

1 **REVISION 1**

2 **Intra-eruptive trachyte-phonolite transition: natural evidences and**
3 **experimental constraints on the role of crystal mushes**

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16 **ABSTRACT**

17 The generation of silica undersaturated phonolite from silica saturated trachytes is
18 uncommon, as it implies the crossing of the thermal barrier and critical plane of silica
19 undersaturation. Nevertheless, a co-genetic suite displaying compositional transition from
20 benmoreite-trachyte to phonolite has been observed within the Al Shaatha pyroclastic
21 sequence in the Harrat Rahat Volcanic Field (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia). We performed
22 crystallization experiments on benmoreite and trachyte starting compositions in order to
23 simulate the pressure-temperature-volatile conditions that generated the observed liquid line
24 of descent. The experimental conditions were 200-500 MPa, 850-1,150 °C, 0-10 wt.% H₂O,
25 0.0-0.5 wt.% CO₂ and NNO+2 oxygen buffer. The experimental mineral assemblage consists

26 of clinopyroxene, feldspar and titanomagnetite, as well as glass in variable proportions. The
27 degree of crystallinity of hydrous runs is lower than that of anhydrous ones at analogous
28 pressure and temperature conditions. Clinopyroxene crystallizes with compositions diopside-
29 augite and augite-hedenbergite, respectively at 500 MPa and 200 MPa. The saturation of
30 feldspar is primarily controlled by temperature and volatile content, with the more potassic
31 composition equilibrating at low temperature (850-900 °C) and anhydrous (for benmoreite)
32 or hydrous (for trachyte) conditions. At low pressure (200 MPa), temperatures below 850 °C
33 and anhydrous conditions, the degree of crystallization is extremely high (>90%) and the
34 residual glass obtained from trachyte experiments is characterized by peralkaline and sodic
35 affinity. This finding is consistent with natural eruptive products containing interstitial
36 phonolitic glass within an anorthoclase framework. The shift from trachyte to phonolite is
37 therefore interpreted as the result of open system interaction between trachytic magma and
38 intercumulus phonolitic melt, as well as of dissolution of anorthoclase from a crystal mush.

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40 Keywords: trachyte, phonolite, crystallization experiments, intercumulus melt, crystal mush

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43 **INTRODUCTION**

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45 Phonolites are silica undersaturated alkaline rocks characterized by a higher alkali content
46 than trachytes. In intraplate volcanic settings, trachytes and phonolites are frequently
47 associated within the same volcanic system, although phonolites are less abundant (Coombs
48 et al., 2008; LeMasurier et al., 2011) and traditionally interpreted as the magmatic evolution
49 of silica undersaturated primary basanitic magmas (Ablay et al., 1998; Coombs and
50 Wilkinson, 1969; Kyle et al., 1992; Thompson et al., 2001; Wiesmaier et al., 2011; Wörner

51 and Schmincke, 1984). In contrast, the generation of trachytes is often attributed to the
52 magmatic evolution of Si-rich alkaline basalts (Brenna et al., 2012; Brenna et al., 2015;
53 Coombs and Wilkinson, 1969; Davidson and Wilson, 1989; Kim et al., 2018; Martel et al.,
54 2013; Thompson et al., 2001; White et al., 2012). Additional magmatic transitions may occur
55 with general divergences from trachytes towards phonolites or peralkaline rhyolites
56 (Ackerman et al., 2015; Azzouni-Sekkal et al., 2007; Legendre et al., 2005; Upton, 1974). In
57 this context, rhyolites are interpreted to derive by low pressure (<200 MPa) fractionation of
58 trachytic magmas (LeMasurier et al., 2011; Romano et al., 2018), whereas the transition from
59 trachytes to phonolites is less clearly defined due to a variety of pressure-dependent
60 differentiation mechanisms involving variable mineral assemblages. For example, phonolites
61 from the Teide–Pico Viejo stratovolcano (Canary Islands; Andújar and Scaillet, 2012),
62 Laacher See volcano (Germany; Harms et al., 2004), as well as caldera systems at Suswa
63 volcano (White et al., 2012), Ischia (Brown et al., 2014) and Campi Flegrei (Italy; Forni et
64 al., 2016), are modelled to derive through interaction of crystal mushes and magma recharge
65 in shallow crustal (<200 MPa) reservoirs. In the Marie Byrd Land volcanic province
66 (Antarctica), LeMasurier et al. (2011) interpreted the origin of phonolites as the effect of
67 crystal fractionation from trachytic melts stored at intermediate (~300 MPa) pressures. At
68 Ulleung Island (South Korea), Brenna et al. (2014) attributed the formation of phonolites to
69 high pressure (~1 GPa) differentiation mechanisms at the base of the crust. More complex
70 models also invoke crustal contamination/assimilation phenomena as well as potential crustal
71 melting for the generation of diverging trends at the silicic end of the alkaline series (Freda et
72 al., 2008; Kyle et al., 1992; Legendre et al., 2005). Nonetheless, phonolitic eruptions are also
73 known to host peridotitic xenoliths from the upper mantle (Irving and Price, 1981),
74 suggesting deep magma derivation and no crustal interaction. Mixing of shallow-stalled

75 phonolitic melts with mantle-derived xenolith-hosting primitive melts may also explain the
76 occurrence of peridotite xenoliths (Grant et al., 2013).

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78 Phonolites occur in both composite volcanoes (e.g. Teide, Vesuvius, Ulleung) as well as in
79 magmatic systems that lack a focused plumbing system and hence produce dispersed eruptive
80 centres (e.g. East Eifel, Hoggar, Waipiata volcanic fields). These latter systems differ from
81 composite volcanoes in that they have lower magma flux and hence a less sustained
82 plumbing system (Valentine and Gregg, 2008). As a consequence, the dynamics of magma
83 storage and evolution in volcanoes with dispersed plumbing will differ from those of long-
84 lived crustal systems due to the lower recharge rates and thermal budgets (Cioni et al., 1998;
85 Di Renzo et al., 2016; Ginibre et al., 2004). Because of the lack of mature multistage storage
86 that may obfuscate evolutionary processes, “monogenetic” silicic alkaline eruptions
87 displaying compositional change from trachyte to phonolite provide an opportunity to
88 investigate the magmatic mechanism controlling the transition. Such eruptions are ideal due
89 to their restricted temporal and spatial association, implying chemical transition within a
90 single erupted magma batch, potentially derived from shallow amalgamation of several
91 magma pulses.

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93 The trachyte-phonolite association is found in the tephras of the Al Shaatha pyroclastic flow
94 sequence in the Harrat Rahat Volcanic Field (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Moufti et al., 2012;
95 Stelten et al., 2018). In this study, we used an experimental approach to investigate the phase
96 relationships of benmoreite and trachytes forming the Al Shaatha eruptive sequence. These
97 experimental results allow to elucidate the P - T - H_2O - CO_2 conditions controlling mineral
98 crystallization and magma differentiation, with potential implications for the origin of
99 phonolitic melts in dispersed magmatic settings, such as in the Harrat Rahat Volcanic Field.

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102 **GEOLOGICAL SETTING**

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104 The Harrat Rahat Volcanic Field (hereafter HRVF) is situated south of the city of Al-
105 Madinah and belongs to a series of lava-dominated volcanic fields aligned sub-parallel to the
106 east coast of the Red Sea and generated in response to the asymmetric rifting there (Fig. 1a)
107 (Bohannon et al., 1989). Volcanism in the area has been active over the past 10 Ma (Moufti
108 et al., 2013), with two monogenetic basaltic eruptions in historic times impacting, with lava
109 flows and tephra fallout, the city of Al-Madinah in 641 and 1256 AD (Fig. 1b; Camp and
110 Roobol, 1989). Lavas in the HRVF vary from alkaline basalt to trachyte with minor
111 intermediate compositions (Moufti et al., 2012; Stelten et al., 2018). They were erupted along
112 with Hawaiian and Strombolian events forming over 950 scoria and spatter cones (exposed)
113 over the lifetime of the field (Camp et al., 1987; Murcia et al., 2014; Runge et al., 2014).
114 Pleistocene trachytic eruptions (~0.1-0.5 Ma) extend over an area of ~20-30 km southeast of
115 the city of Al Madinah (Fig. 1b; Moufti et al., 2013). The more evolved eruptive products are
116 lava domes, tephra and pyroclastic sequences. Magmatic evolution from basaltic parent melts
117 towards the differentiated terms occurred principally through fractional crystallization with
118 minor crustal assimilation (Moufti et al., 2012), and is estimated to have lasted ~10-25 kyr
119 (Stelten et al., 2018).

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121 Al Shaatha is an overall trachytic pyroclastic complex with minor benmoreite and phonolite.
122 It is situated to the northwest of the larger Al Efairia volcanic centre (Fig. 1b; Moufti and
123 Németh, 2016). The pyroclastic apron covers a pre-existing basaltic volcanic structure (Fig.
124 1c), with the subtle 500 m wide crater rising ~100 m above the surrounding landscape. The

125 block-and-ash flow sequence is best exposed to the west of the crater area where a wadi
126 incised the sequence. SH05 was a section that contained the most complete sequence as
127 described in the Electronic Appendix A. The sequence comprises a stack of thick ashy-matrix
128 supported breccias with coarse dominantly trachytic pumice. Matrix comprises fragmented
129 pumice of the same composition. These deposits contain few (<5%) lithics, mainly basaltic
130 country rock. These are deposits consistent with particle-rich or dense pyroclastic density
131 current (PDC) deposits. The coarse matrix supported pyroclastic breccias are intercalated
132 with finer-grained, poorly sorted lapilli tuffs, with cross bedding indicative of dilute PDCs.
133 The bedded, units contain a greater content of country rock materials (<20% by volume)
134 which is mainly basaltic scoria or lava), but are dominated by similar trachytic high-density
135 pumice. The base of the sequence contains a clast-supported lapilli unit, indicative of a tephra
136 fall. This contains up to 60% country rock fragments of basaltic scoria or lava fragments.

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138 Sharp contacts between units and coarse/thick pyroclastic density currents intercalated with
139 multiply bedded finer grained PDC deposits indicates that the eruption involved a complex
140 sequence of collapses from unstable eruption columns. No evidence for weathering or non-
141 volcanic erosion occurs between deposition units, so that the sequence was emplaced over
142 one extended episode. Some deposits cut into others and pinching and swelling of unit
143 thicknesses in association with topography is consistent with laterally moving currents
144 interacting with topography. Welding, where present, crosses several
145 stratigraphic/depositional boundaries, which is also consistent with a short eruption duration,
146 particularly for the upper half of the sequence.

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148 The primary pyroclastic textures of these materials are similar dense vesiculated and
149 microcrystalline trachytes, with increasing porosity from base to the top of the sequence. The

150 uppermost unit is the most widespread and contains many bread-crust and cauliflower
151 bomb textures. The eruption sequence is envisaged as the unroofing/disruption of a strongly
152 degassed crystalline magma cap, before successive eruption of gas-rich, lower viscosity
153 magma below. The high crystal content meant that vesicle growth was hindered by the crystal
154 network and deformed vesicles are ubiquitous. The eruption began with a stable phase,
155 producing lithic-rich tephra fall as the vent system established. The eruption never reached a
156 stable sub-Plinian state, and instead repeated collapse occurred – or a series of low-energy
157 boiling-over columns (Kano et al., 1997; Shea et al., 2011), likely due to low rates of magma
158 expansion. The final phase was the most energetic, producing PDCs that reached 3 km from
159 the vent, associated with the highest vesicularities.

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161 We collected juvenile clasts consisting of lapilli and bombs within each of the main
162 pyroclastic flow units in a comprehensive stratigraphic section representative of the entire
163 eruptive sequence (Electronic Appendix A). We additionally sampled distal and medial
164 deposits (Fig. 1c), and their compositional variations are described below.

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166 **ANALYTICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES**

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168 **Whole rock analyses**

169 Whole rock major element analyses (Table 1) were performed at the School of Environment,
170 University of Auckland (New Zealand) by X-ray fluorescence (Siemens SR3000
171 spectrometer). Organic material was removed by sample washing, i.e., soaking in a hot
172 mixture of HCl and H₂O₂ and cleaning in acetone using ultrasound. Loss-on-ignition (LOI)
173 was calculated by heating ~4 g of sample for 12 hours at 105 °C and 1,000 °C, respectively.
174 Then, 2 g of dried sample powder were mixed with 6 g of SPECTRACHEM 12-22 flux. The

175 mixture was fused in a Pt crucible to obtain a homogeneous glassy bead. The oxide
176 components were measured following Norrish & Hutton (1969), with precision better than
177 $\pm 1\%$ (1σ). The Compton scatter of X-ray tube RhK β 1 emission was used to correct for mass
178 attenuation. Theoretical detection limit is 1-2 ppm and reproducibility is $<5\%$ (2σ).

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180 **Microchemical analyses**

181 Microchemical data (Electronic Appendix B) were acquired with an electron probe
182 microanalyzer (EPMA) using a JEOL JXA 8200 with combined EDS-WDS (five
183 spectrometers with twelve crystals) installed at the HP-HT Laboratory of Experimental
184 Volcanology and Geophysics of the Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia (INGV)
185 in Rome, Italy. The accelerating voltage and beam current were 15 kV and 10 nA,
186 respectively. The beam size was 5 μm (glass analyses) and 1 μm (mineral analyses) with a
187 counting time of 20 and 10 s on peaks and background, respectively. The following standards
188 have been adopted for the various chemical elements: jadeite (Si and Na), corundum (Al),
189 augite (Ca), forsterite (Mg), andradite (Fe), rutile (Ti), orthoclase (K), barite (Ba), apatite (P)
190 and spessartine (Mn). Sodium and potassium were analysed first to prevent alkali migration
191 effects. The precision of the microprobe was measured through the analysis of well-
192 characterised synthetic oxides and minerals. Data quality was ensured by analysing these test
193 materials as unknowns according to Iezzi et al. (2014). On the basis of counting statistics,
194 analytical uncertainties relative to their reported concentrations indicate that precision was
195 better than 5% for all cations analysed.

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197 **Crystallization experiments**

198 Crystallization experiments were conducted at the HP-HT Laboratory of the INGV Rome.
199 The starting materials consist of a benmoreite and a trachyte (samples SH1A as SMA and

200 SH5C as SMB, respectively; Table 1) from the Al Shaatha eruptive centre, selected as
201 representative of the parental and intermediate compositions of the eruptive sequence (Fig.
202 2a). We opted to perform experiments only using the erupted magma compositions rather
203 than a hypothetical basaltic parent, because these magma compositions represent the point of
204 interest for the investigation of the transition from trachyte to phonolite. The starting
205 materials were melted in a Fe-presaturated Pt-crucible at 1,200 °C for 30 min in a vertical
206 tube CO–CO₂ gas-mixing furnace at the NNO+2 oxygen buffer. The microchemical analyses
207 of the glasses did not reveal the presence of crystalline phases, yielding homogeneous
208 compositions comparable to the whole rock analyses (Table 1). Piston cylinder experiments
209 (Table 2) were carried out using a non-end loaded apparatus (“QUICKpress”, Depths of the
210 Earth co.) using a 19-25 mm NaCl-borosilicate glass-graphite-MgO assembly producing a
211 redox state close to the NNO+2 oxygen buffer (Masotta et al., 2012). The assembly was
212 simultaneously loaded with two AuPd-capsules containing the starting materials. The
213 crystallization experiments were conducted under either anhydrous or H₂O- and CO₂-bearing
214 conditions. For the nominally anhydrous experiments, the powdered starting materials were
215 dried in an oven at 110 °C for 48 h. For the volatile-bearing experiments, deionized H₂O was
216 added with a microsyringe to the starting materials or, alternatively, CO₂ was added in the
217 form of Ag₂CO₃ powder. After sealing, capsules were heated to 105 °C for 30 minutes and
218 none had weight loss due to volatilization. The benmoreite crystallization experiments
219 (Experimental Set A) were conducted at 200-500 MPa representative of shallow and mid
220 crustal storage, 850-1,150 °C, anhydrous to 4.0-10.1 wt.% H₂O, and 0.25-0.5 wt.% CO₂.
221 Conversely, the trachyte crystallization experiments (Experimental Set B) were conducted at
222 200-500 MPa, 850-1,000 °C, anhydrous to 4.6-7.1 wt.% H₂O, and 0.31 wt.% CO₂. The
223 AuPd-capsules placed in the assembly were surrounded by powdered pyrophyllite to prevent
224 H₂O loss and enhance stress homogenization during initial compression (Freda et al., 2001;

225 Freda et al., 2008). After cold pressurization to a nominal pressure 10% higher than that
226 desired, the pressure was decreased down to the target value and maintained constant for the
227 duration of the experiment. Experiments were carried out by heating the starting glass from
228 room temperature to the superliquidus condition of 1,200 °C. Note that the anhydrous
229 liquidus temperature is 1,190 °C and 1,179 °C for the benmoreite and trachyte, respectively,
230 as derived by the MELTS code (Ghiorso and Gualda, 2015; Gualda et al., 2012). The
231 temperature was kept constant at superliquidus for 30 min and then decreased at the rate of
232 80 °C/min down to the target temperature. The temperature was monitored by a factory-
233 calibrated K-type (chromel-alumel) thermocouple with uncertainty of ± 3 °C. In order to
234 guarantee the achievement of equilibrium crystallization conditions in benmoreitic and
235 trachytic melts, the experimental time duration was comprised between 24 and 70 h (cf.
236 Masotta et al., 2013). The experiments were isobarically quenched at the rate of 100 °C/s.
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239 **CHEMOSTRATIGRAPHIC SEQUENCE OF THE AL SHAATHA ERUPTION**

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241 The eruption forming the Al Shaatha pyroclastic sequence started with a relatively evolved
242 (SiO₂-rich) trachyte and phonolite, and transitioned to a less evolved (SiO₂-poor) benmoreite
243 emplaced at the top of the eruptive sequence (Table 1, Fig. 2). From bottom to top in the
244 stratigraphy, SiO₂, Al₂O₃ and K₂O decrease, whilst TiO₂, FeO_{tot}, MgO, CaO and P₂O₅
245 increase. The Na₂O remains overall constant or increases weakly up stratigraphy, apart for
246 two phonolitic rocks close to the base of the sequence (Fig. 2a, h). Although minor variability
247 may be present within each unit, major heterogeneities are unlikely because the composition
248 of the top unit at location SH5 (SH5J) is equivalent to that of SH1A, which is its distal
249 equivalent.

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251 The eruptive products range from poorly vesicular (<25%) and crystalline (diktytaxitic
252 texture; groundmass microlites protrude into vesicles and form their walls) trachyte and
253 phonolite at the base of the eruptive sequence, to highly vesicular (>60%) (and diktytaxitic)
254 benmoreite at the top (Fig. 3). Flow textures are well developed in both trachytes and
255 phonolites (Fig. 3b, c). All samples contain <5% microphenocrysts (0.5-1 mm) of feldspar,
256 green (under plane polarized light) hedenbergitic clinopyroxene, fayalitic olivine and
257 magnetite to titanomagnetite in an aphanitic (<0.2 mm) groundmass of feldspar +
258 hedenbergitic clinopyroxene + titanomagnetite. Mineral analyses are reported in Electronic
259 Appendix B. Olivine (Fo₁₈₋₂₄) crystals are euhedral and fresh in the benmoreite, whereas they
260 are variably altered to iddingsite in trachyte and phonolite (Fig. 3a, b). Clinopyroxene
261 microphenocrysts in the benmoreite have variable composition Wo₄₃₋₄₉En₁₂₋₂₆Fs₃₀₋₄₁, whereas
262 in the trachyte and phonolite the mineral composition is more restricted to Wo₄₅₋₄₈En₇₋₁₁Fs₄₃₋
263 ₄₆ (Fig. 4 and Electronic Appendix A). Minimal zonation is present in clinopyroxene
264 microphenocrysts (Fig. 3e) where rims have FeO slightly higher than in cores, and
265 comparable to groundmass clinopyroxene. Feldspar microphenocrysts are mostly oligoclase
266 (An₁₀₋₂₅Ab₇₀₋₈₀Or₁₀₋₂₀) in the benmoreite and anorthoclase in trachyte and phonolite
267 (An_{<10}Ab₅₀₋₈₀Or₁₅₋₅₅; Fig. 5 and Electronic Appendix B) and show no or only minor zonation.
268 The phonolite contains also glomerocrysts of unzoned, sieve-textured anorthoclase and minor
269 hedenbergitic clinopyroxene, analogous in composition to those in the trachyte and phonolite
270 groundmass (Fig. 3d, f). Titanomagnetite is often associated with the mafic microphenocrysts
271 (Fig. 3a, b, c). The benmoreite contains the most titaniferous magnetite with 12 to 18 wt.%
272 TiO₂, whereas magnetite has TiO₂ varying from 1 to 6 wt.% in the trachyte. Titanomagnetite
273 composition in the phonolite is similar to that of crystals in the benmoreite (Electronic
274 Appendix B). Zircon and apatite occur as rare accessory mineral phases.

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277 **EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS**

278 Anhydrous and hydrous experiments were performed at 850-1,150 °C and 200-500 MPa,
279 producing variable proportions of clinopyroxene, feldspar, titanomagnetite and glass, with
280 trace amounts of apatite. None of the experiments crystallized fayalitic olivine.

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282 **Phase assemblage and texture**

283 Back-scattered images of representative run products from Experimental Set A (Fig. 6a, b, c)
284 and Experimental Set B (Fig. 6d, e, f) show that crystals are generally euhedral with well-
285 developed faces. Titanomagnetite and glass are ubiquitous in the phase assemblage whereas
286 clinopyroxene and feldspar are present in variable proportions. Feldspar crystallization is
287 suppressed at 1,000-1,150 °C and 10.1 wt.% H₂O in experimental set A (Table 2).

288 Experiments performed at 200 MPa exhibit identical phase assemblages, with the fraction of
289 residual melt increasing at hydrous conditions (Fig. 7a). Volatile saturation in hydrous
290 experiments is testified by the presence of vesicles (<5%). The crystallization of feldspar
291 increases remarkably at anhydrous conditions, particularly in the trachyte (Experimental Set
292 B; Fig. 7b). In contrast, at both hydrous and anhydrous conditions, experiments performed
293 with the benmoreite (Experimental Set A) exhibit larger proportions of clinopyroxene (Fig.
294 7b). Overall, in the temperature range 850-1,000 °C, the effect of H₂O in decreasing the
295 degree of crystallization prevails over that of temperature (cf. Run# A3 vs. A10, Run# A22
296 vs. A25, Run# B1b vs. B2, and Run# B3 vs. B4; Table 2). At 850 °C, the experimental
297 charges are almost completely crystallized, with the exception of minor glassy pockets (Fig. 6
298 c, f).

299 A pressure of 500 MPa subdues both the plagioclase and clinopyroxene saturation surfaces,
300 resulting in more abundant residual glass compared to anhydrous 200 MPa conditions (cf.
301 Run# A21 vs. A25, Run# B1 vs. B2, and Run# B5 vs. B10; Fig. 7a; Table 2). The phase
302 assemblage does not change considerably in CO₂-bearing and CO₂-absent experiments (cf.
303 Run# A23 vs. A26, and Run# B5 vs. B6, Table 2), denoting a negligible effect of CO₂ on the
304 crystallization behaviour. Traces of apatite are also observed in experiments conducted at
305 850-950 °C, when modal crystallinity is >50%.

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307 **Mineral chemistry**

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309 In both Experimental Set A (benmoreite) and Experimental Set B (trachyte), clinopyroxene
310 crystals formed at 500 MPa under either anhydrous or hydrous conditions and exhibits
311 compositions that differ from those of the natural samples, resulting enriched in MgO, Al₂O₃
312 and TiO₂ (Fig. 4; Electronic Appendix B). The best matching with the natural clinopyroxene
313 is obtained in the benmoreite at 200 MPa and 850-950 °C, under both hydrous (Run# A4 and
314 A5) and anhydrous (Run# A15 and A22) conditions. This clinopyroxene is less calcic than
315 that formed at 1,000-1,150 °C, thus resembling the natural MgO-poor phenocrysts. In turn, at
316 1,000-1,150 °C the composition of clinopyroxene obtained at 200 and 500 MPa does not
317 substantially change. Clinopyroxenes crystallized from the trachytic melt are remarkably
318 enriched in MgO with respect to those from natural products. However, at 200 MPa and 850
319 °C (Run# B8), the experimental crystals obtained under anhydrous conditions closely
320 reproduce the natural phenocryst compositions.

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322 In the experiments with the benmoreite, feldspars obtained under anhydrous conditions
323 display an increase of Or component from An₂₈Ab₆₃Or₈ to An₆Ab₆₀Or₃₄, with decreasing

324 pressure and temperature (cf. Run# A23 vs. A5). The compositional variability of feldspar in
325 experiments conducted at 500 MPa does not match with that of natural feldspars in the
326 benmoreite, particularly for the different Ab content (Fig. 5; Electronic Appendix B). At 200
327 MPa, the addition of H₂O causes a marked decrease in Or component, with most feldspars
328 from hydrous experiments having composition An₂₀₋₂₇Ab₆₅₋₇₀Or₆₋₁₀. The best overlap is
329 observed at 200 MPa, 900 °C and 4 wt.% H₂O (Run# A15) where feldspar composition
330 ranges from oligoclase to anorthoclase. The Al₂O₃ content and Na₂O/K₂O ratio of
331 experimental crystals are also analogous to those of feldspars in the natural benmoreite.

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333 In the experiments with the trachyte, most of the feldspars have compositions An₃₋₁₇Ab₆₃₋
334 ₇₀Or₂₁₋₃₈, in good agreement with natural samples. At 500 MPa, the experimental crystals
335 cluster towards the Or-poor terms of the natural spectrum (Fig. 5). H₂O-bearing experiments
336 at $T \leq 950$ °C (Run# B3 and B7) have Or component higher than CO₂-bearing experiments at
337 $T \geq 1,000$ °C (Run# B6) (Fig. 5). Hydrous experiments at $T \leq 950$ °C and 200 MPa (Run# B3
338 and B7) with feldspar compositions of An₁₋₅Ab₅₅₋₅₉Or₃₆₋₄₄ show the best overlap with Or-rich
339 data from natural crystals (Fig. 5).

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341 Titanomagnetite crystals from Experimental Set A and Experimental Set B have TiO₂
342 abundance of less than 10 wt.%, being thus quite different from the titaniferous magnetites
343 naturally occurring in the benmoreite (Electronic Appendix B). TiO₂ abundance generally
344 decreases at 500 MPa and anhydrous conditions. Only the experimental crystals obtained at
345 200 MPa, 850-900 °C and 4.0- 4.6 wt.% H₂O (Run# A15 and B7) approach the crystals
346 hosted in natural trachyte.

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348 **Glass chemistry**

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350 The Experimental Set A was designed to reproduce the magmatic evolution from benmoreite
351 to trachyte using the benmoreite as starting composition (sample SH5C; Fig. 2a). The
352 experimental glasses evolve from the initial benmoreite depicting decreasing trajectories for
353 FeO, MgO, CaO, Al₂O₃, and P₂O₅, as well as increasing Na₂O + K₂O trajectories at
354 increasing SiO₂. Al₂O₃ and Na₂O show an inflection at ~65 wt.% SiO₂ (Fig. 8a, b). At
355 hydrous conditions, experiments performed at 200 MPa are characterized by lower SiO₂
356 enrichments than at 500 MPa, irrespective of the temperature (Fig. 8). The general increase in
357 SiO₂ results into lower enrichment of Na₂O + K₂O and Al₂O₃, and lower depletion in TiO₂
358 compared to the Al Shaatha sequence (Fig. 8a, b, d). In the experimental glasses the
359 Al₂O₃/CaO ratio diverges from the natural sequence (Fig. 8b), and FeO records a strong
360 depletion vs. MgO compared to the natural samples (Fig. 8c). Nonetheless, anhydrous
361 experiments performed at 200-500 MPa, as well as the hydrous experiment conducted at 200
362 MPa, 850 °C and 7.7 wt.% H₂O (Run# A21) exhibit enrichment of Na₂O + K₂O and
363 depletion of TiO₂ that closely resemble the natural sequence (Fig. 8a, d). At 500 MPa, 1,150
364 °C and anhydrous conditions (Run# A14) there is the best matching between experimental
365 glasses and the chemical transition between benmoreite and trachyte.

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367 The Experimental Set B aimed to reproduce the chemical variability to phonolite observed in
368 the natural samples. At 200 and 500 MPa, the experimental glasses display broadly
369 decreasing FeO, CaO, Al₂O₃, and Na₂O concentrations, in concert with broadly increasing
370 K₂O contents as SiO₂ increases. The concentration of P₂O₅ and MgO remains relatively
371 constant. The anhydrous glasses have Al₂O₃ concentrations lower than those measured for
372 volatile-bearing experiments. At 500 MPa, the hydrous glass compositions record a strong
373 depletion of Na₂O + K₂O with respect to the starting material, whereas less effective

374 depletions are observed at 200 MPa (Fig. 9a, c). The glasses resulting from the Experimental
375 Set B have a more restricted SiO₂ (63-68 wt.%) variability compared to those (58-71 wt.%
376 SiO₂) from the Experimental Set A. However, because of the overall enrichment in SiO₂,
377 none of the experiments produced glasses with phonolitic compositions. Moreover, the
378 hydrous experiments exhibit the greatest deviation from the natural whole rock analyses. At
379 500 MPa and 1,000-1,150 °C, the anhydrous experiments are characterized by a mild
380 enrichment of Na₂O + K₂O. In contrast, a more marked alkali enrichment is documented at
381 200 MPa and 850-950 °C (Run# B2 and B8). These glasses preserve a relative high
382 abundance of MgO and FeO, and a high Al₂O₃/CaO ratio, pointing towards the compositions
383 of natural phonolites (Fig. 9). The run products from Experimental Set A and Experimental
384 Set B that better reproduce the parageneses of natural rocks are discussed in the next section
385 (Fig. 10).

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388 **DISCUSSION**

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390 **Magmatic evolution of the Al Shaatha eruptive sequence**

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392 The rationale behind the experiments conducted on the Al Shaatha sequence was to elucidate
393 the magmatic conditions responsible for the origin of a phonolitic melt. Relative to the
394 different mechanisms that were proposed for the generation of phonolites, the role of crustal
395 partial melting (Hay and Wendlandt, 1995; Legendre et al., 2005) is improbable due to the
396 limited volumes of magmas feeding the eruptions. Direct melting of lithospheric mantle
397 (Laporte et al., 2014) is also excluded by the lack of xenocrysts/xenoliths suggestive of direct
398 magma ascent from mantle depths. On the other hand, crystal fractionation is a commonly

399 advocated mechanism for the generation of phonolite from alkaline parent melts (Andújar
400 and Scaillet, 2012; Brenna et al., 2014; LeMasurier et al., 2011; Wörner and Schmincke,
401 1984). At Al Shaatha, the volcano formed through a single eruptive sequence displaying the
402 transition from benmoreite to trachyte and phonolite. This is not associated to the
403 construction of a composite volcanic edifice deriving from a sustained magmatic plumbing
404 system, and it is therefore unlikely that crustal contamination played a major role. Therefore,
405 experiments from this study were designed to reproduce a phonolitic residual melt through
406 crystallization of benmoreitic and trachytic magmas.

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408 Despite the broad range of P - T - H_2O - CO_2 conditions explored by the crystallization
409 experiments, none of the glasses obtained have *sensu stricto* phonolitic compositions. Only
410 some experimental data describe quite well the compositions of natural minerals and whole
411 rocks belonging to the benmoreite-trachyte geochemical transition. For the Experimental Set
412 A (benmoreite), the glass compositions derived at 500 MPa and 1,150 °C under anhydrous
413 conditions (Run# A14) better reproduce the natural variation of benmoreite to trachytes.
414 Similarly, at 200 MPa and 850-900 °C under hydrous conditions (Run# A15 and A21), the
415 experimental products reproduce the whole rock and microphenocryst (feldspar +
416 clinopyroxene) compositions of the natural benmoreite. The experiments do not crystallize
417 fayalitic olivine despite its stability (euhedral microphenocrysts without resorption features)
418 in the natural benmoreite to trachyte at Al Shaatha, similar to other trachytic sequences
419 (Macdonald et al., 2011). To test its absence, we have performed thermodynamic simulations
420 using the rhyolite-MELTS code (v.1.2.0) (Gualda et al., 2012) based on the detection of
421 phase saturation and energy convergence by Gibbs free energy minimization. These
422 simulations were conducted at 500 MPa, 1,000-800 °C, 5 wt.% H_2O and buffering conditions
423 variable from NNO to NNO+2.2. The benmoreitic melt was used as starting composition and

424 differentiated by a step-by-step crystal fractionation processes in which the temperature was
425 lowered each 20 °C, leading to a maximum degree of solid fraction of 55 wt.%. Results from
426 calculations indicate that, irrespective of the redox state of the melt, clinopyroxene is the
427 liquidus phase followed by oxide. However, the formation of fayalitic olivine (Fo₈₃₋₈₇) is
428 relegated to a low-temperature (800-860 °C) crystallization path when the system has already
429 fractionated 20 wt.% of minerals and the buffering condition is close to NNO. The degree of
430 olivine fractionation is also extremely low (1-5 wt.%) and basically ineffective during the
431 differentiation of the less oxidized melt.

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433 Anhydrous experiments at low temperature exhibit SiO₂ enrichments higher than those
434 measured in the volatile-bearing products (cf. Run# A4 vs. Run# A20 and A21), with residual
435 melt compositions departing from the phonolite field. In the Experimental Set B (trachyte),
436 only experiments performed at low *P-T* conditions apparently reproduce the whole rock and
437 mineral compositions observed in the natural samples. The composition of the residual melts
438 in equilibrium with clinopyroxene and feldspar matches with that of Al Shaatha trachytes at
439 200 MPa, 850 °C and anhydrous conditions (Run# B8). These coupled findings from
440 Experimental Sets A and B seem to corroborate a scenario where the overall anhydrous melt
441 crystallized at multiple depths. The benmoreite to trachyte transition likely occurred during
442 ascent from mid- to shallow-crustal levels with the formation of a phonolite melt occurring at
443 relatively shallow levels.

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445 Although none of the experiments reproduced in full the whole rock analyses of phonolites,
446 some experimental glasses show chemical characteristics indicative of a shift towards
447 phonolitic affinity. For instance, in volatile-bearing experiments performed with the trachyte
448 and equilibrated at 200 MPa and 850 °C (Run# A20 and partly A21), the residual glasses

449 display an increase of the $\text{Na}_2\text{O}/\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ratio from 1.8 to 4.5, which is consistent to what
450 observed for the Al Shaatha phonolites. These experimental products are strongly crystalline
451 with a low fraction of interstitial glass (less than 2%) and diktytaxitic vesicularity (Fig. 6c).
452 In comparison, experiments performed with the benmoreite at 200 MPa, 850-900°C and
453 anhydrous conditions (Run# B4 and B8), yield a high crystal content with scarce interstitial
454 glass (Fig. 6f). The residual glass composition results more enriched in $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$ relative
455 to the less crystalline experiments gained at high P - T - H_2O conditions. This residual glass,
456 however, is dramatically enriched in SiO_2 with respect to natural phonolitic terms. It cannot
457 be excluded that the SiO_2 enrichment is caused by an enhanced stability of the clinopyroxene
458 + titanomagnetite assemblage in the experiments with respect to the crystallization of
459 magmas at Al Shaatha. It should be noted that the oxygen fugacity imposed by the piston
460 cylinder assembly (NNO+2 buffer) is almost comparable to that (from NNO+1 to NNO+2.3
461 buffer) documented for trachytes and phonolites from other volcanic settings (Berndt et al.,
462 2001; Fabbrizio and Carroll, 2008; Freise et al., 2003; Martel et al., 2013). This may have
463 been slightly lower in the benmoreite due to stability of fayalitic olivine. However,
464 iddingsitisation of fayalite in the trachyte and absence of fayalite in the phonolite likely
465 indicate a rise in oxygen fugacity (Caroff et al., 2000) comparable to experimental
466 parameters. Rationally, it is hypothesized that classical closed-system crystallization
467 mechanisms cannot be responsible for the overall geochemical evolution of magmas at Al
468 Shaatha, especially for the alkali-rich phonolites. In this context, we embrace some
469 perceptions reported in the recent review study of Bachmann and Huber (2016) and
470 illustrating the role of crystalline region (i.e. mush zones) within the mid-to-shallow crustal
471 reservoirs, on the chemical and dynamical evolution of the magmatic system (see discussion
472 and model below).

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474 **Late-stage residual phonolitic melt**

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476 One interesting observation from our crystallization experiments is the lack of glass
477 compositions analogue to the natural phonolites (*sensu stricto*) erupted at Al Shaatha. In this
478 regard, several early experimental works (Bailey and Schairer, 1964; Carmichael and
479 MacKenzie, 1963; Thompson and MacKenzie, 1967) demonstrated that silicic peralkaline
480 melts may evolve to more sodic compositions by abundant crystallization of alkaline
481 feldspar. We found that metaluminous melts become peralkaline at 200 MPa, showing a net
482 increase of the Na₂O content and directing the magmatic differentiation towards the
483 phonolitic terms of the Al Shaatha eruptive sequence. This compositional change is more
484 evident for the experiments performed with the trachyte (Experimental Set B), where the
485 crystallization is dominated by alkaline feldspar (anorthoclase) over clinopyroxene,
486 particularly at anhydrous conditions (Fig. 7b). Conversely, in the experiments performed with
487 the benmoreite (Experimental Set A), the residual melts do not gain a peralkaline affinity,
488 despite their compositions showing an increase in the sodic character (Fig. 10).

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490 At Al Shaatha we exclude an origin of the trend toward peralkalinity and phonolite solely as
491 a result of the extraction of a feldspar cumulate. Alkaline feldspars in the trachyte have SiO₂
492 ~65 wt.% and approximately equal abundances of Na₂O and K₂O (~6-7 wt.%) (Electronic
493 Appendix B). The two natural samples evolving towards phonolite (which contain the
494 anorthoclase glomerocrysts) show an overall decrease of SiO₂ and increase of Na₂O over
495 K₂O compared to the trachyte. It is therefore unlikely that the shift is caused by accumulation
496 or incorporation of feldspar glomerocrysts alone. Nevertheless, it is possible that partial
497 resorption of anorthoclase from a crystal mush zone, as indicated by the sieve texture of

498 feldspars in the glomerocrysts (Fig. 3d) could have contributed to generation of phonolitic
499 liquids, as previously suggested by Brown et al. (2014).
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501 Trachytes and phonolites are rarely interpreted as cogenetic magmas originating from the
502 same crystallization path, however, their intimate occurrence requires an explanation. Here
503 we draw on several other occurrences where trachyte and phonolite are closely associated,
504 with the aim to better understand the mechanisms that could generate such a transition. The
505 Atakor Massif in the Hoggar volcanic province (Algeria) displays two clear diverging
506 chemical trends from trachyte to rhyolite and from trachyte to phonolite (Azzouni-Sekkal et
507 al., 2007). The volcanic products from the Kangerlussuaq Intrusion (Greenland) are
508 interpreted as an open-system magma recharge event producing a trachyte-phonolite lineage
509 by crystal fractionation from a basanitic parental magma (Riishuus et al., 2008). The last
510 eruptive activity (~10-2.5 ka) at Ulleung Island (South Korea) formed a tephra sequence
511 transitioning from trachytic to phonolitic compositions (Brenna et al., 2014; McLean et al.,
512 2018 and references therein). Brenna et al. (2014) proposed that the late crystallization of
513 plagioclase from the trachytic magma at lower crustal conditions caused SiO₂ depletion and
514 Na₂O + K₂O enrichment in the residual phonolitic melts. At Ulleung Island some cognate
515 enclaves occur within the tephra representative of the trachyte-phonolite transition (Brenna et
516 al., 2014). One of these cognate enclaves is a syenitic cumulate consisting of an intricate
517 framework of alkaline feldspar and green sodic clinopyroxene, with also minor oxides and
518 interstitial vesiculated glass. This interstitial glass has composition extending further into the
519 phonolite field compared to the Al Shaatha eruptive sequence, thus suggesting melt
520 extraction from a crystal-rich zone and further entrainment in the ascending magma (Hildreth
521 and Wilson, 2007). Similar cognate enclaves largely consisting of alkaline feldspar
522 (sanidinites) have been also observed in the eruptive deposits of the major phonolitic

523 eruptions of the Sabatini Volcanic District (central Italy) and interpreted as part of
524 differentiated crystal mushes (Masotta et al., 2016). Complex crystallization and magma
525 recharge events feeding trachytic/phonolitic magmatic reservoirs may lead to crystallization
526 and resorption of selected mineral phases (e.g. anorthoclase), which could shift the melt
527 composition between the two compositional fields (Brown et al., 2014; Ridolfi et al., 2006;
528 White et al., 2012). Indeed, the development of a crystal mush is one of the most effective
529 mechanisms controlling the textural and compositional variations of silicic products, such as
530 trachytes and phonolites (Masotta et al., 2010). In this framework, the magmatic
531 differentiation is intimately correlated to the interplay between crystal accumulation and melt
532 extraction (Bachmann and Bergantz, 2004; Dufek and Bachmann, 2010; Huber et al., 2009),
533 where crystal-rich enclaves testify to the solid residual of the crystal-melt separation
534 processes (Forni et al., 2016; Forni et al., 2018; Masotta et al., 2016).

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536 In the case of Al Shaatha eruptions, several glomerocrysts and/or cognate microenclaves of
537 anorthoclase and hedenbergitic clinopyroxene occur in the phonolitic tephra (Fig. 3d).
538 Because of the limited eruptive volume and history, these glomerocrysts may represent
539 disrupted portions of a crystal mush related to earlier stalled intrusions, rather than major
540 crustal reservoirs like in classical large caldera systems (Fig. 11). Interstitial phonolitic melts
541 originated in such a relatively short-lived reservoir and eventually interacted with
542 benmoreitic/trachytic melts at shallow crustal levels (Fig. 11) (Dufek and Bachmann, 2010;
543 Thompson et al., 2001). We tested this hypothesis by mass balance calculations performed
544 with the Petrograph software (Petrelli et al., 2005) and based on least-square modelling
545 equations of Stormer and Nicholls (1978). Using as input parameters major oxide analyses of
546 natural samples and experimental phases (Table 3), the model successfully reproduces the
547 variation from the trachyte SH5C (i.e., the starting material of Experimental Set B) to the

548 phonolite SH5E. This model does not imply that a liquid reservoir formed with phonolite
549 composition, but simply simulates the composition of a residual interstitial melt following
550 extensive crystallization. The overall amount of crystallization necessary to generate the
551 phonolitic melt is ~80%, with modal abundances of 89% K-feldspar, 6% clinopyroxene and
552 5% oxide (Table 3). This compositional variation is consistent with the experimental glass
553 obtained at 200 MPa, 850 °C and anhydrous conditions, in response to abundant
554 crystallization (Run# A20 and A21; Table 2). The sum of the squared residuals (SSR) yields
555 a reliable value of 0.44, making the modelling results realistic for the Al Shaatha eruptive
556 sequence. It can be thus concluded that the formation of materials with phonolitic affinities
557 may be related to the development of a crystal mush and further crystal-melt separation
558 mechanisms (Bachmann and Bergantz, 2004). Coherently, other authors (Caroff et al., 1997;
559 Panter et al., 1997) have effectively demonstrated as the fractionation of clinopyroxene and
560 abundant feldspar from alkaline basalts/basanites may produce ~20% of residual phonolitic
561 magmas, in close agreement with the melt proportion obtained in this study (Table 3).

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564 **IMPLICATIONS**

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566 The peralkaline and sodic character of Al Shaatha eruptive products testifies to complex
567 mechanisms of magma differentiation that determine the transition from SiO₂-saturated
568 trachytes to SiO₂-undersaturated phonolites. To better understand the mechanisms behind this
569 transition, we have performed crystallization experiments at mid- and upper-crustal pressures
570 and temperature and a range of volatile conditions, using as starting materials benmoreitic
571 and trachytic rocks from the Al Shaatha pyroclastic sequence in the Harrat Rahat Volcanic
572 Field (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia). The experimental results suggest that, at 500 MPa and

573 1,000-1,150 °C, the Al Shaatha benmoreitic magma differentiated towards trachytic
574 compositions through crystallization of clinopyroxene, feldspar (oligoclase) and
575 titanomagnetite. Experiments conducted at 200 MPa and 950-850 °C suggest that the
576 formation of trachytic magmas continues at shallower crustal levels and lower temperatures.
577 Although none of the investigated experimental conditions reproduced the alkali increase
578 coupled with a decrease or unchanged SiO₂, the overall peralkaline and sodic character of the
579 experimental glasses increases at low-P and low-T, analogously to the natural transition from
580 trachyte to phonolite. The inconsistency between natural and experimental data suggest that
581 the SiO₂-undersaturated phonolitic magmas constituting the Al Shaatha pyroclastic sequence
582 originated at open-system-like conditions through crystallization of anorthoclase from an
583 initially SiO₂-saturated trachytic liquid. Crystallization of an alkali feldspar-dominated phase
584 assemblage is supported by the occurrence of glomerocrysts constituted in the largest part by
585 anorthoclase (Fig. 3d), although the mass balance calculations indicate a high amount of
586 crystallization (80%). This could potentially lock up the melt within the crystal mush
587 (Deering et al., 2011). However, physical disturbance by later injections could generate melt
588 channels within the mush like what has been documented and modelled to occur within the
589 mantle to mobilize very low degrees of partial melts (Katz et al., 2006). A complex interplay
590 of crystallization, anorthoclase resorption, melt segregation and mixing occurring through a
591 vertically developed mush pile could determine the transition from trachytic to phonolitic
592 magma compositions. In this scenario, the highly crystalline portion of the shallower
593 intrusion is interpreted to evolve into a crystal-rich mush zone, from which interstitial melts
594 with a strong phonolitic affinity are progressively extracted and, to variable extent, interact
595 with trachytic magmas (Fig. 11).

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844 **Figure captions**

845 *Figure 1. a) Location of Cenozoic intraplate volcanic area in the Arabian Plate. b) The*
846 *Harrat Rahat Volcanic Field (outline dashed) encroaches the southern suburbs of Al-*
847 *Madinah city (shaded). The principal evolved eruptive centres occur in the central portion of*
848 *the field. c) The Al Shaatha pyroclastic deposit are light brown, and the pre-eruptive basaltic*
849 *basement is dark grey/black. Location of the sampled sections (SH01 to SH05) of the Al*
850 *Shaatha eruption along a wadi on the western side of the volcano. The crater rim (dashed) is*
851 *a very subdued geomorphic feature. Base images for a), b) and c) are from Google Earth,*
852 *Landsat, Copernicus, DigitalGlobe.*

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855 *Figure 2. a) Total alkali vs. silica (TAS) diagram (Le Maitre, 2002) showing whole rock*
856 *compositions of the Al Shaatha eruptive sequence. The pink area indicates the overall*
857 *products from the Harrat Rahat Volcanic Field (Moufti et al., 2012). SMA and SMB refer to*
858 *starting materials for Experimental Sets A and B respectively. b-j) stratigraphically ordered*
859 *chemical variability in the Al Shaatha eruption from samples collected at localities SH05 and*
860 *SH01 (top).*

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862 *Figure 3. Representative photomicrographs (PPL) of selected Al Shaatha eruption products*
863 *(lapilli and bombs). a) benmoreite with fayalitic olivine (Ol), clinopyroxene (Cpx), feldspar*

864 *(Feld) and titanomagnetite (Ti-Mag) microphenocrysts in a vesiculated (ves) groundmass of*
865 *Feld + Cpx + Ti-Mag. b) trachyte, with overall similar mineralogy. Note the orange*
866 *iddingsitisation of the olivine. Feldspar microphenocrysts and groundmass crystals show*
867 *good alignment. c) and d) phonolite exhibiting identical mineral assemblage of trachyte in b)*
868 *but have diktytaxitic texture and contain sieve-textured anorthoclase glomerocrysts (d). e)*
869 *Backscatter Electron (BSE) image of the benmoreite. Note the high degree of vesicularity and*
870 *lack of major zonation in the clinopyroxene. f) BSE image of feldspar (anorthoclase)*
871 *glomerocryst in the phonolite. Note the lack of zonation in the individual crystals.*

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873 *Figure 4. Compositions of natural and experimental clinopyroxene crystals.*

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875 *Figure 5. Composition of natural and experimental feldspars.*

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877 *Figure 6. BSE (backscattered electron) images of selected experimental products. a), b) and*
878 *c) are from Experimental Set A, and d), e), and f) are from Experimental Set B.*

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880 *Figure 7. a) Relationship between degree of crystallization and experimental temperature*
881 *and added H₂O in 200 and 500 MPa experiments. Experiments with CO₂ only are considered*
882 *anhydrous. b) Variation of feldspar/clinopyroxene modal ratio with experimental*
883 *temperature and added H₂O in 200 MPa experiments.*

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885 *Figure 8. Experimental glass compositions obtained by using the benmoreite (A) as starting*
886 *composition. Star symbols represent the whole rock composition of natural samples. A and B*
887 *indicate the starting materials for the two experimental sets.*

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895 *Figures 8 and 9.*

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898 *phonolite erupted at Al Shaatha. An initial stalled intrusion crystallizes extensively to form a*
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900 *from the deeper plumbing remobilizes and interacts with the crystal mush, resorbs some*
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	SH1A (A)	SMA SD EPMA	SH2B	SH4A	SH4B	SH4C	SH5B
SiO ₂	58.83	1.24	60.22	60.77	60.44	59.40	61.61
TiO ₂	0.60	0.10	0.47	0.36	0.40	0.57	0.28
Al ₂ O ₃	16.65	0.54	16.96	17.30	17.02	16.87	17.61
FeO _{tot}	8.32	0.48	7.64	7.18	7.47	8.31	6.39
MnO	0.26	0.06	0.25	0.24	0.25	0.26	0.22
MgO	0.60	0.74	0.48	0.37	0.30	0.57	0.33
CaO	4.03	0.13	2.95	2.41	2.46	2.89	1.84
Na ₂ O	6.49	0.17	6.64	6.43	6.90	6.90	6.41
K ₂ O	3.94	0.17	4.18	4.80	4.60	3.95	5.20
P ₂ O ₅	0.30	0.03	0.21	0.14	0.16	0.28	0.10
Tot _{anhydrous}	100.00		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
H ₂ O	0.63		0.43	0.62	0.09	0.03	0.58
LOI	0.87		0.65	0.86	0.47	0.09	1.18

	SH5C (B)	SMB SD EPMA	SH5D	SH5E	SH5F	SH5I	SH5J
SiO ₂	61.88	0.92	60.90	59.97	60.78	59.93	59.27
TiO ₂	0.26	0.03	0.26	0.28	0.33	0.44	0.59
Al ₂ O ₃	17.51	0.22	17.15	16.99	17.21	17.09	17.07
FeO _{tot}	6.32	0.17	6.19	6.24	6.86	7.93	8.48
MnO	0.22	0.04	0.22	0.22	0.24	0.26	0.27
MgO	0.21	0.03	0.19	0.13	0.28	0.45	0.55
CaO	1.60	0.06	1.69	1.80	2.71	2.50	2.93
Na ₂ O	6.65	0.14	8.29	9.43	6.57	6.79	6.55
K ₂ O	5.26	0.05	5.03	4.84	4.89	4.40	4.00
P ₂ O ₅	0.10	0.04	0.10	0.10	0.14	0.21	0.30
Tot _{anhydrous}	100.00		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
H ₂ O	0.60		1.26	0.47	0.47	0.30	0.42
LOI	0.58		1.25	0.98	1.13	0.38	0.48

Table 2. Experimental conditions

Experiment	T (°C)	P (MPa)	H ₂ O added (wt.%)	CO ₂ added (wt.%)	Duration (h)	Phase assemblage and modal proportions (%)
<i>Experiments with benmoreite (A) starting composition</i>						
A14	1,150	500	0.0	0.0	24	Gl (98) + Cpx (<1) + Ti-Mag (1)
A23	1,050	500	0.0	0.0	70	Gl (60) + Feld (34) + Cpx (3) + Ti-Mag (3)
A26	1,050	500	0.0	0.27	70	Gl (63) + Feld (29) + Cpx (5) + Ti-Mag (3)
A10	1,000	200	4.0	0.0	24	Gl (98) + Cpx (<1) + Ti-Mag (2)
A3	1,000	200	0.0	0.0	24	Gl (22) + Feld (71) + Cpx (4) + Ti-Mag (3)
A4	900	200	0.0	0.0	70	Gl (25) + Feld (65) + Cpx (7) + Ti-Mag (3)
A5	900	200	0.0	0.0	24	Gl (35) + Feld (58) + Cpx (5) + Ti-Mag (2)
A15	900	200	4.0	0.0	24	Gl (53) + Feld (40) + Cpx (3) + Ti-Mag (3)
A25	850	500	10.1	0.0	12	Gl (92) + Cpx (4) + Ti-Mag (4)
A22	850	500	0.0	0.25	12	Gl (37) + Feld (55) + Cpx (5) + Ti-Mag (3)
A20	850	200	0.0	0.5	25	Gl (2) + Feld (86) + Cpx (8) + Ti-Mag (3)
A21	850	200	7.7	0.0	25	Gl (<1) + Feld (88) + Cpx (10) + Ti-Mag (2)
<i>Experiments with trachyte (B) starting composition</i>						
B10	1,000	500	0.0	0.0	44	Gl (66) + Feld (32) + Cpx (<1) + Ti-Mag (2)
B11	1,000	500	0.0	0.0	44	Gl (69) + Feld (28) + Cpx (1) + Ti-Mag (2)
B5	1,000	200	0.0	0.0	50	Gl (38) + Feld (60) + Cpx (1) + Ti-Mag (2)
B6	1,000	200	0.0	0.31	50	Gl (48) + Feld (49) + Cpx (<1) + Ti-Mag (2)
B12	950	500	7.1	0.0	44	Gl (100)
B13	950	500	0.0	0.0	44	Gl (97) + Ti-Mag (3)
B1	950	500	0.0	0.0	24	Gl (98) + Ti-Mag (2)
B1b	950	200	5.1	0.0	24	Gl (97) + Ti-Mag (3)
B2	950	200	0.0	0.0	24	Gl (27) + Feld (70) + Cpx (1) + Ti-Mag (2)
B9	900	500	5.1	0.0	48	Gl (99) + Ti-Mag (1)
B3	900	200	5.1	0.0	24	Gl (67) + Feld (30) + Cpx (1) + Ti-Mag (2)
B4	900	200	0.0	0.0	24	Gl (7) + Feld (90) + Cpx (2) + Ti-Mag (1)
B8	850	200	0.0	0.0	70	Gl (4) + Feld (92) + Cpx (2) + Ti-Mag (2)
B7	850	200	4.6	0.0	70	Gl (12) + Feld (84) + Cpx (2) + Ti-Mag (2)

Table 3. Least squares crystal fractionation modeling of Al Shaatha products.

	Initial melt <i>SH5C</i>	Final melt <i>SH5E</i>	Feldspar <i>SH5E_</i> <i>feldpsar</i> <i>glomero</i> <i>14</i>	Pyroxene <i>SH5E_</i> <i>mafic 2</i>	Oxide <i>SH5C_oxid</i> <i>e gdm 3</i>	Observed differenc e	Calculated difference	Obs-Calc residuals
SiO ₂	61.88	59.97	65.99	48.56	0.95	-1.90	-1.56	-0.35
TiO ₂	0.26	0.28	0.05	0.35	1.11	0.02	0.13	-0.12
Al ₂ O ₃	17.51	16.99	19.85	1.79	0.60	-0.52	-0.72	0.20
FeO _{tot}	6.32	6.24	0.21	24.19	95.92	-0.07	0.09	-0.17
MnO	0.22	0.22	0.00	1.02	0.64	0.00	0.10	-0.11
MgO	0.21	0.13	0.01	2.87	0.16	-0.08	-0.04	-0.04
CaO	1.60	1.80	0.74	20.1	0.04	0.20	-0.03	0.23
Na ₂ O	6.65	9.43	6.57	1.10	0.47	2.79	2.79	0.00
K ₂ O	5.26	4.84	6.56	0.01	0.11	-0.43	-0.84	0.41
P ₂ O ₅	0.10	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	-0.07
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00			
							SSR =	0.44
Fractionated amount			71.97	4.69	3.80			
% of removed			89.45	5.83	4.72			

Figure 1

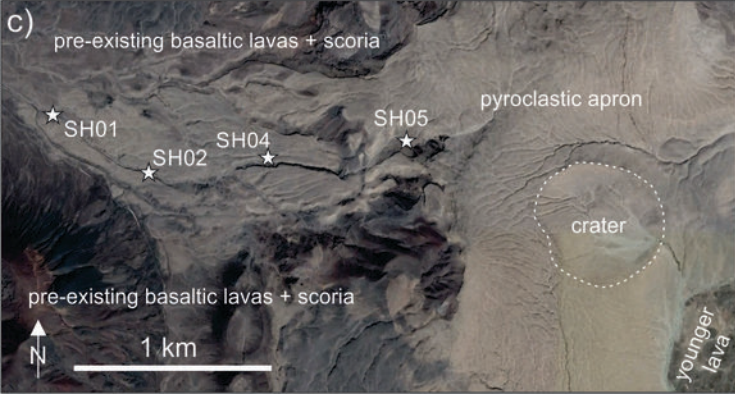
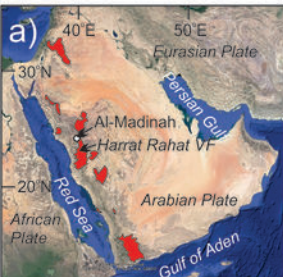


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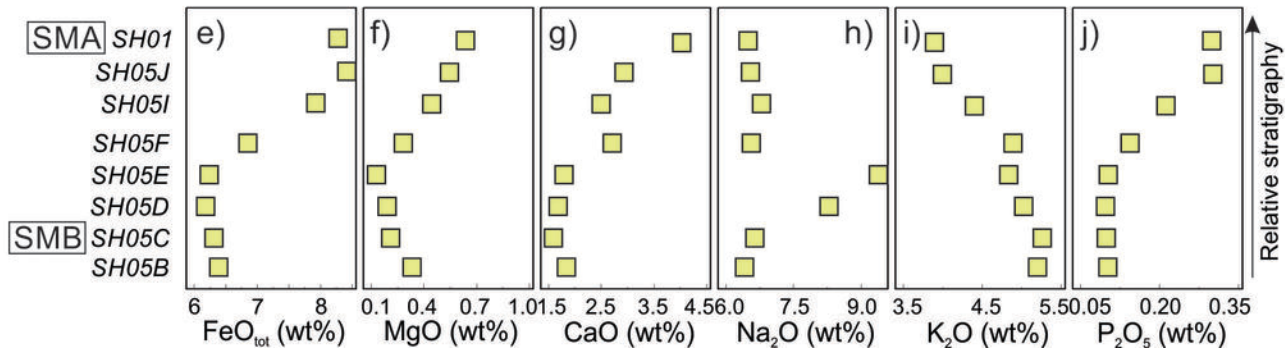
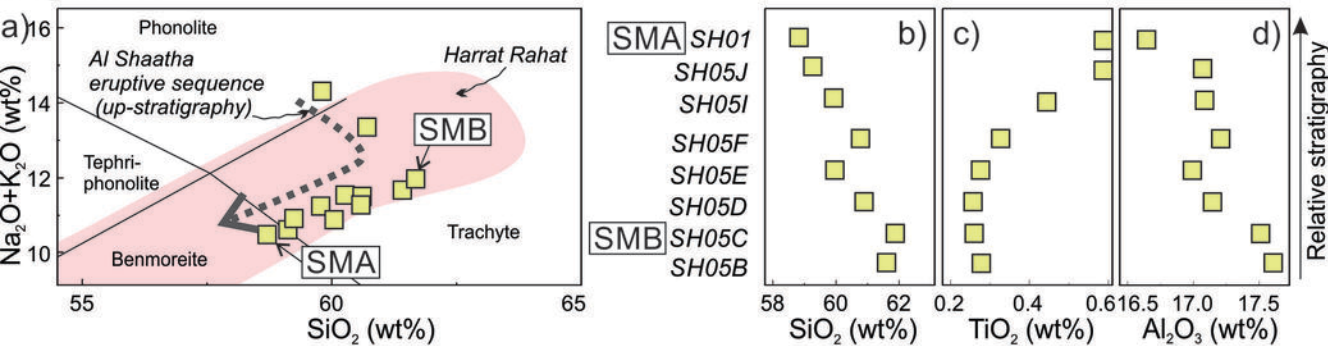


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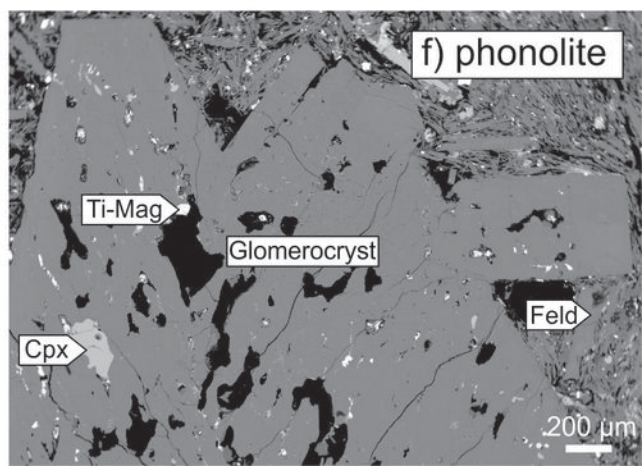
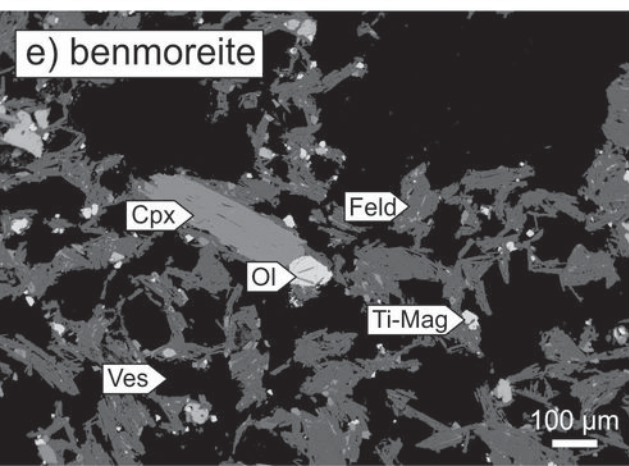
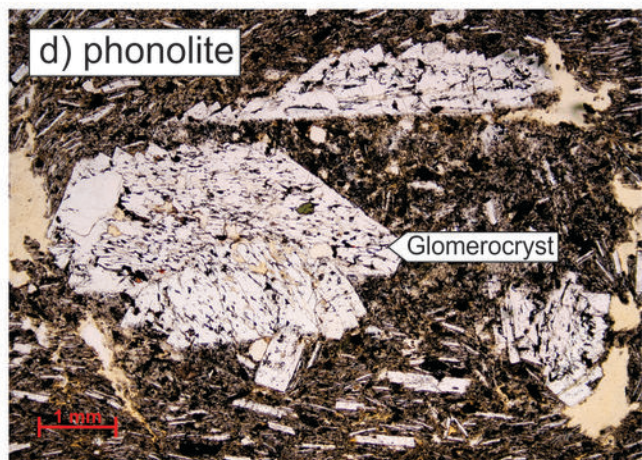
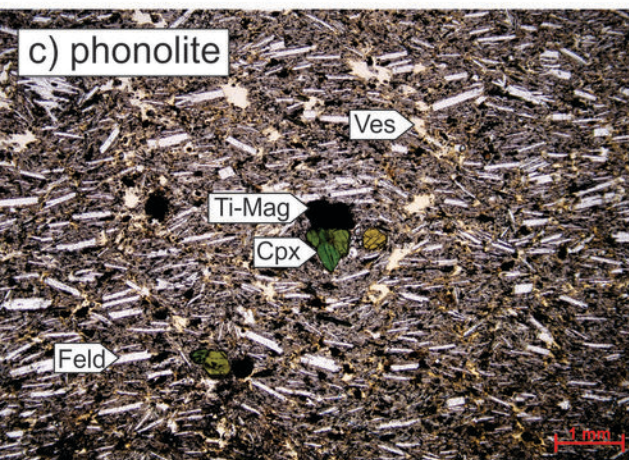
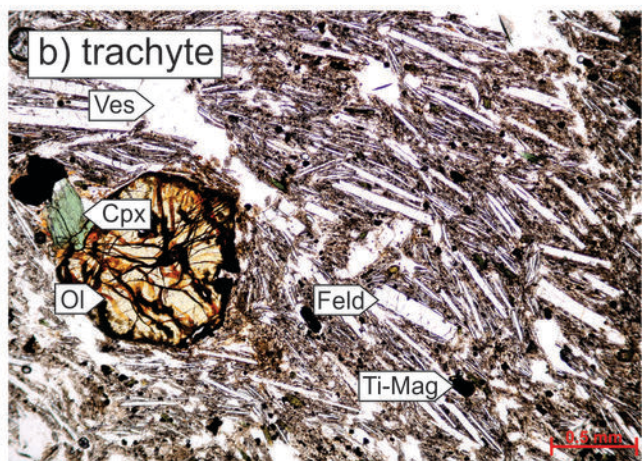
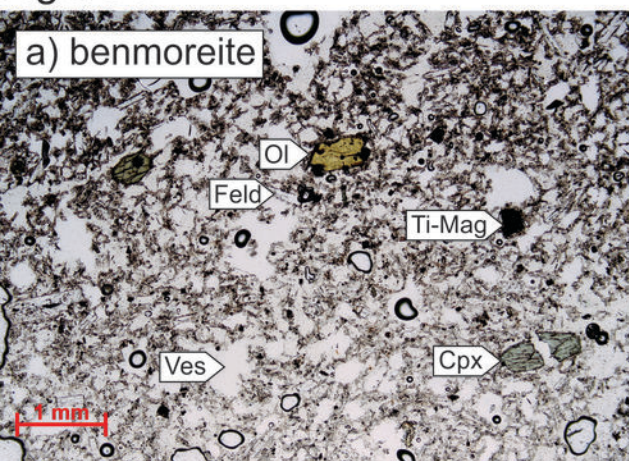
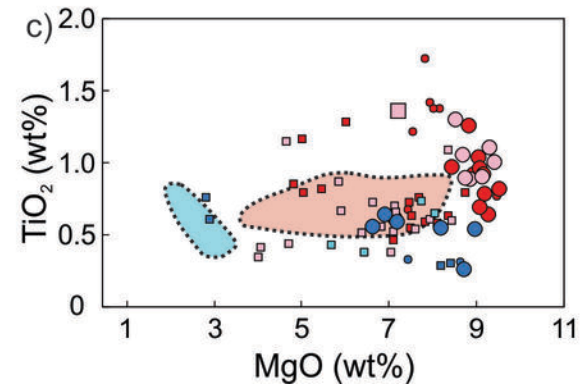
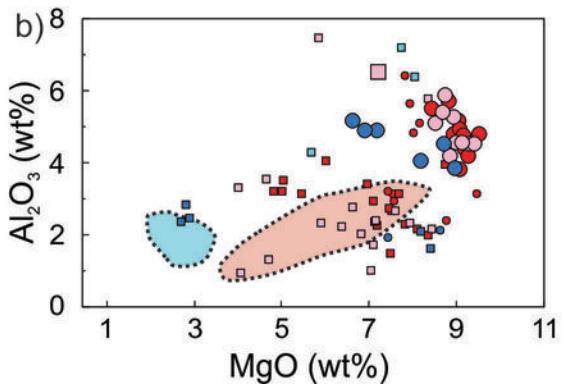
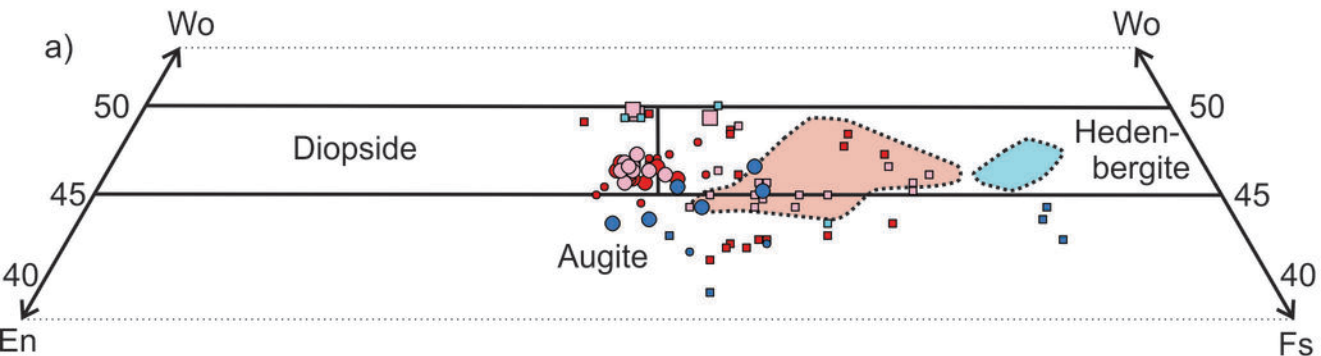
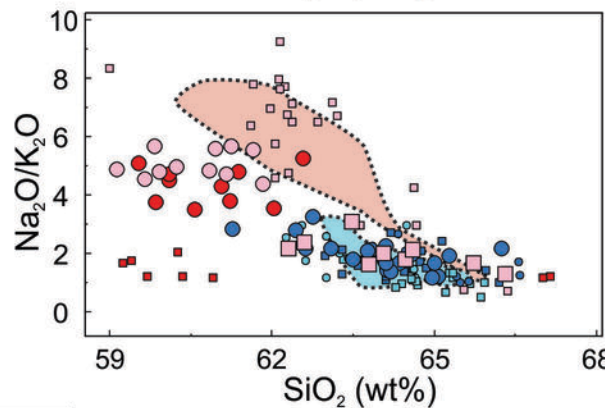
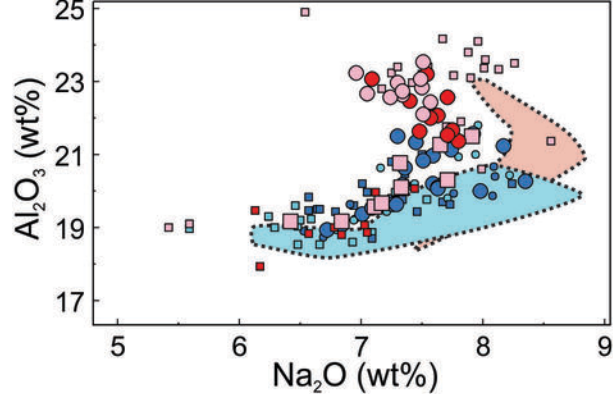
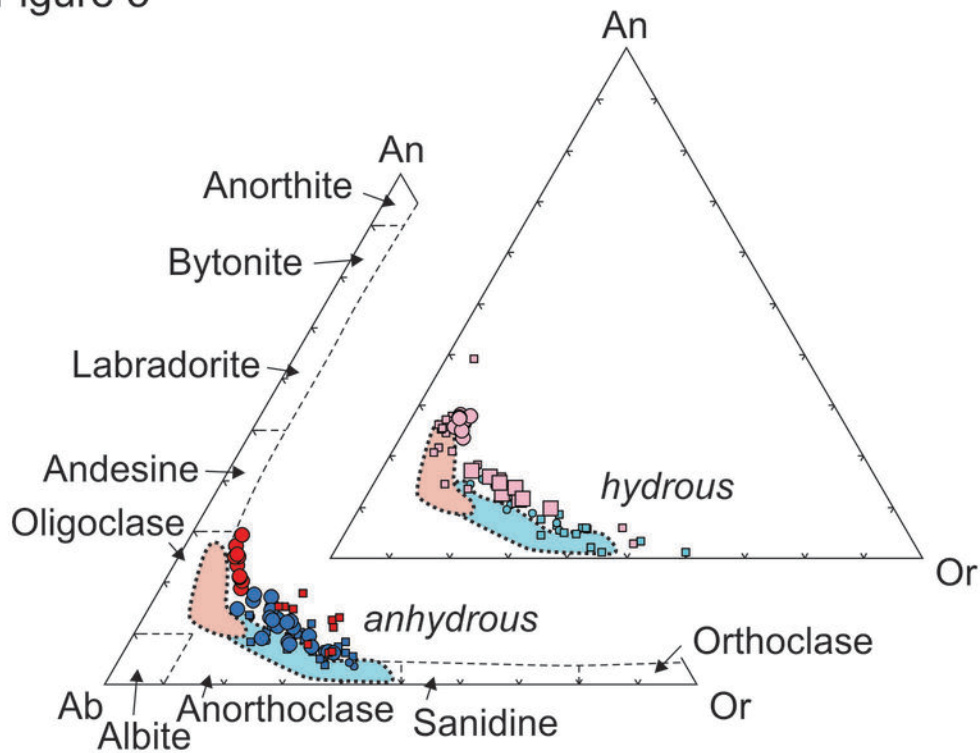


Figure 4



	A (benmoreite)		B (trachyte)	
Natural samples				
A starting material	dry		+ H ₂ O or CO ₂	
Pressure (MPa)	500	200	500	200
≤950 °C				
≥1000 °C				
B starting material	dry		+ H ₂ O or CO ₂	
Pressure (MPa)	500	200	500	200
≤950 °C				
≥1000 °C				

Figure 5



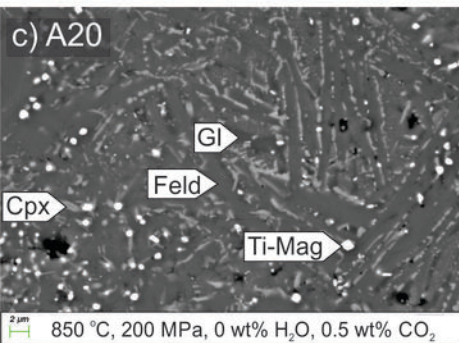
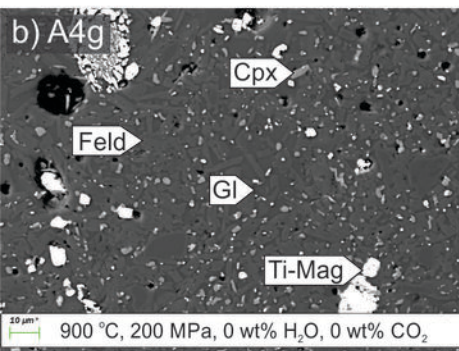
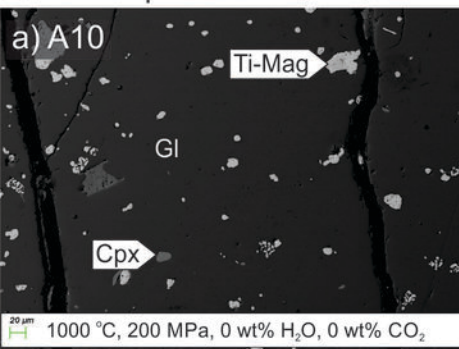
	A (benmoreite)	B (trachyte)
Natural samples		

A starting material	dry		+ H ₂ O or CO ₂	
	500	200	500	200
≤950 °C				
≥1000 °C				

B starting material	dry		+ H ₂ O or CO ₂	
	500	200	500	200
≤950 °C				
≥1000 °C				

Figure 6

Experiment set A



Experiment set B

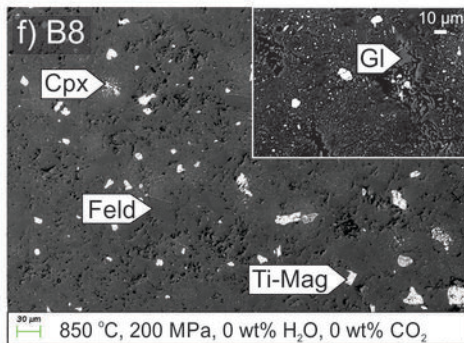
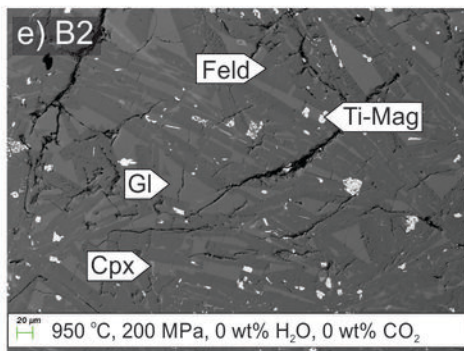
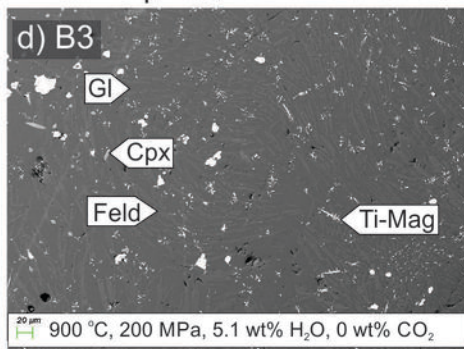


Figure 7

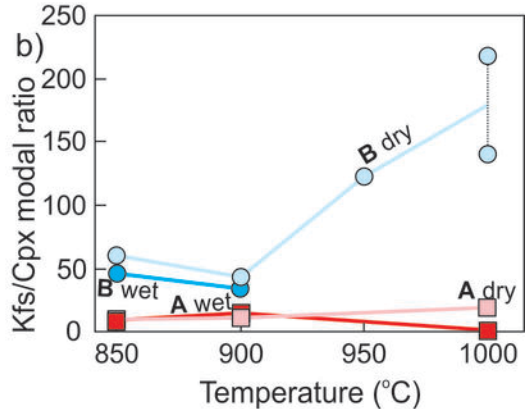
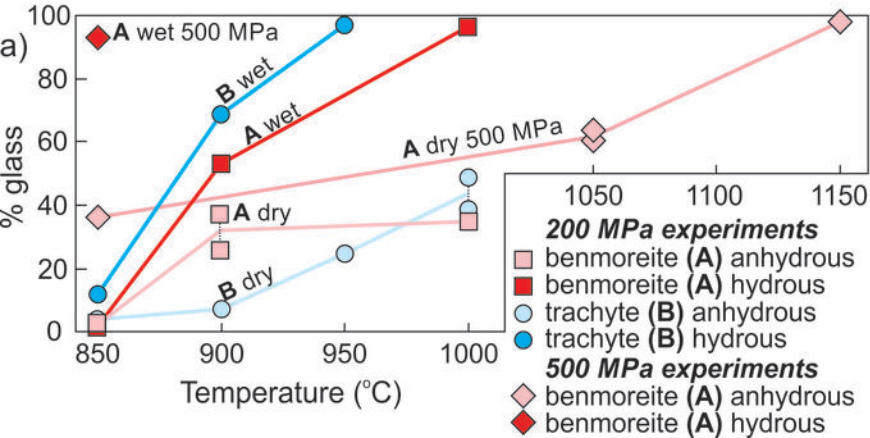
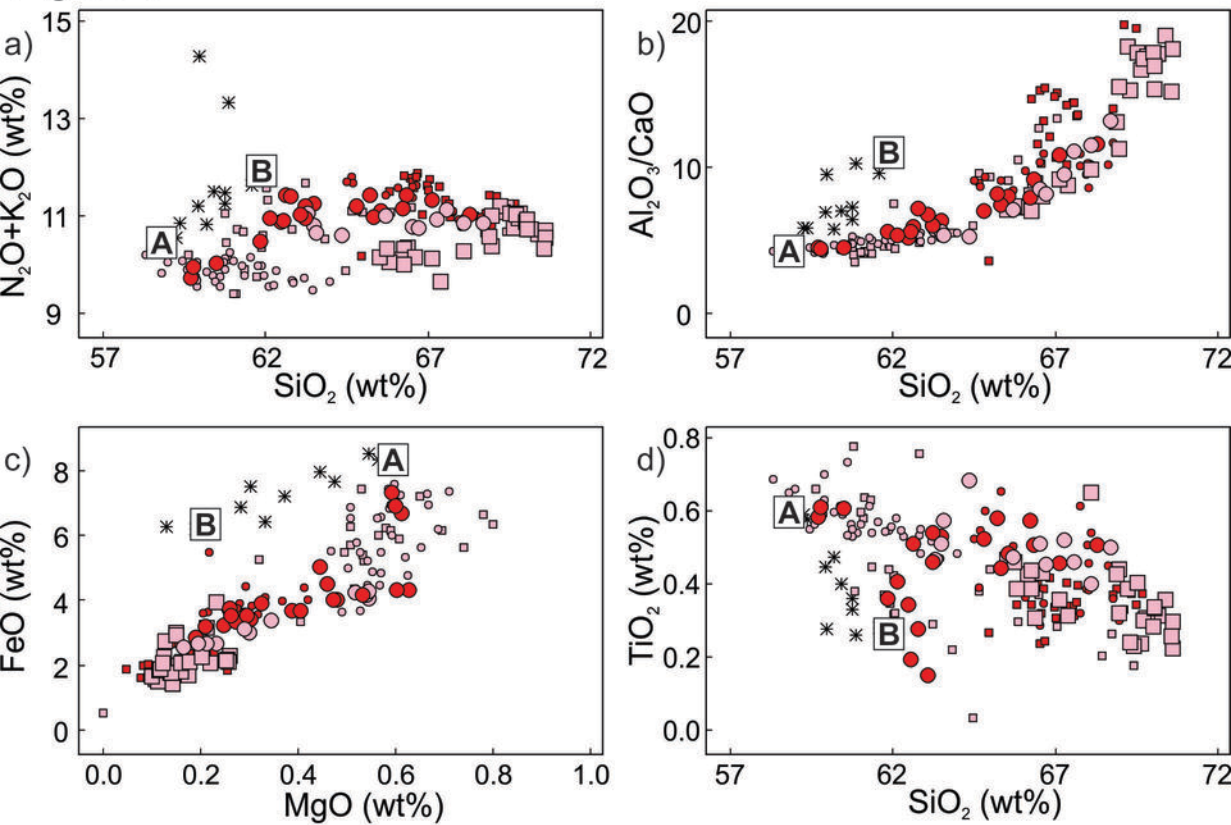


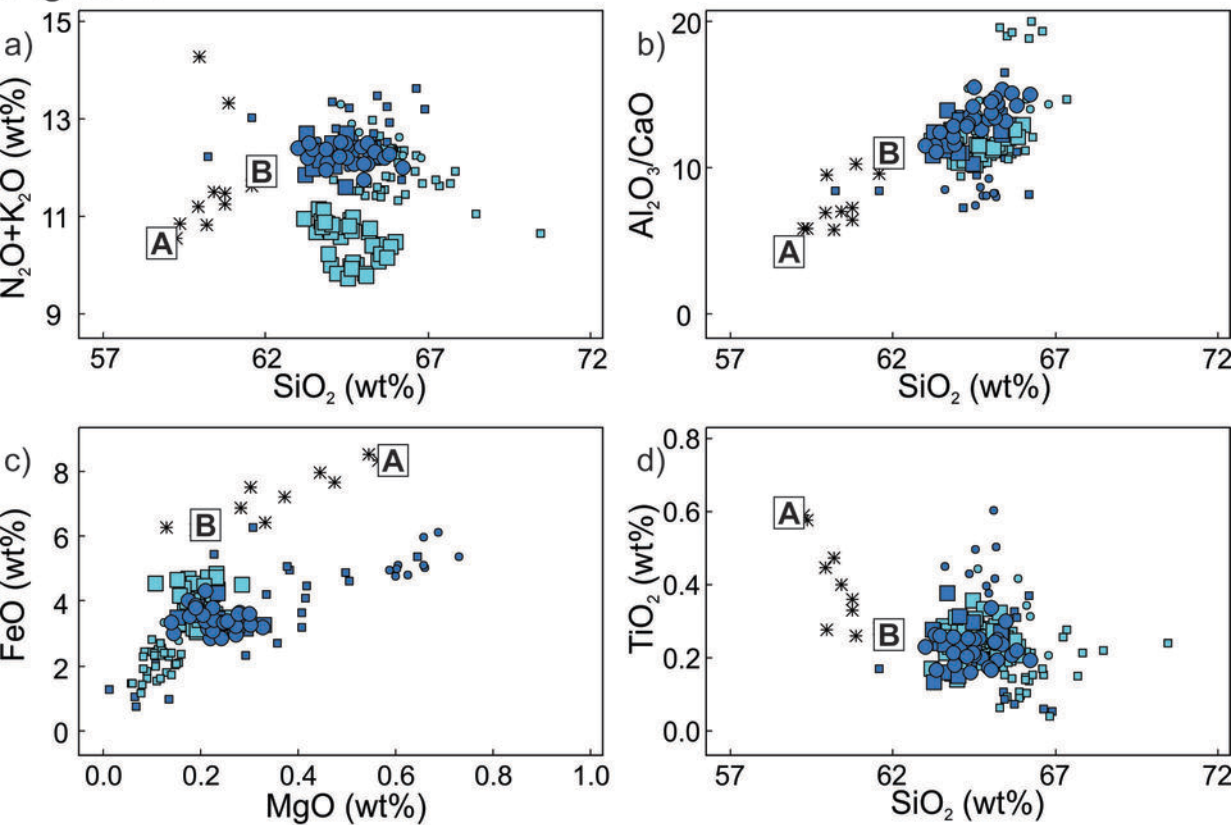
Figure 8



A starting material

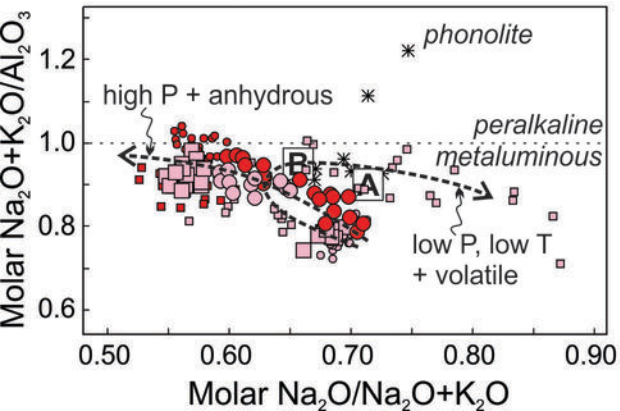
	dry		+ H ₂ O or CO ₂	
Pressure (MPa)	500	200	500	200
≤950 °C	□	■	□	■
≥1000 °C	●	●	●	●

Figure 9



B starting material	dry		+ H ₂ O or CO ₂	
	500	200	500	200
Pressure (MPa)	500	200	500	200
≤950 °C	■	▪	◻	◼
≥1000 °C	●	•	/	

Figure 10 *Experimental set A*



Experimental set B

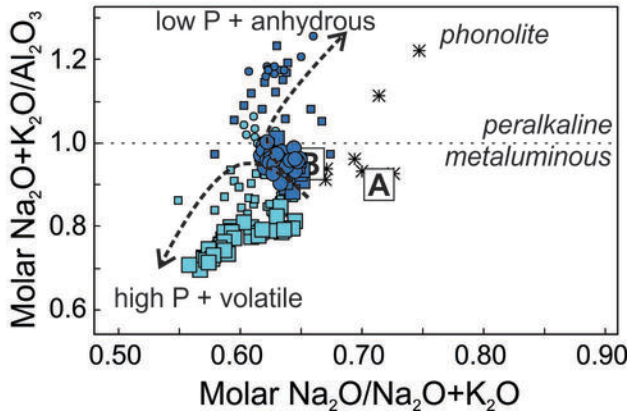


Figure 11

