- 1 Late-stage volatile saturation as a potential trigger for explosive volcanic eruptions
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- 12 The saturation, exsolution and expansion of volatile elements provides the driving force
- 13 for volcanic eruptions. Models of magma chamber evolution commonly assume
- 14 relatively slow, incremental assembly under volatile-saturated conditions, with
- 15 eruptions triggered by an injection of new volatile-rich melt or overpressure generated
- through protracted crystallisation. However, there is little or no empirical evidence for
- 17 the temporal evolution of dissolved volatiles prior to eruption. Here, we use texturally-
- 18 constrained apatite and melt inclusions to examine the evolution of magmatic volatiles
- 19 through time in the lead-up to an explosive eruption of the Campi Flegrei caldera, Italy.
- 20 We demonstrate that the magma chamber remained persistently H<sub>2</sub>O-undersaturated
- 21 throughout its evolution, and show that volatile saturation and final 'priming' of
- 22 magmatic systems may only occur on very short timescales, days before eruption. This
- 23 late-stage volatile saturation likely acted to trigger eruption. Furthermore, we conclude

- 24 that in Campi Flegrei and other similar magmatic systems, magma recharge may both
- 25 increase repose times and reduce the likelihood of eruption.
- Volcanic gases (principally H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>) dissolved in silicate melts exert a first-order
- 27 control on the eruptive behaviour of many volcanoes<sup>1-3</sup>. Vapour saturation in magmas is
- reached due to depressurisation during ascent<sup>1,4</sup> or through 'second boiling' during
- 29 progressive crystallisation<sup>5,6</sup>. Once saturation is achieved, growth of vapour bubbles during
- 30 continued crystallisation<sup>5,6</sup> or magma chamber replenishment<sup>7,8</sup> will continue to pressurise
- 31 the magma reservoir, and may eventually trigger an eruption. Determining both pre-eruptive
- volatile concentrations and the timing of volatile saturation is therefore critical to our
- understanding of magmatic processes and eruption dynamics. Although many models assume
- that saturation occurs early in magmatic evolution (e.g. refs 1, 9-11), it is often not known
- whether this is the case; or whether, instead, melts can remain undersaturated on long time-
- scales during crustal storage and differentiation. To address this, we need to constrain the
- 37 variations in dissolved magmatic volatile contents through time, during the build up to an
- explosive eruption. An ability to do this would be particularly helpful for hazard assessment
- 39 of dormant systems where the build-up to eruption has not previously been monitored, as past
- 40 eruptions may provide clues to the future behaviour of the system.
- 41 Apatite,  $Ca_5(PO_4)_3(F,Cl,OH)$ , is a common accessory phase in most igneous rocks, and takes
- all major magmatic volatiles (OH, C, S, Cl, F) into its crystal structure. It has recently been
- used to elucidate the volatile contents of silicate melts in terrestrial<sup>12,13</sup> and extra-terrestrial<sup>14</sup>
- 44 lenvironments. Apatite offers a number of important benefits for the determination of pre-
- eruptive magmatic volatile contents over the widely-used 'melt inclusion' approach. In
- 46 particular, apatites are less susceptible to post-entrapment volatile leakage, or to modification
- by processes such as post-entrapment crystallisation or bubble growth that frequently inhibit
- 48 the use of melt inclusions<sup>17</sup>. Here, we present analyses of both apatite and melt inclusions,

hosted within different phenocryst phases (clinopyroxene and biotite) that were trapped and isolated from the melt at different times through the crystallisation history of an evolving magma. We also analysed apatite microphenocrysts that were in contact with the melt and able to rehomogenise until shortly before eruption; and matrix glasses, which quenched during eruption. In combination with thermodynamic modelling, these "texturally constrained" hydrous phases provide a time-series of magmatic volatile evolution (Fig.1) in the build-up to the phonolitic Astroni 1 eruption, which occurred at 4.3-4.1 ka<sup>18</sup> (sample description in Supplementary Materials). This event represents the onset of activity from the vent that produced the most recent prolonged phase of explosive volcanism at Campi Flegrei, one of the most hazardous volcanoes in Europe<sup>18</sup>. Our approach is distinct from previous studies, which have assessed apatite growth zoning<sup>13</sup> or texturally unconstrained analyses<sup>12</sup>. Although we focus on a single event, our approach can be applied widely to determine the temporal evolution of pre-eruptive volatiles in other volcanic systems.

### Volatile variations in apatite and hydrous glasses

The volatile composition of apatite is related to that of its host liquid by a set of exchange reactions between F, Cl and OH, e.g.:

$$K_{(P,T)} = \frac{f_{H_2O}^l}{f_{HF}^l} \cdot \frac{X_F^{Ap}}{X_{OH}^{Ap}} \tag{1}$$

where exchange coefficients, K, are constant at a given pressure (P) and temperature  $(T)^{12}$ , f is fugacity, X is mole fraction and superscripts I and Ap denote the liquid and apatite phases respectively. In this study, we measured F, Cl and OH directly using secondary ion mass spectrometry and electron microprobe analysis (see Supplementary Methods). As S diffusion in apatite is inhibited by a coupled substitution<sup>19</sup>, equilibrium is not maintained on short timescales and it is not considered further. Apatite compositions from Astroni 1 show a

- negative correlation between  $X_F$  and  $X_{OH}$  and a weaker negative correlation between  $X_{CI}$  and
- $X_{OH}$  (where  $X_F$ ,  $X_{Cl}$  and  $X_{OH}$  are mole fraction F, Cl and OH respectively; Supplementary
- Table 1), demonstrating this exchange of components within the crystal volatile site. Some
- 75 crystals are slightly non-stoichiometric, within the range reported in other studies<sup>20</sup>. We focus
- primarily on mole fraction ratios as these are related to liquid composition, pressure and
- temperature through equations such as equation (1). Data show a positive correlation between
- 78  $X_{CI}/X_{OH}$  and  $X_F/X_{OH}$  (Fig. 2a), with one low- $X_{CI}$ , high- $X_F$  outlier. In general,  $X_F/X_{CI}$  is
- constant within error, except in the outlier which has high  $X_F/X_{Cl}$  (Fig. 2b). Clinopyroxene-
- 80 hosted apatite inclusions extend to higher  $X_{halogen}/X_{OH}$  ratios than biotite-hosted apatite
- inclusions. Both clinopyroxene- and biotite-hosted inclusions extend to higher  $X_{halogen}/X_{OH}$
- 82 ratios than apatite microphenocrysts, which were in contact with the melt until the time of
- eruption. The overall  $X_{halogen}/X_{OH}$  trend appears to be linear, suggesting that there was no
- significant relative change in F or Cl compatibility during apatite crystallisation.
- 85 Melt inclusions are typically phonolitic, with an average Na/(Na+K) of 0.44 and
- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/(CaO+Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O) of 0.87, similar to Vesuvian melt compositions<sup>21</sup>. MgO and FeO
- 87 concentrations are <0.78 wt% and <4.20 wt%, respectively (Supplementary Table 2). The F
- and Cl contents of clinopyroxene- and biotite-hosted melt inclusions correlate negatively with
- 89 MgO (Fig. 3a,b), reflecting halogen incompatibility in the silicate melt during fractionation.
- 90 Water is constant within error in clinopyroxene-hosted melt inclusions (~2 wt%), but is
- 91 highly variable in biotite-hosted inclusions (1.3-4.5 wt%), with no correlation between melt
- 92 inclusion H<sub>2</sub>O and MgO (Fig. 3d). All melt inclusions contain very low CO<sub>2</sub> contents,
- 93 typically <250 ppm (Supplementary Table 2), similar to concentrations observed in other
- 94 Campi Flegrei magmas<sup>10,22</sup>.
- 95 Matrix glasses have similar MgO contents to the most evolved melt inclusions. Fluorine and
- 96 Cl contents are similar to those of biotite-hosted melt inclusions and the most evolved

clinopyroxene-hosted inclusions (Fig. 3a-c). However, matrix glasses have low H<sub>2</sub>O contents relative to both clinopyroxene- and biotite-hosted melt inclusions, typically <1 wt% (Fig. 3d).

### Modelling fractionation and volatile saturation

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We modelled magma evolution in the Campi Flegrei system using the Rhyolite-MELTS thermodynamic software<sup>23</sup>, following the approach of refs 24-26 (details in Supplementary Discussion). Since major and trace element trends between different eruptions of Campi Flegrei can be related by fractional crystallisation of a single parental magma<sup>27</sup>, we use the most primitive olivine-hosted melt inclusion reported from the last 15 ka (Mi1-C1-o5-M1 of ref. 28) as the starting composition in our models. Models were run over the pressure range 50-300 MPa, at fO<sub>2</sub>=QFM+1 and with liquidus H<sub>2</sub>O concentrations (L<sub>H2O</sub>) of 2-3 wt%, in order to simulate the entire range of conditions identified in previous phase equilibria and petrological studies as best reproducing the stable phase assemblages observed in Campi Flegrei eruptions<sup>24-26</sup>. Since Rhyolite-MELTS uses a pure-H<sub>2</sub>O solubility model that is not appropriate for alkali melts (see Supplementary Discussion), we repressed fluid exsolution within Rhyolite-MELTS and instead used recent experimental data as a guide to volatile saturation in the Campi Flegrei system (Fig. 4). The model results confirm the crystallisation sequence: olivine (~1330 °C) + clinopyroxene  $(\sim 1080 \, ^{\circ}\text{C})$  + apatite  $(\sim 1020 \, ^{\circ}\text{C})$  + biotite  $(\sim 910 \, ^{\circ}\text{C})$  + K-feldspar  $(\sim 790 \, ^{\circ}\text{C})$  at 150 MPa, L<sub>H2O</sub>=3 wt% (Fig. 4). This matches the observed phase assemblage in the Astroni 1 erupted products (see Supplementary Materials), except that olivine is absent in natural samples and fluorite occurs as a microphenocryst phase. Fluorite saturation is constrained to low temperatures by its absence as inclusions within other phases. Within the modelled range, L<sub>H2O</sub> has no effect on the order of crystallisation, but clinopyroxene and apatite both arrive on the liquidus at slightly higher temperatures at lower  $L_{\rm H2O}$  conditions ( $\Delta T \sim 20$  °C and  $\sim 30$  °C

respectively). During fractionation, modelled melt MgO contents decrease from  $\sim$ 3.8 wt% at clinopyroxene-in to  $\sim$ 0.2 wt% at K-feldspar-in; dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O contents increase from 3.7 wt% to 6.2 wt% over the same interval. Pressure has little effect on the profile of the modelled down-temperature MgO and H<sub>2</sub>O evolution of the system before volatile saturation is achieved but would change  $L_{\rm H2O}$  if volatile saturation occurred before olivine-in (Fig. 4). Magma storage pressures can be constrained independently using geophysical estimates of the current depth of the Campi Flegrei magma reservoir. On the basis of seismic reflection data, the main melt zone beneath the current Campi Flegrei caldera is at  $\sim$ 7-7.5 km<sup>29,30</sup>, with possible ephemeral sills and intrusions extending to  $\sim$ 3 km<sup>30,31</sup>. This equates to pressures of 170-180 MPa for the main crystallisation region, assuming a melt density of 2440 kgm<sup>-3</sup>. The H<sub>2</sub>O solubility of phonolitic melts is >7.5 wt% at 900-950 °C, 200 MPa<sup>21</sup>, falling to  $\sim$ 6.33 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O at 870 °C, 150 MPa and <3 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O at <50 MPa<sup>32</sup>. Based on these experimental data, H<sub>2</sub>O saturation in our model runs is achieved at 760-775 °C at 200 MPa and 780-800 °C at 150 MPa, within the range  $L_{\rm H2O}$ = 2-3 wt% (Fig. 4). In both cases this is significantly later than apatite-in (Fig. 4).

### **Progressive temporal trends in melt volatile contents**

The modelled crystallisation sequence provides the context for us to interpret progressive changes in melt and apatite volatile compositions, from clinopyroxene-hosted melt or apatite inclusions, to biotite-hosted inclusions, to microphenocrysts and matrix glasses. Apatite-liquid exchange coefficients (equation 1) have been constrained experimentally for the system apatite-fluid as a function of pressure and temperature (ref. 12 and references therein). At constant melt volatile composition, decreasing temperature causes a strong increase in apatite  $X_{halogen}/X_{OH}$  ratios (Fig. 2a). However, the pressure dependence is small and almost exclusively affects  $X_{Cl}/X_{OH}$  (e.g. ref. 12). The trend of decreasing  $X_{Cl}/X_{OH}$  and X<sub>F</sub>/X<sub>OH</sub> during magmatic evolution, revealed by our dataset, is therefore inconsistent with changing K due to cooling or depressurisation (Fig. 2a; see Supplementary Discussion for model details). Although magma mixing may cause temporary heating, interpretations involving significant long-term heating or pressurisation are not geologically realistic during prolonged magmatic fractionation, which is required to produce the Astroni 1 phenocryst assemblage, from clinopyroxene to feldspar (Fig. 4). It follows that the observed trend in apatite compositions reflects a progressive change in the melt volatile composition through time, during magma evolution. Within the limits of analytical precision, melt inclusions show that melt halogen concentrations increased throughout the course of magma evolution (Fig. 3a-c). Assuming that  $K_D$  (equation 1) does not vary significantly with evolving melt composition, the decreasing apatite X<sub>halogen</sub>/X<sub>OH</sub> ratios (Fig. 2) must therefore reflect a comparative increase in dissolved melt H<sub>2</sub>O contents during crystallisation: i.e. H<sub>2</sub>O-undersaturated behaviour. This concurs with our Rhyolite-MELTS modelling. When compared with phonolite solubility experiments<sup>21,32</sup>, models predicts late, low-temperature H<sub>2</sub>O saturation, with melt H<sub>2</sub>O concentrations increasing throughout magmatic evolution, at pressures consistent with independent estimates of magma storage depths from current geophysical observations at Campi Flegrei (i.e. P>150 MPa; Fig. 4). The trends in apatite compositional evolution observed from Astroni 1 can be reproduced using models based on volatile-undersaturated fractionation<sup>33</sup>, assuming moderate incompatibility for F, Cl and H<sub>2</sub>O during crystallisation of apatite and biotite from the melt (insets Fig. 2; Supplementary Discussion). The effect of biotite precipitation on apatite compositional evolution is minor<sup>33</sup>, while the effect of late-stage vapour saturation on the compositional evolution of apatite is orders of magnitude more significant<sup>33</sup>. This is because vapour-melt Cl partition coefficients in H<sub>2</sub>O-saturated phonolites are >1 (e.g. 9 at 150 MPa;

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ref. 34), whereas F is retained within the silicate liquid<sup>21</sup>. The effect of this is to increase the 170 171 F/Cl ratio in the melt. Therefore, after vapour saturation apatite will move towards a F-Cl 172 binary composition, progressing towards end-member fluorapatite (case 2 of ref. 33; insets 173 Fig. 2). As this trend is not observed in our dataset (see Fig. 2), we infer that the system 174 remained volatile-undersaturated while the apatite microphenocrysts were in equilibrium with 175 the melt. 176 If the melt inclusions were trapped in the presence of an immiscible hydrosaline brine, we 177 would expect to see constant melt Cl instead of the observed negative correlation between Cl 178 and MgO (Fig. 3a). Experimental data have shown that in the presence of a vapour phase, Clsolubility in phonolitic magmas is pressure dependent<sup>34</sup>. The highest Cl concentrations 179 measured in Astroni 1 melt inclusions (>1 wt%) would require extremely low entrapment 180 pressures (<25 MPa) under vapour-saturated conditions<sup>34</sup>, implying an unrealistically shallow 181 182 crystallisation depth. Rather, our data are consistent with crystallisation in the absence of a free fluid, in agreement with experimental constraints<sup>35</sup>. 183 184 Melt inclusion halogen concentrations show a negative correlation with MgO (Fig. 3a,b), 185 which is consistent with incompatible behaviour during crystallisation. However, the lack of 186 correlation between H<sub>2</sub>O and MgO in melt inclusions (Fig. 3d) cannot be reconciled either 187 with apatite compositions (Fig. 2) or crystallisation models (Fig. 4). Instead, we suggest that 188 the H<sub>2</sub>O contents of melt inclusions have been modified by diffusion after entrapment, 189 whereas halogen concentrations record primary magmatic processes. Hydrogen diffusion 190 through pyroxene is rapid, even at 800 °C (refs 36,37) and is a known cause of postentrapment modification of melt inclusion volatile contents<sup>38</sup>. From published H diffusivity 191 192 data, the H<sub>2</sub>O concentrations of clinopyroxene-hosted melt inclusions in the centre of large, mm-scale phenocrysts will be altered on timescales of hours<sup>36,37</sup>. Thus, short-term stalling or 193 194 slowing of the magma at shallow depths during ascent, after volatile saturation, provides a

mechanism by which the H<sub>2</sub>O contents of melt inclusions with varying MgO concentrations can be reset. No data exist for H diffusivity in biotite, although the strong cleavage would presumably reduce its competency as a melt inclusion host. High H<sub>2</sub>O concentrations in some biotite-hosted inclusions (Fig. 3d) suggest that melt H<sub>2</sub>O contents could have reached >4.5 wt% during biotite crystallisation. However, biotite-hosted melt inclusions with low H<sub>2</sub>O contents, approaching concentrations measured in matrix glasses, have probably leaked. The low H<sub>2</sub>O content of matrix glass is consistent with efficient syn-eruptive degassing during magma ascent. Under equilibrium conditions at depth, Cl would partition preferentially into the vapour phase<sup>34</sup>. However, halogens diffuse significantly more slowly than H<sub>2</sub>O in silicate melts<sup>39</sup>, inhibiting vapour-melt equilibration and inducing disequilibrium on short timescales during ascent. Thus, degassed matrix glasses may retain similar Cl concentrations to evolved melt inclusions (Fig. 3). At low pressure, vapour-melt Cl partition coefficients approach unity<sup>34</sup> and Cl will remain in the melt once it has ascended to shallow crustal levels.

#### **Timescales of volatile undersaturation**

If the magma achieved volatile saturation prior to eruption this should result in disequilibrium between the melt and pre-existing apatite microphenocrysts. However, apatite volatile data show no evidence for partial re-equilibration towards strongly Cl-poor, F-rich (volatile-saturated) compositions as predicted by the model of ref. 33 (Fig. 2), even within 16  $\mu$ m of the crystal rims (Supplementary Fig. 1). We can use diffusion constraints to estimate the maximum equilibration time between volatile saturation and eruption. Experimental data suggest that at 800 °C, 1 GPa, the characteristic timescale for halogen diffusion over distances of ~16  $\mu$ m is ~10 days. At 1 atm this time would be ~3 yr. Our observations therefore suggest that the maximum time before eruption in which volatile saturation could have been achieved in Astroni 1 is on the order days to a few years. Hence, the magma

chamber remained persistently  $H_2O$ -undersaturated until only very shortly before eruption. Similarly, the lack of evidence for syn-eruptive volatile loss from apatite microphenocrysts is due to the diffusive re-equilibration time far exceeding realistic eruptive timescales.

### Pre-eruptive volatile undersaturation at Campi Flegrei

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In combination, apatite and melt inclusion analysis offers great potential as a forensic petrologic tool, providing new information about the temporal evolution of pre-eruptive volatile contents of volcanic systems. Using this method, we have demonstrated that the Astroni 1 magma chamber remained H<sub>2</sub>O-undersaturated until shortly before eruption. This interpretation is consistent with thermodynamic modelling of magma evolution (Fig. 4), and with interpretations of ongoing patterns of degassing and deformation in Campi Flegrei, which can be explained by local volatile saturation at the roof of a largely H<sub>2</sub>Oundersaturated magma chamber  $^{41}$ . We observe a measurable decrease in apatite  $X_{halogen}/X_{OH}$ between biotite-hosted inclusions and microphenocrysts, indicating continued crystallisation and an increase in melt H<sub>2</sub>O concentration after biotite-in. Given that H<sub>2</sub>O saturation is predicted at only slightly lower temperatures than biotite-in (Fig. 4), but microphenocrysts have not re-equilibrated with a volatile-saturated melt, we suggest that the melt achieved H<sub>2</sub>O saturation just before eruption. In Astroni 1, only a small amount of additional crystallisation is required to significantly increase in the abundance of the aqueous vapour phase (Fig. 4), generating overpressures exceeding the fracture criterion and inducing eruption<sup>5</sup> (Supplementary Fig. 2). We cannot discount that pre-eruptive melt H<sub>2</sub>O contents remained below saturation until eruption was initiated by an external trigger; however, in the absence of any evidence for an external trigger, we suggest that progressive concentration of dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O in the silicate melt triggered eruption when saturation was eventually achieved.

Because H<sub>2</sub>O concentrations increase during crystallisation, we infer that fresh batches of mafic melt arriving from depth would probably be more volatile-undersaturated than the evolved melts within an upper crustal reservoir. Although Astroni 1 shows no evidence of pre-eruptive magma mixing<sup>18,42</sup>, mingling is reported in other Campi Flegrei eruptions, including later eruptions from the Astroni vent<sup>11,18,42</sup>. The solubility of H<sub>2</sub>O in phonolite is not significantly affected by temperature<sup>43</sup>, so assuming efficient mixing, pre-eruptive magma replenishment would serve to "dilute" the dissolved volatile content of the silicate melt, driving the system back towards a more strongly undersaturated state. In this case, the repose period between eruptions would be related to both the timescale of upper crustal storage and crystallisation (driving the system towards volatile saturation), and the recharge rate (driving it away). Volatile-undersaturated recharge would require greater crustal deformation than volatile-saturated mixing, to accommodate new melt without exceeding the fracture criterion<sup>44</sup>. Such deformation may be responsible for observed large-scale inter-eruptive bradyseismicity at Campi Flegrei<sup>45,46</sup>, with recharge events inducing significant magma chamber dilation during repose periods.

## Volcanological implications

Our data demonstrate that the sub-volcanic feeding systems for explosive eruptions can remain volatile-undersaturated until late in their evolution. This implies that the depths of magma stalling and storage are not controlled by changes in melt rheology resulting from degassing-induced crystallisation<sup>47</sup>, but instead may be a function of local crustal discontinuities in density or rigidity<sup>48</sup>. Furthermore, melt inclusion H<sub>2</sub>O-CO<sub>2</sub> data only give a minimum estimate of crystallisation pressures.

This potential for persistent magmatic volatile undersaturation has significant implications for the monitoring of restless volcanoes. While magma chamber assembly can occur on decadal timescales<sup>49</sup>, there is a growing number of well-documented examples where observed deformation pulses are not immediately followed by eruption; and others, including the only historic eruption of Campi Flegrei<sup>45</sup>, where explosive eruptions begin with little or no early geodetic 'warning'<sup>50,51</sup>. This suggests that the final pre-eruptive 'priming' of the system may occur on far shorter timescales than the timescales of assembly; perhaps as short as days to months. Since ground-deformation and seismic evidence for unrest may accompany the long-term processes of subterranean magma recharge and chamber assembly, and not simply pre-eruptive activity, this poses a challenge for agencies engaged in volcano monitoring. This is not a ubiquitous triggering mechanism. However, in persistently volatile-undersaturated systems, the signals of pre-eruptive activity may instead be those accompanying volatile saturation, such as leakage of magmatic volatiles out of the reservoir and into the surrounding edifice, or hydrothermal system. At the surface, this would lead to a higher magmatic component to fumarolic gases. Successful monitoring of these systems will therefore demand high time-resolution chemical and isotopic analysis of fluid and gas emissions<sup>46</sup>.

### **Methods Summary**

A representative bulk sample of the Astroni 1 pyroclastic deposit was obtained from within the Campi Flegrei caldera in Naples, Italy. Clinopyroxene and biotite phenocrysts were picked and apatite microphenocrysts were separated using magnetic and heavy liquid separation techniques. All samples were mounted in epoxy resin, carbon coated and mapped using a FEI Quanta 650 FEG-scanning electron microscope (SEM) operating with a 20 kV and ~7 nA beam.

Major and trace elements were measured in apatites and hydrous glasses using a JEOL 8600 wavelength-dispersive electron-microprobe (EPMA). Apatite analyses were collected with a 10 nA, 15 kV, defocused (5 μm diameter) beam and reduced halogen count times to limit the

potential for halogen migration during irradiation. Samples and standards were carbon coated together before analysis to ensure constant light element X-ray attenuation. Glass analyses were collected using a 6 nA, 15 kV, defocussed (10 µm diameter) beam and short Na count times, to reduce alkali loss during irradiation. Secondary standards were analysed to check the accuracy and reproducibility of results (Supplementary Table 3). Samples were repolished after SEM and EPMA analysis, to remove any potential compositional modification resulting from electron-beam exposure. Samples were gold coated and analysed for light-element isotopes using a Cameca ims-4f ion-microprobe, operating with a 10 keV <sup>16</sup>O primary ion beam. For apatite, spot analyses were made using a 5 nA beam for most analyses, which was reduced to 2.5 nA for smaller inclusions. To reduce any surface contamination, samples were pre-sputtered for ≥3 min before analysis, with a raster of 10-15 µm<sup>2</sup>. Melt inclusion volatiles were measured in two separate analyses. In the first analysis, H<sub>2</sub>O, F and light-elements were measured using a 4 nA primary ion beam, with a  $\ge 3$  min pre-sputter over a 10  $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup> area. The second analysis, for  $CO_2$  measurement, was made in the same spot, using 4 nA beam and  $\geq 2$  min pre-sputter over a 15 µm<sup>2</sup> area. A field aperture was applied during melt inclusion analysis to further reduce contamination from the crater edges, limiting the measured secondary ions to the central ~8-10  $\mu$ m in the first analyses and ~20  $\mu$ m in the second analyses. Working curves for apatite H<sub>2</sub>O, F, and Cl concentrations were produced using a range of natural and synthetic apatite standards, as <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>19</sup>F or <sup>35</sup>Cl, normalised to <sup>44</sup>Ca (Supplementary Fig. 3). Equivalent working curves for glass H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were produced as <sup>1</sup>H or <sup>12</sup>C, normalised to <sup>30</sup>Si (Supplementary Figs. 4,5). Fluorine and other trace elements were calibrated in glass analyses against NIST SRM610, with <sup>44</sup>Ca as an internal standard. Full method details are available in the Supplementary Information.

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Figure 1 | Textural relationships of different hydrous phases in the Astroni 1 magma and the preservation of a temporally constrained magmatic volatile record. a,b, Backscattered-electron (BSE) images showing apatite and melt inclusions hosted within (a) a clinopyroxene and (b) a biotite phenocryst. c. BSE image of an apatite microphenocryst. rimmed by silicate glass, demonstrating the potential for diffusive apatite-melt exchange until the matrix was quenched on eruption. **d-f**, Sketches summarising the model by which hydrous phases obtain and retain the volatile composition of the silicate melt during fractionation. Apatite crystals and melt inclusions are progressively trapped within pyroxene and biotite phenocrysts and are subsequently considered closed to diffusive exchange with the melt (except for H<sub>2</sub>O in melt inclusions; see discussion in text). Apatite microphenocrysts continue to grow and equilibrate with the melt on timescales controlled by individual species diffusivities<sup>40</sup>. Volatile saturation occurs before eruption (**f**). **g**, The relative timescales over which texturally constrained hydrous phases preserve a record of melt volatile contents. h, Schematic graph showing the hypothetical volatile-undersaturated evolution of H<sub>2</sub>O (black line) and halogens (grey line) in a silicate melt during isobaric cooling and crystallisation, followed by H<sub>2</sub>O saturation and ascent. The concentration of H<sub>2</sub>O in the melt would be buffered during crystallisation if vapour saturation occurred significantly before eruption. After vapour saturation under equilibrium conditions, the F/Cl ratio in the melt will increase. However, equilibration may be kinetically inhibited during rapid ascent, causing halogen

concentrations in the melt to remain approximately constant despite the presence of a vapour phase (see text for details). Vertical lines show the relative timing of mineral precipitation and microphenocryst equilibration.  $t_1$ - $t_5$  refer to the relative timing of events shown in panel  $\mathbf{h}$ .  $t_4$  represents the time after which apatite microphenocryst compositions are preserved on eruption; before this they are reset by diffusional re-equilibration.  $t_{eruption}$  and  $t_{sat}$  denote the relative onset of ascent and  $H_2O$  saturation, respectively. Scale bars are 250  $\mu$ m in  $\mathbf{a}$ , 500  $\mu$ m in  $\mathbf{b}$  and 100  $\mu$ m in  $\mathbf{c}$ . ap= apatite, cpx= clinopyroxene, bt= biotite, mag= magnetite, MI= melt inclusion, MG= matrix glass.

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Figure 2 | The volatile compositions of Astroni 1 apatites. a, Apatite volatile compositions in X<sub>F</sub>/X<sub>OH</sub> versus X<sub>Cl</sub>/X<sub>OH</sub> space. Black arrows show the modelled trajectory of apatite compositional evolution with decreasing temperature (1200-700 °C), at a constant melt volatile composition and at pressures of 50 MPa (solid line), 100 MPa (dashed line) and 300 MPa (dotted line). Dark grey arrows show the modelled trajectory of apatite compositional evolution with decreasing pressure (1000-0 MPa), at a constant melt volatile composition and at temperatures of 800 °C (solid line), 1000 °C (dashed line) and 1200 °C (dotted line). This modelling was undertaken using the equations of ref. 12 (see Supplementary Discussion for details). **b**, Apatite volatile compositions in  $X_F/X_{Cl}$  versus X<sub>Cl</sub>/X<sub>OH</sub> space. Insets show the trajectory of apatite compositions during volatileundersaturated (solid light grey line) and volatile-saturated (dashed light grey line) crystallisation, calculated using an adaptation of the model in ref. 33 to account for differences in the relative compatibility of volatile species during hydrous mineral precipitation (see Supplementary Discussion for details). Apatite crystallisation begins at the black point, biotite-in is after 40% crystallisation (grey cross) and volatile saturation occurs after 73% crystallisation (black cross). If vapour saturation occurred in Astroni 1, apatites would move to high  $X_{CI}/X_{OH}$  ratios, progressing towards fluorapatite end-member

compositions (case 2 of ref. 33) due to the high H<sub>2</sub>O solubility<sup>21</sup> and vapour-melt Cl partition  $coefficient^{34}$ . The general measured trend of decreasing  $X_{halogen}/X_{OH}$  is incongruent with the modelled compositional trend caused by cooling or depressurisation, or with equilibrium with a H<sub>2</sub>O-saturated melt. All elements were measured by SIMS. Errors bars represent precision with a 90% confidence interval, as detailed in the Supplementary Methods. Data are distinguished on the basis of phenocryst host and textural association (see legend). Figure 3 | The volatile contents of Astroni 1 hydrous glasses. a, b, MgO versus Cl and F respectively. c, F versus Cl. d, MgO versus H<sub>2</sub>O. MgO and Cl were measured by EPMA. F and  $H_2O$  were measured by SIMS. Error bars represent precision with  $\pm 1$  s.d (EPMA data) and a 90% confidence interval (SIMS data), as detailed in the Supplementary Methods. Data are distinguished on the basis of their phenocryst host or textural association (see legend). Figure 4 | Rhyolite-MELTS thermodynamic modelling of the Astroni 1 system. The dashed black line shows total solids and solid lines show modelled phase proportions at 150 MPa and  $L_{\rm H2O}$ =3 wt%. This is similar to observed phase assemblage in Astroni 1, except that olivine is absent as a phenocryst phase in natural sample (see Supplementary Materials). The light and dark blue dashed lines show the modelled H<sub>2</sub>O concentration dissolved in the silicate melt at 150 MPa, L<sub>H20</sub>= 2 wt% and 3 wt% respectively. The blue fields show the range of dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O contents modelled for these L<sub>H2O</sub> concentrations within the pressure range 50-300 MPa. The light and dark orange dashed lines show the modelled MgO concentration of the melt at 150 MPa and L<sub>H2O</sub>= 2 wt% and 3 wt% respectively. The orange field shows the range of melt MgO concentrations within the pressure range 50-300 MPa and  $L_{\rm H2O}$ = 2-3 wt%. The dashed red line shows the  $H_2O$  concentration at volatile saturation for a low-CO<sub>2</sub> phonolite at 910-944 °C, 200 MPa, based on experiments in ref. 21. The dotted red line shows the saturation H<sub>2</sub>O concentration for a CO<sub>2</sub>-free phonolite at 870 °C, 150 MPa, based on experiments in ref. 32. The starting composition in this model is melt inclusion

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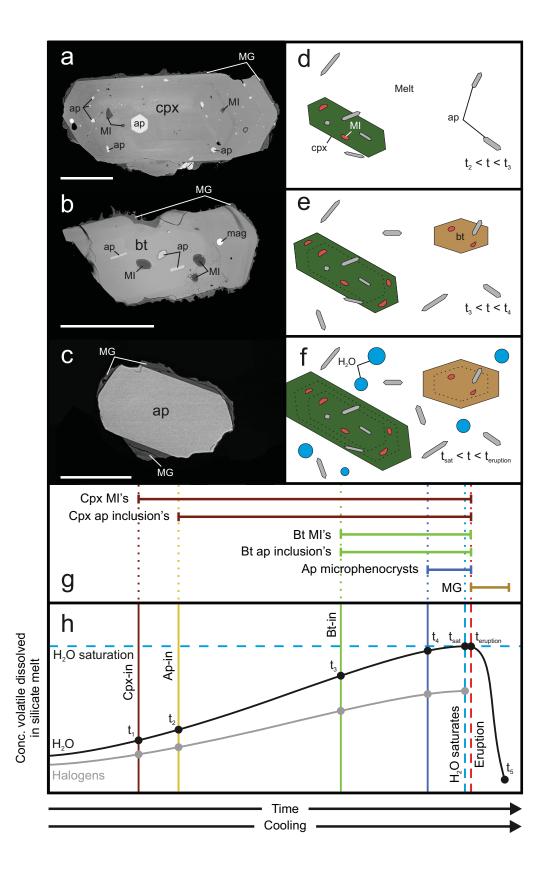


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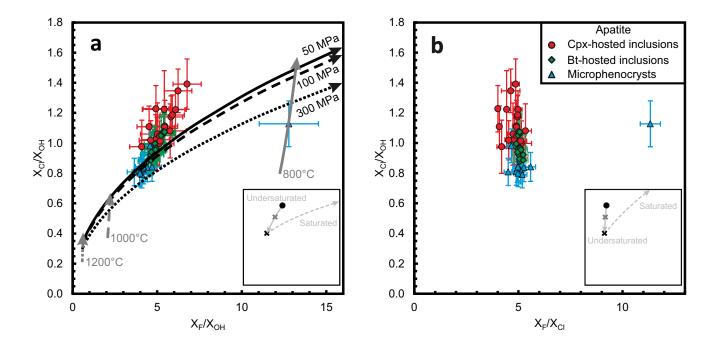


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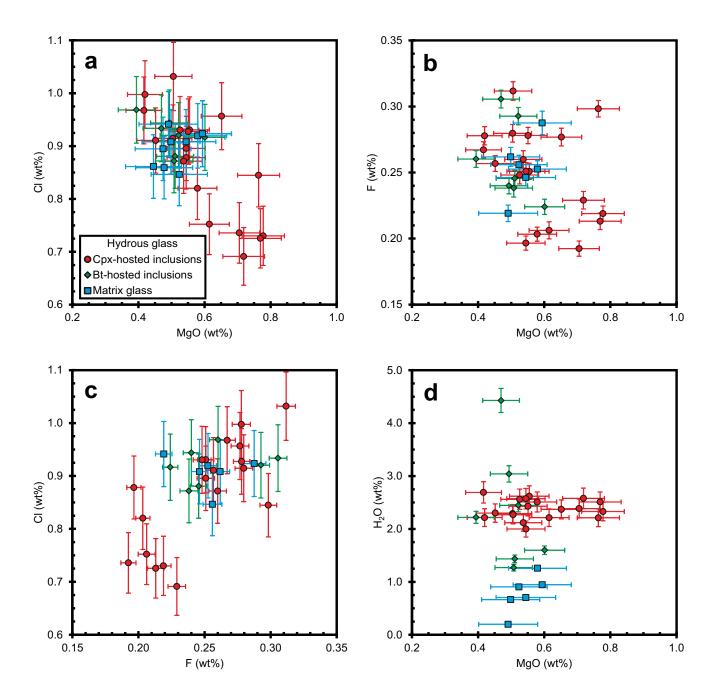


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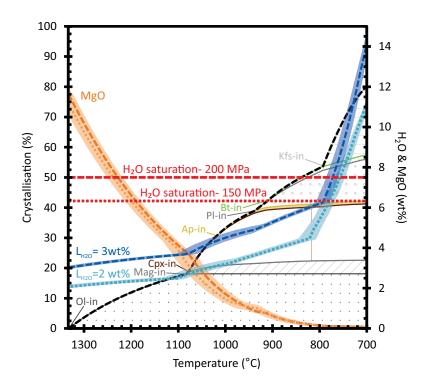


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