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4 Dr. Jeffrey

5 Thanks for the thorough revision you did. I reviewed your manuscript thoroughly, and it is  
6 very close to being ready to forward to executive editor Marjorie Wilson. Before sending it  
7 forward however, I have a few more suggestions. Most of these are very simple changes  
8 that I hope will enhance the accessibility of your work. Please find comments in the attached  
9 file. Because I would like to move this process forward as fast as possible, if you have any  
10 questions about my comments, let's discuss them directly by email so that you only have to  
11 fully reload the manuscript once. All I need in terms of a response is a very brief indication of  
12 whether you agreed/disagreed with me and what you did (one sentence). No need to track  
13 changes; please only upload the final (no track changes) documents. Once I receive your  
14 final manuscript, I'll forward it to Professor Wilson.

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16 Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions. Because the academic quarter is  
17 about to begin I will be in the office much more regularly from now to early  
18 December.

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22 Wendy

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24 1. Page 88, line 21: Pico Alto is listed as >141 ka, but at the bottom of the paragraph, major  
25 pyroclastic eruptions are listed as between 86 and 20-23 ka. These age ranges are mutually  
26 exclusive.... this is a bit confusing. Why would the age of the volcano be listed as greater  
27 than 141 ka when apparently, some of its major eruptions are much younger? Please clarify.  
28 **This has now been clarified in the text. This sentence was intended to indicate that Pico Alto**  
29 **was at least 141 ka, but was somewhat misleading. The reworded sentence clarifies that the**  
30 **oldest available age for Pico Alto is 141 ka.**

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32 2. It seems to me that you identify a history of "highly explosive eruptions" (e.g., page 88,  
33 line 35) for Terceira, but when you discuss viscosity, indicate that "explosive activity was  
34 inhibited." (page 138. Line 42). I think most volcanologists would consider ignimbrites the  
35 result of explosive eruptions. I think this apparent contradiction needs to be  
36 addressed/clarified. I suspect you mean degree of explosivity, in that the ignimbrites still  
37 result from explosive activity but perhaps the VEI, or magnitude, intensity, etc. would not be  
38 expected to be as high as a magma that is more viscous. Please comment/clarify in the  
39 manuscript (ms).

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41 **This has now been clarified throughout the manuscript. We use the term 'highly explosive' to**  
42 **refer to the eruptive behaviour which we suggest is inhibited, and frequently associate the**  
43 **example of a sustained eruption column with this in the text. The 'lesser' explosive activity is**  
44 **clarified to mean low pyroclastic fountaining, which has also been clarified in a number of**  
45 **points in the text.**

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47 3. Figure 6: The number of symbols is a bit of a problem I think. The plots are pretty hard to  
48 look at and see the level of detail discussed when all of the many symbols/points fall on top  
49 of each other and/or are hard to distinguish.

50 **We have now secured funding for colour images. As such, all figures have now been**  
51 **converted into colour, which greatly reduces the difficulty in discerning the different data,**  
52 **particularly in Figure 6, but also elsewhere.**

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54 One particularly thorny issue is the right-hand panel of symbols. I searched on a few terms  
55 such as Pico Alto xenoliths, and had no returns in the text itself, and I do not think the figure  
56 caption identifies these or why they are important. First, is all the detail necessary for the  
57 comparative rocks from Terceira? If not, you might think about changing these figures to  
58 include grey scale (for print) fields. That would remove a large number of symbols and  
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3 simplify these diagrams. I do not think that fields will diminish the points you make about the  
4 ignimbrites vs. other rocks on Terceira.

5 At the beginning of the results section, we have added a full list, including references, of the  
6 published datasets which have been included in our plots.  
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8 Second and very important is please provide some explanation of why all of the comparative  
9 rocks (right-hand legend) are important—where they fit in the stratigraphy, what the enclaves  
10 and xenoliths are, references to the data, etc. Without this context, the number of symbols  
11 combined with lack of information I think renders these diagrams and the comparison section  
12 you have much less effective than it should or could be.

13 We have now added a brief explanation at the beginning of the results section of how the  
14 various literature datasets fit on to the manuscript, and refer specifically to the included  
15 discussion on the ignimbrite-forming magmas within the context of the 'Terceira suite'.  
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17 4. Figure 7 caption: "(Polybaric, 500 MPa to 150 MPa at 1,100 C, FMQ -1, Initial water  
18 content = 1.5 wt. %)" I assume the 1100° is the starting T? You might make this clear.

19 This sentence has been altered to the following: "The grey dashed line represents the most  
20 successful Rhyolite-MELTS model (Polybaric fractional crystallisation with a transition from  
21 500 MPa to 150 MPa set to occur at 1,100 °C, fO<sub>2</sub> = FMQ -1, initial water content = 1.5 wt.  
22 %)."  
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24 5. Figure 8 figure caption: *Grey field indicates range from Tomlinson...* it is not clear what this  
25 means. Do you mean the same units? That is, these data are for the same ignimbrites,  
26 autoliths etc. but (obviously) from a published work? Please clarify. Ditto for the next  
27 reference to Mungall. Also, please identify the references for the normalizations for chondrite  
28 and primitive mantle.  
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30 This has now been clarified in each case in the figure caption.  
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32 6. Page 107, mention of dalyite. Is this section important? If the analyses are not used (as  
33 far as I can tell) and they are more thoroughly discussed in your PhD, then why include  
34 them? If they are used, and I missed this, then no problem. Definitely keep the section, but  
35 otherwise it looks like a section that is just sort of "stuck" into the paper.  
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39 7. Figure 10 caption would be stronger if you include information about methods (citations)  
40 with indications that details can be found in the text. In general, I encourage you to include  
41 citations to all relevant aspects of the figures in the figure captions. Sometimes, people read  
42 the abstract, conclusions, and figures and tables. While I do not advocate for giant figure  
43 captions that go on and on and repeat detail from the text, I think the captions will be  
44 stronger if you ensure that all the relevant citations to the data/methods, etc. are included in  
45 the captions. Or if there is a really long list already in the text, indicate something like:  
46 "Citations to and detailed descriptions of data can be found in text." That way readers know  
47 where/how to easily find this information.

48 We have added relevant detail on the methods used to produce the data to the figure  
49 caption. This includes a number of citations and a reference to the text for further details.  
50 We have also taken steps to apply the same strategy throughout, adding more  
51 methodological detail and linkage to the text.  
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53 8. I recommend against using abbreviations MET and LET. The more abbreviations you add,  
54 the less accessible your work is. Standard ones like MORB are no problem, but you already  
55 have a lot (e.g., ignimbrite names) and the (small) number of times you use MET and LET  
56 (in my opinion) does not warrant the use of an abbreviation. Readers today are very  
57 impatient(!) and thus the more you can do to make it easy to digest your story, the more  
58 recognized and used your work will be

59 We have now removed both MET and LET as abbreviations throughout the manuscript.  
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4 9. RFC may be a bad choice as well (e.g., page 121). This abbreviation has another  
5 meaning—that of recharge, fractional crystallization. I think its use here for Rayleigh FC  
6 might be confusing. Perhaps Rayleigh FC (again minimize the use of somewhat obscure  
7 abbreviations) or at the very least RaFC—in any case, please consider possible confusion  
8 given that for some, RFC is already recognized as another combination of processes.

9 **This has now been changed throughout the manuscript and in the relevant figure to RaFC.**

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11 10. Figure 13 caption could be better. To me, the way this reads, the reader expects to see  
12 four batch melting curves for each lithology. What I think you might mean is the field  
13 encompasses the four batch melting curves for each? Please clarify in the figure caption.  
14 Also, please check field colors; it looks like the gabbro field in c is darker than the field in  
15 a(?).

16 **We have expanded the caption to make the data in the plots more accessible, explaining for**  
17 **example that the melting fields are each the total area covered by four individual models**  
18 **(four per field). We have also added full colour to the image, which allows the fields to be**  
19 **better distinguished from one another.**

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22 11. Figure 14: An is typically reserved for anorthite, so perhaps another abbreviation such as  
23 Anorth might work?

24 **This has now been changed to Anorth, as you suggest.**

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26 12. Figure 15 a: please describe what the different curves represent as well as the viscosity  
27 model used (or indicate details found in text).

28 **This caption has now been greatly expanded with the details of the various models and**  
29 **methods employed, as well as a reference to the text for full details.**

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31 13. Table 1: Porphyritic spelled incorrectly (under ignimbrite).

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34 14. Table 3: We will need the full list of partition coefficient citations. I assume you may have  
35 picked these from the GERM website? You can do this in the table caption. The reason for  
36 this is the Nielsen paper (which can certainly be cited) is not the original source, so  
37 unfortunately (I feel your pain, I had to do this too for a recent JP paper!), all of the relevant  
38 original references must be cited.

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## ABSTRACT

The recent (< 100 ka) volcanic stratigraphy of Terceira, Azores, includes at least seven peralkaline trachytic ignimbrite formations, attesting to a history of explosive eruptions. In this study, the petrogenesis and pre-eruptive storage conditions of the ignimbrite-forming magmas are investigated via whole-rock major and trace element geochemistry, melt inclusion and groundmass glass major element and volatile compositions, mineral chemistry, thermobarometrical models, and petrogenetic modelling. The primary aims of this contribution are to develop a model for the magmatic plumbing system from which the ignimbrite-forming trachytes of Terceira were produced by evaluating various petrogenetic processes and constraining pre-eruptive magma storage conditions. We also place the ignimbrite-forming magmas into the context of the Terceira suite, and discuss potential implications of pre-eruptive magma conditions for eruptive behaviour.

Results indicate that the ignimbrite-forming comenditic trachytes are generated predominantly by extended fractional crystallisation of basaltic parental magmas at redox conditions around 1 log unit below the fayalite-magnetite-quartz buffer. This was achieved via a polybaric fractionation pathway, in which mantle-derived basalts stall and fractionate to hawaiitic compositions at lower crustal depths (~ 15 km), before ascending to a shallow crustal magma storage zone (~ 2 to 4 km) and fractionating towards comenditic trachytic compositions. The most evolved pantelleritic magmas of Terceira (not represented by the ignimbrites) are plausibly generated by continued fractionation from the comenditic trachytes. Syenite autoliths represent portions of peralkaline trachytic melt which crystallised *in-situ* at the margins of a silicic reservoir. Trachytic enclaves hosted within syenitic autoliths provide direct evidence for a two-stage mingling process, in which ascending

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3 hawaiites are mixed with trachytic magmas in the shallow crustal magma storage  
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5 zone. The resulting hybridised trachytes then ascend further and mix with the more  
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7 evolved peralkaline trachytes in the uppermost cap of the system, passing first through  
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9 a syenitic crystal mush. The reduced viscosities of the peralkaline silicic magmas of  
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11 this study in relation to their metaluminous counterparts facilitate rapid crystal-melt  
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13 segregation via crystal settling, generating compositionally zoned magma bodies and,  
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15 in some instances, relatively crystal-poor erupted magmas. Reduced viscosity may  
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17 also inhibit highly explosive activity (e.g. formation of a sustained eruption column),  
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19 and limit the majority of explosive eruptions to low pyroclastic fountaining or ‘boil-  
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21 over’ eruption styles. The formation of intermediate magmas within the system is  
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23 considered to be limited to episodic mixing between mafic and silicic magmas.  
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31 **Keywords:** Terceira, Ignimbrite, Peralkaline, Fractional crystallisation, Zoned magma  
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33 reservoir, Magma mingling, Thermobarometry, Daly Gap  
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## 42 INTRODUCTION

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44 Terceira, one of the nine islands of the Azores archipelago, exhibits a number of  
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46 petrological features which are atypical of oceanic island silicic centres. In contrast  
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48 with the frequently alkali basalt-dominated volcanism of oceanic islands, a significant  
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50 proportion (86 vol. %; Self, 1976) of recently (< 20-23 ka) erupted products on  
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52 Terceira have been silicic and peralkaline, extending to pantelleritic compositions.  
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54 Furthermore, in addition to abundant silicic lava domes and coulées, the volcanic  
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56 stratigraphy of Terceira includes at least seven ignimbrite-bearing pyroclastic  
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3 formations, some of which exhibit variably welded units, basal pumice falls, and  
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5 dilute pyroclastic density current (surge) deposits (Gertisser *et al.*, 2010), attesting to a  
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7 spasmodic history of explosive eruptions of silicic magmas (Self, 1974, 1976;  
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9 Gertisser *et al.*, 2010). Although ignimbrite-forming eruptions have occurred on other  
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11 Azorean islands, such as Faial (Pacheco, 2001; Pimentel *et al.*, 2015), São Miguel  
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13 (Duncan *et al.*, 1999; Gaspar *et al.*, 2015), and Graciosa (Gaspar, 1996), they  
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15 represent a relatively minor portion of each island's eruptive history. Such phenomena  
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17 have also been reported at different locations in contrasting geodynamic settings  
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19 worldwide (e.g. Pantelleria, Mahood and Hildreth, 1986; Gran Canaria, Araña *et al.*,  
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21 1973; Ascension, Daly, 1925; Socorro, Bryan, 1966).  
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26 Studies of peralkaline magmatic systems have highlighted their complexity,  
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28 revealing the interplay of petrogenetic processes such as fractional crystallisation,  
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30 crustal assimilation, magma mixing, and remobilisation and/or partial melting of  
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32 cumulate material (e.g. Roux and Varet, 1975; Harris, 1983; Mahood, 1984; Davies  
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34 and Macdonald, 1987; Macdonald, 1987; McBirney, 1993; Mungall and Martin,  
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36 1995; Black *et al.*, 1997; Bohron and Reid, 1997; Scaillet and Macdonald, 2001;  
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38 Macdonald and Scaillet, 2006; Ren *et al.*, 2006; White *et al.*, 2006; Macdonald *et al.*,  
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40 2008; White *et al.*, 2009; Markl *et al.*, 2010; Hong *et al.*, 2013; Shao *et al.*, 2015;  
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42 Jeffery *et al.*, 2016a). Considering the further complexity introduced by P-T-fO<sub>2</sub>  
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44 conditions and compositional variability, such systems are individually unique, to  
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46 some extent (Macdonald, 2012). However, many peralkaline complexes are, in some  
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48 respects, unified by the frequent occurrence of compositional zonation of their magma  
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50 reservoirs (e.g. Civetta *et al.*, 1984; Mahood 1984; Mahood and Hildreth, 1986;  
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52 Macdonald *et al.*, 1994; Troll and Schmincke, 2002; Peccerillo *et al.*, 2003; Sumner  
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54 and Wolff, 2003; Macdonald, 2012). Mungall and Martin (1995) proposed that the  
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3 most recently extruded (< 20-23 ka) peralkaline silicic magmas on Terceira could be  
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11 In this paper, we apply whole-rock major and trace element geochemistry,  
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13 melt inclusion and groundmass glass major and volatile element analyses, mineral  
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15 chemistry, thermobarometry, and petrogenetic modelling to the ignimbrites of  
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17 Terceira, erupted between ~ 86 and ~ 20-23 ka (Gertisser *et al.*, 2010), and a suite of  
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19 associated syenite autoliths, aiming to (1) elucidate the petrogenesis of the  
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21 peralkaline, ignimbrite-forming silicic magmas of Terceira, (2) constrain the pre-  
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23 eruptive magma storage conditions, (3) place the ignimbrite-forming magmas of  
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25 Terceira within the context of the identified magma series of Mungall and Martin  
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27 (1995), as well as the overall magmatic trend of the island, and (4) evaluate the effects  
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29 of the pre-eruptive magma system on eruption dynamics.  
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## 38 **GEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**

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40 The Azores archipelago comprises nine islands in the North Atlantic Ocean (Lat.  
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42 37°N to 40°N, Long. 25°W to 32°W), ~ 1,300 km west of the Portuguese mainland.  
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44 The islands themselves are divided into three geographic groups (western, central and  
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46 eastern), and represent the subaerial expression of the Azores Plateau, a triangular-  
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48 shaped bathymetric and gravity anomaly reflecting a morphologically complex area  
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50 (~ 5.8 × 10<sup>6</sup> km<sup>2</sup>) of elevated oceanic crust that formed between 20 and 7 Ma (Kaula,  
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52 1970; Searle, 1980; Lourenço *et al.*, 1998 Gente *et al.*, 2003). The unique geodynamic  
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54 setting of the Azores results from the triple junction of the North American, Eurasian  
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56 and African lithospheric plates. This area of the North Atlantic, is marked by three  
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3 major tectonic features; the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (MAR), the East Azores Fracture  
4 Zone (EAFZ) and the Terceira Rift (e.g. Krause and Watkins, 1970; Ridley *et al.*,  
5 1974; Vogt and Jung, 2004; Luis and Miranda, 2008; Madeira *et al.*, 2015). The MAR  
6 delimits the Eurasian and African plates to the east from the North American plate to  
7 the west. The EAFZ, located to the south of the archipelago, corresponds to an  
8 abandoned fault system that probably represents the ancient boundary between the  
9 Eurasian and African plates, which extends eastward as the Azores-Gibraltar Fracture  
10 Zone (Ridley *et al.*, 1974; Luis *et al.*, 1994; Silveira *et al.*, 2006; Madeira *et al.*,  
11 2015). The Terceira Rift runs for ~ 600 km in an oblique trend between the MAR in  
12 the NW and the EAFZ in the SE. The rift corresponds to the westernmost segment of  
13 Eurasian-African boundary and is characterized by a complex alignment of alternating  
14 basins and volcanic edifices, including seamounts and the islands of Graciosa,  
15 Terceira, and São Miguel. It is considered one of the world's slowest spreading-  
16 centres, with a spreading rate of 2 to 4 mm/a (Ridley *et al.*, 1974; Searle, 1980;  
17 Madeira and Brum da Silveira, 2003; Vogt and Jung, 2004; Fernandes *et al.*, 2006;  
18 Madeira *et al.*, 2015). All of the Azorean islands are volcanic in origin and  
19 magmatism in the area is widely believed to result from the complex interaction  
20 between the MAR and a melting anomaly, often referred to as the Azores mantle  
21 plume, though the precise nature of the anomaly remains a matter of some debate (e.g.  
22 Schilling, 1991; Widom and Shirey, 1996; Courtillot *et al.*, 2003; Beier *et al.*, 2012;  
23 Métrich *et al.*, 2014).

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51 Terceira Island belongs to the central group of the Azores and is the third  
52 largest in the archipelago, with an area of approximately 400 km<sup>2</sup> (Figure 1). The  
53 island comprises four central volcanoes (Cinco Picos, Guilherme Moniz, Pico Alto  
54 and Santa Bárbara) that sit astride a 2 km-wide basaltic fissure zone that bisects the  
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3 island from NW to SE (Self, 1974, 1976). The oldest volcanic centre, Cinco Picos  
4 (also known as Serra do Cume-Ribeirinha; e.g. Pimentel *et al.*, 2016) (> 401 ka;  
5 Hildenbrand *et al.*, 2014), comprises a heavily eroded, 9 × 7 km caldera that  
6 dominates the SE sector of the island, with a compositional range that extends from  
7 basalt to peralkaline trachyte (Self, 1974; Self and Gunn, 1976). Guilherme Moniz  
8 volcano (> 270 ka in age; Calvert *et al.*, 2006) is located slightly south of the centre of  
9 the island and, like Cinco Picos, comprises a 4 × 2 km caldera, with basaltic rocks in  
10 its floor and peralkaline trachytic rocks exposed in the caldera walls (e.g. Self, 1974;  
11 Self and Gunn, 1976).

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24 Pico Alto (for which the oldest available age is 141 ka; see Gertisser *et al.*, 2010)  
25 lies on the northern flank of Guilherme Moniz, and is considered by Calvert *et al.*  
26 (2006) to represent the younger portion of the same volcanic centre. Unlike the other  
27 volcanic centres, Pico Alto lacks a well-defined morphological structure, and  
28 comprises an assemblage of comenditic and pantelleritic lava domes and coulées  
29 partially filling and overflowing a caldera (Self, 1974; Pimentel, 2006; Gertisser *et al.*,  
30 2010). The eruptive history of Pico Alto exhibits evidence of explosive eruptions,  
31 recorded by major pyroclastic formations dominated by ignimbrites, erupted between  
32 ~ 86 and ~ 20-23 ka (Gertisser *et al.*, 2010).

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45 The youngest volcano, Santa Bárbara (> 65 ka; Hildenbrand *et al.*, 2014), takes a  
46 distinctive conical shape, up to 1,021 m above sea level, truncated by two small  
47 nested calderas. Compositionally, this landform is made up of recent (< 20-23 ka)  
48 peralkaline silicic lava domes and coulées, and pumice falls, which overly mafic rocks  
49 including hawaiites and mugearites (Self, 1974, 1976; Self and Gunn, 1976).  
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3 The fissure zone (> 43 ka; Calvert *et al.*, 2006) that bisects the island is defined by  
4 alignments of scoria cones, spatter cones, lava flows, and collapse pits (Self, 1976;  
5 Mungall and Martin, 1995; Zanon and Pimentel, 2015). It shows a general progression  
6 towards younger ages from SE to NW, and traverses the extinct volcanic centres,  
7 Guilherme Moniz and Cinco Picos, covering the floor of both calderas with young  
8 basalts and hawaiiites. Three historical eruptions occurred along the fissure zone, in  
9 the centre of the island as well as off-shore (Zbyszewski, 1966; Gaspar *et al.*, 2003;  
10 Pimentel *et al.*, 2016). The fissure zone is considered to represent the surface  
11 expression of the Terceira Rift (Self, 1974).  
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## 24 **IGNIMBRITE STRATIGRAPHY**

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27 Ignimbrite-forming eruptions on Terceira appear to have been limited to periodic,  
28 short-lived eruptive episodes that each led to multiple depositional units. These are  
29 interspersed with longer periods of quiescence or eruption of various pyroclastic  
30 deposits and lava flows. The stratigraphy and chronology of ignimbrites on Terceira  
31 was established by Gertisser *et al.* (2010) (Figure 2), who identified seven distinct  
32 pyroclastic formations containing ignimbrites or composed of ignimbrites based upon  
33 field characteristics, stratigraphical relationships,  $^{14}\text{C}$  and  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  chronology, as  
34 well as major and trace element geochemistry. Each formation is bounded by  
35 unconformities and records an eruptive event or, more often, a sequence of eruptions  
36 closely spaced in time, and was named following the original scheme of Self (1974;  
37 1976), where possible. The most likely source of the ignimbrites was identified by  
38 Gertisser *et al.* (2010) to be Pico Alto, and possibly Guilherme Moniz in the case of  
39 the older ignimbrite formations. The same authors also identified two further  
40 pyroclastic density current deposits (the Quatro Ribeiras pyroclastic flow deposit and  
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3 the Posto Santo spatter flow deposit), which are not considered further in this study  
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5 due to their comparatively isolated occurrence.  
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8 The stratigraphy of the island has been studied in depth by Self (1974; 1976)  
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10 and Gertisser *et al.*, (2010), with a number of ages being provided by the latter. The  
11 stratigraphy is divided into the Upper Terceira Group (UTG) and the Lower Terceira  
12 Group (LTG), each comprising basaltic to trachytic and rhyolitic lava flows, pumice  
13 and scoria falls, and ignimbrites (Figure 2). The base of the UTG is marked by the  
14 youngest and most extensive pyroclastic formation, the Lajes-Angra Ignimbrite  
15 Formation (LAI). At least 116 separate eruptions of Santa Bárbara and Pico Alto,  
16 alongside fissure zone activity, are recorded by pumice falls, scoria falls and lava  
17 flows, lava domes and coulées of the UTG, overlying the LAI. The LAI itself  
18 comprises two distinct members; the Angra Ignimbrite (exposed on the southern  
19 coast) and the Lajes Ignimbrite (exposed on both the northern and southern coasts),  
20 and is dated between 20 and 23 ka (Gertisser *et al.*, 2010). The Lajes member (20,110  
21  $\pm 470$  to 23,150  $\pm 730$  uncalibrated  $^{14}\text{C}$  years BP) is a relatively thin ignimbrite (3.5 m  
22 on average) with a welded lower part and a non-welded upper ignimbrite unit, whilst  
23 the Angra member (21,220  $\pm 120$  to 22,310  $\pm 800$  uncalibrated  $^{14}\text{C}$  years BP) is a  
24 thicker (up to 14 m) and remarkably monotonous, almost totally non-welded  
25 ignimbrite.  
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46 Stratigraphically below the LAI, interstratified pumice falls, lava flows and at  
47 least six other ignimbrite formations and two other pyroclastic density current  
48 deposits combine to form the Lower Terceira Group (LTG) (Gertisser *et al.*, 2010).  
49 These include the Linhares-Matela Ignimbrite Formation (LMI), the Vila Nova-Fanal  
50 Ignimbrite Formation (VFI), the Calderia-Castelinho Ignimbrite Formation (CCI), the  
51 Pedras Negras Ignimbrite Formation (PNI), the Grota do Vale Ignimbrite Formation  
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3 (GVI) and the Ignimbrite-i Formation (Ign-i). The LMI is the uppermost ignimbrite  
4 formation in the LTG, comprising the Linhares and Matela members which appear to  
5 be limited to the south of the island. The LMI is separated from the overlying LAI by  
6 a lava flow and approximately 10 m of pyroclastic fall deposits, and is  $^{14}\text{C}$  dated at  
7 34,690  $\pm$  7500 to 37,320  $\pm$  4960 uncalibrated years BP (Gertisser *et al.*, 2010).  
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15 The VFI is made up of multiple pyroclastic density current units and  
16 associated pumice fall units, and is divided into two members; the Vila Nova member,  
17 seen in the northern coast, and the Fanal member, seen in the southern coast. They are  
18  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  dated at 50  $\pm$  10 ka and 58  $\pm$  20 ka, respectively (Gertisser *et al.*, 2010). The  
19 CCI also comprises two members; the Caldeira member in the north and the  
20 Castelinho member in the south, both of which are stratigraphically below the VFI. Of  
21 all the ignimbrites on Terceira, it is the only one to exhibit a well-developed fall unit  
22 and overlying dilute pyroclastic density current deposit, featuring cross bedding of  
23 both fine- and coarse-grained pumice beds. Although small fine-grained syenitic  
24 clasts may be found in at least one of the other ignimbrite formations (LAI), the CCI  
25 is characterised by abundant coarse-grained, syenitic autoliths (termed cognate  
26 xenoliths by Gertisser *et al.*, 2010), which can reach sizes of 25 cm in diameter.  
27 Gertisser *et al.* (2010) provided two  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  ages of 71  $\pm$  4 ka and 83  $\pm$  18 ka for the  
28 CCI, showing that the CCI is considerably older than the overlying VFI.  
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47 The PNI is found stratigraphically below the CCI and exposed exclusively on  
48 the northern coast, typically as dark-weathering, heavily-eroded remnants with a  
49 welded basal layer. Ignimbrite-i is found only as a small outcrop on the north coast,  
50 where it is welded and positioned stratigraphically below the CCI. Gertisser *et al.*  
51 (2010) reported a single  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  age of 86  $\pm$  9 ka for Ignimbrite-i, although its  
52 relationship to the PNI, exposed further westward along the northern coast, remains  
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3 unclear. The GVI (Gertisser *et al.*, 2010) is the lowest ignimbrite on the south coast  
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5 and, due to the unusual occurrence of biotite, does not correlate with either of the  
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7 lowest ignimbrite formations outcropping along the north coast (PNI and Ign-i). The  
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9 exposure is only ~1.5 m thick, but the top is eroded, so the original thickness is  
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## 13 14 15 16 **PETROGRAPHY**

### 17 18 19 **Ignimbrites**

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21 Juvenile clasts sampled from the ignimbrites of Terceira range from pumice to dense  
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23 vitrophyres and exhibit similar mineral assemblages, characterised by the presence of  
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25 alkali feldspar (anorthoclase), augite, Ti-magnetite, and apatite ± olivine and ilmenite  
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27 (Self, 1974; Gertisser *et al.*, 2010). The GVI is a notable exception to this, in that it  
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29 also contains phenocrysts of biotite, a mineral that is not observed in any of the other  
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31 ignimbrite formations (Gertisser *et al.*, 2010). Additionally, the LMI is distinguished  
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33 by the occurrence of plagioclase phenocrysts in addition to alkali feldspar.  
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38 In all of the ignimbrites anorthoclase is the dominant phase, although it  
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40 typically does not exceed ~ 10 vol. % on a vesicle-free basis. Anorthoclase  
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42 phenocrysts are generally unzoned, tabular, and up to ~ 4 mm in length (Figure 3a).  
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44 However, crystal fragments and heavily resorbed and embayed examples are also  
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46 common, the latter being especially abundant in the LMI (Figure 3b). Augite is  
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48 generally restricted to subhedral microphenocrysts up to 0.2 mm in length, though  
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50 comparatively large, euhedral phenocrysts (up to ~ 3 mm) are occasionally found  
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52 (Figure 3c). Augite frequently displays a spatial association with Fe-Ti oxides; the  
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54 latter are often partially or entirely included within augite crystals (Figure 3d). Olivine  
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3 is generally found as equant phenocrysts that do not exceed 2 mm and are frequently  
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5 resorbed and embayed (Figure 3e). Biotite in the GVI occurs as small, euhedral  
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7 phenocrysts that generally do not exceed ~ 1 mm, and often contain inclusions of  
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9 apatite (Figure 3f). Ti-magnetite and ilmenite exhibit equant, subhedral forms that  
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11 rarely exceed 1 mm in size. Some examples display optically visible zonation patterns  
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13 in reflected light, with prominent, irregular cores, and rims of highly variable  
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15 thickness and brighter reflectance (Figure 3g). Rare examples of Ti-magnetite exhibit  
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17 regular exsolution lamellae of ilmenite. Apatite is present in trace amounts  
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19 throughout, and is generally restricted to small, acicular inclusions within other  
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### 29 **Syenitic autoliths**

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31 The quartz-syenitic autoliths of the CCI exhibit a variety of macroscopic textures,  
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33 including inter- and intra-autolith grain size variations (Figure 4a), schlieren structures  
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35 rich in mafic minerals (Figure 4b), and contain fine-grained, trachytic enclaves, with  
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37 rounded, lobate forms and chilled margins (Figure 4c). Individual autoliths can  
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39 contain up to ~ 10 vol. % unfilled intercumulus void space in the freshest samples.  
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41 Schlieren may anastomose or bifurcate, and are characterised by an abundance of Na-  
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43 clinopyroxene, Na-amphibole, and aenigmatite, which may be either intercumulus or  
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45 megacrystic (up to ~ 1 cm). Schlieren typically form at the contacts between two  
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47 texturally or mineralogically distinct varieties of syenite (Figure 4b).  
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52 The autoliths are characterised by more complex mineral assemblages than  
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54 those of the various Terceira ignimbrite formations, comprising alkali feldspar  
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56 (anorthoclase, sanidine, albite), Na-clinopyroxene, Na-amphibole, aenigmatite, Ti-  
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3 magnetite, ilmenite, quartz, olivine, apatite, and biotite, in approximate decreasing  
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5 order of abundance, with dalyite and eudialyte representing the most significant  
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7 zirconosilicate accessory phases (Jeffery *et al.*, 2016b). This mineral assemblage  
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9 contains phases that are typical of both miaskitic and agpaitic rocks (cf. Marks *et al.*,  
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11 2011), suggesting that the syenites should be considered transitional between the two.  
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13 Alkali feldspar is the most abundant phase, constituting ~ 75 vol. % of each autolith  
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15 (including void space), and forming a cumulus framework, regardless of grain size.  
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17 Individual crystals range from large, tabular crystals (up to ~ 10 mm, Figure 5a) to  
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19 smaller laths (up to ~ 2 mm, Figure 5b), and from fresh and unaltered, to heavily  
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21 altered and perthitic. Alkali feldspar is also present as small, irregular crystals which,  
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23 together with quartz, form granophyric patches.  
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28 Na-clinopyroxene, Na-amphibole, and aenigmatite represent the dominant  
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30 intercumulus phases, with a cumulative volume of up to ~ 10 vol. %. All three phases  
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32 are concentrated in schlieren, where their abundance may be as high as ~ 50 vol. %,  
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34 but are also present in subordinate quantities throughout the syenite. Within schlieren  
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36 structures, Na-clinopyroxene is present as patches of acicular crystals that partially  
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38 replace large aenigmatite crystals, of which only relict crystals with ragged edges  
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40 remain. This relationship between Na-clinopyroxene and aenigmatite is not limited to  
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42 schlieren structures and may be found throughout the syenite autoliths.  
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47 Outside of the previously described schlieren, Na-clinopyroxene exists as  
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49 intercumulus crystals that can reach sizes of up to ~ 3 mm, and often exhibit irregular  
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51 or patchy zonation (Figure 5c). Furthermore, Na-clinopyroxenes frequently show a  
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53 spatial association with Na-amphiboles, appearing to have nucleated heterogeneously  
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55 on, or to have replaced, pre-existing amphibole crystals (Figure 5c, d). Similarly,  
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57 amphiboles reach sizes of ~ 4 mm and are frequently zoned, with a brownish  
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3 amphibole generally making up the central portion of a given crystal, and blue  
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5 amphibole forming the crystal margins (Figure 5d). The margins between individual  
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7 zones are almost exclusively irregular and gradational. Na-clinopyroxene is also  
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9 present as small acicular crystals which form radiating bundles, typically projecting  
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11 into unfilled cavities.  
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15 Quartz is also limited to intercumulus pore spaces, where it occurs as  
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17 aggregates of rounded crystals up to ~ 1 mm in size. Together with phases such as  
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19 acicular Na-clinopyroxene, dalyite, or eudialyte, quartz aggregates may either  
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21 partially or entirely fill pores. Fe-Ti oxides are present as small (< 100 µm) equant  
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23 crystals that are frequently included within other phases and do not account for more  
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25 than 1 vol. % of the rock. More rarely, Fe-Ti oxides reach sizes of up to ~ 400 µm and  
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27 may represent an intercumulus phase rather than an inclusion.  
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31 Olivine is uncommon in the syenites and, when present, exists as anhedral  
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33 relict crystals which exhibit a complex reaction texture. Reaction rims are typically  
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35 characterised by an inner, anhydrous zone including Fe-Ti oxides and an outer  
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37 hydrous rim of iddingsite and comparatively rare biotite.  
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41 Apatite is present in trace amounts, and is limited to small (< 100 µm) acicular  
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43 inclusions within other phases. Biotite is uncommon and, where present, exists as  
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45 small inclusions within alkali feldspars. Eudialyte is found as irregularly-shaped  
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47 crystals (generally < 1 mm) which partially or entirely fill intercumulus spaces, and is  
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49 frequently associated spatially with Na-clinopyroxene. Examples of irregular patchy  
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51 or oscillatory zoning are common. Dalyite is typically present as small (< 0.5 mm)  
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53 sub- to anhedral crystals, though it can reach sizes of 1 to 1.5 mm. It is almost  
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55 exclusively anhedral and confined to the interstices, either filling or partially filling  
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3 void spaces. It is often associated spatially with quartz, and in some cases can be  
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5 found as inclusions within larger interstitial quartz crystals (Jeffery *et al.*, 2016b).  
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### 11 **Syenite-hosted enclaves**

14 Dark enclaves found within individual syenite autoliths from the CCI are porphyritic,  
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16 with large plagioclase, alkali feldspar, diopside, augite, and Mg-rich olivine  
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18 phenocrysts up to ~ 8 mm in length set in a fine-grained (< 0.2 mm) microcrystalline  
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20 groundmass (Figure 5f). Groundmass mineral assemblages include alkali feldspar  
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22 (anorthoclase and albite), amphibole, diopside to aegirine-augite, Fe-Ti oxides,  
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24 apatite, eudialyte, dalyite, aenigmatite, and titanite, in approximate order of  
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26 decreasing abundance. As in all of the rocks in this study, alkali feldspar is the  
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28 dominant phase, occurring as large phenocrysts and as small (< 0.2 mm), anhedral  
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30 groundmass crystals. Phenocrystic alkali feldspar is characterised by rounded cores,  
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32 which are mantled by sieve-textured rims of variable width (~ 50 to 750  $\mu\text{m}$ ) (Figure  
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34 5g). In contrast to the interior (core-rim) boundary, which is frequently sharp, the  
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36 exterior boundary between rim and groundmass is frequently diffuse and poorly  
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38 defined. Phenocryst cores often exhibit patchy or, more rarely, oscillatory zoning  
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40 patterns.  
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46 Na-Ca amphibole is present both as a minor population of microphenocrysts,  
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48 typically up to ~ 500  $\mu\text{m}$  in length, and as an abundant groundmass phase (< 150  $\mu\text{m}$ ).  
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50 Augite and Na-clinopyroxene are found in abundance in the groundmass, but also  
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52 exist as phenocrysts and microphenocrysts (~ 250 to 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ ) which frequently have  
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54 thin (< 50  $\mu\text{m}$ ) rims of iddingsite and resorption textures. Larger examples may also  
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56 have concentric, oscillatory zoning patterns. Fe-Ti oxides are present as small  
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3 groundmass crystals that do not exceed 150  $\mu\text{m}$ . Olivine is found exclusively as  
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5 ragged phenocrysts up to  $\sim 3$  mm in size, and surrounded by a distinctive double rim  
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7 (Figure 5h). Apatite is limited to small ( $< 100$   $\mu\text{m}$ ), acicular crystals in the  
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9 groundmass and included within other mineral phases. Eudialyte and dalyite are both  
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11 present in trace amounts, and are limited to miarolitic cavities, where they range from  
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13 anhedral to euhedral morphologies, and reach sizes of up to  $\sim 500$   $\mu\text{m}$ . Unlike in host  
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15 syenites, aenigmatite is rarely found in the enclaves and is restricted to miarolitic  
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17 cavities, where it is predominantly occurs as small, irregular patches within clusters of  
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19 acicular clinopyroxene. Plagioclase is uncommon, and can be found as crystals up to  
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23  $\sim 8$  mm in size.

## 24 25 26 27 **ANALYTICAL METHODS**

### 28 29 30 **Whole-rock geochemistry**

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32 Whole-rock major and trace element analyses were produced at Bureau Veritas  
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34 Mineral Laboratories, Canada, using inductively coupled plasma atomic emission  
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36 spectroscopy (ICP-AES) and inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry ICP-MS,  
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38 respectively. Additional analyses were made using a Bruker AXS S4 Pioneer X-ray  
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40 fluorescence spectrometer (XRF) at the University of East Anglia, U.K. All samples  
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42 were cleaned to remove altered surfaces and crushed in an agate mill prior to drying at  
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44  $60$   $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . LOI was reported as weight difference after ignition for two hours at  $1,000$   $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  
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50 Samples analysed by ICP-AES and ICP-MS at Bureau Veritas Mineral  
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52 Laboratories, Canada, were prepared with a  $\text{LiBO}_2/\text{Li}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$  flux and dilute nitric  
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54 digestion. The instrument was calibrated using up to twelve international standards  
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56 (AGV-1, BCR-2, BHVO-1, BHVO-2, BIR-1, RGM-1, WS-E, JB2, JB3, SO-18, DS9,  
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3 OREAS45EA). The mean deviation from the accepted standard values was < 2 % for  
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5 major elements and < 3 % for trace elements (Appendix 3).  
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8 For XRF analyses, fused glass discs for major element analysis were prepared  
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10 using 0.7 g of rock powder mixed with 3.5 g of lithium metaborate. Trace element  
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12 concentrations were determined using PVC bound pressed powder pellets. For major  
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14 elements, the instrument was calibrated using the following international standards:  
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16 BCR-2, DTS-1, DTS-2, G2, GXR-1, GXR-2, GXR-3, BHVO-2, BCS-368, BCS-376,  
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18 AC-E, BE-N, BX-N, GS-N, UB-N, LKSD-3, MRG-1, STSD-1, SARM-2. For trace  
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20 elements, the Geoquant calibration of Bruker was applied. Data quality was evaluated  
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22 using the following secondary standards: WS-E, OUG94, GSP-2, W2a, AC-E,  
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24 BHVO-1, QLO-1, DNC-1, W-2, AGV-2, BCR-2, SDO-1, Mess-2, STSD-2. The  
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26 mean deviation from the accepted standard values was < 5 % for major elements, and  
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28 typically < 10 % for trace elements.  
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### 38 **Mineral and glass analyses**

39 Major element compositions of mineral phases and glass (both groundmass glass and  
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41 melt inclusions) were analysed using a CAMECA SX 100 electron microprobe at The  
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43 Open University, U.K., a JEOL JXA 8900 RL electron microprobe at the University  
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45 of Göttingen, Germany, and a CAMECA SX 100 electron microprobe at the  
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47 University of Manchester. For mineral phases, peak counting times per element were  
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49 10 to 30 seconds using a 5 to 10 µm defocused beam, an acceleration voltage of 20  
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51 kV and a beam current of 20–27 nA. Major elements and volatiles (Cl, F, S) in  
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53 groundmass glass and melt inclusions were analysed using peak counting times  
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55 ranging from 90 to 120 seconds for volatiles and 10 to 30 seconds for major elements,  
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3 using a 10 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$  defocused beam, an acceleration voltage of 15 to 20 kV, and a  
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5 beam current of 10 to 15 nA. To minimise Na-loss, Na was always analysed first, with  
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7 a peak count time of 10 seconds. Detection limits for Cl and F were 60 and 220 ppm,  
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9 respectively. Detection limits for S were 300 ppm. The following natural minerals and  
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11 synthetic materials (denoted as chemical formulae) were used as primary standards:  
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13 olivine, albite, sanidine,  $\text{TiO}_2$ , haematite, anorthite, wollastonite,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ , rhodonite,  
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15 celsian,  $\text{ZrSiO}_4$  and  $\text{HfSiO}_4$ . Mineral and volcanic glass standards (BCR-2G, VG-2,  
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17 KN-18 and KE-12) were routinely analysed as secondary standards. Repeat analyses  
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19 of secondary standards indicate accuracy of  $< 4\%$ , and reproducibility of  $< 3\%$   
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21 (mean standard deviation). Additionally, EDS spectra were produced using a Hitachi  
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23 TM-3000 scanning electron microscope (SEM) equipped with a Bruker Quantax 70  
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25 energy dispersive system (EDS) at Keele University, U.K.  
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### 30 **Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy**

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32 The water content of alkali feldspar-hosted melt inclusions was determined using  
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34 spectra collected with a Thermo Nicolet Nexus FTIR spectrometer coupled with a  
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36 Continuum IR microscope at The Open University, U.K. Operation conditions  
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38 included standard EverGlo mid-infrared source optics, a Ge-on-KBr beamsplitter, and  
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40 a liquid nitrogen-cooled MCT-A\* detector ( $11,700 - 750 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). In all of the analyses,  
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42  $\text{CO}_2$  was below the detection limit ( $\sim 100 \text{ ppm}$ , cf. Gertisser *et al.*, 2012). The  
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44 concentration of dissolved water was determined using the height of the total water  
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46 ( $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{OH}^-$ ) peak at  $3550 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the Beer-Lambert law:  
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$$55 \quad H_2O \text{ (wt. \%)} = 100 \times \left( \frac{MA}{\rho d \epsilon} \right)$$

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6 where  $M$  is the molecular weight of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (18.02),  $A$  is the height of the absorption  
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8 peak,  $\rho$  is the sample density ( $\text{g L}^{-1}$ ),  $d$  is the thickness of the sample (cm), and  $\epsilon$  is the  
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10 molar absorption coefficient ( $\text{l mol}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). The thickness of each sample ( $\pm 3 \mu\text{m}$ ) was  
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12 determined using a Mitutoyo Digimatic Indicator. The density of the trachytic glass at  
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14 298 K and 0.1 MPa was estimated to be  $2510 \text{ g L}^{-1}$ , assuming a nonlinear temperature  
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16 dependence of melt volume (e.g. Gottsmann and Dingwell, 2002). Due to the  
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18 variability of the molar absorption coefficient as a function of ((Si/Al)/total cations) in  
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20 glass (e.g. Mandeville *et al.*, 2002), the approach given by Seaman *et al.* (2009) was  
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22 used to calculate a molar absorption coefficient value of 73 for the  $3550 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  peak.  
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## 28 RESULTS

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30 The entire dataset discussed in the following section is provided in two electronic  
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32 appendices. Whole-rock, melt inclusion, and groundmass glass data are provided in  
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34 full in Electronic Appendix 1, whilst mineral chemical data are given in Electronic  
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36 Appendix 2. Details of applied data quality tests are given in Electronic Appendix 3.  
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38 Furthermore, a summary providing the major petrographical and geochemical features  
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40 of the identified lithologies of this study is given in Table 1. To provide context for  
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42 the geochemical data of this study, a number of additional published datasets are  
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46 centres of Terceira (Pico Alto, Santa Bárbara, Guilherme Moniz, and Cinco Picos) as  
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48 well as the fissure zone (Self, 1974; Mungall, 1993; Madureira *et al.*, 2011), (2) glass  
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50 analyses from distal tephras of the youngest ignimbrite formations (LAI, LMI, VFI,  
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52 and CCI; Tomlinson *et al.*, 2015), (3) a suite of monzonitic and syenitic xenoliths  
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54 from Santa Bárbara and Pico Alto, respectively (termed here S. Bárbara xenoliths and  
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3 P. Alto xenoliths; Mungall, 1993), (4) a small number of whole-rock analyses of  
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5 enclaves found within trachytic lava flows from Pico Alto (termed here P. Alto  
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7 enclaves; Mungall, 1993), and (5) glass analyses for interstitial glass found within  
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9 syenitic xenoliths from Pico Alto lavas (referred to here as P. Alto xenolith glass;  
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11 Mungall, 1993). Collectively, these data define the overall geochemical trend of  
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13 Terceira and facilitate a discussion on the overall position of the ignimbrite-forming  
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15 magmas within the context of their volcanic centre (Pico Alto/Guilherme Moniz), and  
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17 also the island as a whole (see below).  
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#### 24 **Whole-rock major element geochemistry**

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26 Based on the Total Alkali-Silica scheme of Le Bas *et al.* (1986), the whole-rock  
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28 juvenile samples of the ignimbrite formations are classified as trachyte (Figure 6a)  
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30 and exhibit little variation, with SiO<sub>2</sub> contents clustering around 65 wt. %, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
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32 contents of ~ 15 wt. %, total alkali contents of ~ 12 wt. %, and uniformly low MgO (<  
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34 0.5 wt. %) (cf. Gertisser *et al.*, 2010). The samples are almost exclusively peralkaline  
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36 (P.I. > 1), with calculated peralkalinity indices (P.I. = mol. (Na<sub>2</sub>O + K<sub>2</sub>O / Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>))  
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38 that range from 0.98 to 1.43. Syenite autoliths have similar whole-rock compositions  
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40 as the ignimbrites, with calculated P.I. between 1.08 and 1.14 (Jeffery *et al.*, 2016b).  
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42 Enclaves within syenitic autoliths exhibit slightly different whole-rock compositions,  
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44 with lower SiO<sub>2</sub> and total alkali contents of 61 to 62 wt. % and ~ 11 wt. %, respectively.  
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46 Additionally, the enclaves lie on the boundary between metaluminous  
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48 and peralkaline compositions, with P.I. of 0.97 to 1.01. On the basis of the Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
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50 versus FeO<sub>t</sub> classification scheme of Macdonald (1974), all peralkaline samples of  
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52 this study are comenditic trachyte, with the exception of a basal pumice fall within the  
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3 VFI, and a single anorthoclase-hosted melt inclusion from the CCI, which are  
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5 classified as pantelleritic trachyte and pantellerite, respectively (Figure 6c).  
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9 In Figure 7, the major element compositions of this study, alongside available  
10 literature data for Terceira, are plotted against MgO. For clarity, and due to the  
11 association of the ignimbrite formations with Pico Alto and Guilherme Moniz,  
12 compositions from Santa Bárbara and Cinco Picos are not shown. Initially, SiO<sub>2</sub>  
13 shows a uniform concentration of ~ 47 wt. %, until ~ 4 wt. % MgO, and then  
14 increases steadily to 72 wt. % SiO<sub>2</sub>. TiO<sub>2</sub> and FeO<sub>t</sub> both exhibit a downward kink at ~  
15 6 wt. % MgO. The alkalis (Na<sub>2</sub>O and K<sub>2</sub>O) both increase with decreasing MgO,  
16 exhibiting curved profiles. Interstitial glass from syenitic enclaves from Pico Alto  
17 lavas analysed by Mungall (1993) indicate late stage (< 1 wt. % MgO) enrichment in  
18 Na<sub>2</sub>O, reaching concentrations of up to ~ 12.5 wt. %, though this is likely to reflect  
19 evolution of intercumulus melt pockets in a manner analogous to post-entrapment  
20 crystallisation in melt inclusions. In contrast, CaO exhibits a gently curved, concave-  
21 downwards trend. Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents increase slowly until ~ 1 wt. % MgO, at which point  
22 concentrations fall from ~ 18 to ~ 5 wt. %. MnO shows uniform concentrations of ~  
23 0.2 wt. % until, at ~ 1 wt. % MgO, concentrations increase to ~ 0.8 wt. %. P.I.  
24 increases gradually until ~1 wt. % MgO, when it sharply increases to values of up to  
25 5, if intercumulus glasses are included.  
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### 50 **Whole-rock trace element geochemistry**

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52 Selected trace elements are plotted against MgO in Figure 7, together with published  
53 data (Self, 1974; Mungall, 1993; Madureira *et al.*, 2011). Overall, trace elements such  
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3 compositions ( $> 1$  wt. % MgO), which steepens at trachytic compositions ( $< 1$  wt. %  
4 MgO). In contrast, Sr concentrations increase from  $\sim 500$  to  $\sim 700$  ppm in the mafic  
5 and intermediate portion of the trend, whilst the silicic portion of the trend is generally  
6 restricted to values below  $\sim 150$  ppm. Unlike Sr, Ba shows no clear trend. Instead,  
7 considerable scatter is observed throughout the suite, with mafic and intermediate  
8 compositions ranging from  $\sim 200$  to 1000 ppm, and silicic compositions ranging from  
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19 Chondrite-normalised REE patterns are shown in Figure 8a, b and indicate a  
20 relatively uniform enrichment of the LREEs relative to the HREEs, with a total range  
21 of  $\text{La}_N/\text{Yb}_N$  ratios between 8.3 and 12.4. All of the samples exhibit variable negative  
22 Eu anomalies, with  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^* = 0.31$  to 0.83 in the ignimbrites, 0.41 to 0.52 in the  
23 syenites, and 0.76 to 0.86 in the enclaves. A single syenite sample deviates markedly  
24 from the other samples, with a significant depletion of MREEs.  
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33 Primitive mantle-normalised multi-element diagrams are given in Figure 8c, d.  
34 The ignimbrites are characterised by pronounced depletions in Ba, Sr, Eu, P, and Ti.  
35 A notable exception to this observation is Ign-i, which exhibits a slight enrichment in  
36 Ba relative to other ignimbrites. Syenitic autoliths and enclaves contained therein  
37 display a similar geochemical profile to those of the ignimbrites, with the same  
38 troughs for Ba, Sr, Eu, P, and Ti. However, in the syenites, these troughs are deeper  
39 than in the ignimbrites, and in the enclaves, they are shallower. As observed for Ign-i,  
40 the enclaves do not exhibit the same trough for Ba, and instead indicate a slight  
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### Melt inclusions

Melt inclusions in the ignimbrites have broadly similar major element compositions to groundmass glass and whole-rock analyses (Figures 6, 7). All of the melt inclusions are classified as trachytic, with SiO<sub>2</sub> contents around 65 wt. %, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents between 12 and 17 wt. %, total alkali contents of ~ 12 wt. %, and MgO below 0.5 wt. %. The majority of samples are peralkaline (P.I. = 0.99 to 1.43). Chlorine concentrations show a total range of 1,510 to 6,960 ppm (average = 2,810, *n* = 114), and F contents vary from 620 to 4,750 ppm (average = 1,644, *n* = 112). Sulphur concentrations are frequently below the detection limit (300 ppm). FTIR analyses of selected melt inclusions indicates water contents that range from 2.5 to 4.2 wt. %, with an average of 3.5 wt. %. By contrast, CO<sub>2</sub> was not detected in any of the inclusions, and was therefore considered to be below the detection limit of FTIR spectroscopy (~ 100 ppm; cf. Gertisser *et al.*, 2012).

### Groundmass glass

Major element compositions of groundmass glass are similar to whole-rock compositions, and are classified as trachyte (Figure 6). SiO<sub>2</sub> contents cluster around 65 wt. %, with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents of ~ 15 wt. %, total alkali contents of ~ 12 wt. % and MgO contents that rarely exceed 0.5 wt. %. All of the groundmass glass analyses are peralkaline, with P.I. between 1.05 and 1.26, and are classified as comenditic trachyte. Volatile contents show significant variation; for example Cl concentrations show a total range of 1,460 to 3,370 ppm (average = 2,250 ppm, *n* = 23). Fluorine concentrations are similarly varied, ranging from < 220 to 2,610 ppm (average = 1,259 ppm, *n* = 21). In contrast, S concentrations are exclusively below detection (i.e. < 300 ppm).

## Mineral chemistry

In this section, mineral chemical data is provided for the major mineral phases found in the three lithologies of this study: feldspar, clinopyroxene, olivine, Fe-Ti oxides, biotite, and amphibole.

### *Feldspar*

Alkali feldspars in the ignimbrite formations generally range from oligoclase to sanidine, with a range of Or<sub>10-39</sub>, Ab<sub>60-81</sub>, An<sub>0-11</sub> (Figure 9a). However, the LMI also contains a number of plagioclase feldspars, classified as oligoclase, andesine and labradorite (Or<sub>1-16</sub>, Ab<sub>36-77</sub>, An<sub>10-62</sub>). Concentrations of BaO and SrO reach maxima of 1.25 and 0.19 wt. %, respectively, with the highest concentrations generally being found in the least potassic feldspars. Feldspars within the syenite autoliths exhibit a similar range to the ignimbrites (Or<sub>17-40</sub>, Ab<sub>60-83</sub>, An<sub>0-4</sub>), though the inclusion of perthitic feldspars extends this range towards the albite and orthoclase end-members. BaO and SrO concentrations are less than observed in the ignimbrites (up to 0.27 and 0.09 wt. %, respectively). Groundmass feldspars in the syenite hosted enclaves show a linear trend between anorthoclase and albite, with a compositional range of Or<sub>2-35</sub>, Ab<sub>65-97</sub>, An<sub>0-6</sub>, and BaO and SrO contents of up to 0.38 and 0.05 wt. %, respectively. In contrast, analyses of the large enclave feldspar crystals reveal a bimodal population, with the majority of analyses being classified as anorthoclase or sanidine (Or<sub>4-63</sub>, Ab<sub>36-89</sub>, An<sub>0-12</sub>), and a smaller number of analyses indicating the presence of labradorite and bytownite (Or<sub>0-1</sub>, Ab<sub>18-38</sub>, An<sub>62-82</sub>). The latter population contains SrO

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### 10 11 *Clinopyroxene*

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13 In the three-component (Wo-En-Fs) system of Morimoto *et al.* (1988), the  
14 clinopyroxene populations of the ignimbrites are dominantly classified as augite, with  
15 a compositional range of Wo<sub>39-46</sub>, En<sub>21-41</sub>, Fs<sub>16-36</sub> (Figure 9b). A small number of  
16 crystals from the PNI lie outside of this range, with Mg-rich compositions. In contrast,  
17 the syenite clinopyroxene is dominated by aegirine-augite to aegirine, with a total  
18 compositional range of Qd<sub>0-96</sub>, Aeg<sub>4-99</sub>, Jd<sub>0-7</sub>. Groundmass clinopyroxene from the  
19 enclaves also reveal a trend from standard quadrilateral clinopyroxene to aegirine-  
20 augite, with a total compositional range of Qd<sub>43-97</sub>, Aeg<sub>3-57</sub>, Jd<sub>0-9</sub>. The enclave  
21 phenocrysts exhibit a bimodal distribution of quadrilateral compositions; one  
22 comparable to the ignimbrite clinopyroxene (Wo<sub>42-43</sub>, En<sub>31-35</sub>, Fs<sub>22-26</sub>), and another  
23 which is more Mg-rich (Wo<sub>44-48</sub>, En<sub>40-46</sub>, Fs<sub>8-15</sub>). In the ternary Di-Hed-Aeg system  
24 (calculated using the 10 component scheme of Marks *et al.*, 2008), all of the analyses  
25 define a single trend in which hedenbergite contents increase with little change in  
26 aegirine content until ~ Hed<sub>55</sub>, at which point aegirine increases rapidly towards near  
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54 single Mg-rich olivine was identified in the Ign-i, with a contrasting composition of  
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#### 10 11 *Fe-Ti oxides*

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13 Ti-magnetite is the most common Fe-Ti oxide present in the ignimbrites and exhibits  
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15 a compositional range of Mt<sub>5-53</sub>, Usp<sub>45-94</sub>, Sp<sub>1-6</sub>, with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and MgO contents of up to  
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17 3.0 and 2.1 wt. %, respectively (Figure 9c). MnO contents are generally high, ranging  
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19 from 1.3 to 2.4 wt. %. Ti-magnetite in the syenite autoliths shows a smaller  
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21 compositional range of Mt<sub>32-57</sub>, Usp<sub>35-68</sub>, Sp<sub>0</sub>, and significantly lower Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and MgO  
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23 contents below 0.2 wt. %. However, MnO concentrations are similarly high, reaching  
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25 2.45 wt. %. Ilmenite is less common in the ignimbrites than Ti-magnetite, and exhibits  
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27 a restricted compositional range of Ilm<sub>90-92</sub>, Hem<sub>3-5</sub>, Pyr<sub>5</sub>. Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents are  
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29 exclusively below 0.1 wt. % and MgO concentrations do not exceed 1.8 wt. %. The  
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31 Mn component is comparable to that of Ti-magnetite, with MnO contents up to 2.3  
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33 wt. %. Ilmenite in the syenite autoliths also show a restricted range (Ilm<sub>90-94</sub>, Hem<sub>1-4</sub>,  
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35 Pyr<sub>5-7</sub>), low Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and MgO (< 0.1 and < 0.25 wt. %, respectively), and high MnO  
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37 contents (up to 3.6 wt. %).  
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#### 46 *Biotite*

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50 6.0 wt. %), variable SiO<sub>2</sub> (36.6 to 39.3 wt. %), Na<sub>2</sub>O contents of up to 1.2 wt. %, and  
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52 Fe/Fe+Mg ratios of ~ 0.35 (Figure 9d). Occupation of the hydroxyl sites is  
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54 characterised by variably high F contents (0.630 to 0.881 atoms per formula unit  
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56 (apfu)) and low Cl contents (< 0.015 apfu).  
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### *Amphibole*

Following the nomenclature of Leake *et al.* (1997), the amphiboles from the syenite autoliths belong to the sodic-calcic (Figure 9e) and the sodic group (Figure 9f), and are classified as katophorite to ferrorichterite, and ferroeckermannite and arfvedsonite, respectively. Fluorine concentrations range from 0.714 to 1.055 apfu, whereas Cl contents are exclusively  $< 0.015$  apfu. Individual amphibole crystals are often zoned, with Na-Ca-amphibole in the core, and Na-amphibole rims. Amphiboles in the groundmass of syenite-hosted enclaves range from calcic to sodic-calcic, and can be classified as ferroedenite, and katophorite and ferrorichterite, respectively (Figure 9g, f). Occupation of the hydroxyl site is characterised by a greater range than amphiboles from the syenites, with F ranging from 0.093 to 1.247 apfu, and Cl not exceeding 0.015 apfu.

## **DISCUSSION**

In this section, the combined dataset presented above is used to provide insights into the pre-eruptive magmatic system which fed the ignimbrite-forming eruptions of Terceira. First, the pre-eruptive P-T- $fO_2$  conditions of the ignimbrite-forming magmas are explored, followed by a detailed examination of the relative roles of various petrogenetic processes. Second, a conceptual model is presented, considering the variability of magma rheology and chemical zonation, aiming to account for the petrological features observed within each of the ignimbrites. Third, the ignimbrites are considered within the context of the magmatic suite of Terceira. Finally, the pre-eruptive viscosity of the erupted magmas is considered in terms of its potential control on eruptive behaviour.



## Pre-eruptive magma storage conditions

### *Temperature*

Where both Ti-magnetite and ilmenite were present, pre-eruptive temperatures were calculated using the ILMAT program of Lepage (2003), applying the model of Andersen *et al.* (1993), and utilising the calculation scheme of Stormer (1983) to determine values for  $X_{\text{hem}}$ ,  $X_{\text{ilm}}$ ,  $X_{\text{mag}}$ ,  $X_{\text{ulv}}$  (Electronic Appendix 4). The application of alternative calculation schemes was shown to lead to variation of no more than 5 % in the calculated results. Equilibrium between mineral pairs was evaluated using the Mn-Mg partitioning test of Bacon and Hirschmann (1988). Pre-eruptive magmatic temperatures were also estimated using the alkali feldspar-melt thermometer of Putirka (2008) (Electronic Appendix 4). To minimize the error introduced by mineral-liquid disequilibrium, the  $K_{\text{dAb-Or}}$  equilibrium test proposed by Mollo *et al.* (2015) was applied, allowing a single suitable liquid composition to be selected for each case. Input pressure values were set at 0.1 GPa, and it was observed that a variation of 0.1 GPa led to a change in temperature of only 0.1 °C, suggesting that the thermometer is not significantly influenced by pressure variations. The standard error of estimate (SEE) associated with the thermometer is  $\pm 23$  °C. Due to the relative scarcity of ilmenite, estimates derived from two-oxide models were calculated only for the LAI juvenile clasts and the CCI syenite autoliths. Conversely, the abundance of alkali feldspar facilitated the calculation of magmatic temperatures for all of the ignimbrites and the syenite autoliths.

Two-oxide temperature estimates for the LAI range from 773 to 873 °C (average = 830 °C,  $n = 590$ ,  $\text{stdev} = 21$ ), whilst estimates for the syenite autoliths lie

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3 between 616 and 769 °C (average = 687 °C,  $n = 20$ , stdev = 40) (Figure 10a). The  
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5 alkali feldspar-melt temperatures for the LAI, VFI, CCI, PNI, and Ign-i lie between  
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7 857 to 912 °C (average = 880 °C,  $n = 304$ , stdev = 7) (Figure 10b). Notably, the  
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9 results of the LMI and the GVI deviate from this, with contrasting temperature ranges  
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11 of 927 to 938 °C (average = 932 °C,  $n = 16$ , stdev = 3) and 819 to 824 °C (average =  
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13 821 °C,  $n = 42$ , stdev = 2), respectively. Temperature estimates for the CCI syenites  
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15 are hotter than those predicted via two-oxide models, with a range of 864 to 880 °C  
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17 (average = 873 °C,  $n = 31$ , stdev = 4). Alkali feldspar-based temperature estimates for  
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19 the syenite-hosted enclaves range from 876 to 894 °C (average = 884 °C,  $n = 15$ , stdev  
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26 The temperatures determined via alkali feldspar-based models for the  
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28 ignimbrite-forming magmas are notably greater than those derived from two-oxide  
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30 models. Temperature estimates for the CCI syenites exhibit a similar disparity  
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32 between models, with alkali feldspar thermometry producing a slightly higher range  
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34 of temperatures. This may reflect the earlier crystallisation of the feldspars relative to  
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36 the oxides, particularly in the syenite nodules. Alternatively, this may result from the  
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38 rapid re-equilibration timescales of coexisting Fe-Ti oxides (e.g. Gardner *et al.*, 1995;  
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40 Venezky and Rutherford, 1999; Pimentel *et al.*, 2015), meaning that the lower  
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42 temperatures recorded by Fe-Ti oxide phases reflect the final pre-eruptive magma  
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3 determined for the LAI and the CCI syenites. Ti-magnetite and ilmenite pairs in the  
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5 LAI indicate redox conditions close to 1 log unit below FMQ (Figure 10a). The CCI  
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7 syenites yield results that extend from 1 to 2 log units below FMQ.  
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16 Pre-eruptive volatile contents were determined via FTIR and electron microprobe  
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18 analysis of alkali feldspar-hosted melt inclusions and estimated via feldspar-melt  
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20 hygrometry (Mollo *et al.*, 2015). FTIR analyses of melt inclusions indicate H<sub>2</sub>O  
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22 contents that range from 2.5 to 4.2 wt. % (average = 3.54 wt. %; *n* = 8), and CO<sub>2</sub>  
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24 contents below detection (< 100 ppm; cf. Gertisser *et al.*, 2012). Similarly, pre-  
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26 eruptive concentrations of S are frequently below the detection limit (i.e. < 300 ppm),  
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28 with only a small number of analyses from the CCI reaching concentrations of up to ~  
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30 1,260 ppm. Melt inclusions from the LAI and VFI indicate average pre-eruptive  
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32 concentrations of Cl and F of 2,550 ppm and 1,550 ppm, respectively. Melt inclusions  
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34 from the CCI record higher and more variable volatile contents (average = ~ 3,550  
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36 ppm Cl and ~ 1,760 ppm F). Available melt inclusion analyses for the older  
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38 ignimbrites suggest that the GVI and PNI are comparable to the CCI, whilst Ign-i  
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40 exhibits the greatest degree of halogen enrichment, with ~ 6,960 ppm Cl and 4,750  
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42 ppm F. Excluding samples from the VFI, the total dataset for Cl and F forms a linear  
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44 trend which correlates positively with calculated peralkalinity indices, suggesting that  
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50 analyses for the Ign-i indicate a positive correlation between F and peralkalinity  
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52 index, whilst Cl appears to plateau at ~ 7,000 ppm. This may indicate the exsolution  
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3 was derived was stored at pressures below  $\sim 180$  MPa (Metrich and Rutherford,  
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8 For hygrometry, temperature estimates derived from alkali feldspar-melt  
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10 equilibrium liquid compositions. The SEE associated with these results is  $\pm 0.53$  wt.  
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12 When outliers are included, alkali feldspar-melt models applied to the ignimbrites,  
13 the CCI syenites, and the syenite-hosted enclaves predict a slightly larger range of  
14 pre-eruptive water contents than determined via FTIR, with an overall average of 4.7  
15 wt. % (3.0 to 5.9 wt. %;  $n = 396$ , stdev = 0.6) (Figure 10b). Within this range, the GVI  
16 and LMI deviate from this average value. The GVI yields a restricted but somewhat  
17 higher range of 5.2 to 5.9 wt. % (average = 5.7 wt. %,  $n = 42$ , stdev = 0.1), whilst the  
18 LMI exhibits a lower than average range of water contents of 3.0 to 3.7 wt. %  
19 (average = 3.4 wt. %,  $n = 14$ , stdev = 0.2).  
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40 solubility model of Di Matteo *et al.* (2004). If the maximum water content,  
41 determined via FTIR (4.2 wt. %) is applied, and water saturated conditions assumed,  
42 then the minimum pressure associated with the magmatic system which generated the  
43 ignimbrite-forming eruptions is  $\sim 80$  MPa. This value increases to  $\sim 135$  MPa, if the  
44 maximum estimate of water content derived from alkali feldspar hygrometry is  
45 applied (6.0 wt. %). Assuming a crustal density of  $2,800 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , this equates to depths  
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3 The crustal depths at which the Terceira ignimbrite-forming magmas evolved  
4 can also be investigated using the clinopyroxene population. The rocks of this study  
5 all contain clinopyroxene, ranging compositionally from diopside, augite, and  
6 aegirine-augite in the enclaves to augite in the ignimbrites, and finally to aegirine-  
7 augite and aegirine in the syenites. Due to the Na-rich nature of the syenite  
8 clinopyroxene population, they were considered unsuitable for thermobarometry.  
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10 Furthermore, thorough testing for equilibrium between crystals and melts (following  
11 Putirka, 2008 and Mollo *et al.*, 2013; see Jeffery, 2016) indicates a general lack of  
12 equilibrium between clinopyroxene and any of the silicic rocks of this study,  
13 precluding the application of clinopyroxene-based thermobarometrical models. It is  
14 notable that, when applied to the clinopyroxene population of the ignimbrite-forming  
15 trachytes, the equilibrium test of Mollo *et al.* (2013) indicated a positive correlation  
16 between the abundance of Al and Na (and therefore the aegirine end-member) and the  
17 ‘proximity’ to equilibrium, suggesting that the diopside and augite phenocrysts of the  
18 ignimbrites belong to a less evolved melt composition. The aegirine-rich compositions  
19 of clinopyroxene within the syenite nodules is therefore more likely to reflect a  
20 composition in equilibrium with a peralkaline melt, but remains unsuitable for  
21 thermobarometry due to its somewhat extreme composition. It is also noteworthy that,  
22 if the diopside and augite compositions of the ignimbrite-forming trachytes are tested  
23 against a variety of more mafic compositions (basalt to benmoreite), only a small  
24 number of pairs indicate equilibrium at a time, indicating that no single melt  
25 composition is suitable. Instead, the clinopyroxene populations appear to originate  
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55 However, some qualitative insights may still be gained from clinopyroxene  
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3 substantial variations ( $\sim 0.2$  to  $8.2$  wt. % and  $\sim 0.1$  to  $6.6$  wt. %, respectively), and, if  
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5 considered alongside enstatite (En) content, allow the distinction of two chemical  
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7 trends (Figure 12). The first trend is marked by a rapid increase in both  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  
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9  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  over a relatively small decrease in En content, and comprises predominantly  
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11 diopside phenocrysts from the enclaves, with a lesser contribution from the  
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13 ignimbrites and the syenites. In contrast, the second trend is marked by consistently  
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15 low  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents ( $< 0.5$  wt. %) at En contents between 20 and 40 mol. %,   
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17 and primarily consists of augite phenocrysts from the ignimbrites, with a small  
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19 number of enclave phenocrysts. The groundmass clinopyroxene of the enclaves, and  
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21 the aegirine from the syenites appear to continue this trend to extremely low En  
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23 contents ( $< 5$  mol. %), where  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  remains low, but  $\text{TiO}_2$  rapidly increases to  $\sim 8$  wt.  
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25 %. We suggest that the two observed trends indicate two separate stages in the  
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27 crystallisation history of the erupted magmas. The transition between the first and  
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29 second stages occurred at  $\sim \text{En}_{40}$ , where a change in surrounding conditions prompted  
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31 the crystallisation of low-Ti, low-Al clinopyroxenes. Although undoubtedly  
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33 dependent upon additional factors such as melt composition, the link between Al  
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35 content of clinopyroxene and crystallisation pressure (e.g. Thompson, 1974; Beier *et*  
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37 *al.*, 2006) suggests that this may reflect a change in depth (i.e. initial storage at greater  
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39 depth (termed here the mafic stage), followed by ascent and storage at a shallower  
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41 depth (termed here the felsic stage)). Such multi-stage models have been applied at  
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45 Faial, Zanon *et al.*, 2013; Zanon and Frezzotti, 2013; Furnas, São Miguel, Jeffery *et*  
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47 *al.*, 2016a), and other North Atlantic oceanic islands (e.g. La Palma, Klügel *et al.*,  
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3 enclave groundmass and the syenites (Figure 12), are likely to reflect late stage  
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5 processes associated with near-complete solidification of trachytic melt under low  
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7 pressure conditions. Overall, these observations can be accounted for by a two-stage  
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9 differentiation history, in which primitive, mantle-derived melts stall at a given depth  
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11 in the crust and differentiate to broadly hawaiitic compositions, before ascending  
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13 further, where continued differentiation leads to the generation of the erupted  
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19 The distribution of the dataset across these two trends shows that the majority  
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21 of clinopyroxenes from the ignimbrites, the syenites, and the groundmass of the  
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23 enclaves adhere to the felsic trend. The majority of mafic stage clinopyroxenes are  
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25 found as phenocrysts in the trachyte enclaves, where felsic stage phenocrysts are also  
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27 present. It is therefore suggested that the enclaves provide direct evidence not only for  
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29 the mingling between trachyte and syenitic mush under comparatively low pressure  
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31 conditions (see above), but also for the mingling of trachytes stored in shallow crustal  
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33 reservoirs with ascending mafic magmas from below. In fact, these enclaves are likely  
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35 to represent hybridised magmas with multiple populations of crystals, including  
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37 heavily reacted Mg-rich olivine, diopside, augite, and plagioclase derived from the  
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39 mafic stage, alkali feldspar derived from the felsic stage, and, more rarely, aegirine-  
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41 rich clinopyroxenes which are representative of the final portion of the felsic stage,  
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### 52 **The origin of the ignimbrite-forming peralkaline trachytes**

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3 mafic and silicic compositions, extended fractional crystallisation of a mantle-derived  
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5 alkali basalt parent magma is typically considered (e.g. Barberi *et al.*, 1975; Civetta *et*  
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7 *al.*, 1998; Peccerillo *et al.*, 2007), possibly including some assimilation of the crust  
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9 (e.g. Peccerillo *et al.*, 2003), (2) where a Daly Gap is present, either partial melting of  
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11 alkali gabbro cumulates (e.g. Bohron and Reid, 1997) or extended fractional  
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13 crystallisation are generally suggested (e.g. White *et al.*, 2009; Neave *et al.*, 2012); in  
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15 the former case, peralkaline silicic magmas are envisaged to be produced directly (e.g.  
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17 Avanzinelli *et al.*, 2004), and may evolve further via fractional crystallisation (e.g.  
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19 Trua *et al.*, 1999). In the following section, a number of petrogenetic processes are  
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21 explored, aimed at identifying key processes that generate ignimbrite-forming  
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23 magmas on Terceira.  
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### 31 *Fractional crystallisation*

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33 The prominent role of fractional crystallisation in the generation of evolved magmas  
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35 in peralkaline silicic systems is well established (e.g. Barberi *et al.*, 1975; Peccerillo *et*  
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37 *al.*, 2003; Macdonald *et al.*, 2008; Macdonald, 2012), and was demonstrated  
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39 quantitatively for the series of young (predominantly < 20-23 ka) lavas from Terceira  
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41 by Mungall and Martin (1995). However, in terms of their eruptive character and  
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43 temporal occurrence (~ 20-23 to ~ 86 ka; Gertisser *et al.*, 2010), the ignimbrites of  
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45 Terceira may represent a petrologically distinctive system, and should be considered  
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47 separately. Thus, to validate the role of fractional crystallisation, a number of  
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49 petrogenetic models are applied here. To act as a starting point for each model, a  
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51 variety of potential compositions are available (Self and Gunn, 1976). Mungall and  
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3 undersaturated series of Self and Gunn (1976), whilst the on- and off-rift basalts form  
4 the silica-oversaturated trend, and were linked to Pico Alto and Santa Bárbara,  
5 respectively (Mungall and Martin, 1995). Gertisser *et al.* (2010) attributed the  
6 Terceira ignimbrites primarily to the Pico Alto central volcano and in some cases  
7 possibly to Guilherme Moniz. For this reason, the on-rift basalts are considered to be  
8 the most suitable starting composition for mass balance and trace element models.  
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17 To evaluate simple fractional crystallisation processes, two least squares mass  
18 balance models (after Bryan *et al.*, 1969) were performed using the IgPet software  
19 package (Carr, 1995), aiming to recreate a basalt to pantellerite fractionation trend  
20 (e.g. Barberi *et al.*, 1974; White *et al.*, 1979). Model results were considered  
21 acceptable if  $\sum r^2 = < 1$ . Each model comprised five compositional steps: 1) alkali  
22 basalt to hawaiite, 2) hawaiite to mugearite, 3) mugearite to benmoreite, 4)  
23 benmoreite to least evolved trachyte, and 5) least evolved trachyte to most evolved  
24 trachyte. Whole-rock and mineral chemical data for alkali basaltic, hawaiitic,  
25 mugearitic, benmoreitic, and pantelleritic rocks were taken from Mungall (1993),  
26 whilst data for comenditic trachytic compositions were taken from the ignimbrites of  
27 this study (Table 2). Two on-rift basalts which plot close to the basalt-hawaiite  
28 boundary in the TAS diagram (samples 89-13 and 89-19 of Mungall, 1993) were  
29 selected as suitable parent compositions on the basis of having the highest Mg# (58  
30 and 53, respectively; mol.  $\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}^{2+})\cdot 100$ ) and lowest Zr content (168 and 188  
31 ppm, respectively), alongside no clear evidence for crystal accumulation. However,  
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3 Both major element mass balance models are in broad agreement that the least  
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The most evolved trachyte compositions can be produced by a further 14 to 19 %  
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assemblage that is dominated by alkali feldspar (89 to 92 %), olivine (4 to 5 %),  
clinopyroxene (0 to 2 %), Ti-magnetite (3 %), and apatite (1 %) (average  $\sum r^2 = 0.329$ )  
(Jeffery, 2016). In contrast to the formulations of Mungall and Martin (1995), the  
inclusion of amphibole at any stage of the models leads invariably to failure.

To investigate the role of fractional crystallisation under variable P-T-fO<sub>2</sub>  
conditions, ~ 200 fractional crystallisation models were run using the Rhyolite-  
MELTS software v. 1.2 (Ghiorso and Sack, 1995; Asimow and Ghiorso, 1998;  
Gualda *et al.*, 2012). For each model, sample 89-19 (also used for the mass balance  
models above) of Mungall (1993) was considered to be the most suitable starting  
composition (Jeffery, 2016). Fractional crystallisation models were generated over  
three starting water contents (0.5, 1.5, and 2.5 wt. %), four isobaric pressures (50, 150,  
250, and 500 MPa, representative of the uppermost, upper, middle, and lower crust,  
respectively) and redox conditions ranging from FMQ +2 to FMQ -2 (Jeffery, 2016).  
Additional polybaric models were run in which the pressure was changed from 500 to  
150 MPa at either 1,100 or 1,000 °C, which corresponds to hawaiitic or benmoreitic  
compositions, respectively. These polybaric models were intended to simulate a  
general transition from deep- to shallow-crustal conditions, corresponding to depths of  
~ 15 km (lower crust beneath the Azores; cf. Beier *et al.*, 2006) and 2 to 4 km,  
respectively. The following mineral phases, having been identified in the relevant

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3 lithologies of Terceira, were allowed to crystallise in the model: feldspar,  
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5 clinopyroxene, olivine, biotite, quartz, apatite, Ti-magnetite, and ilmenite. Hornblende  
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7 was also permitted to crystallise due to its potential importance during the earlier  
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9 portion of the liquid line of descent (e.g. Mungall and Martin, 1995). Each model was  
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11 evaluated based upon its capability to reproduce the major element compositions of  
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13 the ignimbrite formations, and the Terceira liquid line of descent.  
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19 of the Terceira ignimbrites can be best reproduced by a polybaric model in which the  
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21 melt differentiates at 500 MPa until it has reached a hawaiitic composition ( $\sim 1,100$   
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23  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), at which point the pressure is reduced to 150 MPa (Jeffery, 2016). Relatively  
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25 reducing conditions (FMQ -1) and a hydrous parental basalt composition (1.5 wt. %  
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27  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) led to the best fit with observed major element trends (Figure 7). For this model,  
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29 olivine is the liquidus phase, and exhibits two crystallisation intervals (1,180 to 1,150  
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31 and 1,060  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  onwards), which may be an artefact of the MELTS software. This is  
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33 followed by clinopyroxene (1,160 to 1,090  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), ilmenite (1,140  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  onwards), apatite  
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35 (1,140 to 1,100 and 1,040  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  onwards), Ti-magnetite (1,100  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  onwards), and  
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37 feldspar (1,050  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  onwards). The total fractionation at 850  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  is 74 %, of a mineral  
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39 assemblage dominated by clinopyroxene (38 %), feldspar (37 %), olivine (11 %), Ti-  
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41 magnetite (8 %), apatite (3 %), and ilmenite (3%). Predicted  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$  values are  
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43 compatible with the results of FTIR and alkali feldspar-melt hygrometry, ranging  
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45 from 3.97 wt. % to 5.94 wt. % for modelled melts with peralkalinity indices of 0.97  
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47 and 1.43, respectively. Furthermore, predicted melt temperature values are broadly  
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49 compatible with the results of both two-oxide and alkali feldspar-melt thermometry,  
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51 ranging from  $\sim 870$  to  $\sim 810$   $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for the same range in peralkalinity indices. At  
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3 run to completion, suggesting that the final portions of the liquid line of descent,  
4 represented by the syenite nodules and their intercumulus assemblages, cannot be  
5 adequately modelled using the Rhyolite-MELTS software. It is noteworthy that  
6 feldspar compositions predicted by Rhyolite-MELTS for temperatures similar those  
7 predicted by thermometric methods (~ 940 to 800 °C) were typically more calcic than  
8 those observed in the rocks, achieving compositions within the anorthoclase range  
9 only at the lowermost temperatures predicted by thermometric methods. However, it  
10 is also noted that at temperatures below 800 °C the model predicted two feldspars  
11 simultaneously. In contrast, predicted clinopyroxene compositions (occurring only at  
12 temperatures between 1,160 and 1,090 °C, and therefore in mafic liquids) fit well with  
13 the observed compositions, particularly with the more Mg-rich compositions observed  
14 within the PNI, LMI, and the syenite-hosted enclaves. Similarly, the predicted olivine  
15 compositions compare well with the observed compositions. Over the temperature  
16 range predicted by thermometric methods (~ 940 to 800 °C), Rhyolite-MELTS  
17 predicts olivine compositions with a range of  $Fa_{65-92}$ , compared to the observed range  
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39 In addition to supporting fractional crystallisation as the dominant mechanism  
40 of differentiation within the Terceira suite, this model also provides further validation  
41 of the pre-eruptive P-T- $fO_2$  conditions determined via thermobarometry above. For  
42 example, isobaric models run at 500 MPa invariably fail to achieve the  $SiO_2$  and total  
43 alkali contents that are observed in the ignimbrites, suggesting that a significant  
44 proportion of the liquid line of descent is representative of shallow crustal conditions.  
45 This is consistent with Mungall and Martin (1995), who suggested that the on-rift  
46 basalts evolved to more silicic compositions at relatively shallow depths. However,  
47 isobaric models run at 150 MPa fail to achieve the total alkali contents observed in the  
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3 data. The inclusion of an initial, comparatively brief step at higher pressure conditions  
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7 these discrepancies. Utilising an initial step at conditions below 500 MPa (e.g. 250  
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9 MPa), failed to have the same effect. Altering the redox conditions to > FMQ leads to  
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11 the development of peralkalinity at higher MgO contents than observed on Terceira,  
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13 suggesting that the calculated values described above (FMQ -1 to -2) are feasible.  
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15 Similarly, the highest and lowest initial water contents lead to the development of  
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17 peralkalinity at lower or higher MgO contents, respectively, most likely due to the  
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19 predicted control of water content upon the onset of plagioclase crystallisation.  
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24 To further investigate the role of fractional crystallisation, and to evaluate the  
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26 applicability of partial melting of various crustal lithologies as a petrogenetic process,  
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28 closed system Rayleigh fractional crystallisation (RalFC) and batch melting models of  
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30 selected trace elements were produced using the Rayleigh fractionation law equation  
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32 and the batch melting law equation. (Figure 13). The final RalFC trends comprise  
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34 three stages, each calculated using phase assemblages and proportions predicted by  
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36 the most suitable Rhyolite-MELTS model (see above): 1) clinopyroxene + olivine +  
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38 ilmenite + Ti-magnetite + apatite; 2) plagioclase + olivine + Ti-magnetite + apatite; 3)  
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40 alkali feldspar + olivine + Ti-magnetite + apatite. Partition coefficient values were  
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42 taken from the GERM KD database ([www.earthref.org/KDD](http://www.earthref.org/KDD); Nielsen, 2008) and are  
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44 shown in Table 3. These trends are most evident in Figure 13b, c, where the modelled  
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46 trends for both Sr and Ba are characterised by an initial, steep positive slope (stage 1),  
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48 followed by a steeply negative slope (stage 2). Finally, both trends become distinctly  
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50 flat (stage 3). RalFC models for incompatible elements such as Zr and Nb provide a  
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52 good fit to the trend observed for Terceira and indicate that the compositional range of  
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3 alkali basalt parent. The RaFC models for compatible elements such as Sr and Ba (as  
4 well as for Cr and Ni; not shown) are less well defined due to the substantial scatter  
5 observed in the Terceira suite, particularly within the intermediate compositions.  
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7 However, modelled trends adhere closely to the generally low concentrations of Sr,  
8 Cr, and Ni observed in the suite. The model fit to Ba data is poor due to the  
9 substantial scatter in the dataset, with the majority of the dataset plotting above the  
10 RaFC trend. In this case, the observed scatter is interpreted to reflect the variable  
11 degrees of alkali feldspar accumulation and assimilation, as evidenced by the presence  
12 of resorbed feldspars throughout the suite. Overall, these models are in agreement  
13 with incompatible element models, suggesting that the compositions observed in the  
14 ignimbrites can be produced by between ~ 65 and ~ 90 % fractional crystallisation.  
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28 By contrast, batch melting models calculated for hypothetical gabbroic,  
29 syenodioritic, and syenitic crustal lithologies of variable mineral proportions are  
30 almost exclusively incompatible with the trends observed in the Terceira suite (Figure  
31 13). For example, partial melting of either gabbroic or syenodioritic rock  
32 compositions yield trends that deviate significantly from the Terceira suite (e.g. Zr vs.  
33 Nb; Figure 13a), and generally fail to achieve the high concentrations of incompatible  
34 elements and extremely low concentrations of compatible elements (e.g. Sr, Ba;  
35 Figure 13b, c). Partial melting of a syenitic crustal lithology provides a better fit, but  
36 requires degrees of melting in excess of 50 % and notably cannot generate the least  
37 evolved trachyte compositions of the ignimbrites (~ 400 to 800 ppm Zr).  
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51 In summary, the results presented here suggest that the ignimbrites of Terceira  
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54 gabbro or syenodiorite cannot be ruled out entirely, model results indicate that any  
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3 contribution from such processes is small and probably limited to assimilation of  
4 syenitic rocks. Various petrogenetic models are in broad agreement that the entire  
5 compositional range exhibited by the ignimbrites of Terceira can be accounted for by  
6 between ~ 65 and ~ 90 % fractionation. Overall, the ignimbrite-forming peralkaline  
7 trachytes of Terceira appear to have formed in a two stage fractionation process, with  
8 an initial higher pressure stage in the lower crust, and a later, more significant shallow  
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### 22 *In-situ crystallisation*

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24 Syenite whole-rock major element compositions are similar to the trachytes (Figure  
25 6a), and the depletion of compatible trace elements such as Sr, Ba, and P (attributed  
26 here to fractional crystallisation; Figure 8c, d) are also present, and may be even more  
27 extreme. If the syenites represent cumulate material derived from the fractional  
28 crystallisation of trachytic magmas, then they would exhibit compositions that are  
29 uniformly less evolved than the ignimbrite-forming trachytes. Additionally, the  
30 syenites exhibit negative Eu anomalies which are comparable to the trachytes (Figure  
31 8a, b). The ignimbrite-forming trachytes exhibit a negative correlation between  
32  $\text{Eu}/\text{Eu}^*$  and differentiation indices such as Zr and Nb, suggesting that any  
33 accumulation of feldspar would buffer, or even counteract, the continued development  
34 of a negative anomaly. Based upon the petrographical and geochemical  
35 characteristics, it is therefore suggested that the syenitic autoliths do not represent  
36 fragments of cumulate from which the trachytes are derived, but instead provide direct  
37 evidence for the role of *in-situ* crystallisation of trachytic magma, most likely in the  
38 thermal boundary layer at the edge of a magma reservoir (cf. Tait *et al.*, 1989;  
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### *Magma mingling and remobilisation of crystal mush*

The rocks of Terceira provide abundant evidence for the role of open system processes such as magma mingling and magma interaction with partially or totally solidified crystal mushes. Mungall (1993) reports trachytic lavas containing mafic enclaves, as well as disaggregated and partially melted syenitic autoliths in basaltic lavas, providing evidence for physical interaction of mafic and silicic magmas. The same author cites reverse zonation of phenocryst phases to infer the mixing of intermediate magmas shortly before eruption. The syenite-hosted enclaves of this study provide direct evidence for the mingling of variably evolved silicic magmas/crystal mushes. If the syenite autoliths are considered to represent randomly sampled portions of a crystal mush derived from *in-situ* crystallisation in a thermal boundary zone, then it is suggested that the syenite-hosted enclaves must indicate the injection of the least evolved trachytes of this study into another trachytic reservoir, passing through the marginal crystal mush. Although it cannot be ruled out that the syenites may instead represent significantly older, crustal lithologies, the prevalence of fresh, unaltered textures does not support this interpretation. Furthermore, the intruding trachyte contains a mixed phase assemblage, in which a basaltic assemblage of diopside, Mg-rich olivine, and bytownite is found alongside a more silicic assemblage of oligoclase, anorthoclase and augite, implying that the basaltic assemblage is antecrystic, derived from mixing of mafic magma with a trachytic magma (cf. Ferla and Meli, 2006). The described difficulty in establishing an equilibrium liquid composition for the clinopyroxenes of this study is likely to be derived from this mixing process.



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3 In fact, the trachytic assemblage may also be, to some extent, antecrystic. The  
4 sieve-textures observed at the rims of the largest anorthoclase crystals may have  
5 resulted from the mingling between ascending hawaiites and trachytes stored in the  
6 shallow crust, causing reheating of the latter, implying that these crystals represent the  
7 true phenocryst assemblage of the trachyte. Alternatively, these textures may indicate  
8 disequilibrium between the least evolved trachyte and large anorthoclase crystals  
9 originating from the surrounding syenitic mush, introduced during trachyte-syenite  
10 interaction and subsequent disaggregation of the latter. Some evidence exists for the  
11 remobilisation and disaggregation of syenitic mush in the form of glomerocrystic  
12 fragments comprising large, cumulus (and often perthitic) alkali feldspar and  
13 intercumulus aegirine-augite or Na-amphibole, two phases that are not observed in  
14 any lithology other than the syenites. The presence of such glomerocrysts as well as  
15 individual crystals which do not exhibit a perthitic texture suggests that both  
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35 Further evidence for mingling may be seen in the calculated RaIFC models,  
36 where a number of compositions deviate from the modelled trend (Figure 13b). In  
37 particular, the syenite-hosted enclaves, intermediates (mugearites and benmoreites),  
38 and a number of the ignimbrite-forming trachytes exhibit Sr concentrations which  
39 form a mixing trend in which the trachytes of the LMI, PNI and Ign-i are mixed with  
40 hawaiitic compositions (Figure 13b). This is consistent with the observed  
41 petrographical features for mingling in these lithologies (abundant resorbed crystals),  
42 mineral chemistry (rare Mg-rich olivine and plagioclase), and also, to some extent,  
43 thermometric and hygrometric evidence (higher temperatures and lower water  
44 contents predicted for the LMI; Figure 10b). This mixing trend is also present for  
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3 distinct due to the observed scatter. In particular, Ba shows a potential (but highly  
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5 scattered) mixing trend between hawaiites and trachytes. Furthermore, concentrations  
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7 of Ba within the syenite-hosted enclaves reach concentrations in excess of both the  
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9 maximum concentration predicted by closed system RaIFC (~ 800 ppm), and the  
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11 proposed mixing trend, up to values as high as ~ 1250 ppm. The enrichment of Ba in  
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13 whole-rock analyses is a feature that is typical of peralkaline systems and is frequently  
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15 attributed to the accumulation and resorption of alkali feldspars (e.g. Macdonald *et*  
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17 *al.*, 2008; Macdonald, 2012). The presence of feldspars with resorption textures  
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19 throughout the ignimbrites provides evidence for mingling in the ignimbrite-forming  
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### 29 **The magmatic plumbing system of the ignimbrite-forming eruptions**

#### 31 *Implications of viscosity for differentiation*

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33 Viscosity is of first order importance for both the evolution and eruption of magmas,  
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35 and is controlled by magma temperature, composition, abundance of volatile  
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37 components, solid fraction and bubble content (e.g. Shaw, 1972; Lejeune and Richet,  
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39 1995; Dingwell *et al.*, 1996; Dingwell and Hess, 1998; Manga *et al.*, 1998; Llewellyn  
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41 *et al.*, 2002b; Costa, 2005; Giordano *et al.*, 2006). To estimate the pre-eruptive  
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43 viscosity of the ignimbrite-forming trachytes, the model of Giordano *et al.* (2008) was  
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45 used, as this model has been calibrated for a wide range of magma compositions and  
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47 has been shown by recent experimental work to be able to reproduce magma viscosity  
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49 to within < 0.2 log units (Vona *et al.*, 2011). The minimum and maximum  
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51 temperature and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>melt</sub> estimates, and the average composition of each ignimbrite,  
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53 were used as input parameters. The total range of crystal free viscosity estimates  
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3 range from  $10^{3.1}$  to  $10^{4.0}$  Pa s. These values were converted into magma viscosities  
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5 using the method of Dingwell *et al.* (1993):  
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$$\eta_{\text{magma}} = \eta_{\text{melt}}(1 + 0.75((f/f_m)/(1-f/f_m)))^2$$

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17 where  $\eta_{\text{magma}}$  and  $\eta_{\text{melt}}$  are the viscosities of magma and melt, respectively,  $f$  is the  
18 volume fraction of crystals, and  $f_m$  is the concentration of crystals required to achieve  
19 an infinite viscosity. The latter value was set to 0.6, following Andújar and Scaillet  
20 (2012), whilst the volume fraction of crystals was set to values between 0 and 0.2, in  
21 accordance with petrographic observations (cf. Self, 1971; Gertisser *et al.*, 2010).  
22 Results exhibit a total range of viscosities extending from  $10^{3.1}$  (aphyric, high water)  
23 to  $10^{4.3}$  Pa s (20 % crystallinity, low water), and indicate that the pre-eruptive  
24 viscosities of the ignimbrite-forming trachytes were relatively low, extending to  
25 values more than 1 order of magnitude lower than is typical for metaluminous silicic  
26 melts ( $\sim 10^{4.5}$  Pa s, Scaillet *et al.*, 1998). This observation has significant implications  
27 not only for eruptive behaviour (cf. Andújar and Scaillet, 2012), but also for the  
28 dominant mechanism of differentiation within the trachytes. Due to the difficulties of  
29 two-phase flow (i.e. crystals settling or floating through a silicate melt) in relatively  
30 cool, high viscosity magmas, the generation of crystal poor silicic magmas is  
31 frequently attributed to the extraction of interstitial melt from a crystal mush via  
32 processes such as compaction, hindered settling, micro-settling, and gas-driven filter  
33 pressing (Sisson and Bacon, 1999; Bachmann and Bergantz, 2004; Hildreth, 2004;  
34 Pistone *et al.*, 2015). However, the application of such models to peralkaline  
35 magmatic systems is hindered by the reduced viscosities associated with peralkalinity,  
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3 which may allow efficient crystal-melt segregation via crystal settling (Macdonald,  
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6 such, the efficiency of two-phase flow in the pre-eruptive magma system of the  
7 Terceira ignimbrites was evaluated via the calculation of Stokes' settling velocities for  
8 alkali feldspar crystals, supplemented by the hindered settling equation, which allows  
9 the estimation of settling rates in polydispersed suspensions (Bachmann and Bergantz,  
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$$U_{hs} = U_{Stokes} \times f(c)$$

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31 where  $U_{hs}$  is the hindered settling velocity,  $U_{Stokes}$  is Stokes settling velocity, and  $f(c)$   
32 is a correction factor calculated as:

$$f(c) = \frac{(1 - c)^2}{(1 + c^{1/3})^{\frac{5c}{3(1-c)}}}$$

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47 where  $c$  is equal to the crystal fraction. Crystal sizes were set to 2 mm, in accordance  
48 with petrographic observations. Melt densities were set to 2,250 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, based upon  
49 the typical densities predicted by Rhyolite-MELTS. Results indicate that the alkali  
50 feldspars in the highest viscosity trachytes are capable of settling at rates of between  
51 1.99 (unhindered) and 0.39 m/a<sup>-1</sup> (hindered settling, 40 % crystallinity), whilst those  
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3 of the lowest viscosity trachytes reach rates of between 19.00 (unhindered) and 3.78  
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6 typical metaluminous rhyolites (where calculated settling rates are unlikely to exceed  
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8  $\sim 0.67 \text{ m/a}^{-1}$ , assuming unhindered settling and melt viscosity of  $10^{4.5} \text{ Pa s}$ ), the  
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10 peralkaline ignimbrite-forming trachytes of Terceira may still be able to segregate  
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12 melt from crystals efficiently via crystal settling despite their silicic compositions, as  
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14 suggested at Furnas, São Miguel (Jeffery *et al.*, 2016a), although a contribution from  
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16 *in-situ* crystallisation at the margins of a magma reservoir and associated migration of  
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18 residual liquids is also feasible. Rapid crystal-melt segregation would not only  
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20 account for the often crystal-poor nature of the erupted magma, but could also  
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22 promote the formation of density stratification. The scatter observed for Ba  
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24 concentrations throughout the suite, and at other peralkaline volcanic centres (e.g.  
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26 Macdonald *et al.*, 2008; Macdonald, 2012), likely indicates the ease with which  
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28 peralkaline trachytes can, through rapid crystal settling, lose Ba to underlying melt, or  
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30 gain Ba by receiving alkali feldspar from overlying melt.  
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#### 40 *Zoned magma bodies*

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42 Despite their major element homogeneity, the ignimbrites of Terceira exhibit  
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44 substantial internal trace element variations (e.g.  $\sim 900$  to  $\sim 1,350$  ppm Zr in the CCI;  
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46 Gertisser *et al.*, 2010) which, based upon the often crystal-poor nature of the juvenile  
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48 clasts (typically less than 10 % crystallinity on a vesicle free basis), are unlikely to  
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50 reflect a mineralogical influence. A minor basal pumice fall of the VFI exhibits an  
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52 even more extreme compositional variation when compared to the overlying  
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54 ignimbrite units ( $\sim 2,250$  ppm Zr compared to  $\sim 700$  ppm, respectively), despite the  
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56 similarly low crystal content of alkali feldspar. On the basis of the trace element  
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3 RalFC models presented above, this reflects up to ~ 15 % fractionation. These  
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5 phenomena are typically considered to originate from the eruption of a zoned magma  
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7 body (e.g. Hildreth, 1981; Williams *et al.*, 2013), assuming that the zoning patterns  
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9 have not been altered by syn-eruptive conduit processes. Alternatively, the eruption of  
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11 multiple discrete melt pockets within a crystal mush has also been invoked (e.g. Shane  
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13 *et al.*, 2008; Cooper *et al.*, 2012; Ellis and Wolff, 2012; Zanon *et al.*, 2013; Ellis *et al.*,  
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15 2014; Pimentel *et al.*, 2015). However, the data of this study indicate that the  
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17 observed chemical zoning within the ignimbrites of Terceira is generally gradational  
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19 rather than abrupt (one exception is discussed below). Although it cannot be ruled out  
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21 that the observed zonation may be contributed to by processes such as remelting of  
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23 cumulate material (in this case envisaged to be represented by the syenite nodules)  
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25 (e.g. Wolff *et al.*, 2015) or the presence and subsequent eruption of, discrete magma  
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27 pockets (e.g. Ellis *et al.*, 2014), the strong evidence discussed above suggests that the  
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29 pre-eruptive magma system which generated the ignimbrites of Terceira typically  
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31 comprised a single, gradationally-zoned melt body, with the most evolved and most  
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33 volatile-rich trachytes overlying progressively less evolved trachytes. The  
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35 preservation of this zonation until eruption indicates that convection, which might be  
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37 expected to be enhanced by low melt viscosities, was not sufficient to enable the  
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39 reservoir to homogenise, possibly due to the formation of multiple, individually  
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41 convecting layers (Huppert *et al.*, 1986). One exception to this observation is the LMI,  
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43 where available data indicate a more restricted range of incompatible trace elements  
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45 (~ 760 to ~ 910 ppm Zr). The LMI exhibits abundant evidence for having been mixed  
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47 with a hotter, less differentiated magma prior to eruption (e.g. presence of resorbed  
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49 antecrysts including plagioclase, high pre-eruptive temperatures, mixing trend with  
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51 hawaiitic compositions). The rather limited chemical zonation of the LMI may  
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3 therefore reflect a large-scale homogenisation event, in which an influx of hotter  
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10 Although the model applied in this study is based around a single,  
11 compositionally-zoned magma body, the CCI offers some further complexity which  
12 may provide some indication of a more complex pre-eruptive magmatic system.  
13 Juvenile pumice clasts from the basal pumice fall and dilute pyroclastic density  
14 current (surge) deposits of the CCI exhibit incompatible element enrichment  
15 compared to the overlying ignimbrite (e.g.  $\sim 1,000$  vs.  $\sim 650$  ppm Zr). However, a  
16 number of analyses from the overlying ignimbrite record incompatible enrichments  
17 that are even greater than the basal deposits ( $> 1,000$  ppm), suggesting that more  
18 complex models for the geometry of the underlying magma system may yet have  
19 some role to fully account for the observed chemical variability.  
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### 38 *A model for the magmatic system*

39 Here we present a conceptual model for the magma plumbing system from which the  
40 ignimbrite-forming episodes of Terceira were fed (Figure 14). Considering the results  
41 of thermodynamic modelling and water solubility, we infer the presence of a magma  
42 storage zone at shallow crustal depths ( $\sim 2$  to  $4$  km, assuming a crustal density of  
43  $2,800 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ). This is consistent with the low concentrations of S and  $\text{CO}_2$  found in  
44 melt inclusions. At least the upper portion of this zone is considered to be exclusively  
45 trachytic in composition, based upon the entirely trachytic compositions of alkali  
46 feldspar-hosted melt inclusions.  
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3 The most applicable Rhyolite-MELTS model included a polybaric regime in  
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5 compositionally towards hawaiitic compositions at comparatively high pressures (~  
6 500 MPa), equivalent to the lower crust beneath the Azores (~ 15 km; cf. Beier *et al.*,  
7 2006). We therefore suggest that beneath Terceira ascending mantle-derived basalts  
8 are likely to stall in the lower crust and differentiate to hawaiitic compositions via  
9 fractional crystallisation of a clinopyroxene-dominated assemblage, before ascending  
10 further and stalling in the lower portion of the shallow crustal zone. The mixed crystal  
11 populations found in syenite-hosted trachytic enclaves, facilitate the inference that the  
12 hawaiites are introduced to the dominantly trachytic magmas of the shallow crustal  
13 system in a mixing zone in the lower regions of the shallow system. Here, they are  
14 envisaged to mingle and mix with trachytes, generating hybridised trachytes  
15 represented by the syenite-hosted enclaves, with multiple phase assemblages: (1)  
16 anorthoclase, (2) diopside + Mg-rich olivine + bytownite, and (3) oligoclase + augite  
17 (cf. Bacon and Metz, 1984; Bacon, 1986; Ferla and Meli, 2006). Considering the  
18 overwhelming dominance of anorthoclase in the ignimbrite-forming trachytes, the  
19 first assemblage is considered to be representative of the trachytes and is therefore the  
20 true phenocryst assemblage of the upper crustal system. The second is the phenocryst  
21 assemblage of the ascending hawaiites introduced during mixing. This is consistent  
22 with the high Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> contents of the diopside phenocrysts, which indicate  
23 crystallisation within a different magmatic environment (Figure 12). Due to the  
24 adherence of augite phenocrysts to the felsic trend (described above; Figure 12), the  
25 third assemblage cannot be associated with the ascending hawaiites, and therefore  
26 must be attributed to the shallow magma storage zone. Oligoclase is found only in the  
27 LMI and is heavily resorbed. In addition, the augite population of the ignimbrite  
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3 juvenile clasts is not in chemical equilibrium with the host trachyte, and Rhyolite-  
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9 syenitic autoliths and the groundmass of the syenite-hosted enclaves clearly indicates  
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11 its formation at temperatures lower than those of the trachytes ( $< 800\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). The  
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13 oligoclase and augite observed in the enclave magmas are therefore considered to  
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15 represent an assemblage derived from the benmoreitic/least evolved trachyte hybrid  
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17 magmas which results from the mixing of relatively small proportions of hawaiiite  
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24 The hybridised trachytes may then ascend further, out of a lower mixing zone  
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26 and into the upper regions of the shallow magma storage zone, where the most  
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28 differentiated magmas are inferred to be present. The mineral assemblages and  
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30 calculated viscosities of these trachytic magmas suggest that differentiation is likely to  
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32 be controlled by the crystallisation of anorthoclase, driving the melt towards the most  
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34 evolved trachyte compositions. The compositional zonation of these magma bodies is  
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36 likely to form as the lower density, more evolved liquids migrate upwards to form a  
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38 lens of low viscosity, hydrous, crystal-poor most evolved trachyte. Additional  
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40 processes which may play a role in the construction of a zoned magma body include  
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42 the ascent of bubbles through volatile saturated magma which may lead to upward  
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44 migration of alkalis, halogens, and other fluid mobile elements (Hildreth and Wilson,  
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46 2007) and the generation of low density, hydrous melts via sidewall crystallisation  
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48 (e.g. Huppert *et al.*, 1986). The preservation of this zonation until eruption may be  
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50 linked to the development of a system of multiple, individually convecting layers  
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52 (Huppert and Sparks, 1984), which would likely be enhanced by the low magma  
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54 viscosities described above, or alternatively a strong density contrast associated with  
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3 the range of water contents (cf. Hildreth and Wilson, 2007), as indicated by the water  
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5 contents measured in alkali feldspar-hosted melt inclusions and calculated via alkali  
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7 feldspar hygrometry (~ 2 to 6 wt. %).  
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10 Due to the dominance of trachytic compositions at this uppermost level,  
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12 individual magma reservoirs are likely to be surrounded by a marginal syenitic crystal  
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14 mush developing via *in-situ* crystallisation in the thermal boundary zone. This mush  
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16 may then be sampled during eruption, providing the syenite autoliths observed in the  
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18 CCI and, to some extent, in the LAI. The presence of hybridised trachytic enclaves  
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20 within these syenitic autoliths is considered to record the injection of hybridised  
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22 trachyte into an upper trachytic reservoir, through the marginal (basal) mush zone.  
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24 The abundance of miarolitic cavities in both enclave and host syenite provide further  
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26 evidence for the shallow depth of this magma storage zone. Subsequent mixing of  
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28 these hybrids with the overlying trachytes may contribute to the development of  
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30 zonation of the magma body and likely accounts for the occurrence of resorbed  
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32 oligoclase, augite, and more rarely, calcic plagioclase, diopside, and Mg-rich olivine  
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34 in the LMI and the PNI. Furthermore, the replenishment of the uppermost reservoir  
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36 with hybridised trachyte may act as a trigger for eruption. The calculated rates of  
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38 crystal settling imply that the antecrystic population introduced during mixing would  
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40 settle rapidly, implying relatively rapid eruption following replenishment.  
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47 Finally, a note should be made on the GVI which, unusually for peralkaline  
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49 silicic systems, contains abundant biotite phenocrysts. Based upon Scaillet and  
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51 Macdonald (2001), this indicates pre-eruptive temperatures below 700 °C, at  
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53 conditions close to water saturation. This is consistent with the results of  
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55 thermometric and hygrometric modelling applied in this study, which predict cooler  
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57 and wetter pre-eruptive conditions for the GVI than for any of the other ignimbrite  
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3 formations of Terceira (Figure 10). Furthermore, the thermodynamic models of  
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5 Jeffery (2016) predict that, for the most suitable pre-eruptive conditions found in this  
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9 is therefore suggested that the GVI represents a magma body which was cooler, closer  
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11 to water saturation, and somewhat more oxidised than those which fed the other  
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13 ignimbrite-forming eruptions.  
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### 16 17 18 19 20 **The ignimbrites in the context of the magmatic suite of Terceira**

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22 When considered in the context of the Terceira suite, the ignimbrites, syenites, and  
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24 enclaves lie close to the end (< 2 wt. % MgO) of a single liquid line of descent which  
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26 characterises the volcanic products of the island (Figure 6, 7). Mungall and Martin  
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28 (1995) further subdivided this trend, noting the presence of a more oxidising Santa  
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30 Bárbara trend at low MgO contents (< 1 wt. %). The mafic to intermediate region of  
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32 this trend comprises the various lava flows and scoria cones associated with the  
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34 fissure zone (Self, 1974, 1976; Mungall and Martin, 1995; Madureira *et al.*, 2011),  
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36 whilst the silicic region is made up of the syenite enclaves, the ignimbrites (including  
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38 whole-rock, melt inclusions and groundmass glass ) and the syenites (Mungall, 1993;  
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40 Gertisser *et al.*, 2010; Tomlinson *et al.*, 2014; this study), as well as the lava domes  
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42 and coulées of Pico Alto, and residual glass in syenite xenoliths (labelled P. Alto  
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44 xenolith glass; Mungall and Martin, 1995), listed in order of increasing differentiation  
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46 and peralkalinity. The addition of a sixth step to the major element mass balance  
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48 models discussed above, in which a most evolved trachyte composition is utilised as a  
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52 pantellerites, which are typical of Pico Alto, can be generated via 72 to 79 %  
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In the overall trend,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents show little variation until ~ 1 wt. % MgO, indicating only a minor role for plagioclase feldspar (Figure 7). This point corresponds broadly to benmoreitic compositions, and is in agreement with the results of Rhyolite-MELTS modelling. At MgO contents of < 1 wt. %,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  rapidly declines from ~ 16 to ~ 5 wt. %, indicating significant fractionation of initially plagioclase and then alkali feldspar. A similar, kinked trend is observed in  $\text{FeO}_t$  and  $\text{TiO}_2$ , where concentrations show little change until ~ 4 wt. % MgO, when they decline from ~ 12 to ~ 4 wt. %, and ~ 3.5 to < 1 wt. %, respectively. As is common in peralkaline systems, a late-stage (< 1 wt. % MgO)  $\text{FeO}_t$  enrichment is present, leading to concentrations of up to ~ 15 wt. % in the most evolved trachytic liquids. The P.I. of the system shows a gradual increase, becoming peralkaline close to the benmoreite-trachyte boundary, followed by a rapid increase during the final stages.

A compositional gap is observed in the suite at ~ 1.5 to 3.0 wt. % MgO, which likely corresponds to the previously described Daly Gap of Terceira (Self and Gunn, 1976). Although Mungall and Martin (1995) used monzonitic autoliths to bridge this gap, no such autoliths are reported from Pico Alto. However, the benmoreitic lavas of Mungall (1993) and the syenite-hosted enclaves of this study begin to narrow this gap. At Pico Alto, this gap may reflect a genuine scarcity of intermediate compositions due to rapid melt evolution at intermediate compositions. Based upon the results of this study, we also suggest that the Daly Gap is likely to reflect prevalent magma hybridisation in the shallow magma storage zone (e.g. Storey *et al.*, 1989; Araña *et*

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3 *al.*, 1994; Peccerillo *et al.*, 2003; Sumner and Wolff, 2003; Avanzinelli *et al.*, 2004;  
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5 Ferla and Meli, 2006; Lowenstern *et al.*, 2006; Romengo *et al.*, 2012). In effect, the  
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7 intermediate melt compositions are rarely seen because they are only likely to form  
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9 during the mixing of ascending hawaiite and comparatively large volumes of trachyte  
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11 in an established silicic magma storage zone. As such, they are rapidly lost, and are  
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13 only recognised through the preservation of their relict phenocryst assemblages.  
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17 Overall, it should be noted that, despite its relatively low volume (typical  
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21 crustal depth (~ 2 to 4 km), the ignimbrite-forming magma system of Terceira (i.e. the  
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23 underlying magma system of Pico Alto and potentially Guilherme Moniz) appears to  
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25 have remained relatively stable for up to ~ 60 kyr. At least seven ignimbrite-forming  
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27 eruptions and many smaller scale eruptions have occurred within this time period,  
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29 suggesting that the rates of magma supply to the shallow crustal system have  
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#### 41 **Control of magma viscosity on eruptive behaviour**

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43 Explosive activity derived from Pico Alto (and potentially Guilherme Moniz) is  
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45 dominated by low pyroclastic fountaining eruptions with only briefly-sustained  
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47 eruption columns. This eruptive behaviour is likely to be linked to the previously-  
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49 described low pre-eruptive viscosities of the ignimbrite-forming magmas. To  
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51 investigate the rheological changes induced by ascent-driven degassing, isothermal  
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53 magma viscosities were calculated for each of the ignimbrite-forming trachytes over  
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3 instance. Magma compositions used were taken from each of the ignimbrite  
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9 ignimbrite-forming trachytes, which leads to an increase in viscosity of  $\sim 4$  orders of  
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11 magnitude ( $\sim 10^{7.5}$  Pa s), is insufficient to achieve the threshold typically required for  
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13 brittle fragmentation ( $10^8$  to  $10^9$  Pa s; Papale, 1999; Giordano *et al.*, 2009) (Figure  
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21 degassing-induced microlite crystallisation (e.g. Sparks and Pinkerton, 1978). The  
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23 rheological effects of such crystallisation are related to crystal abundance, size, shape,  
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25 packing density, and the shear strain of the magma (e.g. Llewellyn *et al.*, 2002;  
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27 Caricchi *et al.*, 2008; Costa *et al.*, 2009; Di Genova *et al.*, 2013). To explore the  
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29 effects of syn-eruptive microlite crystallisation upon the ignimbrite-forming trachytes,  
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31 the viscosities of bubble-free, crystal-bearing magmas were calculated using the  
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33 model of Vona *et al.* (2011), following Di Genova *et al.* (2013). Models were run for  
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37 study ( $10^{3.1}$  to  $10^{4.3}$  Pa s, respectively). In each case, the strain rate was set to  $\dot{\gamma} = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  
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39 the crystal fraction was varied from 0.0 to 0.4, and the mean crystal aspect ratio was  
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41 set to 7 (Hammer and Rutherford, 2002). Results indicate that during crystallisation,  
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43 magma viscosity increases by 2.6 log units before approaching infinite values at a  
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45 crystal fraction of  $\sim 0.36$  (Figure 15b). The rate of viscosity increase is non-linear and  
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47 the greatest viscosity increase occurs above crystal fraction of  $\sim 0.3$  (cf. Di Genova *et al.*  
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49 *et al.*, 2013). Based upon the total crystal fraction of microlites in the samples of this  
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51 study ( $< 0.1$ ), this process is therefore unlikely to contribute more than a total increase  
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3 increase induced by degassing, the ascending trachytes are unlikely to reach the  
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7 here must therefore be invoked, such as closed system degassing and the rheological  
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12 This approach demonstrates how the peralkalinity-induced transposition of pre-  
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14 eruptive magma viscosities to values lower than those typical of metaluminous  
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16 magmas can have profound effects not only upon pre-eruptive processes such as  
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18 magmatic differentiation, but also upon eruptive behaviour. In this instance, pre-  
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20 eruptive viscosity may have played a major role in the generation of the pyroclastic  
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22 density current-producing eruptions of Terceira by inhibiting highly explosive  
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### 32 **Implications for peralkaline magmatic systems**

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34 The magmatic plumbing system from which the rocks of this study are derived  
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36 presents a variety of features which are characteristic of peralkaline silicic complexes  
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38 (cf. Macdonald, 2012). For example, erupted material has been exclusively  
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40 peralkaline and silicic in composition, suggesting that the uppermost part of the  
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42 magmatic system has been stable for a sufficient period of time to allow the  
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44 development of a shadow zone. In effect, ascending mafic magmas, which provide  
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46 both the thermal energy and matter required to maintain the system in relatively cool,  
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48 upper crustal conditions, are prevented from reaching the surface, instead being  
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50 incorporated into the silicic magmas via mixing. In the case of Pico Alto, the only  
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3 phenocryst assemblage. It therefore seems likely that this mixing processes represents  
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8 Historically, the presence of a Daly Gap has been utilised as fundamental  
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10 evidence for the primary role of partial melting as a petrogenetic process (e.g. Chayes,  
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12 1963; 1977). However, various studies have highlighted alternative processes which  
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16 of mafic magmas to the periphery of a volcanic centre (e.g. Peccerillo *et al.*, 2003),  
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18 rapid differentiation of intermediate compositions (e.g. White *et al.*, 2009), high  
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20 density and/or crystal content of intermediate magmas preventing their eruption (e.g.  
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22 Weaver, 1977). The evidence provided in this study suggests that magma mixing  
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24 processes, invoked at many peralkaline volcanic centres (e.g. Gran Canaria, Canary  
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26 Islands (Troll and Schmincke, 2002; Sumner and Wolff, 2003), Pantelleria, Italy  
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28 (Ferla and Meli, 2006; Gioncada and Landi, 2010; Landi and Rotolo, 2015) represent  
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30 an equally valid means of generating a Daly Gap (cf. Romengo *et al.*, 2012). Overall,  
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32 this suggests that peralkaline magmatic systems which are controlled primarily by  
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34 fractional crystallisation are likely to undergo the following key evolutionary stages:  
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36 1) initiation of volcanic activity with mantle-derived mafic magmas ascending from  
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38 the mantle and/or lower crustal storage zones, 2) development of an upper crustal  
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40 storage zone in which mafic magmas stall and differentiate towards peralkaline silicic  
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42 compositions, 3) growth and stabilisation of the upper crustal storage zone, such that a  
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44 relatively large volume of silicic magma is stored and maintained via periodic  
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46 replenishment with comparatively small volumes of mafic magma. Within this  
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48 scheme, there is a key transition between stages 2 and 3 in which the length of the  
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50 fractional crystallisation-controlled liquid line of descent is split into two separate  
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3 trachyte, whereas in stage 3, there are two separate liquid lines of descent; basalt to  
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5 magmas exist as the fractionation products of more mafic magmas, and will go on to  
6 fractionate further to produce trachytic compositions. At this point, their apparent  
7 absence is more likely to result from their density, crystal content, or their relatively  
8 brief existence (see above). In stage 3, intermediate magmas are instead formed only  
9 through the mixing of ascending hawaiites with trachytes, suggesting that they exist  
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## 24 CONCLUSIONS

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26 The ignimbrite-forming comenditic trachytes of Terceira can be generated by  
27 extended fractional crystallisation of hydrous (1.5 wt. %), mantle-derived basaltic  
28 parental magmas at redox conditions around 1 log unit below the fayalite-magnetite-  
29 quartz buffer. Pre-eruptive water contents measured in melt inclusions and estimated  
30 via alkali feldspar hygrometry extend from 2.5 to 6.0 wt. % and, based upon solubility  
31 models, indicate the presence of a prominent magma storage reservoir at shallow  
32 crustal depths (~ 2 to 4 km) in which silicic magmas are stored. Syenitic autoliths of  
33 similar whole-rock composition to the trachytes provide evidence for the *in-situ*  
34 crystallisation of trachytic magmas in a thermal boundary layer in the upper crustal  
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3 crystallisation to hawaiitic compositions. Trachytic enclaves within syenite autoliths  
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9 crustal storage zone. This generates a hybridised trachyte, which then ascends further  
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11 and is mixed with more evolved trachytes, passing first through a syenitic crystal  
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17 Calculated magma viscosities for the ignimbrite-forming trachytes extend to  
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19 values more than 1 order of magnitude lower than is typical for metaluminous silicic  
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21 magmas. Estimated crystal settling rates suggest that fractional crystallisation is likely  
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23 to remain a viable process in the trachytic magmas stored in the shallow crust,  
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25 contributing to the substantial trace element compositional zonation observed in the  
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27 ignimbrite formations. Major element mass balance modelling indicates that the most  
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29 evolved, pantelleritic compositions of Terceira can be generated by continued  
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31 fractionation of alkali feldspar from the ignimbrite-forming comenditic trachytes. The  
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33 low pre-eruptive viscosities of the ignimbrite-forming magmas increases the overall  
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35 difficulty of brittle fragmentation, which may reduce the likelihood of highly  
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37 explosive (e.g. sustained eruption columns) eruptive behaviour and limit the majority  
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39 of explosive activity to low pyroclastic fountaining. The sporadic mixing of  
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41 comparatively low volumes of mafic magmas into an established upper crustal silicic  
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43 reservoir is envisaged to contribute to the generation of a Daly Gap on Terceira, with  
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45 intermediate magmas existing only briefly before being mixed into trachytic magmas,  
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47 effectively buffering fractional crystallisation in the silicic reservoir.  
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3 oxide crystals (Ign-i) **(h)** Alkali feldspar-dominated syenite bleb surrounded by vesicular  
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11 **Figure 4** Representative hand specimen photographs of syenitic autoliths from CCI **(a)**  
12 Coarse- and medium-grained varieties of syenite **(b)** Schlieren structures, comprising  
13 abundant Na-clinopyroxene, Na-amphibole, and aenigmatite, within syenite autoliths. The  
14 surrounding syenite often exhibits contrasting grain sizes or modal mineralogies on either side  
15 of the structure **(c)** Trachytic enclaves within a large block of syenite. Individual enclaves  
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31 **Figure 5** Representative photomicrographs of syenitic autoliths and syenite-hosted enclaves.  
32 Abbreviations used: Di = diopside; Aeg = aegirine, Agt = aegirine-augite; Na-Ca Amp = Na-  
33 Ca amphibole, Na-Amp = Na amphibole; Aen = aenigmatite, Afs = alkali feldspar, Mg-Ol =  
34 Mg-rich olivine **(a)** Course-grained syenite comprising large interlocking alkali feldspar  
35 crystals. A small dalyite crystal and acicular aegirine crystals are visible, partially filling an  
36 interstitial void space in the lower right **(b)** Medium-grained syenite comprising  
37 predominantly alkali feldspar laths with small intercumulus Na-amphiboles and aegirine **(c)**  
38 Large irregularly zoned aegirine-augite crystal occupying an intercumulus void space,  
39 surrounded by alkali feldspar. A highly irregular core of Na-amphibole is visible within the  
40 aegirine-augite crystal **(d)** An intercumulus amphibole crystal surrounded by alkali feldspar.  
41 The amphibole exhibits an optically distinguishable compositional transition from Na-Ca  
42 amphibole (central), to Na- amphibole (darker rims), and finally aegirine (upper and lower  
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5 mush of acicular crystals which appear to be replace a large, irregular aenigmatite crystal (**f**)  
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7 Syenite-hosted enclave comprising large diopside and Na-Ca amphibole crystals set in a  
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9 microcrystalline groundmass of alkali feldspar, aegirine-augite, Na-Ca amphibole, and Fe-Ti  
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11 oxides (**g**) Characteristically large alkali feldspar crystal from the syenite-hosted enclaves. A  
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13 pronounced, inclusion-rich rim is visible at its margins (**h**) Mg-rich olivine double breakdown  
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15 texture from the syenite-hosted enclaves. The outer rim comprises a hydrous iddingsitic  
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17 assemblage, whilst the interior represents an anhydrous breakdown assemblage which  
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27 **Figure 6** Geochemical classification plots for Terceira. Data sourced from Self (1974),  
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29 Mungall (1993), Gertisser *et al.* (2010), Madureira *et al.* (2011), Tomlinson *et al.* (2015), and  
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31 Jeffery *et al.* (2016a). (**a**) Chemical compositions of various Terceira lithologies plotted into  
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33 the total alkali-silica (TAS) diagram of Le Bas *et al.* (1986). Whole-rock, melt inclusion, and  
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35 groundmass glass data are not distinguished. Errors ( $2\sigma$ ) do not exceed symbol size (**b**) Blow  
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37 up of Figure 6a, showing the compositions of the ignimbrite formations, Caldeira-Castelinho  
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39 Ignimbrite Formation (CCI) syenite autoliths, and CCI syenite autolith-hosted enclaves.  
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41 Symbols are as in Figure 6a. Whole-rock data are shown using the same colours and symbols  
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43 as in Figure 6a. The lighter variants of the same colours depict groundmass glass analyses.  
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49 groundmass glass and melt inclusion analyses, respectively). The  $2\sigma$  error for melt inclusion  
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51 and groundmass glass data is shown in the top right. Errors for whole-rock do not exceed  
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11 **Figure 7** Major and trace element compositional data for Terceira plotted against MgO  
12 contents. The grey dashed line represents the most successful Rhyolite-MELTS model  
13 (Polybaric fractional crystallisation with a transition from 500 MPa to 150 MPa set to occur at  
14 1,100 °C,  $fO_2 = FMQ -1$ , initial water content = 1.5 wt. %). The transition from 500 to 150  
15 MPa is marked with a vertical dashed black line at 2.76 wt. % MgO on each plot. The  
16 crystallisation intervals for each of the predicted mineral phases are marked on the lower-right  
17 plot. For clarity, data for Cinco Picos and Santa Bárbara are not shown. All data sourced from  
18 Self (1974), Mungall (1993), Gertisser *et al.* (2010), Madureira *et al.* (2011), Tomlinson *et al.*  
19 (2015), and Jeffery *et al.* (2016a). All major element oxides reported in wt. %, trace elements  
20 as ppm. Errors ( $2\sigma$ ) do not exceed symbol size. Abbreviations used: Ol = olivine; Cpx =  
21 clinopyroxene; Fsp = feldspar; Ti-Mag = Ti-magnetite; Ilm = ilmenite; Ap = apatite  
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40 **Figure 8** Trace element variation diagrams for Terceira lithologies. Chondritic and primitive  
41 mantle values taken from Sun and McDonough (1989). **(a)** Chondrite-normalised REE  
42 compositions of the ignimbrite formations. Grey field indicates range of literature values for  
43 the four youngest ignimbrite formations (LAI, LMI, VFI, CCI) taken from Tomlinson *et al.*  
44 (2015) **(b)** Chondrite-normalised REE compositions of the CCI syenite autoliths. Data  
45 sourced from Jeffery *et al.*, 2016a. Grey field indicates range of literature values for syenitic  
46 xenoliths taken from Mungall (1993) **(c)** Chondrite-normalised REE compositions of the CCI  
47 syenite-hosted enclaves. Grey field indicates range of literature values for the four youngest  
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3 element trace element variation diagram for the ignimbrite formations **(e)** Multi-element trace  
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7 **(f)** Multi-element trace element variation diagram for the CCI syenite-hosted enclaves  
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13 **Figure 9** Mineral compositions of the ignimbrite formations, CCI syenite autoliths, and  
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15 syenite-hosted enclaves. Analyses from the groundmass of the enclaves are labelled as  
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17 'Enclave gm', whilst the enclave phenocrysts are marked 'Enclave pheno' **(a)** Alkali feldspar  
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19 compositions plotted into the ternary An-Ab-Or system **(b)** Clinopyroxene compositions  
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21 plotted into the pyroxene quadrilateral and, where relevant, the ternary Qd-Jd-Aeg system  
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23 (Morimoto *et al.*, 1988) and the ternary Di-Hd-Aeg system **(c)** Fe-Ti oxide compositions  
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25 plotted into the  $\text{TiO}_2\text{-FeO-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  ternary system **(d)** Biotite compositions of the GVI (Deer *et*  
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27 *al.*, 1966) **(e)** Ca-amphibole compositions for the syenite-hosted enclaves, plotted in the  
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29 scheme of Leake *et al.* (1997) **(f)** Ca-Na-amphibole compositions for the CCI syenites and  
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31 syenite-hosted enclaves, plotted in the scheme of Leake *et al.* (1997) **(g)** Na-amphibole  
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33 compositions for the CCI syenites, plotted in the scheme of Leake *et al.* (1997)  
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42 **Figure 10** Summarised results of thermometry and hygrometry using the ILMAT program of  
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46 (2008), and the feldspar-melt hygrometer of (Mollo *et al.*, 2015). A full discussion of each  
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48 method is given in the text **(a)**  $T\text{-}f\text{O}_2$  estimates for the LAI and the CCI syenite autoliths  
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50 derived from two-oxide models. FMQ buffer reaction curve calculated for 100 MPa **(b)**  $T\text{-}$   
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52  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{melt}}$  estimates for the ignimbrite formations, the CCI syenite autoliths, and the syenite-  
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6 **Figure 11** Halogen compositions of melt inclusions from each of the ignimbrite formations of  
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14 **Figure 12** Variations in  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents of clinopyroxene in relation to depth of  
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16 crystallisation (cf. Beier *et al.*, 2006; Jeffery *et al.*, 2016a)  
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22 **Figure 13** Results of Rayleigh fractionation and batch melting trace element modelling. The  
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24 calculated Rayleigh fractionation curve is labelled RaIFC. Batch melting models were  
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26 calculated for hypothetical gabbroic, syenodioritic, and syenitic lithologies. Each field  
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28 comprises the total area occupied by four individual batch melting curves, each curve  
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30 generated by varying the original mineral proportions of the parental material. For example,  
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34 produced by altering the relative proportions of plagioclase, clinopyroxene, and olivine.  
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42 **Figure 14** Conceptual model for the magma plumbing system of Pico Alto volcano,  
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44 comprising a prominent magma storage zone in shallow crust. Abbreviations used: Byt =  
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46 bytownite, Di = diopside, Mg-Ol = Mg-rich olivine, Anorth = anorthoclase, Olig = oligoclase,  
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48 Aug = augite **(a)** Ascending hawaiites (phase assemblage = Byt + Di + Mg-Ol) are mixed  
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50 with trachytes (phase assemblage = Anorth), forming hybridised intermediate to silicic  
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52 magmas (phase assemblage = Olig + Aug + Anorth + Byt + Di + Mg-Ol) **(b)** Injection of  
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54 hybridised trachyte into peralkaline trachyte in the uppermost portion of the shallow crustal  
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13 **Figure 15** Results of rheological modelling aiming to simulate the effects of degassing and  
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15 microlite crystallisation upon the viscosity of the peralkaline trachytic magmas of this study  
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17 during ascent (a) Isothermal magma viscosities calculated for each of the ignimbrite-forming  
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19 peralkaline trachytes using the model of Giordano *et al.* (2008) and the melt to magma  
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21 viscosity conversion of Dingwell *et al.* (1993). Magma water contents were varied from 0 to 6  
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23 wt. %, and crystal fraction was set to 0.2 (see text for full details). Each of the curves was  
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25 calculated using a composition from one of the peralkaline ignimbrite formations of this study  
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28 (b) Bubble-free, crystal bearing magma viscosities for the peralkaline trachytes of this study,  
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30 calculated using the model of Vona *et al.* (2011). Models were run for the minimum and  
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32 maximum pre-eruptive melt viscosity estimates determined in this study ( $10^{3.1}$  to  $10^{4.3}$  Pa s,  
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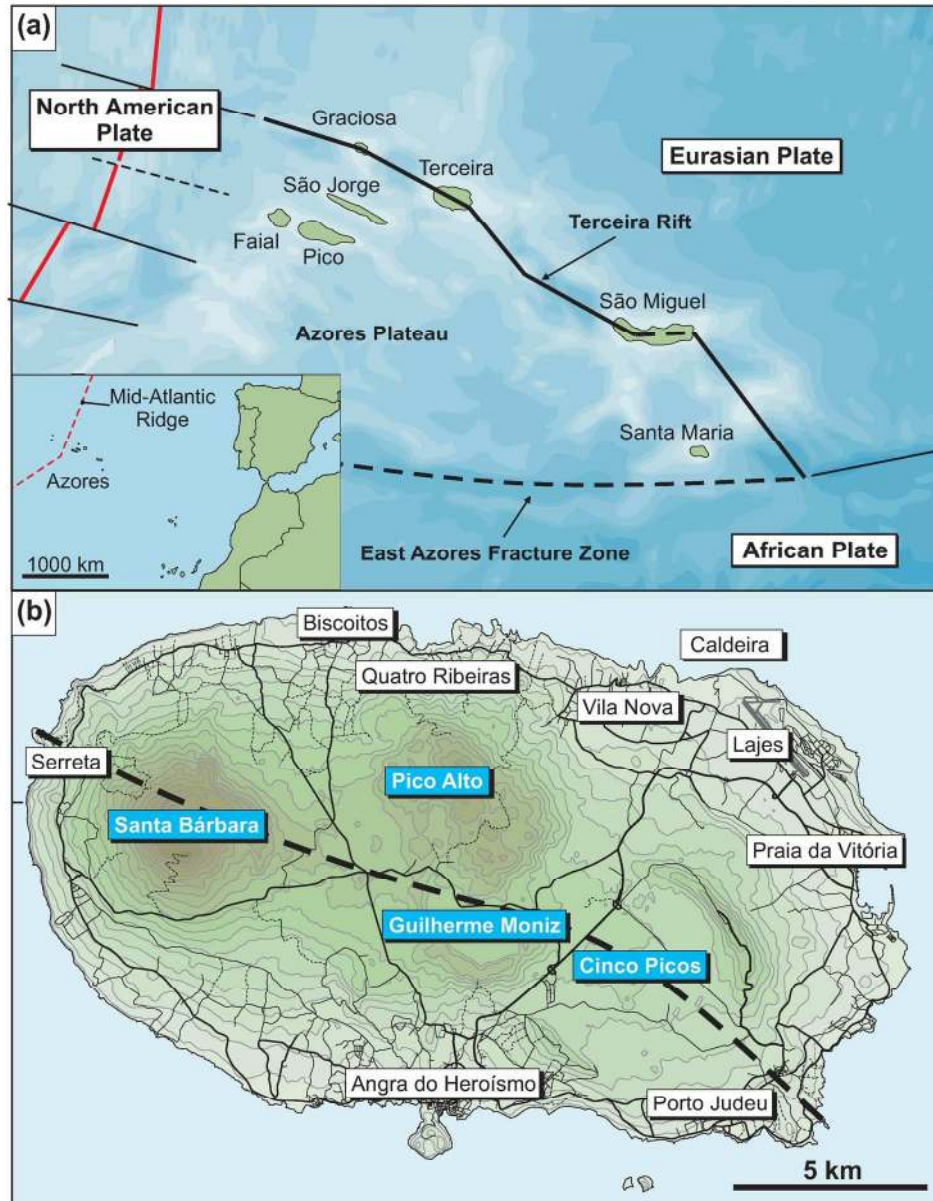


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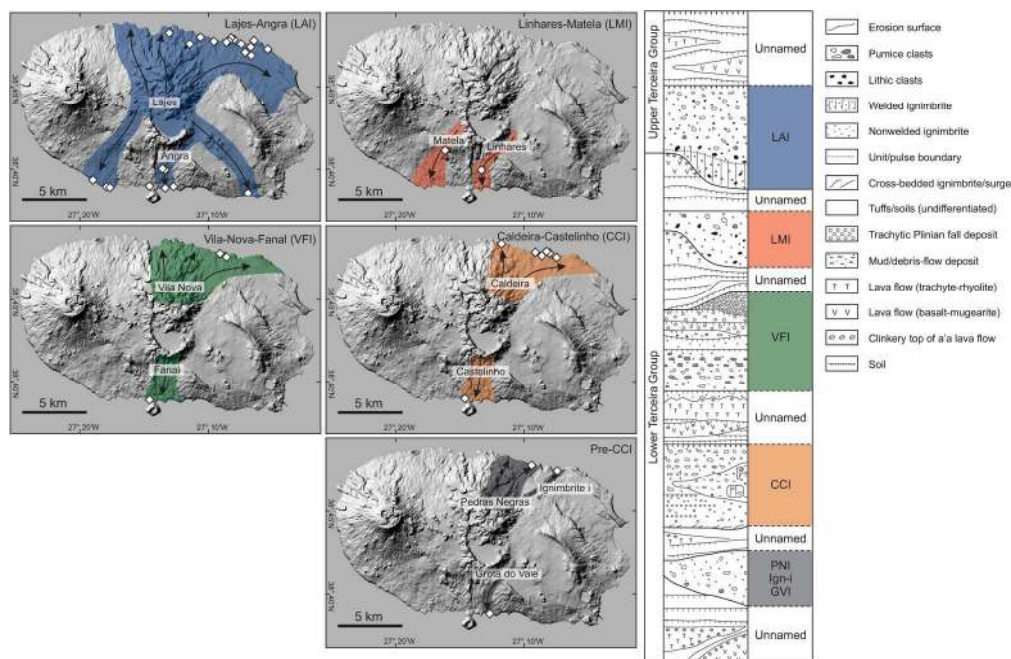


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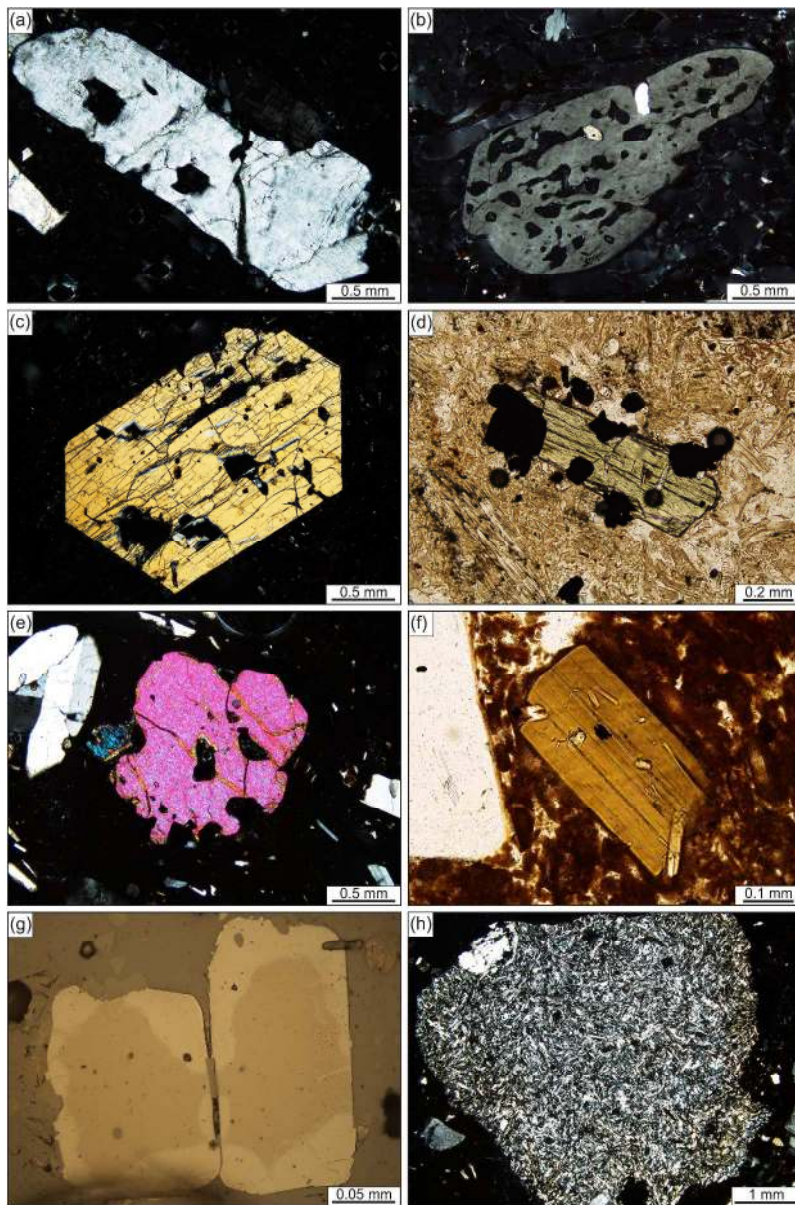


Figure 3 Representative photomicrographs of mineral phases from ignimbrites of Terceira (a) Large, euhedral alkali feldspar crystal surrounded by vesicular glass (LAI) (b) Highly resorbed and embayed alkali feldspar crystal surrounded by vesicular glass (LMI) (c) Large euhedral diopside crystal surrounded by vesicular glass (PNI) (d) Small augite crystal with associated Fe-Ti oxide crystals (LAI) (e) Strongly resorbed and embayed olivine crystal (LAI) (f) Euhedral biotite crystal with small acicular apatite inclusions (GVI) (g) Small zoned Fe-Ti oxide crystals (Ign-i) (h) Alkali feldspar-dominated syenite bleb surrounded by vesicular glass (LAI). An alkali feldspar phenocryst is visible in the top left of the image

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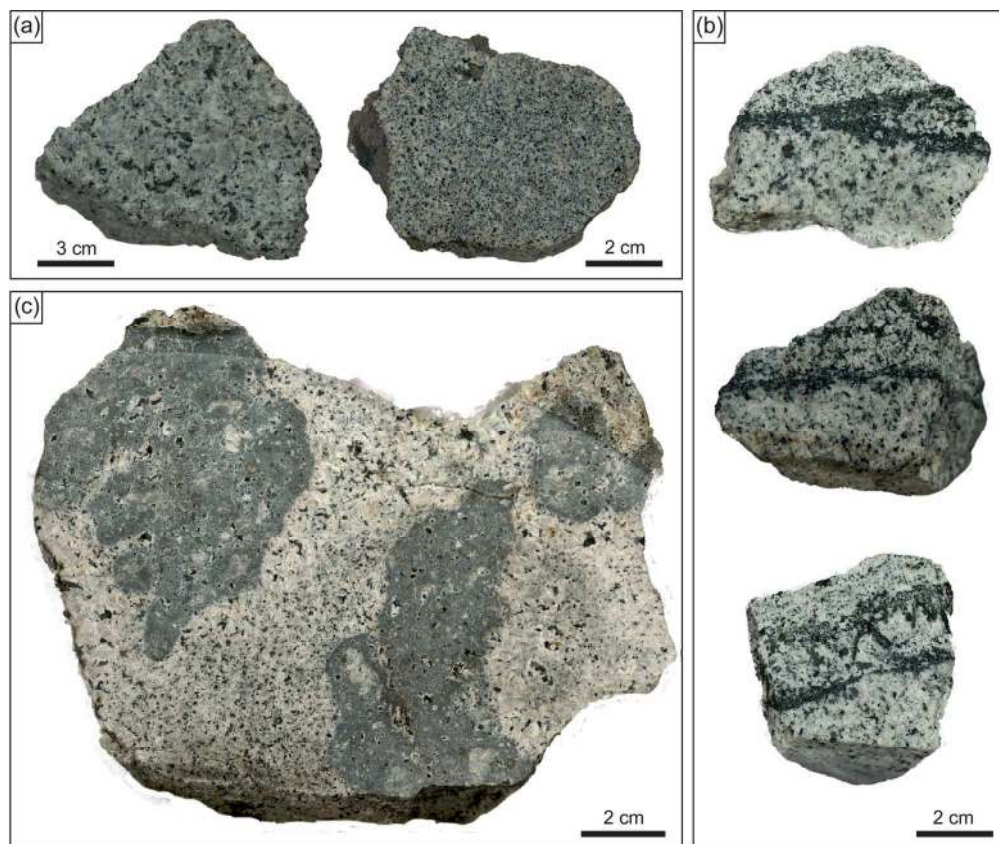


Figure 4 Representative hand specimen photographs of syenitic autoliths from CCI (a) Coarse- and medium-grained varieties of syenite (b) Schlieren structures, comprising abundant Na-clinopyroxene, Na-amphibole, and aenigmatite, within syenite autoliths. The surrounding syenite often exhibits contrasting grain sizes or modal mineralogies on either side of the structure (c) Trachytic enclaves within a large block of syenite. Individual enclaves exhibit rounded, lobate boundaries, with distinctive chilled margins, and bear numerous miarolitic cavities

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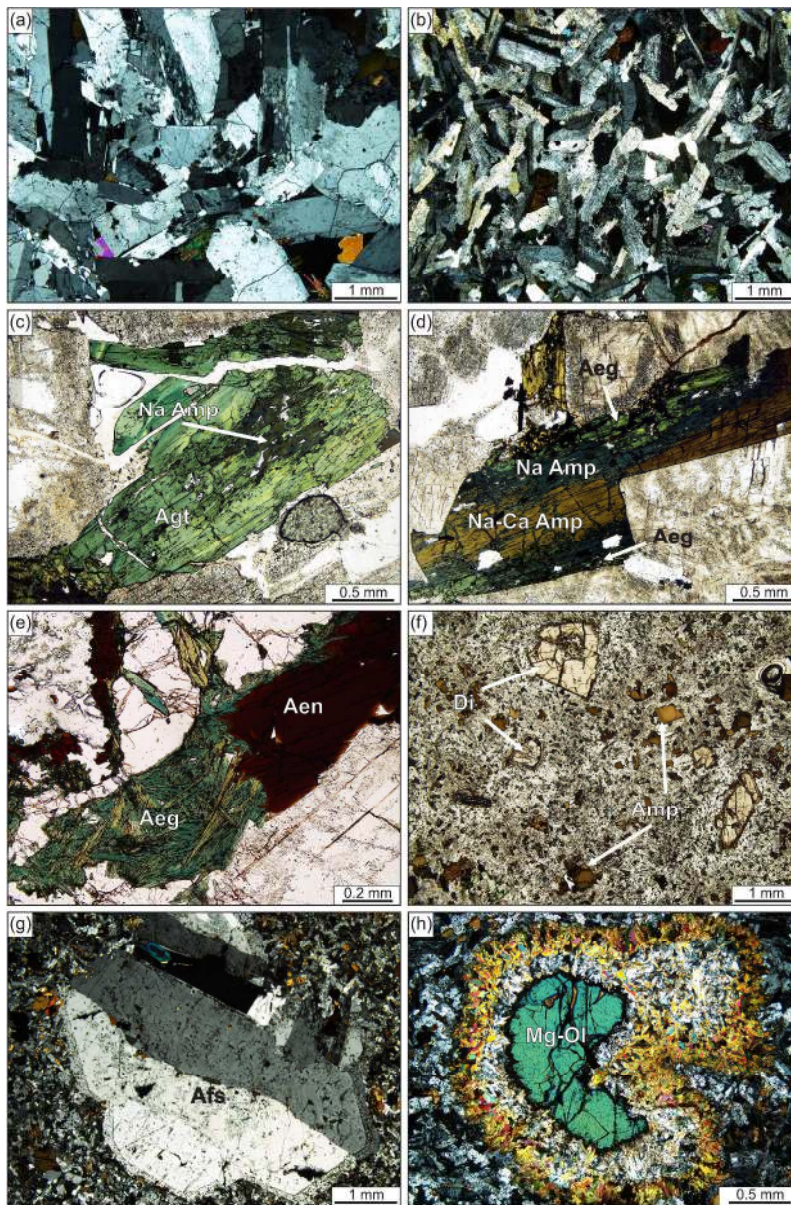


Figure 5 Representative photomicrographs of syenitic autoliths and syenite-hosted enclaves. Abbreviations used: Di = diopside; Aeg = aegirine, Agt = aegirine-augite; Na-Ca Amp = Na-Ca amphibole, Na-Amp = Na amphibole; Aen = aenigmatite, Afs = alkali feldspar, Mg-Ol = Mg-rich olivine (a) Course-grained syenite comprising large interlocking alkali feldspar crystals. A small dalyite crystal and acicular aegirine crystals are visible, partially filling an interstitial void space in the lower right (b) Medium-grained syenite comprising predominantly alkali feldspar laths with small intercumulus Na-amphiboles and aegirine (c) Large irregularly zoned aegirine-augite crystal occupying an intercumulus void space, surrounded by alkali feldspar. A highly irregular core of Na-amphibole is visible within the aegirine-augite crystal (d) An intercumulus amphibole crystal surrounded by alkali feldspar. The amphibole exhibits an optically distinguishable compositional transition from Na-Ca amphibole (central), to Na- amphibole (darker rims), and finally aegirine (upper and lower margins) (e) Complex intercumulus void, surrounded by alkali feldspar (lower right image), filled with quartz (upper central image), aenigmatite and aegirine. The aegirine comprises a mass of acicular crystals which appear to be replacing a large, irregular aenigmatite crystal (f) Syenite-hosted enclave comprising large

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4 augite, Na-Ca amphibole, and Fe-Ti oxides (g) Characteristically large alkali feldspar crystal from the  
5 syenite-hosted enclaves. A pronounced, inclusion-rich rim is visible at its margins (h) Mg-rich olivine double  
6 breakdown texture from the syenite-hosted enclaves. The outer rim comprises a hydrous iddingsitic  
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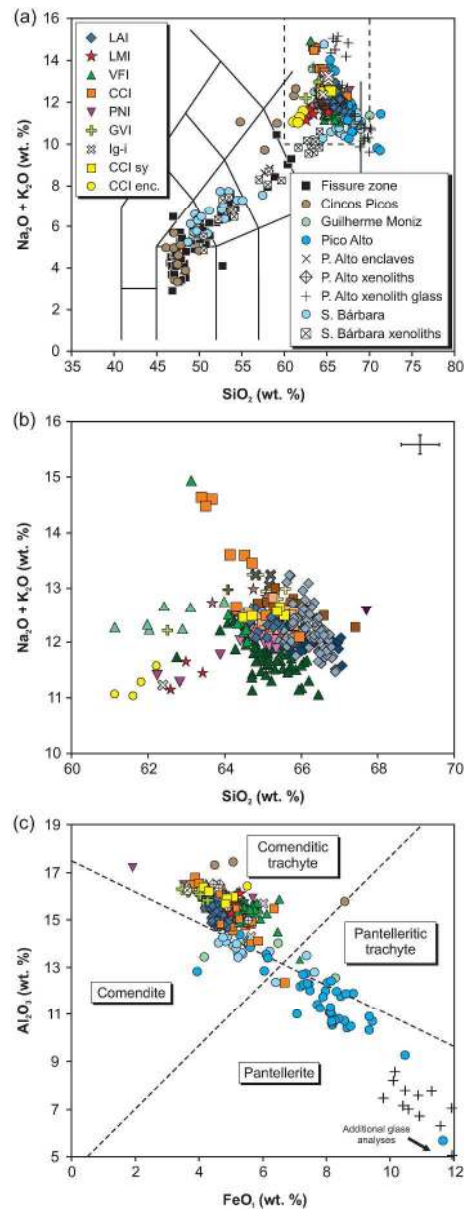


Figure 6 Geochemical classification plots for Terceira. Data sourced from Self (1974), Mungall (1993), Gertisser et al. (2010), Madureira et al. (2011), Tomlinson et al. (2015), and Jeffery et al. (2016a). (a) Chemical compositions of various Terceira lithologies plotted into the total alkali-silica (TAS) diagram of Le Bas et al. (1986). Whole-rock, melt inclusion, and groundmass glass data are not distinguished. Errors ( $2\sigma$ ) do not exceed symbol size (b) Blow up of Figure 6a, showing the compositions of the ignimbrite formations, Caldeira-Castelinho Ignimbrite Formation (CCI) syenite autoliths, and CCI syenite autolith-hosted enclaves. Symbols are as in Figure 6a. Whole-rock data are shown using the same colours and symbols as in Figure 6a. The lighter variants of the same colours depict groundmass glass analyses. The darker variants indicate melt inclusion analyses (e.g. the green triangles mark whole rock analyses of the VFI, as in Figure 6a, whilst the light green and dark green triangles reflect groundmass glass and melt inclusion analyses, respectively). The  $2\sigma$  error for melt inclusion and groundmass glass data is shown in the top right. Errors for whole-rock do not exceed symbol size (c) Peralkaline compositions of Terceira plotted into the  $\text{FeO}$  vs.  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  classification scheme for oversaturated peralkaline rocks (Macdonald, 1974). Symbols are as in Figure 6a.

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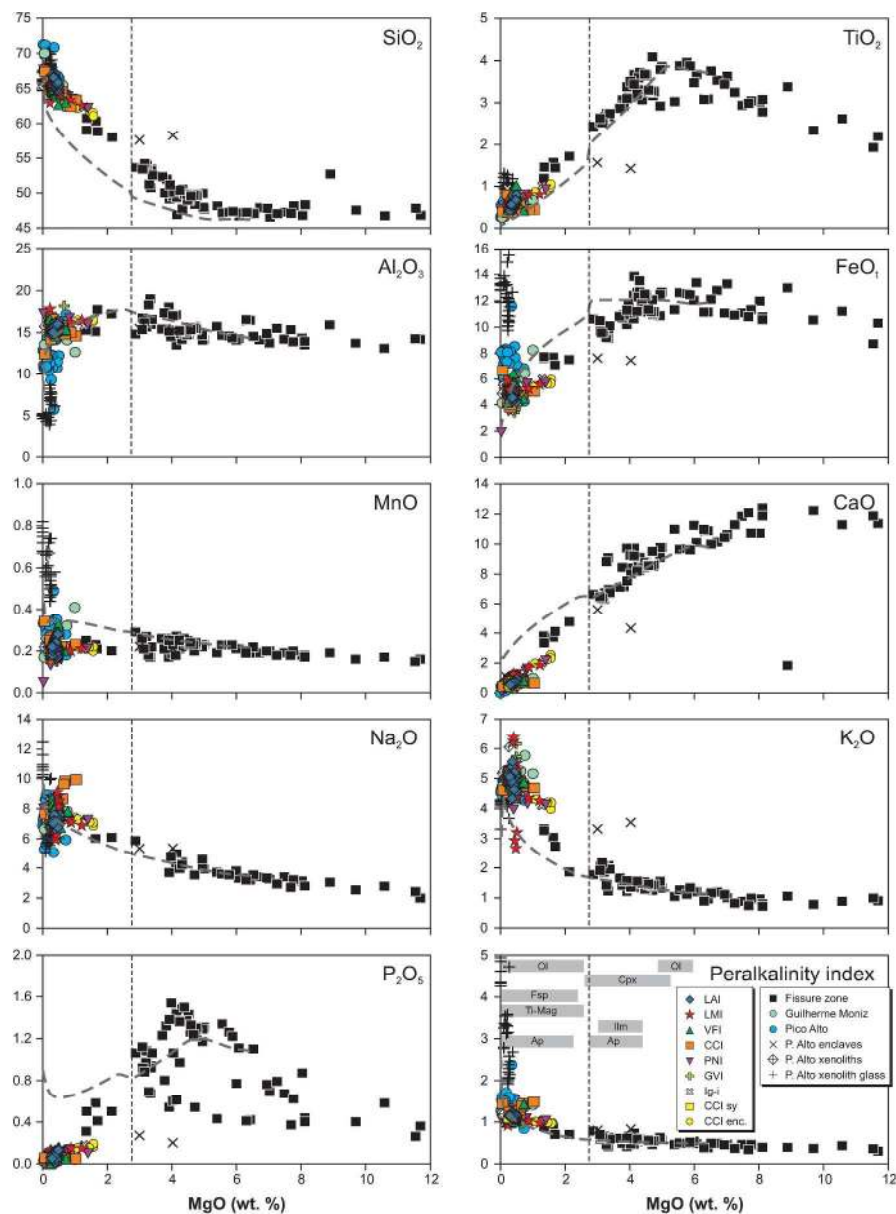


Figure 7 Major and trace element compositional data for Terceira plotted against MgO contents. The grey dashed line represents the most successful Rhyolite-MELTS model (Polybaric fractional crystallisation with a transition from 500 MPa to 150 MPa set to occur at 1,100 °C,  $f_{O_2} = FMQ - 1$ , initial water content = 1.5 wt. %). The transition from 500 to 150 MPa is marked with a vertical dashed black line at 2.76 wt. % MgO on each plot. The crystallisation intervals for each of the predicted mineral phases are marked on the lower-right plot. For clarity, data for Cinco Picos and Santa Bárbara are not shown. All data sourced from Self (1974), Mungall (1993), Gertisser et al. (2010), Madureira et al. (2011), Tomlinson et al. (2015), and Jeffery et al. (2016a). All major element oxides reported in wt. %, trace elements as ppm. Errors ( $2\sigma$ ) do not exceed symbol size. Abbreviations used: Ol = olivine; Cpx = clinopyroxene; Fsp = feldspar; Ti-Mag = Ti-magnetite; Ilm = ilmenite; Ap = apatite

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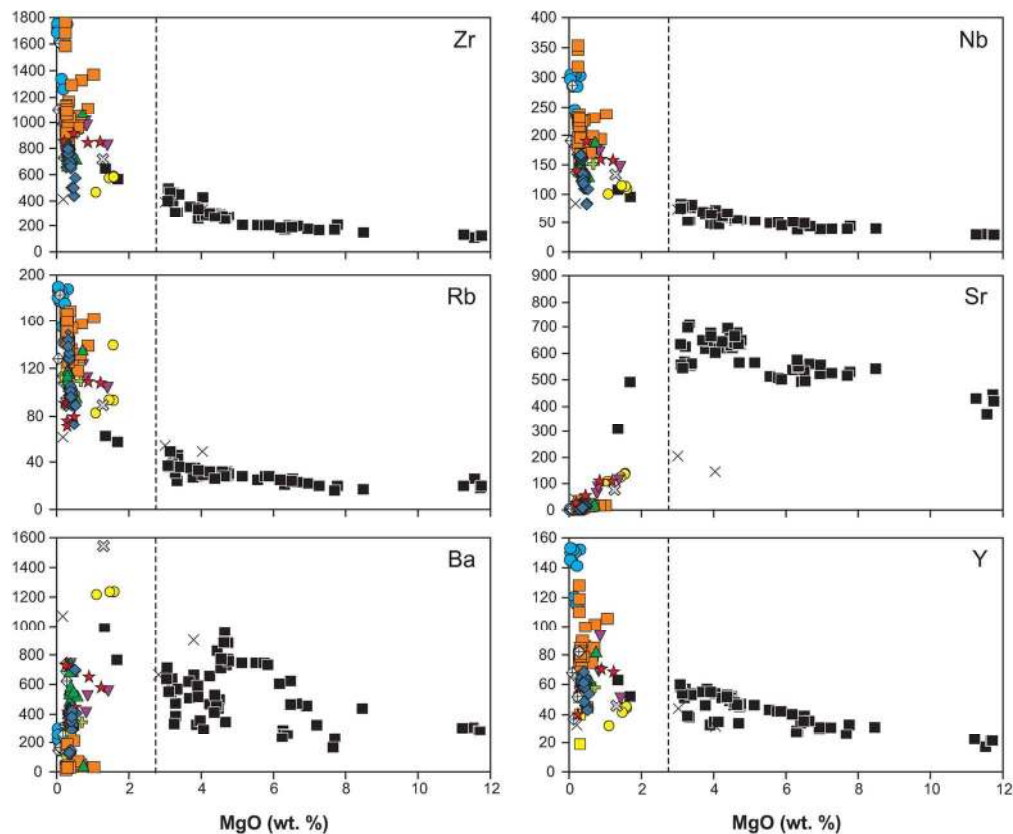


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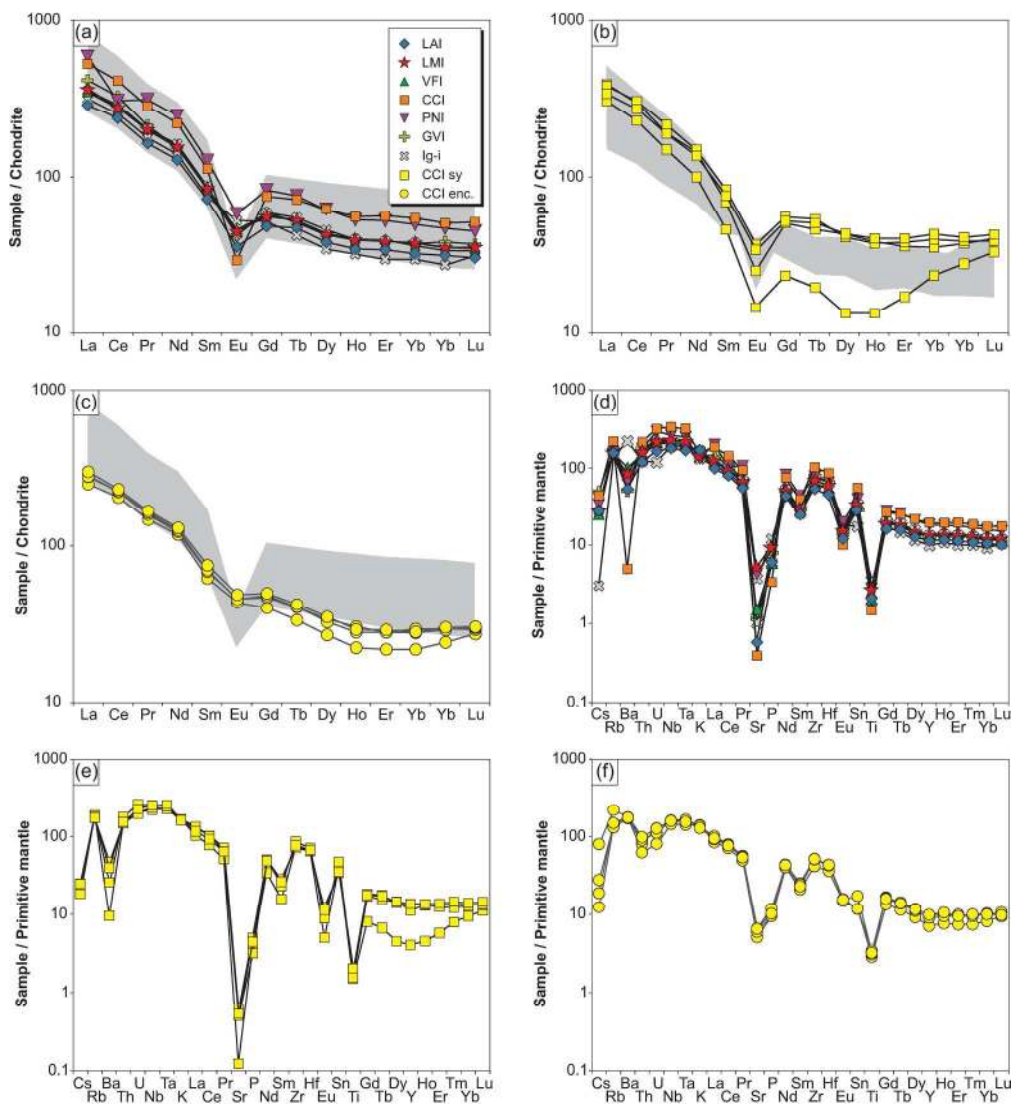


Figure 8 Trace element variation diagrams for Terceira lithologies. Chondritic and primitive mantle values taken from Sun and McDonough (1989). (a) Chondrite-normalised REE compositions of the ignimbrite formations. Grey field indicates range of literature values for the four youngest ignimbrite formations (LAI, LMI, VFI, CCI) taken from Tomlinson et al. (2015) (b) Chondrite-normalised REE compositions of the CCI syenite autoliths. Data sourced from Jeffery et al., 2016a. Grey field indicates range of literature values for syenitic xenoliths taken from Mungall (1993) (c) Chondrite-normalised REE compositions of the CCI syenite-hosted enclaves. Grey field indicates range of literature values for the four youngest ignimbrite formations (LAI, LMI, VFI, CCI) taken from Tomlinson et al. (2015) (d) Multi-element trace element variation diagram for the ignimbrite formations (e) Multi-element trace element variation diagram for the CCI syenite autoliths. Data taken from Jeffery et al., 2016a (f) Multi-element trace element variation diagram for the CCI syenite-hosted enclaves

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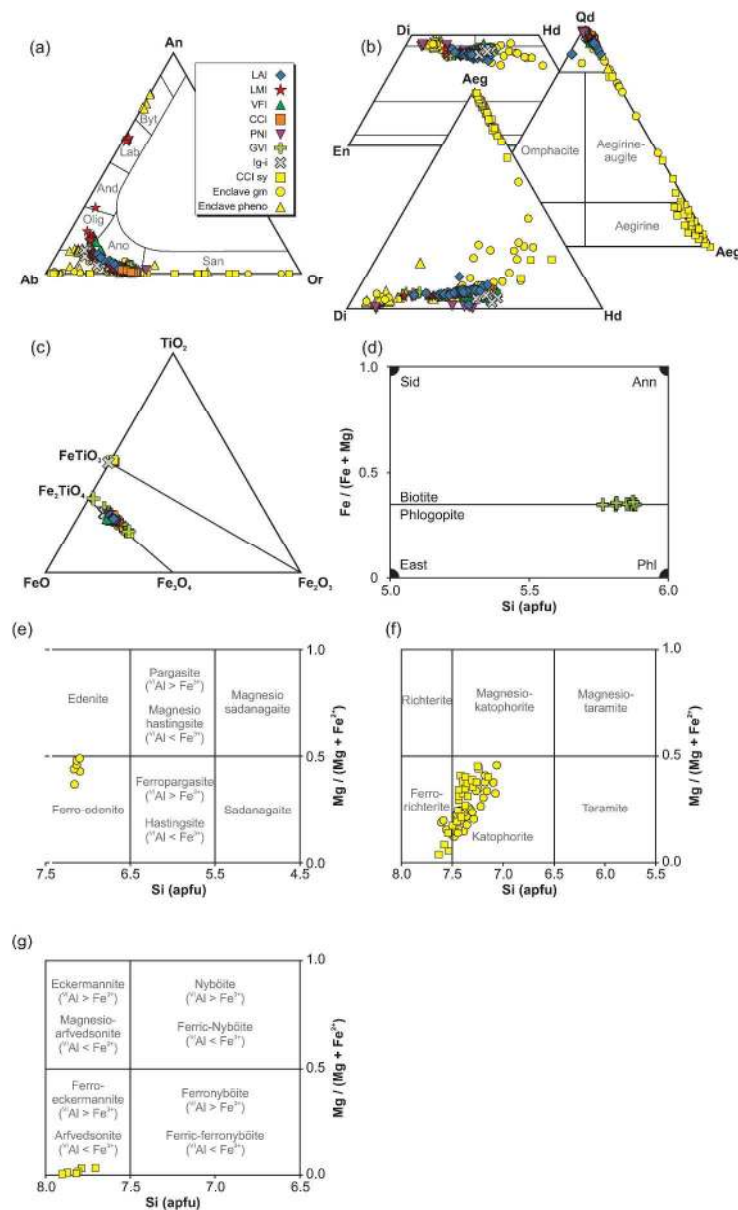


Figure 9 Mineral compositions of the ignimbrite formations, CCI syenite autoliths, and syenite-hosted enclaves. Analyses from the groundmass of the enclaves are labelled as 'Enclave gm', whilst the enclave phenocrysts are marked 'Enclave pheno' (a) Alkali feldspar compositions plotted into the ternary An-Ab-Or system (b) Clinopyroxene compositions plotted into the pyroxene quadrilateral and, where relevant, the ternary Qd-Jd-Aeg system (Morimoto et al., 1988) and the ternary Di-Hd-Aeg system (c) Fe-Ti oxide compositions plotted into the TiO<sub>2</sub>-FeO-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ternary system (d) Biotite compositions of the GVI (Deer et al., 1966) (e) Ca-amphibole compositions for the syenite-hosted enclaves, plotted in the scheme of Leake et al. (1997) (f) Ca-Na-amphibole compositions for the CCI syenites and syenite-hosted enclaves, plotted in the scheme of Leake et al. (1997) (g) Na-amphibole compositions for the CCI syenites, plotted in the scheme of Leake et al. (1997)

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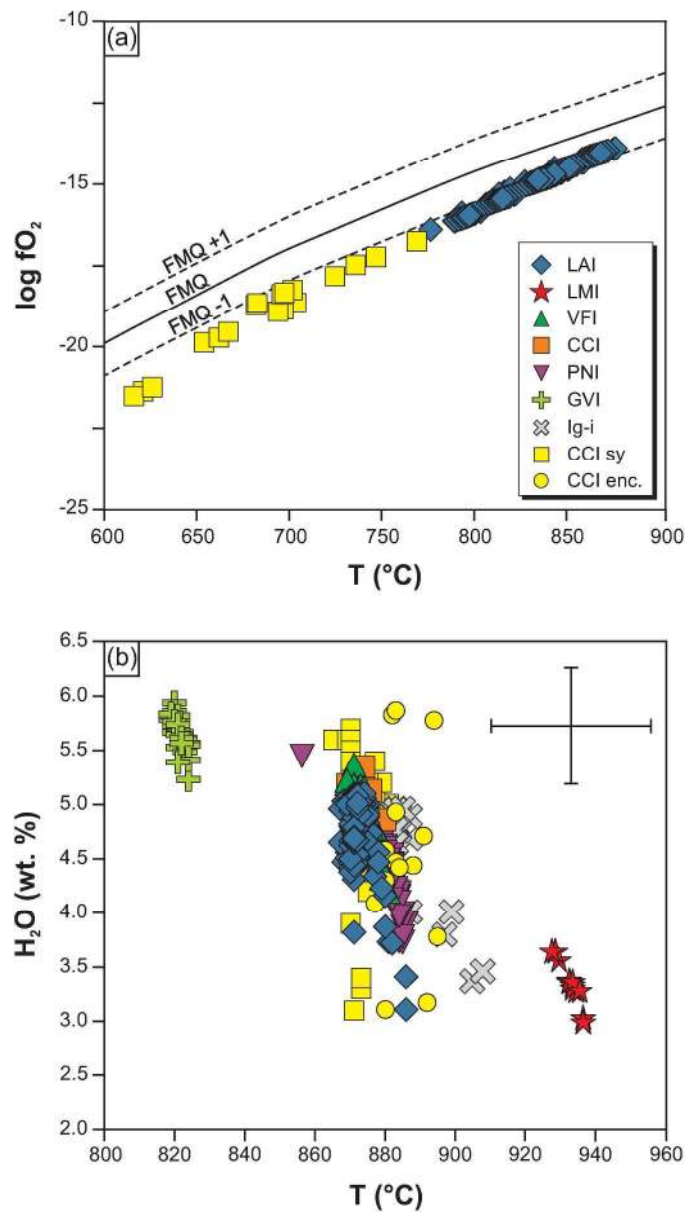


Figure 10 Summarised results of thermometry and hygrometry using the ILMAT program of Lepage (2003) for two-oxide thermometry, the alkali feldspar-melt thermometer of Putirka (2008), and the feldspar-melt hygrometer of (Mollo et al., 2015). A full discussion of each method is given in the text (a) T-fO<sub>2</sub> estimates for the LAI and the CCI syenite autoliths derived from two-oxide models. FMQ buffer reaction curve calculated for 100 MPa (b) T-H<sub>2</sub>O melt estimates for the ignimbrite formations, the CCI syenite autoliths, and the syenite-hosted enclaves, derived from alkali feldspar-melt thermohygrometry. The standard error of estimate for both temperature and water content is shown in the top right corner

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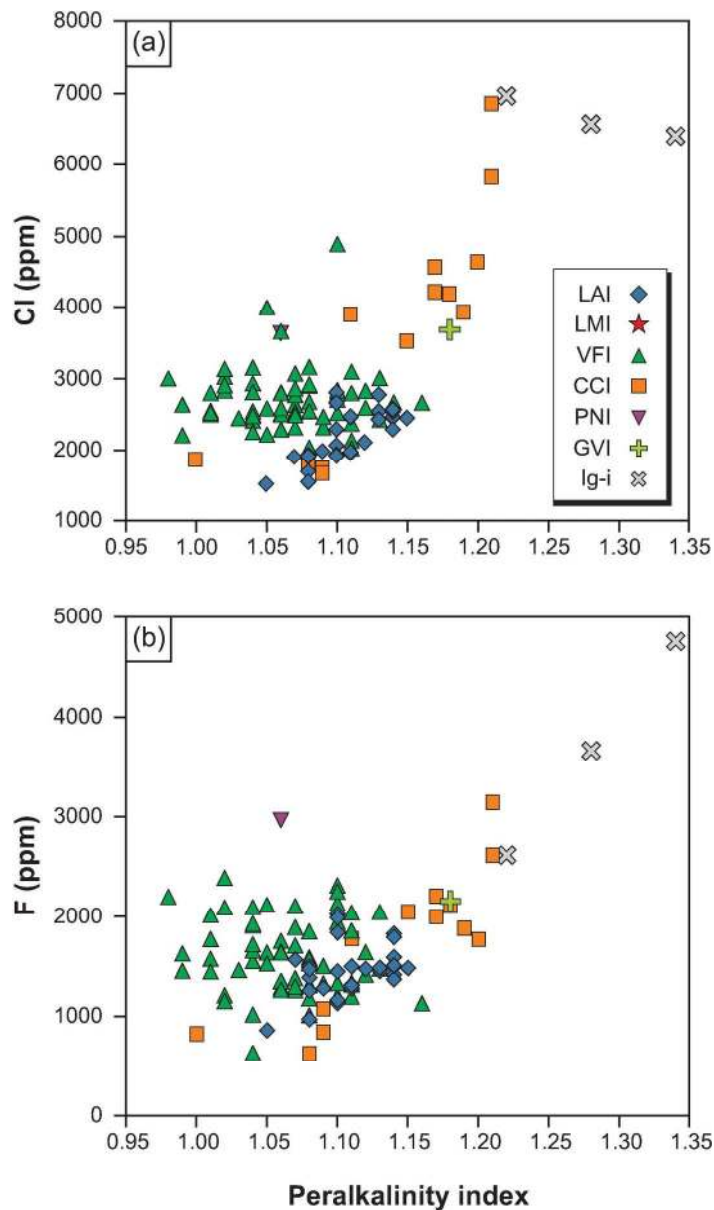


Figure 11 Halogen compositions of melt inclusions from each of the ignimbrite formations of Terceira plotted against Peralkalinity Index. Errors ( $2\sigma$ ) do not exceed symbol size

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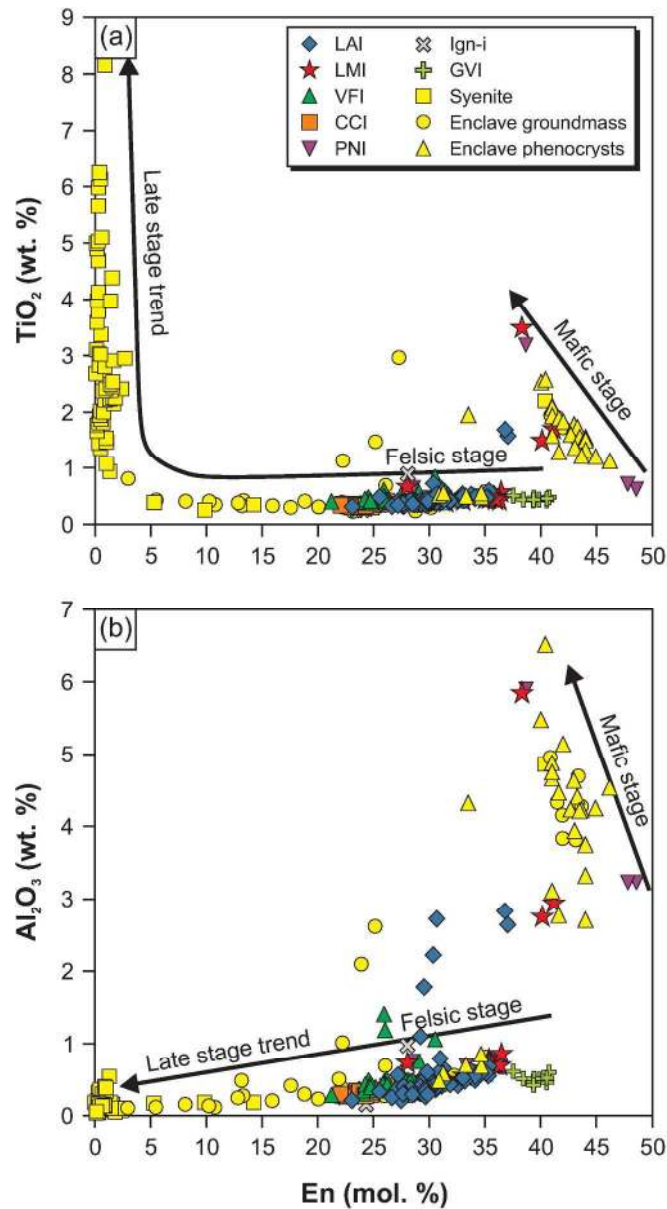


Figure 12 Variations in TiO<sub>2</sub> and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents of clinopyroxene in relation to depth of crystallisation (cf. Beier et al., 2006; Jeffery et al., 2016a)

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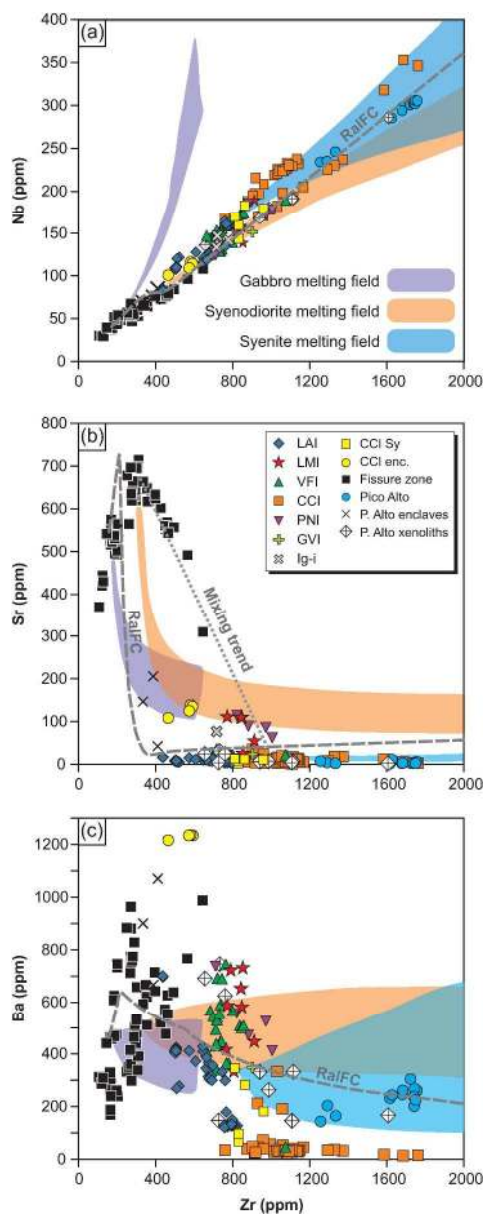


Figure 13 Results of Rayleigh fractionation and batch melting trace element modelling. The calculated Rayleigh fractionation curve is labelled RaIFC. Batch melting models were calculated for hypothetical gabbroic, syenodioritic, and syenitic lithologies. Each field comprises the total area occupied by four individual batch melting curves, each curve generated by varying the original mineral proportions of the parental material. For example, the gabbro field indicates the area occupied by four separate batch melting curves, each produced by altering the relative proportions of plagioclase, clinopyroxene, and olivine.

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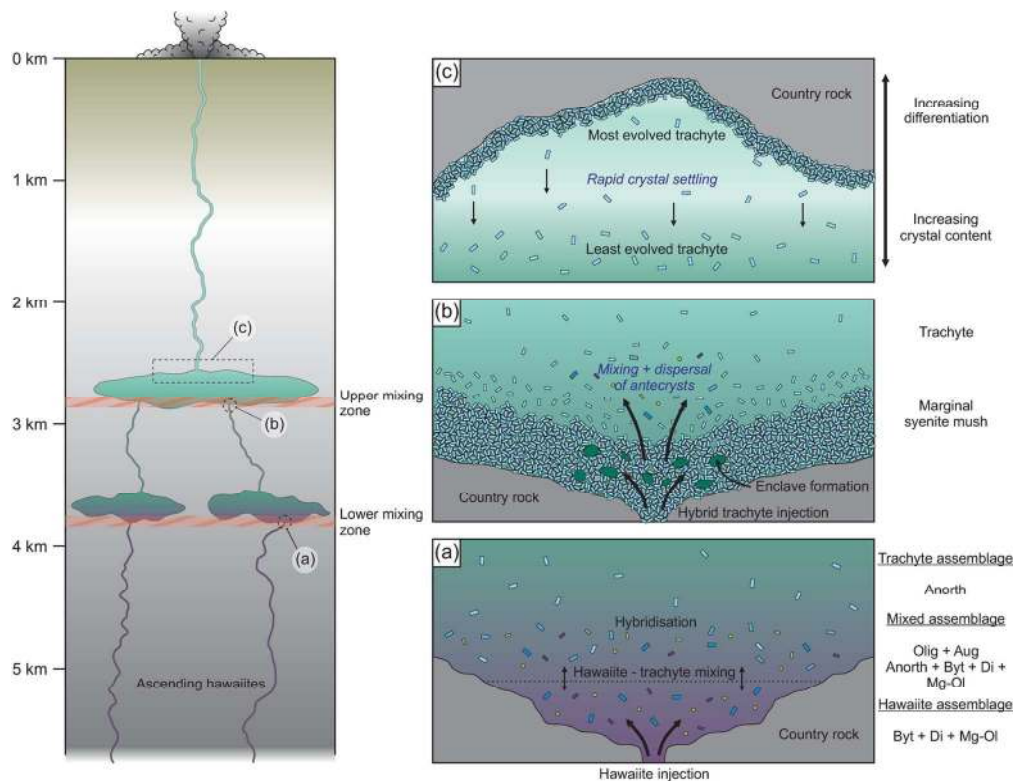


Figure 14 Conceptual model for the magma plumbing system of Pico Alto volcano, comprising a prominent magma storage zone in shallow crust. Abbreviations used: Byt = bytownite, Di = diopside, Mg-Ol = Mg-rich olivine, Anorth = anorthoclase, Olig = oligoclase, Aug = augite (a) Ascending hawaiites (phase assemblage = Byt + Di + Mg-Ol) are mixed with trachytes (phase assemblage = Anorth), forming hybridised intermediate to silicic magmas (phase assemblage = Olig + Aug + Anorth + Byt + Di + Mg-Ol) (b) Injection of hybridised trachyte into peralkaline trachyte in the uppermost portion of the shallow crustal storage zone, passing through a marginal syenitic crystal mush and forming enclaves therein. Replenishment initiates further mixing and introduces antecrysts to the eruptible portion of the reservoir (c) Efficient crystal settling in the uppermost eruptible cap of peralkaline trachyte generates crystal poor magma and chemical zoning

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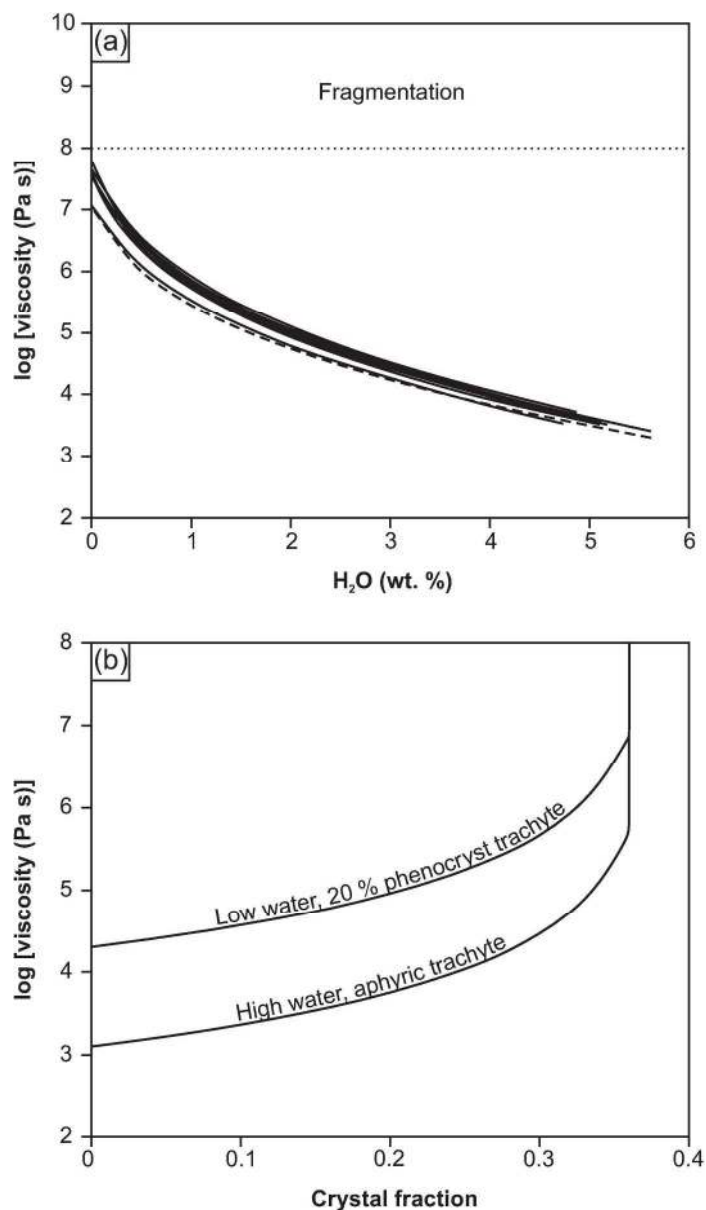


Figure 15 Results of rheological modelling aiming to simulate the effects of degassing and microlite crystallisation upon the viscosity of the peralkaline trachytic magmas of this study during ascent (a) Isothermal magma viscosities calculated for each of the ignimbrite-forming peralkaline trachytes using the model of Giordano et al. (2008) and the melt to magma viscosity conversion of Dingwell et al. (1993). Magma water contents were varied from 0 to 6 wt. %, and crystal fraction was set to 0.2 (see text for full details). Each of the curves was calculated using a composition from one of the peralkaline ignimbrite formations of this study (b) Bubble-free, crystal bearing magma viscosities for the peralkaline trachytes of this study, calculated using the model of Vona et al. (2011). Models were run for the minimum and maximum pre-eruptive melt viscosity estimates determined in this study (103.1 to 104.3 Pa s, respectively), using a variable crystal fraction (0.0 to 0.4) and a mean crystal aspect ratio of 7 (see text for details)

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**Table 1:** Summary table of the key petrographical and geochemical fe

	<b>Ignimbrite</b>
Texture	Porphyritic
Bulk rock SiO <sub>2</sub>	62.2 to 65.9 wt. %
Peralkalinity index	0.98 to 1.43
Mineralogy	Afs, Aug, Di, Ti-Mag, Ap ± Ol, Ilm, Bt, Pl
Feldspar compositions	Pheno: Or <sub>1-39</sub> , Ab <sub>36-81</sub> , An <sub>0-62</sub>
Clinopyroxene compositions	Ph: Wo <sub>39-46</sub> , En <sub>21-41</sub> , Fs <sub>16-36</sub>

Abbreviations used: Afs = alkali feldspar; Aug = augite; Di = diopside; Ti-Mag = Ti-magn

Aen = aenigmatite; Qtz = quartz; Dal = dalyite; Eud = eudialyte; Ca-Amp = Ca-amphibol

Qd = quadrilateral components; Jd = jadeite; Ph = phenocrysts; Gm = groundmass

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3 features of the different lithologies identified in this study

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4 **Syenitic autoliths**

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6 64.4 to 65.6 wt. %

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**Autolith-hosted enclaves**

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Porphyritic

61.1 to 62.2 wt. %

0.97 to 1.01

Afs, Aug, Di, Agt, Ca-Amp, Na-Ca-Amp, Ti-Mag, Ol, Pl, Ap, Eud, Dal, Aen, Ttn

Pheno: Or<sub>4-63</sub>, Ab<sub>36-89</sub>, An<sub>0-12</sub>Gm: Or<sub>2-35</sub>, Ab<sub>65-97</sub>, An<sub>0-6</sub>Ph: Wo<sub>42-48</sub>, En<sub>31-46</sub>, Fs<sub>8-26</sub>Gm: Qd<sub>43-97</sub>, Aeg<sub>3-57</sub>, Jd<sub>0-9</sub>

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Augite; Aeg = aegirine; Na-Amp = Na-amphibole; Na-Ca-Amp = Na-Ca amphibole;

An = anorthite; Wo = wollastonite; En = enstatite; Fs = ferrosilite;

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**Table 2:** Mineral compositions used for major element mass balance modelling

Composition		Basalt				
Mineral	Pl	OI	Cpx	Ti-mag	Ilm	Ap
SiO <sub>2</sub>	51.31	39.20	51.16			
TiO <sub>2</sub>		0.04	1.09	21.50	48.80	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	28.73	0.02	2.32	1.48	0.04	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>						
FeO	0.70	18.94	6.07	68.53	45.37	
MnO		0.28	0.16	0.66	0.67	
MgO	0.17	41.58	16.71	1.74	1.73	
CaO	13.60	0.31	18.61	0.02	0.19	55.70
Na <sub>2</sub> O	3.63	0.05	0.31			
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.19					
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>						41.82
H <sub>2</sub> O						0.59

Composition		Mugearite				
Mineral	Pl	OI	Cpx	Ti-mag	Ilm	Ap
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.57	35.83	47.20			
TiO <sub>2</sub>		0.05	2.33	16.50	35.80	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	25.62	0.02	4.36	2.57	1.74	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>						
FeO	0.64	35.66	9.53	73.42	51.29	
MnO		0.93	0.26	0.81	0.56	
MgO	0.08	28.41	13.27	1.77	3.00	
CaO	9.73	0.23	19.58	0.09	0.00	55.70
Na <sub>2</sub> O	5.66	0.02	0.56			
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.41					
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>						41.82
H <sub>2</sub> O						0.59

Composition		Trachyte				
Mineral	Afs	OI	Cpx	Ti-mag	Ilm	Ap
SiO <sub>2</sub>	66.18	33.10	50.52			
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.06	0.04	0.39	22.56	51.10	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	18.75	0.03	1.86	0.60	0.07	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>						
FeO	0.49	50.39	15.94	71.77	45.00	
MnO		3.48	1.33	1.78	2.30	
MgO	0.01	14.28	10.05	1.12	1.68	
CaO	0.29	0.26	19.89			55.70
Na <sub>2</sub> O	7.82		0.87			
K <sub>2</sub> O	5.47		0.00			
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>						41.82
H <sub>2</sub> O						0.59

Abbreviations used: Pl = plagioclase; OI = olivine; Cpx = clinopyroxene; Ti-mag = Ti-magnetite; Ilm = ilmenite; Ap = apatite

<b>Hawaiite</b>					
Pl	OI	Cpx	Ti-mag	Ilm	Ap
54.14	37.28	49.20			
	0.06	2.40	21.50	48.80	
26.50	0.03	4.35	1.48	0.04	
0.73	30.02	8.40	68.53	45.37	
	0.46	0.20	0.66	0.67	
0.11	33.38	13.79	1.74	1.73	
10.75	0.36	21.57	0.02	0.19	55.70
5.00	0.03	0.45			
0.34					
					41.82
					0.59
<b>Benmoreite</b>					
Pl	OI	Cpx	Ti-mag	Ilm	Ap
58.33	36.82	50.72			
	0.02	1.13	16.50	35.80	
23.81	0.01	2.69	2.57	1.74	
0.71	32.66	8.41	73.42	51.29	
	0.78	0.31	0.81	0.56	
0.07	30.56	13.96	1.77	3.00	
6.96	0.22	20.88	0.09	0.00	55.70
6.94	0.00	0.52			
0.77					
					41.82
					0.59
<b>Pantellerite</b>					
Afs	OI	Cpx	Ti-mag	Ilm	Ap
67.02	30.09	49.97			
	0.04	0.51	22.56	50.40	
18.77	0.01	0.50	0.60	0.02	
0.34	56.85	16.81	71.77	45.78	
	4.04	1.17	1.78	2.19	
0.00	7.93	9.15	1.12	0.19	
0.20	0.47	20.25		0.00	55.70
7.68	0.00	0.64			
6.24					
					41.82
					0.59

ite; Afs = alkali feldspar; LET = least evolved trachyte; MET = most evolved trachyte

**Table 3:** Partition coefficients selected for trace element modelling

<b>Rayleigh fractionation - Step 1 and batch melting of gabbro</b>							
	<b>Pl</b>	<b>Cpx</b>	<b>OI</b>	<b>Ti-Mag</b>	<b>Ilm</b>	<b>Ap</b>	<b>Afs</b>
Nb		0.1 <sup>(2)</sup>	0.01 <sup>(3)</sup>	0.9 <sup>(4)</sup>	2 <sup>(5)*</sup>		
Cr	0.08 <sup>(1)</sup>	5.3 <sup>(1)</sup>	2.8 <sup>(1)</sup>	4.2 <sup>(1)</sup>	4.2 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Y							
Zr	0.13 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.27 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.06 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.4 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.4 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Sr	2.7 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.16 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.02 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.68 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.68 <sup>(1)</sup>	1.2 <sup>(6)</sup>	
Ba	0.56 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.04 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.03 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.4 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.4 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Rb	0.13 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.04 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.04 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.47 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.47 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Ni	0.04 <sup>(1)</sup>	2.5 <sup>(1)</sup>	34 <sup>(1)</sup>	3.5 <sup>(1)</sup>	3.5 <sup>(1)</sup>		
<b>Rayleigh fractionation - Step 2 and batch melting of syenodiorite</b>							
	<b>Pl</b>	<b>Cpx</b>	<b>OI</b>	<b>Ti-Mag</b>	<b>Ilm</b>	<b>Ap</b>	<b>Afs</b>
Nb	0.135 <sup>(7)</sup>						
Cr							
Y							
Zr	0.04 <sup>(8)</sup>	0.44 <sup>(8)</sup>		0.94 <sup>(8)</sup>	0.94 <sup>(8)</sup>		
Sr	10.5 <sup>(7)</sup>		0.01 <sup>(9)</sup>	0.33 <sup>(7)</sup>			
Ba	1.77 <sup>(9)</sup>			0.07 <sup>(10)</sup>			
Rb	0.03 <sup>(8)</sup>	0.04 <sup>(8)</sup>	0.02 <sup>(8)</sup>	0.34 <sup>(8)</sup>	0.34 <sup>(8)</sup>		
<b>Rayleigh fractionation - Step 3 and batch melting of syenite</b>							
	<b>Pl</b>	<b>Cpx</b>	<b>OI</b>	<b>Ti-Mag</b>	<b>Ilm</b>	<b>Ap</b>	<b>Afs</b>
Nb			0.009 <sup>(12)</sup>				0.051 <sup>(13)*</sup>
Cr		6 <sup>(11)</sup>	5 <sup>(11)</sup>	8 <sup>(11)</sup>	8 <sup>(11)</sup>		
Y			0.138 <sup>(12)</sup>				0.064 <sup>(13)*</sup>
Zr	0.16 <sup>(8)</sup>	0.5 <sup>(11)</sup>	0.07 <sup>(8)</sup>	0.25 <sup>(11)</sup>	0.25 <sup>(11)</sup>		0.056 <sup>(13)*</sup>
Sr			0.053 <sup>(12)</sup>			8 <sup>(11)</sup>	1.76 <sup>(13)*</sup>
Ba			0.023 <sup>(12)</sup>			0.45 <sup>(11)</sup>	5.27 <sup>(13)*</sup>
Rb	0.07 <sup>(8)</sup>	0.04 <sup>(8)</sup>	0.08 <sup>(8)</sup>	0.01 <sup>(8)</sup>	0.01 <sup>(8)</sup>		0.31 <sup>(13)*</sup>

Abbreviations used: Pl = plagioclase; Cpx = clinopyroxene; OI = olivine; Ti-Mag = Ti-magnetite; Ilm = ilmenite; Ap = a

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(8) Lemarchand *et al.* (1987); (9) Villemant (1988); (10) Luhr *et al.* (1984); (11) Mahood and Stimac (1990); (12) Lars

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