

# Sulphur Behaviour and Redox Conditions in Etnean Magmas during Magma Differentiation and Degassing

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## ABSTRACT

Sulphur behaviour and variations in redox conditions during magma differentiation and degassing in the Mt Etna (Italy) volcanic system have been explored by integrating the study of olivine-hosted melt inclusions (MIs) with an experimental survey of sulphur solubility in hydrous basaltic magmas. Sulphur solubility experiments were performed at conditions relevant to the Etnean plumbing system (1200 °C, 200 MPa and oxygen fugacity between  $\text{NNO} + 0.2$  and  $\text{NNO} + 1.7$ , with  $\text{NNO}$  being the nickel–nickel oxide buffer), and their results confirm the important control of oxygen fugacity ( $f\text{O}_2$ ) on S abundance in mafic magmas and on S partitioning between fluid and melt phases ( $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$ ). The observed  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  value increases from  $51 \pm 4$  to  $146 \pm 6$  when  $f\text{O}_2$  decreases from  $\text{NNO} + 1.7 \pm 0.5$  to  $\text{NNO} + 0.3$ . Based on the calculated  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  and a careful selection of previously published data, an empirical model is proposed for basaltic magmas to predict the variation of  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  values with variations in  $P$  (25–300 MPa),  $T$  (1030–1200 °C) and  $f\text{O}_2$  (between  $\text{NNO} - 0.8$  and  $\text{NNO} + 2.4$ ). Olivine-hosted melt inclusions ( $\text{Fo}_{89-91}$ ) from tephra of the prehistoric (4 ka BP) sub-plinian picritic eruption, named FS ('Fall Stratified'), have been investigated for their major element compositions, volatile contents and iron speciation (expressed as  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratio). These primitive MIs present S content from  $235 \pm 77$  to  $3445 \pm 168$  ppm, and oxygen fugacity values, estimated from  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios, range from  $\text{NNO} + 0.7 \pm 0.2$  to  $\text{NNO} + 1.6 \pm 0.2$ . Iron speciation has also been investigated in more evolved and volatile-poorer Etnean MIs. The only primitive melt inclusion from the Mt Spagnolo eruption (4–15 ka BP) presents a S content of  $1515 \pm 49$  ppm and an estimated  $f\text{O}_2$  of  $\text{NNO} + 1.4 \pm 0.1$ . The more evolved MIs (from 2002–2003, 2006, 2008–2009 and 2013 eruptions) have S content lower than 500 ppm, and their  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios result in  $f\text{O}_2$  between  $\text{NNO} - 0.9 \pm 0.1$  and  $\text{NNO} + 0.4 \pm 0.1$ . Redox conditions and S behaviour in Etnean magmas during degassing and fractional crystallization were modelled coupling MELTS code with our empirical  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  model. Starting from an FS-type magma composition and upon decrease of  $T$  and  $P$ , fractional crystallization of olivine, clinopyroxene, spinel and plagioclase causes a significant  $f\text{O}_2$  decrease. The  $f\text{O}_2$  reduction, in turn, causes a decrease in sulphur solubility and an increase in  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$ , promoting S exsolution during magma ascent, which further enhances the reduction of  $f\text{O}_2$ . For the evolved MIs of 2002–2013 eruptions, magma differentiation may therefore have played a crucial role in decreasing redox conditions and favouring efficient S degassing. Differently, during the unusual FS eruption, only limited melt evolution is observed and S exsolution seems to have been triggered by a major pressure decrease accompanied by  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  exsolution during fast magmatic ascent.

**Key words:** melt inclusions; Mt Etna; redox conditions; sulphur solubility experiments; XANES  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$

## INTRODUCTION

Volatile components play a key role in volcanic systems, affecting magma evolution and degassing and therefore ascent dynamics (e.g. Wallace & Edmonds, 2011).  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  are the most abundant volatile components in magmas, followed by S components (principally  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ) and halogens (mainly Cl, F).

S components generally receive particular attention because of their significant impact on atmospheric chemistry (e.g. Wallace & Edmonds, 2011) and Earth's average temperature (e.g. Robock, 2000). Indeed, sulphur released in the stratosphere during explosive volcanic eruptions, mainly as  $\text{SO}_2$  (Oppenheimer, 2003), forms sulphate aerosols, which may backscatter the incoming solar radiation, causing atmospheric cooling that may persist for months or years, as observed, for example, during and after the eruptions of Mt Pinatubo (1991, e.g. Guo *et al.*, 2004), Laki (1783–1784, e.g. Thordarson & Self, 2003), Tambora (1816, e.g. Cole-Dai *et al.*, 2009), Samalas (1257, e.g. Vidal *et al.*, 2016), and Krakatoa (1883, e.g. Robock, 2000, and references therein).

In magmatic systems, the behaviour of sulphur is complex as it is linked to a multiplicity of parameters such as melt and volatile phase compositions, pressure, temperature, and redox conditions. Several experimental investigations have focused on the solubility of sulphur in hydrous silicic melts (e.g. Carroll & Rutherford, 1985, 1987; Luhr, 1990; Carroll & Webster, 1994; Botcharnikov *et al.*, 2004; Clemente *et al.*, 2004; Webster & Botcharnikov, 2011; Binder *et al.*, 2018) and in hydrous basaltic melts (e.g. Luhr, 1990; Liu *et al.*, 2007; Moune *et al.*, 2009; Beermann *et al.*, 2011, 2015; Lesne *et al.*, 2015). These studies showed that sulphur solubility in silicate melts is influenced by melt composition and oxygen fugacity ( $f\text{O}_2$ ). Melt polymerization is, for instance, an important parameter controlling the solubility of sulphur-bearing minerals (Masotta & Keppler, 2015) and the fluid–melt partitioning of sulphur (Masotta *et al.*, 2016). Moreover, for a fixed composition, a decrease of temperature and pressure leads to a decrease in S solubility (e.g. Beermann *et al.*, 2011, 2015; Lesne *et al.*, 2011a; Webster & Botcharnikov, 2011).

The principal difficulty in constraining S behaviour in hydrous basaltic melts and, particularly, sulphur partitioning between the fluid phase and the silicate melt, is to evaluate its speciation as a function of the redox conditions. Experimental determinations clearly show that (1) sulphur dissolves in the melt primarily as sulphide species ( $\text{S}^{2-}$ ) under reduced redox conditions, and mainly as sulphate species ( $\text{S}^{6+}$ ) in more oxidized redox conditions (e.g. Fincham *et al.*, 1954; Carroll & Rutherford, 1985, 1988), and (2) sulphate species are

significantly more soluble than sulphide ones (e.g. Carroll & Rutherford, 1985, 1987; Luhr, 1990; Jugo *et al.*, 2005; Beermann *et al.*, 2011, 2015; Botcharnikov *et al.*, 2011). The transition from sulphide- to sulphate-dominated systems occurs over a narrow  $f\text{O}_2$  interval, roughly from  $\text{NNO}-0.5$  to  $\text{NNO}+1.5$  (Wallace & Carmichael, 1994; Jugo *et al.*, 2005; Jugo, 2009), where NNO represents the nickel–nickel oxide buffer, which is calculated through the equilibrium expression of Frost (1991) and is about 0.6 log units above the  $f\text{O}_2$  of the fayalite–magnetite–quartz (FMQ) buffer at the considered pressures and temperatures. Such redox conditions correspond to the  $f\text{O}_2$  conditions prevailing in magmas from arcs (Parkinson & Arculus, 1999) back-arcs, island-arcs and oceanic islands (Ballhaus, 1993; Moussallam *et al.*, 2019).

Melt inclusions (MIs) represent a crucial tool to provide information on the compositions and S content of primitive magmas (e.g. Métrich & Clocchiatti, 1989; Kamenetsky & Clocchiatti, 1996; Métrich *et al.*, 2004; Spilliaert *et al.*, 2006a; Kamenetsky *et al.*, 2007; Collins *et al.*, 2009; Schiavi *et al.*, 2015; Corsaro & Métrich, 2016; Moretti *et al.*, 2018; Gennaro *et al.*, 2019; Salem *et al.*, 2019). Olivine-hosted MIs can be used to investigate the  $f\text{O}_2$  of their source region and to evaluate the redox variations of magmas during ascent and differentiation (e.g. Cottrell & Kelley, 2011; Kelley & Cottrell, 2012; Moussallam *et al.*, 2014, 2016; Hartley *et al.*, 2017).

Mt Etna (Italy) was chosen as a case study, because of the association of S-rich basaltic magmas (up to >4000 ppm S, Moretti *et al.*, 2018; Gennaro *et al.*, 2019) and high  $\text{SO}_2$  fluxes (50 000 t in 2014, D'Aleo *et al.*, 2016). The available estimations of the redox conditions of this magmatic system vary from NNO to  $\text{NNO}+1.8$ : phase equilibrium experiments on hawaiitic compositions (Mt Maletto, 1983 and 1991–1993 eruptions; e.g. Trigila *et al.*, 1990; Armienti *et al.*, 1994; Métrich & Rutherford, 1998) suggest  $f\text{O}_2$  of  $\sim\text{NNO}$ ; Cr-spinel and Fe–Ti oxides compositions in primitive basaltic compositions (Mt Spagnolo and 2001 eruptions; Kamenetsky & Clocchiatti, 1996; Kahl *et al.*, 2011) indicate  $f\text{O}_2$  varying between NNO and  $\text{NNO}+1.8$ ; S speciation in melt inclusions (from 1989–1990, 2001, 'Fall Stratified' (FS) and Mt Spagnolo eruptions; Métrich & Clocchiatti, 1996; Métrich *et al.*, 2009; Morizet *et al.*, 2017) suggests  $f\text{O}_2$  between  $\text{NNO}+0.3$  and  $\text{NNO}+1$ .

To improve the knowledge of S behaviour and redox conditions of Etnean magmas during differentiation and degassing, we couple the study of natural olivine-hosted MIs with an experimental investigation of S solubility in Etnean hydrous alkali basalts.

We highlight how magma differentiation affects redox conditions and sulphur degassing of Etnean

magmas, explaining the variations from the most primitive MIs entrapped at depths >10 km below sea level (bsl) inside the plumbing system to the shallower and evolved MIs.

## GEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND OF MT ETNA

Mt Etna is a basaltic, persistently active stratovolcano, situated on the boundary of the colliding African and European plates, close to the Aeolian subduction area (e.g. [Clocchiatti et al., 1998](#); [Branca et al., 2011](#)). The activity started ~500 ka BP as a submarine volcano evolving toward an effusive–explosive aerial volcano. Subaerial activity of Mt Etna presents extremely variable styles, from effusive to highly explosive and caldera-forming (e.g. [Branca et al., 2011](#)). The last stage of Etnean volcanism (recent Mongibello, 3–5 ka, [Branca et al., 2011](#)) was marked by the alternation of lateral, eccentric or DDF ('Deep Dike Feed', [Corsaro et al., 2009](#)) activity producing primitive magmas, and central and/or sub-terminal eruptions with the emission of more evolved magmas. Among the DDF eruptions, the most studied is the highly explosive (sub-plinian) Fall Stratified (FS) eruption, which occurred 4 ka BP ([Coltelli et al., 2005](#)) and was characterized by an uncommon picritic magma.

By contrary, the majority of Etnean rocks have more evolved trachybasaltic compositions, and were erupted during either strombolian and paroxysmal activity at the summit craters (lava fountains and associated lava flows), or effusive to explosive flank eruptions, concurrently with the release of huge amounts of volatiles in the atmosphere ([Aiuppa et al., 2008](#)). Indeed, Mt Etna is an important emitter of volatiles in the atmosphere, with an estimated average total flux of ~21 000 t day<sup>-1</sup> during the 2005–2006 eruptive period ([Aiuppa et al., 2008](#)). Among the major volatile species (H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>, S species), SO<sub>2</sub> is probably the most accurately measured in the Etnean plume ([McGonigle et al., 2003](#); [Aiuppa et al., 2005, 2008](#); [Salerno et al., 2009](#); [D'Aleo et al., 2016](#); [Delle Donne et al., 2019](#)). [D'Aleo et al. \(2016\)](#) estimated up to ~50 000 t of SO<sub>2</sub> during the 2014 eruption, and important SO<sub>2</sub> fluxes are observed also during non-eruptive periods (~3563 t day<sup>-1</sup>; [Salerno et al., 2009](#)). However, these high SO<sub>2</sub> emissions are not fully constrained in terms of S origin and S behaviour during magma ascent and evolution.

Also strongly debated is the geochemical variability (e.g. increase of alkali, mainly K<sub>2</sub>O, and radiogenic elements) in the recent Etnean magmas, as observed from isotopic and elemental geochemical data on rocks and melt inclusions (e.g. [Correale et al., 2014](#); [Schiavi et al., 2015](#); [Corsaro & Métrich, 2016](#); [Di Renzo et al., 2019](#); [Gennaro et al., 2019](#); and references therein). For example, the post-1971 enrichment in alkalis (K, Rb, Cs) and radiogenic Sr and B elements (e.g. [Armienti et al., 2004](#); [Métrich et al., 2004](#); [Allard et al., 2006](#); [Ferlito & Lanzafame, 2010](#)) has been ascribed alternatively to (1) the interaction between an ocean island basalt (OIB)

type (or HIMU-type) mantle source and an enriched component (EM1), corresponding to a slab-modified mantle or to (2) the mixing between mantle-derived magmas and a K- and Si-enriched melt ([Schiano & Clocchiatti, 1994](#)). On the other hand, [Gennaro et al. \(2019\)](#) proposed that part of the variability of major elements and volatiles observed in the Etnean magmas of the last 15 kyr could be ascribed to differentiation processes of a primitive FS-type magma, occasionally accompanied by secondary source-related and/or crustal processes.

## SAMPLES AND METHODS

### Etnean melt inclusions

Eleven olivine-hosted MIs from tephra of the FS sub-plinian DDF eruption were characterized for their chemical compositions and volatile contents, as well as Fe speciation.

FS tephra spreads mostly on the east and north flanks of the Etnean volcano, reaching a maximum thickness of 110 cm 7 km away from the summit craters. This rock (phenocrysts ≤10 vol%) has a picro-basaltic composition (MgO 17 wt%, [Gennaro et al., 2019](#)), and contains euhedral Fo<sub>89–91</sub> olivine (up to ~5 mm in size), subhedral clinopyroxene and rare Cr-spinel, as microphenocrysts and/or included in olivine (e.g. [Kamenetsky et al., 2007](#); [Correale et al., 2014](#); [Corsaro & Métrich, 2016](#); [Gennaro et al., 2019](#)).

The MIs from FS products have already been characterized for their chemical compositions and volatile contents ([Kamenetsky et al., 2007](#); [Corsaro & Métrich, 2016](#); [Gennaro et al., 2019](#)). They are highly primitive (up to 12 wt% MgO) and show particularly high volatile contents, with H<sub>2</sub>O up to 6 wt%, CO<sub>2</sub> up to >5000 ppm, S up to 3550 ppm, and Cl up to >3000 ppm. Entrapment depths calculated from H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> contents range between 2 and 16 km bsl ([Gennaro et al., 2019](#)), indicating that FS MIs are probably the most representative samples of the redox state of deep and primitive magmas.

To constrain the redox state of shallower and more evolved magmas, some olivine-hosted MIs from Mt Spagnolo (~4–15 ka BP), 2002–2003, 2006, 2008 and 2013 eruptions, previously analysed by [Gennaro et al. \(2019\)](#), have been also investigated by XANES spectroscopy. Unfortunately, only few MIs were analysable: one MI from Mt Spagnolo lava, two from 2002–2003 tephra, one from 2006 tephra, two from 2008–2009 tephra, and three from 2013 lavas, the last emitted during a paroxysmal event that contributed to produce the new South-East crater.

Mt Spagnolo lavas, produced by a DDF eruption, are located about 6 km NW of the central crater. Mt Spagnolo products present primitive characteristics; that is, high CaO/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> up to unity, olivine with Fo<sub>74–89</sub>, presence of Cr-spinel, and high Sr content and <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios (e.g. [Armienti et al., 1988](#); [Kamenetsky & Clocchiatti, 1996](#); [Correale et al., 2014](#); [Gennaro et al., 2019](#)).

**Table 1:** Chemical composition of Mt Spagnolo anhydrous starting glass

oxide	wt%	±*
SiO <sub>2</sub>	48.91	0.38
TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.44	0.13
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	14.09	0.39
FeO	9.30	0.40
MnO	0.17	0.10
MgO	9.29	0.57
CaO	11.61	0.15
Na <sub>2</sub> O	3.36	0.20
K <sub>2</sub> O	1.27	0.10
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.60	0.13
Total	100.03	0.67

Oxides composition obtained by electron microprobe (EMP) analysis. 'FeO' is the total iron as FeO.

\*Standard deviation (1σ) calculated from 149 analysed points on two chips of the starting glass prepared in the same way (see main text for details) on two different days.

The 2002–2003 eruption was a DDF eruption, occurring along both the south and the north rift (eastward to the central craters), producing rocks with basaltic (around south rift) to evolved trachybasalt composition (e.g. Spilliaert *et al.*, 2006a, 2006b). The MIs investigated for Fe speciation are from tephra sampled along the south rift (and thus named '2002S', Gennaro *et al.*, 2019). The other investigated MIs are from tephra produced during the eruptions of 2006 (sub-terminal activity near the South-East crater), from bombs produced during intense explosions that occurred in the North-East crater in 2008–2009, and from lava emitted during a paroxysm that occurred at the New South-East crater in 2013 (Gennaro *et al.*, 2019). These trachybasalts have more evolved compositions with respect of 2002S and all Mt Spagnolo and FS rocks (e.g. Gennaro *et al.*, 2019).

### Experimental methods

The starting material was prepared from the Mt Spagnolo lava, which is one of the most primitive basalts known to have erupted at Mt Etna (e.g. Kamenetsky & Clocchiatti, 1996; Correale *et al.*, 2014; Gennaro *et al.*, 2019). The rock was finely ground, melted in a Pt crucible at 1400 °C and 1 atm for 3 h, and rapidly quenched to produce a degassed crystal- and bubble-free starting glass (composition given in Table 1).

The experiments were carried out in a vertically operating internally heated pressure vessel (IHPV) at the Institut des Sciences de la Terre d'Orléans (ISTO, France). Platinum capsules (2.5 mm inner diameter, 0.2 mm wall thickness, 20 mm length) were used as containers. Compared with other metals and alloys such as AuPd or Pd (Pichavant *et al.*, 2006; Lesne, 2008; Le Gall, 2015), Pt is preferred for experiments performed at temperatures higher than 1050 °C and is less reactive with sulphur. It forms Fe–Pt sulphides at the capsule rim that generally lower the Fe content of the melts during experiment. We compensated for iron loss to the Pt capsule by adding variable amounts of FeO (0–6 wt%;

Table 2) to the starting glass (Brugier *et al.*, 2015; Le Gall, 2015), while limiting the run duration as much as possible.

About 50 mg of powdered starting glass were loaded into Pt capsules, together with variable amounts of FeO, H<sub>2</sub>O, S, and CO<sub>2</sub> (Table 2). Sulphur was added as elemental S (1–4 wt%, Table 2), and water as distilled H<sub>2</sub>O. Both CO<sub>2</sub>-free and CO<sub>2</sub>-bearing charges (where CO<sub>2</sub> was added as dehydrated oxalic acid, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O) were prepared, keeping the mass fraction of fluid component (H<sub>2</sub>O + CO<sub>2</sub>) to ~10% of the total mass of the charge (i.e. including volatiles, glass and sulphur, Table 2).

For each experimental run, up to four capsules were placed in the hotspot of the molybdenum furnace, and their temperature (*T*) was monitored with two S-type thermocouples (uncertainty ±5 °C) placed at the top and the bottom of the capsules. The *T* gradient along the capsules was always less than 10 °C. Ar was used as pressurizing medium and was mixed with variable amounts of H<sub>2</sub> to vary the *f*O<sub>2</sub>. Total pressure was recorded by a transducer calibrated against a Heise Bourdon tube gauge with an uncertainty of ±20 bar. The experiments were performed at 1200 °C and between 180 and 210 MPa, and lasted between 2 and 3 h, to ensure the attainment of equilibrium between the basaltic melt and the fluid phase (e.g. Jugo *et al.*, 2005). This duration is sufficient to ensure homogeneous sulphur content in the silicate melts at the investigated temperature. Longer durations were found to corrode the Pt capsule and pierce it (Le Gall, 2015). All experiments were ended by a drop quench (estimated cooling rate of about 100 °C s<sup>-1</sup>; Di Carlo *et al.*, 2006).

The aim of this experimental investigation was to confirm the effect of *f*O<sub>2</sub> on S behaviour at conditions relevant to those of the Etnean magmatic system in terms of volatile and FeO contents.

Redox conditions in each capsule were monitored using the solid sensor method, consisting of two pellets of metallic Co and Pd mixed with CoO (each pellet having a different starting Co<sub>0</sub>/Pd<sub>0</sub> ratio), placed in a separate Pt capsule containing 15 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O (Taylor *et al.*, 1992; Pownceby & O'Neill, 1994). Because CoPd may alloy with Pt, the redox-sensitive pellets were isolated from the capsule walls, by a sleeve of ZrO<sub>2</sub> powder. As Pt capsules are highly permeable to H<sub>2</sub> at elevated temperatures, the hydrogen fugacities of sensor and sample capsules are the same ( $fH_{2(\text{sensor})} = fH_{2(\text{sample})}$ ; Taylor *et al.*, 1992). After experiment, analysis of CoPd ( $X_{\text{Co}} = 0.19 \pm 0.05$ , Table 2) alloys coexisting with CoO allows the *f*O<sub>2</sub> of the sensor to be determined (Pownceby & O'Neill, 1994). Then,  $fH_{2(\text{sensor})}$  and  $fH_{2(\text{sample})}$  are calculated from the water dissociation equilibrium equation  $\log fH_2 = \log fH_2O - 1/2 \log fO_2 - \log K_w$ , where  $K_w$  is the dissociation constant of water (calculated from Robie *et al.*, 1979) and  $fH_2O$  is the fugacity of pure H<sub>2</sub>O at experimental *P* and *T* [calculated from Holloway (1987); see also Pichavant *et al.* (2014)].



**Table 2:** Experimental conditions, starting and product phases, and oxygen fugacity ( $\log f_{O_2}$ ) values estimated using both the experimental sensors and the  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratios evaluated by XANES

Exp. number	wt% FeO added	wt% S added	XH <sub>2</sub> O	wt% H <sub>2</sub> O added	wt% CO <sub>2</sub> added	experimental		XANES 2018		$\log f_{O_2}$	$\Delta NNO$	$Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$	$\Delta NNO$
						$\log f_{O_2}^*$	$\Delta NNO$	$Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$	$\Delta NNO$				
SPA1702: T = 1200 ± 5°C, P = 1802 ± 20 bars, time = 3 h, X <sub>Co</sub> = 0.22													
SPA1702#1	0.00	0.90	1.00	9.95	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	n.d.	n.d.
SPA1702#2	1.79	0.89	1.00	10.53	—	—	-7.15	0.6	0.1	0.255	0.011	n.d.	n.d.
SPA1702#3	2.69	0.90	1.00	10.33	—	—	-7.16	0.6	0.1	0.252	0.011	n.d.	n.d.
SPA1702#5	1.78	0.90	0.74	5.77	5.04	—	-7.12	0.7	0.1	0.254	0.011	0.233	0.3
SPA2703: T = 1200 ± 5°C, P = 2100 ± 20 bars, time = 3 h, X <sub>Co</sub> = 0.19													
SPA2703#1	3.56	1.78	1.00	11.09	—	—	-7.45	0.3	0.1	0.231	0.011	0.226	0.3
SPA2703#2	3.62	3.62	1.00	9.55	—	—	-6.76	1.0	0.1	0.284	0.013	0.222	0.3
SPA2703#3	3.57	1.80	0.77	5.91	4.45	—	-6.81	0.9	0.1	0.283	0.013	0.275	0.8
SPA2703#4	3.57	3.60	0.77	6.00	4.38	—	-7.17	0.5	0.1	0.247	0.012	n.d.	n.d.
SPA2704: T = 1200 ± 5°C, P = 1930 ± 20 bars, time = 3 h, X <sub>Co</sub> = 0.23													
SPA2704#1	4.52	1.78	1.00	9.63	—	—	-7.13	0.6	0.1	0.253	0.012	n.d.	n.d.
SPA2704#2	5.46	1.79	1.00	8.92	—	—	-7.13	0.6	0.1	0.255	0.011	n.d.	n.d.
SPA2704#3	4.54	3.50	1.00	9.24	—	—	-7.12	0.6	0.1	0.250	0.011	0.221	0.2
SPA2704#4	4.43	3.63	0.73	5.75	5.22	—	-7.15	0.6	0.1	0.252	0.011	n.d.	n.d.
SPA2704: T = 1200 ± 5°C, P = 2003 ± 20 bars, time = 2 h, X <sub>Co</sub> = 0.12													
SPA1902#1	3.55	1.78	1.00	11.18	—	—	-7.51	0.2	0.1	0.228	0.010	0.249	0.5
SPA1902#2	3.55	3.55	1.00	11.31	—	—	-5.98	1.7	0.5	0.357	0.052	n.d.	n.d.
							-5.98	1.7	0.5	0.359	0.051	n.d.	n.d.

XH<sub>2</sub>O is the molar fraction of H<sub>2</sub>O loaded in the initial fluid phase [XH<sub>2</sub>O = (mol H<sub>2</sub>O)/(mol H<sub>2</sub>O + mol CO<sub>2</sub>) = 1 - XCO<sub>2</sub>].  $\log f_{O_2}$  (in bars) is expressed as  $\Delta NNO$  (the log deviation from  $\log f_{O_2}$  of the nickel–nickel oxide oxygen buffer reaction). The relative  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratio values are calculated using the Kress & Carmichael (1991) method [Equation (2)]. Using an inverse approach, the  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratios, obtained from XANES methods, have been elaborated to obtain the relative  $\log f_{O_2}$ . All experimental products present an Fe–Pt–S reaction rim in the internal capsule wall, n.d., not determined.

\*Experimental  $\log f_{O_2}$  values are calculated from the XCO of the 'sensor' method as described in the main text. The XCO is calculated for each series of experimental runs, and those reported in the table are average values (the standard deviation is 0.03 for about 15 analysis of each CoPd alloy, and has been neglected for the followed  $f_{O_2}$  calculation).

For a given experimental run (constant  $P$ - $T$ - $f_{H_2}$ ), the  $f_{O_2}$  within each capsule varies along with its  $H_2O$  fugacity ( $f_{H_2O}$ ), which was determined for each charge from the  $H_2O$  content of the quenched glass, using the thermodynamic model for  $H_2O$  solution in multicomponent melts of Burnham (1979). Then, the  $f_{O_2}$  in each charge is calculated from the water dissociation equilibrium equation above. Results of the  $f_{O_2}$  calculations are given in Table 2. Typical uncertainties on  $\log f_{O_2}$  range between 0.12 and 0.47 log units, propagated from an uncertainty of  $\pm 0.5$  bar absolute on  $P_{H_2}$  ( $P_{H_2}$  is the pressure of  $H_2$  gas initially loaded in the vessel at room temperature). The uncertainty on  $f_{O_2}$  therefore increases with decreasing  $P_{H_2}$ , being higher for the oxidized (lowest  $P_{H_2}$ ) than for the reduced redox conditions (highest  $P_{H_2}$ ) experiments.

### Calculation of volatile contents in the fluid phase and S fluid/melt partitioning coefficients

The amount of sulphur (and other volatiles) contained in the fluid phase of the experimental capsules was estimated following the procedure described by Beermann *et al.* (2015). First, (1) the mass of the  $i$ th volatile species in the melt phase ( $m_{i,melt}$ ) was determined, to (2) calculate the respective mass in the fluid phase ( $m_{i,fluid}$ ):

$$m_{i,melt} = c_{i,melt} \times m_{glass} / 100 - \Sigma c_{vol,melt}$$

$$m_{i,fluid} = m_{i,bulk} - m_{i,melt}$$

where  $m_{glass}$  is the initial starting material mass,  $c_{i,melt}$  (wt%) is the concentration of each volatile (S +  $H_2O$   $\pm$   $CO_2$ ) dissolved in the melt phase (details on the estimation of volatiles in melt are given in the following section),  $\Sigma c_{vol,melt}$  (wt%) is the total sum of volatile components dissolved in melt, and  $m_{i,bulk}$  is the initial added quantity of each ( $i$ ) volatile species.

Finally, the S concentration ( $c_{S,fluid}$ , wt%) in the fluid phase was determined as follows:

$$c_{S,fluid} = (m_{S,fluid} \times 100) / \Sigma m_{vol,fluid}$$

where  $\Sigma m_{vol,fluid}$  is the sum of the calculated mass of volatiles in the fluid phase and  $m_{S,fluid}$  is the mass of S in the fluid phase as calculated before. Therefore,  $DS^{fluid/melt}$  ( $= S_{fluid}/S_{melt}$ ; concentration in wt%) is calculated using the amount of sulphur dissolved in the experimental glasses ( $S_{melt}$ ) and the calculated sulphur exsolved in the fluid phase ( $S_{fluid}$ ). Errors associated with the amount of  $S_{fluid}$  and the value of  $DS^{fluid/melt}$  have also been estimated by using the calculation proposed by Beermann *et al.* (2015).

### Analytical methods

Melt inclusions in olivine crystals and experimental products, mounted in epoxy resin, were imaged with two scanning electron microscopes (SEM): a Tescan MIRA 3 XMU (BRGM, Orléans), using 25 kV electron energy, and a Zeiss Merlin Compact (ISTO, Orléans), using 15 kV electron energy. Semi-qualitative analyses of

sulphide droplets were also performed with these SEM devices.

Major elements, S and Cl concentrations in melt inclusions, olivine phenocrysts and experimental glasses were determined with a Cameca SX FIVE electron microprobe (EMP, at ISTO, Orléans) operated under an acceleration voltage of 15 kV, a beam current of 6 nA and a peak counting time of 10 s for all elements, except S (60 s). The metallic alloys of the sensors were analysed with an acceleration voltage of 20 kV and a beam current of 20 nA. The Pt capsule walls were also analysed for their Fe and S contents, using an acceleration voltage of 20 kV and 30 nA beam current. A focused beam was used for olivine and metals, whereas beams of 2–6 and 6–12  $\mu m$  were used respectively for melt inclusions and experimental glasses, to reduce Na migration. Natural minerals and oxides were used as standards (albite for Na and Si; anorthoclase for K; anhydrite for Ca; apatite for P; vanadinite for Cl; MgO for Mg;  $Al_2O_3$  for Al;  $Fe_2O_3$  for Fe;  $MnTiO_3$  for Ti and Mn; metal Pt for Pt); S was calibrated against barite ( $BaSO_4$ ).

$H_2O$  and  $CO_2$  contents in the glass phase of the FS doubly polished MIs were determined by Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) using a Nicolet 6700 Magna spectrometer equipped with an IR microscope and an MCT detector (ISTO, Orléans). The thickness of each chip (27–56  $\mu m$ ) was assessed using a petrographic microscope, through repeated measurements. For each melt inclusion, at least two spectra were acquired to check the homogeneity of dissolved volatile contents. Absorption spectra were acquired in the range 1000–6000  $cm^{-1}$  with 128/560 scans and a resolution of 4  $cm^{-1}$ , using a Globar internal IR source and a KBr beam-splitter. The  $H_2O$  and  $CO_2$  concentrations ( $C$ ) were calculated respectively from the absorbance ( $A$ ) of the 3530  $cm^{-1}$  (total  $H_2O$ ) and of the 1430 and 1525  $cm^{-1}$  doublet ( $CO_3^{2-}$  bending) bands, using the modified Beer–Lambert law (Stolper, 1982):

$$C = [(MW \times A) / (d \times l \times \epsilon) \times 100]$$

where MW is the molecular weight ( $g mol^{-1}$ ),  $d$  is the melt density ( $g l^{-1}$ ),  $\epsilon$  is the molar absorption coefficient ( $l mol^{-1} cm^{-1}$ ),  $l$  is the optic path (i.e. the thickness of the glass sample, cm). A molar extinction coefficient ( $\epsilon$ ) of 63  $l mol^{-1} cm^{-1}$  was used for the 3530  $cm^{-1}$  band (Dixon *et al.*, 1988), whereas the coefficient for the 1525  $cm^{-1}$  band ( $415 \pm 4 l mol^{-1} cm^{-1}$ ) was calculated for each MI on the basis of the Na/(Na + Ca) molar ratio of the melt, using the Dixon & Pan (1995) method.

The absorbance values of the carbonate doublet were estimated after subtraction of a spectrum of a  $CO_2$ -free synthetic glass with similar composition and  $H_2O$  content (Lesne *et al.*, 2011b). The density of natural glasses ( $2.70 \pm 0.03 g cm^{-3}$ ) was calculated from the density of the starting anhydrous basaltic experimental glass ( $2.78 g cm^{-3}$ , Gennaro, 2017). The effect of dissolved water was accounted for using the method of

Richet *et al.* (2000) and CO<sub>2</sub> was assumed to have no influence on the glass density (Bourgue & Richet, 2001).

For experimental glasses, H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> contents were determined by secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS), using both a Cameca IMS 1270 and a Cameca IMS 1280 HR2 instrument (Centre de Recherches Pétrographiques et Géochimiques, Nancy, France). Experimental and standard glasses were pressed into indium within an aluminium disk, and then gold coated and outgassed in the SIMS chamber until a pressure of 10<sup>-8</sup>–10<sup>-9</sup> Torr was reached. The acquisition, preceded by a 30 s pre-sputtering period (to remove impurities from the sample surface), was performed using a Cs<sup>+</sup> primary beam of 5 nA, with an impact energy of 20 kV in 12–15 cycles. Glasses with compositions similar to the Etna samples including N72 basalt from Kamchatka and KL2-G basalt from Kilauea (H<sub>2</sub>O = 0–4.2 wt% and CO<sub>2</sub> = 0–3172 ppm; Jochum *et al.*, 2006; Shishkina *et al.*, 2010) were used as standards. The signals for <sup>12</sup>C<sup>-</sup> and <sup>16</sup>O<sup>1</sup>H<sup>-</sup> were gathered in monocollection mode during the same analysis (acquisition time of 12 min). Concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> were calculated by comparing the <sup>12</sup>C<sup>-</sup>/<sup>28</sup>Si<sup>-</sup> vs SiO<sub>2</sub> of the sample with that of the reference glass. H<sub>2</sub>O was calculated by comparing the OH<sup>-</sup>/H<sup>-</sup> vs H<sub>2</sub>O in the reference materials with the obtained OH<sup>-</sup>/H<sup>-</sup> of the sample.

The H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> of MIs from Gennaro *et al.* (2019) had been estimated by SIMS, following the same procedure as described above.

#### XANES Fe<sup>3+</sup>/Fe investigation

The pre-edge structure of the Fe K-edge (Fig. A1 in Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 1; supplementary data are available for downloading at <http://www.petrology.oxfordjournals.org>) was investigated in 21 double-polished MIs, one matrix glass and one embayment from this study (FS) and from Gennaro *et al.* (2019; FS, Mt Spagnolo, 2002–2013 eruptions) and in six experimental glasses by X-ray absorption near edge structure (XANES) at the Diamond Light Source (DLS, Oxfordshire), using the I18 beamline over the energy range 7020–7500 eV, to determine the Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratio. During the analytical acquisition, the storage ring was operating at 3 GeV with an electron current of about 300 mA.

XANES spectra were acquired during two analytical sessions. In a first session (in 2015), seven MIs (from Mt Spagnolo, 2002–2003, 2006, 2008–2009, 2013 eruptions), one embayment (from 2006) and one matrix glass (2002–2003 eruption) from Gennaro *et al.* (2019) were analysed using methods described by Moussallam *et al.* (2014, 2016).

The X-rays were focused with Kirkpatrick–Baez mirrors down to 2 μm (horizontal) × 2.5 μm (vertical) beam size. The beamline utilizes a liquid nitrogen-cooled double-crystal monochromator with silicon crystals, and Si (333) reflection was used to increase the energy resolution. Measurements were performed in fluorescence

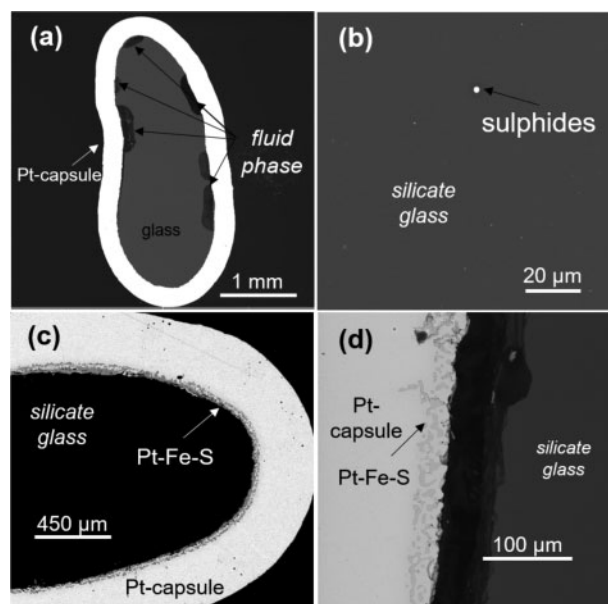
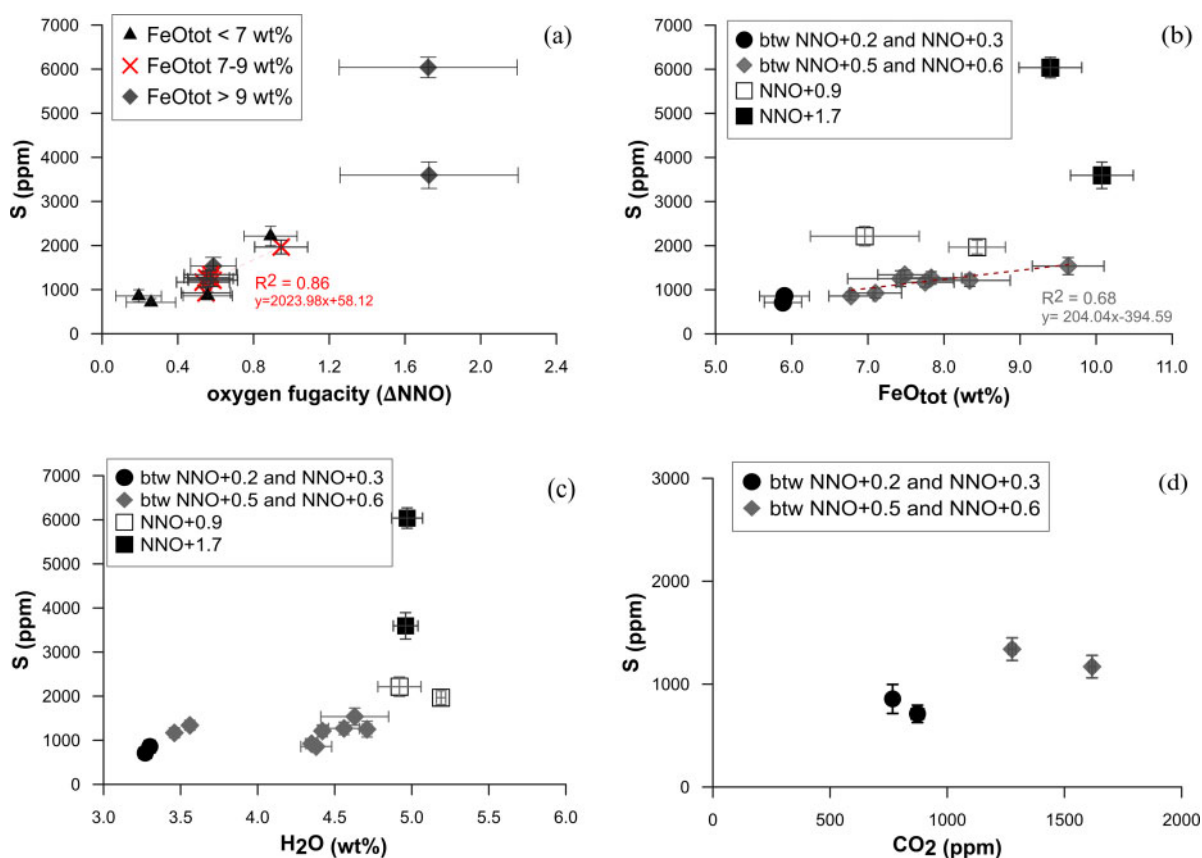


Fig. 1. Backscattered electron images of experimental products: (a) gas bubbles located at the glass–Pt-capsule interface (SPA2703#3); (b) glass (SPA2704#4) with small sulphide globules; (c, d) internal walls of Pt-capsules showing reaction rims (Pt–Fe–S).

mode, and the energy-dispersive detector used was a six-element SGX Sorsortech silicon drift detector positioned at 90° with respect to the incident X-ray beam. The sample was positioned such that the normal to its surface was tilted 10° relative to the incident X-ray beam to improve the horizontal resolution and reduce potential self-absorption effects. The incident X-ray beam was filtered with Al foils (varying in thickness from 0.025 to 0.1 mm) with the aim of keeping the detector count rate within the linear response region and removing the effect of beam damage on the sample. The energy step sizes and dwell times used are given in Table A1 (Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 1).

In a second session (in 2018), XANES spectra were collected for the six experimental glasses and the 11 MIs from FS tephra characterized in this study, along with three MIs from Gennaro *et al.*, 2019 (one MI from each of the 2002–2003, 2013 and FS eruptions) following the methods described by Moussallam *et al.* (2019). The X-rays were focused with Kirkpatrick–Baez mirrors down to 2 μm (horizontal) × 1.2 μm (vertical) beam size. Measurements were performed in fluorescence mode using two energy-dispersive Vortex ME-4 silicon drift detectors positioned at 45° to the incident beam (one located directly above the other and pointing towards the sample). The sample was positioned so that the normal to the sample surface was at 45° to the incident X-ray beam. The incident X-ray beam was filtered with an Al foil of 0.25 mm thickness to remove the effect of beam damage on the sample (see Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 1). The energy step sizes and dwell times used during the 2018 session are the same as those used for the 2015 acquisition (Table A1 in



**Fig. 2.** S content of experimental glasses as function of (a) oxygen fugacity (reported in bar and expressed as  $\Delta\text{NNO}$ ; i.e. log unit deviation from  $\log f\text{O}_2$  of the nickel–nickel oxide oxygen buffer reaction), (b) glass  $\text{FeO}_{\text{tot}}$  content, (c) glass  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  content and (d) glass  $\text{CO}_2$  content.  $\text{FeO}_{\text{tot}}$  concentrations are normalized on a volatile-free basis. The error bars indicate the standard deviation ( $1\sigma$ ). "btw" = between.

**Supplementary Data** Electronic Appendix 1). For the MIs, two spectra were acquired and co-added for each analysis.

In total, during the two sessions, 52 MIs were exposed to the XANES beam, but many spectra exhibited olivine contamination (Fig. A2, **Supplementary Data** Electronic Appendix 1) and other analytical problems, and thus were not further considered.

The NMNH 117393 dry basalt glasses, loaned by the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History, were used as reference and their spectra were acquired under the same conditions as applied to the investigated samples during both sessions. Their  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios have been measured by Mössbauer spectroscopy (Cottrell *et al.*, 2009; Zhang *et al.*, 2018). The reference glasses were analysed at the beginning and end of each session and an average spectrum for each glass was used to derive the calibration curve (see **Supplementary Data** Electronic Appendix 1 for details on calibration and data processing).

## RESULTS

### Experimental charges

Experimental products are brown, uniformly coloured and crystal-free glasses (Fig. 1a), except for

the presence of small sulphide globules ( $<3\mu\text{m}$  in diameter, Fig. 1b) in the most reduced runs ( $f\text{O}_2 < \text{NNO} + 1$ ). Their size did not allow EMP analysis, but semi-qualitative SEM–energy-dispersive spectra indicate that they are mainly constituted of Fe, Pt and S. Rare microbubbles are observed in the melt, whereas larger bubbles are frequently located at the glass–capsule interface (Fig. 1a), indicating fluid saturation. The presence of a free fluid phase in each experimental capsule was corroborated by the weight loss after piercing the capsules at the end of the experiment.

The internal walls of all Pt-capsules present a rim of Pt–Fe–S aggregates, which range in thickness from  $\sim 10$  to  $80\mu\text{m}$ . SEM imaging (Fig. 1c and d) shows that, for a given run, the thickest reaction rims are for the charges with  $\text{CO}_2$  and in which the highest amounts of S were added.

### Major element compositions and volatile contents

Major element compositions and volatile contents of the 14 basaltic experimental glasses are reported in Table 3. Measured standard deviations for major elements are generally low (Table 3), indicating homogeneous compositions.



Dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O contents range from 3.3 to 5.2 wt% (Table 3) with the lowest concentrations (<4 wt%) in the CO<sub>2</sub>-bearing glasses (SPA 1702#5, 2703#3, 2703#4, 2704#4), which contain between 767 and 1618 ppm CO<sub>2</sub>. The dispersion in the H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> measurements is very low (0.02–0.22 wt% and 8–27 ppm, respectively), signifying that the experimental glasses contain homogeneous concentrations of dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>.

The sulphur content of the experimental glasses varies from 711 to 6039 ppm, with standard deviations between 84 and 300 ppm (Table 3). The only two parameters that were varied in our experimental runs (Table 2) and that affect the S content of the silicate melt are FeO<sub>tot</sub> and *f*O<sub>2</sub> (e.g. Jugo *et al.*, 2005; Zajacz *et al.*, 2012; Lesne *et al.*, 2015). Considering experimental glasses with similar FeO<sub>tot</sub> content, oxygen fugacity is confirmed to be the main parameter affecting sulphur solubility in our experiments (Fig. 2a), in agreement with previous studies (e.g. Jugo *et al.*, 2005, and references therein). We cannot evaluate the effect of melt composition on the S content of our glasses, given the extremely low variability of major element compositions. Only the FeO<sub>tot</sub> content varies from 5.9 to 10.1 wt% (Table 3), but no clear correlation with the S content is observed (Fig. 2b), most probably owing to the effect of *f*O<sub>2</sub>. When considering samples within a narrow range of *f*O<sub>2</sub> (between NNO + 0.5 and NNO + 0.6), a slight positive correlation between S and FeO<sub>tot</sub> contents can be noted (Fig. 2b).

No clear relationship is observed between the S and the H<sub>2</sub>O contents of our experimental glasses (Fig. 2c), or between S and CO<sub>2</sub> contents (Fig. 2d), probably because of the more important effect of *f*O<sub>2</sub>. Previous studies have proposed either a positive (e.g. Moune *et al.*, 2009; Fortin *et al.*, 2015) or a negative effect (Liu *et al.*, 2007; Li & Ripley, 2009) of the water content on the sulphur content at sulphide saturation (SCSS). Moretti & Baker (2008) suggest that the effect of water on SCSS can be variable, depending on pressure and melt compositions. We do not participate in this debate, given that our experiments show that the effect of *f*O<sub>2</sub> largely overwhelms the effects of FeO and H<sub>2</sub>O contents on SCSS. To model the behaviour of S during ascent and crystallization of Etnean magmas, we will therefore point out the effect of *f*O<sub>2</sub> and neglect those of melt composition, including H<sub>2</sub>O content.

### Fluid/melt partitioning of sulphur

The amount of sulphur dissolved in the melt (*S*<sub>melt</sub>, in wt%, Table 3) and that calculated in the fluid phase of the experiments (*S*<sub>fluid</sub>, in wt%, Table 3 and in Fig. S1 in Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 2) are used for calculating the S fluid/melt partitioning coefficient ( $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}} = S_{\text{fluid}}/S_{\text{melt}}$ ; Table 3). The presence of sulphide globules and the Pt–Fe–S alloy at the internal capsules walls is neglected in the calculation of the *S*<sub>fluid</sub>, as in previous studies (e.g. Beermann *et al.*, 2015; Le Gall, 2015; Lesne *et al.*, 2015), because of the difficulty

of evaluating their abundances. Calculated  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  values are therefore maximal values, because S contained in these phases is implicitly included in *S*<sub>fluid</sub>. Because of this problem, the values of  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  calculated for samples showing thick Pt–Fe–S aggregates at the capsule rim were not selected for our modelling. We used the approach described by Alletti *et al.* (2009) to refine this selection and check whether the calculated  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  values unequivocally indicate the partition of S between the fluid and melt phases or if they are strongly perturbed by S loss in the sulphide phase (Fe–Pt–S globules in melt) and/or at the capsule wall. In a plot *S*<sub>melt</sub> versus *S*<sub>fluid</sub> (Fig. S1a in Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 2) it is observed that for glasses with dissolved *S*<sub>melt</sub> < 2500 ppm, the calculated *S*<sub>fluid</sub> increases strongly (from 10 to 40 wt%), whereas *S*<sub>melt</sub> is almost constant (0.1–0.2 wt%), indicating that in these runs an additional S-bearing phase sequesters a significant part of S of the system (Alletti *et al.*, 2009, and references therein).

The selected  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  values range between  $50 \pm 4$  and  $146 \pm 6$  (Fig. 3, Table 3) and are within the range of previous experimental estimates on Etna trachybasalts (1–236, Beermann *et al.*, 2015) and on other basalt compositions (7–2814, Lesne *et al.*, 2011a; Zajacz *et al.*, 2013; Fiege *et al.*, 2015; Le Gall, 2015).

Because our experimental *P*–*T* conditions and melt composition are constant, the only parameter affecting  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  is *f*O<sub>2</sub>. Among the selected values,  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  decreases with increasing *f*O<sub>2</sub> (Fig. 3, red cross-shaped symbols), with the lowest  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  value ( $50 \pm 4$ ) corresponding to the samples with the most oxidized redox conditions (*f*O<sub>2</sub> = NNO + 1.7 ± 0.5). Previous studies also suggest the influence of pressure and temperature on  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  (e.g. Lesne *et al.*, 2011a; Webster & Botcharnikov, 2011). Pressure and  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  are generally inversely correlated (Lesne *et al.*, 2011a). The relation with temperature remains unclear; only the decompression and annealing experiments of Fiege *et al.* (2015) show an inverse relation between  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  and *T*, in the 1150–1250 °C range.

Considering our results and a selection of data previously published (Lesne *et al.*, 2011a; Zajacz *et al.*, 2013; Beermann *et al.*, 2015; Le Gall, 2015), we calibrated, for a basaltic magma, an empirical model for the dependence of  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  on *f*O<sub>2</sub>, *P*, and *T*:

$$\log(DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}) = a/T + bP + c\Delta\text{NNO} + d \quad (1)$$

where *T* is in °C, *P* is in MPa, *a* = –7621.011, *b* = –0.0016, *c* = –0.462 and *d* = 9.117 (Table S1 in Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 2).

The selected dataset used for this model includes basaltic glasses quenched at *T* = 1030–1200 °C, *P* = 25–300 MPa, and log *f*O<sub>2</sub> between NNO–0.8 and NNO + 2.4, chosen with the same criterion as used for our data (as used by Alletti *et al.*, 2009). We used the data from Beermann *et al.* (2015), which have an Etnean composition, excluding (1) the glasses in which the

**Table 3:** Major element composition and volatile contents of the experimental glasses, and S fluid/melt partition coefficients\*

Exp. number <sup>†</sup>	SiO <sub>2</sub>	TiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	FeO <sub>tot</sub> <sup>‡</sup>	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na <sub>2</sub> O	K <sub>2</sub> O	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Total Fe loss (%)	S <sub>melt</sub> (ppm)	H <sub>2</sub> O	CO <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>fluid</sub> (wt%)	DS <sup>fluid/melt</sup>
SPA1702#1 [15]	50.59 (±0.47)	1.49 (±0.10)	14.61 (±0.22)	6.78 (±0.29)	0.16 (±0.08)	9.31 (±0.13)	11.81 (±0.15)	3.38 (±0.09)	1.30 (±0.08)	0.57 (±0.12)	94	858 (±88)	4.38 (±0.10)		12.3 (±3.5)	143 (±4)
SPA1702#2 [30]	50.80 (±0.31)	1.50 (±0.12)	14.65 (±0.19)	7.10 (±0.35)	0.18 (±0.10)	9.02 (±0.12)	11.72 (±0.13)	1.28 (±0.07)	3.25 (±0.08)	0.50 (±0.13)	93	925 (±112)	4.35 (±0.04)		11.1 (±3.0)	120 (±3)
SPA1702#3 [30]	49.90 (±0.40)	1.44 (±0.12)	14.31 (±0.17)	8.34 (±0.53)	0.15 (±0.08)	9.07 (±0.09)	11.58 (±0.12)	3.35 (±0.07)	1.30 (±0.07)	0.57 (±0.11)	94	1212 (±136)	4.42 (±0.03)		11.2 (±3.4)	92 (±4)
SPA1702#5 [15]	51.88 (±0.38)	1.55 (±0.11)	14.61 (±0.22)	5.88 (±0.24)	0.17 (±0.09)	8.89 (±0.06)	12.02 (±0.08)	1.32 (±0.08)	3.20 (±0.08)	0.48 (±0.13)	94	711 (±84)	3.27 (±0.04)	873 (±27)	10.3 (±6.3)	146 (±6)
SPA2703#1 [95]	49.72 (±0.54)	1.48 (±0.12)	14.28 (±0.20)	8.44 (±0.37)	0.15 (±0.11)	9.14 (±0.11)	11.64 (±0.16)	3.26 (±0.10)	1.30 (±0.09)	0.61 (±0.11)	92	1966 (±156)	5.19 (±0.03)		20.2 (±3.3)	103 (±3)
SPA2703#2 [45]	50.57 (±0.41)	1.45 (±0.09)	14.52 (±0.21)	6.96 (±0.71)	0.14 (±0.07)	9.31 (±0.11)	11.85 (±0.11)	3.30 (±0.09)	1.30 (±0.09)	0.59 (±0.13)	93	2215 (±219)	4.92 (±0.14)		40.4 (±10.3)	182 (±10)§
SPA2703#3 [110]	49.73 (±0.55)	1.45 (±0.12)	14.67 (±0.35)	7.75 (±0.38)	0.17 (±0.09)	9.30 (±0.13)	11.68 (±0.20)	3.34 (±0.08)	1.31 (±0.07)	0.60 (±0.13)	94	1170 (±109)	3.46 (±0.03)	1618 (±14)	20.5 (±6.5)	175 (±7)§
SPA2703#4 [115]	50.12 (±0.90)	1.44 (±0.10)	14.52 (±0.30)	7.48 (±0.35)	0.18 (±0.09)	9.26 (±0.11)	11.77 (±0.24)	3.34 (±0.08)	1.31 (±0.08)	0.58 (±0.13)	93	1340 (±110)	3.56 (±0.03)	1277 (±16)	34.42 (±13.6)	257 (±14)§
SPA2704#1 [39]	50.17 (±0.47)	1.45 (±0.09)	14.54 (±0.25)	7.43 (±0.70)	0.15 (±0.09)	9.22 (±0.15)	11.72 (±0.15)	3.46 (±0.08)	1.26 (±0.08)	0.61 (±0.14)	94	1252 (±179)	4.71 (±0.03)		24.4 (±11.1)	195 (±116)§
SPA2704#2 [45]	48.99 (±0.45)	1.40 (±0.09)	14.07 (±0.20)	9.63 (±0.47)	0.16 (±0.07)	9.12 (±0.10)	11.33 (±0.14)	3.42 (±0.08)	1.27 (±0.09)	0.61 (±0.14)	93	1537 (±194)	4.63 (±0.22)		26.8 (±6.9)	175 (±7)§
SPA2704#3 [68]	49.96 (±0.32)	1.46 (±0.12)	14.37 (±0.19)	7.83 (±0.40)	0.17 (±0.09)	9.26 (±0.09)	11.60 (±0.14)	3.47 (±0.08)	1.29 (±0.08)	0.58 (±0.14)	94	1269 (±142)	4.56 (±0.10)		40.9 (±11.5)	323 (±12)§
SPA2704#4 [74]	50.94 (±0.54)	1.49 (±0.10)	14.84 (±0.21)	5.90 (±0.33)	0.17 (±0.09)	9.48 (±0.14)	11.66 (±0.15)	3.63 (±0.20)	1.33 (±0.09)	0.57 (±0.14)	94	856 (±141)	3.30 (±0.02)	767 (±8)	32.1 (±15.0)	375 (±15)§
SPA1902#1 [45]	49.44 (±0.38)	1.41 (±0.13)	14.00 (±0.17)	10.08 (±0.41)	0.16 (±0.04)	9.08 (±0.11)	11.36 (±0.11)	3.22 (±0.10)	1.26 (±0.09)	n.d.	93	3595 (±30)	4.96 (±0.08)		17.9 (±3.6)	50 (±4)
SPA1902#2 [33]	49.93 (±0.38)	1.41 (±0.13)	14.11 (±0.17)	9.40 (±0.41)	0.16 (±0.04)	9.07 (±0.11)	11.39 (±0.11)	3.26 (±0.10)	1.27 (±0.09)	n.d.	92	6039 (±232)	4.97 (±0.10)		30.6 (±3.5)	51 (±4)

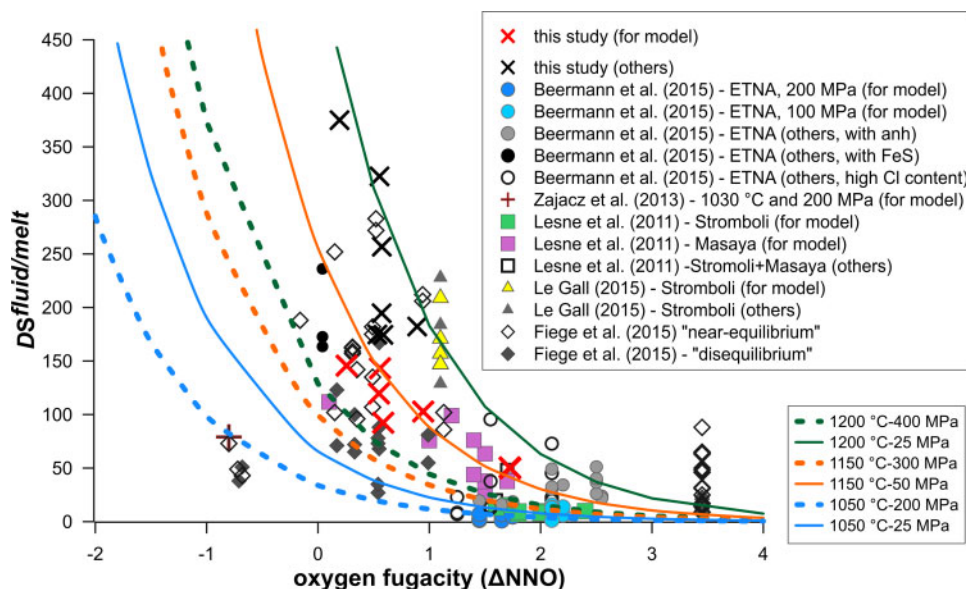
All oxides (expressed in wt%) and S<sub>melt</sub> (ppm = μg g<sup>-1</sup>) contents are from EMP analysis. H<sub>2</sub>O (wt%) and CO<sub>2</sub> (ppm) are from SIMS analysis. Major element concentrations are normalized to 100% on a volatile-free basis. DS<sup>fluid/melt</sup> = S<sub>fluid</sub> (wt%)/S<sub>melt</sub> (wt%), where S in the fluid (S<sub>fluid</sub>, wt%) is calculated following the procedure of [Beermann et al. \(2015\)](#), as described in the main text. Fe loss calculated as 100(FeO<sub>exp</sub> - FeO<sub>start</sub>)/(FeO<sub>start</sub>) where FeO<sub>exp</sub> and FeO<sub>start</sub> are from this table (= FeO<sub>tot</sub>) and [Table 1](#), respectively, after normalization to 100% on volatile-free basis. n.d., not determined.

\*Numbers in parentheses are the standard deviations (1σ).

<sup>†</sup>The number in square brackets (in the first column) indicates the number of EMP analyses. Standard deviations (1σ) for H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations are calculated on five repeated analyses for each glass.

<sup>‡</sup>FeO<sub>tot</sub> is the total iron as FeO. Total is the total sum of major oxides as obtained by EMP before the normalization to 100 wt%.

<sup>§</sup>These DS<sup>fluid/melt</sup> values are not used in the discussion or in the regression model described in the main text because they are probably significantly affected by the presence of sulphide globules (see main text and [Supplementary Data](#) for details).



**Fig. 3.**  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  (calculated wt% S in fluid phase/wt% S in basaltic melt) determined in this study, together with literature data (Lesne *et al.*, 2011a; Zajacz *et al.*, 2013; Beermann *et al.*, 2015; Fiege *et al.*, 2015; Le Gall, 2015). The data used to calibrate the empirical model described in the text are labelled 'for model', whereas those that were not used are labelled 'others'. Decompression and annealing experimental data of Fiege *et al.* (2015) not used in the model are also shown in the plot. In the plot, the coloured curves show the dependence of  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  on  $fO_2$  predicted by the model [equation (1)] at variable  $T$ - $P$  conditions.

presence of a S-bearing phase is important (those with anomalous correlation between  $S_{\text{fluid}}$  and  $S_{\text{melt}}$  concentration, as described above) and (2) those with unrealistically (for Etna) high Cl content.

We also considered the data of the decompression experiments from Le Gall (2015) and Lesne *et al.* (2011a), performed with Stromboli and Masaya basaltic compositions (selected with the approach as above). The data from the decompression (plus annealing) experiments of Fiege *et al.* (2015), also shown in Fig. 3, are excluded from our empirical  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  model, because even those approaching near-equilibrium conditions show a negative correlation in the  $S_{\text{fluid}}$  vs  $S_{\text{melt}}$  concentration plot (not shown).

Figure 3 shows the selected values of  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  used for the proposed empirical model. Our data highlight the relation between  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  and  $fO_2$  at constant  $T$  (1200 °C) and  $P$  (~200 MPa). The other data corroborate this relation despite the variability of  $P$  and  $T$  conditions. Figure 3 also shows the curves of  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  versus  $fO_2$  calculated by the model [equation (1)] at various  $T$ - $P$  conditions. The model predicts that  $fO_2$  and  $T$  more significantly affect  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  values than  $P$  (Fig. 3). Notably, the effect of a decrease in both  $fO_2$  and  $P$  is to increase  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$ ; this increase can be partially counterbalanced by a decrease of  $T$ .

Modelled  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  as function of  $T$ ,  $P$  and  $fO_2$  gives a coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) of 0.79 (Fig. S2 in Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 2). The large uncertainty in the estimation of both the experimental  $fO_2$  and the amount of S in the experimental fluid phase (mainly owing to the occurrence of sulphide phases), along with differences in the basaltic compositions and

in the experimental setup prevents further improvement of this best fit.

#### $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ ratio of the experimental glasses

The  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratios of experimental glasses, measured by XANES, range from 0.22 to 0.27 (Table 2), with a precision ( $1\sigma$ ) of 0.013. These values are generally lower than those calculated from the  $fO_2$  imposed in the experiment (named 'experimental' in Table 2 and Fig. 4), using the empirical formulation of Kress & Carmichael (1991), which relates  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratios to  $fO_2$ , accounting for the chemical composition of the silicate melt, pressure and temperature:

$$\begin{aligned} (XFe_2O_3/XFeO) = & a \ln(fO_2) + b/T + c + \sum d_i X_i \\ & + e [1 - T_0/T - \ln(T/T_0)] + fP/T \\ & + g[(T - T_0)P]/T + h P^2/T \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

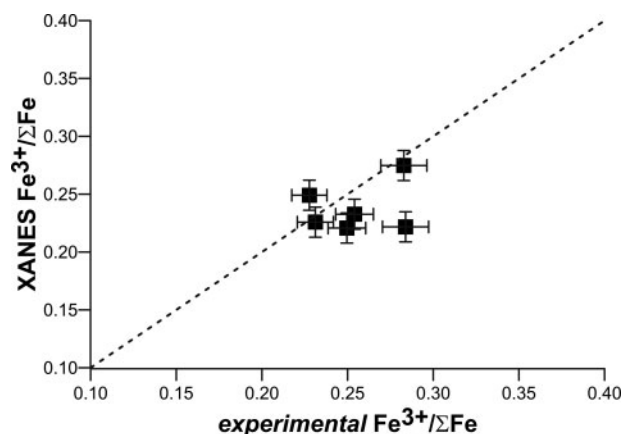
where  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $d$ ,  $e$ ,  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$  are constants,  $X_i$  are mole fractions of oxide components in silicate melts,  $T$  and  $P$  are in Kelvin and kbar, respectively, and  $T_0$  is fixed to 1673 K.

However, the observed discrepancy (Fig. 4) is comparable with the typical uncertainty on experimental  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratios, which varies between 0.010 and 0.052, with increasing redox conditions glasses (see 'Experimental methods' section).

#### Melt inclusions

##### Primitive melt inclusions from FS eruption

MIs, entrapped in  $FO_{90-91}$  olivine phenocrysts from the FS scoria, have spherical and oval shapes (48–225  $\mu\text{m}$  size), with typical scalloped edges (Fig. 5a and b;



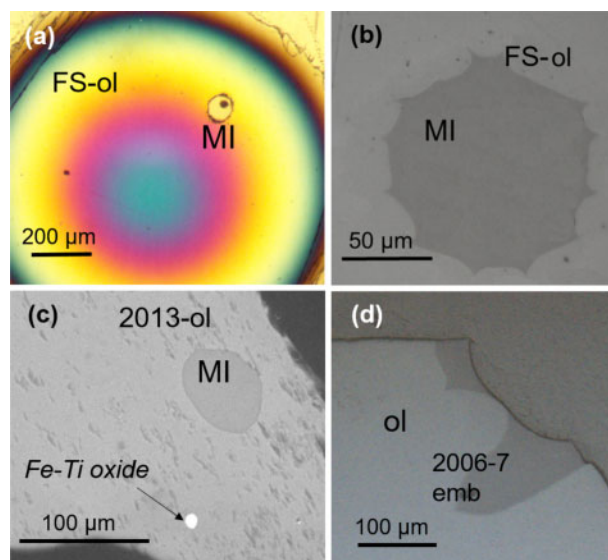
**Fig. 4.**  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios determined by XANES spectroscopy available for some experimental glasses, plotted against  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios calculated from experimental  $f\text{O}_2$  using equation (2) (Kress & Carmichael, 1991). Precisions ( $1\sigma$ ) of XANES measurements are 0.013. Uncertainties on experimental  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios (between 0.010 and 0.052) are propagated from uncertainties on experimental  $f\text{O}_2$  (see main text).

Kamenetsky *et al.*, 2007). They consist of transparent glass, and contain spherical bubbles (Fig. 5a), with calculated  $V_b/V_{\text{MI}}$  ratios (bubble volume/MI volume) between 0.03 and 0.12 (Table 4). It cannot be excluded that these bubbles contain a substantial fraction of volatiles (especially  $\text{CO}_2$ ) initially dissolved in the entrapped melt (e.g. Frezzotti, 2001; Moore *et al.*, 2015; Wallace *et al.*, 2015; Robidoux *et al.*, 2017). Therefore, analysis of the glass gives only minimum volatile concentrations in the parent melt. Some MIs exhibit very small opaque oxides (Cr–Mg spinels), as previously found in other inclusions from the same deposit (Gennaro *et al.*, 2019).

The chemical compositions of the investigated FS MIs, together with their volatile abundances, are reported in Table 4. The major element compositions have been corrected for post-entrapment crystallization (PEC %, Table 4) following Gennaro *et al.* (2019) and references therein. Volatile contents are not corrected for PEC, as this would increase measured volatile contents only by relatively low amounts that are comparable with analytical uncertainties (Gennaro *et al.*, 2019).

As already shown by previous studies (Kamenetsky *et al.*, 2007; Corsaro & Métrich, 2016; Gennaro *et al.*, 2019), MIs of the FS eruption present high CaO (11.9–16.3 wt%) and MgO (8.6–10.9 wt%) contents, high CaO/ $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  ratio (0.9–1.5), low alkali contents (2.6–4.1 wt%), and high volatile abundances ( $\text{H}_2\text{O} = 1.9\text{--}5.9$  wt%,  $\text{CO}_2 = 687\text{--}2786$  ppm,  $\text{S} = 235\text{--}3445$  ppm,  $\text{Cl} = 1165\text{--}3123$  ppm). These chemical features identify FS MIs as the most primitive Etean melts determined so far.

These FS MIs are used for the Fe speciation investigation (see following section), together with other Etean MIs and one embayment, already characterized by Gennaro *et al.* (2019) for their major element compositions and volatile contents (Table 4). These samples belong to Mt Spagnolo ( $\text{Fo}_{82}$ ), 2002–2003 ( $\text{Fo}_{72\text{--}74}$ ), 2006 ( $\text{Fo}_{70\text{--}81}$ ), 2008–2009 ( $\text{Fo}_{69\text{--}75}$ ) and 2013 ( $\text{Fo}_{70\text{--}72}$ )



**Fig. 5.** (a) FS olivine crystal entrapping a bubble-bearing MI. (b) MI from FS tephra with typical scalloped edges. (c) Typical MI with circular shape in 2013 olivine. (d) Embayment surrounding the 2006–2007 olivine crystal.

eruptions (Fig. 5c and d), and have volatile contents generally lower than FS MIs (Table 4). Nevertheless, MIs from 2006 and Mt Spagnolo eruptions have been shown to have the highest S content ( $\sim 4000$  ppm, Moretti *et al.*, 2018; Gennaro *et al.*, 2019) among all the investigated MIs. Unfortunately, the MIs with the highest volatile contents were not available or had strongly olivine-contaminated XANES signals.

#### $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$ ratios of the MIs

$\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios measured by XANES in the double-polished MIs range from 0.168 to 0.358 (Table 5, Figs 6 and 7): FS MIs exhibit the highest  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios (0.274–0.358), whereas 2008–2013 MIs generally have the lowest values (0.168–0.225).

$\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios do not show any clear relation with the estimated percentage of PEC (Fig. S3 in Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 2), therefore an important effect of post-entrapment crystallization on the estimated  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  can be excluded. Nevertheless, following the approach of Hartley *et al.* (2017), which estimates the effect of olivine crystallization in the MI wall on the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  of the entrapped melt, we have corrected the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  for PEC (Table 4). For the MI with the highest PEC (14%), the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratio would be lowered by an absolute value of 0.06 with respect to the estimated XANES value. Other mechanisms, such as  $\text{H}^+$  diffusion through olivine or volatile loss (e.g. Gaetani & Watson, 2000; Frezzotti, 2001; Danyushevsky & Plechov, 2011; Bucholz *et al.*, 2013), could modify the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratio of the melt after its entrapment. The  $\text{H}^+$  diffusion through the olivine crystal could result in the oxidation of the system and the formation of magnetite dust (e.g. Frezzotti, 2001; Danyushevsky *et al.*, 2002), which is not found in the investigated MIs.



**Table 4:** Chemical composition and volatile (H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>, S, Cl) contents of Etnean melt inclusions, one embayment and one matrix glass

Sample	Fo (mol%)	SiO <sub>2</sub>	TiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	FeO <sub>tot</sub>	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na <sub>2</sub> O	K <sub>2</sub> O	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Total P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	PEC %	H <sub>2</sub> O	CO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	S (ppm)	Cl (ppm)	Mg# V <sub>Ml</sub>	Size (μm) Ml max.	P (MPa)	Depth (km)	
FS-XS_8 <sup>*</sup> [4]	90	48.5 (0.4)	1.1 (0.2)	11.4 (0.2)	9.5 (0.3)	0.2 (0.1)	10.9 (0.2)	14.8 (0.1)	2.0 (0.1)	1.0 (0.1)	b.d.l.	0.6 (0.2)	92	1.5	5.77 (±0.04)	2652 (±171)	2330 (±110)	1820 (±140)	74.8	0.04	128	266	10.3
FS-XS_15 <sup>*</sup> [4]	90	50.6 (0.3)	1.2 (0.2)	11.7 (0.2)	8.3 (0.6)	0.1 (0.0)	9.9 (0.3)	13.0 (0.4)	2.3 (0.1)	1.8 (0.1)	0.1 (0.0)	0.9 (0.1)	95	3.3	1.93 (±0.05)	900 (±17) [3]	235 (±77)	1570 (±80)	74.5	0.03	225	129	5.0
FS-XS_20 <sup>*</sup> [4]	90	49.3 (1.0)	1.0 (0.1)	10.7 (0.5)	8.8 (0.3)	0.1 (0.0)	10.7 (0.2)	16.0 (0.3)	2.0 (0.2)	0.8 (0.0)	0.1 (0.0)	0.4 (0.2)	90	7.4	2.81 (±0.07)	1526	2980 (±178)	2688 (±74)	77.2	0.04	62.5	161	6.2
FS-XS_22a <sup>*</sup> [4]	90	49.1 (0.3)	1.2 (0.1)	12.0 (0.4)	8.5 (0.3)	0.1 (0.1)	9.1 (0.4)	15.8 (0.2)	2.2 (0.1)	1.3 (0.2)	0.1 (0.0)	0.5 (0.0)	91	11.1	4.81 (±0.09)	2786 (±289)	3445 (±168)	2488 (±158)	73.1	0.05	96	272	10.5
FS-XS_22b <sup>*</sup> [4]	90	49.5 (0.6)	1.2 (0.1)	11.3 (0.9)	8.7 (0.7)	0.1 (0.0)	9.4 (1.0)	16.3 (0.3)	2.0 (0.2)	1.0 (0.2)	0.1 (0.0)	0.5 (0.2)	92	14.0	2.33 (±0.31)	2033 (±131)	2613 (±103)	1968 (±62)	74.2	0.04	48.5	203	7.8
FS-XS_26b <sup>*</sup> [3]	90	49.9 (0.5)	1.1 (0.0)	13.2 (0.2)	9.4 (0.4)	0.2 (0.1)	10.6 (0.0)	11.9 (0.2)	2.3 (0.1)	1.3 (0.1)	n.d.	0.2 (0.1)	95	8.3	2.86 (±0.05)	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	74.1	0.12	195	62 <sup>†</sup>	2.4
FS-XS_28a <sup>*</sup> [3]	91	49.7 (0.2)	1.0 (0.1)	10.8 (0.1)	8.8 (0.4)	0.2 (0.1)	10.9 (0.3)	15.4 (0.1)	1.8 (0.1)	0.9 (0.0)	0.1 (0.0)	0.4 (0.1)	92	0.8	2.48 (±0.11)	2079 (±17) [2]	2690 (±96)	1963 (±97)	77.4	0.05	64	221	8.5
FS-XS_28b <sup>*</sup> [3]	91	49.4 (0.2)	1.0 (0.2)	10.9 (0.3)	8.8 (0.2)	0.1 (0.1)	10.9 (0.2)	15.8 (0.1)	1.8 (0.0)	0.8 (0.2)	0.1 (0.0)	0.4 (0.1)	92	1.6	2.92 (±0.05)	1892	2490 (±151)	3123 (±121)	76.9	0.07	95	201	7.7
FS-XS_30 <sup>*</sup> [3]	90	50.2 (0.2)	0.9 (0.2)	11.7 (0.5)	8.7 (0.3)	0.2 (0.0)	10.5 (0.6)	14.4 (0.2)	2.0 (0.1)	1.0 (0.1)	0.1 (0.0)	0.3 (0.1)	92	9.8	2.51 (±0.06)	1106	2308 (±166)	1653 (±90)	76.0	0.06	84	157	6.1
FS-XS_35 <sup>*</sup> [3]	90	51.3 (0.2)	1.0 (0.1)	12.0 (0.1)	7.9 (0.3)	0.1 (0.1)	8.6 (0.1)	15.8 (0.0)	2.1 (0.0)	1.0 (0.1)	b.d.l.	0.2 (0.1)	92	10.3	3.99 (±0.02)	1632 (±61) (2)	2460 (±145)	1507 (±196)	74.3	0.07	75.5	231	8.9
FS-XS_41 <sup>*</sup> [4]	90	49.7 (0.4)	0.9 (0.1)	11.3 (0.2)	9.1 (0.5)	0.2 (0.1)	10.1 (0.5)	15.2 (0.5)	1.9 (0.0)	1.3 (0.0)	b.d.l.	0.3 (0.1)	94	1.6	4.31 (±0.02)	687 (±207) [3]	1798 (±296)	1165 (±147)	73.4	0.08	160	139	5.4
FS_00 <sup>†</sup> [6]	90	51.7 (0.3)	0.9 (0.2)	11.1 (0.1)	8.9 (0.4)	0.1 (0.1)	9.8 (0.1)	14.3 (0.2)	2.1 (0.1)	0.9 (0.1)	0.1	b.d.l.	95	0.1	3.70 (±0.05)	882 (±93) (2)	1100 (±179)	1633 (±151)	73.0	0.20	180	167	6.4
Spa_3n <sup>†</sup> [3]	82	48.9 (0.0)	1.6 (0.2)	16.9 (0.0)	9.5 (0.8)	0.2 (0.1)	5.7 (0.2)	9.9 (0.1)	4.5 (0.0)	2.0 (0.1)	b.d.l.	0.6 (0.1)	97	8.4	0.16 (±0.07)	b.d.l.	1515 (±49)	2280 (±156)	62.4	0.16	90	6 <sup>†</sup>	0.2
2002_26 <sup>†</sup> [2]	73	51.7 (0.9)	2.1	16.6 (0.4)	9.5 (0.3)	0.1 (0.1)	3.2 (0.1)	6.8 (0.2)	5.2 (0.2)	3.9 (0.2)	b.d.l.	0.9 (0.1)	95	0.0	0.36 (±0.02)	b.d.l.	225 (±78)	1560 (±184)	43.2	0.04	130	7 <sup>†</sup>	0.3
2002_30 <sup>†</sup> (4)	74	52.2 (2.1)	1.4 (0.2)	17.6 (0.5)	9.3 (0.6)	0.2 (0.1)	3.9 (0.1)	6.5 (0.1)	5.1 (0.1)	2.9 (0.1)	n.d.	1.0 (0.1)	96	0.0	1.06 [3]	b.d.l.	343	2018	49.1	0.00	44	27 <sup>†</sup>	1.0
2002_32 matrix gl <sup>†</sup> [2]	73	49.8 (0.2)	2.0 (0.3)	16.1 (0.2)	10.5 (0.4)	0.3 (0.0)	3.8 (0.0)	8.4 (0.1)	4.9 (0.6)	3.3 (0.1)	n.d.	1.0 (0.1)	95	—	0.36 [3]	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	1330 (±93)	44.9	—	—	—	—
2006_4 [2]	71	51.4 (0.0)	1.7 (0.1)	16.3 (0.1)	10.6 (0.0)	0.1 (0.1)	3.8 (0.0)	8.1 (0.1)	4.8 (0.0)	2.4 (0.0)	n.d.	0.9	96	0.0	0.92 (±0.02)	470	380 (±28)	2390 (±226)	46.2	—	100	64	2.5
2006_7em- b <sup>†</sup> [2]	8	49.5 (0.0)	1.9 (0.1)	16.8 (0.3)	11.0 (0.4)	0.3 (0.0)	3.5 (0.1)	8.8 (0.0)	4.5 (0.2)	3.4 (0.0)	n.d.	0.2	97	0.0	0.36 [2]	b.d.l.	525 (±262)	2240 (±240)	42.1	—	—	7 <sup>†</sup>	0.3
2008_1 [9]	75	50.1 (0.3)	2.1 (0.1)	17.3 (0.2)	9.1 (0.4)	0.2 (0.1)	3.5 (0.1)	8.9 (0.2)	4.8 (0.1)	2.9 (0.2)	n.d.	1.0	98	0.9	0.13 [2]	430 (±64) [2]	284 (±6)	b.d.l.	45.5	—	140	43	1.7
2008_6A <sup>†</sup> [3]	70	54.9 (0.8)	0.9 (0.1)	18.0 (0.1)	7.2 (0.6)	0.2 (0.1)	2.2 (0.0)	7.7 (0.2)	4.4 (0.1)	3.4 (0.2)	n.d.	1.1	100	3.7	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	153 (±216)	1969 (±76)	40.7	0.01	40	n.d.	n.d.
2013_30 <sup>†</sup> [2]	72	50.8 (0.3)	1.5 (0.0)	19.2 (0.0)	7.1 (0.0)	0.2 (0.1)	2.4 (0.1)	8.6 (0.3)	6.1 (0.3)	3.2 (0.1)	n.d.	0.9 (0.1)	96	0.0	0.14	b.d.l.	310	2675	41.8	0.11	70	4 <sup>†</sup>	0.2
2013_33 <sup>†</sup>	70	52.7	0.9	21.2	4.9	0.1	1.5	3.1	8.4	5.8	n.d.	1.4	99	0.5	0.08	b.d.l.	137	1867	40.8	0.04	116	2 <sup>†</sup>	0.1
2013_34 <sup>†</sup> [2]	71	54.0 (0.2)	1.6 (0.1)	20.2 (0.2)	6.3 (0.0)	0.2 (0.1)	2.0 (0.0)	5.2 (0.1)	6.4 (0.1)	3.9	n.d.	0.2	96	1.9	0.13	b.d.l.	270 (±51)	3350 (±114)	41.9	—	48	4 <sup>†</sup>	0.2

All oxides (expressed in wt%) and Cl contents (ppm) are from EMP analysis. H<sub>2</sub>O (wt%) and CO<sub>2</sub> (ppm) evaluated in this study are from FTIR, whereas S and Cl concentrations are from EMP. Major elements are normalized to 100% on volatile-free basis, and corrected for PEC (PEC % is the estimated amount (wt%) of post-entrapment crystallization). Volatiles are not corrected for PEC. Fo (mol%) is the forsterite content of the host olivine. Mg# is calculated as molar MgO/(FeO + MgO) ratio, with FeO as Fe<sup>2+</sup>. V<sub>Ml</sub>/V<sub>Ml</sub> is the ratio of the bubble (inside the Ml) volume to the Ml volume. The number in square brackets in the first column indicates the number of EMP analyses; the number in square brackets in the columns for H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> indicates the number of FTIR or SIMS analyses. Standard deviations (1σ) are given for each oxide in parentheses. Total is the total sum of major oxides as obtained by EMP before the normalization to 100 wt%. b.d.l., below detection limit; n.d., not determined. Standard deviations are given precisely as the digits shown and values of 0.0 represent values <0.05 rounded down.

\* Data from this study.  
<sup>†</sup> Pressure and relative depth (below crater level) are calculated using 50 ppm of CO<sub>2</sub>, considering the estimated CO<sub>2</sub> detection limit of the FTIR method (e.g. Cecchetti et al., 2002; Von Aulock et al., 2014).  
<sup>‡</sup> Data from Gemmaro et al. (2019).

**Table 5:** XANES Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratios and estimated oxygen fugacity (fO<sub>2</sub>) determined for Etnean MIs, one embayment of the 2006 eruption, and one matrix glass in the 2002 sample

Sample name	Fo (mol%)	S (ppm)	±	Fe <sup>3+</sup> /ΣFe	±	log fO <sub>2</sub>	ΔNNO	Note
FS-XS_8	90	2330	110	0.306	0.013	-6.6	1.1	2018
FS-XS_15	90	235	77	0.274	0.013	-7.0	0.7	2018
FS-XS_20	90	2980	178	0.352	0.013	-6.3	1.4	2018
FS-XS_22a	90	3445	165	0.327	0.013	-6.5	1.2	2018
FS-XS_22b	90	2613	103	0.329	0.013	-6.6	1.2	2018
FS-XS_26b	90	b.d.l.	—	0.301	0.013	-6.6	1.1	2018
FS-XS_28a	91	2690	96	0.358	0.013	-6.2	1.6	2018
FS-XS_28b	91	2490	151	0.336	0.013	-6.4	1.3	2018
FS-XS_30	90	2308	166	0.321	0.013	-6.5	1.2	2018
FS-XS_35	90	2460	145	0.333	0.013	-6.5	1.2	2018
FS-XS_41	90	1798	296	0.287	0.013	-6.9	0.8	2018
FS_00*	90	1100	179	0.277	0.013	-7.0	0.7	2018
Spa_3n*	82	1515	49	0.328	0.004	-6.8	1.4	2015
2002_26*	73	225	78	0.200	0.004	-8.7	-0.3	2015
2002_30*	74	343	74	0.229	0.013	-8.1	-0.4	2018
2002_32 matrix gl*	73	b.d.l.	—	0.206	0.004	-9.3	-0.6	2015
2006_4*	70	380	28	0.248	0.004	-7.9	0.4	2015
2006_7emb*	81	525	262	0.212	0.004	-8.8	-0.2	2015
2008_1*	75	284	6	0.168	0.004	-9.5	-0.8	2015
2008_6A*	69	153	216	0.209	0.004	-8.7	-0.2	2015
2013_30*	72	310	—	0.177	0.004	-9.5	-0.9	2015
2013_33*	70	137	51	0.225	0.013	-8.9	-0.4	2018
2013_34*	71	270	—	0.214	0.004	-8.8	-0.2	2015

Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratios are obtained from XANES spectra acquired during 2015 and 2018 sessions (see main text and [Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 1](#) for details). The log fO<sub>2</sub> values are calculated from Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratios using the empirical equation of [Kress & Carmichael \(1991\)](#) [equation (2)] in a temperature range of 1050–1200 °C and a pressure estimated from H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> contents (see text for calculation details and [Table 5](#)). The error associated with the calculated NNO value is between 0.1 and 0.2, depending on the error associated with the Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratio (±0.004 to ±0.013). emb, embayment; gl, glass; b.d.l., below detection limit.

\*Fo (forsterite content of the host olivine) and S (ppm) data are from [Gennaro et al. \(2019\)](#).

Among the investigated melt inclusions, high values of PEC are estimated for both Mt Spagnolo and FS ([Table 4](#)). We used an independent oxybarometer ([Ballhaus et al., 1990, 1991](#)) to estimate the fO<sub>2</sub> of Mt Spagnolo and FS magmas from mineral equilibria (see next section), and show that post-entrapment modifications of the Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratio are likely to be negligible.

The Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratios generally decrease with decreasing CaO/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ratios and MgO content ([Fig. 6a and b](#)), and with increasing K<sub>2</sub>O, Na<sub>2</sub>O and SiO<sub>2</sub> contents ([Fig. 6c–e](#)). Less clear is the variation with the FeO<sub>tot</sub> ([Fig. 6f](#)), suggesting an influence of the crystallization of Fe-bearing minerals on the Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratio. No clear correlation is visible between Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratios and abundances of H<sub>2</sub>O, S, Cl and CO<sub>2</sub> ([Fig. 7](#)), nor with the estimated storage pressure ([Fig. 8](#)). Only FS MIs generally show higher H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub> and S contents and Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratios than more evolved MIs ([Fig. 7](#)). These observations suggest that the variation of the melt Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratio is negligibly affected by decompression and degassing.

### Redox conditions of Etnean magmas

Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratios determined by XANES for the MIs of FS, Mt Spagnolo and 2002–2013 eruptions ([Table 5](#)) are used for estimating the redox conditions of the magmas feeding these eruptions, through [equation \(2\)](#).

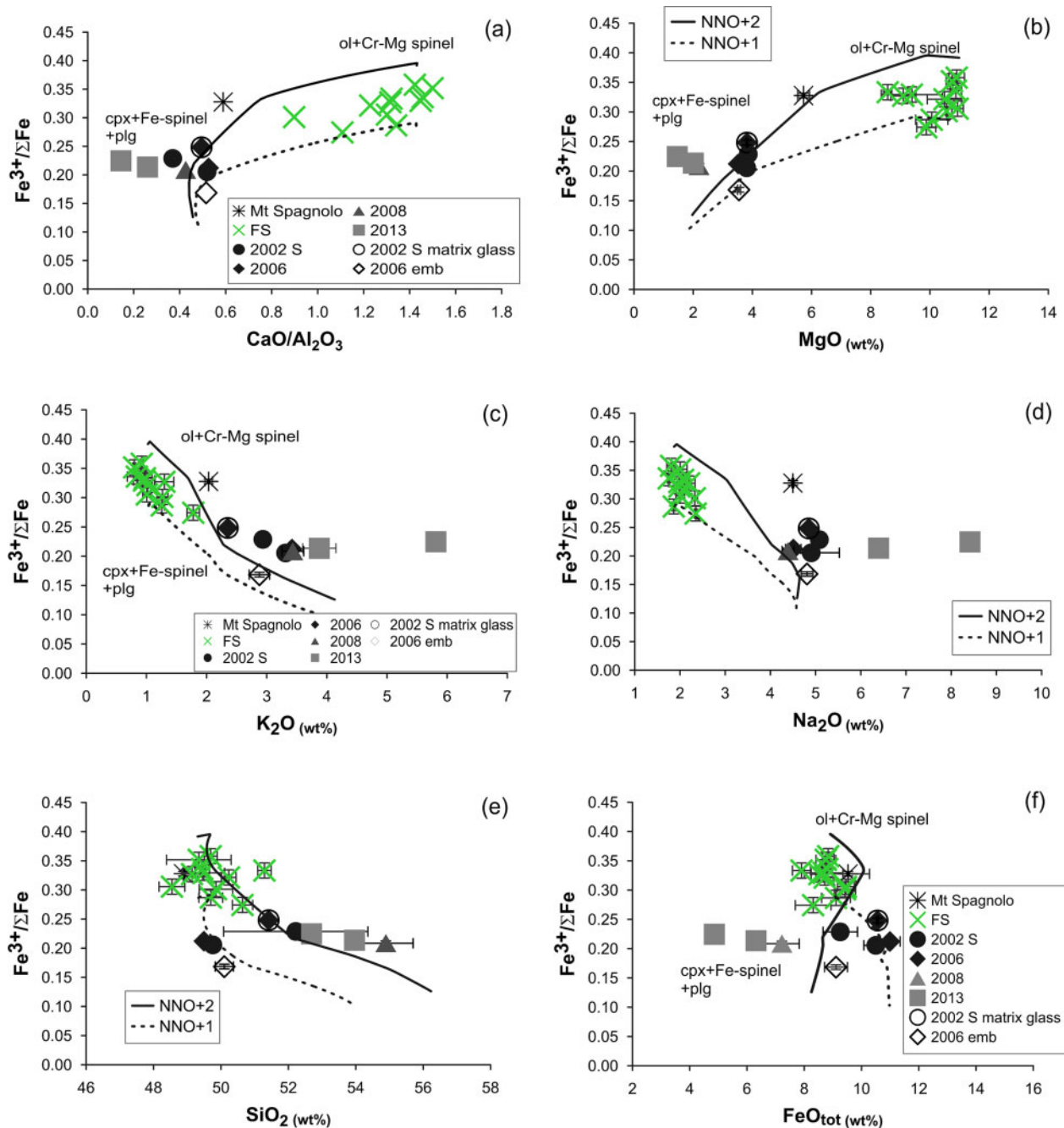
Oxygen fugacity estimations for Etnean MIs are reported in [Table 5](#), expressed as deviation from the

NNO buffer (ΔNNO). For these calculations, we used the pressure values estimated from the H<sub>2</sub>O–CO<sub>2</sub> contents ([Table 4](#)), and temperatures of 1200 °C for FS ([Mollo et al., 2015](#)), 1170–1180 °C for Mt Spagnolo ([Kamenetsky & Clocchiatti, 1996](#)) and 1130–1150 °C for the other eruptions (e.g. [Kahl et al., 2011, 2015; Mollo et al., 2015](#)).

FS MIs show the highest values (NNO+0.7 to NNO+1.6), together with the only MI from Mt Spagnolo eruption (NNO+1.4), whereas the lowest values (NNO–0.9 to NNO–0.2) are observed for MIs from 2008 and 2013 eruptions ([Fig. 9a](#)).

Previous studies estimated redox conditions between NNO and NNO+1.8 ([Fig. 9b](#)), based on phase–silicate melt and phase–phase equilibria (e.g. [Trigila et al., 1990; Armienti et al., 1994; Kamenetsky & Clocchiatti, 1996; Métrich & Rutherford, 1998; Kahl et al., 2011](#)), or between NNO and NNO+1 based on S speciation ([Métrich & Clocchiatti, 1996; Métrich et al., 2009; Morizet et al., 2017](#)).

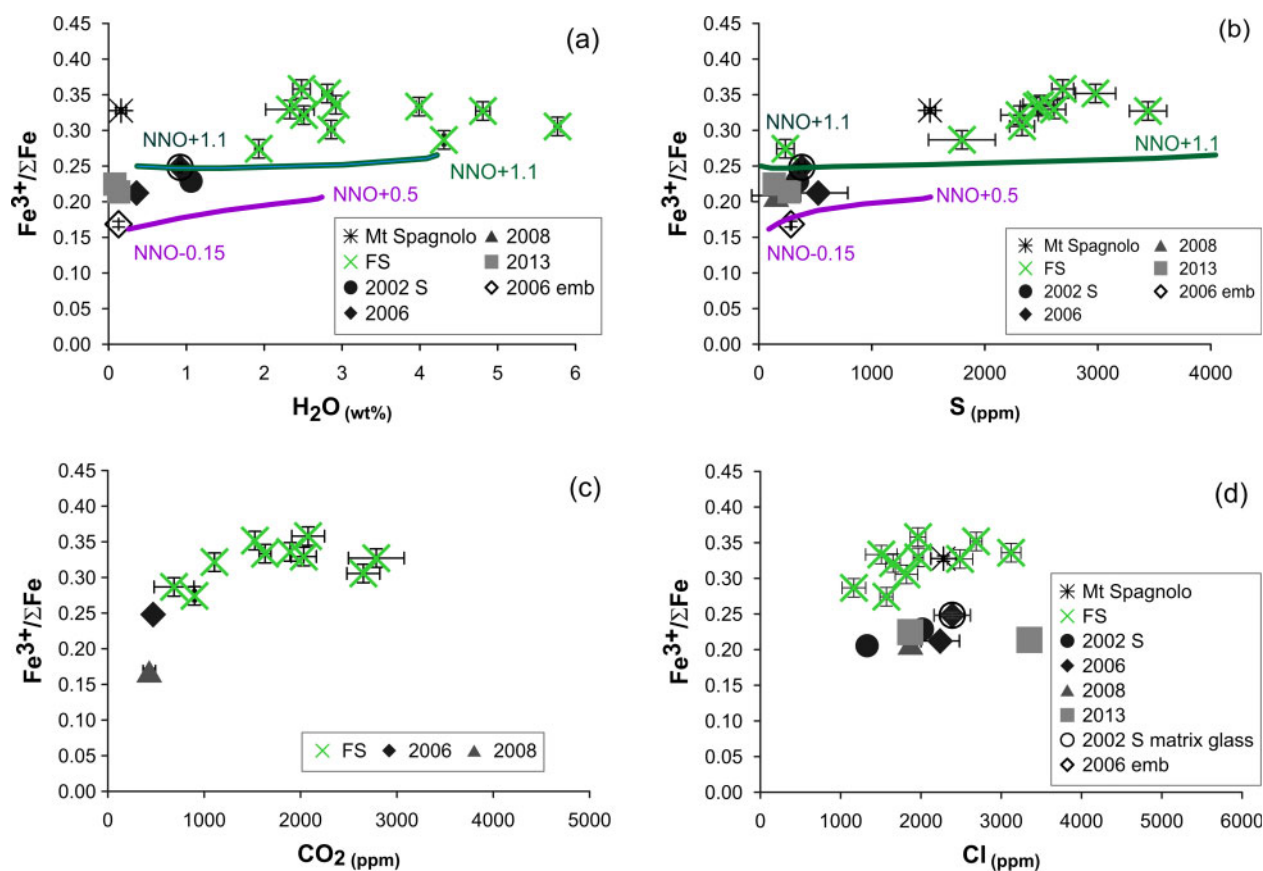
In addition to the Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratio, we applied other methods to estimate the redox conditions for the same group of samples. The oxybarometer method of [Arató & Audétat \(2017\)](#) was used on magnetite-bearing samples to estimate oxygen fugacity from the partitioning of Fe and Ti between magnetite and silicate melt (FeTiMM; [Table S2](#) in [Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 2](#)). The calculations suggest ΔNNO from –0.9 to +0.5 for the 2002 MIs, from –0.26 to +0.66 for the 2006 MIs, from –1.47 to +0.85 for the 2008 MIs, and



**Fig. 6.**  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios determined by XANES spectroscopy for Etean MIs, the embayment (emb) and the matrix glass, as a function of (a)  $\text{CaO}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  ratios, (b)  $\text{MgO}$ , (c)  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ , (d)  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ , (e)  $\text{SiO}_2$ , and (f)  $\text{FeO}_{\text{tot}}$  contents in glass. The error bars indicate the standard deviation ( $1\sigma$ ). The two black curves indicate the liquid lines of descent calculated by MELTS code (Ghiorso & Sack, 1995; Smith & Asimow, 2005) during fractional crystallization of  $\text{ol} + \text{Mg-Cr-spinel} \rightarrow \text{Fe-spinel} + \text{cpx} + \text{plg}$  (plg only at the advanced step of fractional crystallization). (See main text for details on this modelling.) The two curves illustrate the simulations performed using a  $dP/dT = 3 \text{ MPa}^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ , and an initial  $f\text{O}_2$  of  $\text{NNO} + 1$  (dashed line) or  $\text{NNO} + 2$  (continuous line).

from  $-1.09$  to  $+0.70$  for the 2013 MIs (Fig. 9c, Table S2 in Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 2). For four of the magnetite–MI pairs, the XANES  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios in the corresponding MI are known and the  $f\text{O}_2$  values estimated with the two methods are shown in Fig. 9c (and presented in Table S2 in Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 2).

The oxygen thermo-oxybarometer of Ballhaus *et al.* (1990) modified by Ballhaus *et al.* (1991), based on the olivine–spinel equilibrium, was applied only to the Cr-spinel–olivine pairs from Mt Spagnolo and FS rocks (Table S2 in Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 2). The calculations yields  $f\text{O}_2$  of  $\text{NNO} + 1.5 \pm 0.1$  for both Mt Spagnolo and FS (Fig. 9c and Table S2), which



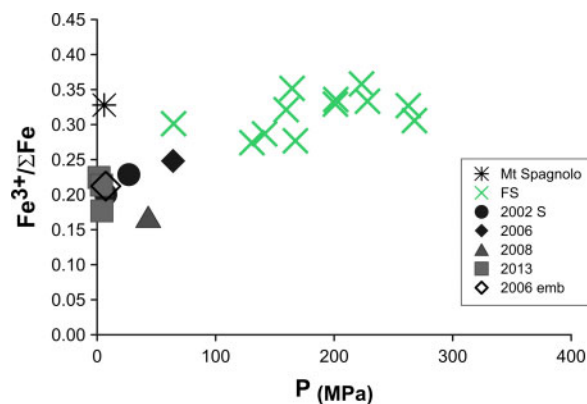
**Fig. 7.**  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios determined by XANES spectroscopy for MIs, one embayment in 2006–2007 olivine and one matrix glass for 2002 sample versus their relative (a)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , (b) S, (c)  $\text{CO}_2$  and (d) Cl contents. Degassing curves for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (a) and S (b) are modelled using the approach of Gaillard & Scaillet (2009) and Gaillard *et al.* (2011). The initial conditions of the simulations are given in the text and reported in Table S3 (in Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 2).

are in good agreement with those based on the XANES  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios. This indicates that post-entrapment modifications have a negligible effect on the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratio of the MIs, even when PEC exceeds 10%. More generally, our  $f\text{O}_2$  estimations are close to those from previous studies (Fig. 9b), some of which applied to the products of the same eruptions ( $\sim\text{NNO}$  to  $\text{NNO} + 2$ ; e.g. Trigila *et al.*, 1990; Armienti *et al.*, 1994; Kamenetsky & Clocchiatti, 1996; Métrich & Clocchiatti, 1996; Métrich & Rutherford, 1998; Métrich *et al.*, 2009; Kahl *et al.*, 2011; Morizet *et al.*, 2017). What is evident in Fig. 9 is that the determined redox conditions for Etean product span a very wide range of  $f\text{O}_2$ ; that is, from  $\text{NNO} - 1.5$  to  $\text{NNO} + 1.8$ .

## DISCUSSION

### Differentiation and degassing processes in Etean magmas

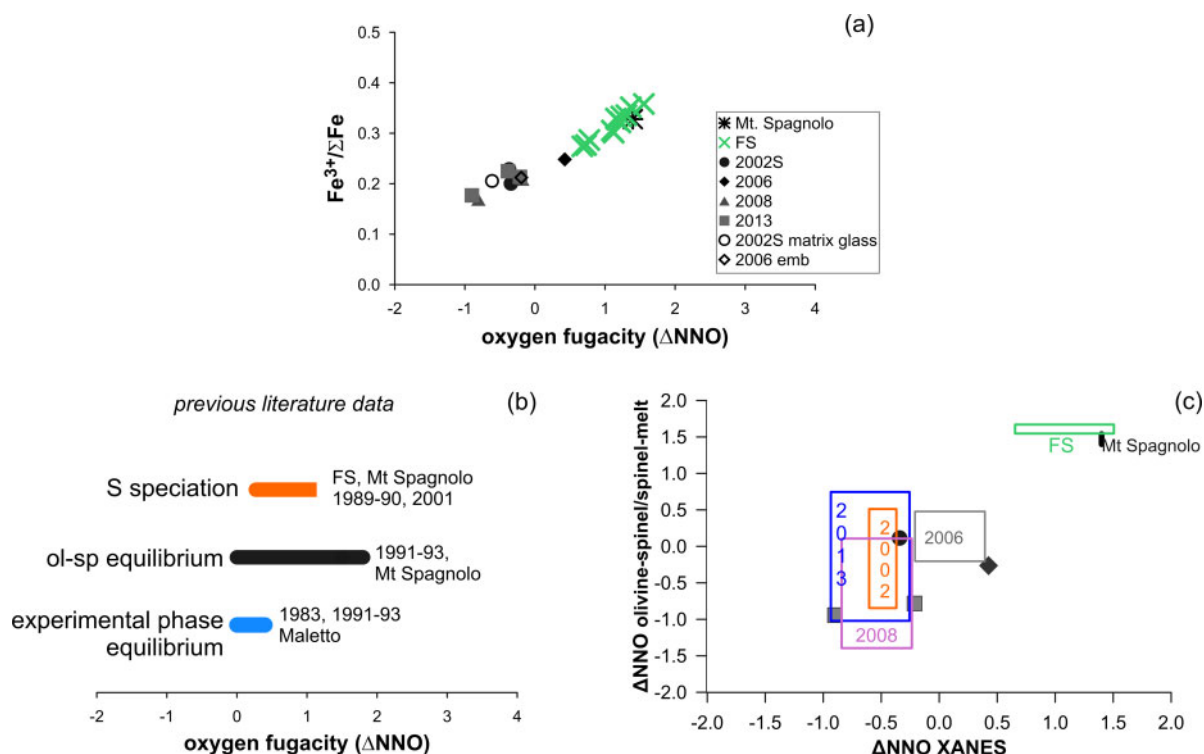
MgO-rich olivine crystals of the FS eruption entrap the most primitive MIs among those of Mt Etna (e.g. Kamenetsky & Clocchiatti, 1996; Métrich *et al.*, 2004; Spilliaert *et al.*, 2006a; Kamenetsky *et al.*, 2007; Collins *et al.*, 2009; Schiavi *et al.*, 2015; Corsaro & Métrich, 2016; Moretti *et al.*, 2018; Gennaro *et al.*, 2019). These



**Fig. 8.**  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios determined by XANES spectroscopy for Etean MIs and the embayment (emb) of 2006–2007 olivine as a function of pressure (Table 4, this study; Gennaro *et al.*, 2019), estimated from  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  concentrations using the Iacono Marziano *et al.* (2012) fluid–melt saturation model.

MIs are very rich in volatiles, and their minimum entrapment pressures, retrieved from their  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  contents using the solubility model of Iacono Marziano *et al.* (2012), range from 62 to 272 MPa (Table 4). Using a rock density of  $2.65 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  as an average for the different lithologies of the crustal basement [from 2.57 to  $2.70 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  in the first 22 km of the crust, as reported by





**Fig. 9.** (a) Estimates of oxygen fugacity (expressed as  $\Delta\text{NNO}$ , as defined in the caption of Fig. 2 and in the main text) for the studied eruptions of Mt Etna from  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios obtained by XANES. (b) Estimates of oxygen fugacity for Mt Etna from previous studies: S speciation (Métrich & Clocchiatti, 1996; Métrich *et al.*, 2009; Morizet *et al.*, 2017), experimental phase equilibria (Trigila *et al.*, 1990; Armienti *et al.*, 1994; Métrich & Rutherford, 1998), olivine–spinel equilibria (Kamenetsky & Clocchiatti, 1996; Kahl *et al.*, 2011). (c) Comparison of  $f\text{O}_2$  estimates from XANES data with those from the oxybarometer methods of Ballhaus *et al.* (1990, 1991) and Arató & Audétat (2017).

Corsaro & Pompilio (2004)], these pressures correspond to depths varying from 2.4 to 10.5 km below crater level ('bcl'), which are inside the range of previous estimations (4–19 km bcl, e.g. Kamenetsky *et al.*, 2007; Gennaro *et al.*, 2019). Gennaro *et al.* (2019) proposed that magmas feeding Etnean eruptions in the last 15 kyr could have been produced by variable amounts of differentiation of a parental melt with the composition of the most primitive FS MIs ('FS-type magma'), on the basis of differentiation trends observed in MIs and MELTS simulations. Without excluding the occurrence of additional processes (such as mixing events, sulphate assimilation, alkali enrichments, mantle metasomatism or different melting degrees of the mantle source) to thoroughly explain the chemical variability of Etnean magmas, Gennaro *et al.* showed that MELTS simulations of fractional crystallization of FS-type magma capture most of the first-order features of the Etnean magmas erupted in the last 15 kyr (Gennaro *et al.*, 2019). We therefore consider FS most primitive MIs as possible parental melt for the following discussion and modelling.

#### Variability in Etnean magmatic redox conditions

$\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios obtained by XANES spectroscopy for Etnean MIs yield a large range of  $f\text{O}_2$  values (NNO–1.5 to NNO+1.6 of  $f\text{O}_2$ ) that is corroborated by two

independent oxybarometers (magnetite–silicate melt equilibrium, and olivine–spinel equilibrium, see 'Redox conditions of Etnean magmas' section). These data significantly enlarge the range of previous estimations ( $\sim\text{NNO}$  to  $\text{NNO}+2$ ; e.g. Trigila *et al.*, 1990; Armienti *et al.*, 1994; Kamenetsky & Clocchiatti, 1996; Métrich & Clocchiatti, 1996; Métrich & Rutherford, 1998; Métrich *et al.*, 2009; Kahl *et al.*, 2011; Morizet *et al.*, 2017) as shown in Figure 9.

In the following, we will explore two main processes that could explain these variations observed in Etnean magmas: volatile degassing and melt evolution.

#### Effects of volatile degassing on redox conditions

Several recent studies have discussed the effect of volatile degassing on the variation of the magmatic redox state (e.g. Burgisser & Scaillet, 2007; Gaillard *et al.*, 2011; Moussallam *et al.*, 2014, 2016; Waters & Lange, 2016).

The effect of the degassing of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  on the magmatic redox state is controversial, as it is proposed to either oxidize the magma (e.g. Mathez, 1984; Burgisser & Scaillet, 2007; Humphreys *et al.*, 2015) or reduce it (e.g. Wilke *et al.*, 2002), or have no effect on it (Kelley & Cottrell, 2012; Waters & Lange, 2016), depending on melt and fluid phases composition. Indeed, for a silicic melt composition, degassing of a  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ – $\text{CO}_2$  fluid

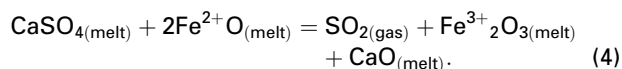
phase is expected to oxidize the melt (e.g. Burgisser & Scaillet, 2007; Humphreys *et al.*, 2015).

In the present case of the Etnean basaltic MIs, no clear correlation is observed between  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  contents (Fig. 7a–c), and the drop of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  with entrapment pressure from FS toward 2008–2013 MIs (Fig. 8) suggests a reduction of the melt upon decompression and degassing. This, however, does not necessarily mean that  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  degassing is the cause of the reduction.

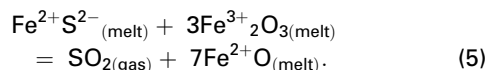
Sulphur is known to have an important influence on magmatic redox conditions, owing to its varying oxidation states in the silicate melt and in the fluid phase (e.g. Burgisser & Scaillet, 2007; Gaillard & Scaillet, 2009; Métrich *et al.*, 2009; Gaillard *et al.*, 2011; Moussallam *et al.*, 2014, 2016, 2019), and with a difference of eight electrons between the most oxidized ( $\text{S}^{6+}$ ) and the most reduced form ( $\text{S}^{2-}$ ). The dominant S species measured in the volcanic gases is  $\text{SO}_2$ , whereas  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  and  $\text{S}_2$  are minor species (e.g. Oppenheimer, 2003). Although in recent experimental investigation at low temperature (650–950 °C)  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  was shown to be the dominant S species at  $f\text{O}_2$  between NNO and  $\text{NNO} + 0.7$  and pressures between 50 and 200 MPa (Binder & Keppler, 2011),  $\text{SO}_2$  degassing is increasingly favoured during magma ascent, as the homogenous equilibrium in gas phase shifts to the left with reducing pressure (Gaillard *et al.*, 2011):



According to Métrich *et al.* (2009), the degassing of  $\text{SO}_2$  from an oxidized basaltic Fe-bearing melt, in which the dominant dissolved S species is sulphate [ $(\text{SO}_4)^{2-}$ ], causes oxidation of dissolved iron and therefore an increase of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$ :



Conversely, at more reduced redox conditions, the exsolution of  $\text{S}^{2-}$  from an Fe-bearing melt induces iron reduction and therefore a decrease of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$ :



Moussallam *et al.* (2014, 2016) observed a strong reduction of the redox condition of the melt driven by sulphur degassing at Erebus and Kilauea volcanoes, starting from variable redox conditions (around NNO for Kilauea, and  $>\text{NNO} + 1$  for Erebus melts).

To verify the effect of degassing on the iron speciation ( $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$ ) of the Etnean magmas, we modelled the degassing of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (the most abundant volatile in magma) and S (the only polyvalent volatile species) using the gas–melt equilibrium models of Gaillard & Scaillet (2009) and Gaillard *et al.* (2011). Two simulations were performed: one started from a  $f\text{O}_2$  of  $\text{NNO} + 1.1$  (at which S in the melt is preferentially in its oxidized form,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ), an initial  $P$  of 400 MPa, and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

and S contents in the melt of 4 wt% and 4000 ppm, respectively; the second simulation started from a  $f\text{O}_2$  of  $\text{NNO} + 0.5$  (at which a more important portion of the S dissolved in the melt is in its reduced form  $\text{S}^{2-}$ ), an initial  $P$  of 150 MPa, and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and S contents in the melt of 3 wt% and 1500 ppm, respectively. The temperature (kept constant during the decompression) was 1200 °C and 1150 °C, respectively (details of the calculations are given in Table S3 in Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 2). In both simulations, S degassing is indirectly caused by  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  exsolution from the silicate melt, which in turn is triggered by decompression. The simulation performed in the most oxidizing redox conditions showed no variations in  $f\text{O}_2$  induced by degassing, and generally reproduces the trend presented by FS MIs (green curves in Fig. 7a and b), even if it underestimates their  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios. This simulation cannot, however, describe the lower  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios shown by 2002–2013 MIs, the embayment and the matrix glass. In contrast, the simulation performed in the most reducing redox conditions (violet curves in Fig. 7a and b) predicts a slight decrease in the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratio induced by degassing, without, however, reproducing the whole trend shown by MIs (Fig. 7a and b).

These simulations suggest that the effect of S and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  degassing on the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratio of the Etnean magma is too small to be the only process controlling the important reduction (from  $\text{NNO} + 1.6$  to  $\text{NNO} - 1.9$ ) recorded by Etnean melt inclusions.

### Effects of magma differentiation on redox conditions

The correlation between the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratio and several major oxides (Fig. 6) suggests that the variation of the magmatic redox conditions may be related to melt differentiation. For example, the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratio of the MIs decreases with decreasing MgO content and  $\text{CaO}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  ratio, and with increasing  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  contents (Fig. 6), as previously observed in other magmatic contexts (Kelley & Cottrell, 2012) and in experimental investigations (e.g. Borisov & McCammon, 2010; Borisov *et al.*, 2015).

We used the MELTS code (Ghiorso & Sack, 1995; Smith & Asimow, 2005) to simulate fractional crystallization in open-system conditions upon simultaneous cooling and decompression (at a fixed  $dP/dT$ ), starting from the most primitive composition of FS MIs (10.5 wt% MgO, 5 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ). In this way, we estimated the evolution of the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratio of the residual liquid during the fractional crystallization as calculated by MELTS, and compared the results with the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratio estimated by XANES for the Etnean MIs (FS, Mt Spagnolo and 2002–2013 eruptions).

The imposed initial  $T$ – $P$  values were 1200 °C and 400 MPa, which, together with a  $dP/dT$  of  $3 \text{ MPa } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ , are the conditions that best reproduce the major element variations of the studied MIs according to Gennaro *et al.* (2019). Oxygen fugacity was allowed to freely

evolve during crystallization (i.e. unconstrained). Two initial  $fO_2$  values were used (NNO + 1 and NNO + 2), to bracket the  $fO_2$  estimations for FS MIs ( $\sim$ NNO + 1.5, Table 5 and Table S2 in Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 2), considering the high uncertainty probably associated with this estimation (analytical errors, PEC, volatile diffusion, bubbles).

Both simulations predict a decrease of the  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratio during fractional crystallization (continuous and dashed black curves in Fig. 6), which is dictated by the crystallizing phases (in the simulations only the initial oxygen fugacity is fixed). These variations generally reproduce well the trends shown by MIs, with the exception of the most evolved ones.

The early crystallization of olivine and Mg–Cr-spinel (Cr# = 55–65) at high  $T$  and  $P$  (1170–1200 °C and 250–400 MPa), calculated by the MELTS code, preferentially transfers  $Fe^{2+}$  into the solid phases, inducing a slight increase in the  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratio in the residual melt, and a slight decrease in total iron, while MgO decreases from 11 to  $\sim$ 9 wt% (Fig. 6b–f). At lower temperatures and pressures, and for the most oxidizing redox conditions simulation, the  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratio begins to decrease in response to the extensive clinopyroxene crystallization (Fig. 6), which probably consumes more  $Fe^{3+}$  than  $Fe^{2+}$  (O'Neill *et al.*, 2018). This is accompanied by an increase in total FeO content (continuous black curve in Fig. 6f). A more important decrease in the  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratio is observed when magnetite starts to crystallize:  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratios calculated by MELTS simulations decrease to value of  $\sim$ 0.13, which is slightly lower than the lowest  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratios measured in our MIs (Fig. 6). At higher initial  $fO_2$  (NNO + 2), Fe-spinel crystallization occurs at 1150 °C and  $\sim$ 6 wt% MgO, which sensibly decreases the  $FeO_{tot}$  content of the melt. At lower initial  $fO_2$  (NNO + 1), spinel crystallization only occurs at 1085 °C and  $\sim$ 4 wt% MgO, which does not prevent the  $FeO_{tot}$  content of the melt increasing up to 10–12 wt%, as observed in 2002, 2006 and 2008/2009 MIs (Fig. 6b–f). Because the MgO and Cr contents of the residual melt decreased, the spinel crystallizing at this stage has a titano-magnetite composition, in agreement with the observations in 2002–2013 eruptive products (e.g. Kahl *et al.*, 2015; Mollo *et al.*, 2015; Schiavi *et al.*, 2015; Gennaro *et al.*, 2019). In contrast, in FS and Mt Spagnolo olivines, Cr-spinel are detected (e.g. Kamenetsky & Clocchiatti, 1996; Kamenetsky *et al.*, 2007; Gennaro *et al.*, 2019).

MIs from 2013 showed  $FeO_{tot}$  contents lower than those predicted by the MELTS models (Fig. 6f), whereas the  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratio maintains a constant value ( $\sim$ 0.21  $\pm$  0.03), which could be due to a more copious crystallization of magnetite (and plagioclase) at constant  $fO_2$  than that predicted by MELTS (Gennaro *et al.*, 2019). This could also explain the lower CaO/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ratio of these MIs than the values calculated by the liquid line of descent (Fig. 6a). Furthermore, Fig. 6 reveals a discrepancy between alkali contents measured in MIs and those predicted by MELTS (Fig. 6c and d). The alkali

contents of 2013 MIs, and to a lower extent those of Mt Spagnolo and 2002–2008 MIs, are generally higher than those of the liquid line of descent of FS magma, as already noted by Gennaro *et al.* (2019). Alkali enrichment of the Etnean magmas is highly debated. Among the numerous hypotheses, Corrae *et al.* (2014) proposed that the variability of primitive whole-rock compositions requires variable melting degrees of a single mantle source, followed by crystallization. The enrichment in K<sub>2</sub>O has also been attributed to the upward migration of deep Cl-rich fluids carrying alkalis (Ferlito & Lanzafame, 2010), supported by the variable and high Cl concentrations measured in MIs (up to 4600 ppm; e.g. Collins *et al.*, 2009; Moretti *et al.*, 2018; Gennaro *et al.*, 2019). A recent study shows that lowering of water activity during the fractional crystallization of a basaltic melt yields a decrease in MgO and a significant increase in K<sub>2</sub>O relative to SiO<sub>2</sub> contents in the residual liquids (e.g. Beermann *et al.*, 2017).

The good agreement between the estimated  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratios in MIs and the  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratio variations (Fig. 6) calculated by the MELTS code for the residual melt during the fractional crystallization of olivine + Mg–Cr-spinel and cpx + Fe-spinel (+ plg) suggests that the variation in redox conditions of the Etnean magmas can be significantly affected by melt differentiation via fractional crystallization.

The occurrence of these mineral phases (ol, cpx, plg and Fe–Ti oxides) is common in basalts and trachybasalts erupted by Mt Etna in recent decades; a variability in redox conditions (between NNO and NNO + 2) is likely to influence the percentage and the composition of these minerals (e.g. Kamenetsky & Clocchiatti, 1996; Viccaro *et al.*, 2010; Armienti *et al.*, 2013; Kahl *et al.*, 2015; Giacomoni *et al.*, 2016).

### Sulphur behaviour during fractional crystallization of fluid-saturated magmas

Sulphur behaviour in fluid-saturated magmas during crystallization is strictly linked to the proportions of its dissolved species (sulphate and sulphide), as they exhibit different solubilities and are therefore exsolved at different rates: sulphate is more soluble, whereas sulphide is more volatile and could degas more efficiently (e.g. Carroll & Rutherford, 1985, 1987; Luhr, 1990; Jugo *et al.*, 2005). Oxygen fugacity controls sulphur speciation in both the silicate melt (S<sup>2-</sup> versus S<sup>6+</sup>) and the fluid phase (H<sub>2</sub>S versus SO<sub>2</sub>) and, therefore, affects S degassing behaviour.

To model the sulphur behaviour during decompression and crystallization and, therefore, during decrease of  $T$ ,  $P$  and  $fO_2$ , we calculated the S content of the residual liquid from the results of MELTS crystallization simulations, taking into account the variation of the experimentally determined S distribution coefficient between fluid and melt ( $DS^{fluid/melt}$ ; see 'S content in the fluid phase and fluid/melt partitioning' section).



Although associated with large uncertainties, the constructed empirical model provides a suitable approach to estimate  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  value in basaltic magmas as a function of the three intensive variables ( $T$ ,  $P$  and  $fO_2$ ).

We used (1) the crystallization simulation performed in  $T$ - $P$ - $fO_2$  range of 1200–1068 °C, 400–0.1 MPa, NNO + 2 to NNO – 1.8 using MELTS code and a fixed  $dP/dT$  ratio of 3 MPa °C<sup>-1</sup>, which well reproduces the chemical trends shown by the MIs (Fig. 6), and (2) an additional MELTS simulation performed in the same  $T$ - $P$ - $fO_2$  range with a  $dP/dT$  ratio of 20 MPa °C<sup>-1</sup>, which better reproduces the highest decompression rate experienced by FS magma (Gennaro *et al.*, 2019). Each step of MELTS simulations returns the composition of the residual liquids after crystallization owing to the  $\Delta P$ - $\Delta T$  change corresponding to the considered  $dP/dT$  ratio.

For each step, the sulphur content of the residual melt ( $S_{\text{MELTS}}$ ) is then calculated using the following equation:

$$S_{\text{MELTS}} = (S^*_{\text{MELTS}} \cdot M_{\text{sys}}) / (M_{\text{melt}} + M_{\text{fluid}} \cdot DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}) \quad (6)$$

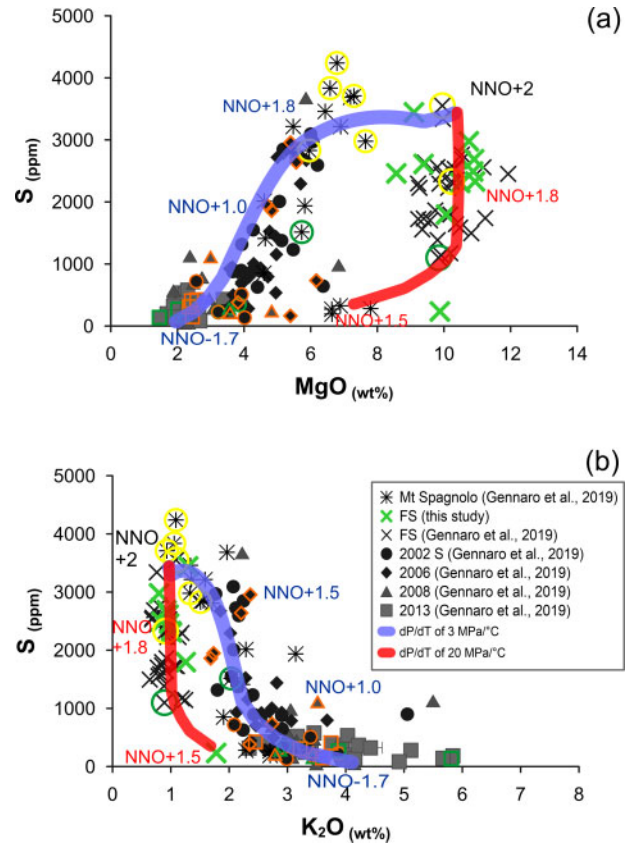
in which  $M_{\text{sys}}$ ,  $M_{\text{melt}}$  and  $M_{\text{fluid}}$  are respectively the masses of the total system, the residual melt and the fluid phase and  $S^*_{\text{MELTS}}$  is the S content of the previous step in the MELTS simulation. As initial  $S^*_{\text{MELTS}}$  we used the maximum S content in the FS MIs ( $S = 3445$  ppm, Table 4).  $M_{\text{sys}}$  and  $M_{\text{melt}}$  are calculated by MELTS code, whereas the mass of the fluid phase ( $M_{\text{fluid}}$ ) is calculated in each step of MELTS simulation ( $n$ ,  $n + 1$ ,  $n + 2$ , ...), as follows:

$$M_{\text{fluid}(n+1)} = (M_{\text{melt}} \cdot H_2O_{\text{MELTS}(n)} / 100)_n - (M_{\text{melt}} \cdot H_2O_{\text{MELTS}(n+1)} / 100)_{(n+1)} \quad (7)$$

where  $H_2O_{\text{MELTS}}$  is the  $H_2O$  content in the residual melt, calculated by MELTS code, at each step of fractional crystallization.

The S content obtained using equations (6) and (7) is shown in Figs 10 and 11 as a function of the MgO and  $K_2O$  contents of the melt, both being markers of melt differentiation, and of  $fO_2$  variation.

The simulation using a  $dP/dT$  of 20 MPa °C<sup>-1</sup> (red curve in Figs 10a, b and 11) describes a rapid decompression with a low fractional crystallization, and is accompanied by a slight decrease of  $fO_2$  (from NNO + 2 to NNO + 1.5) and a continuous decrease of S content in the melt. The important S degassing is favoured by the significant pressure decrease, accompanied by  $H_2O$  exsolution, as also predicted by S- $H_2O$  degassing simulations (Fig. 7a and b). The amount of S degassing simulated following this  $dP/dT$  rate (red curves in Figs 10 and 11) is analogous to that observed in FS MIs, which is accompanied by a decrease in  $fO_2$  from NNO + 1.6 to NNO + 0.7 (Table 5). Based on this evidence, FS eruption is probably unique in the eruptive history of Etna and was most probably produced by an



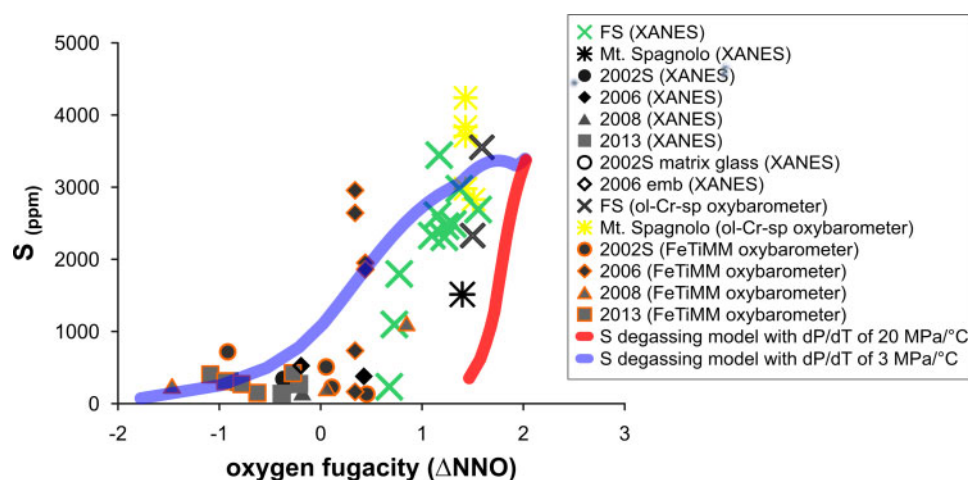
**Fig. 10.** S content versus (a) MgO and (b)  $K_2O$  contents of the MIs (data from this study and Gennaro *et al.*, 2019). The two coloured curves indicate S contents calculated coupling equations (6) and (7) to the MELTS simulations with  $dP/dT = 3$  and 20 MPa °C<sup>-1</sup> and initial  $fO_2$  of NNO + 2 (during fractional crystallization of ol + Mg-Cr-spinel → Fe-spinel + cpx + plg). Outlined symbols indicate data from Gennaro *et al.* (2019) for which  $fO_2$  values have been estimated using olivine-spinel equilibrium (in yellow), spinel-melt equilibrium (in orange), or XANES  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  ratios (in green).

unusually strong and rapid decompression of the magma, inducing explosive  $CO_2$ - $H_2O$  and S degassing.

In contrast, the simulation performed using a  $dP/dT$  of 3 MPa °C<sup>-1</sup> (blue curve in Figs 10a, b and 11) is characterized by major crystallization and subsequent  $fO_2$  reduction (from NNO + 2 to NNO – 1.8). The S content of the melt slightly decreases during the early crystallization (of ol + Fe-oxide), when  $fO_2$  is around NNO + 1.9 and the MgO content is higher than 9 wt% (Figs 6b, 10a and 11). At these conditions, neither decompression nor crystallization are effective for sulphate degassing.

When cpx starts to crystallize in major quantity, S initially slightly increases and then resumes decreasing. At a more advanced melt evolution (MgO content lower than 6 wt%, Fig. 10a), MELTS code calculates a decrease in  $fO_2$  from NNO + 1.3 to NNO – 1.7, as a consequence of fractional crystallization of cpx + Fe-Ti-spinel (and at the final step, plg), which leads to an important S decrease in the silicate melt (Fig. 11). This trend is observed in 2002–2013 (and partially in Mt Spagnolo) MIs, which are characterized by a decrease in  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$





**Fig. 11.** S content of melt inclusions (together with embayment of 2006 and matrix glass of 2002 samples) versus oxygen fugacity (expressed as  $\Delta\text{NNO}$ , as defined in the caption of Fig. 2 and in the main text), estimated from the XANES  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios and from oxybarometer methods of Ballhaus *et al.* (1990, 1991) and Arató & Audétat (2017). Also shown is the behaviour of S as a function of  $f\text{O}_2$  variation, upon the liquid lines of descent modelled by MELTS code coupled to equations (6) and (7).

ratio from 0.25 to 0.17, corresponding to a decrease in  $f\text{O}_2$  from  $\text{NNO} + 1$  to  $\text{NNO} - 1.5$  (Figs 6, 7 and 11, Table 5 and Table S2 in Supplementary Data Electronic Appendix 2). Therefore, whereas crystallization induces S enrichment in the melt, the conversion of sulphate to scarcely soluble sulphide causes extensive degassing and a drastic drop of the S content in the melt (down to  $<100$  ppm at  $\log f\text{O}_2 < \text{NNO}$ , Fig. 11).

The variability shown by the MIs of the same eruption could reflect the effects of other volatiles, such as  $\text{CO}_2$  and Cl, on S degassing. These volatiles are not accounted for by the  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  calibration model presented here, and could influence the  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  (e.g. Beermann *et al.*, 2015; Fiege *et al.*, 2015).

In conclusion, as suggested by our and previous (e.g. Beermann *et al.*, 2011, 2015; Lesne *et al.*, 2011a; Fiege *et al.*, 2015) experimental results, oxygen fugacity probably exerts the major control on the S content of Etnean melts, and ensures efficient S degassing during magma ascent.

Most of the MIs presented in Figs 10 and 11 do not contain sulphide globules, which were observed only in a few evolved and degassed MIs estimated to be entrapped at  $f\text{O}_2 < \text{NNO} - 0.2$  (from 2006, 2008–2009 and 2013 products; Gennaro *et al.*, 2019). More generally, sulphide globules are rare in Etnean MIs and matrix glasses, and they always occur in evolved and degassed glasses (Spilliaert *et al.*, 2006a, 2006b; Collins *et al.*, 2009; Gennaro *et al.*, 2019). This rules out the segregation of important amounts of immiscible sulphide melt, despite the reduction experienced by the magma during crystallization. At fluid-saturated conditions, the most important effect of magma reduction is therefore to enhance S degassing, as sulphide species are significantly less soluble in the silicate melt than sulphate ones (Fig. 2a). Reduction-induced degassing is probably a more efficient mechanism than (1) a simple

crystallization-driven degassing or (2) decompression, considering that the effect of  $f\text{O}_2$  significantly enhances that of  $P$  in increasing the  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  (Fig. 3). This process is therefore likely to account for the significant gas emissions observed at Mt Etna (e.g. McGonigle *et al.*, 2003; Aiuppa *et al.*, 2005, 2008; Salerno *et al.*, 2009; D'Aleo *et al.*, 2016; Delle Donne *et al.*, 2019).

## CONCLUSIONS

S behaviour in basaltic magmas of Mt Etna (Italy) has been investigated by means of olivine-hosted melt inclusions and an experimental approach. The experimental study of S solubility in a hydrous basaltic melt from Mt Etna (Mt Spagnolo eruption) was performed at constant temperature and pressure (1200 °C and 200 MPa) and variable oxygen fugacity ( $\text{NNO} + 0.2$  to  $\text{NNO} + 1.7$ ). In addition to former studies, our results confirm the dependence of  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  of the hydrous basaltic melt on the redox conditions, displaying a sulphur concentration of  $6039 \pm 232$  ppm at  $\text{NNO} + 1.7 \pm 0.5$  with a  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  of  $51 \pm 4$ .

Based on a selection of the obtained experimental  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  values (50–146) and of those from the literature (1–209; e.g. Lesne *et al.*, 2011a; Zajac *et al.*, 2013; Beermann *et al.*, 2015; Le Gall, 2015), an empirical model is proposed for basaltic melt composition to predict the variation of  $DS^{\text{fluid/melt}}$  values upon variation of  $P$ ,  $T$  and  $f\text{O}_2$  conditions (25–300 MPa, 1030–1200 °C and between  $\text{NNO} - 0.8$  and  $\text{NNO} + 2.4$ ). This empirical model is applied to Mt Etna basaltic magmas, for which  $f\text{O}_2$  conditions are here for the first time directly defined in olivine-hosted melt inclusions using XANES  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  ratios.

Fe speciation in Etnean melt inclusions, together with olivine–spinel exchange (Ballhaus *et al.*, 1990, 1991) in the same products, reveals that the most

primitive FS (4 ka BP) and Mt Spagnolo (4–15 ka BP) magmas are highly oxidized (up to NNO + 1.6). The more evolved products from 2002–2013 eruptions indicate more reduced redox conditions, based on XANES Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratios (NNO–0.9 to NNO + 0.4) and Fe–Ti-spinel equilibria (NNO–1.4 to NNO + 0.9). The S content of these Etnean MIs is extremely variable, from ~100 ppm to more than 4000 ppm.

Crystal fractionation and degassing models suggest that fractional crystallization coupled with magma degassing is the driving process accounting for both the variability in sulphur content and the large *f*O<sub>2</sub> variations observed in Etnean MIs.

The *DS*<sup>fluid/melt</sup> model coupled to the MELTS code (Ghiorso & Sack, 1995; Smith & Asimow, 2005) reveals that upon decrease of *T* and *P*, during fractional crystallization of ol + sp + cpx + plg (and volatile exsolution) of an FS-type magma, a significant *f*O<sub>2</sub> diminution occurs. The *f*O<sub>2</sub> reduction, in turn, causes a decrease in sulphur solubility and an increase in *DS*<sup>fluid/melt</sup>. This increase becomes particularly important at *f*O<sub>2</sub> ≤ NNO + 1, when S is preferentially dissolved in the melt as S<sup>2-</sup> (e.g. Carroll & Rutherford, 1985, 1987; Luhr, 1990; Jugo *et al.*, 2005), and *DS*<sup>fluid/melt</sup> is higher than 90, suggesting that S partitions favourably in the fluid phase.

Thus, important S degassing, as observed in the last decades at Mt Etna (McGonigle *et al.*, 2003; Aiuppa *et al.*, 2005, 2008; Salerno *et al.*, 2009; D'Aleo *et al.*, 2016; Delle Donne *et al.*, 2019), could highlight the ascent of magma batches, subjected to variation in *f*O<sub>2</sub> conditions associated to melt evolution.

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