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1 **Zeolite-group minerals in phonolite-hosted deposits of the Kaiserstuhl Volcanic Complex,**  
2 **Germany**

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24 **Abstract**

25 Subvolcanic phonolite intrusions of the Kaiserstuhl Volcanic Complex (Germany) show  
26 variable degrees of alteration. Their secondary mineralogy has been characterized by  
27 petrographic textural observations, bulk-rock powder X-ray diffraction, thermogravimetry,  
28 differential thermal analysis, and electron probe microanalysis. The alteration assemblage is  
29 dominated by various zeolites that occur in fissures, vugs and as replacement products of  
30 primary phases within the phonolite matrix. Phonolites in the eastern Kaiserstuhl were  
31 emplaced into a sedimentary sequence and are characterized by high zeolite contents  
32 (Endhalden: 48 wt%, Fohberg: 45 wt%) with the temporal sequence  $\pm$ thomsonite-Ca –  
33  $\pm$ mesolite – gonnardite – natrolite – analcime. In the western Kaiserstuhl zeolite contents  
34 are lower (Kirchberg: 26 wt% or less) and the crystallization sequence is  $\pm$ thomsonite-Ca –  
35 gonnardite – natrolite – chabazite-Ca. Pseudomorphic replacement textures and barite  
36 inclusions in secondary aggregates suggest that zeolites grew at the expense of a sulphate-  
37 bearing sodalite-group mineral, i.e. haüyne. Fresh grains of sodalite-haüyne are only found  
38 at Kirchberg, whereas the pervasive alteration at Fohberg and Endhalden transformed  
39 feldspathoid minerals completely to zeolites.

40 Zeolites formed in a continuously cooling hydrothermal regime after emplacement and  
41 solidification of phonolitic magmas. The common paragenetic sequence corresponds to a  
42 decrease in the Ca/Na ratio, as well as an increase in the Si/Al ratio with time. The shift  
43 from Ca-Na- to pure Na-zeolites is an expression of closed-system behavior in a water-rich  
44 environment at Fohberg and Endhalden, which both intruded an Oligocene pre-volcanic  
45 sedimentary unit. The late crystallization of K-bearing chabazite-Ca points to a  
46 progressively more open hydrothermal system in the Kirchberg phonolite, which was  
47 emplaced in a subaerial volcanic succession and was influenced by K-enriched fluid from

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48 leucite-bearing country rock. Therefore, the geological setting and nature of emplacement  
49 are important factors that control the degree of zeolitization of intrusive feldspathoid  
50 minerals -bearing rocks and whether a zeolite occurrence can be used as mineral deposit.

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### 52 **Keywords**

53 Natrolite, gonnardite, analcime, zeolite, alkaline rocks, phonolite, Kaiserstuhl

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**INTRODUCTION**

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56 Rock alteration and the formation of secondary mineral assemblages are important  
57 processes in the genesis of many types of mineral and ore deposits. In fact, most natural zeolite  
58 deposits are the result of decomposition of various primary phases in the presence of aqueous  
59 fluids. Differences between zeolite deposits exist regarding modal abundances and the  
60 mineralogical complexity of the alteration assemblage, from near-monominerallic to highly  
61 diverse, which reflects inherent differences in the reacting source rocks, in fluid accessibility and  
62 composition, in thermal regime, and in geologic setting (e.g. de’Gennaro and Langella 1996;  
63 Ibrahim and Hall 1996; Langella et al. 2013; Weisenberger et al. 2014; Cappelletti et al. 2015;  
64 Atanasova et al. 2017).

65 Natural zeolites form a large group of tectosilicate minerals characterized by the common  
66 feature of an open framework structure enclosing interconnected pores and channels. The three-  
67 dimensional framework is built of  $\text{SiO}_4^{4-}$  and  $\text{AlO}_4^{5-}$  tetrahedrons in varying proportions but  
68 maximum  $\text{AlO}_4^{5-}$  is limited to unity with  $\text{SiO}_4^{4-}$  according to Loewenstein’s rule (Loewenstein  
69 1954). As a consequence, the aluminosilicate framework contains excess electrons and the walls  
70 of zeolitic pores and channels are negatively charged, which allows positively charged ions or  
71 bipolar molecules to be fixed in this pore space. Due to the weak bonding strength, these ions and  
72 molecules are easily exchanged and replaced by others. The most common extra-framework  
73 species in natural zeolites are  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , but several other species, mainly alkali and  
74 alkali earth metals and  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , are also known to be incorporated. Over 80 naturally occurring  
75 zeolite species are defined by Coombs et al. (1997), and over 170 known framework types of  
76 natural and synthetic zeolites are illustrated by Baerlocher et al. (2007).

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77           Due to their structure-related physicochemical properties, natural zeolites are an important  
78 group of industrial minerals. Technical applications are generally related to their ion-exchange  
79 capacity, their reversible dehydration, their regular pore spacing, and their pozzolanic activity,  
80 which leads to various applications, e.g. water and wastewater treatment (Kalló 2001; Al Dwairi  
81 et al. 2014; Ibrahim et al. 2016), heavy metal fixation (Napia et al. 2012), soil remediation  
82 (Leggo and Ledésert 2001; Leggo et al. 2010), animal feed (Mercurio et al. 2016), agriculture  
83 (Faccini et al. 2015), oenology (Mercurio et al. 2010), the delivery of certain pharmaceuticals  
84 (NSAIDs) by surface modified natural zeolites (e.g. Mercurio et al. 2018), the use of zeolite-rich  
85 rocks in ancient roman structures (e.g. Jackson et al. 2017; Izzo et al. 2018), and many more.

86           A major application of natural zeolites is their use in the cement industry as pozzolanic  
87 substitute for ordinary portland cement (OPC) (Mertens et al. 2009; Snellings et al. 2010a, 2012;  
88 Özen et al. 2016). Natural pozzolans are silicates or alumina-silicates, e.g. zeolites, which are  
89 able to react in an alkaline environment with  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  commonly found in cement paste or  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$   
90 in hydrous solution. The reaction products, intergrown hydrated calcium silicates and hydrated  
91 calcium aluminates, are comparable to those formed from the hydration of pure OPC (Özen et al.  
92 2016). The pozzolanic reaction is a surface-controlled process based on the hydrolysis of Si-O-Si  
93 and Al-O-Si bonds (Snellings et al. 2012). Despite the crystallographic characteristics of the  
94 zeolite, a large and not fully recognized number of physicochemical parameters affect their  
95 reactivity, including extra-framework cation composition and specific surface of the zeolite  
96 material (Mertens et al. 2009; Snellings et al. 2010b), and physicochemical properties of the  
97 solution (Snellings et al. 2012). Although not studied systematically yet on pure zeolite phases  
98 with controlled conditions, it becomes evident that the pozzolanic reactivity is a general feature  
99 of natural zeolites (Mertens et al. 2009; Özen et al. 2016).

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100 Economic deposits of natural zeolites are commonly related to vitreous tuffs from which  
101 they formed by decomposition and hydration of volcanic glass. Deposits of this kind are found  
102 worldwide in regions of young explosive volcanism (e.g. Cochemé et al. 1996; de’Gennaro and  
103 Langella 1996; Ibrahim and Hall 1996; Cappelletti et al. 2015; Özen et al. 2016), Furthermore,  
104 there are also examples of zeolite occurrences in intrusive alkaline rocks (Tschernich 1992 and  
105 references therein; Schilling et al. 2011; Weisenberger et al. 2014) and their metamorphosed  
106 counterparts (Tschernich 1992 and references therein; Chakrabarty et al. 2016; Atanasova et al.  
107 2017).

108 In the alkaline rock-carbonatite complex of the Kaiserstuhl in southwest Germany, several  
109 phonolite intrusions occur which show variable degrees of zeolitization. Despite general  
110 similarities in their primary magmatic composition, they exhibit differences in zeolite-dominated  
111 alteration, both in quantity (i.e., in their grade) and in mineralogical characteristics, which leads  
112 either to economic zeolite deposits, or to non-economic zeolite occurrences. By studying the  
113 mineralogy and the compositional variations of zeolites in the Kaiserstuhl phonolites, and  
114 relating the observations to the geologic setting of each occurrence, we define factors necessary  
115 for the formation of economic zeolite deposits in the alkaline intrusive rocks of the Kaiserstuhl  
116 Volcanic Complex, which can be adopted for similar occurrences elsewhere.

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## 118 **THE KAISERSTUHL VOLCANIC COMPLEX**

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120 The Miocene Kaiserstuhl Volcanic Complex (KVC) is located in the southern part of the  
121 Upper Rhine Graben, SW Germany (Fig. 1), close to the city of Freiburg. The KVC belongs to  
122 the Central European Volcanic Province (Wimmenauer 1974) characterized by generally SiO<sub>2</sub>-  
123 deficient, alkaline intraplate volcanism, formed in the course of the Alpine continent-continent

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124 collision (Wedepohl et al. 1994; Wilson and Downes 1991). The KVC is the only larger  
125 polygenetic volcanic edifice in the Upper Rhine Graben, but highly silica-undersaturated alkaline  
126 dikes and diatremes are common in the graben and along its shoulders. These are represented by  
127 the Black Forest, Vosges and Odins Forest crystalline complexes, and also in their overlying  
128 Mesozoic to early Cenozoic sedimentary cover, which is locally preserved inside the graben and  
129 along its margins. They are classified as olivine-melilitites and olivine-nephelinites and are  
130 considered unfractionated products of low percentage partial mantle melts (Keller 2001), carrying  
131 lherzolithic xenoliths (Keller et al. 1997).

132       The Kaiserstuhl can be subdivided into two different major geologic units (Figure 1). (1)  
133 The eastern part consists of a sequence of Paleogene sediments (marls, sandstones and  
134 limestones) in a north-south oriented prevolcanic horst structure. (2) The central-western part  
135 consists of volcanic rocks, whereas the central part is formed by a subvolcanic intrusive complex  
136 surrounded by effusive and explosive volcanics in the north, west and south. The Kaiserstuhl  
137 most likely had the structure of a complex stratovolcano, or a volcanic field with eruptions from  
138 various volcanic centers (Keller 2001).

139       Petrologically the rocks of the KVC form a series from primitive olivine nephelinites  
140 towards slightly fractionated basanites, tephrites and finally phonolites, which were derived from  
141 two different parental magmas (Braunger et al. 2018). Carbonatites and carbonate-melilite-  
142 bearing silicate rocks ('bergalite') occur in close relationship to nephelinitic diatreme brecciae in  
143 the subvolcanic center of the volcanic complex (Keller 2001).

144       Activity emerged with the eruption of olivine-nephelinites ( $19.0 \pm 1.6$  Ma, whole-rock K-  
145 Ar age; Baranyi et al. 1976), the deposition of mainly tephritic pyroclastites and lavas (18.2 –  
146 16.5 Ma) and the emplacement of various subvolcanic intrusions and dikes between 18.4 and  
147 15.3 Ma (Wimmenauer 2003 and references therein). Volcanism ceased with the eruption of the

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148 parasitic Limberg-Lützelberg complex at the northwestern margin of the KVC, where a  
149 phonolitic tuff was deposited at  $16.2 \pm 0.2$  Ma (Kraml et al. 2006) in a nephelinite-basanite-  
150 tephrite-phonolite sequence.

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### 152 **Phonolites in the KVC**

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154 Phonolites form one of the major petrologic families in the KVC and are subordinate in  
155 volume only to the rocks of the tephritic family, from which they are derived by fractionation  
156 (Braunger et al. 2018). They occur as intrusive subvolcanic stocks and dikes, and as pyroclastic  
157 products of explosive volcanic activity. Members of the phonolitic family are recognized by the  
158 modal mineralogy: sodic pyroxene (aegirine-augite), alkali feldspar, titanian andradite  
159 ('melanite') and sodalite/häüyne. Phonolites from the eastern KVC (Fig. 1) form a distinct  
160 subgroup characterized by the presence of wollastonite. These intrusions are apparently arranged  
161 on a straight N-S striking line which parallels a major fault located about 1-1.5 km to the west.  
162 Larger occurrences of phonolite are found in three different geologic settings in the Kaiserstuhl  
163 volcanic edifice (Fig. 1): (1) as intrusions in the subvolcanic center, in close spatial relationship  
164 to essexitic and carbonatitic intrusions; (2) as intrusions emplaced into the prevolcanic Oligocene  
165 sediments of the eastern Kaiserstuhl (Fohberg, Endhalden); (3) as intrusion in subaerial, mainly  
166 tephritic pyroclastites and lavas in the western KVC (Kirchberg).

167 Varieties of phonolite *sensu lato* occur as small-volume bodies in the KVC. They are  
168 represented by dm- to m-thick dikes of tinguaitite (feldspar-foid ratio 1:1 – 1:10), and  
169 häüynophyre (Wimmenauer 1962) and leucitophyre (Keller 1964; Spürgin et al. 2008), both with  
170 a feldspar-foid ratio of <1:10.

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171 The plutonic facies of the phonolitic family is represented by sodalite syenites (locally  
172 more mafic ‘ledmorite’), and foidolites (‘tawite’). They are mineralogically related to phonolites,  
173 but with a distinct coarse-grained texture. Occurrences are limited to xenoliths, especially in the  
174 Kirchberg phonolite (Czygan 1977), and to the subvolcanic center of the KVC, where ledmorite  
175 is recorded as major rock type in a drill core (Wimmenauer 1962, 2003).

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### 177 **Zeolites in the KVC**

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179 All silicic lithologies of the KVC were affected by subsequent alteration and zeolitization  
180 to variable degrees. Zeolites occur as vesicle-fillings, in fracture assemblages or as fine-grained  
181 groundmass replacing components. Processes responsible for alteration include hydrothermal  
182 decomposition of primary igneous phases, particularly minerals of the feldspathoid group  
183 (Weisenberger et al. 2014), and decay and hydration of volcanic glass either in a hydrothermal or  
184 a hydrous low-temperature environment (Eggleton and Keller 1982; Weisenberger and Spürgin  
185 2009). The following zeolite species are reported from the KVC by Weisenberger and Spürgin  
186 (2009), Weisenberger et al. (2014) and Marzi and Spürgin (2017): Analcime, chabazite-Ca,  
187 faujasite-Na, faujasite-Mg, gonnardite, merlinoite, mesolite, natrolite, offretite, phillipsite-K,  
188 phillipsite-Ca, and thomsonite-Ca.

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## 190 **ANALYTICAL METHODS**

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192 Mineral compositions were determined by electron probe microanalysis (EPMA) at the  
193 University of Oulu using a JEOL JXA-8200 electron microprobe. Operating conditions were 15  
194 kV acceleration voltage and 15 nA beam current with counting times of 10 s. Zeolites were

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195 analyzed with a defocused beam (20  $\mu\text{m}$ ). Sodalite-haüyne was analyzed with a beam diameter of  
196 5 or 10  $\mu\text{m}$ . Na and K were measured first, to minimize the effect of Na and K loss during  
197 determination. Since zeolites lose water when heated, the rock samples and crystals were  
198 mounted in epoxy resin to minimize loss of water. Natural and synthetic standards were used for  
199 calibration. The charge balance of zeolite formulas is a reliable measure for the quality of the  
200 analysis. It correlates with the extent of thermal decomposition of zeolites during microprobe  
201 analysis. A useful test is based on the charge balance between the non-framework cations and the  
202 amount of tetrahedral Al (Passaglia 1970). Analyses are considered acceptable if the sum  $E\% =$   
203  $100 \times [\text{Al} - (\text{Na} + \text{K}) - 2(\text{Ca} + \text{Sr} + \text{Ba})] / [(\text{Na} + \text{K}) + 2(\text{Ca} + \text{Sr} + \text{Ba})]$  of the charge of the extra-framework  
204 cations ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ , and  $\text{K}^+$ ) is within 7% of the framework charge.

205 Mineralogical compositions were determined on bulk-rock samples of each phonolite by  
206 powder X-ray diffractometry (PXRD) using a Bruker D2 Phaser diffractometer. For this purpose,  
207 rock samples of 2-4 kg were crushed, homogenized and representative subsamples of 50 g were  
208 finely ground in a laboratory mill. Scans with Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation were recorded in the range  $5^\circ < 2\theta$   
209  $< 70^\circ$  with a step width of  $0.016^\circ$  and an integration time of 2s/step. Full-pattern Rietveld based  
210 quantitative phase analyses (QPA) were performed with the Bruker TOPAS software applying a  
211 fundamental parameters procedure (Cheary and Coelho 1992; Madsen and Scarlett 2008).  
212 Instrumental contributions to the recorded patterns were initially refined on a sample of  $\text{LaB}_6$ . In  
213 the first step of QPA of the phonolite samples, the unit cell parameters of each phase have been  
214 refined to match the observed peak positions. In a second step, the crystallite size and strain  
215 functions have been applied to model the peak shape. Further, atomic positions have been  
216 allowed to refine in narrow limits, and in order to limit the number of independently refined  
217 parameters, an overall isotropic thermal factor  $B_{\text{eq}}$  was refined for all atomic sites in all phases.

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218 Due to the holocrystalline nature of the phonolites, no amorphous phase content has been refined.

219 Results of QPA are listed in Table 2.

220 Thermogravimetry (TG) and differential thermal analysis (DTA) were performed at the  
221 Institute for Technology of Nuclear and Other Mineral Raw Materials (ITNMS). Thermal  
222 analysis was performed on a Netzsch STA 409 EP (Selb, Germany). Samples were put in ceramic  
223 crucibles and heated (20 – 1000°C) in an air atmosphere with a heating rate of 10°C/min<sup>-1</sup>.

224 Mineral stabilities were obtained using the program SUPCRT92 (Johnson et al. 1992),  
225 employing the slop98 database and thermodynamic data from Helgeson et al. (1978) and Neuhoff  
226 (2000). Reactions were calculated considering low quartz activity and aluminum conservation in  
227 the solid phases.

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## 229 **RESULTS**

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### 231 **Mineralogy and Petrology of Phonolite Localities**

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233 The three largest phonolite stocks of the KVC, two of them located in the eastern (Fohberg,  
234 Endhalden) and one in the western (Kirchberg) Kaiserstuhl (Fig. 1), have been investigated  
235 during this study. Their petrographic characteristics are summarized in Table 1. Other known  
236 occurrences of intrusive phonolites in the subvolcanic center of the KVC, as well as phonolitic  
237 dikes and pyroclastites (Wimmenauer 1962, 2003) have not been considered due to their high  
238 degree of weathering in surficial outcrops and their low economic potential regarding minerals of  
239 the zeolite group.

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241       **Fohberg Phonolite.** The Fohberg phonolite, 600 x 450 m in aerial size, is the largest  
242 phonolite body in the eastern Kaiserstuhl and probably, as outcrop conditions of phonolites in the  
243 central KVC allow no correlation and reconstruction, also the largest one in the entire KVC. It  
244 intruded a series of Oligocene sediments of the Pechelbronn Formation, mainly marl, limestone  
245 and calcareous sandstone (Wimmenauer 2003), and is cut by a dike of porphyritic essexite.

246       The petrography of the Fohberg phonolite was investigated by Wimmenauer (1962), and  
247 data on the primary and secondary mineralogy is found in Weisenberger et al. (2014). The rock  
248 has a slightly porphyritic texture with phenocrysts ( $\leq 3$  mm) of feldspathoid minerals, aegirine-  
249 augite, wollastonite and andradite in a greenish-grey fine- to medium-grained matrix of sanidine,  
250 aegirine-augite and feldspathoid minerals (Fig. 2a,b). Phenocrysts are in general euhedral;  
251 however, garnet phenocrysts tend to be subhedral due to possible corrosion. Late magmatic  
252 decomposition of mafic phases formed accessory titanite and götzenite, a F- and LREE-bearing  
253 Ca-Ti silicate of the rosenbuschite group (Czygan 1973; Albrecht 1981; Weisenberger et al.  
254 2014).

255       A prominent feature of Fohberg phonolite samples is the complete decomposition of  
256 feldspathoid minerals, and the partial replacement of wollastonite. Secondary minerals, which  
257 also form large portions of the matrix, include natrolite as sole Na-zeolite endmember,  
258 gonnardite, minor thomsonite (both Ca-Na zeolite species), and calcite. Additionally, pectolite  
259 and sepiolite occur in minor quantities as alteration products (Weisenberger et al. 2014).

260       On an outcrop scale, and in contrast to the Endhalden and Kirchberg phonolites, the  
261 Fohberg phonolite hosts a network of numerous, mainly steep dipping fractures. These are  
262 partially or totally filled with a secondary zeolite-dominated assemblage similar to the altered  
263 rock matrix. A temporal succession from Ca-Na species (thomsonite, gonnardite) to pure Na-

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264 zeolite (natrolite) is observed (Weisenberger et al. 2014), followed by later phases, e.g.  
265 apophyllite, fluorite and calcite (for a full list see Marzi 1983).

266 The phonolite at Fohberg is mined by Hans G. Hauri KG Mineralstoffwerke, Bötzingen.  
267 Several applications of the rock powder are directly related to its zeolite content and include the  
268 use as pozzolan in the cement and concrete industry (Kassautzki 1983), and as cattle feed  
269 additive.

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272 **Endhalden Phonolite.** The Endhalden phonolite covers an area of approximately 450 x  
273 250 m and is located about 1 km to the north of the Fohberg phonolite (Fig. 1). It is also in  
274 contact to sediments of the Pechelbronn Formation (Wimmenauer 2003), but no physical  
275 connection between the Endhalden and the Fohberg phonolite bodies is exposed or known, which  
276 can indicate their co-genetic formation.

277 The shape and structural position of the Endhalden phonolite is not clarified yet. Shallow  
278 vertical drill cores indicate that the Endhalden phonolite is emplaced on top of a clay-dominated  
279 sedimentary unit. It may represent a shallow intrusive body like a sill, small laccolith, or  
280 cryptodome, or a subaerial feature like an erosional remnant of a thick lava flow or extrusive  
281 dome.

282 Petrographically the Endhalden phonolite closely resembles the Fohberg phonolite. It is  
283 weakly porphyritic to various degrees, with a similar set of phenocrysts (feldspathoid minerals,  
284 sanidine, aegirine-augite, wollastonite, andradite) within a medium- to fine-grained groundmass  
285 of sanidine, aegirine-augite and feldspathoid minerals (Fig. 2c,d). K-feldspar and feldspathoid  
286 minerals often show a poikilitic texture hosting very-fine-grained aegirine-augite inclusions.

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287 As in the Fohberg phonolite, all primary igneous feldspathoid minerals are completely  
288 replaced by zeolites and calcite. Wollastonite is always decomposed. In contrast to the Fohberg  
289 alteration assemblage, analcime occurs as a second Na-endmember zeolite together with  
290 natrolite, and minor mesolite is found as an additional Ca-Na species besides gonnardite and  
291 thomsonite.

292 The Endhalden phonolite is unique as it exhibits only very limited hydrothermal fracturing,  
293 but is rich in vesicles, up to 1.5 cm in size, which often contain euhedral zeolite fillings (analcime  
294 and/or natrolite), particularly in the upper part of the phonolite body.

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296 **Kirchberg Phonolite.** With an extent of 430 x 200 m, the Kirchberg phonolite is the only  
297 stock-like body intruding pyroclastites and lavas of the subaerial volcanic facies of the western  
298 KVC. It is in intrusive contact to tephritic ash tuffs to tuff breccia, and to carbonatitic ash- to  
299 lapilli tuffs. Rafts of country rock occur in the outermost 10-20 m of the phonolite stock. Along  
300 the contact zone to subaerial country rock, the grey-brown colored phonolite grades into light  
301 grey marginal facies.

302 The petrography of the Kirchberg phonolite was reported by Wimmenauer (1962). Despite  
303 general similarities, it shows characteristic differences compared to the Fohberg and Endhalden  
304 phonolites. The porphyritic texture is less developed, dominated by groundmass phases, resulting  
305 in a fine- to medium-grained texture. Apart from the characteristic set of phases for phonolites in  
306 the KVC (häüyne, sanidine, aegirine-augite, andradite), the Kirchberg phonolite contains  
307 phenocrysts of euhedral to corroded plagioclase, which are often overgrown by K-feldspar. In  
308 contrast to the Fohberg and Endhalden phonolites, the Kirchberg phonolite contains no  
309 wollastonite, but fresh grains of häüyne and sodalite (Wimmenauer 1962; Spürgin et al. 2014),  
310 pigmented by hematite, are common (Fig. 2e).

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311 Although the Kirchberg phonolite is also affected by zeolite-forming alteration (Fig. 2f),  
312 the intensity is very heterogeneous and less pronounced than in the phonolites from the eastern  
313 KVC. The secondary assemblage contains natrolite, thomsonite, gonnardite and chabazite-Ca,  
314 and minor amounts of clay minerals. Additional secondary minerals, generally found in fractures,  
315 are listed by Wimmenauer (1962) and include calcite, apophyllite, gypsum and others.

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317 **Quantitative mineralogy**

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319 The results of bulk-rock PXRD and QPA (Table 2) show the mineralogical composition of  
320 the three phonolites. The Fohberg and Endhalden phonolites show the highest zeolite contents  
321 with proportions  $X_{Zeo} = Zeo/(Zeo+Fsp)$  in the range of 0.3-0.6. Gonnardite is the major zeolite  
322 species in one sample (Fohberg\_7) and accounts to approximately 10-20 percent of the total sodic  
323 zeolite content (natrolite, gonnardite, analcime;  $X_{Gon} = Gon/(Ntr+Gon+Anl) = 0.1-0.2$ ) in the  
324 other samples. Analcime is restricted to the Endhalden phonolite, where also the calcite content is  
325 notably higher. Low total zeolite contents in combination with the presence of clay minerals in  
326 sample Endhalden\_5 are an expression of surficial weathering in the outcrop.

327 In contrast, the Kirchberg phonolite contains a higher amount of alkali feldspar and, in one  
328 case (Kirchberg\_4) also intermediate plagioclase as well as less clinopyroxene and no  
329 wollastonite. Zeolite contents are highly variable. The mineralogy of sample Kirchberg\_3  
330 resembles those from Endhalden except a high gonnardite content which is reflected by  $X_{Gon} =$   
331 0.42, but in other samples only minor quantities of zeolites (gonnardite and chabazite) could be  
332 identified. Sodalite-haüyne, which is known to occur at Kirchberg, was detected by PXRD in two  
333 samples but could not readily be quantified. The content of sodalite-haüyne is believed to be  
334 underestimated and should be in the order of more than ten percent, according to thin section

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335 observations. Wimmenauer (1962) reports an average of 61 vol% feldspar and 28 vol% sodalite-  
336 h a yne, including products of its decomposition.

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338 **Zeolite chemistry and paragenesis**

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340 Zeolite phases were identified and characterized using PXRD and EPMA, except mesolite  
341 which was only detected by EPMA due to its rarity and very small grain size. The chemical  
342 composition of zeolite species is presented in Table 3 and Figure 3. Considering the ternary  
343 system Ca-Na-K the following succession is observed with decreasing Ca concentrations:  
344 thomsonite-gonnardite-natrolite-analcime. Textural relationships in alteration assemblages  
345 indicate that this chemical trend defines a common temporal succession. In addition, chabazite is  
346 observed only in the Kirchberg phonolite, where it occurs as the latest generated zeolite.

347 **Gonnardite.** Gonnardite is generally less abundant than natrolite, but may reach similar  
348 concentrations in some parts of the Fohberg phonolite. It is an early crystallizing secondary phase  
349 of the rock matrix, and forms an early phase of fissure assemblages, where it nucleates at the  
350 fissure walls and is overgrown by natrolite. Gonnardite compositions from Fohberg  
351 (Weisenberger et al. 2014) and Endhalden form a continuous trend from Na-Al- ( $T_{Si} = 0.55$ )  
352 towards Ca-Si-rich compositions ( $T_{Si} = 0.59$ ), whereas Kirchberg gonnardite is chemically distinct  
353 due to considerably higher Na concentrations at moderate  $T_{Si}$  (0.56). Gonnardite analyses from  
354 the Fohberg and Endhalden localities yield Sr concentrations up to 0.39 atoms per formula unit  
355 (apfu). It cannot be excluded that this elevated Sr concentration may result from submicroscopic  
356 inclusions of another Sr-bearing phase (e.g. thomsonite).

357 **Thomsonite-Ca.** Thomsonite-Ca is occasionally present as early-formed secondary phase  
358 in all three phonolites (Fig. 2f). It has the lowest Si/Al ratio ( $T_{Si} = 0.52$ ) of all zeolites found in

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359 the KVC (Weisenberger and Spürgin 2009), and at Fohberg and Endhalden, it is the most Ca-rich  
360 zeolite species. Thomsonite-Ca from Endhalden is Sr-rich with a maximum content of 3.16 Sr  
361 apfu (equal to 26 percent of extra-framework cations).

362 **Mesolite.** Mesolite is an infrequent Ca-Na-zeolite in the Fohberg and Endhalden  
363 phonolites. Chemical analyses of the Endhalden mesolite are close to the ideal stoichiometric  
364 composition ( $T_{Si} = 0.59$ ). Weisenberger et al. (2014) report thin, elongate mesolite inclusions of  
365 approximately  $1 \times 50 \mu\text{m}$  with a growth orientation along the c-axis in large natrolite grains from  
366 the Fohberg phonolite.

367 **Natrolite.** Natrolite is present in all KVC phonolites, and it is the dominant zeolite species  
368 in the Fohberg and the Endhalden phonolites. It forms cm-large, transparent euhedral needles in  
369 fissures of Fohberg and Kirchberg, and smaller crystals in vugs of Endhalden. Furthermore,  
370 natrolite is a major phase in the Fohberg groundmass, and to a lesser degree in the Endhalden  
371 phonolite. It is preceded by gonnardite and thomsonite-Ca, and overgrown by analcime, calcite  
372 and other minerals of the secondary assemblage (Marzi 1983), where present. Especially at the  
373 Endhalden locality, natrolite may contain distinct amounts of Ca (up to 0.47 apfu) based on 80  
374 framework oxygens), which is also a common feature seen in analyses from other occurrences  
375 (Ibrahim 2004; Çiftçi et al. 2008; Kónya and Szakáll 2011). Concentrations of all other  
376 exchangeable cations are negligible, and  $T_{Si}$  shows only limited variations with an average value  
377 of 0.61

378 **Analcime.** Besides natrolite, analcime is the characteristic zeolite species in the Endhalden  
379 phonolite. It is part of the rock matrix and also forms clear, euhedral crystals several mm in size  
380 filling open vugs. Petrographic observations indicate that analcime always postdates natrolite,  
381 and it may be overgrown by anhedral masses of calcite. Most analcime analyses show near-

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382 endmember composition, in a few cases with minor incorporation of K-component. It is the most  
383 Si-rich ( $T_{Si} = 0.67$ ) zeolite species in the Endhalden phonolite.

384 **Chabazite-Ca.** Chabazite-Ca is sporadically found in the groundmass of the Kirchberg  
385 phonolite (Table 2 and Fig. 2f). It shows a wide compositional range in  $Si-R^{2+}-R^+$  space and is  
386 the only zeolite species in KVC phonolites which incorporates a significant K component. It has  
387 a highly variable Si/Al-ratio ( $0.56 < T_{Si} < 0.72$ ) and is the most Si-rich zeolite at Kirchberg (Fig.  
388 3).

389 **Other secondary minerals.** Calcite is found in variable proportions as a secondary  
390 alteration product in all phonolites. In contrast to the Fohberg and Kirchberg phonolites, where  
391 calcite appears as minor alteration phase, the Endhalden phonolite exhibits larger quantities of  
392 calcite (Table 2). Chemical analyses reported by Weisenberger et al. (2014) from Fohberg  
393 indicate pure calcium carbonate with only very little incorporation of Mn (0.02 apfu) and Fe  
394 (0.01 apfu)

395 Minor quantities of clay minerals are found within the phonolite intrusions. During electron  
396 probe microanalysis a platy mineral phase has been observed filling interstitial pores in the  
397 Kirchberg phonolite. Silica and Al are the dominant cations with a Si/Al ratio of about 1 and  
398 variable trace amounts of Fe, Mg and Ca. A subsequent X-ray diffraction analysis of the sample  
399 indicated that the most likely phase is halloysite ( $Al_2Si_2O_5(OH)_4$ ). Sepiolite and pectolite have  
400 been described by Weisenberger et al. (2014) in the Fohberg phonolite as minor alteration  
401 products.

402 Various other secondary minerals, which generally postdate the zeolite assemblages of  
403 fissures in the Fohberg and Kirchberg phonolites, are reported by Wimmenauer (1962) and Marzi  
404 (1983).

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406 **Thermal behavior**

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408 The thermal behavior of bulk-rock samples was determined by TG-DTA, the results are  
409 shown in Figure 4. Samples from Endhalden and Fohberg show pronounced weight loss steps in  
410 the temperature intervals of 300-380°C and ca. 700-800°C, which correspond to the single-step  
411 dehydration of natrolite and the calcination of calcite, respectively (van Reeuwijk 1972; Deer et  
412 al. 2004; Rodriguez-Navarro et al. 2009). Although natrolite is the thermally most active  
413 mineralogical phase, contributions of other phases, like other minor zeolite species and clay  
414 minerals, cannot be excluded. The reactions of natrolite and calcite are reflected by strong  
415 endothermal peaks in DTA plots (Fig. 4). Furthermore, a steady weight loss in the region below  
416 300°C, and additional minor endothermal signals slightly below 100°C, at 200-250°C and at 460-  
417 480°C, is evident in sample Fohberg\_7. These are related to the multistep dehydration and final  
418 structure collapse of abundant gonnardite in this sample (van Reeuwijk 1972). The effect of  
419 analcime dehydration, which contributes to a general weight loss in the region from 250°C to  
420 450°C (Harada and Nagashima 1972), remains largely unresolved in the Endhalden samples. It is  
421 only evident by a very minute endothermal signal at 300°C, on the low-temperature flank of the  
422 large natrolite peak.

423 The Kirchberg phonolite shows the largest variations with individual patterns for each  
424 sample. Sample Kirchberg\_3 is dominated by natrolite dehydration and shows no further  
425 reactions except a steady weight loss below 300°C, whereas the reaction curves of samples  
426 Kirchberg\_4 and Kirchberg\_5 are combined patterns of zeolite dehydration, clay dehydration and  
427 calcination of calcite in variable proportions.

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**DISCUSSION**

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431 **Zeolite precursor phase**

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433 All phonolites investigated in this study are holocrystalline subvolcanic intrusive rocks. No  
434 evidence is found for the presence, or the former presence, of volcanic glass, which is an  
435 important zeolite precursor phase in many zeolite deposits elsewhere formed from vitreous  
436 volcanic tuffs. However, the presence of feldspathoid minerals as members of the pyrogenic  
437 assemblages is evident in all three phonolites. They occur as dominant phenocryst phases,  
438 ranging in diameter between 0.1 and 1 mm (Fig. 2a,e), and as a fine-grained matrix phase.  
439 Pseudomorphic aggregates of replaced feldspathoids in all three phonolites commonly show a  
440 dark or orange rim, which may be caused by submicroscopic inclusion of Fe-phases.

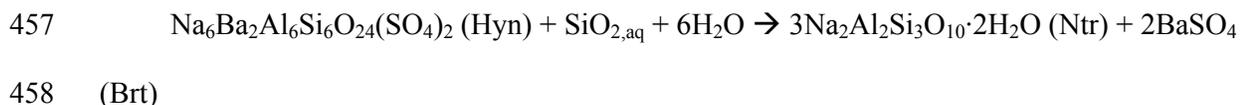
441 Unaltered phenocrysts of feldspathoids are only found in the Kirchberg phonolite. The  
442 chemical composition is shown in Table 4 and Figure 5. Sodalite-group mineral classification  
443 based on the Ca-Na-K system indicates that this feldspathoid mineral is haüyne. Classification by  
444 volatiles implies that the SO<sub>3</sub> concentrations are underestimated by electron probe microanalysis,  
445 which may also explain the low totals (Table 4). However, the Kirchberg phonolite shows a  
446 heterogeneous alteration and haüyne may be replaced by secondary minerals like zeolites  
447 (chabazite, gonnardite, natrolite, and thomsonite) and calcite.

448 Phenocrysts and matrix feldspathoid minerals in the Fohberg and Endhalden phonolites are  
449 totally altered to aggregates of fibrous spherulitic zeolites (including analcime, natrolite,  
450 thomsonite, and gonnardite), calcite and barite, leaving pseudomorphs with characteristic  
451 hexagonal and rhombic dodecahedral shape and few rectangular cross-sections (Fig. 2a). The  
452 common association of barite grains with these pseudomorphic aggregates (Fig. 2b), in  
453 combination with the geometry of the aggregates, points to an S/SO<sub>4</sub>-bearing sodalite group

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454 mineral as precursor phase, e.g. h uyne or nosean. The following reaction shows the breakdown  
455 of a hypothetical barium component in h uyne to natrolite and barite:

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460 However, no unaltered relics of feldspathoid minerals have been identified in the Fohberg  
461 (Weisenberger et al. 2014) and Endhalden phonolites so far. Highly Ba-enriched beforite (Keller  
462 2001), which is found as late-stage centimeter-sized veins within the carbonatite complex of the  
463 central KVC (Fig. 1), may also account as a source of Ba. However, it occurs in a spatially and  
464 geologically different context and is volumetrically insignificant, therefore it is assumed that Ba  
465 is locally derived and precipitated as barite in the phonolite alteration assemblages.

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467 **Hydrothermal alteration**

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469 **Degree of alteration.** As described by Weisenberger et al. (2014) for the Fohberg  
470 phonolite, the conversion of an essentially anhydrous primary mineralogy to a zeolite-dominated  
471 and therefore water-rich assemblage and the syn- to post-deformation mineralization and healing  
472 of brittle fractures is likely a scenario of hydrothermal overprinting of the Fohberg phonolite  
473 body during post-magmatic cooling and late stage circulation of meteoric fluids. Although  
474 fracturing and fracture mineralization within the Endhalden and Kichberg phonolites are limited,  
475 a similar scenario of sub-solidus alteration during post-magmatic cooling and late stage  
476 circulation of meteoric fluids is applicable.

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477 In general, the secondary mineralogy is very similar in all three phonolites, showing the  
478 same general trend from early formed Ca-Na zeolites towards Na-dominated zeolites during  
479 subsequent alteration. Nevertheless, alteration shows differences that are rather controlled by  
480 fluid-rock interaction and the physicochemical properties of the fluid than by the primary  
481 chemical and mineralogical composition of the host rock.

482 Sub-solidus alteration is marked by the breakdown of hauyne as the dominant feldspathoid  
483 mineral. In addition, partial wollastonite breakdown occurs in the Fohberg (Weisenberger et al.  
484 2014) and Endhalden phonolites, as wollastonite is only present there. Plagioclase, which only  
485 occurs in the Kirchberg phonolite, shows no sign of alteration and gives evidence for the limited  
486 overall alteration of the Kirchberg phonolite. The hydrothermal alteration within the two eastern  
487 phonolites (Fohberg and Endhalden) is pervasive, secondary minerals replace all primary  
488 feldspathoid minerals. The intensity of wollastonite breakdown in the Fohberg phonolite is very  
489 heterogeneous from fresh grains towards fully decomposed ones, in contrast to the Endhalden  
490 phonolite where wollastonite is completely replaced. The degree of alteration within the  
491 Kirchberg phonolite differs significantly as it still contains primary hauyne, with only limited  
492 zeolite- and clay-forming alteration. The change in degree of alteration between the Kirchberg  
493 phonolite and the two phonolites within the eastern part of the KVC is directly related to  
494 differences in the country rocks in which the phonolites have been intruded (Fig. 6). The  
495 Kirchberg phonolite is emplaced into a pile of volcanic rocks, whereas the two eastern phonolites  
496 are situated within a prevolcanic sedimentary sequence of lime- and mudstones (Wimmenauer  
497 2003). A stable isotope study of secondary calcite from the Fohberg phonolite (Weisenberger et  
498 al. 2014) suggests that fluids were derived from the surrounding sedimentary succession. In  
499 contrast,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ -isotope studies (Wimmenauer 2010; Weisenberger et al. 2014) suggest that Ca,  
500 as major constituent in secondary minerals of the phonolites, is locally derived from the

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501 magmatic parent rock. This indicates that the lime- and mudstones have been dehydrated during  
502 the emplacement of the phonolites, and aquifers in these lithologies have been tapped and drained  
503 into the cooling phonolite intrusions. This is supported by the contact metamorphic overprint of  
504 the underling mudstone of the Endhalden phonolite, in which a dehydration front is developed  
505 (Spürgin et al. 2014). The Kirchberg phonolite, in contrast, intruded a sequence of subaerial lavas  
506 and pyroclastites. Although the volcanic pile shows evidence of alteration due to the  
507 emplacement of the Kirchberg phonolite, the thermal alteration of nearly anhydrous volcanic  
508 rocks does not have the potential to deliver volatiles that could cause a pervasive alteration of the  
509 Kirchberg phonolite.

510       It is noted by previous studies on phonolite tuff deposits that fluid accessibility controls the  
511 alteration of volcanic products and the formation of zeolites (e.g. de'Gennaro et al. 2000;  
512 Bernhard and Barth-Wirsching 2002). However, within some pyroclastic deposits the formation  
513 of zeolites is related to groundwater flow (de'Gennaro et al. 2000; Hay and Sheppard 2001;  
514 Bernhard and Barth-Wirsching 2002). In contrast, the alteration within intrusions is more related  
515 to the presence and the accessibility of fluids, and open system behavior during sub-solidus  
516 cooling and deviation from auto-metasomatic conditions. Thereby, for the two eastern phonolites  
517 the thermal regimes are assumed to represent near auto-metasomatic conditions, with externally  
518 derived fluids from the surrounding sediments infiltrating into the sub-solidus cooling intrusions,  
519 as it was postulated for the Fohberg phonolite by Weisenberger et al. (2014). In contrast, the  
520 Kirchberg phonolite indicates open system behavior, as a result of a thermal and maybe a  
521 chemical gradient within the hydrothermal system. The open system behavior of the Kirchberg  
522 phonolite is further supported by the very limited amount of natrolite, indicating only a limited  
523 fluid change during hydrothermal evolution, most likely caused due to local disequilibrium, even  
524 though a Na depletion is observed within the Ca-Na zeolites. Furthermore, all analyzed samples

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525 from the Kirchberg phonolite yield different alteration assemblages. During experimental studies  
526 Barth-Wirsching and Höller (1989) noted that the effect of solution chemistry and reaction time  
527 is greater in open systems, whereas the influence of the starting material may entirely be  
528 eliminated by material transport possible in an open system. This can explain the variability in  
529 alteration of the Kirchberg samples. In contrast, the two eastern phonolite intrusions exhibit large  
530 quantities of both Ca-Na and Na zeolites in a temporal succession; these species are present  
531 throughout all samples with only minor variations, indicating a closed system behavior (Hay and  
532 Sheppard 2001).

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534 **Fluid evolution.** Fluid evolution can be illustrated in the systems  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2\text{-CaO-Na}_2\text{O-}$   
535  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Fig. 7) and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2\text{-Na}_2\text{O-H}_2\text{O}$  (Fig. 8) and in terms of mineral stability as function of  
536 aqueous species ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{SiO}_{2,\text{aq}}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) at low temperature and pressure.

537 Figure 7 illustrates the change in fluid composition during the hydrothermal replacement as  
538 a function of aqueous cation ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ) to hydrogen ion activity ratios at temperatures of 50 and  
539 100°C, and pressure of 10 MPa. The overall topology of stability fields does not change with  
540 small variations of pressure; therefore, the uncertainty of the emplacement depth can be ignored.  
541 Due to a lack of reliable thermodynamic data for gonnardite, mesolite appears instead as  
542 intermediate Ca-Na zeolite (Rogers et al. 2006). The chemical evolution of fluids during zeolite  
543 formation can be expressed by the observed sequence marked by Ca-Na zeolite species and  
544 natrolite (Fig. 7). At higher  $\text{SiO}_2$  activity analcime appears instead of natrolite.

545 Similar sequences are observed in basaltic lavas in the Disko–Nuussuaq region, West  
546 Greenland (Neuhoff et al. 2006; Rogers et al. 2006) and in the Kahrizak area, Iran (Kousehlar et  
547 al. 2012), and are interpreted to have formed in a chemically distinct alteration style that reflects  
548 the less Ca and Si-rich primary compositions of these lavas in contrast to provinces with more

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549 evolved basaltic rocks, like in Iceland (Neuhoff et al. 1999; Weisenberger and Selbekk 2009) or  
550 East Greenland (Neuhoff et al. 2006).

551 The alteration mineralogy within the three phonolite bodies shows a general compositional  
552 shift from clay minerals (halloysite) to Ca-Na zeolite species (gonnardite, thomsonite, mesolite)  
553 and further to the Na endmembers natrolite and analcime. Ca-Na zeolites, in particular  
554 thomsonite and gonnardite can locally incorporate higher Sr concentrations (Table 2). However,  
555 no systematic Sr distribution is observed and the incorporation of Sr may be caused by local Sr  
556 inhomogeneities either within the primary phases or within fluids. The paragenetic sequence  
557 corresponds to a decrease in the Ca/Na ratio, as well as an increase in the Si/Al ratio with time  
558 (Fig. 3). Nevertheless, a single phonolite body does not cover the entire mineral sequence. The  
559 general sequence is characterized by the appearance of thomsonite and gonnardite and followed  
560 by natrolite. Fluid-rock interaction results into the evolution of Ca-Na zeolites with a general  
561 shift to Na-dominated zeolites. However, textural relations (Fig. 2) suggest that the sequence is  
562 developed in an open system environment where the chemical gradient is developed by a change  
563 in the fluid fronts.

564 The Kirchberg sequence is characterized by the stability of clay and chabazite. The crystal  
565 chemistry of chabazite (Fig. 3) is unique as it is the only zeolite species found in this study that is  
566 able to accommodate a significant amount of potassium. The occurrence of late potassium  
567 bearing chabazite, which postdates the Ca-Na zeolite succession, suggests the infiltration of  
568 meteoric water with high calcium and potassium concentration whose composition became a  
569 significant component in total fluid composition at a certain time. This water originated in and  
570 was in equilibrium with the leucite-tephritic country rock, where leucite served as a source for  
571 potassium. A potassium source in the phonolite itself can be excluded due to the fresh appearance  
572 of K-bearing phases, i.e. feldspars.

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573           The Fohberg and Endhalden phonolites are both characterized by the occurrence of large  
574 quantities of Ca-Na and Na species, showing the general trend from Ca-Na to Na-endmember  
575 zeolite species. Although, the bulk rock composition and primary mineral chemistry of the  
576 Fohberg and Endhalden phonolites are nearly identical (Spürgin et al. 2014, Fig. 2), the alteration  
577 mineralogy yields significant differences by the appearance of analcime in the Endhalden  
578 phonolite. This indicates that the hydrothermal systems evolved under different conditions during  
579 their final stages. Nevertheless, both hydrothermal systems are characterized by a general closed  
580 system behavior, whereas the change in mineralogy reflects continuing fluid-rock interaction  
581 (Fig. 8) characterized by Ca-depletion and Na-enrichment, as well as an increase in Si/Al of the  
582 zeolite species with time (Fig. 3).

583           Figure 8 illustrates the change in fluid composition during hydrothermal replacement as  
584 function of aqueous silica activity and  $H_2O$ , respectively, and allows an estimation at fixed  
585 pressure and temperature. The calculated quartz saturation plots at higher silica activities than the  
586 observed phase equilibrium that buffers the activities of water and silica. This is in agreement  
587 with the absence of quartz in the alteration assemblages. At a sub-solidus temperature of 250°C,  
588 nepheline and albite buffer  $\log a_{SiO_2, aq}$  to equilibrium values of -4 to -3 and at  $a_{H_2O} = 0.5$ ,  
589 analcime is the only stable zeolite species. With decreasing temperatures to 150°C, natrolite  
590 becomes stable at the expense of nepheline at the lower  $\log a_{SiO_2, aq}$  limit of the analcime stability  
591 field. At low-temperature conditions (50°C), natrolite is the dominant zeolite species, whereas the  
592  $a_{H_2O}$  limit for natrolite stability decreases (Fig. 8). However, the textural relation indicates  
593 unambiguously that analcime is formed after natrolite. This indicates that the change from  
594 natrolite to analcime is either caused by an increase in temperature, or by an increase in  $SiO_2$   
595 activity (Fig. 8). An increase in temperature is rather implausible in the observed geological  
596 context. Alternatively, an increase of  $SiO_2$  activity is achieved by the total breakdown of

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597 wollastonite, in contrast to the Fohberg phonolite, releasing SiO<sub>2</sub> to the fluid phase and Ca is  
598 trapped in calcite. However, the appearance of analcime is not pervasive and therefore the  
599 increase in SiO<sub>2</sub> activity seems to be more a local affect.

600 The cooling sequence natrolite-analcime is also known from other alkaline complexes, e.g.  
601 Mont St. Hilaire, Canada (Schilling et al. 2011) or Norra Kärr, Sweden (Atanasova et al. 2017),  
602 whereas in the Sushina Hill syenite, India (Chakrabarty et al. 2016), analcime formed at higher  
603 temperatures than associated natrolite.

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## IMPLICATIONS

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608 Minerals of the zeolite group form the major secondary replacement products in  
609 holocrystalline, subvolcanic phonolites of the KVC. Zeolites are formed by the strongly selective  
610 decay of primary feldspathoid minerals, that is evident from pseudomorphic replacement textures  
611 and that is also known from other sites, e.g. from Tamazeght, Morocco, where gonnardite grows  
612 at the expense of nepheline, sodalite and cancrinite due to late-stage reaction with meteoric  
613 waters (Salvi et al. 2000; Schilling et al. 2009), from Mont St. Hilaire, Canada, where natrolite  
614 and analcime grow along cracks and progressively replace sodalite (Schilling et al. 2011), and  
615 from the Sushina Hill Complex, India, where nepheline, sodalite (and albite) decompose to  
616 natrolite and analcime (Chakrabarty et al. 2016).

617 Several controlling factors are needed to ‘zeolitize’ such rocks, which include favorable  
618 protolith mineralogy (e.g. feldspathoid minerals), the presence of a hydrothermal fluid with a  
619 promoting chemical composition (e.g. elevated pH), fluid accessibility to the rock (e.g. porosity,  
620 fracturing), and a p-T-environment which stabilizes zeolite minerals. As a consequence, the

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621 geological setting is an important feature and may explain if an alkaline intrusive rock remains  
622 unaltered, or becomes partially or fully zeolitized. Weisenberger et al. (2014) have shown that  
623 fluid supply from the surrounding sedimentary rock sequence is an important factor for the  
624 intense and pervasive zeolite formation in the Fohberg phonolite. It is presumed that a local  
625 hydrothermal system was established, driven by the residual heat of the cooling intrusion, and  
626 mineral decomposition led to *in situ* or local replacement by zeolites, both in the rock matrix and  
627 in fissures. The same genetic model is applicable to the Endhalden phonolite, which is emplaced  
628 in the same geologic setting of the eastern KVC. The major difference between these two and the  
629 Kirchberg phonolite in the western KVC is found in the nature of the country rock. It is a water-  
630 bearing sedimentary sequence in the eastern localities, probably below the paleo-groundwater  
631 table, and a subaerial pyroclastic unit in the western locality (Kirchberg), which was probably  
632 relatively dry due to its high porosity and the higher topographic position in the volcanic edifice  
633 (Fig 8).

634 In a general view, two temporal scenarios are capable of leading to the zeolitization of such  
635 intrusive rocks: I) Zeolite formation in a continuously cooling regime, i.e. in the postmagmatic  
636 subsolidus stage after rock emplacement, which is characterized by the development of a  
637 hydrothermal system. II) Zeolite formation temporally unrelated to rock intrusion due to re-  
638 heating and re-emerging fluid activity, e.g. mineral formation in the waning stage of postdating  
639 regional metamorphism of an alkaline intrusive rock. Examples include Norra Kärr, Sweden  
640 (Atanasova et al. 2017), and Sushina Hill, India (Chakrabarty et al. 2016). Scenario I is the likely  
641 scenario for zeolitization of all KVC phonolites, which show no evidence of re-heating and  
642 reactivation of hydrothermal activity.

643 It is a noteworthy observation that these low-temperature secondary replacement reactions  
644 are capable of generating zeolite deposits of economic interest. In the example shown in this

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645 study, grades (total amount of zeolites, Table 2) of approximately 45 percent are achieved by  
646 total decomposition of igneous minerals mentioned above. Although not of such high grade as  
647 deposits formed by the crystallization of glass shards in uniform vitreous pyroclastic rocks,  
648 zeolite deposits in subvolcanic to plutonic SiO<sub>2</sub>-deficient alkaline rocks are nevertheless suitable  
649 for a number of technical applications and should be considered as potentially valuable  
650 lithologies.

651 Despite their use as cation exchangers, natural zeolites show various other technical  
652 applications. One application is the production of blended cements, where zeolites serve as  
653 supplementary cementitious material (SCM) due to their pozzolanic reactivity (Snellings et al.  
654 2012). The use of SCM becomes increasingly important as it reduces the need of ordinary  
655 Portland cement (OPC), and blended cements with a lower clinker ratio and higher SCM contents  
656 are commonly produced worldwide, instead of OPC. Therefore, because SCM have the potential  
657 to substitute a certain amount of OPC, they account for a significant reduction of the CO<sub>2</sub> release  
658 during cement production, which is the third-largest source of anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
659 (Andrew 2018).

660 Previous studies have shown that the pozzolanic reactivity of a rock used as SCM is  
661 dependent on a variety of controlling factors, including the specific mineralogical phase  
662 assemblage of the rock, the grain sizes of the reactive phases as well as their behavior during  
663 industrial processing, e.g. grinding and thermal treatment. The combination of these factors  
664 complicates the comparison of different occurrences and the prediction of the reactivity (Mertens  
665 et al. 2009; Snellings et al. 2010a,b; Özen et al. 2016). It is evident that each KVC phonolite, but  
666 also each occurrence worldwide, has to be evaluated independently for its potential use as SCM,  
667 if the general mineralogical characteristics are promising.

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891           FIGURE 1. a) Geological map of the Kaiserstuhl Volcanic Complex (KVC), showing the  
892 investigated subvolcanic phonolite intrusions, b) Map of Germany with location of the KVC.

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894           FIGURE 2. Representative thin section microphotographs and BSE images of phonolites  
895 from the KVC, a,b) Wollastonite bearing, slightly porphyritic phonolite from Fohberg. The  
896 phonolite shows pseudomorphic replacement of feldspathoid minerals by various zeolites. Barite  
897 is present as small inclusions in zeolite aggregates, c,d) Endhalden phonolite with similar igneous  
898 textures as Fohberg phonolite. In addition, analcime is present as secondary mineral, e,f)  
899 Kirchberg phonolite showing primary fresh feldspathoid minerals, as well as an example of a  
900 zeolite alteration sequence. Mineral abbreviations: Adr andradite, Agt aegirine-augite, Anl  
901 analcime, Brt barite, Cal calcite, Cbz chabazite, Gon gonnardite, Hyn haüyne, Kfs alkali feldspar,  
902 Pl plagioclase, Thm thomsonite, Wo wollastonite.

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904           FIGURE 3. Chemical characterization of zeolites from phonolites of the KVC, showing  
905 variations in extra-framework cations and  $T_{Si} = Si/Al$  variations in the  $Si-R^{2+}-R^+$  plot. The dashed  
906 areas represent compositional variation for particular zeolite species (adapted from Deer et al.  
907 2004).

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909           FIGURE 4. Thermal behavior of phonolites a) Endhalden, b) Fohberg, c) Kirchberg. Major  
910 weight loss in a) and endothermal peaks in b) correspond to  $H_2O$  loss of zeolites and  $CO_2$  loss of  
911 calcite.

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913           FIGURE 5. Chemical composition and classification of sodalite-group minerals from the  
914 Kirchberg phonolite.

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916           FIGURE 6. Geological sketch section showing the setting of phonolites in the western (left)  
917 and eastern (right) Kaiserstuhl. Dashed line represents the present erosional level. Triangular  
918 diagrams show the temporal succession of zeolite formation (for full labeling see Fig. 3). The  
919 Kirchberg phonolite is a shallow intrusion into relatively dry subaerial lavas and pyroclastites.  
920 After an initial closed-system evolution (1) limited influx of K-rich water from leucite-tephritic  
921 country rock led to formation of chabazite (2). The Fohberg and Endhalden phonolites were  
922 emplaced into a pre-volcanic sedimentary sequence and experienced influx of formation water  
923 during cooling, which established a hydrothermal system and continuous, pervasive closed-  
924 system zeolite formation (3).

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926           FIGURE 7. Calculated mineral stability diagram between 50 and 100 °C at a constant  
927 pressure of 10 MPa as a function of cation activity ratios in the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{--Na}_2\text{O--CaO--SiO}_2\text{--H}_2\text{O}$   
928 system. The diagram assumes aluminum balance and quartz undersaturation ( $a(\text{Qz}) = 0.95$ ) and  
929  $a(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 1$ . Mineral abbreviations: Cbz chabazite, Grs grossular, Kln kaolinite, Mes mesolite,  
930 Ntr natrolite, Thm thomsonite, Wo wollastonite.

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932           FIGURE 8. Quantitative  $a\text{SiO}_2\text{--}a\text{H}_2\text{O}$  diagrams for selected Na–Al silicates at constant  
933 pressure (10 MPa) within the temperature range from 50 to 250 °C. Dashed lines represent the  
934 lower limits of quartz saturation at 50°C. Mineral abbreviations: Ab albite, Anl analcime, Ne  
935 nepheline, Ntr natrolite, Qz quartz.

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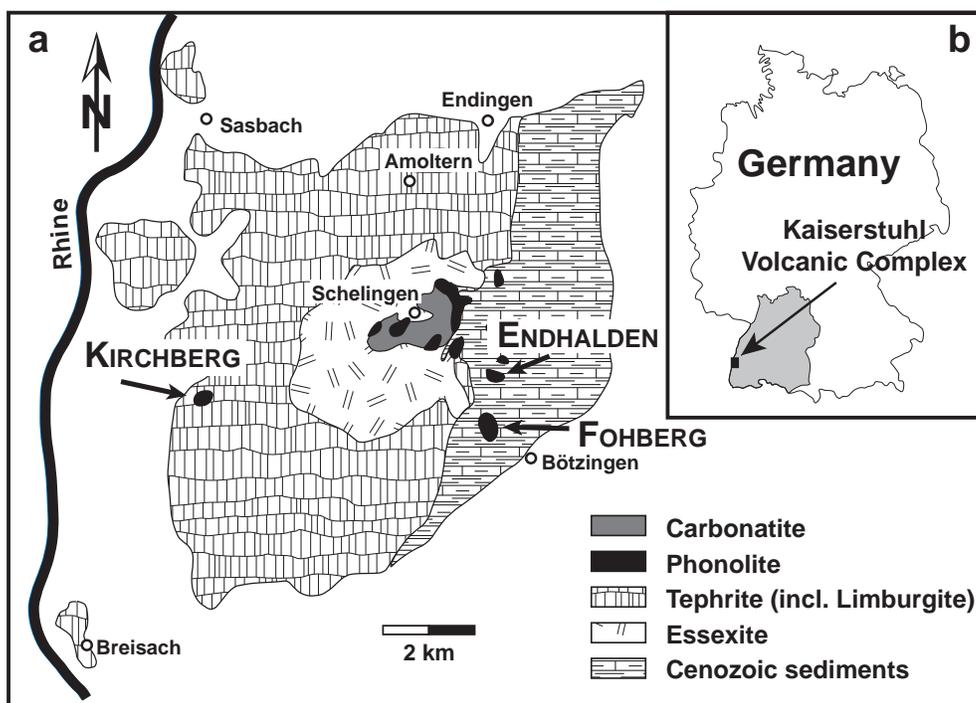


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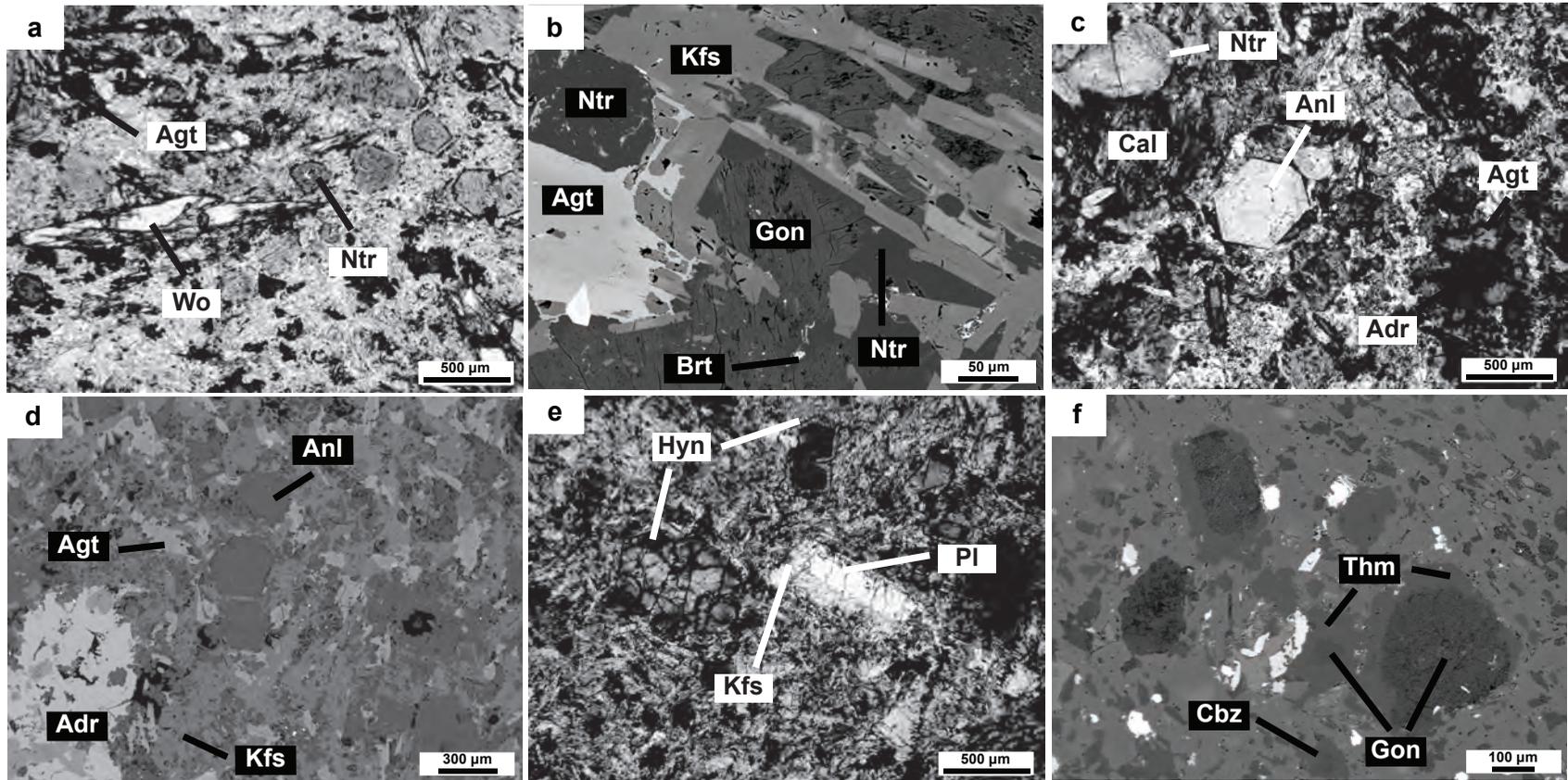


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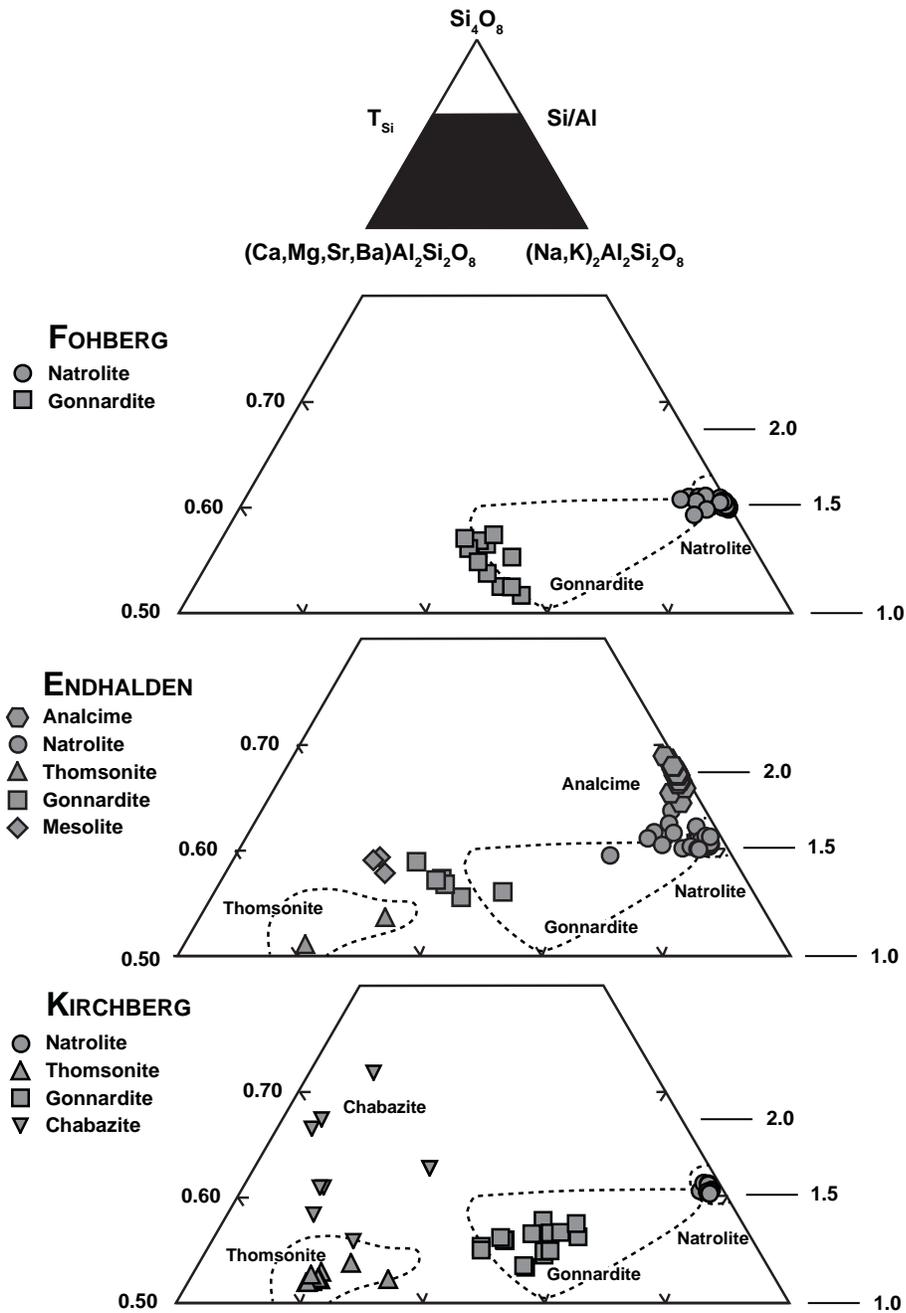


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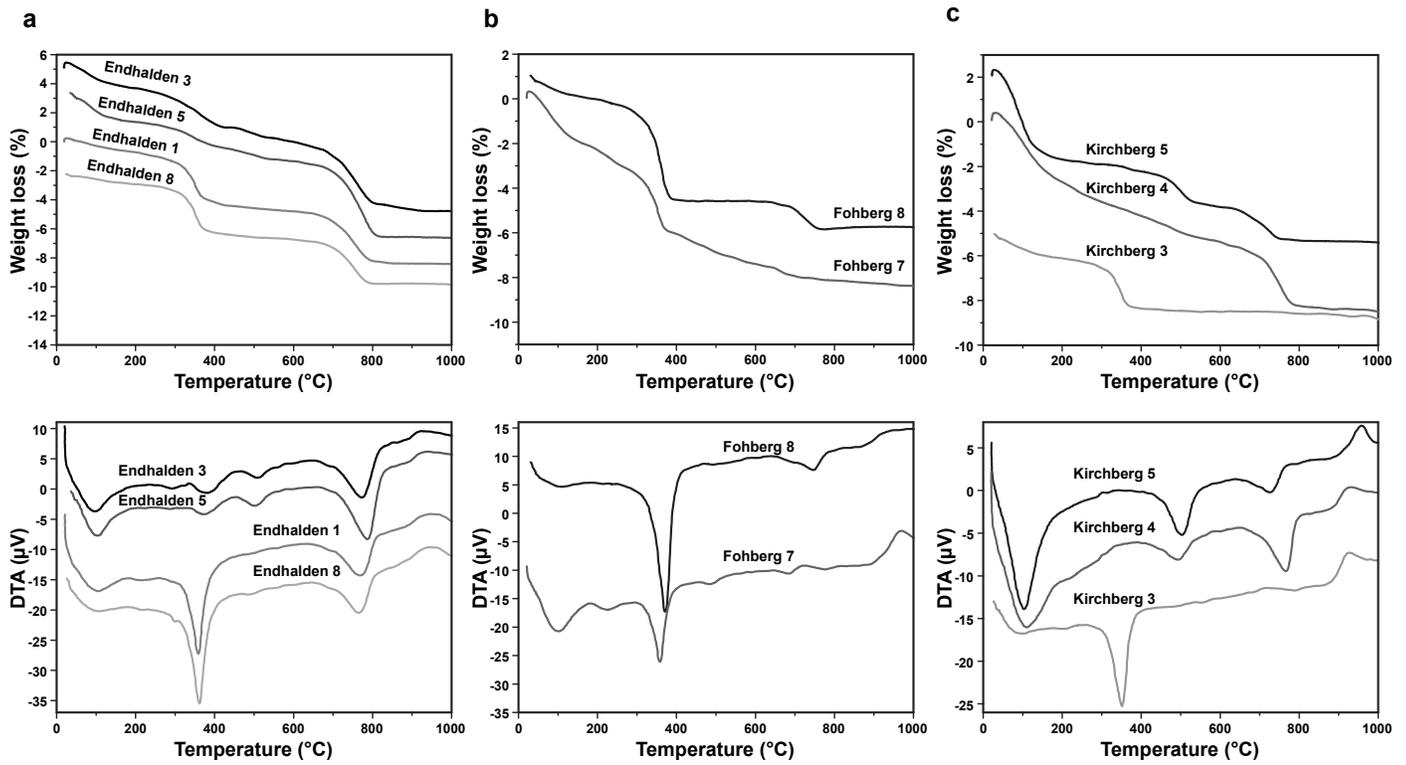


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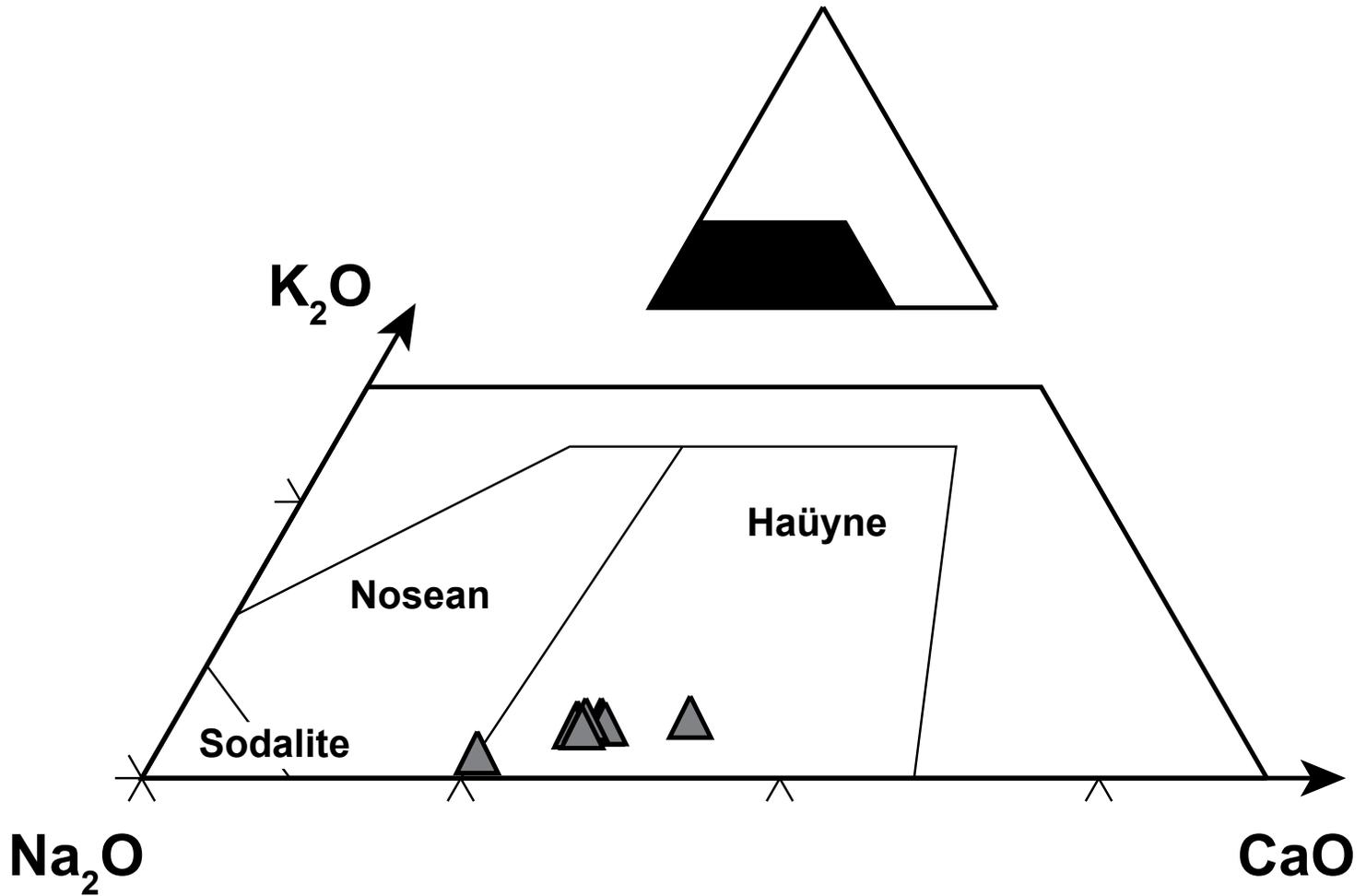


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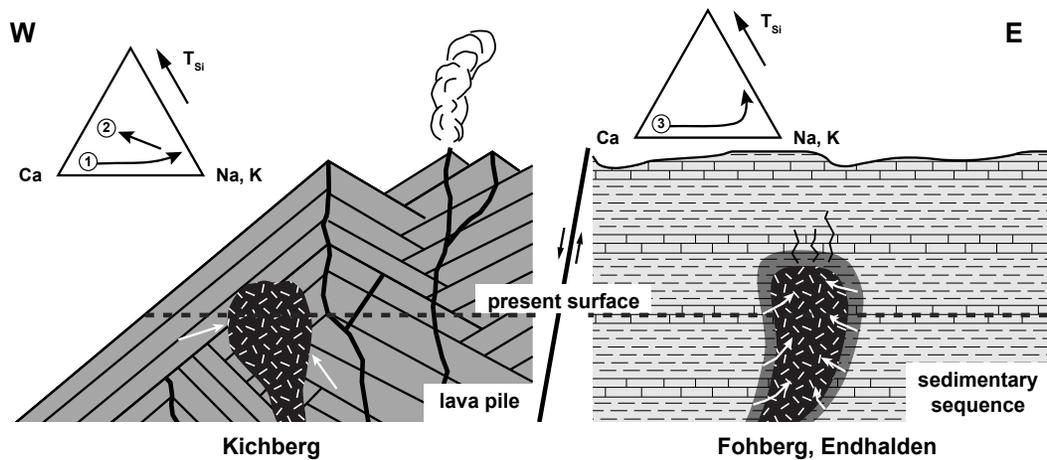


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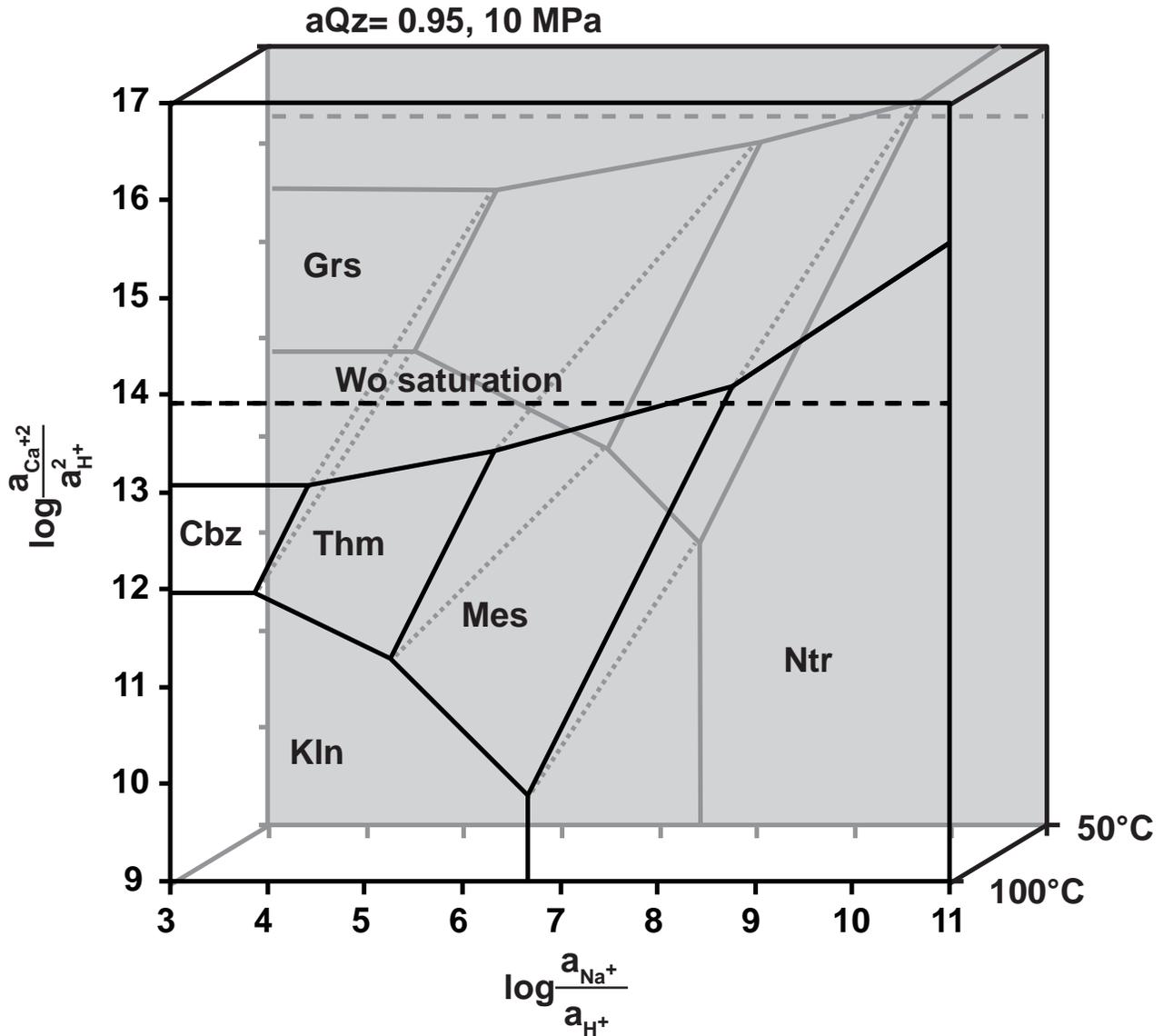


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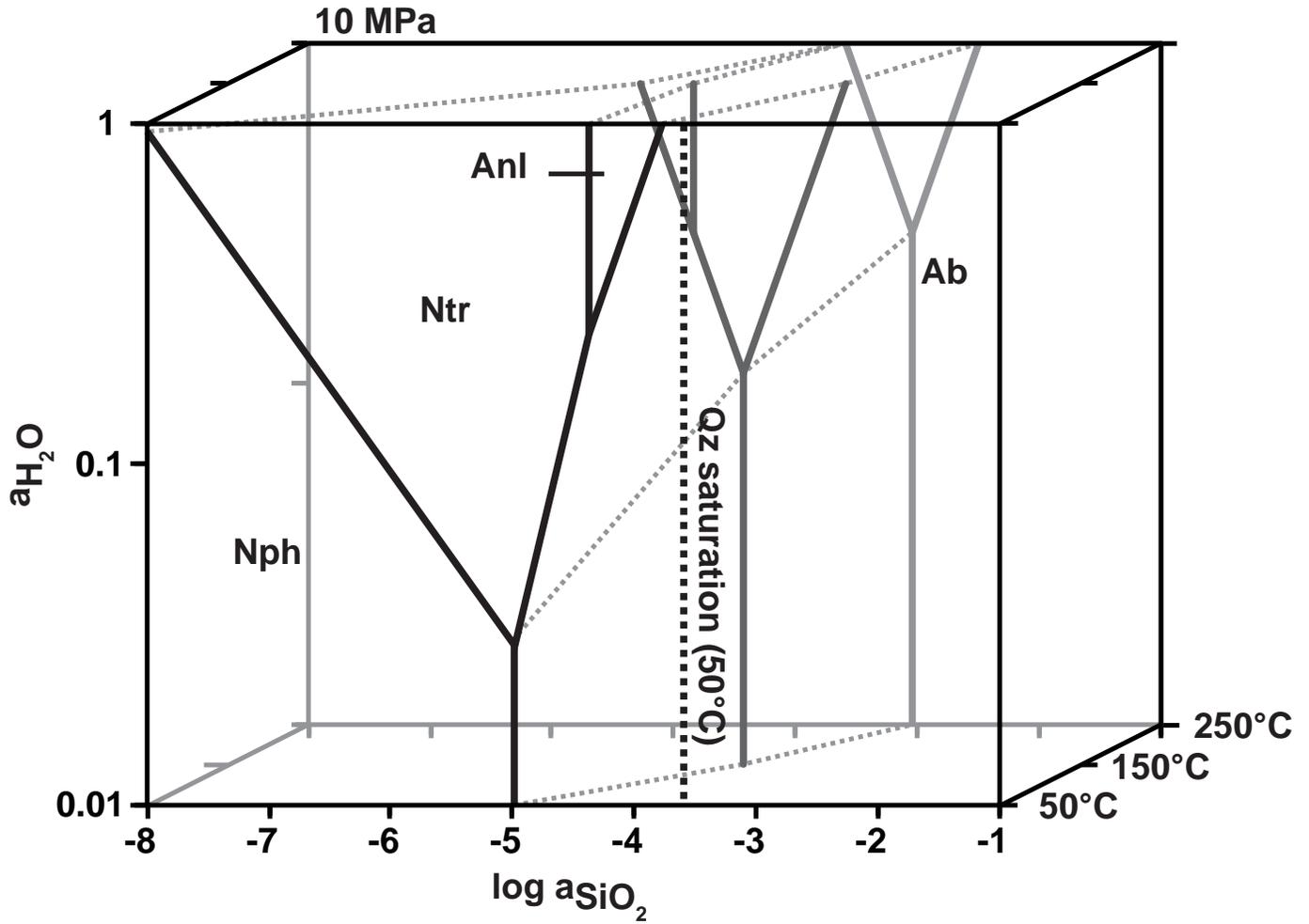


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TABLE 1. General petrographic characteristics of intrusive phonolite stocks in the KVC

Phonolite	Locality	Major primary minerals <sup>a</sup>	Secondary mineral assemblages <sup>a</sup>	Alteration style	Remarks
Endhalden	Bötzingen	Sa, ( <i>FM?</i> ), Aeg, Adr, (Wo)	Ntr, Anl, Gon, Cal, ±Thm, ±Mes, ±Clay minerals	vesicles, rock matrix	homogeneous secondary mineralization throughout phonolite body
Fohberg	Bötzingen	( <i>FM?</i> ), Sa, Aeg, Wo/(Wo), Adr, ±Ttn	Ntr, Gon, Cal, ±Thm, ±Mes	fissures, rock matrix	homogeneous secondary mineralization throughout phonolite body
Kirchberg	Niederrotweil	Sa, Pl, Hyn/(Hyn), Aeg, Adr, Mag, ±Ttn	Cal, Cbz, Clay minerals Thm, Gon Ntr, Gon, Thm Cal, Cbz, Clay minerals Cbz, Clay minerals Clay minerals	fissures (partially), rock matrix (partially)	various assemblages; heterogeneous secondary mineralization throughout phonolite body

<sup>a</sup> Mineral abbreviations after Whitney and Evans (2010), except Gon = gonnardite; *FM?* = unidentified feldspathoid mineral (most likely a member of the sodalite group, see text). Aeg refers to aegirine-augite solid solution. Mineral abundances are noted on a qualitative basis. Mineral names in brackets: primary mineral decomposed and only recognized due to shape of pseudomorphic aggregates.

TABLE 2. Results of X-ray diffraction (XRD) and quantitative phase analyses (QPA) of phonolites in wt%

	Endhalden_1	Endhalden_3	Endhalden_5 <sup>d</sup>	Endhalden_8	Fohberg_7	Fohberg_8	Kirchberg_3	Kirchberg_4	Kirchberg_5
Natrolite	26	2	1	37	20	40	15	-	-
Gonnardite	5	4	3	4	25	3	11	D <sup>c</sup>	-
Thomsonite	-	-	-	D	-	-	D	-	-
Analcime	6	17	14	7	-	-	-	-	-
Chabazite	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Sanidine <sup>a</sup>	43	49	47	33	42	37	69	82	82
Plagioclase	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	D
Sodalite-Häüyne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	D	D
Wollastonite	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
Aegirine-Augite	9	14	13	9	11	11	4	6	7
Andradite	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	6
Calcite	9	13	14	9	1	4	1	5	4
Clays	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	D	D
Zeolites (Ntr+Gon+Anl+Cbz) <sup>b</sup>	37	23	18	48	45	43	26	1	1
$X_{Gon} = \frac{Gon}{(Ntr+Gon+Anl)}$ <sup>b</sup>	0.14	0.17	0.17	0.08	0.56	0.07	0.42	-	-
$X_{Zeo} = \frac{Zeo}{(Zeo+Fsp)}$ <sup>b</sup>	0.46	0.32	0.28	0.59	0.52	0.54	0.27	0.01	0.01

<sup>a</sup> Best fit was achieved using a monoclinic sanidine structure model. However, the presence of minor amounts of alkali feldspar with a slightly deviating structure cannot be excluded.

<sup>b</sup> Mineral abbreviations after Whitney and Evans (2010), except Gon = gonnardite.

<sup>c</sup> D = detected and identified by powder XRD but not quantified by Rietveld QPA.

<sup>d</sup> Affected by surficial weathering

TABLE 3. Representative zeolite compositions of phonolites in the KVC in wt% and formula calculations

Location	Fohberg	Endhalden	Kirchberg	Endhalden	Fohberg	Endhalden	Kirchberg	Endhalden	Kirchberg	Kirchberg
Mineral	Natrolite	Natrolite	Natrolite	Analcime	Gonnardite	Gonnardite	Gonnardite	Thomsonite	Thomsonite	Chabazite
Analysis no	2-47	1-237	3-34	5-254	NBK-20	1-191	2-18	1-247	2-15	1-7
SiO <sub>2</sub>	46.46	46.27	48.54	55.19	42.52	44.67	43.09	35.67	37.67	46.42
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	27.20	26.02	26.10	22.35	27.54	26.52	28.87	29.13	29.65	25.36
CaO	1.14	0.58	0.22	0.00	6.97	8.68	7.16	7.70	13.15	10.87
SrO	0.08	0.00	0.11	0.00	1.16	0.82	0.00	9.54	0.10	1.06
BaO							0.04		0.00	0.05
Na <sub>2</sub> O	15.00	15.06	15.48	13.31	8.10	5.98	9.36	3.70	3.62	0.94
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.07	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.01	2.22
Total <sup>a</sup>	89.95	87.97	90.45	90.86	86.32	86.69	88.55	85.74	84.20	86.91
O	80	80	80	96	80	80	80	80	80	24
Si	23.69	24.07	24.50	32.54	22.72	23.54	22.38	20.35	20.72	7.32
Al	16.35	15.95	15.71	15.54	17.34	16.47	17.68	19.59	19.22	4.71
Ca	0.62	0.32	0.12	0.00	3.99	4.90	3.99	4.71	7.75	1.83
Sr	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.36	0.25	0.00	3.16	0.03	0.10
Ba	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Na	14.83	15.19	15.15	15.21	8.39	6.07	9.43	4.09	3.87	0.29
K	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.45
E% <sup>b</sup>	1.13	0.59	0.50	2.06	1.34	0.29	1.40	-1.14	-1.11	2.40
Si/(Si+Al)	0.59	0.60	0.61	0.68	0.57	0.59	0.56	0.51	0.52	0.61

<sup>a</sup> Analyses yield traces of Fe, Mg, Mn, Ti.

<sup>b</sup>  $E\% = (100 \times [Al - (Na + K) - 2(Ca + Sr + Ba)] / [(Na + K) + 2(Ca + Sr + Ba)])$

TABLE 4. Representative h ayne compositions from the Kirchberg phonolite wt% and formula calculations

Analysis no.	4-60	4-59	4-58	4-57	4-26
SiO <sub>2</sub>	36.23	35.23	35.54	35.61	34.11
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	28.78	27.71	28.14	28.08	27.39
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.36	0.76	0.43	0.62	0.37
CaO	5.01	6.25	6.48	6.52	6.55
Na <sub>2</sub> O	19.47	17.08	16.69	16.85	18.31
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.49	0.88	0.94	1.00	1.00
SrO	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.03	0.00
SO <sub>3</sub>	4.99	6.96	6.60	6.60	7.19
F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cl	3.03	1.85	1.58	1.55	1.42
-O=Cl	0.68	0.42	0.36	0.35	0.32
Total <sup>a</sup>	97.70	96.35	96.10	96.51	96.04
Numbers of ions on the basis of 21 (O) associated with 3Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> • 6SiO <sub>2</sub>					
Si	6.20	6.23	6.21	6.22	6.16
Al	5.80	5.77	5.79	5.78	5.84
ΣT	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.03
Ca	0.92	1.18	1.21	1.22	1.27
Na	6.46	5.85	5.65	5.71	6.42
K	0.11	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.23
Sr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ΣX	7.51	7.29	7.11	7.19	7.94
F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SO <sub>4</sub>	0.77	1.11	1.04	1.04	1.17
Cl	0.88	0.55	0.47	0.46	0.44
ΣZ	1.65	1.66	1.51	1.50	1.61

<sup>a</sup> Total includes traces of Mg, Mn, Zr.