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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-monomineralic 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 SiO_4^{4-} and AlO_4^{5-} tetrahedrons in varying proportions but
68 maximum AlO_4^{5-} is limited to unity with 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 Na^+ , K^+ , Ca^{2+} and H_2O , but several other species, mainly alkali and
74 alkali earth metals and 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 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 SiO₂-
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 ± 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 ± 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 μm). Sodalite-haüyne was analyzed with a beam diameter of
196 5 or 10 μm . 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 (Ca^{2+} , Sr^{2+} , Ba^{2+} , Na^+ , and 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° 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 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_{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⁻¹.

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 (≤ 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.

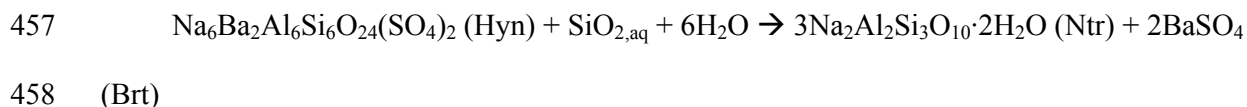
441 Unaltered phenocrysts of feldspathoids are only found in the Kirchberg phonolite. The
442 chemical composition is shown in Table 4 and Figure 5. Sodalite-group mineral classification
443 based on the Ca-Na-K system indicates that this feldspathoid mineral is haüyne. Classification by
444 volatiles implies that the SO₃ 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/SO₄-bearing sodalite group

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454 mineral as precursor phase, e.g. haüyne or nosean. The following reaction shows the breakdown
455 of a hypothetical barium component in haüyne 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 H_2O (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 (Ca^{2+} , Na^+ , $\text{SiO}_{2,\text{aq}}$, H_2O) 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 (Ca^{2+} , 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 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 $250^{\circ}C$,
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 $150^{\circ}C$, 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 ($50^{\circ}C$), 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 SiO₂ 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 SiO₂ 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 SiO₂-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 CO₂ release
658 during cement production, which is the third-largest source of anthropogenic CO₂ 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 Al_2O_3 – Na_2O – CaO – SiO_2 – H_2O
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 $a\text{SiO}_2$ – $a\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 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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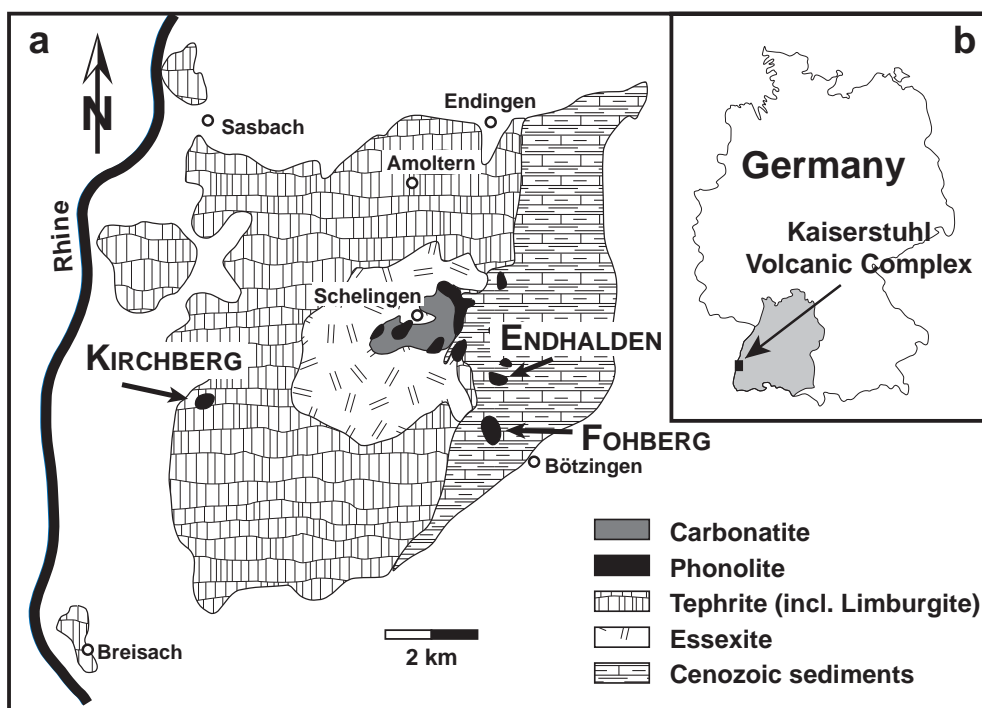


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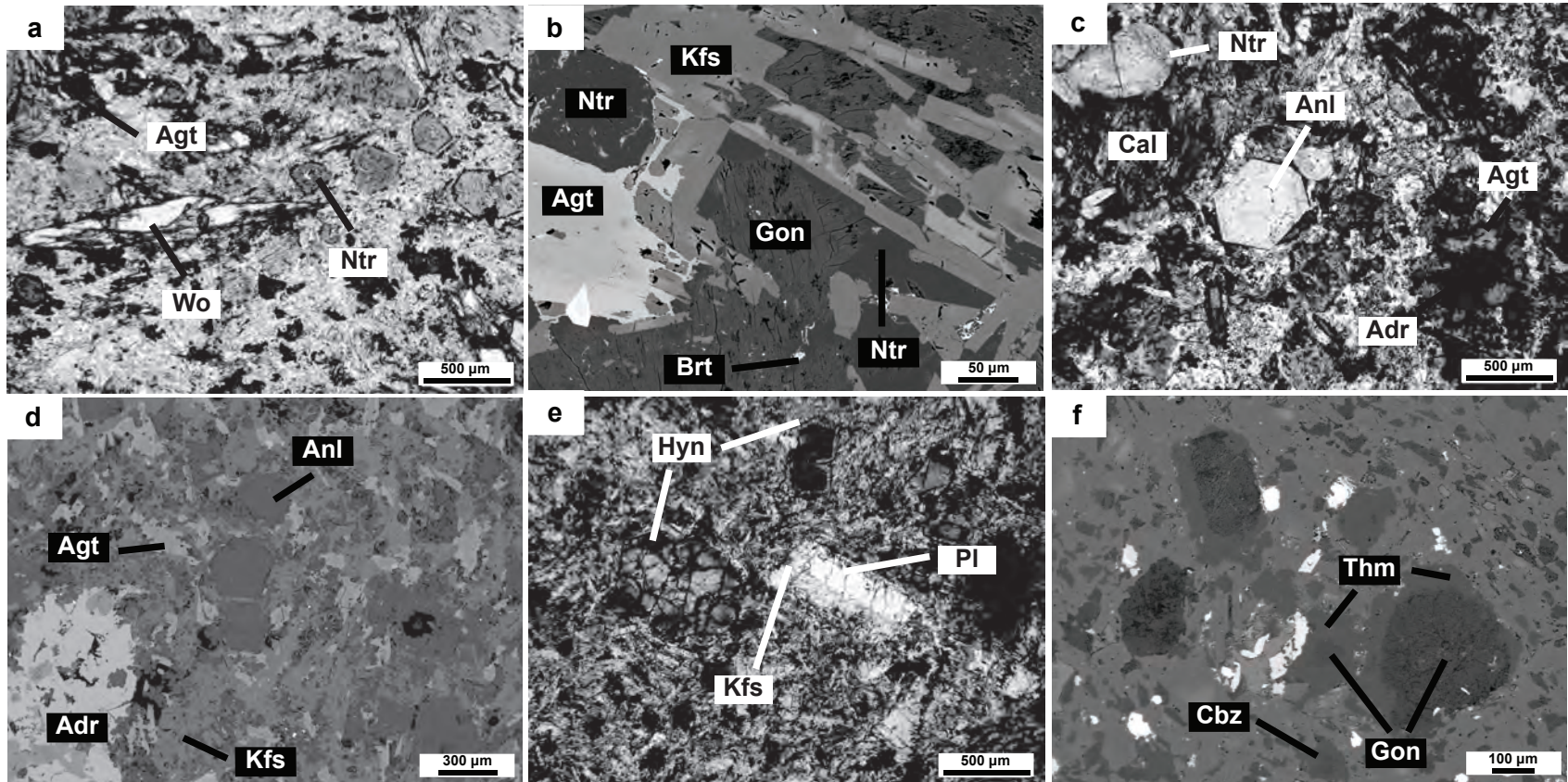


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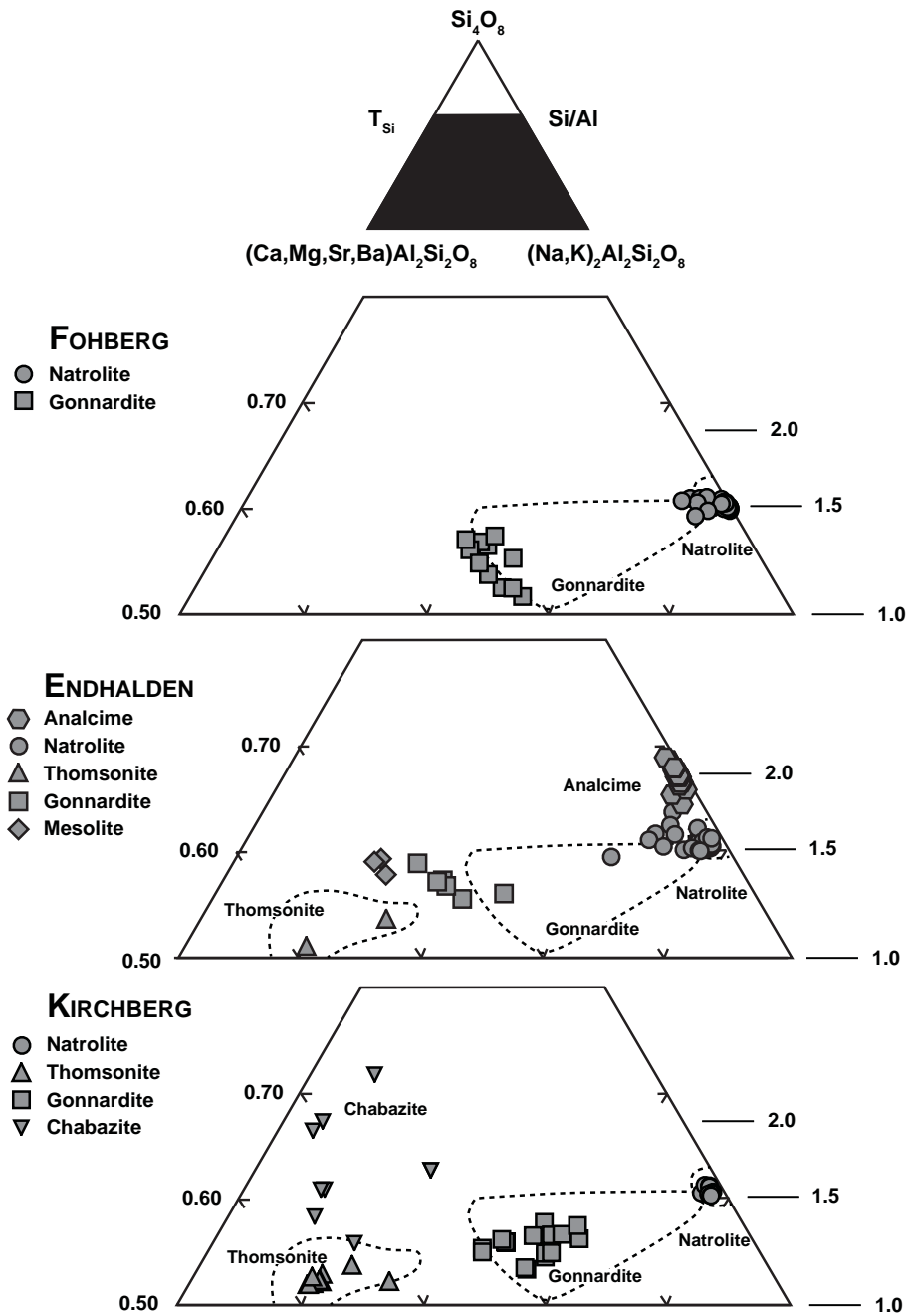


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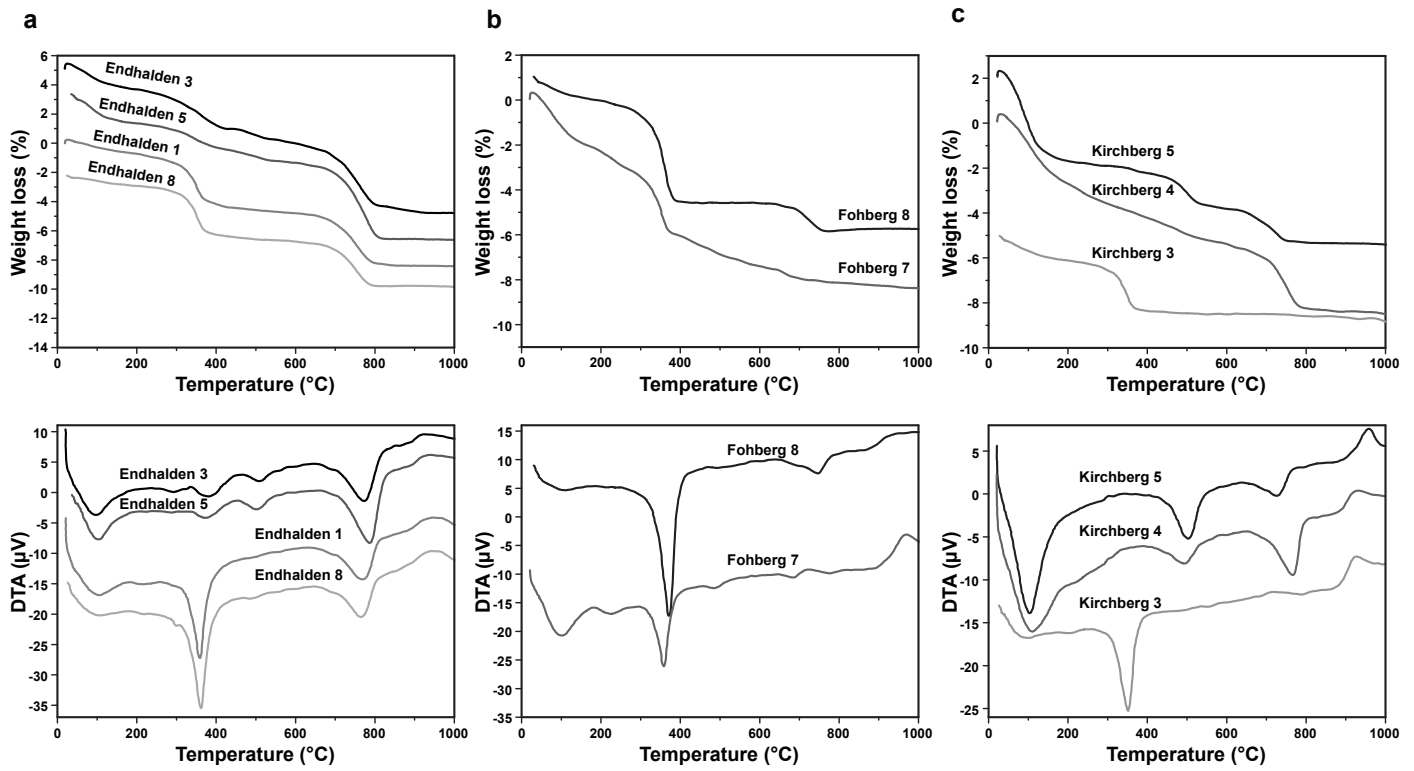


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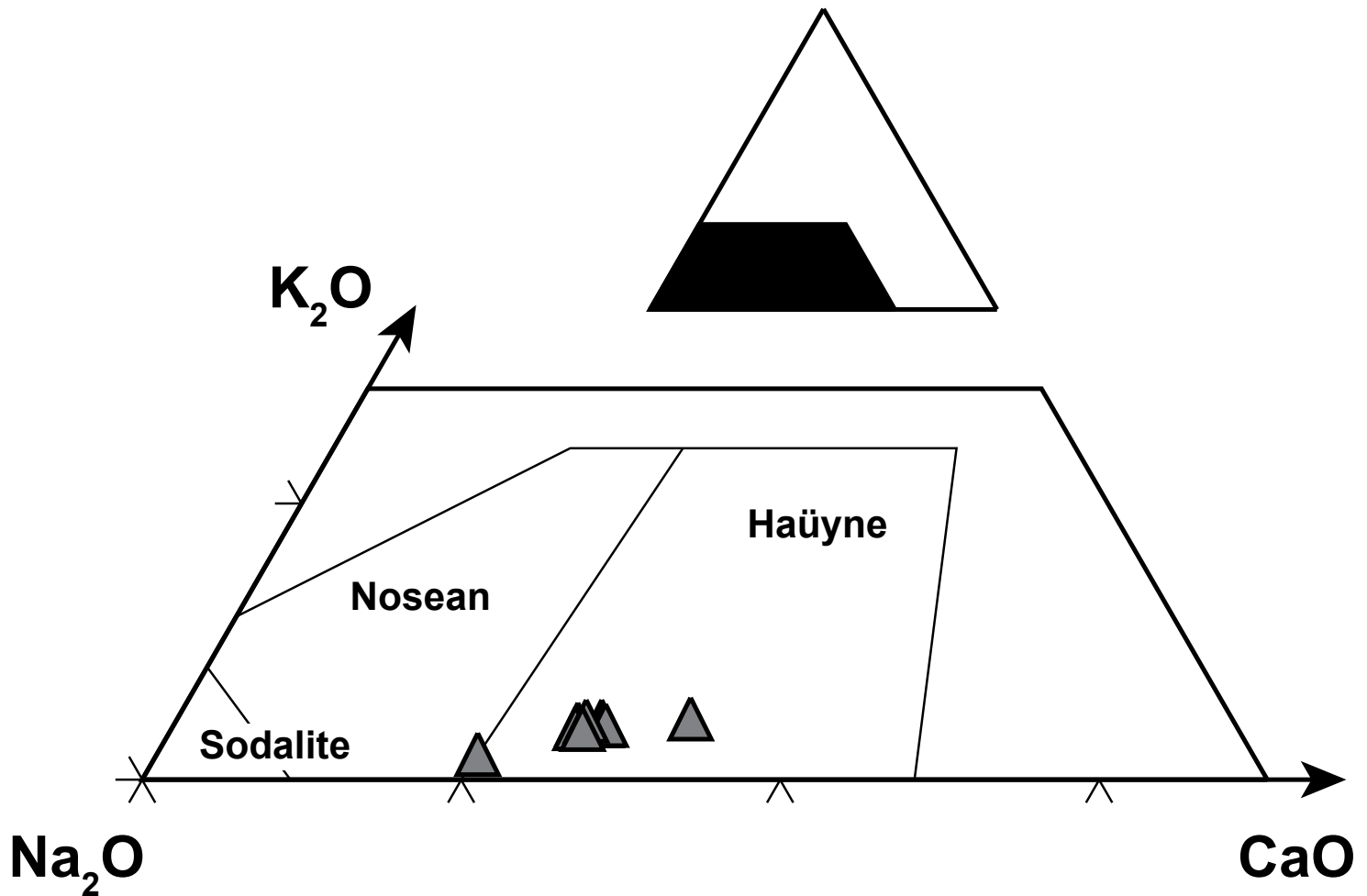


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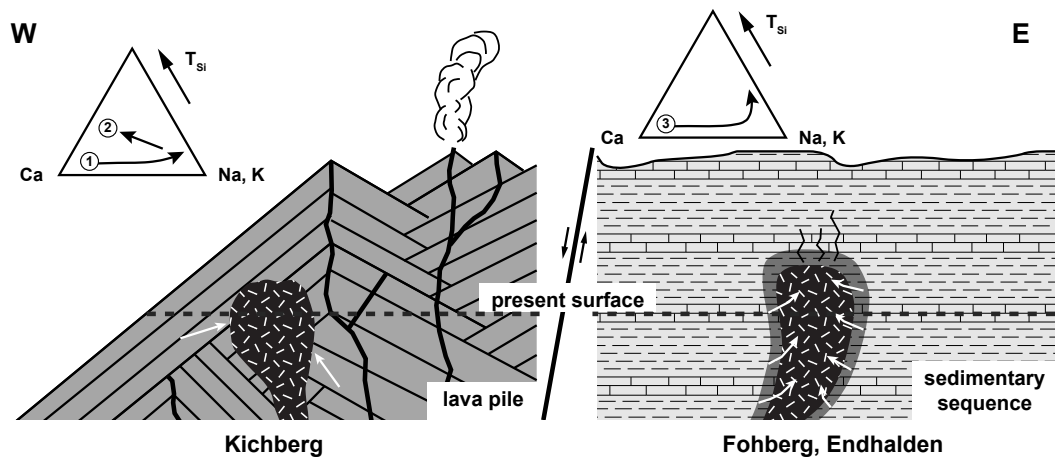


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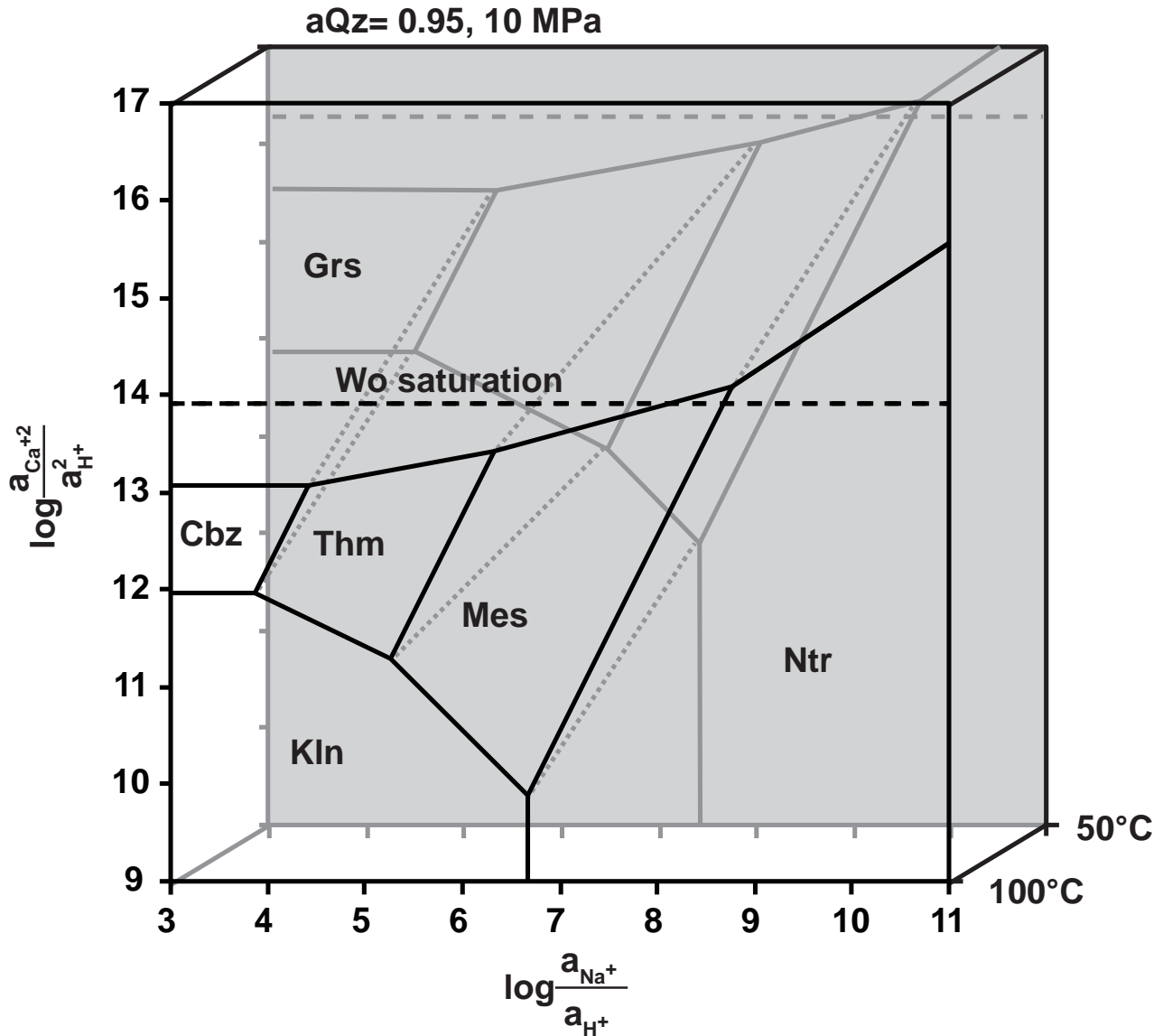


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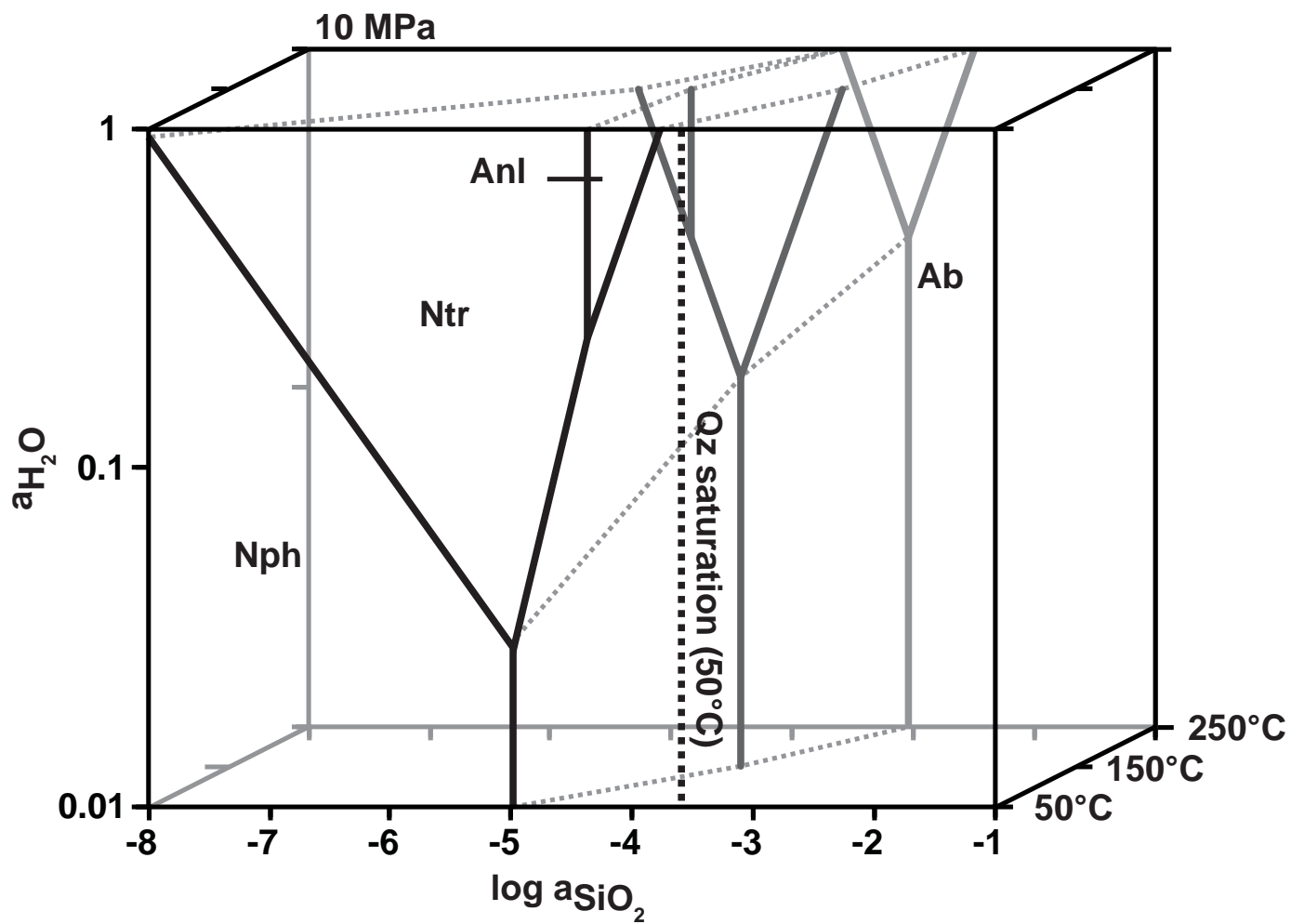


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TABLE 1. General petrographic characteristics of intrusive phonolite stocks in the KVC

Phonolite	Locality	Major primary minerals ^a	Secondary mineral assemblages ^a	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

^a 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 ^d	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 ^c	-
Thomsonite	-	-	-	D	-	-	D	-	-
Analcime	6	17	14	7	-	-	-	-	-
Chabazite	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Sanidine ^a	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) ^b	37	23	18	48	45	43	26	1	1
$X_{Gon} = \frac{Gon}{(Ntr+Gon+Anl)}$ ^b	0.14	0.17	0.17	0.08	0.56	0.07	0.42	-	-
$X_{Zeo} = \frac{Zeo}{(Zeo+Fsp)}$ ^b	0.46	0.32	0.28	0.59	0.52	0.54	0.27	0.01	0.01

^a 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.

^b Mineral abbreviations after Whitney and Evans (2010), except Gon = gonnardite.

^c D = detected and identified by powder XRD but not quantified by Rietveld QPA.

^d 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 ₂	46.46	46.27	48.54	55.19	42.52	44.67	43.09	35.67	37.67	46.42
Al ₂ O ₃	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 ₂ O	15.00	15.06	15.48	13.31	8.10	5.98	9.36	3.70	3.62	0.94
K ₂ O	0.07	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.01	2.22
Total ^a	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% ^b	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

^a Analyses yield traces of Fe, Mg, Mn, Ti.

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

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

Analysis no.	4-60	4-59	4-58	4-57	4-26
SiO ₂	36.23	35.23	35.54	35.61	34.11
TiO ₂	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00
Al ₂ O ₃	28.78	27.71	28.14	28.08	27.39
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.36	0.76	0.43	0.62	0.37
CaO	5.01	6.25	6.48	6.52	6.55
Na ₂ O	19.47	17.08	16.69	16.85	18.31
K ₂ O	0.49	0.88	0.94	1.00	1.00
SrO	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.03	0.00
SO ₃	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 ^a	97.70	96.35	96.10	96.51	96.04
Numbers of ions on the basis of 21 (O) associated with 3Al ₂ O ₃ • 6SiO ₂					
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 ³⁺	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 ₄	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

^a Total includes traces of Mg, Mn, Zr.