthermometry. Five bubble-bearing MI analyzed
129	by microthermometry showed first melting ranging from -57.1 to -56.0°C (Table DR1),
130	close to the triple point of CO_2 (-56.6°C), suggesting that the vapor is nearly pure CO_2 . A
131	second phase change was observed at -2°C to +8°C in four out of the five bubbles, likely
132	representing melting of H ₂ O-ice or CO ₂ -H ₂ O clathrate.
133	Three H_2O -bearing samples were heated to $150^{\circ}C$ after quenching. At this
134	temperature, liquid H_2O was no longer observed and the vapor in the bubbles showed the
135	sharp O-H stretching band of H_2O vapor (Frezzotti et al., 2012) at ~3647 cm ⁻¹ (Fig. 3).
136	This indicates that the H ₂ O occurring as liquid at room T had dissolved into the CO ₂ -rich

137 vapor phase at higher T.

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138	The molar fractions of H_2O and CO_2 were estimated from the relative Raman peak
139	areas, normalized according to the relative scattering efficiencies (Burke 2001). For
140	inclusion LFL2-D44-3-2 (Avellino eruption), two analyses at two focal depths within the
141	bubble yielded H ₂ O concentrations of 20 \pm 12 mol% and 30 \pm 21 mol% H ₂ O.
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143	4. Discussion and implications
144	Bubbles in MI may contain significant proportions of the total CO ₂ in the inclusions
145	(Anderson and Brown 1993; Esposito et al. 2011; Hartley et al. 2014; Moore et al. 2015;
146	Wallace et al. 2015), but evidence for the expected H_2O has been hitherto lacking. Our
147	results demonstrate that bubbles in reheated MI from Mt. Somma-Vesuvius show
148	evidence of H ₂ O and S, in addition to CO ₂ . At ambient T, H ₂ O is present as a thin liquid
149	film at the bubble-glass interface, and S is present in minute daughter crystals. The
150	presence of H ₂ O in reheated bubbles raises the possibility that the bubble volatile phase
151	may initially have been H ₂ O rich.
152	Based on the Raman spectroscopic data and constraints from previous studies
153	(Belkin and De Vivo 1993; Marianelli et al. 2005), we estimated that the thickness of the
154	liquid H ₂ O film contained in the MI bubbles ranges from ~0.01 to 0.51 μ m and, thus, in
155	all cases, the liquid H ₂ O annulus would be optically undetectable (see Supplement D,
156	Table DR2). In this study we did not attempt to establish the bulk H_2O content of the MI,
157	but previous results can be used as a guide.
158	Sample MI SCL14-D92-3-1 (Fig. 2) is representative of lava samples studied by

Webster et al. (2001). If we assume that the concentration of H_2O ranges from 20 to 60

160	mole%, the thickness of liquid H_2O film at the glass/bubble interface of MI SCL14-D92-
161	3-1 is 0.04-0.23 μm (Table DR2). The amount of H_2O stored in this bubble represents
162	between 3 and 16% of the total amount of H_2O in the melt that was trapped in the MI if
163	we assume that the H_2O content of the original trapped melt is 0.3 wt%, consistent with
164	the lowest H_2O content reported by Webster et al. (2001, see their Table 1). Webster et al.
165	(2001) give an upper bound of 5 wt% H ₂ O. Assuming this value, the amount of H ₂ O
166	stored in the bubble of this MI is insignificant, and is the reason for the query in the title
167	of this letter. In general, the amount of H_2O in the bubbles of bubble-bearing MI may be
168	significant for (1) relatively low H_2O concentration of the originally trapped melt, (2)
169	relatively high mole% H_2O in the fluid, (3) relatively large vapor bubbles, and (4) at
170	constant bubble volume%, relatively small bubble-bearing MI. As an example, a bubble
171	with 85 mole% H_2O , condensed as a liquid H_2O film that is 1 μ m thick (thus not optically
172	recognizable) assuming CO ₂ density is 0.14 g/cm ³ . The H ₂ O in the bubble would
173	represent 59% of the total H_2O in the MI if the glass H_2O concentration is 0.3 wt%
174	assuming the bubble is 3 volume%.
175	The likely reason that H_2O has been overlooked is that in most MI, the H_2O
176	originally in the vapor bubble is now incorporated in the surrounding glass phase via
177	hydration (Anderson 1991; Parruzot et al. 2015). Devitrification and alteration of silicate
178	glass in the presence of H_2O is a relatively fast process [~10 ³ years at ambient T (Lee et
179	al. 1974), ~days at >200°C (Mazer et al. 1991)]. Thus, H_2O liquid would only be detected
180	in vapor bubbles if the H_2O re-dissolves into the bubble when the MI is re-heated and
181	then quenched. Even if the H_2O component was not incorporated into the glass via
182	devitrification, it is unlikely that the thin film of liquid H_2O at the glass/bubble interface

183	would be discernible because the resolution with an optical microscope is on the order of
184	1 μ m, and the rims may be <<1 μ m (Supplement D and Table DR2). In these cases, it is
185	important to investigate the glass/bubble interface for liquid \pm solid(s). These
186	interpretations are consistent with preliminary indications of H ₂ O liquid in shrinkage
187	bubbles of olivine hosted MI from the San Cristóbal volcano in the Central American
188	Volcanic Arc (Robidoux et al. 2015).
189	The results of this study also provide direct evidence of native S, in addition to
190	H ₂ O, CO ₂ , carbonates, and sulfates in vapor bubbles in MI. The presence of S in the
191	vapor bubble underscores the possibility that the original S concentration of the melt
192	would be underestimated if only the S contained in the glass is considered. We estimate
193	that the S in the bubbles ranges from 108 to 1192 ppm, comparable to the concentration
194	of S reported by Webster et al. (2001), which ranged from 200 to 2900 ppm. Our
195	calculation assumed that crystals at the glass-bubble interface are a mixture of calcite and
196	native sulfur of various proportions, and that the H_2O/CO_2 molar ratio ranges from 0.25
197	to 1.5, and that these crystals are from 1 to 2 μ m thick (Supplement D). Thus, including
198	the contribution of S in the bubble to the total S content of the MI could more accurately
199	estimate the pre-eruptive S concentration of silicate melts if the melt was originally
200	trapped as single melt phase. We estimate that the composition of the C-O-H-S magmatic
201	fluid exsolving from the mafic melts in this study is 32-89 wt% CO ₂ , 3-29 wt% H ₂ O, and
202	6-59 wt% S (Table 1; see Supplement D for calculations).
203	An important consideration when evaluating the role of bubbles in the volatile
204	contents of MI will be open system effects, such as hydrogen loss. Hydrogen loss during
205	heating experiments may not significantly change the H ₂ O content of a MI if the

experiment is in the order of few minutes (Bucholz et al. 2013; Gaetani et al. 2012). The
maximum time that the MI studied were held at $T > 800^{\circ}C$ is 9 minutes. We calculated
that change in the H_2O content of the MI during the experiments is < 0.1 wt% if the
starting H_2O concentration of MI was 4 wt% (see Supplement E for more details).
However, it is possible that H and Fe loss by diffusion occurred after trapping and before
eruption (Danyushevsky et al. 2002) because the history of the MI from trapping to
eruption is unknown.
In this study, we cannot establish if the melt inclusions were originally trapped as
volatile-saturated or volatile-unsaturated melts, nor do we know whether bubbles were
present at the time of MI trapping or formed later. We emphasize that the goal of this
study was not to investigate the trapping conditions of the MI and the original magmatic
vapor potentially trapped in the MI. Our goal was instead to use the MI as a natural
laboratory where we were able to form a vapor bubble at magmatic T in thermal
equilibrium with a silicate melt. The observation that reheated and quenched MI contain a
silicate glass plus a fluid bubble indicates that a magmatic vapor phase exsolved from and
coexisted with the melt prior to laboratory quenching because MI studied show a single
bubble at maximum T before quenching. The bubbles in the MI investigated in the
present study represent a magmatic volatile phase that exsolved from and was in
equilibrium with silicate melt at temperatures and pressures appropriate for sub-volcanic
environments, assuming that the bubbles did not lose or gain volatiles during quenching.
At this stage, we cannot rule out possible modifications to the MI after trapping (e.g., H-
loss). Thus, the volatiles in the vapor bubbles could be representative of the magmatic
fluid coexisting with the melt beneath Mt. Somma-Vesuvius only if the MI trapped a

229	volatile-saturated melt, the composition of the MI is unmodified, and the temperatures
230	(and internal pressures in the inclusions) attained during heating experiments correspond
231	to the MI trapping conditions. Violation of any of the above criteria would imply that the
232	MI bubbles do not represent the magmatic vapor phase specific to Mt. Somma-Vesuvius.
233	Regardless of their origin, our results show that bubbles in MI should be carefully
234	taken into account in any assessment of the volatile concentrations of MI in some
235	magmatic systems. The direct detection of liquid H ₂ O in vapor bubbles in MI has several
236	potential implications concerning magmatic fluids. For instance, the newly formed vapor
237	bubbles in MI allow us to investigate the composition of the magmatic fluid directly
238	exsolving from a natural melt. Raman analysis, coupled with freezing and heating
239	studies, can be applied to investigate the volatile species and the composition of
240	magmatic fluids. Also, one could investigate the rate at which the liquid H ₂ O reacts with
241	the surrounding glass by conducting time-resolved Raman imaging analysis (e.g., Bartoli
242	et al. 2013) at the glass/bubble interface following the formation of vapor bubbles during
243	cooling of MI in the laboratory.
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361 Table 1. Volatile budget of bubbles in MI (see text and Supplements D for calculations).

MI	SCL14-D92- 3-1	SCL14-D92- 3-1	LFL2-D44- 1-1	LFL2-D44- 1-1	P1- D492-7	P1- D492-7	R6-D54- 4-2	R6-D54- 4-2		
Eruption	Pre-Codola	Pre-Codola	Avellino	Avellino	Pompeii	Pompeii	AD 1631	AD 1632		
	Mass relative to total MI (ppm)									
	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max		
CO ₂ vapor	774	774	788	788	380	380	330	330		
CO ₂ calcite	74	662	79	969	0	0	94	342		
H ₂ O liquid	77	464	81	483	121	242	34	210		
Native S	124	1116	132	1192	0	0	64	576		
Gypsum S	0	0	0	0	108	216	0	0		
total	1049	3016	1080	3432	609	838	522	1458		
	Mass relative to vapor bubble (wt%)									
Magmatic fluid composition	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max		
CO ₂ wt%	35	88	34	89	45	45	32	87		
H ₂ O wt%	4	27	4	27	20	29	3	26		
S wt%	6	55	6	56	18	26	7	59		

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363 FIGURE AND CAPTIONS



Fig. 1

365 Fig. 1 Photomicrographs of MI hosted in olivine from the Pompeii eruption (AD 79). **a**,

366 Crystallized MI "as found" (before heating experiment). b, Bubble-bearing MI after

367 quenching following heating experiment.



368 Fig. 2

Fig. 2 Raman analyses of MI hosted in olivine SCL14-D92-3-1 from a Pre-Codola (>33 ka) lava. **A**, Raman spectra obtained at different depths and position in the MI. Note the variation in H_2O peak intensity at the various depths (a.u. = arbitrary units). **B**,

- 372 Photomicrograph of the MI showing the hexagonally shaped, dark solids at the
- 373 glass/bubble interface. **C**, Enlargement of the bubble in B.





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375 Fig. 3 Raman spectra collected from the vapor bubble in MI SCL14-D92-3-1 at different 376 conditions and depths. The yellow spectrum was collected from the MI at room 377 temperature while focusing the laser at the glass/bubble interface in July 2014 and shows 378 the H₂O fluid band. The black spectrum was collected at 150 °C while focusing the laser in the glass in the MI and shows the OH and H_2O band at ~3550 cm⁻¹. Note the 379 380 difference between the peak positions of liquid H₂O in the synthetic fluid inclusion and at 381 the glass/bubble interface and those of hydroxyl and molecular water dissolved in the 382 silicate glass. The red spectrum represents the H₂O band collected at 150 °C while 383 focusing the laser at the glass/bubble interface in the MI. Notice that the H₂O band of liquid water was not observed at 150 °C, while a peak at ~ 1650 cm⁻¹ was only detected 384 385 at this temperature (a.u. = arbitrary units).

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Eruption	Pre-Codola	Pre-Codola	Avellino	Avellino	Pompeii	Pompeii	AD 1631	AD 1632	
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