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6 2 **southern Chile): triggering mechanism implications**
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25 **Abstract**

26 Plinian-type eruptions are extremely hazardous, producing pyroclastic fallout and flows
27 extending many kilometres from the vent. The most commonly invoked eruption trigger for
28 Plinian-type eruptions is the intrusion of fresh magma, generally associated with precursory
29 ground deformation and seismicity days/weeks before eruption. Closed-system internal
30 triggering has also been proposed, such as protracted crystallisation of magma, which can
31 produce a build-up of exsolved volatiles and thus pressurise the system prior to eruption. On
32 22-23 April 2015 Calbuco volcano, Chile, produced a sub-Plinian eruption with <3 hours
33 seismic precursory activity and no clear deformation signals in the preceding months. Here, we
34 show that petrological and geochemical evidence do not support a hypothesis of eruption
35 triggering due to pre-eruptive intrusion of fresh magma, but instead are consistent with an
36 internal trigger. We found that basaltic andesitic magma was stored at depths between 8 and 12
37 km (i.e. 230-320 MPa) beneath Calbuco volcano before the 2015 eruption. The stored magma
38 had an initial temperature of 900-950 °C, was water-saturated (5.5-6.5 wt.% H₂O) and formed
39 phenocrysts of titanomagnetite, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene and plagioclase cores (An₇₈₋₉₃).
40 Gradual cooling of the magma chamber produced thermal gradients and magma convection,
41 evidenced by plagioclase overgrowth rims (An₅₈₋₇₇) and blocky microlites (25-250 μm). Our
42 interpretation is that this continuing crystallisation induced second boiling and an over-
43 pressurisation of the system, leading to the rapid onset of the 2015 eruption. Petrological and
44 geochemical evidence therefore shows that a closed-system magma chamber can evolve into a
45 highly explosive eruption with very little precursory warning, posing a challenge for current
46 volcano monitoring paradigms. We propose that internal triggering should be carefully
47 considered as a mechanism for unexpected sub-Plinian eruptions, prompting a potential
48 revision of existing hazard management strategies.

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49 **1. Introduction**

50 Plinian-type eruptions are the largest explosive volcanic events in terms of their mass discharge
51 rate (intensity) and erupted magma volume (magnitude) (Walker, 1980). The temporal
52 recurrence of sub-Plinian eruptions (0.1 – 1.0 km³ ejecta volume, >10 km plume height) is
53 about every year on Earth, while Plinian eruptions (1.0 – 10.0 km³ ejecta volume, >20 km
54 plume height) occur about every decade, and therefore together they produce significant
55 volcanic hazards (Newhall and Self, 1982). The explosivity of Plinian-type eruptions generally
56 requires volatile-rich and high viscosity magmas. Usually, these types of eruptions are
57 associated with evolved calc-alkaline (andesite to rhyolite; Castro and Dingwell, 2009; Castro
58 et al., 2013) and alkaline (trachyte to phonolite; Signorelli et al., 1999) magmas, although there
59 are some rare exceptions of basaltic Plinian eruptions (e.g. Houghton et al., 2004; Walker et al.,
60 1984).

61 The triggering mechanisms for large explosive eruptions are difficult to constrain and are the
62 subject of considerable debate (Caricchi et al., 2014; Malfait et al., 2014; Gregg et al., 2015;
63 Gudmundsson, 2016). These can be broadly grouped into five overlapping categories: (i)
64 Injection of volatile-rich magmas into a more evolved magma chamber, which is the most
65 commonly invoked triggering mechanism (Blake, 1981; Williams and Self, 1983; Walker et al.,
66 1984; Pallister et al., 1992; de Silva et al., 2008; Sigmundsson et al., 2010; Wehrmann et al.,
67 2016; Cassidy et al., 2016); (ii) Magma mixing following mafic magma injection (Sparks et al.,
68 1977; Leonard et al., 2002; Stock et al., 2012; Macías et al., 2017); (iii) generation of
69 overpressure due exsolution of volatiles via second boiling due to protracted crystallisation
70 (Stock et al., 2016; Tramontano et al., 2017); (iv) perturbation of magmatic reservoirs close to a
71 critical state by tectonic earthquakes (Linde and Sacks, 1998); (v) sector collapse of a volcanic
72 edifice (e.g. Mount St Helens in 1980; Lipman and Mullineaux, 1981).

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73 Most volcanic eruptions are preceded by a period of volcanic unrest, marked by particular
74 patterns of seismicity, gas emission, and ground deformation providing opportunities for
75 eruption forecasting (Gorshkov and Dubik, 1970; Chouet et al., 1994; Chouet, 1996; Harlow et
76 al., 1991; Sigmundsson et al., 2010; Aiuppa et al., 2010; Tarasewicz et al., 2014; White and
77 McCausland, 2016; Riveira et al., 2017). The alert period for most eruptions is measured in
78 weeks to months, where an increase in seismic activity may signal a greater likelihood of an
79 eruption. The alert period can be as short as a few hours before eruption onset, leaving
80 insufficient time to draw up actions for minimizing volcanic risk (Castro et al., 2013).

81 Improved knowledge of the pre-eruptive conditions and triggering mechanisms of Plinian-
82 type events is of paramount importance for volcanologists to provide better short-term forecasts
83 of eruption onset and hence mitigate hazardous situations (Sparks, 2003; Segall, 2013;
84 Tramontano et al., 2017). The aim of this study is to better understand the conditions and
85 mechanisms leading to the onset of Plinian-type eruptions, especially those that are preceded by
86 only short periods of volcanic unrest. We focus on a case study, using petrological,
87 geochemical and seismic data to constrain the pre- and syn-eruptive conditions of the 22-23
88 April 2015 sub-Plinian eruption of Calbuco volcano, southern Chile (Supplementary Fig. 1).

89 After 54 years of quiescence since its last sub-Plinian eruption in 1961, Calbuco volcano
90 erupted on 22 April 2015 at 21:05 GMT (18:05 local time) near the cities of Puerto Montt,
91 Puerto Varas and Ensenada, inhabited by a total of ~260,000 people. Calbuco volcano has been
92 monitored by two seismometers since 2009, and a tiltmeter is located at 4 km west of the
93 summit. The eruption started suddenly with only ~3 hours of precursory seismic activity. Pre-
94 eruptive deformation was not detected by the tiltmeter nor observed in InSAR interferograms
95 up to one day before the eruption (SERNAGEOMIN, 2015; Valderama et al., 2015; Delgado et
96 al., 2017). Delgado et al. (2017) discussed that pre-eruptive deformation may have not been
97 detected if it was lower than the background noise. Only co-eruptive deformation was detected

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98 during the eruption (Delgado et al., 2017). The first eruptive phase generated an eruptive
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100 (SERNAGEOMIN, 2015; Romero et al., 2016; Van Eaton et al., 2016; Castruccio et al., 2016;
101 Pardini et al., 2018). After a pause of 5.5 hours, a second and more energetic eruptive phase
102 started on 23 April at 04:08 GMT (01:08 local time) and lasted for 6 hours, developing an
103 eruptive column >15 km above the crater level (SERNAGEOMIN, 2015; Romero et al., 2016;
104 Van Eaton et al., 2016; Castruccio et al., 2016).

105 The total erupted volume has been estimated in four articles as 0.27 km³ (Romero et al.,
106 2016), 0.38 km³ (Castruccio et al., 2016), 0.48 km³ (Pardini et al., 2018, assuming 1000 kg/m³
107 density) and 0.56 km³ (Van Eaton et al., 2016). Of this total volume, 38% was erupted during
108 the first phase of the eruption and 62% during the second phase. The eruption has been
109 classified as a sub-Plinian type event, according to the pyroclastic fall deposit (Romero et al.,
110 2016; Castruccio et al., 2016). The magma bulk composition was basaltic andesite (Romero et
111 al., 2016).

112 The Calbuco 2015 eruption is an important case study as it produced a strong sub-Plinian
113 eruption with minimal eruption precursors, posing a significant challenge for risk managers.
114 The purpose of this paper is to examine the processes that may produce such eruptions.

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116 **2. Methods**

117 *2.1 Fieldwork*

118 Fall deposits at proximal and medial distances from the vent were sampled during fieldwork
119 on 2-10 June 2015. Four main tephra units have been recognised within the eruptive sequence
120 (units A, B, C, and D; see Fig. 1). Here we present analyses of basaltic andesite scoriae
121 collected in two of the proximal fall deposits: DF-2, ~6 km from the vent, and DF-10, ~4 km
122 from the vent (Romero et al., 2016).

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124 *2.2 Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) and textural analysis*

125 Back-scattered electron (BSE) images were collected using a JEOL JSM-6390LA FE-SEM
126 at the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Manchester (UK), using an
127 acceleration voltage of 15 kV and beam current of 10 nA.

128 Textural analysis on BSE images was performed using ImageJ software. 2D image analysis
129 was performed to measure the area of each phase (crystal phases, matrix glass and bubbles) in
130 scoriae of the four units of the tephra fall deposits. The crystal fraction ϕ of each phase was
131 calculated on a vesicle-free basis:

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$$\phi = \frac{A_{xtal}}{A_r}$$

133 where A_{xtal} is the area of the crystal phase and A_r is the reference area used for the image
134 analysis of natural samples (105 mm² per each sample). The sizes of crystal phases were also
135 measured using ImageJ software. All crystal fraction data are provided in Table 1.

136 Crystal size distribution (CSD) analysis provides quantitative information on relationships
137 between crystal population density and crystal length for a population of crystals. Calbuco
138 scoriae were used to analyse plagioclase CSD in order to quantify the nucleation events
139 occurred before the eruption and to estimate the magma residence time based on the
140 relationship between plagioclase population density, crystal sizes, and experimentally
141 determined plagioclase growth rates. Crystal dimensions and abundances of each size
142 population were recovered through analysis of BSE images using ImageJ software. The
143 relationship between crystal population density and crystal length for a population of crystals
144 was then obtained using CSD Corrections 1.6 (Higgins 2000, 2002). The linear relation
145 provides estimates of timescales of magmatic processes, as the slope of the correlation is equal
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148 *2.3 X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF)*

149 Bulk rock compositions of juvenile material were measured at the School of Earth and
150 Environmental Sciences of the University of Manchester by X-ray fluorescence (XRF)
151 spectrometry. The PAN analytical spectrometer, characterised by wavelength dispersive
152 (WDXRF) systems, was used to analyse the bulk major and trace element compositions of the
153 scoria clasts. This instrument uses a Rh anode X-ray tube and is configured for geochemical
154 analysis of rocks (Potts and Webb, 1992). The precision is better than 5% for all major
155 elements and better than 10% for trace elements.

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157 *2.4 Electron microprobe analysis (EMPA)*

158 Major element concentrations of minerals, plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions (MIs) and
159 matrix glasses were analysed using a Cameca SX100 at Centro Nazionale di Ricerca of Firenze
160 (Italy) and a JEOL JXA-8530F field emission electron microprobe at the Photon Science
161 Institute, University of Manchester. For both instruments, the operating conditions were as
162 follows: 15 kV accelerating voltage, 10 nA beam current, and beam diameter of 10 or 5 μm (the
163 latter for microlites). Sodium and potassium were measured first to minimise loss by
164 volatilisation. Calibration standards were albite for Na, periclase for Mg, corundum for Al,
165 fayalite for Fe, tephroite for Mn, apatite for P, sanidine for K, wollastonite for Ca and Si and
166 rutile for Ti. The uncertainty is between 1 to 5% for major elements and up to 10% for elements
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169 *2.5 Laser ablation ICP-MS*

170 Trace element concentrations in minerals (plagioclase, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene),
171 plagioclase-hosted MIs and matrix glasses were determined by Laser Ablation Inductively

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416 172 Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) at the Department of Physics and Geology,
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422 175 Scientific™ quadrupole-based iCAP Q ICP-MS. Analyses were performed using a circular
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432 180 10% for all elements under these operating conditions (Petrelli et al., 2016).
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435 181 The acquisition of measured transient signals allows the identification of melt inclusions in
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437 182 crystals (Longerich et al., 1998). Raw data were carefully screened for such inclusion signals
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442 185 *2.6 Raman spectroscopy*

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444 186 Raman spectra were collected from exposed melt inclusions hosted in plagioclase,
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448 188 Imaging Microscope at the School of Earth Sciences, University of Bristol (UK). The
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450 189 spectrometer is equipped with a 532 nm doubled Nd:YVO4 DPSS, a 900 lines × mm⁻¹ grating,
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452 190 and a magnetic stage. Spectra were acquired between 100 cm⁻¹ and 4000 cm⁻¹ using a 100×
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461 194 Long (1977). For the silicate region, a background subtraction was applied following the
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463 195 strategy of Di Genova et al. (2016), where a cubic spline was fit through two intervals devoid
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465 196 of peaks (100-250 and 1250-1500 cm⁻¹, respectively). A cubic baseline between 2750-3100 and
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197 3750-3900 cm^{-1} was applied to the water region. A set of standards of dacitic composition (HO
198 series from Di Genova et al., 2017) was used to estimate the water content of the melt
199 inclusions. This was calculated using the ratio between the band area of the water (HW) and
200 silicate (LW) region (i.e. internal calibration). The root mean square error (RMSE) of the water
201 content measured using the internal calibration is 0.15 wt.% (Di Genova et al., 2017).

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203 **3. Results**

204 *3.1 Tephra fall deposits*

205 The eruptive sequence is subdivided in four units: A, B, C, and D. The sequence starts with
206 unit A (showing a reverse grading; Fig.1), which was deposited during the first phase of the
207 eruption (Romero et al., 2016; Castruccio et al., 2016). Units B, C and D were deposited during
208 the second phase of eruption (Castruccio et al., 2016). At site DF10 (Fig. 1) unit A consists of
209 two types of lapilli-size scoriae; one is lowdensity, vesicular and light grey to light brown in
210 colour (74 vol.%), and the other is high density, poorly vesicular and grey to brown in colour
211 (23 vol.%). Lithics are also present (3 vol.%). The sequence continues with units B and C of the
212 second eruptive phase, which are normally graded and ungraded, respectively. Units B and C
213 are composed of brown scoriae with sizes from coarse lapilli to bomb-sized. At site DF10 (Fig.
214 1) both units B and C consist of low-density, vesicular and light brown scoriae (60 vol.%);
215 high-density, poorly vesicular brown scoriae (37 vol.%); and lithics (3 vol.%). Finally, the
216 uppermost unit D is ungraded and composed of high-density, poorly vesicular lapilli scoriae
217 (71 vol.%); low-density, vesicular lapilli scoriae (24 vol.%); and lithics (4 vol.%).

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219 *3.2 Textures*

220 The mineral assemblage in the scoriae consists of plagioclase (Pl), orthopyroxene (Opx),
221 clinopyroxene (Cpx), titanomagnetite (Ti-Mag) and olivine (Ol) (Figs. 1 and 2). Scoria clasts

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222 are characterised by isolated phenocrysts and glomeroporphyritic textures (Fig. 1). The
223 groundmass is characterised by microlites of plagioclase, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene and
224 titanomagnetite, plus glass (Figs. 1 and 2). In general, phenocrysts have euhedral blocky and
225 prismatic shapes (Fig. 1). Microlites are characterised by euhedral, hopper, swallowtail and
226 skeletal morphologies with prismatic to acicular habits (Figs. 1 and 2).

227 The plagioclase crystal fraction ϕ_{Pl} is constant throughout the four units of the tephra fall
228 deposit: ϕ_{Pl} ranges between 0.23 and 0.27 for phenocrysts, in particular, the crystal fraction of
229 plagioclase cores is ~ 0.10 , whereas ϕ of plagioclase overgrowth is ~ 0.15 . The microlite crystal
230 fraction ranges from 0.17 to 0.21 (Table 1), in which the crystal fraction of blocky microlites is
231 $\leq \sim 0.10$ with respect to the analysed sample. Crystal size distribution (CSD) analysis shows 3
232 populations of plagioclase crystals (Fig. 3 and Supplementary Table 1). Plagioclase phenocrysts
233 are characterised by a normally zoned core and an overgrowth rim with oscillatory zoning (Fig.
234 4) and their sizes range between 300 μm and 1.5 mm. Oscillatory zoning shows internal
235 resorption and growth morphologies (Fig. 4), sieve textures (Fig. 4e) and patchy zoning
236 textures (Fig. 4e, f). Plagioclase microlites vary from 1 to 250 μm in size. Two textures can be
237 distinguished in plagioclase microlites: those with sizes between 25 and 250 μm have euhedral
238 prismatic shapes with occasional oscillatory zoning (blocky microlites), while those with sizes
239 $< 15 \mu\text{m}$ are elongated, acicular crystals with hopper and swallowtail shapes (skeletal
240 microlites). The larger blocky plagioclase microlites have CSD slopes that range between -
241 12.44 and -21.72, while the smaller skeletal microlites have CSD slopes between -221.69 and -
242 319.85 (Supplementary Table 1).

243 Pyroxene crystals (Opx and Cpx) are less abundant than plagioclase crystals and ϕ_{Px} ranges
244 from 0.07 to 0.14 ($\phi_{Px\text{-phenocryst}}$: 0.07-0.09, $\phi_{Px\text{-microlite}}$: < 0.01 -0.04; Table 1). Pyroxene phenocryst
245 sizes range between 200 and 700 μm , whereas the dimensions of microlites are between 1 μm
246 and $< 130 \mu\text{m}$.

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247 Titanomagnetite phenocrysts are commonly found within glomerocrysts and their crystal
248 fraction is constant at $\phi_{\text{Ti-Mgt}}=0.01$ through the four units of the tephra fall deposit (Table 1).
249 Titanomagnetite phenocrysts are ~120 to ~300 μm in diameter, while microlites are <100 μm .
250 In the groundmass, $\phi_{\text{Ti-Mgt}}$ is $\ll 0.01$.

251 Olivine crystals are typically found in glomerocrysts or as inclusions in the cores of
252 orthopyroxene phenocrysts. Olivine is an accessory phase and ϕ_{Ol} is <0.01. Olivine crystals are
253 characterised by anhedral habits, which indicate resorption and disequilibrium conditions.

254 Melt inclusions are hosted in plagioclase, orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene phenocrysts.
255 Plagioclase-hosted MIs are characterised by spherical, oblate and polygonal shapes (Fig. 4e, f)
256 and have diameters between 30 to 100 μm . Ortho- and clinopyroxene-hosted inclusions are
257 much smaller, with diameters generally <40 μm , and are often irregularly shaped.

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259 *3.3 Bulk rock, MIs and glass compositions*

260 The bulk rock composition of the juvenile material is basaltic andesitic containing 55-56
261 wt.% SiO_2 (Fig. 5; Supplementary Table 2). There is no statistically significant compositional
262 difference between the four units of the tephra fall deposit.

263 Melt inclusions (MIs) hosted in orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene phenocrysts were difficult
264 to characterise chemically as their small sizes (smaller than those hosted in plagioclase)
265 precluded microprobe analysis. MIs hosted in plagioclase phenocrysts, mostly entrapped in
266 external layers (Fig. 4e, f), have compositions from andesitic to low-silica dacitic, with SiO_2
267 between 58 and 62 wt.% (Fig. 5; Supplementary Table 3). Only plagioclase-hosted MIs were
268 chemically characterized, as their sizes allowed us to analyse by EPMA and LA-ICP-MS.
269 Plagioclase-hosted MIs were corrected for post-entrapment crystallisation (PEC) following the
270 method of Neave et al. (2017), incrementally adding equilibrium plagioclase back into the
271 inclusions until their $\text{MgO-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ systematics were consistent with a liquid line of descent

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652 272 connecting bulk rock and glass compositions. Trace elements were corrected using partition
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656 274 (<https://earthref.org/GERM/>); volatiles were assumed to be perfectly incompatible. The mean
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661 276 The matrix glass ranges from andesite to dacite (SiO₂ between 61 and 65 wt.%) (Fig. 5;
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663 277 Supplementary Table 3). The full range of matrix glass compositions is found within each unit
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665 278 of the tephra fall deposit. Harker-style diagrams show that Al₂O₃, FeO, MgO and CaO decrease
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667 279 as SiO₂ increases (Fig. 5a, b, c, d), highlighting a chemical evolution from bulk rock to residual
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671 281 c) may be due to the crystallisation of orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene and oxides, while the
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673 282 variations in CaO content (Fig. 5d) are primarily controlled by plagioclase crystallisation. The
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675 283 observed variability in Na₂O (Fig. 5e) could be a real magmatic feature partially controlled by
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679 285 However, EPMA analyses were carefully performed in order to avoid Na₂O loss. Our PEC
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683 287 variability in measured Na₂O contents (Fig. 5e). Figure 5f shows that K₂O is enriched in the
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689 290 the matrix glass, consistent with residual melt differentiation obtained with the fractional
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691 291 crystallisation model (Neumann et al., 1954; Petrelli et al., 2005) (Fig. 6). Sr contents are more
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693 292 variable than other trace elements (Fig. 6b) because Sr is slightly compatible in plagioclase and
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695 293 the partitioning of Sr between plagioclase and melt is a function of the anorthite (An) content
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697 294 (Blundy and Wood, 1991; Aigner-Torres et al., 2007).

700 701 295 702 703 296 *3.4 Chemical composition of crystal phases*

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297 Plagioclase phenocrysts typically exhibit a normally zoned core and an oscillatory zoned
298 overgrowth rim (Fig. 4). Plagioclase cores are characterised by An contents between 78 and 93
299 mol.% (Fig. 7a). The An content of the overgrowth rims varies from 58 to 77 mol.% (Fig. 7a).
300 The overgrowth rims, particularly the external rims in contact with the melt (An₆₁₋₇₅), have
301 compositions similar to the microlites (An₆₃₋₇₀) (Fig. 7a). Therefore, the transition between the
302 core and the oscillatory zoned overgrowth rim is characterized by an important decrease of An
303 content, however, this transition is not associated with a significant variation of FeO and MgO
304 (Fig. 8). Therefore, concentrations of FeO and MgO in plagioclase are approximately constant
305 from the core to the overgrowth rim (through the oscillatory zoning).

306 Orthopyroxene phenocrysts are slightly compositionally heterogeneous with En content
307 between 63 and 73 mol.% (En₆₅₋₇₃, Fs₂₄₋₃₂, Wo₂₋₄; Fig. 7b). Clinopyroxene phenocrysts are
308 uniformly augitic at En₄₁₋₄₅, Fs₁₀₋₁₅, Wo₄₁₋₄₅ (Fig. 7b). Olivine crystals have compositions
309 ranging from Fo₇₂ to Fo₆₆, and are normally zoned (Fig. 7c).

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311 *3.5 H₂O in MIs*

312 Using Raman spectroscopy, we estimated the water contents of 109 MIs hosted in
313 orthopyroxene (43), clinopyroxene (15), and plagioclase (51) phenocrysts (Fig. 9a). In the 43
314 Opx-hosted MIs from units A, B, C and D, the H₂O contents range from 2.5 wt.% to 5.8 wt.%
315 (Fig. 9a; Supplementary Table 4). In the 15 Cpx-hosted MIs, the H₂O contents range from 2.5
316 wt.% to 6 wt.% (Fig. 9a). In the 51 Pl-hosted MIs, the H₂O contents range from 3.6 wt.% to 6.7
317 wt.% (Fig. 9a). Figure 9 shows that the H₂O contents are mostly constant in pyroxene-hosted
318 MIs from units A, B and C. Pyroxene-hosted MIs from unit D have slightly lower measured
319 H₂O contents, but are not significantly different from the earlier three units within the
320 uncertainty of the measurements. Plagioclase-hosted MIs are characterised by near-uniform
321 H₂O contents across all units of the tephra fall deposit (Fig. 9a).

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322 The range of measured H₂O contents in our melt inclusions (Fig. 9a) could indicate that
323 diffusive re-equilibration of H₂O occurred between the MIs and their external environment (e.g.
324 Massare et al., 2002). However, the plagioclase- and pyroxene-hosted inclusions are often
325 associated with large bubbles, which could be indicative of heterogeneous trapping of fluid and
326 melt. Numerical models suggest that the glass phase in heterogeneously trapped inclusions is
327 less susceptible to post-entrapment modification of volatile contents (Steele-Macinnis et al.,
328 2017); therefore we consider it reasonable to assume that the range of the highest measured
329 H₂O contents is between 5.5 and 6.5 wt.% in plagioclase- and pyroxene-hosted MIs and is
330 representative of the highest pre-eruptive melt water content (Fig. 9a).

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332 4. Discussion

333 4.1 Pre-eruptive conditions and timescales of the Calbuco sub-Plinian eruption

334 4.1.1 Pre-eruptive temperatures and pressures

335 Pre-eruptive temperature (T) conditions of the Calbuco magma reservoir have been
336 calculated using the mineral-melt thermometers of Putirka (2008) for orthopyroxene,
337 clinopyroxene and plagioclase. The plagioclase-liquid hygrometer-thermometer of Waters and
338 Lange (2015) was used to better constrain the range of temperatures under which plagioclase
339 cores was able to grow. Detailed results from thermometric calculations and tests for mineral-
340 melt equilibrium are presented in Supplementary Table 5.

341 All measured clinopyroxene compositions were tested for equilibrium against the mean bulk
342 rock, plagioclase-hosted MIs (PEC-corrected MIs) and mean matrix glass compositions from
343 units A-D. We evaluated equilibrium on the criterion $K_D=0.28\pm 0.08$ (Putirka, 2008). All the
344 clinopyroxene crystals analysed in this study passed the equilibrium criterion with the less
345 evolved MI compositions with $0.25 < K_D < 0.26$. Clinopyroxene crystallisation temperatures were
346 calculated considering 5.5 and 6.5 wt.% H₂O as the highest pre-eruptive melt water content

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347 (Fig. 9a). The clinopyroxene-MI liquid equilibration temperatures range between 961 and 988
348 °C (Eqn. 33; Putirka, 2008) (Fig. 10a).

349 All analysed orthopyroxene compositions were tested for equilibrium against the mean bulk
350 rock, plagioclase-hosted MIs (PEC-corrected MIs) and mean matrix glass compositions. All the
351 orthopyroxene crystals analysed passed the equilibrium criterion $K_D=0.29\pm0.06$ (Putirka, 2008)
352 with the less evolved MI compositions. Orthopyroxene crystallisation temperatures were then
353 calculated assuming magmatic H₂O contents of 5.5 and 6.5 wt.% (Fig. 9a). Calculated
354 orthopyroxene-liquid equilibration temperatures range between 970 and 987 °C (Fig. 10a).
355 These temperatures are similar to those obtained for clinopyroxene, suggesting that ortho- and
356 clinopyroxene were grown under the same magmatic conditions (Fig. 10a).

357 Further evidence to constrain pre-eruptive conditions was obtained using plagioclase-liquid
358 thermometry. Plagioclase compositions were tested for equilibrium with the PEC-corrected MI
359 and the mean matrix glass compositions and only equilibrium pairs with $K_D(\text{An-Ab})^{\text{Pl-liq}} =$
360 0.10 ± 0.05 at $T < 1050$ °C were considered. Plagioclase phenocryst cores with An₇₈₋₉₃ were
361 calculated to be in equilibrium with the less evolved MI compositions (with 5.5 and 6.5 wt.%
362 H₂O) at temperature between 927 and 963 °C (Fig. 10a). Plagioclase blocky microlites (with
363 sizes from 25 to 250 µm; An₆₃₋₇₀) are also in equilibrium with the melt inclusion and matrix
364 glass compositions at temperatures between 900 and 926 °C (Fig. 10a).

365 The plagioclase-liquid hygrometer-thermometer (Waters and Lange, 2015) recovers and
366 confirms that the plagioclase phenocryst cores (An₈₄₋₉₃) are in equilibrium with the less evolved
367 MI compositions at temperatures between 900 and 940 °C (Fig. 10a) and H₂O between 5.4 and
368 6.1 wt. % (this amount is consistent with the maximum amount of H₂O measured in MIs).

369 The uncertainty of the Putirka (2008) ortho- and clinopyroxene-liquid, and plagioclase-
370 liquid thermometers is ± 48 °C, the plagioclase-liquid hygrometer-thermometer (Waters and

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371 Lange, 2015) is ± 12 °C. This implies that the pre-eruptive temperature of the phenocrysts
372 overlap within this degree of error.

373 We note that plagioclase overgrowth rim compositions (characterised by oscillatory zoning)
374 may result from disequilibrium crystallisation due to high undercooling, magma convection and
375 thermal mixing, therefore temperatures were not calculated from these compositions.

376 Pre-eruptive conditions of the Calbuco magma reservoir also have been calculated using
377 Rhyolite-MELTS software (version 1.2) (Ghiorso et al. 2012; Ghiorso and Gualda, 2015). The
378 range of temperatures obtained from thermometers was used together with the highest amount
379 of H₂O measured in MIs (5.5 to 6.5 wt.% of H₂O). The bulk rock composition was used for the
380 simulations. In accordance with the H₂O solubility in basaltic andesitic melts predicted by
381 Moore et al. (1998), the water-saturated conditions of this basaltic andesite magma with 5.5 and
382 6.5 wt.% of H₂O would be reached at pressures between 230 and 320 MPa (Fig. 9b). Our
383 simulations investigated a wider range of pressures in order to constrain the possible pre-
384 eruptive P and T conditions where oxide, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene and plagioclase
385 phenocrysts were able to form (Supplementary Table 6). Particularly, pre-eruptive pressures
386 and temperatures were constrained by replicating the same mineral assemblage and crystal
387 volume fraction of natural samples (Supplementary Table 6). Rhyolite-MELTS simulations
388 show that the observed crystal fraction of oxide, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene and plagioclase
389 cores were formed at 260-320 MPa (~10-12 km, in excellent agreement with pressures
390 calculated from dissolved H₂O contents) and temperatures between 940 and 950 °C
391 (Supplementary Table 6). Considering the total phenocryst volume fraction, therefore, taking
392 into account the plagioclase overgrowth rims and the blocky microlites, the pre-eruptive
393 pressures predicted from Rhyolite-MELTS range between 230 and 320 MPa, whereas
394 temperature ranges between 900 and 950 °C (Figure 10b; Supplementary Table 6). This means
395 that the Calbuco magma was probably water-saturated before the eruption (Fig. 9b).

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396 Furthermore, the pre-eruptive temperatures obtained with Rhyolite-MELTS simulations
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398 The pre-eruptive temperatures of the magma obtained in this study (900 to 950 °C) are
399 comparable with those estimated by Morgado et al. (2019) (910 to 970 °C). The pre-eruptive
400 pressures obtained here (230 to 320 MPa) are higher than the 140 to 260 MPa estimated by
401 Morgado et al. (2019). The pressures estimated by Morgado et al. (2019) are inconsistent with
402 the H₂O content of MIs (5.5 to 6.5 wt.%), as volatile solubility models would predict lower
403 melt H₂O concentrations at these pressures. Therefore, only the highest pressures estimated by
404 Morgado et al. (2019) are compatible with our measured H₂O contents and with pressure-
405 dependent H₂O solubility models for basaltic andesitic and andesitic melt compositions (Moore
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408 *4.1.2 Closed vs open system*

409 Scoriae textures and plagioclase CSDs show that at least three events of crystal nucleation
410 and growth occurred, producing in sequence: (1) phenocrysts (titanomagnetite, orthopyroxene,
411 clinopyroxene and plagioclase cores; Figs 1 and 3); (2) overgrowth rims around plagioclase,
412 and blocky microlites (plagioclase, clinopyroxene and orthopyroxene) with sizes from ~25 to
413 ~250 µm (Figs 1, 2 and 3); and (3) skeletal microlites <15 µm (Figs 2 and 3). The distinction
414 between the first and second events is based on the different chemical compositions of the
415 plagioclase cores and the overgrowth rims and blocky microlites. On the other hand, the
416 compositional similarity between overgrowth rims (An₅₈₋₇₇) and blocky microlites (An₆₃₋₇₀)
417 suggests that they crystallised together under the same magmatic conditions (Fig. 10b).

418 The normal zoning of the plagioclase cores is in agreement with an initial slow cooling of
419 the magma in a closed system; however, water-saturated decompression also induces the
420 crystallisation of more sodic compositions (Blundy and Cashman, 2001), causing a progressive

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1017 426 (ii) closed-system processes (closed-system for magma but not volatiles), such as
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1032 433 textures (Fig. 4e, f) in plagioclase crystals, combined with constant FeO and MgO contents
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1034 434 suggest that the oscillatory zoning was not caused by magma recharge and consequent magma
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1038 436 magma convection (thermal gradients within the chamber) or decompression events (Ginibre et
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1051 442 The crystallisation sequence is confirmed by whole-rock, melt inclusion and glass major
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1068 447 (Supplementary Table 7). Trace element differentiation trends have also been modelled in
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1080 453 *4.1.3 Multidisciplinary constraints*

1082 454 Assuming a lithospheric pressure gradient and crustal density of 2.7 g/cm^3 , our calculated
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1100 463 unrest (Valderrama et al., 2015). On 22 April at 18:11 GMT (15:11 local time), 3 hours before
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4.1.4 Timescales of crystal growth

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Plagioclase residence times were estimated by combining CSD slopes and experimental growth rates, as residence time is equal to $-1/(\text{growth rate} \times \text{CSD slope})$. We used the maximum (1.32×10^{-2} mm/h) and the minimum (1.50×10^{-3} mm/h) plagioclase growth rates estimated by Shea and Hammer (2013) for basaltic andesitic melts. We also assume a slow growth rate for plagioclase of 3.96×10^{-5} mm/h from a series of experimental growth rates, obtained from basaltic melts (Agostini et al., 2013; Arzilli et al., 2015), in order to take into account the slower crystallisation kinetics of plagioclase phenocrysts and zoned blocky microlites. Calculated residence times for plagioclase phenocrysts range from several days to ~8 months (Supplementary Table 1). For blocky microlites (25 to 250 μm) the residence time ranges between a few hours to ~2 days (estimated with the faster growth rates), consistent with crystallisation experiments performed by Shea and Hammer (2013) in which plagioclase microlites were able to form over 12 to 48 hours. The maximum residence time estimated for blocky microlites is 2 months (Supplementary Table 1). Therefore, these timescales suggest that the population of blocky microlites (25-250 μm) may represent a final, crystallisation event before the onset of the eruption, and therefore before syneruptive decompression could begin. Furthermore, we suggest that skeletal microlites of plagioclase and pyroxene with size $<15 \mu\text{m}$ (Fig. 3) were grown in syn-eruptive conditions during rapid magma ascent, i.e. during decompression-induced crystallisation (Blundy and Cashman, 2001), as their residence time ranges between a few minutes to ~3 hours. This is consistent with the time passed between the last seismic swarm and the eruption. This crystallisation event produced a further evolution of the residual melt towards dacitic compositions (measured in the matrix glass; Fig. 5).

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1183 494 Since all the samples analysed in the present study show similar textural, chemical and
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1187 phases of the sub-Plinian eruption experienced the same pre-eruptive conditions.
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1190 497 1191 1192 498 4.2 Triggering of the Calbuco sub-Plinian eruption 1193

1194 499 The Calbuco sub-Plinian eruption (22–23 April 2015) occurred with just three hours
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1196 500 warning from geophysical data. This poses a clear challenge for volcanologists and risk
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1220 512 c) Injection of hot magma into the magma chamber (as suggested by Morgado et al., 2019)
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1244 520 Ruprecht and Wörner, 2007; Ginibre and Wörner, 2007; Ginibre et al., 2007). Rhyolite-MELTS
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1246 521 simulations show that $0.10 < \phi < 0.15$ of high-anorthite plagioclase (An_{80-76}) can be formed at
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1248 522 930-950 °C and 250-320 MPa (Fig.10b; Supplementary Table 6) from the basaltic andesitic
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1252 524 induced the crystallization of plagioclase cores, as ϕ and the An content are comparable to
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1254 525 those analysed in the natural samples (Supplementary Table 3 and Supplementary Table 6).
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1256 526 Rhyolite-MELTS simulations show that a further $0.10 < \phi < 0.25$ of low-anorthite plagioclase
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1258 527 (An_{70-57}) can be formed, in addition to the plagioclase core crystal content, at temperatures
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1260 528 between 900 and 930 °C (Fig. 10b). Temperatures between 900 and 930 °C may represent the
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1264 530 ϕ and the An content are similar to those observed in the natural samples (Table 1 and
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1266 531 Supplementary Table 3). Therefore, the oscillatory zoning observed within the plagioclase
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1272 534 blocky microlites (25-250 μm) may have induced second boiling (Blake, 1984; Tait et al.,
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1278 537 oscillatory zoning, resorption morphologies (Fig. 4) and sieve and patchy zoning textures (Fig.
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1280 538 4e, f). A gradual cooling of the overall magmatic system and an increase in the total crystal
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1282 539 content may have increased magma viscosity sufficiently to slow convection. We highlight that
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1286 541 2008 and Vona et al., 2011) during an increase in crystal volume fraction from 15 to 45 vol%
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1288 542 (considering all the crystal phases at pre-eruptive conditions). Following this stage, further
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1301 544 produced shortly before eruption is likely to represent the pressure build-up prior to rapid
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1310 548 Periodic seismic swarms at near-constant depths beneath a volcano may indicate cooling and
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1316 551 interferograms (Valderrama et al., 2015; Delgado et al., 2017). We highlight that the presence
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1323 554 al., 2000; Delgado et al., 2017).

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1325 555 The original basaltic andesitic magma may have been evolved to a state in which eruption
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1339 562 interferograms. This is also confirmed by the satellite imagery model developed by Pardini et
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1341 563 al. (2018), which shows that magmatic volatiles were already exsolved before the onset of the
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1346 565 To investigate the potential overpressure generated by second boiling, we performed a mass
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1350 567 with fixed volume. For this calculation, we assumed isothermal conditions and a closed
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1362 570 magmatic H₂O. The system is then forced to crystallise, causing a decrease in the mass of the
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1366 572 turn, increases the saturation pressure of the dissolved volatiles and, as soon as the saturation
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1368 573 pressure exceeds the pressure of the reservoir, volatiles start to exsolve and pressurise the
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1370 574 system. From the mass balance calculation we found that, once the magma reservoir is
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1378 578 Therefore, crystallisation of 10 vol.% is sufficient to over-pressurise the system and trigger
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1380 579 eruption. This also signifies that crystallisation and the resulting second boiling could
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1386 582 While this mechanism for eruption triggering has been proposed by several authors (Stock et
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1388 583 al., 2016), this is, to our knowledge, the first occurrence where an internal triggering process
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1390 584 may have been recognised in a sub-Plinian eruption at the Earth's surface. Recent eruptions
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1394 586 (i.e. hours) precursory seismic activity, including the sub-Plinian eruptions of Redoubt 1989
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1396 587 (Alaska; Nye et al., 1994), Galunggung 1982 (Java; Bluth et al., 1994), Reventador 2002
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1398 588 (Ecuador; Hall et al., 2004), Cordón Caulle 2011-2012 (Chile; Castro et al., 2013) and the
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1400 589 Plinian eruption of Chaitén 2008 (Chile; Castro et al., 2009; Pallister et al., 2013). We therefore
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1402 590 highlight that the internal triggering mechanism proposed for the 2015 Calbuco sub-Plinian
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1424 596 A second hypothesis of a possible triggering mechanism is the slow decompression of the
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1430 599 in the days prior to eruption would have produced much more significant precursory signals
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1432 600 (Scandone 1998; Francis et al. 1993). Focusing first on the supporting evidence we highlight
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1434 601 that the mineral assemblage in the scoriae is more in agreement with the results obtained by
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1444 606 Furthermore, resorption-regrowth morphologies (Fig. 4c), and sieve and patchy zoning textures
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1446 607 (Fig. 4e, f) in plagioclase phenocrysts, associated with significant An variations and constant
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1448 608 FeO and MgO contents (Fig. 8), may suggest several decompression events and magma
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1450 609 degassing should have occurred before the eruption (in agreement with Ginibre et al., 2002;
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1454 611 residence time analysis (Supplementary Table 1), in agreement with the experiments of Shea
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1456 612 and Hammer (2013), shows that blocky microlites (25 to 250 μm) may be formed in a few
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1458 613 hours/days. However, this would require a slower decompression than can be provided by the
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1468 617 *4.2.3 Injection of fresh magma into the magma chamber and magma mixing*
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1478 618 Injection of fresh magma into the magma chamber may be included amongst the possible
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1480 619 triggering mechanisms of the Calbuco eruption. Morgado et al. (2019) suggested that localised
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1488 623 °C (reaching up to 1070 °C), whilst the remaining magma was not thermally affected. This
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1490 624 conclusion is based on Fe-Ti oxide thermometry obtained from just one sample extracted from
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1492 625 a pyroclastic density current deposit (Morgado et al., 2019). If a sudden injection of fresh
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1496 627 in the overall eruption deposit might be expected to record evidence of magma mixing and
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1500 629 clear evidence of mixing or mingling; mafic enclaves are absent; and no evidence such as
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1510 634 before the eruption. Indeed, the significant An variations and the constant FeO and MgO
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1525 640 **5. Conclusion and implications**

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1527 641 Prior to the 2015 sub-Plinian eruption of Calbuco, a basaltic andesite magma was stored at
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1543 646 plagioclase cores (An₇₈₋₉₃). Plagioclase overgrowth rims (An₅₈₋₇₇) and blocky microlites (from
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1547 648 and magma convection within the chamber. A lack of geophysical signals precludes a slow
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1551 650 occurred with no evidence of magma intrusion, magma mixing and precursory deformation,
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1553 651 and was, instead, caused by protracted crystallisation and second boiling over-pressurisation.

1556 652 Such a triggering mechanism explains how violent sub-Plinian eruptions may occur with
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2224 908 Figure 1. Stratigraphy of the tephra fall deposit from the 2015 Calbuco eruption, and textural
2225 909 features of scoriae. Left: schematic stratigraphy (not to scale) of the DF10 proximal deposit
2226 910 showing the four units of the tephra fall deposit (re-drawn after Romero et al., 2016). Unit A is
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916 Figure 2. Textural features of glassy matrices in scoriae from units A, B, C and D showing
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919 Figure 3. Crystal size distributions (CSDs) of Calbuco scoriae derived by CSDCorrections
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922 Figure 4. BSE images of plagioclase zoning textures. (a) Plagioclase phenocryst
923 characterised by a large core with normal zoning and an overgrowth rim with oscillatory
924 zoning. (b-c-d) Plagioclase phenocrysts characterised by a large overgrowth rim with
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926 arrows in (c) indicate the last resorption event. (e-f) Overgrowth rims can be characterised by
927 sieve textures (e) and patchy zoning textures (e-f), in which melt inclusions can be hosted.

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929 Figure 5. Harker-style diagrams of major element compositional variability in products from
930 the 2015 Calbuco eruption: bulk composition of juvenile scoriae, plagioclase-hosted melt
931 inclusions, and matrix glass. Plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions were corrected for post-
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935 Figure 6. Trace element variability measured in the bulk rock, plagioclase-hosted melt
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937 trends driven by fractional crystallisation are modelled assuming the mean bulk rock
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2315 945 Figure 7. (a) Anorthite contents of plagioclase crystals in the scoriae of the 2015 Calbuco
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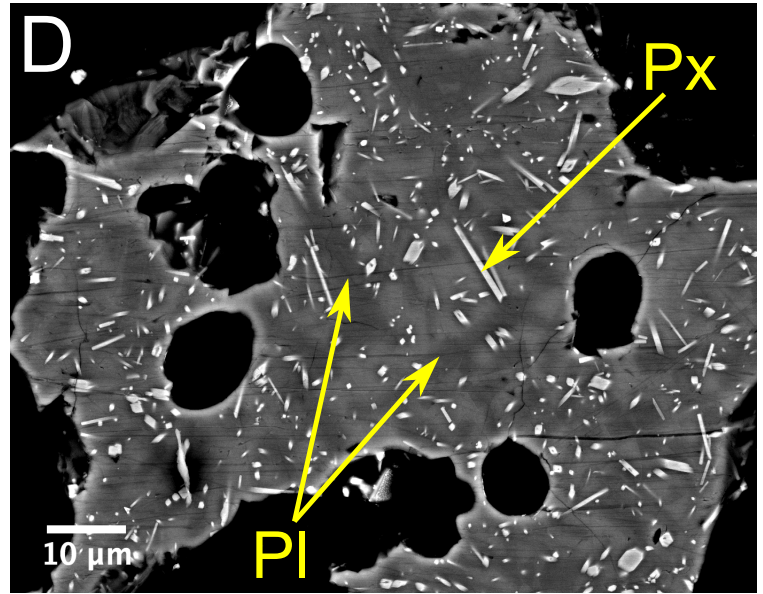
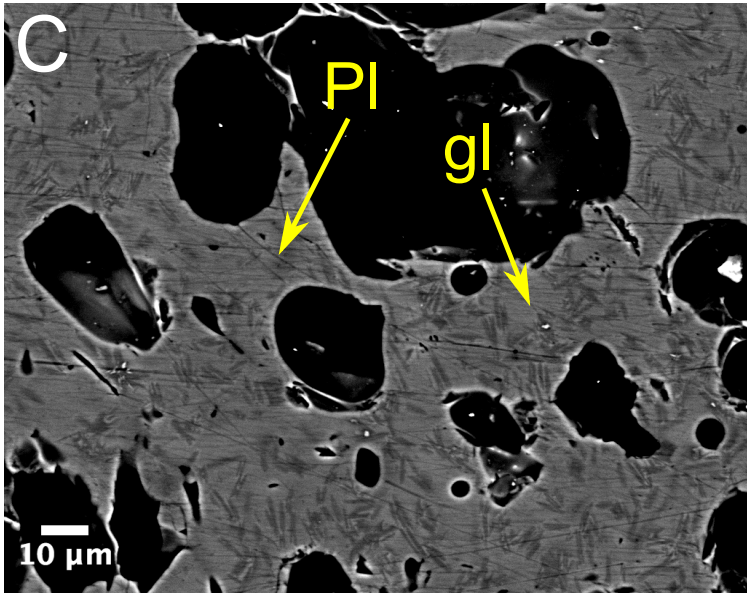
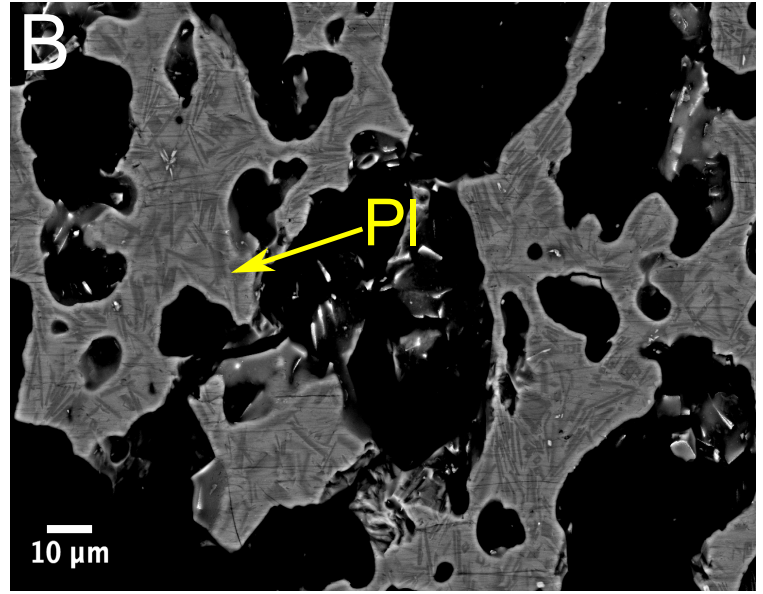
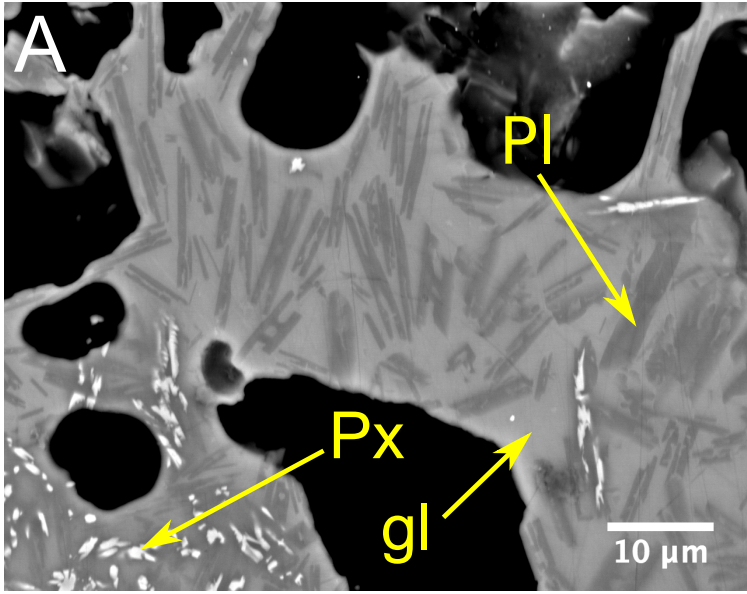
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2332 953 Figure 8. Electron microprobe quantitative point analysis profiles across plagioclase crystals
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2336 955 figure: (a-b) plagioclase #8 of unit A; (c-d) plagioclase #12 of unit C; (e-f) plagioclase #6 of
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2343 958 Figure 9. (a) H₂O dissolved in melt inclusions (MI) hosted in orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene,
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2345 959 and plagioclase crystals, measured by Raman spectroscopy. Kernel density distributions for
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2347 960 H₂O dissolved in MIs are reported. (b) H₂O solubility in basaltic andesitic and andesitic melts
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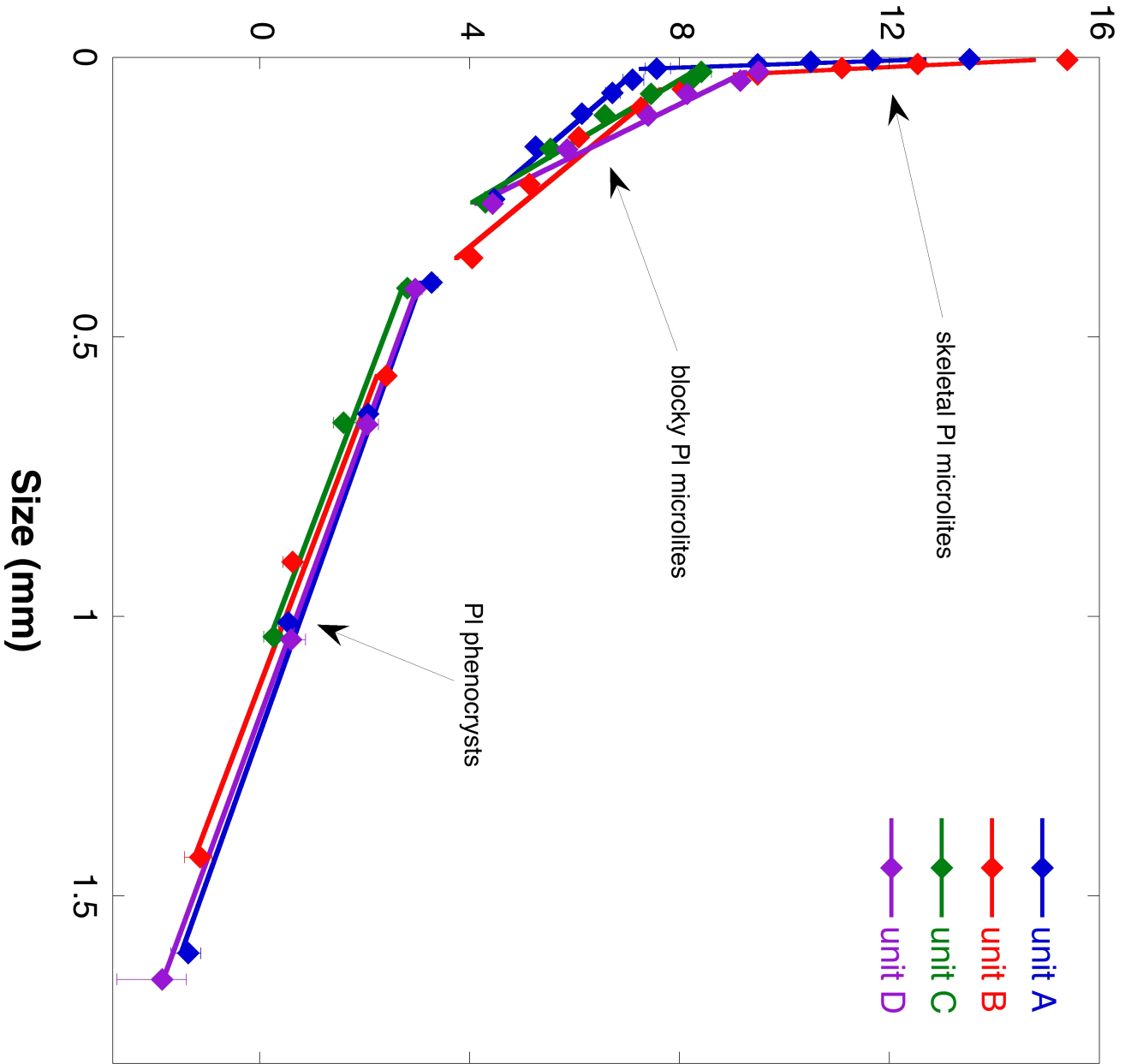
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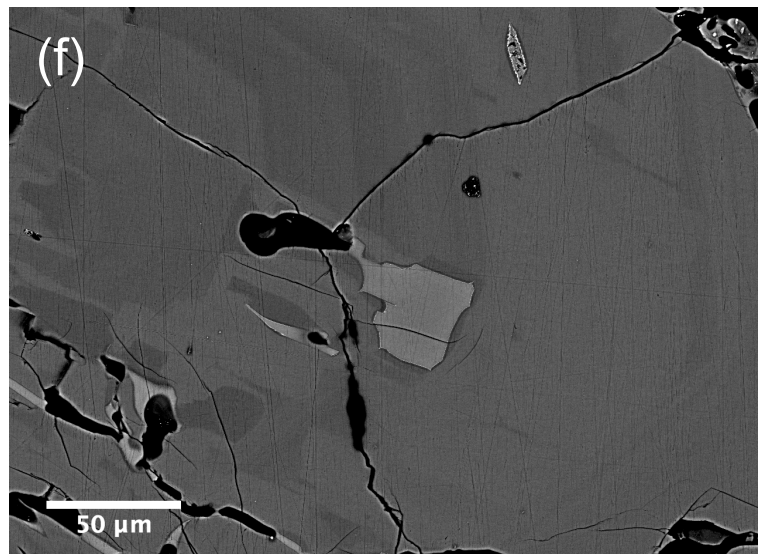
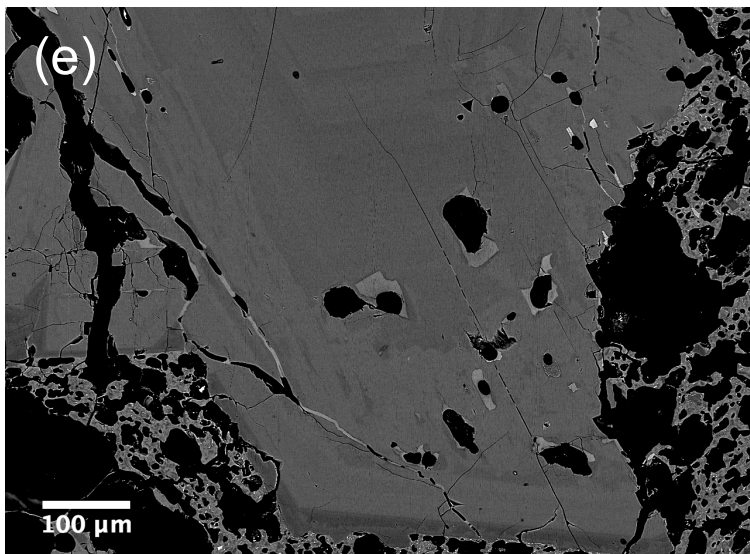
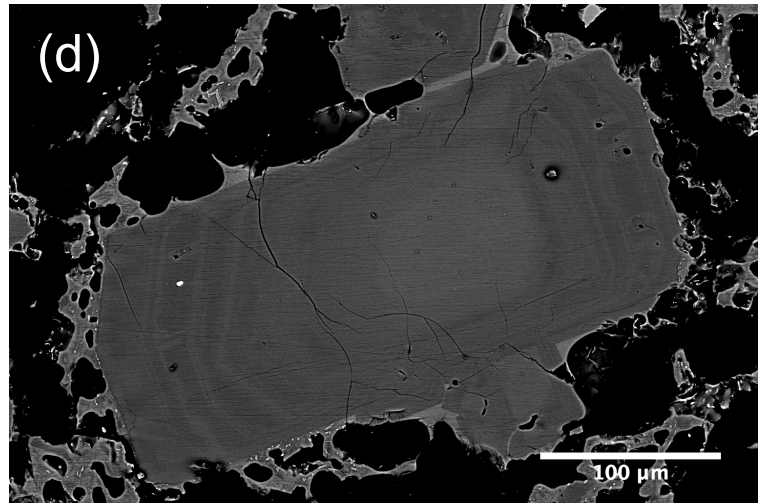
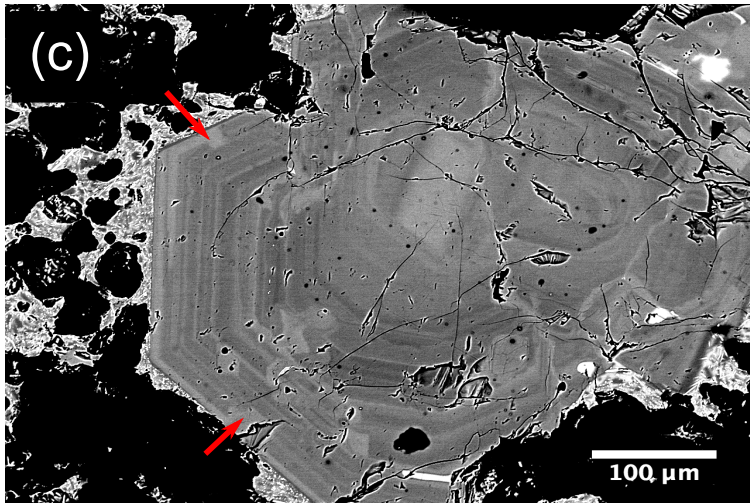
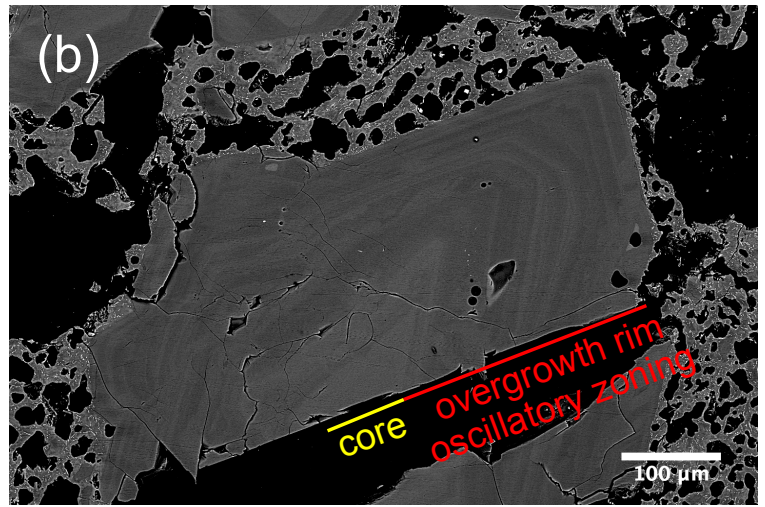
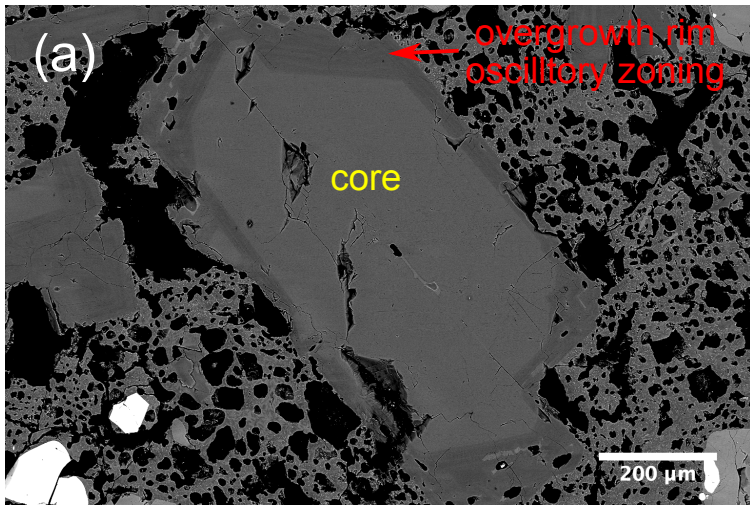
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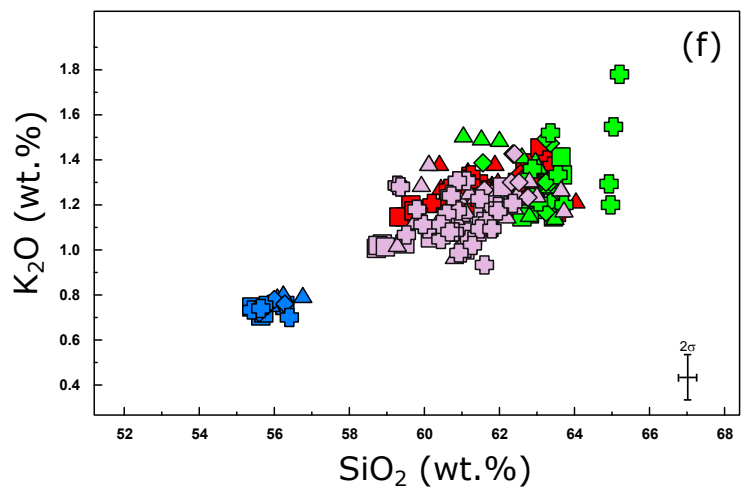
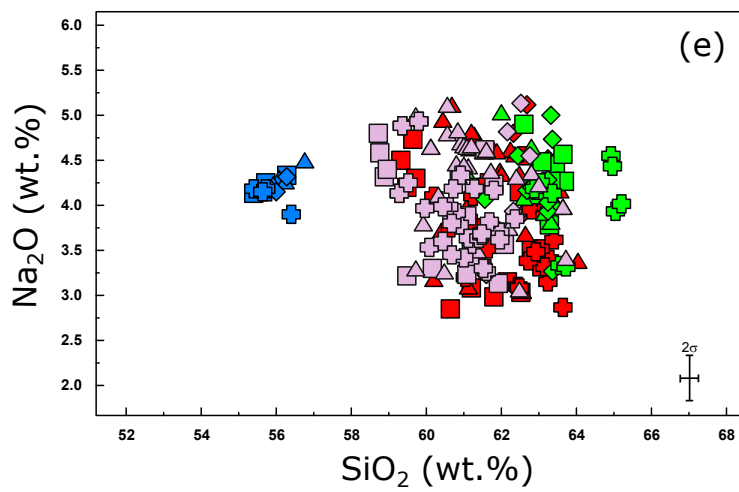
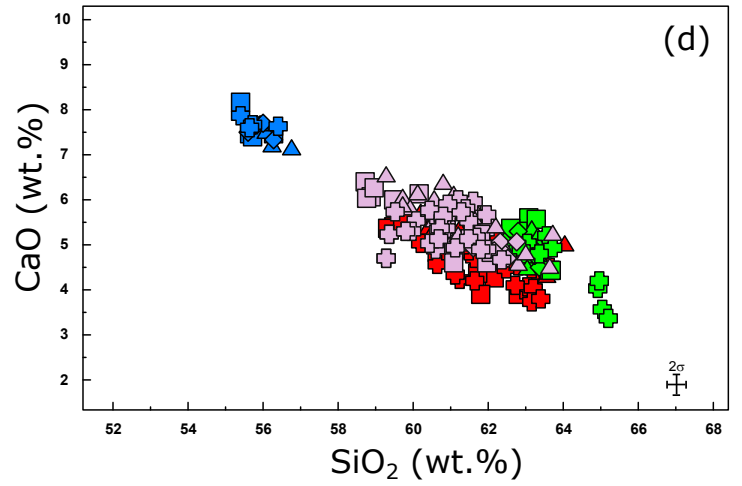
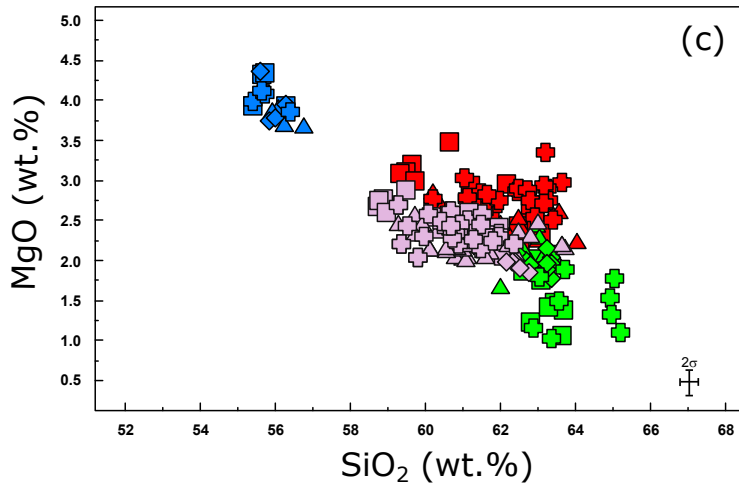
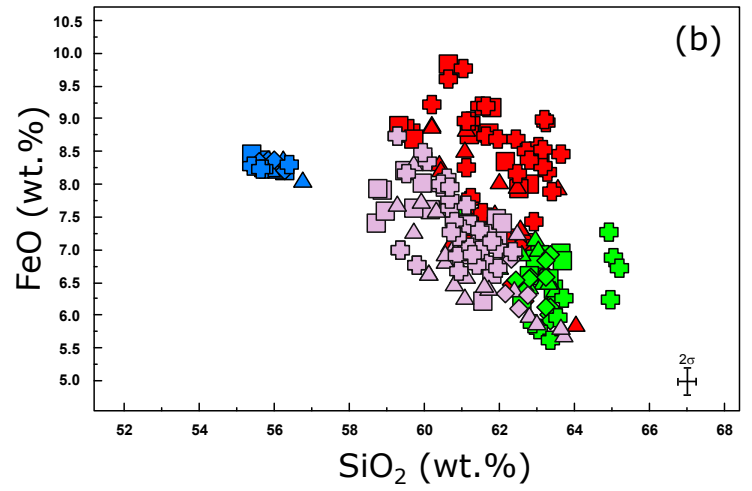
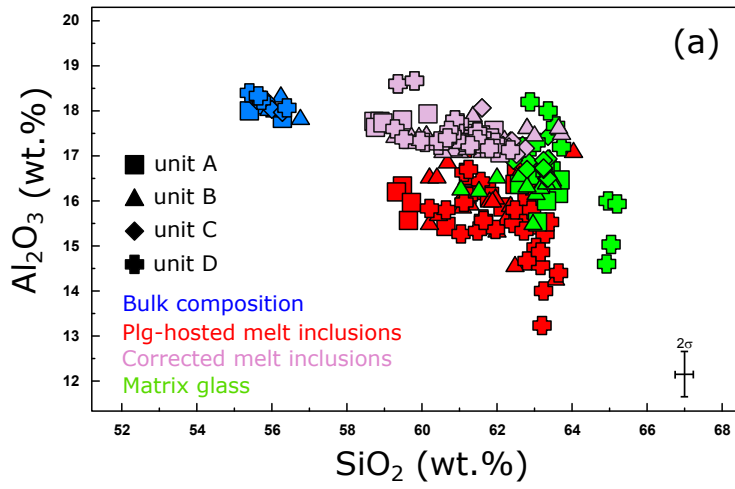
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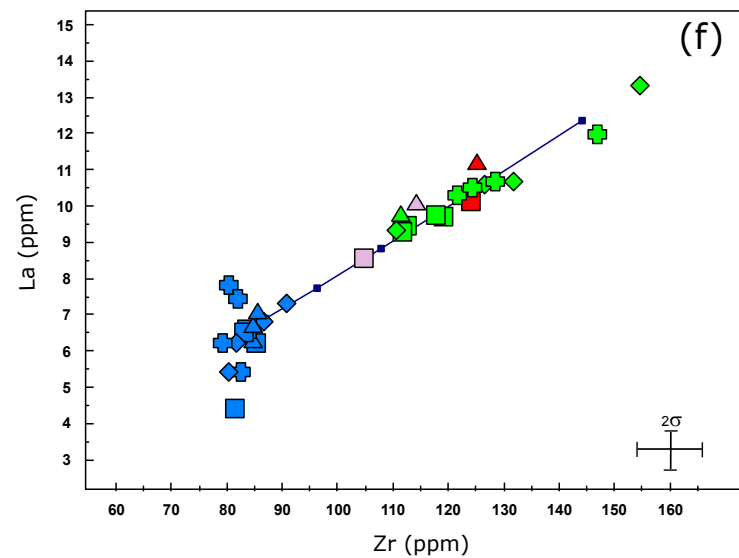
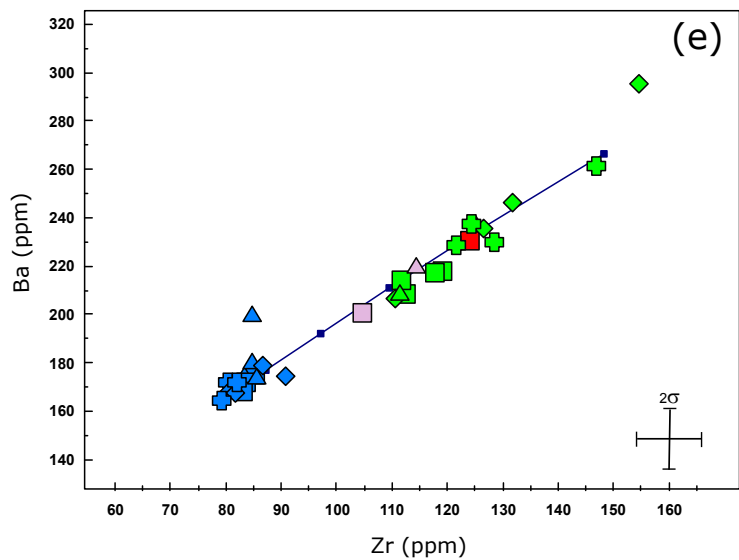
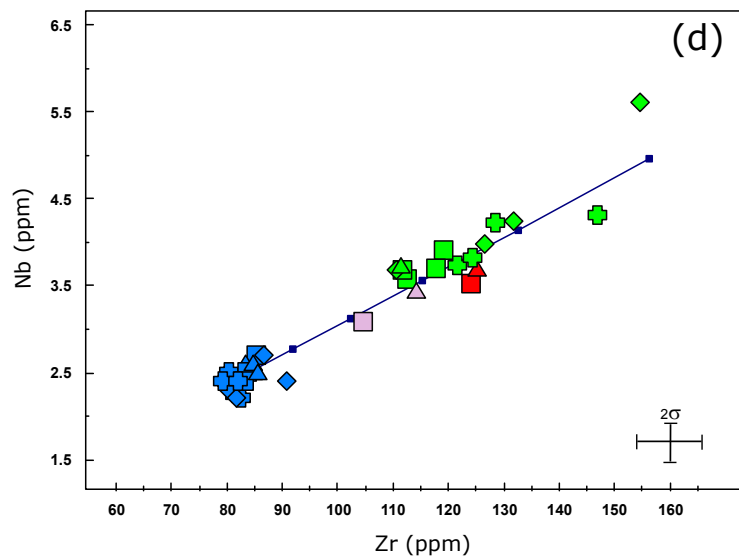
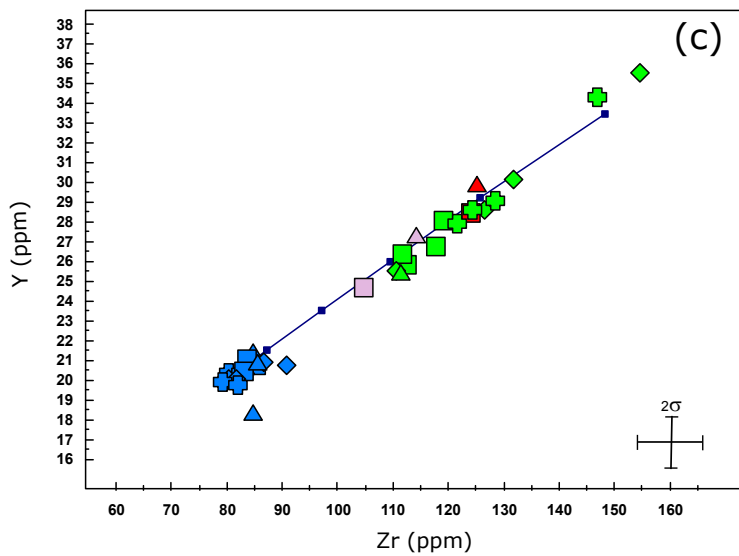
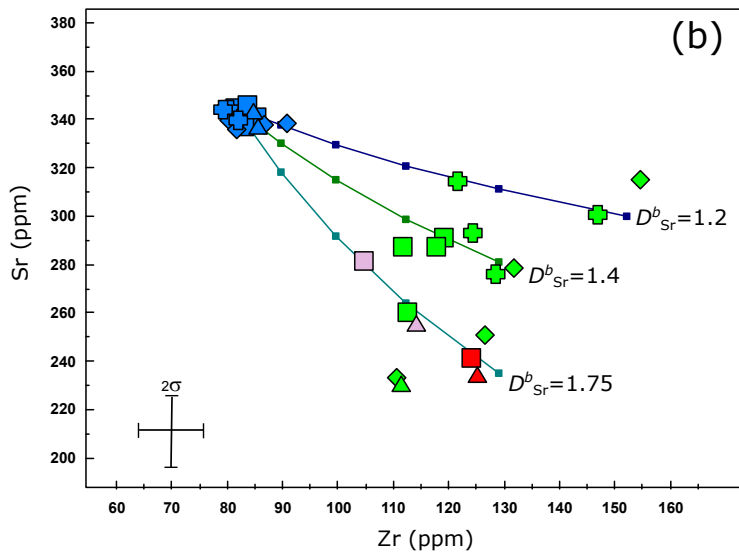
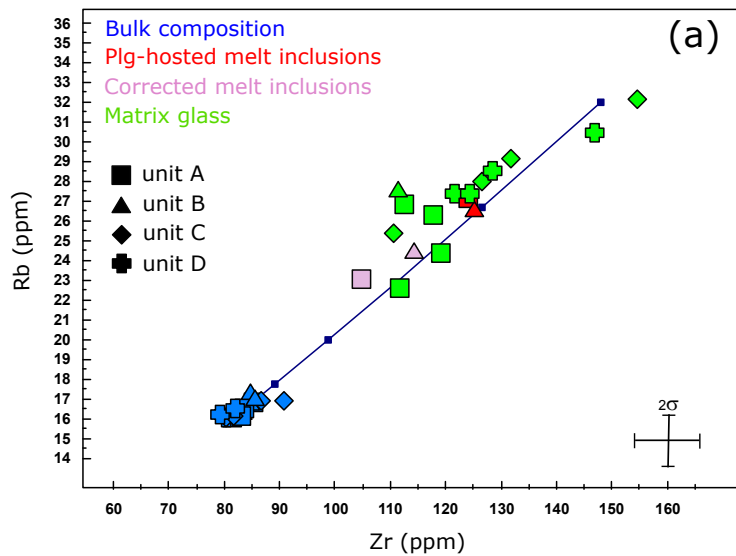


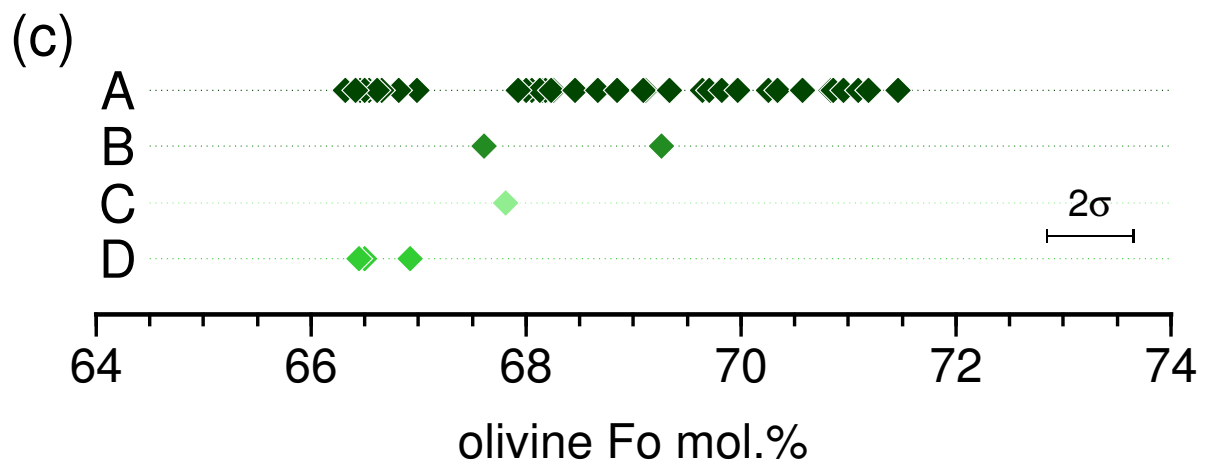
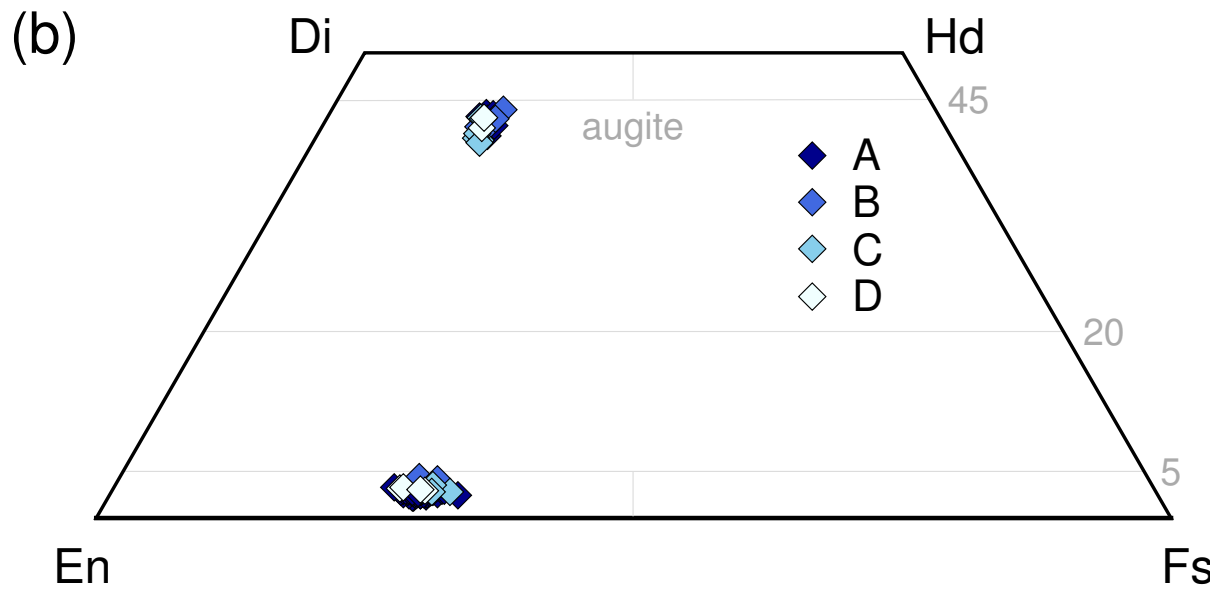
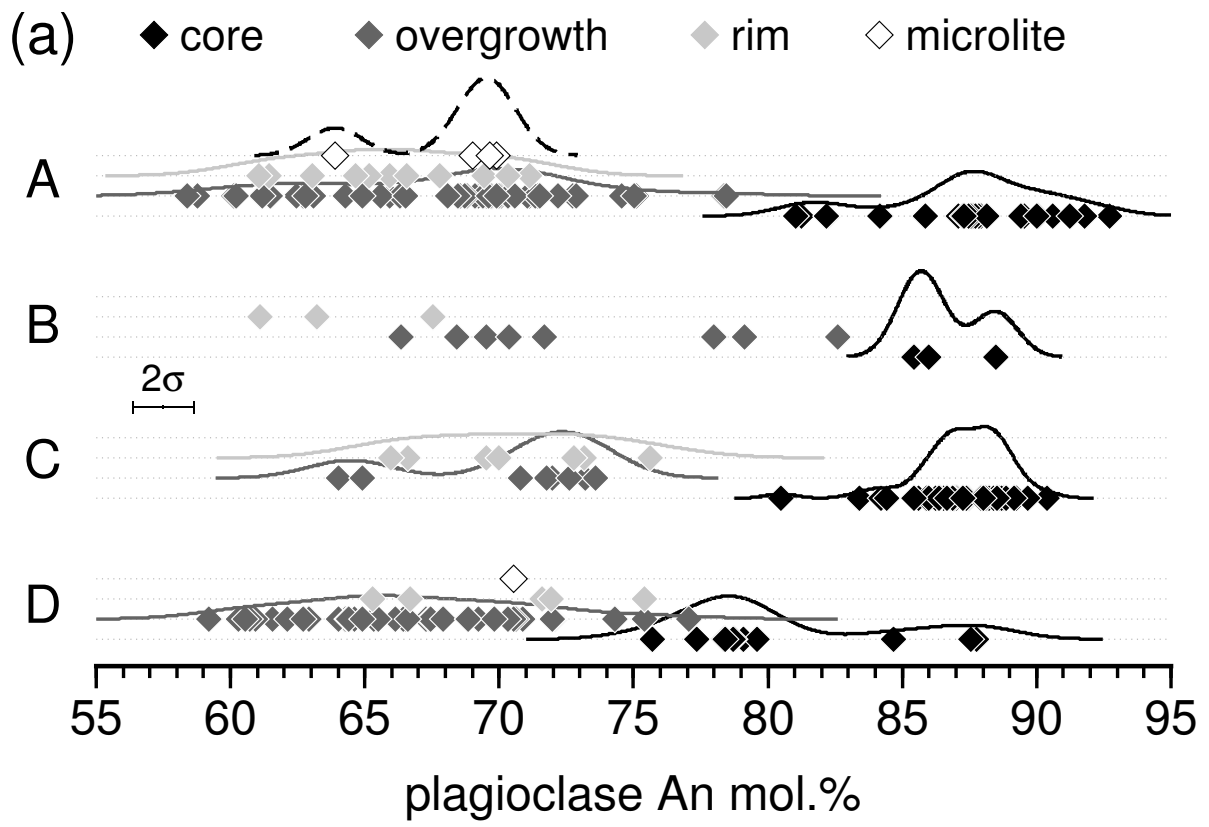
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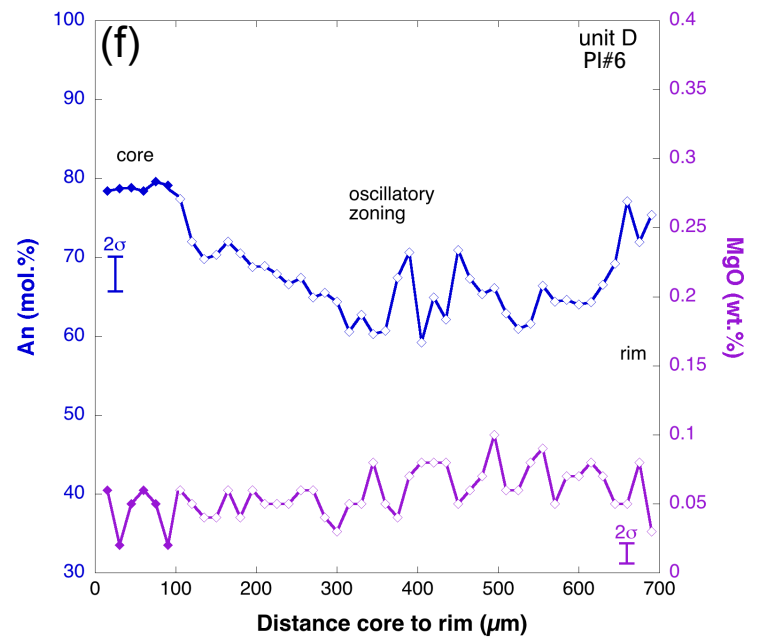
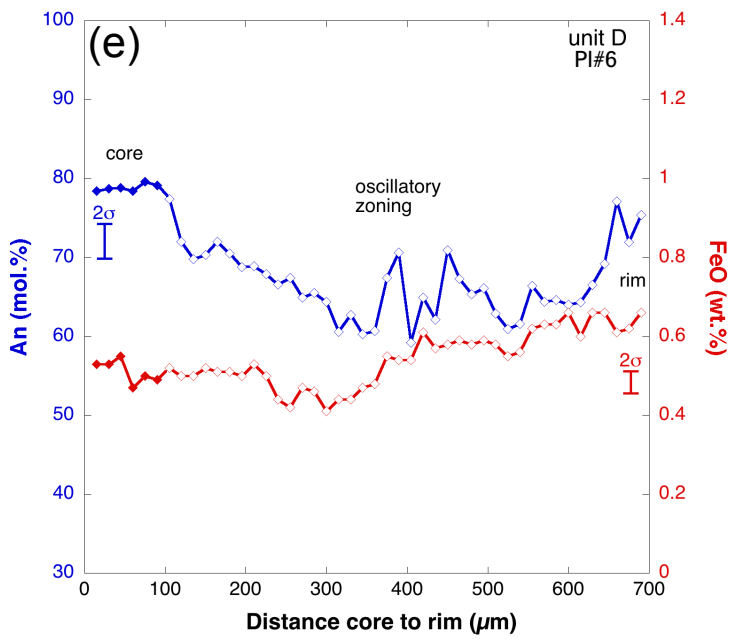
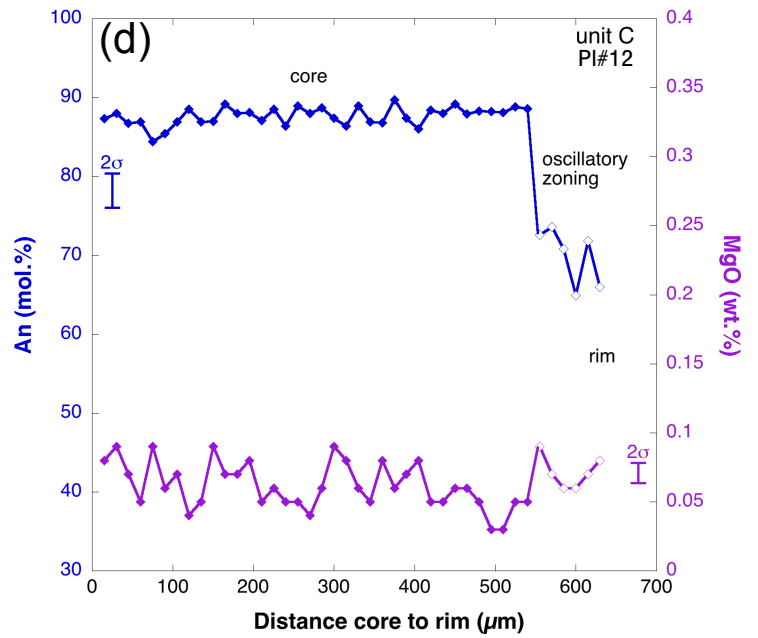
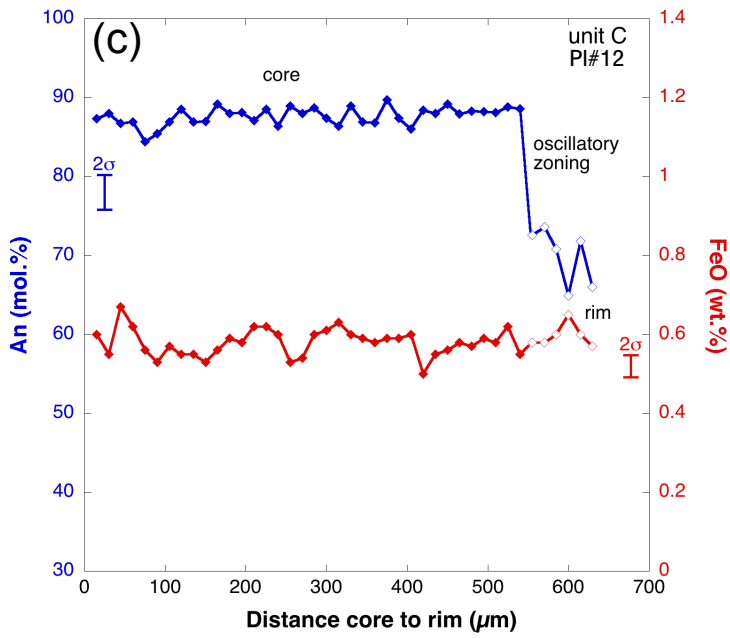
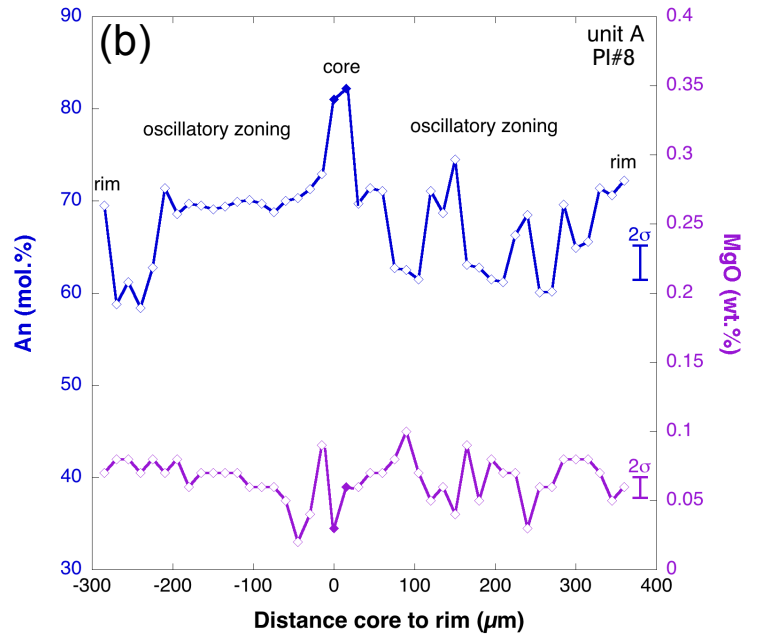
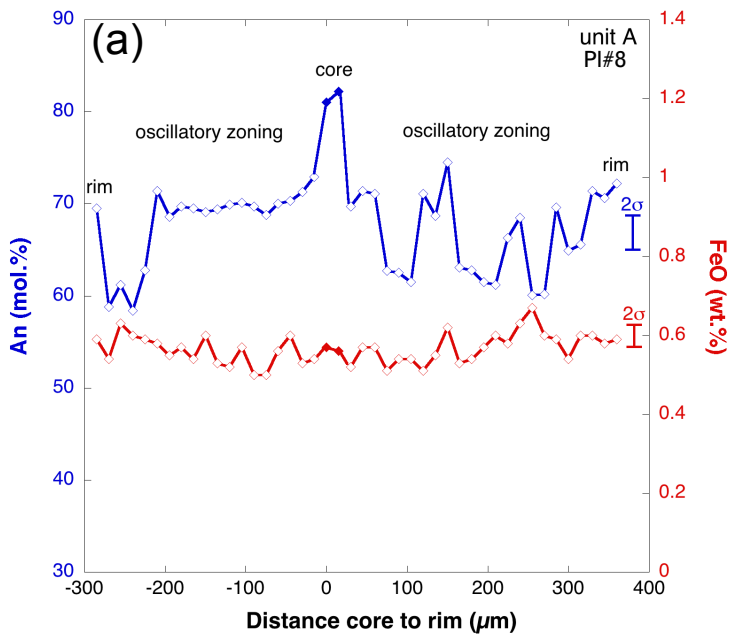


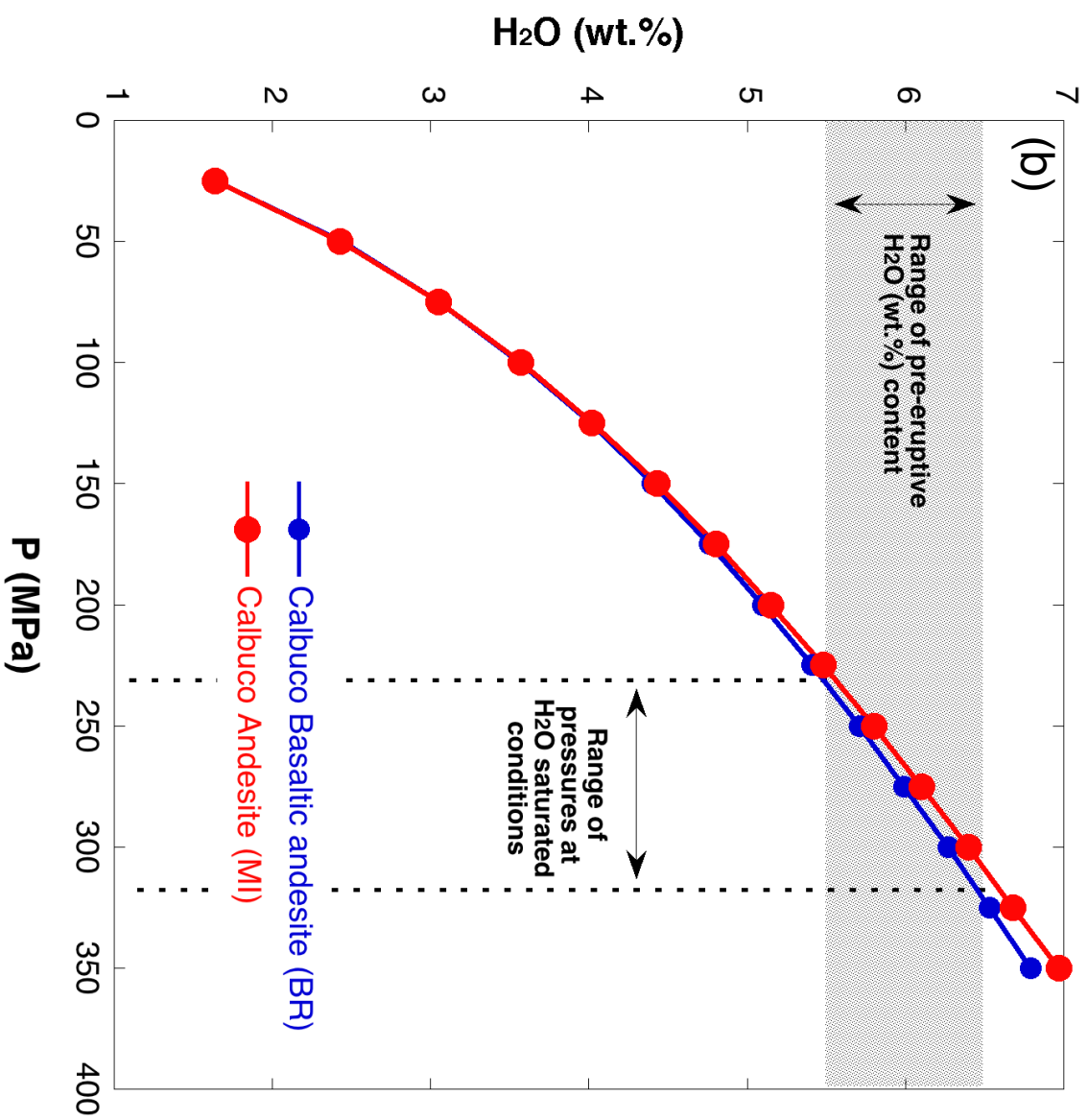
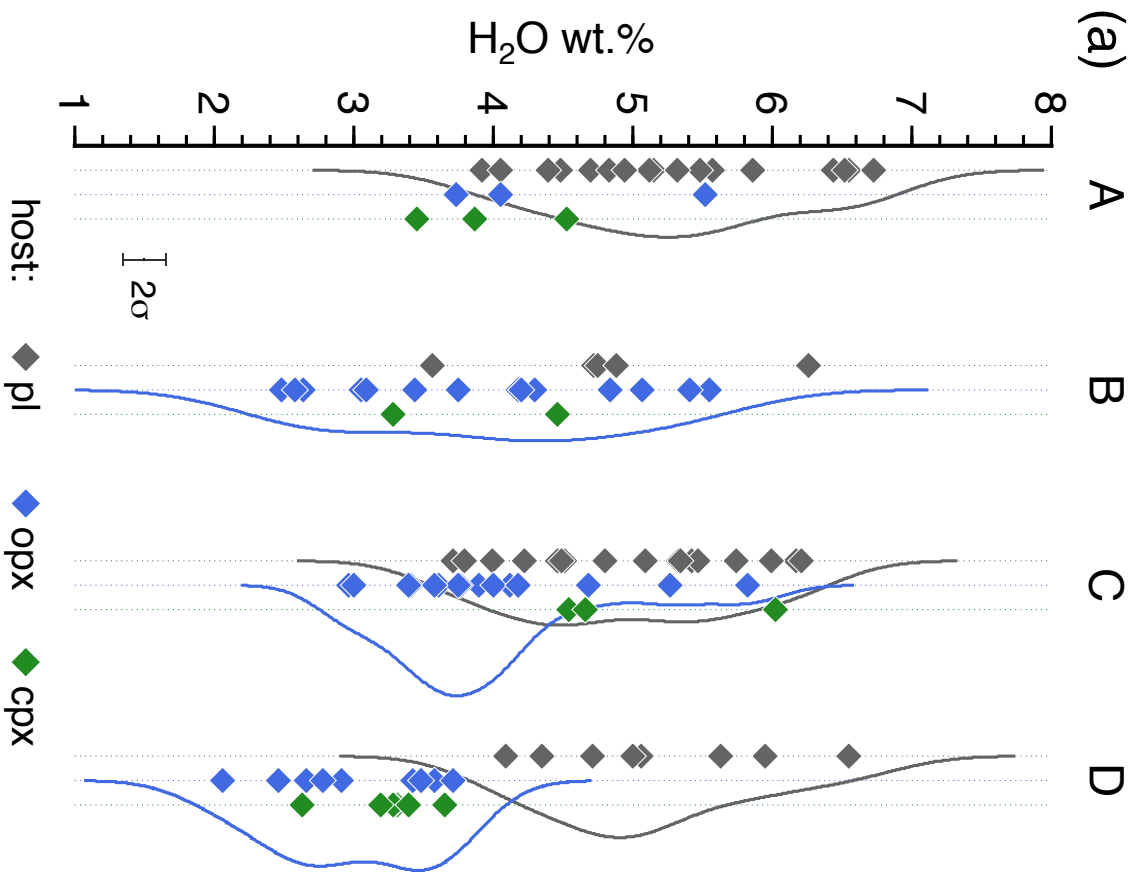


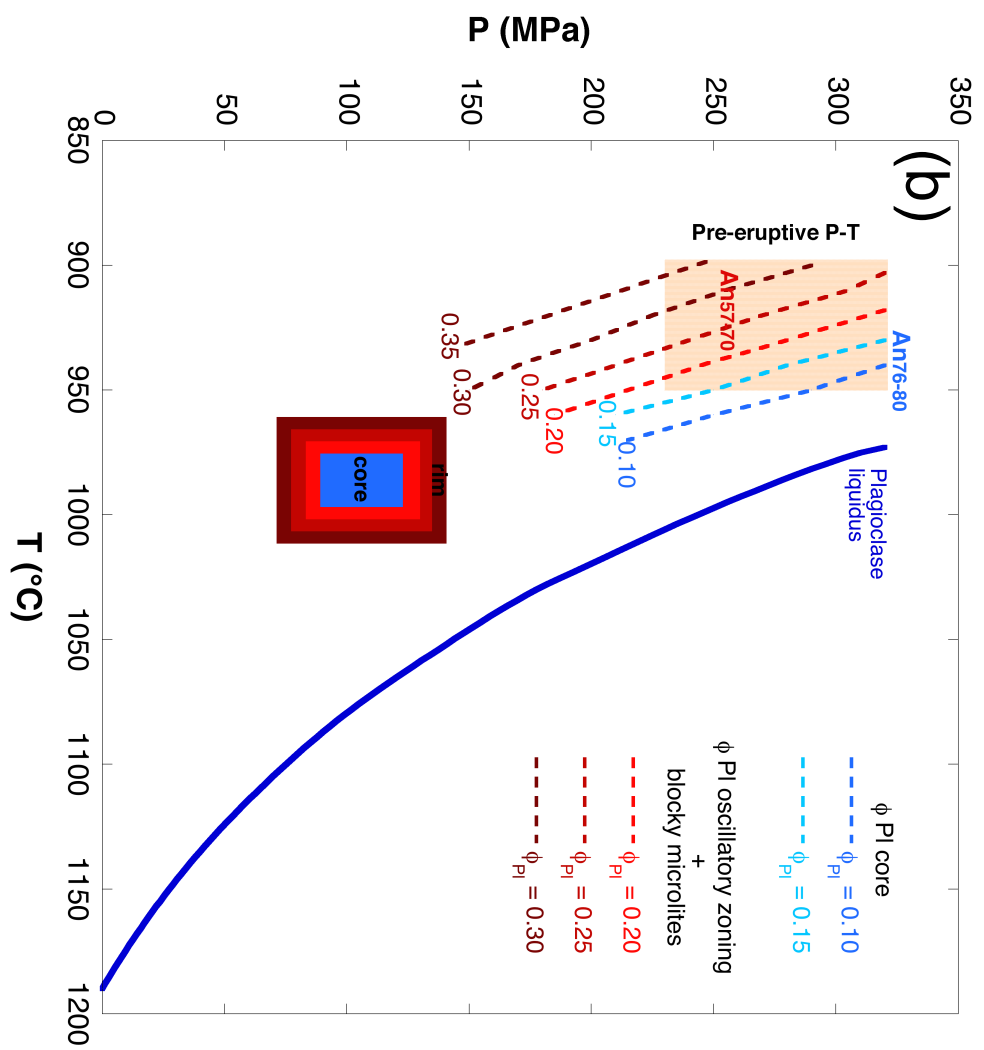
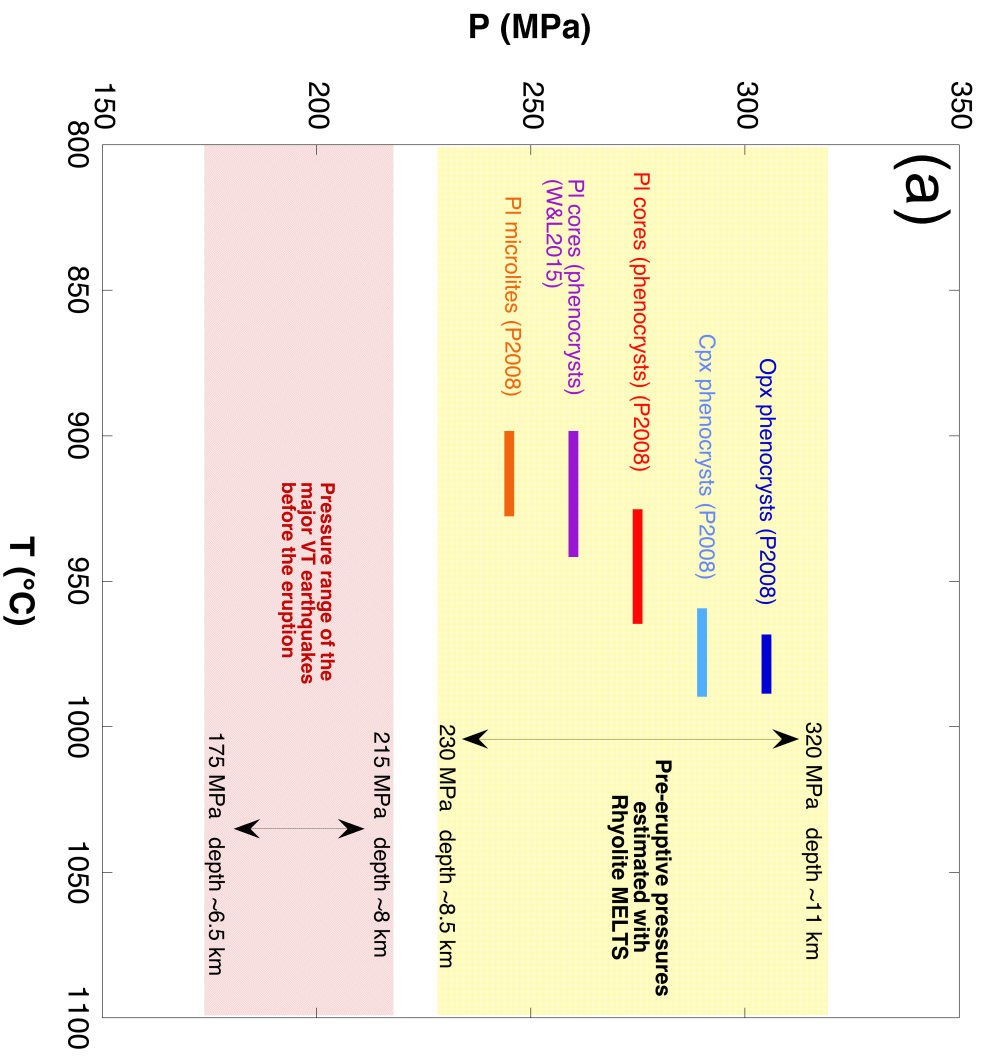


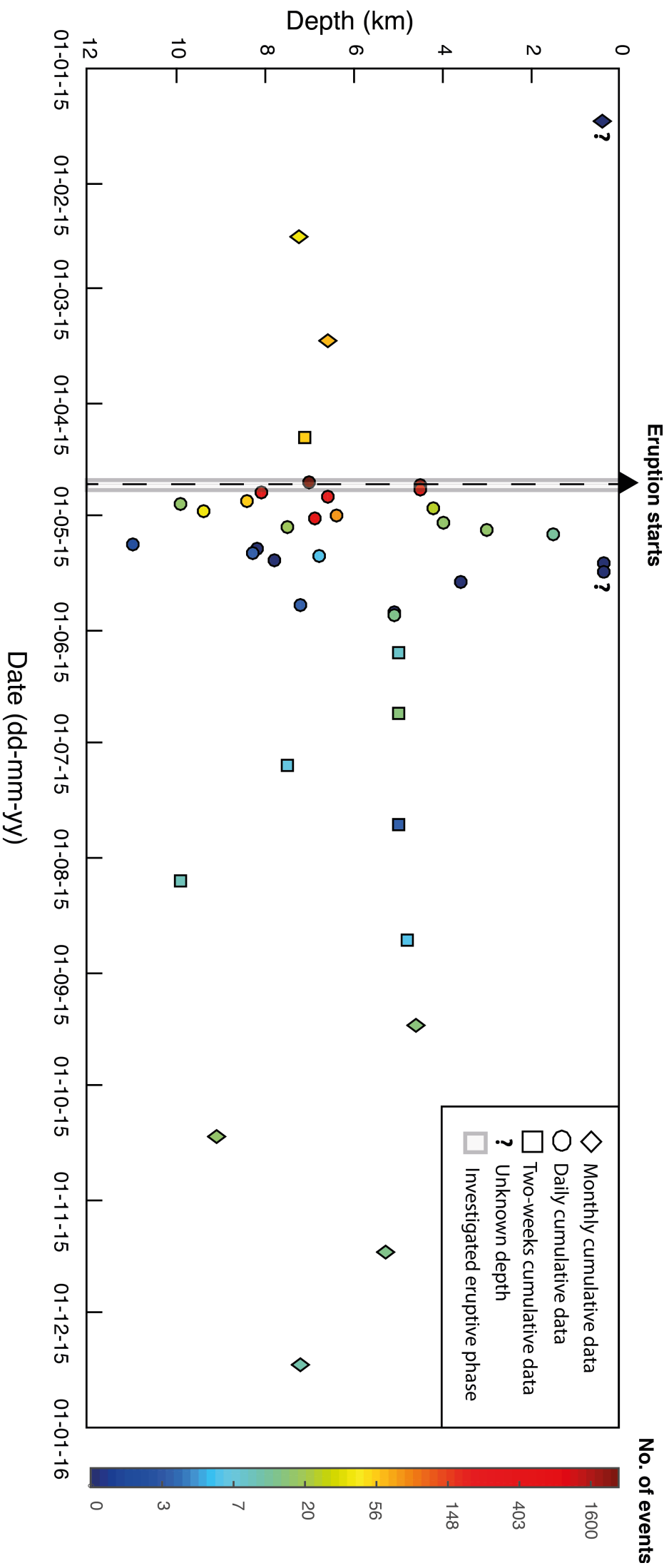


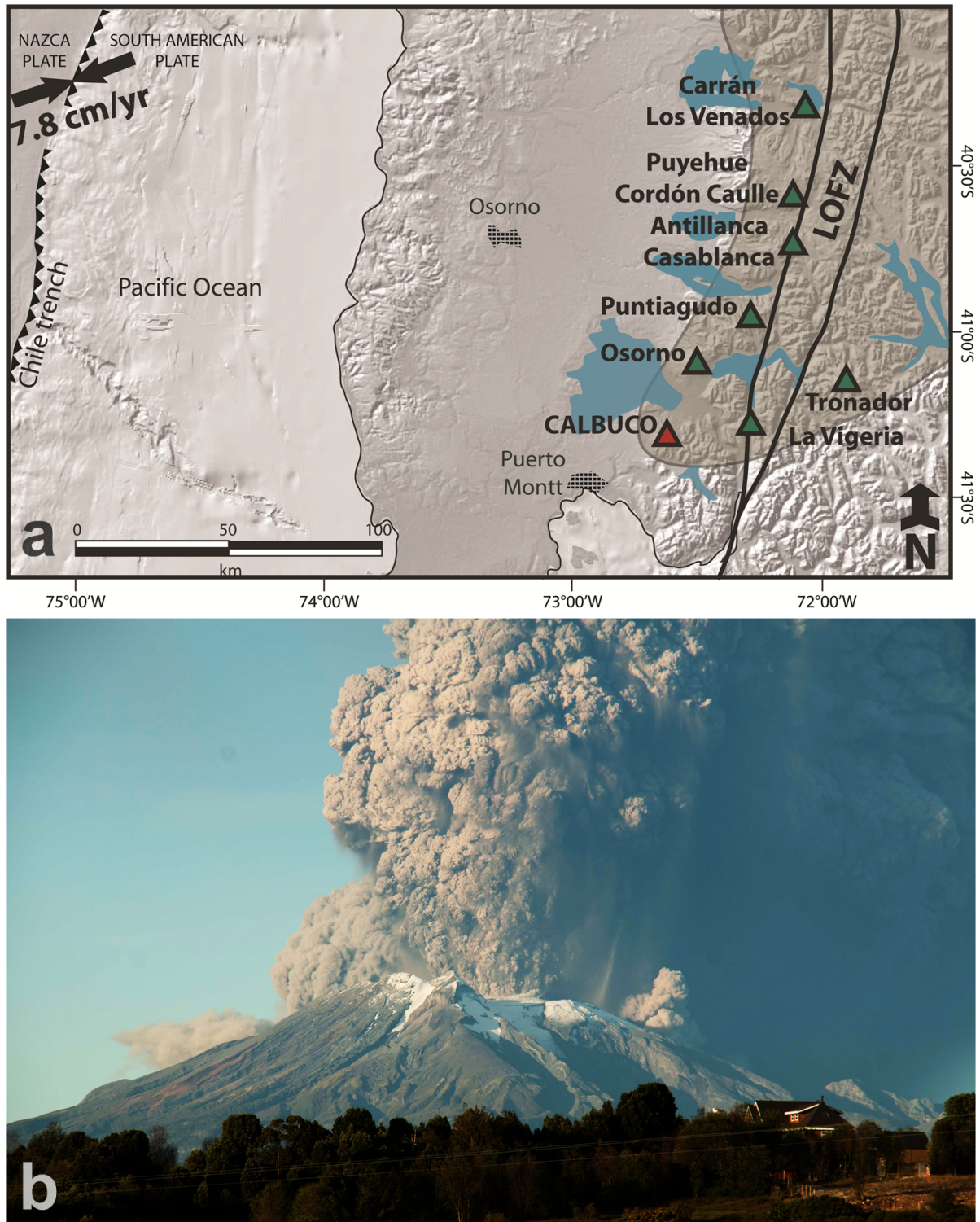












Supplementary Figure 1. Calbuco volcano located in the Southern Andes of Chile. (a) Location map of Calbuco volcano (red triangle) and major tectonic features such as the Chile trench and Liquiñe-Ofqui Fault Zone (LOFZ) are reported together with other stratovolcanoes (green triangles). The 5 mm isopach of the 2015 eruption (Romero et al., 2016) is represented by the brown shadow, showing the areal distribution of the tephra fall deposit. Major cities are indicated as gridded polygons. (b) Photograph of Calbuco volcano during the 22 April 2015 eruption (first pulse) as seen from the southwest (photograph by Roger Smith).

Table 1: Crystal fraction of Calbuco scoriae of the DF10 proximal deposit.

Sample	Texture with crystals >250 μm			Groundmass with crystals <250 μm			Total phases			
	ϕPl	ϕPx (Opx+Cpx)	$\phi\text{Ti-Mag}$	ϕPl microlite	ϕPx microlite	ϕgl	ϕPl	ϕPx (Opx+Cpx)	$\phi\text{Ti-Mag}$	ϕgl
DF10A	0.24	0.09	0.01	0.21	0.04	0.40	0.46	0.14	0.01	0.40
DF10B	0.24	0.09	0.01	0.19	0.03	0.44	0.43	0.12	0.01	0.44
DF10C	0.23	0.07	0.01	0.17	<<0.01	0.52	0.40	0.07	0.01	0.52
DF10D	0.27	0.07	0.01	0.20	0.04	0.40	0.47	0.11	0.01	0.40

note: the crystal fraction (ϕ) of each phase is calculated on a vesicle-free basis. Texture with crystals >200 μm includes phenocrysts (generally from ~250 to ~1500 μm). Groundmass with crystals <250 μm includes microlites (from 1 to ~250 μm) and patches of glass (residual melt). In the groundmass $\phi\text{Ti-Mag}$ is <<0.01. The crystal fraction of olivine crystals is <0.01 and it is included in ϕPx . Pl: plagioclase; Px: pyroxene; Opx: orthopyroxene; Cpx: clinopyroxene; Ti-Mag: titanomagnetite; gl: glass.

Supplementary Table 1. Crystal size distribution (CSD) parameters and residence times of Calbuco rocks from CSD measurements.

Sample	Intercept (mm ⁻⁴) ^a	Slope (mm ⁻¹) ^a	t _r min (h)	t _r mean (h)	t _r max (h)	t _r max (days)
unit A-250 μm<Plg<1500 μm	4.62	-3.81	20	175	5608	234
unit A - 25 μm<Plg<250 μm	7.48	-12.44	6	54	1718	72
unit A - 1 μm<Plg<15 μm	13.7	-319.85	0.2	2	67	3
unit B - 250 μm<Plg<1500 μm	4.55	-4.04	19	165	5289	220
unit B - 25 μm<Plg<250 μm	8.38	-12.90	6	52	1656	69
unit B - 1 μm<Plg<15 μm	15.82	-221.69	0.3	3	96	4
unit C - 250 μm<Plg<1500 μm	4.39	-4.03	19	165	5302	221
unit C - 25 μm<Plg<250 μm	8.73	-17.95	4	37	1190	50
unit D - 250 μm<Plg<1500 μm	4.62	-3.91	19	170	5465	228
unit D - 25 μm<Plg<250 μm	9.83	-21.72	3	31	984	41
<i>Experimental growth rates</i>			<i>SH2013 (mm/h)</i>	<i>SH2013 (mm/h)</i>	<i>Ag2013- Ar2015 (mm/h)</i>	
			<i>1.32E-02</i>	<i>1.50E-03</i>	<i>3.96E-05</i>	

Note: ^aIntercept and slope were calculated from a linear regression of the population density distributions, which are derived by CSD Corrections 1.6 program (Higgins 2000, 2002). Residence times (t_r) are calculated through the equation: t_r = (-1/growth rate × slope). The minimum, mean and maximum residence times are t_r min, t_r mean and t_r max, respectively. Crystal growth rates obtained from Shea and Hammer (2013; *SH2013*) are used to estimate the minimum and the mean residence times. The maximum residence time is obtained considering the slowest growth rates estimated from Agostini et al. (2013; *Ag2013*) and Arzilli et al. (2015; *Ar2015*) in order to take into account the crystallization kinetics of plagioclase phenocrysts and zonations. Growth rates obtained from experiments are italicized.

Supplementary Table 5. Pre-eruptive temperatures calculated using geothermometers (Putirka, 2008) and the hygrometer-thermometer (Waters and Lange, 2015).

Geothermometer clinopyroxene-liquid

Unit of the tephra fall deposit	Cpx-liquid geothermometer	H ₂ O (wt.%)	Eqn. 33 (°C)	K _D (Fe-Mg) 0.28±0.08
unit A	MI - Cpx	5.5	975-985	0.26
unit A	MI - Cpx	6.5	964-974	0.26
unit B	MI - Cpx	5.5	973-985	0.26
unit B	MI - Cpx	6.5	961-973	0.26
unit C	MI - Cpx	5.5	973-988	0.25 -0.26
unit C	MI - Cpx	6.5	962-977	0.25 – 0.26
unit D	MI - Cpx	5.5	974-977	0.26
unit D	MI - Cpx	6.5	963-966	0.26

Note: equilibrium temperatures have been calculated using the clinopyroxene-liquid geothermometer of Putirka (2008). For the estimation of temperature Eqn. 33 (Putirka, 2008) has been used. The maximum amount of water dissolved in pyroxene- and plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions (5.5 wt.% and 6.5 wt.% of H₂O respectively; Fig. 9a) was used to test clinopyroxene phenocrysts against plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions (MI) compositions. Test for equilibrium is based on Fe-Mg exchange coefficients. The Fe-Mg exchange coefficients yield $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{\text{Cpx-liq}} = 0.28 \pm 0.08$ (Putirka, 2008). The Putirka (2008) thermometer model (Equation 33) predicts temperature to within ± 48 °C.

Geothermometer orthopyroxene-liquid

Unit of the tephra fall deposit	Opx-liquid geothermometer	H ₂ O (wt.%)	Eqn. 28b (°C)	K _D (Fe-Mg) (0.29±0.06)
unit A	MI - Opx	5.5	984-987	0.24 - 0.31
unit A	MI - Opx	6.5	970-974	0.24 - 0.31
unit B	MI - Opx	5.5	984-987	0.26 - 0.28
unit B	MI - Opx	6.5	970-974	0.26 - 0.28
unit C	MI - Opx	5.5	984-987	0.28 - 0.30
unit C	MI - Opx	6.5	970-974	0.28 - 0.30
unit D	MI - Opx	5.5	984-987	0.24 - 0.27
unit D	MI - Opx	6.5	970-974	0.24 - 0.27

Note: equilibrium temperature have been calculated using the orthopyroxene-liquid geothermometer (Putirka, 2008). The maximum amount of water dissolved in pyroxene- and plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions (5.5 wt.% and 6.5 wt.% of H₂O respectively; Fig. 9a) was used to test orthopyroxene phenocrysts against plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions (MI) compositions. Test for equilibrium is based on Fe-Mg exchange coefficients. The Fe-Mg exchange coefficients yield $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{\text{Opx-liq}} = 0.29 \pm 0.06$ (Putirka, 2008). The Putirka (2008) thermometer model (Equation 28b) predicts temperature to within ± 48 °C.

Geothermometer plagioclase-liquid

Unit of the tephra fall deposit	Pl-liquid geothermometer	H ₂ O (wt.%)	Eqn. 23 (°C)	$K_D(\text{Ab-An})_{T<1050}$ (0.10±0.05)
unit A	MI- Pl phenocrysts (core)	5.5	962-963	0.06
unit A	MI- Pl phenocrysts (core)	6.5	929-9630	0.056
unit A	MI- Pl microlite	6.5	915-926	0.11 - 0.12
unit A	RM- Pl microlite	6.5	900-902	0.08 - 0.09
unit B	MI- Pl phenocrysts (core)	5.5	961-963	0.06 - 0.08
unit B	MI- Pl phenocrysts (core)	6.5	929-931	0.06- 0.08
unit C	MI- Pl phenocrysts (core)	5.5	962-963	0.06 - 0.08
unit C	MI- Pl phenocrysts (core)	6.5	930-931	0.06 - 0.08
unit D	MI - Pl phenocrysts (core)	5.5	959-963	0.07 - 0.10
unit D	MI - Pl phenocrysts (core)	6.5	927-930	0.07 - 0.10

Note: equilibrium temperatures have been calculated using the plagioclase-liquid geothermometer (Putirka, 2008). The maximum amount of water dissolved in pyroxene- and plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions (5.5 wt.% and 6.5 wt.% of H₂O respectively; Fig. 9a) was used to test plagioclase phenocrysts against MI compositions. The maximum amount of water dissolved in plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions (6.5 wt.% H₂O; Fig. 9a) was used to test plagioclase microlites against residual melt (RM) compositions. Test for equilibrium is based on Ab-An exchange coefficients. The Ab-An exchange coefficients yield $K_D(\text{Ab-An})^{\text{Pl-liq}} = 0.10 \pm 0.05$ ($T < 1050$ °C) (Putirka, 2008). The cores of Pl phenocrysts (An_{78-93}) are in equilibrium with the less evolved MI compositions. Plagioclase microlites (An_{63-70}) are in equilibrium with the residual melt (RM) compositions. The Putirka (2008) thermometer model (Equations 23 and 24a) predicts temperature to within ± 48 °C.

Hygrometer-thermometer plagioclase-liquid

Unit of the tephra fall deposit	Liquid-Pl	H ₂ O (wt.%)	An (mol.%)	T (°C)
unit A	MI - Pl (C)	5.5 - 6.1	84 - 93	920 - 940
unit B	MI - Pl (C)	5.5 - 6.0	85 - 88	910 - 930
unit C	MI - Pl (C)	5.4 - 6.1	84 - 90	900 - 940
unit D	MI - Pl (C)	5.6 - 5.7	85 - 88	920 - 930

Note: equilibrium temperatures have been calculated using the hygrometer-thermometer plagioclase-liquid (Waters and Lange, 2015). The maximum amount of water dissolved in pyroxene- and plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions (5.5 wt.% and 6.5 wt.% of H₂O respectively; Fig. 9a) was used to test plagioclase phenocrysts against plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions (MI) compositions. The cores (C) of Pl phenocrysts (An₈₄₋₉₃) are in equilibrium with the less evolved MI compositions at temperatures between 900 and 940 °C, where the amount of H₂O ranges from 5.4 to 6.1 wt. %. Application of the hygrometer model as a thermometer recovers temperatures to within ±12 °C, on average.

Supplementary Table 6. Rhyolite-MELTS simulations to investigate the pre-eruptive conditions of the Calbuco eruption.

<i>Crystal fraction of Calbuco samples</i>						
Crystals	Ox	Px (Opx-Cpx)	Pl (core)	Pl (core + overgrowth rim)	Pl (core + overgrowth rim + blocky microlites)	
Crystal fraction (ϕ)	0.01	0.07 - 0.09	0.10 - 0.14	0.23 - 0.27	0.33 - 0.37	

<i>Rhyolite-MELTS simulations</i>							
T (°C)	P (MPa)	H ₂ O (wt.%)	ϕ Ox	ϕ Opx	ϕ Cpx	ϕ Pl	
900	320	6.45	0.03	0.1	0.02	0.27	
900	310	6.35	0.03	0.1	0.02	0.28	
900	300	6.25	0.03	0.1	0.02	0.29	
900	290	6.1	0.03	0.1	0.02	0.3	
900	280	6	0.03	0.1	0.02	0.31	
900	270	5.9	0.03	0.1	0.02	0.31	
900	260	5.8	0.04	0.1	0.02	0.32	
900	250	5.7	0.04	0.1	0.02	0.33	
900	240	5.6	0.04	0.1	0.02	0.34	
900	230	5.5	0.04	0.11	0.02	0.35	
910	320	6.45	0.03	0.09	0.02	0.23	
910	310	6.35	0.03	0.09	0.02	0.24	
910	300	6.25	0.03	0.09	0.02	0.25	
910	290	6.1	0.03	0.1	0.02	0.26	
910	280	6	0.03	0.1	0.01	0.27	
910	270	5.9	0.03	0.1	0.01	0.28	
910	260	5.8	0.04	0.1	0.01	0.29	
910	250	5.7	0.04	0.1	0.01	0.30	
910	240	5.6	0.04	0.1	0.01	0.31	
910	230	5.5	0.04	0.1	0.01	0.32	
920	320	6.45	0.03	0.08	0.02	0.19	
920	310	6.35	0.03	0.08	0.02	0.21	
920	300	6.25	0.03	0.08	0.02	0.22	
920	290	6.1	0.03	0.08	0.01	0.23	
920	280	6	0.03	0.09	0.01	0.24	
920	270	5.9	0.03	0.09	0.01	0.25	
920	260	5.8	0.04	0.09	0.01	0.26	
920	250	5.7	0.04	0.09	0.01	0.27	
920	240	5.6	0.04	0.09	0.01	0.28	
920	230	5.5	0.04	0.09	0.01	0.29	
930	320	6.45	0.03	0.07	0.02	0.16	
930	310	6.35	0.03	0.07	0.02	0.17	
930	300	6.25	0.03	0.07	0.02	0.18	
930	290	6.1	0.03	0.07	0.01	0.19	
930	280	6	0.03	0.07	0.01	0.20	
930	270	5.9	0.03	0.08	0.01	0.21	
930	260	5.8	0.03	0.08	0.01	0.22	
930	250	5.7	0.03	0.08	0.01	0.23	
930	240	5.6	0.03	0.08	0.01	0.25	
930	230	5.5	0.04	0.08	0.01	0.26	
940	320	6.45	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.11	
940	310	6.35	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.12	
940	300	6.25	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.13	
940	290	6.1	0.03	0.06	0.01	0.14	
940	280	6	0.03	0.06	0.01	0.15	
940	270	5.9	0.03	0.06	0.01	0.17	
940	260	5.8	0.03	0.06	0.01	0.18	
940	250	5.7	0.04	0.07	0.01	0.19	
940	240	5.6	0.04	0.07	0.01	0.21	
940	230	5.5	0.04	0.07	0.01	0.22	

950	320	6.45	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.10
950	310	6.35	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.10
950	300	6.25	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.10
950	290	6.1	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.10
950	280	6	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.11
950	270	5.9	0.03	0.05	0.01	0.12
950	260	5.8	0.03	0.05	0.01	0.13
950	250	5.7	0.03	0.05	0.01	0.15
950	240	5.6	0.04	0.06	0.01	0.17
950	230	5.5	0.04	0.06	0.01	0.18
960	320	6.45	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.07
960	310	6.35	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.07
960	300	6.25	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.07
960	290	6.1	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.07
960	280	6	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.07
960	270	5.9	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.07
960	260	5.8	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.09
960	250	5.7	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.11
960	240	5.6	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.12
960	230	5.5	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.13
970	320	6.45	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04
970	310	6.35	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04
970	300	6.25	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.04
970	290	6.1	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.04
970	280	6	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.05
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970	260	5.8	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.05
970	250	5.7	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.05
970	240	5.6	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.07
970	230	5.5	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.08

Note: Pre-eruptive conditions of the Calbuco magma reservoir have been calculated using Rhyolite-MELTS software (Ghiorso et al. 2012; Ghiorso and Gualda, 2015). The range of temperatures obtained from thermometers (Supplementary Table 5) was used together with the maximum amount of H₂O measured in MIs (5.5 to 6.5 wt.% of H₂O; Supplementary Table 4). The bulk rock composition was used for the simulations (Supplementary Table 2). Pre-eruptive pressures and temperatures were constrained by obtaining the same mineral assemblage and phenocryst volume fraction of natural samples. Rhyolite-MELTS simulations show that the observed crystal fraction of oxide, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene and plagioclase cores were formed at 260-320 MPa and temperatures between 940 and 950 °C (bold blue). Considering also the plagioclase overgrowth rims and blocky microlites, the pre-eruptive pressures predicted from Rhyolite-MELTS range between 230 and 320 MPa, whereas temperature ranges between 900 and 950 °C (bold red).

Supplementary Table 7: Mass balance calculation.

	Bulk composition	Residual melt	Residuals	Removed mineral phases	Amount of subtracted mineral phases (wt.%)	Total amount of subtracted phases (wt.%)	Sum of the squares of residuals
SiO ₂	55.74	64.95	0.213	Plagioclase	67.07	53.13	0.67
TiO ₂	0.88	1.37	0.233	Orthopyroxene	19.97		
Al ₂ O ₃	18.23	14.59	0.153	Clinopyroxene	7.25		
FeO	8.22	7.25	0.134	Ti-Magnetite	5.71		
MnO	0.13	0.14	0.012				
MgO	4.07	1.52	0.005				
CaO	7.64	4.00	0.080				
Na ₂ O	4.17	4.54	-0.718				
K ₂ O	0.75	1.29	-0.109				
P ₂ O ₅	0.18	0.35	-0.000				
Total	100	100					

Note: results of mass balance calculation were obtained using the method of Stormer and Nicholls (1978). For the bulk rock composition was chosen one of the less evolved composition analyzed in the unit D (DF2D_ ves; Supplementary Table 2). The matrix glass is one of the most evolved melt analyzed in the unit D. Results of mass balance calculation show that the melt differentiation is a possible process in the Calbuco magma. For the calculation we used the least squares mass balance (Stormer and Nicholls, 1978) option in the PetroGraph software (Petrelli et al., 2005).

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