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## 17 ABSTRACT

18 Volcanoes at subduction zones reside above complex magma plumbing systems, where individual 19 magmatic components may originate and interact at a range of pressures. Because whole rock 20 compositions of subduction zone magmas are the integrated result of processes operating throughout 21 the entire plumbing system, processes such as mixing, homogenisation and magma assembly during 22 shallow storage can overprint the chemical signatures of deeper crustal processes. Whereas melt 23 inclusions provide an effective way to study the uppermost 10-15 km of the plumbing system, 24 challenges remain in understanding magma intrusion, fractionation and hybridisation processes in the 25 middle to lower crust (15-30 km depth), which commonly involves amphibole crystallisation. Here, 26 we present new insights into the mid-crustal plumbing system at Mount St Helens, USA, using 27 multiple regression methods to calculate trace element partition coefficients for amphibole

28 phenocrysts, and thus infer the trace element compositions of their equilibrium melts. The results 29 indicate vertically distributed crystal fractionation, dominated by amphibole at higher pressures and in 30 intermediate melts, and by plagioclase at lower pressures. Variations in Nb, Zr and REE 31 concentrations at intermediate SiO<sub>2</sub> contents suggest repeated scavenging of partially remelted 32 intrusive material in the mid-crust, and mixing with material from geochemically diverse sources. 33 Amphibole is an effective probe for deep crustal magmatism worldwide, and this approach offers a 34 new tool to explore the structure and chemistry of arc magmas, including those forming plutonic or 35 cumulate materials that offer no other constraints on melt composition.

Trace elements; partitioning; amphibole; subduction zones; Mount St Helens; magma plumbing

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#### 37 KEYWORDS

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#### 40 **INTRODUCTION**

41 Subduction zone volcanoes produce some of the most petrographically and geochemically complex 42 igneous rocks of any tectonic setting. This complexity arises from the diversity of processes operating 43 from melt generation, through crustal storage and differentiation, to magma transport and eruption. 44 An accurate understanding of these subterranean magmatic processes is essential for interpreting the 45 eruptive behaviour and hazards of volcanoes, as well as the formation and evolution of the continental 46 crust. Knowledge of the complexities of a volcanic plumbing region can also aid interpretation of 47 geophysical observations, as well as any temporal changes in eruptive products. Geophysical studies 48 commonly indicate the presence of low-seismic velocity or low resistivity regions in the middle to 49 deeper crust, that may be linked to the presence of fluids or melt (e.g. Pritchard and Gregg 2016). 50 Both geophysical and experimental studies also suggest that the lower crust at arcs may be dominated 51 by mafic minerals, including amphibole (Holbrook et al. 1992; Melekhova et al. 2015; Müntener and 52 Ulmer 2018), and this is corroborated by studies of exposed arc sections (e.g. DeBari and Greene 53 2011). However, this information can be hard to integrate with petrology, which tends to yield 54 information mainly about processes in the uppermost 10-15 km of the crust. We need, therefore, to

develop new petrological methods to interrogate processes operating within the deeper regions of the crust at subduction zones.

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58 Mount St Helens volcano, Washington, USA, is one of the most extensively studied and well 59 monitored subduction zone volcanoes in the world. It has been active for at least 272,000 years based 60 on K-Ar and Ar-Ar ages (Clynne et al. 2008; Clynne personal communication) but zircon ages >500 61 ka (Claiborne et al. 2010) suggest that the magmatic system in general has been active for 62 significantly longer. The explosive eruption of 1980 resulted in significant disruption to the regional 63 economy and infrastructure, as well as fatalities (Mason et al. 1980), and was followed by an 64 extended period of unrest and dome growth. The structure and form of the plumbing system 65 underneath the volcano is still debated. Several geophysical studies linked to the recent iMUSH 66 project (Witze 2014) have recognised broad regions of the deep crust (15-35 km) with seismic 67 velocity anomalies that have been interpreted as indicating the presence of melt (Hill et al. 2009; 68 Kiser et al. 2016; Flinders and Shen 2017), together with deep long-period earthquakes suggesting 69 movement of magma and/or magmatic fluids (Nichols et al. 2011). Petrological studies have shown 70 that the 1980-2006 dacites from Mount St Helens represent hybrid magmas with multiple crystal 71 populations from diverse sources (e.g. Berlo et al. 2007; Streck et al. 2008; Thornber et al. 2008; 72 Wanke et al. in press), inherited from different crustal sources and melting processes. This diversity of 73 petrologic products hints at a role for deep crustal processes, as seen in the geophysical imaging. In 74 contrast, melt inclusions show that the magmas were erupted from storage regions in the upper crust, 75 with recorded volatile saturation pressures of 120 to 240 MPa (Blundy and Cashman 2001, 2005; 76 Blundy et al. 2008) (5-10 km). This disconnect between geophysical and petrological investigations 77 implies a gap in our knowledge about the locations of melt differentiation, magma storage, and final 78 assembly and homogenisation.

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Here, we present new details on processes operating throughout the arc crust beneath Mount St
Helens, using an innovative partitioning scheme that inverts the trace element chemistry of
amphiboles to yield equilibrium melt compositions. Amphibole is one of the most important mafic

83 minerals to form in the mid- and deep crust at arcs: it occurs early in the fractionation sequence of 84 many arc magmas and crystallises at moderate to high pressures (Nandedkar et al. 2016). Our 85 approach is to build multiple-regression relationships from a database of existing experimental 86 amphiboles, to link the partition coefficients of commonly used trace elements to the major element 87 chemistry of the amphibole. This method enables us to develop new insights into processes operating 88 in less evolved (andesitic) melts at relatively high pressures (mid- to lower crust). We show that the 89 magmatic system under Mount St Helens is dominated by mafic minerals including amphibole (± 90 clinopyroxene  $\pm$  Fe-Ti oxides) in the mid-crust, and by plagioclase ( $\pm$  Mg-hornblende) at low 91 pressures (<300 MPa). The compositions of amphibole equilibrium melts allow us to identify the 92 signatures of mid-crustal assimilation of older intrusive magmatism, which are blended together 93 during final magma assembly. This approach enables us to build a picture of the vertical extent and 94 progressive geochemical homogenisation of diverse magmatic components within the deeper volcanic 95 plumbing system.

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#### 97 METHODS

## 98 Amphibole structure and chemistry

Amphibole is a common constituent of arc magmas and is particularly common in mafic to

100 intermediate magmas crystallising at high pH<sub>2</sub>O. This means it has the potential to record the evolving

101 chemical compositions of subduction zone magmas. The chemical composition of any magmatic

102 mineral depends on intrinsic parameters such as pressure, temperature and fO<sub>2</sub>, as well as the major-

103 and trace-element composition of its host melt. However, using this information to interpret magmatic

104 processes relies on a quantitative understanding of the partitioning behaviour of trace elements

105 between mineral and coexisting melt.

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107 The double-chain crystal structure of amphibole can be described as:

108 A B<sub>2</sub> C<sub>5</sub> T<sub>8</sub> O<sub>22</sub> (OH, F, Cl)<sub>2</sub>

109 and includes several crystallographic sites with different coordination and size (Leake et al. 1997),

110 that can accommodate a range of trace elements, including large ion lithophile elements (Rb, Sr, Ba),

111 Pb, U, Th, high field strength elements (Ti, Zr, Hf, Nb and Ta), rare earth elements (REE) and Y, and 112 transition metals (e.g. (Tiepolo et al. 2007). In terms of major element chemistry, Si and Al are the dominant components of the tetrahedral (T) site: Mg. Fe (both  $Fe^{2+}$  and  $Fe^{3+}$ ). Ti. Mn and Al occupy 113 114 the small-medium octahedral (M1-3, 'C') sites; the larger octahedral (M4, 'B') site is dominated by 115 Ca and Na; and Na also sits in the partially filled 'A' site together with K. For the trace elements, Rb, 116 Ba and Pb have high ionic radius and are accommodated in the A site, while Sr can occur at either A or M4 (Tiepolo et al. 2007). Tetravalent HFSE (Zr<sup>4+</sup> and Hf<sup>4+</sup>) are incorporated onto M2 by 117 118 substitution for Ti (Oberti et al., 2000) while Nb and Ta are incorporated preferentially into M1 119 (Tiepolo et al., 2000b). REE and Y are thought to be partitioned into M4, substituting for either Ca 120 and/or Na (Brenan et al. 1995; Klein et al. 1997; Hilyard et al. 2000; Shimizu et al. 2017). 121 122 This strong crystal-chemical control on trace element partitioning means that variations in raw 123 amphibole trace element abundances can result either from real variations in the coexisting melt 124 composition during crystallisation, and/or from variations in amphibole major element chemistry at 125 fixed melt composition. Previous work shows that trace element partitioning in amphibole is related 126 to the degree of melt polymerization (Tiepolo et al. 2007; Nandedkar et al. 2016) but, in general, the 127 complexity of the amphibole crystallographic structure means that these controls are poorly 128 understood. Furthermore, for petrological studies a primary aim is typically to retrieve unknown melt 129 compositions from analyses of naturally occurring crystals; therefore the degree of melt 130 polymerization is generally not known. Instead we focus on the crystal-chemical controls on 131 partitioning outlined above, and use multiple regression (MR) methods on a large experimental 132 dataset drawn from the literature (table 1; Figure 1) to calculate trace element partition coefficients for 133 amphibole from the major element composition of the crystal. This enables us to predict the trace 134 element composition of its equilibrium host melt ("amphibole equilibrium melts", AEM). We used a 135 version of our earlier multiple regression study (see supplementary information; Zhang et al. 2017) to 136 find the corresponding major element chemistry of the AEM. 137

#### 138 Multiple regression analysis

For the MR analysis, we used <sup>Amph/L</sup>D values reported in 13 experimental studies conducted over a
wide range of conditions (200-2,500 MPa, 780-1,100 °C, figure 1, table 1), using starting
compositions from basanite to rhyolite (Table 1; Figure 1). The experiments crystallised calcic
amphiboles in the range Pargasite – Edenite – Hastingsite - Magnesiohastingsite (MgHst) – Kaersutite
Tschermakite (Tsch) – Magnesiohornblende (MgHbl). Obvious outliers were removed prior to
regression.

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146 We carried out the MR analysis using the statistical software package R (R Core Team 2013), and 147 specifically the package 'robustbase' which includes routines to minimise the effects of outliers 148 during regression. Here we focus on temperature-independent regressions because temperature is 149 rarely known independently (or precisely) for petrological studies. Temperature undoubtedly can 150 affect partitioning (e.g. Green and Pearson 1985; Klein et al. 1997); therefore, we include 151 temperature-dependent regressions, for those elements where temperature was a statistically 152 significant parameter in the results (see supplementary information). We do not consider these further 153 but they are presented for completeness.

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In the regression analysis, the natural logarithms of Amph/LD (lnD) were treated as dependent variables. 155 156 Amphibole stoichiometric formula components were considered as independent variables, including tetrahedral Si (Si<sub>T</sub>); M1-3 site Al (Al<sub>VI</sub>), Ti, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, and Fe<sup>2+</sup>; M4 site Ca (Ca<sub>M4</sub>) and A-site Na (Na<sub>A</sub>). 157 158 Tetrahedral-site Al (Al<sub>T</sub>), Mg and Na<sub>M4</sub> were excluded to avoid the issue of strong multi-colinearity 159 (following Zhang et al. 2017). Although some multi-colinearity between variables remains (most commonly between  $Fe^{3+}$  and  $Fe^{2+}$ ), this does not preclude successful application of the results, though 160 161 it does limit physical interpretation of trace element site occupancy (not a primary aim of our study). 162 We did not consider Cr and Mn (hosted in M1-3) or K (hosted in A site), due to their minor 163 abundances in amphibole and thus high relative analytical uncertainties. Because amphibole 164 stoichiometric formula calculations depend on ferric iron content, and the experiments cover a wide 165 range of  $fO_2$  (e.g. from haematite-magnetite to magnetite-wüstite buffer, (Green and Pearson 1985) we used the 'average  $Fe^{3+}$ , approach (Leake et al. 1997) to calculate ferric and ferrous components, 166

167 following (Zhang et al. 2017). While this approach remains relatively inaccurate, it is better than 168 assuming Fe<sub>T</sub> = FeO (Schumacher 1991; Hawthorne and Oberti 2007; Locock 2014). Direct measurement of  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  in amphibole remains difficult, requiring Mössbauer or synchrotron 169 170 methods such as XANES (e.g. Dyar et al. 2016) and such measurements are rarely available. We 171 emphasise that replacing  $Fe^{3+}$  and  $Fe^{2+}$  with total Fe (Fe<sub>T</sub>) in the regression does not significantly 172 affect the accuracy or precision of the regressions. All MR equations presented have residual standard 173 error (RSE) between 0.19-0.49 (Table 2). As a check of accuracy, the predicted partition coefficients 174 were plotted against the measured experimental partition coefficients, together with calculated  $1\sigma$  and 175  $2\sigma$  prediction intervals, and show good agreement (Figure 2; table 2; supplementary figures 1 and 2). 176

## 177 Multiple regression equations

Statistically significant MR results were retrieved for LILE (Rb and Sr), Pb, HFSE (Zr and Nb), REE
(La, Ce, Nd, Sm, Gd, Dy, Ho, Er, Yb, Lu) and Y. The output of each MR analysis is given as the
intercept and coefficients of the nominated independent variables, from which a multiple regression
equation can be derived (Table 2). For example, the equation for the prediction of <sup>Amph/L</sup>D<sub>Nb</sub> (Eq. 5) is
expressed as:

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$$^{\text{Amph/L}}D_{\text{Nb}} = \exp(-22.27 + 2.3241\text{Si} + 2.9786 \text{ Fe}^{3+} + 1.44 \text{ Fe}^{2+} + 3.7633 \text{ Ti} + 1.8719 \text{ Ca})$$

This equation enables the Nb content of the amphibole equilibrium melt to be calculated, based on knowledge of the amphibole major element composition (because this affects the structure and trace element capacity of different crystallographic sites). The values of  $D_{REE}$  calculated using our MR approach are similar to those derived by Shimizu et al. (2017) using a lattice strain model. Statistically significant regressions could not be retrieved for several elements including Ba, Cs, Hf, Ta, and Sc, typically because of low concentrations and a paucity of calibration data. A template for calculation of partition coefficients using these methods is provided in the supplementary information.

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#### 192 Electron microprobe analyses

- 193 Amphiboles from the 1980-1986 eruption of Mount St Helens were analysed in polished 25 mm
- 194 epoxy rounds or standard polished thin sections. Major element analysis was carried out using a
- 195 Cameca SX-100 electron microprobe at Oregon State University. All analyses used a 1 µm beam
- diameter, 30 nA beam current and 15 kV accelerating voltage. Count times were 60 seconds for Cl, 30
- 197 seconds for Mg, Ca, Ti, Mn, Fe, Al, and S, 20 seconds for F, K, and P, and 10 seconds for Na and Si.
- 198 Sodium, Si, and K were corrected to zero time intercepts. Background count times were half the peak
- 199 times. Kakanui hornblende (USNM 143965) was used as a secondary standard to check the accuracy
- 200 of the calibration.
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## 202 Laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry

- 203 Trace element analysis of amphiboles was done by LA-ICP-MS at Oregon State University using an
- 204 ArF 193 nm Photon Machines G2 laser ablation system and a Thermo Scientific X-Series2
- 205 quadrupole ICP-MS following Loewen and Kent (2012). Amphiboles were analyzed using a 30 or 50
- 206 µm spot pulsed at 7 Hz for approximately 30 seconds. Standard reference material GSE-1G was used
- as a calibration standard and GSD-1G, BHVO-2G, and BCR-2G were monitored as secondary
- standards. Ca (from EPMA analyses) was used as the internal standard.
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## 210 **RESULTS**

## 211 Trace elements in Mount St Helens amphiboles and predicted melts

212 We collected new major- and trace element analyses of amphiboles from Mount St. Helens dacites

erupted during May – August 1980 (including samples from Cashman and McConnell 2005), and also

- 214 processed published amphibole data from the 2004-2006 eruption (from Thornber et al. 2008). Most
- amphiboles are MgHst-Tsch with a smaller population of MgHbl. MgHbl have Mg-numbers from
- 216 0.62 to 0.76 (Mg/Mg+Fe<sup>2+</sup>) and (Na+K)<sub>A</sub> of 0.32 to 0.58, whereas MgHst-Tsch have Mg-numbers
- from 0.65 to 0.84 and (Na+K)A of 0.39 to 0.61 (supplementary table). Trace element contents of the
- 218 amphiboles range from ~70-300 ppm Sr, 12-100 ppm Ba, ~20-150 ppm Zr, 1-30 ppm Nb and 15-80

- ppm Y (supplementary table 2). Amphibole REE contents for the 1980 eruptions were analysed in the
  same laboratory as those reported by (Thornber et al. 2008) and (Rowe et al. 2008), and their
  compositions are consistent, typically in the range 1-10 ppm La and 2-15 ppm Sm.
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223 The major element compositions of AEM were calculated following the approach of our previous MR 224 analysis results (see supplementary dataset for regression equations used; Zhang et al. 2017). 225 Compositions of AEM range from  $\sim 60$  to 75 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>, and overlap with previously published 226 andesitic to dacitic whole rocks and with the less evolved (rhyodacite) end of the melt inclusion field 227 (Figure 3). SiO<sub>2</sub> contents are similar to those inferred using the approach of Ridolfi and Renzulli 228 (2012). MgHbl yield the most evolved AEM, with relatively high SiO<sub>2</sub>, and these agree well with the 229 compositions of plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions (Blundy et al. 2008; 69-76 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>, 1.6-2.7 wt% 230 FeO, 2.3-3.2 wt% K<sub>2</sub>O, 1.8-2.9 wt% CaO and 0.3- 0.65 wt% MgO, Figure 3). AEM for Tsch-MgHst 231 are more primitive  $(58-69 \text{ wt}\% \text{ SiO}_2)$  and extend the melt inclusion trends backwards to overlap with 232 Mount St Helens whole rocks (Figure 3).

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234 Trace element partition coefficients were calculated from equations constructed using the parameters 235 presented in table 2. These partition coefficients were then used to calculate the trace element 236 compositions of amphibole equilibrium melts. The calculated partition coefficients for Mount St 237 Helens amphiboles varied from 0.29 to 0.49 for Sr, from 0.14 to 1.0 for La, from 1.3 to 4.37 for Y and 238 from 0.3 to 2.4 for Nb (supplementary information). This variation is a result of the variable major 239 element chemistry of the crystals (or of zones within individual crystals) and emphasises the 240 importance of correcting for the effects of major element chemistry on trace element partitioning 241 (Figure 4). The majority of trace element analyses yield AEM compositions (supplementary table) 242 that fit very well with both melt inclusions and whole rocks (see Blundy et al. 2008 for melt 243 inclusions, and Blundy et al. 2008, Wanke et al. in press and Wanke et al. 2019 for sources of 244 compiled whole rock data for Mount St Helens). There are two exceptions. First, despite having a 245 statistically significant regression, calculated partition coefficients for Rb give very low predicted 246 melt concentrations (typically 2-10 ppm) that do not agree with melt inclusion compositions (~40-50

ppm); the reason for this is not clear. Second, a subset of analyses gives AEMs with trace element
concentrations up to 2-3 times higher than the main population (Figure 5), typically at intermediate
silica (59-68 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>); this will be discussed further below.

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251 Dealing first with the main body of AEM compositions, Sr contents decrease continuously with 252 increasing SiO<sub>2</sub>, projecting from the whole-rocks towards the plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions 253 (Figure 5), and suggesting compatible behaviour. The melt inclusions also show decreasing Sr 254 contents with increasing SiO<sub>2</sub>, but with a steeper gradient than the AEMs (Figure 5). This is important 255 because it likely indicates a change in the crystallising assemblage (see below). The other trace 256 elements show variably incompatible behaviour. The rare earth element concentrations of AEM 257 overlap well with the more evolved whole rocks and the less evolved melt inclusions but are scattered 258 and typically show no significant variations with SiO<sub>2</sub>, whereas the melt inclusions increase strongly 259 (Figure 5). In the 2004-2006 dataset (Thornber et al. 2008) MgHst-Tsch yield AEM similar to the 260 1980 eruptions, whereas MgHbl yield AEM with a similar range of LREE but slightly lower average 261 MREE and HREE concentrations (Figure 5). Similarly, Nb and Zr show little change with increasing 262 SiO<sub>2</sub> (perhaps increasing slightly) and correlate well with each other. Zircon concentrations in the 263 AEM are typically lower than those in the whole rocks (Figure 5), though there is some overlap as 264 well as considerable scatter. In contrast, the Nb and Zr concentrations of melt inclusions increase 265 more strongly with increasing differentiation (Figure 5).

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Superimposed on these general patterns is considerable variability towards higher incompatible element concentrations, mainly at intermediate silica (59-68 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>), as mentioned above. This is most striking for Nb (up to 30 ppm), La (up to 37 ppm) and Zr (up to 306 ppm) but is also observed for other REE and Y (Figure 5). These significantly higher melt trace element concentrations are nonetheless similar to those of rare melt inclusions (Blundy et al. 2008) and some whole rocks (Leeman et al. 1990; Wanke et al. in press; Wanke et al. 2019). We were not able to produce statistically reliable AEM regressions for Ba, but the Ba concentrations of amphiboles correlate

strongly with Nb and Zr in the amphiboles. We would therefore also expect that Nb-rich AEM mayalso have anomalous Ba contents.

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Both Sm/Yb and La/Yb of AEM are essentially constant with increasing SiO<sub>2</sub>, and again agree well
with both whole-rock and melt inclusions, in particular for La/Yb (Figure 6). In both cases, some
anomalous values are seen, in particular to high La/Yb at intermediate SiO<sub>2</sub>. As with the HFSE, these
anomalous values are consistent with rare melt inclusion compositions (Figure 6).

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#### 282 **DISCUSSION**

#### 283 Upper crustal fractionation of dacites

284 Amphibole equilibrium melts calculated from MgHbl are rhyodacitic, equivalent to the major element compositions of less evolved melt inclusions, while MgHst-Tsch amphiboles are calculated to be in 285 286 equilibrium with andesite to dacite melts. The Sr concentrations of AEM from MgHbl coincide with 287 the Sr contents of melts in equilibrium with plagioclase phenocryst rims from the 1980s magmas 288 (150-300 ppm, Berlo et al. 2007), and with melt inclusion Sr concentrations. The Sr concentrations of 289 AEM decrease with increasing SiO<sub>2</sub>, and AEM from MgHbl also have low Eu/Eu\* (Figure 7), 290 indicating a strong negative Eu anomaly. Taken together, this is good evidence that the latest stages of 291 fractionation (phenocryst growth, but prior to crystallisation of the dacite groundmass) involve 292 rhyodacite melt crystallising abundant plagioclase and minor MgHbl at low to moderate pressures, 293 which would stabilise plagioclase (e.g. Rutherford et al. 1985; Moore and Carmichael 1998; Martel et 294 al. 1999; Blundy and Cashman 2001; Prouteau and Scaillet 2003). Fractionation dominated by 295 plagioclase ± hornblende is also consistent with the low bulk partition coefficients for Zr, Nb and Yb 296 that are required to generate significant enrichment during progressive crystallisation, as observed in 297 the melt inclusions. This general picture is consistent with existing understanding of the genesis of the 298 dacites (e.g. Pallister et al. 2008; Blundy et al. 2008) and therefore gives confidence that the 299 amphibole equilibrium melts are able to retrieve useful information about the magmatic system. We

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note that the fractionation of minor orthopyroxene in the dacites probably has little effect on REE and HFS concentrations, and our AEM calculations are therefore relatively insensitive to this.

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#### 303 Generation of intermediate magmas

304 The variation of Eu/Eu\* in the AEM from MgHst-Tsch (Figure 7) indicates that plagioclase was also 305 crystallising actively at intermediate SiO<sub>2</sub>, but the rate of Sr decrease with increasing SiO<sub>2</sub> is lower 306 than it is for the melt inclusions, suggesting that a lower proportion of plagioclase was fractionating 307 during crystallisation of the MgHst-Tsch than for the MgHbl. However, the whole rocks lack a Eu 308 anomaly (Figure 7), and some have higher Sr contents than MgHst-Tsch AEM, despite having similar 309 SiO<sub>2</sub> contents (Figure 5). This supports suggestions that the bulk rocks contain some feldspar 'crystal 310 cargo', in other words antecrystic material that is carried by the host melt (Blundy et al. 2008). The Sr 311 contents of intermediate AEM are consistent with those in equilibrium with most plagioclase cores 312 from the 1980s magmas (300-400 ppm), while the least evolved AEM have Sr concentrations similar 313 to those of unusually calcic, boxy-cellular plagioclase cores (An<sub>67-82</sub>, 400-530 ppm Sr, Berlo et al. 314 2007). Similar plagioclase textures have been observed elsewhere including at Karymsky, Kamchatka 315 (Izbekov et al. 2002) and Colima, Mexico (Crummy et al. 2014) and have been variably attributed to 316 resorption during decompression (e.g. Nelson and Montana 1992); to resorption during mixing with 317 more primitive melts (Nakamura and Shimakita 1998; Izbekov et al. 2002); and to rapid skeletal 318 growth (for a summary see Streck 2008). For Mount St Helens, we interpret the overlap of MgHst-319 Tsch AEM with plagioclase equilibrium melts (from Berlo et al. 2007) as an indication that these 320 cellular textures formed through mixing with more primitive (andesitic) melts within the volcanic 321 plumbing system, perhaps during mingling with more primitive hybrid basalts (Wanke et al. in press; 322 Wanke et al. 2019; see also below). Therefore the magmas arrive in the shallow system already 323 carrying a significant quantity of crystalline material, including both plagioclase crystals (which go on 324 to grow new rims in the shallow storage region) and amphibole. This is also consistent with U-series 325 ages for plagioclase which indicate mechanical mixing of older recycled crystals and younger 326 overgrowths (Cooper and Reid 2003).

328 The most primitive whole-rocks erupted from Mount St Helens ( $<55 \text{ wt}\% \text{ SiO}_2$ ) are geochemically 329 and isotopically heterogeneous, including an HFSE-enriched, intraplate-like component with elevated 330 TiO<sub>2</sub> and P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and high La/Yb (Leeman et al. 1990; Smith and Leeman 1993; Bacon et al. 1997; 331 Leeman and Smith 2019; Wanke et al. 2019), as well as low-K olivine tholeiites with much lower 332 La/Yb (Wanke et al. 2019) and arc-type basaltic andesites with moderate La/Yb and depletion in 333 HFSE (Wanke et al. 2019). This diversity has been attributed to the result of decompression melting 334 of a heterogeneous, variably enriched mantle source region (Leeman & Smith 2019) with water-poor 335 margins producing HFSE-enriched magmas (Wanke et al. 2019). Domains that are either 336 metasomatised (Leeman et al. 2005) or experience greater contributions from slab-derived fluids 337 (Wanke et al. 2019) produce magmas with an arc-like geochemical signature. Similar conclusions 338 were drawn for the occurrence of Nb-rich basalts from Borneo (Macpherson et al. 2010). At Mount St 339 Helens, the degree of whole-rock trace element heterogeneity decreases with increasing  $SiO_2$ , 340 consistent with mixing and homogenisation of melts during the earliest stages of fractionation 341 (Leeman & Smith 2019; Wanke et al. 2019). From 55 to 70 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub>, whole-rock concentrations of 342 trace elements such as Nb, Zr, La, Sm, Y and Yb are approximately constant or decrease slightly 343 whereas La/Yb increases slightly and Sm/Yb is flat (see Figure 6). These trace element patterns are 344 generally not consistent with generation of the more evolved rocks by low-pressure fractional 345 crystallisation from primitive parental magmas, which would result in incompatible behaviour for 346 these elements (Smith and Leeman 1987, 1993; Gardner et al. 1995; Blundy et al. 2008; Pallister et al. 347 2008; Sisson et al. 2014). Although the erupted magmas contain various cumulate gabbro inclusions 348 (Scarfe and Fujii 1987; Heliker 1995), U-Pb dates for zircons from these samples show that they are 349 not cognate to the Mount St Helens system but derive from an older (Miocene) intrusion (Pallister et 350 al. 2008, 2017). Amphibole equilibrium melts from MgHst-Tsch also show approximately constant 351 (though scattered) HFSE and HREE, concentrations, and slightly increasing La/Yb, constant Sm/Yb and decreasing Dy/Yb from 55-70 wt% SiO<sub>2</sub> (Figure 6). In contrast, the melt inclusions show 352 353 increasing LREE, MREE and HFSE concentrations and decreasing La/Yb and Sm/Yb but nearly 354 constant Dy/Yb, consistent with low-pressure fractionation of plagioclase and MgHbl (Blundy et al. 355 2008). This suggests that the conditions for generation of intermediate melts (as sampled by MgHst-

356 Tsch) were different from the formation conditions of more evolved rhyodacite and rhyolite melts, as357 sampled by the melt inclusions.

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359 The trace element patterns of whole rocks have previously been ascribed to (i) melting in the presence 360 of garnet, which would retain HFS and HREE (Smith and Leeman 1987), (ii) mixing of replenishing 361 primitive melts with either highly evolved residual liquids or with low degree partial melts of older 362 crustal materials (Pallister et al. 2008; Claiborne et al. 2010; Sisson et al. 2014), and (iii) high 363 pressure fractionation in the presence of garnet, amphibole and/or ilmenite (Blundy et al. 2008). 364 Recent experiments show that the dacite is not in equilibrium with garnet at near-liquidus conditions 365 between 400 and 1200 MPa, indicating that amphibole  $\pm$  oxide is a better candidate to retain HFS and 366 MREE-HREE in evolved melts at high pressure (Blatter et al. 2017). The REE compositions of our 367 calculated AEMs show increasing La/Yb, constant Sm/Yb and decreasing Dy/Yb with increasing 368  $SiO_2$  (Figure 6). These patterns are consistent with fractionation of amphibole  $\pm$  clinopyroxene 369 (Davidson et al. 2007).

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The MgHst-Tsch amphiboles themselves are similar to near-liquidus experimental amphiboles produced from Mount St Helens dacite at 700-900 MPa (Blatter et al. 2017). Those experiments also generated liquids similar to the more evolved end of our AEM array, and similar to the least evolved melt inclusions reported by Blundy et al. (2008). Our AEM data therefore support suggestions that while dacite magmas with a trace element signature depleted in HFS and HREE could be formed through intermediate pressure fractionation involving amphibole, they could also be generated through partial (re)-melting of amphibole-bearing gabbros (Blatter et al. 2017).

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Our amphibole dataset contains crystals with normal zoning and those with reverse zoning, suggesting that both mixing and fractionation are occurring. This is also consistent with some plagioclase zoning profiles (Smith and Leeman 1987; Streck et al. 2008; Cashman and Blundy 2013) and with covariations between crystallinity, composition and inferred temperature of whole-rocks (Gardner et al. 1995). We suggest, therefore, that andesite and primitive dacite melts fractionate a mafic assemblage

384 including amphibole (MgHst-Tsch)  $\pm$  pyroxene  $\pm$  Fe-Ti oxide  $\pm$  plagioclase at moderately high 385 pressures (e.g. >400 MPa; (Alonso-Perez et al. 2009; Blatter et al. 2017). At these mid-crustal 386 pressures, plagioclase crystallisation is suppressed relative to other phases as a result of high water 387 concentrations (Eggler 1972; Blundy and Cashman 2001; Thornber et al. 2008; Melekhova et al. 388 2015; Blatter et al. 2017), consistent with the relatively shallow decrease of Sr with increasing  $SiO_2$  in 389 the AEM (Figure 4). Mixing between multiple small aliquots of fractionating melt over time, as well 390 as with partial (re-)melts of older intrusive materials also contributes to the formation of a range of 391 dacite magmas. The magmas ascend to shallow pressures (<300 MPa) where crystallisation is 392 dominated by plagioclase  $\pm$  MgHbl, resulting in low bulk Ds for HFS and REE. Overall, our new 393 dataset gives a picture of a vertically extensive magma plumbing system, involving mid- to lower-394 crustal pressure fractionation of a mafic assemblage including amphibole  $\pm$  pyroxene  $\pm$  Fe-Ti oxides; 395 and low-pressure fractionation dominated by plagioclase  $\pm$  MgHbl. It is notable that our calculated 396 AEM do not record any melts more primitive than andesite, and this is consistent with observations 397 that mingled basalts and basaltic andesites typically contain an assemblage of olivine + plagioclase + 398 clinopyroxene  $\pm$  orthopyroxene (Wanke et al. 2019; Pallister et al. 2017); and this may reflect 399 insufficiently high water concentrations to stabilise amphibole in these primitive melts (e.g. Leeman 400 & Smith 2019; Rea et al. 2012; Gardner et al. 1995).

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## 402 Partial remelting of older intrusives, or source heterogeneity?

403 The trace element AEM data show significant scatter towards high Nb, Zr, and REE concentrations at 404 intermediate SiO<sub>2</sub> (Figure 5). These equilibrium melt compositions are supported by rare melt 405 inclusions with elevated Nb, Zr, La and La/Yb, which previously appeared to be conspicuous outliers 406 (Blundy et al. 2008), and are also similar to some Castle Creek dacite whole-rocks with elevated trace 407 element concentrations (Figure 5; data from Wanke et al. in press; Wanke et al. 2019). The absolute 408 Nb concentrations are similar to those of enriched, intraplate-like basaltic whole rocks from Mount St 409 Helens (Leeman et al. 1990), but their major element compositions are more evolved, similar to those 410 from neighbouring Mt Adams (Hildreth and Fierstein 1997; Jicha et al. 2009), which show unusually 411 strong geochemical enrichment with increasing SiO<sub>2</sub>. These anomalously Nb-rich AEM compositions 412 were determined from both amphibole cores with non-enriched rims and from amphibole rims on 413 non-enriched cores, and texturally the crystals show no consistent features that might indicate a 414 distinctive origin. This indicates both mechanical incorporation of Nb-enriched amphibole cores into 415 more geochemically typical Mount St Helens melts; and interaction of geochemically typical 416 amphibole crystals with an incompatible-element enriched *melt*. Some of the Castle Creek era dacite 417 whole-rocks approach our trace-element enriched AEM in composition, albeit showing more muted 418 variations (Figure 5). During the Castle Creek period, intrusion and mixing of basalts and basaltic 419 andesites with the resident dacite occurred (Wanke et al. in press; Wanke et al. 2019), accompanying 420 a shift to hotter, more H<sub>2</sub>O-poor dacites (Gardner et al. 1995). This suggests that the AEM may be 421 recording melts, generated during mixing, that are only transiently present in the magmatic plumbing 422 system. In general, however, the compositional variability of melts recorded by the AEM exceeds the 423 variability of the andesite-dacite whole rocks, which are relatively homogeneous. We infer that the 424 sub-surface storage and plumbing system can efficiently homogenise diverse melt components that 425 can now only be identified through the distinctive trace element signature that is captured within the 426 compositions of the mineral phases.

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428 Solidification of evolved dacites at within the crust under Mount St. Helens would generate diorites 429 and granodiorites with low-temperature minerals such as biotite, zircon and apatite, as shown by the 430 presence of these as interstitial phases in plutonic inclusions in Mount St Helens magmas (Heliker 431 1995; Wanke et al. 2019). Although the plutonic inclusions typically have older (Tertiary) zircon ages 432 (Pallister et al. 2017), similar mineralogy is observed in the oldest (Ape Canyon) deposits from Mount 433 St Helens, which included low-temperature dacites and rhyodacites with quartz and biotite (Clynne et 434 al. 2008). Therefore, partial remelting of plutonic residua from earlier intrusive events or magmatic 435 stages would generate disequilibrium melts enriched in Zr and HREE (from zircon), LREE (from 436 apatite) and Ba, Rb and Nb (from biotite) (Villaros et al. 2009; McLeod et al. 2012). The scattered 437 trace element enrichments seen in the AEM could be generated by mixing with limited quantities of 438 such partial melts. This model is consistent with the presence of rare biotite inclusions in amphibole 439 phenocrysts from the 1980s magmas (this study, Loewen 2013) and in older tephras (Smith and

440 Leeman 1987); with the presence of zircons with significantly older ages in magmas from all eruptive 441 periods, indicating recycling of older components (Claiborne et al. 2010); and with the decoupling of 442 Ra-Th and U-Th ages of plagioclase crystals, which can also be explained by mechanical mixtures of 443 older recycled crystals and younger overgrowths (Cooper and Reid 2003). The higher Zr 444 concentrations of whole rocks than AEM (Figure 5) are also consistent with some mechanical 445 incorporation of zircon into the whole rocks, notwithstanding the scatter and uncertainty on the 446 calculated AEM. This finding emphasises the importance of repeated episodes of intrusion and 447 remobilisation during the formation of arc magmas, and the efficiency of the shallow magma storage 448 system in homogenising diverse inputs. We suggest that the extent of partial melting would be 449 controlled by the local heat flux, available volatile contents and the solid mineral assemblage of the 450 plutonic component, resulting in localised variations in the absolute concentrations of different trace 451 elements.

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453 Finally, it is also possible that the trace elements of amphiboles are reflective of mantle source 454 heterogeneity. The concentrations of Nb in the most enriched AEM are similar to those of the high-455 Nb basalts erupted at Mount St Helens, derived from an enriched source, even though the major 456 element compositions are more evolved. It is therefore plausible that some amphiboles (perhaps those 457 with 'enriched' cores) actually represent components of differentiating intraplate-like magmas within 458 the plumbing system at Mount St Helens. In principle this hypothesis could be tested using fluid-459 mobile elements or other indicators of earlier metasomatism; in addition careful petrographic 460 observation of Cascades amphiboles is now required to examine any characteristic textural indications 461 of a distinct origin.

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#### 463 Summary – extending the crystal record to the lower crust

464 Our trace element regression analysis opens up the potential for using amphibole to interrogate the465 nature of deep crustal melt evolution in arcs and other hydrous magmas. This gives a new way to

466 understand the complex nature of subterranean magma systems, and the interactions between multiple 467 batches of magma, and between magmas and solid residues from older intrusive events. Amphibole 468 may come early in the fractionation sequence for mafic magmas (Alonso-Perez et al. 2009; 469 Krawczynski et al. 2012; Melekhova et al. 2015), enabling investigation of earlier stages of magma 470 evolution. Unlike olivine and plagioclase, amphibole contains significant concentrations of a broad 471 range of trace elements, and this may permit quantitative modelling of petrogenetic processes. The 472 method is particularly sensitive to minor proportions of chemically distinct components that are 473 otherwise efficiently homogenised during mid- to low-pressure magma fractionation and ascent. 474 Amphibole is stable across a wide variety of magma compositions, and can specifically trace hydrous 475 magmas found in subduction zone systems. Our method is therefore applicable widely, including in 476 cumulate and plutonic rocks, and will help to construct and refine conceptual models of subvolcanic 477 plumbing systems in arcs.

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Figure 1.

Host melt composition, temperature and pressure range of the experimental amphiboles used for

regression. Data sources given in Table 1. Melt compositions are shown normalised to 100%anhydrous.

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741 Figure 2.

742 Comparison of measured partition coefficients *vs* those predicted from the multiple regression models 743 given in Table 2, for La, Nb, Yb and Sr. For equivalent plots for the whole suite of elements see 744 supplementary figure 1. Solid grey line is 1:1 relationship. Dashed lines are  $\pm 90\%$  prediction interval. 745 Grey bars give  $\pm 1\sigma$  and  $2\sigma$  prediction intervals.

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747 Figure 3.

748 Variation of major elements in Mount St Helens whole rocks (red triangles, sources reported in

749 Blundy et al. 2008; orange triangles, data and sources reported in Wanke et al. in press and Wanke et

al. 2019), melt inclusions (filled circles, from Blundy et al. 2008) and amphibole equilibrium melts

751 (AEM; diamonds). AEM are calculated following Zhang et al. (2017) (see supplementary

information). Amphiboles used to calculate the AEM are from the 1980 eruptions (this study) and

753 include MgHbl and MgHst-Tsch. AEM from MgHbl (black) agree well with the least evolved melt

754 inclusions. AEM from MgHst-Tsch (blue) extend the melt inclusion trends back towards the whole

755 rocks.

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Figure 4.

758 Comparison of measured (raw) amphibole trace element concentrations (field with blue dashed

outline) with calculated amphibole equilibrium melts. Symbols as for figure 3.

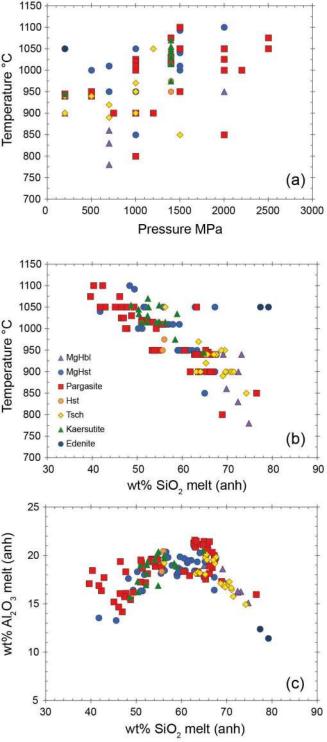
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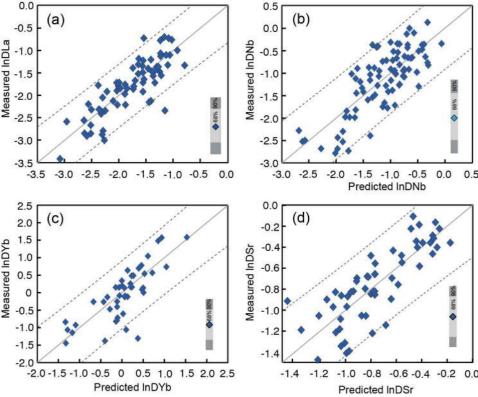
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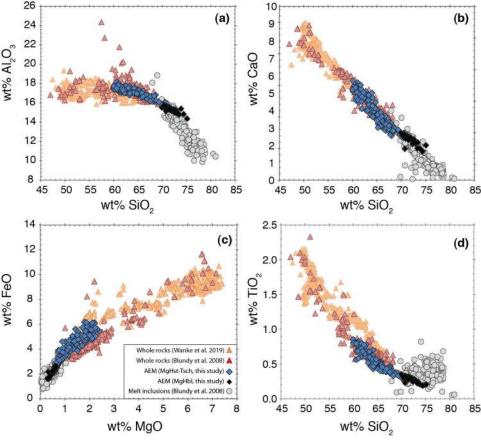
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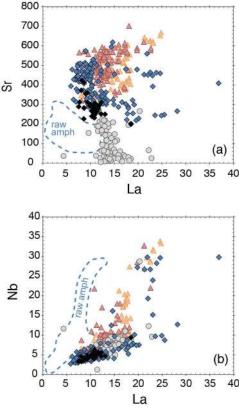
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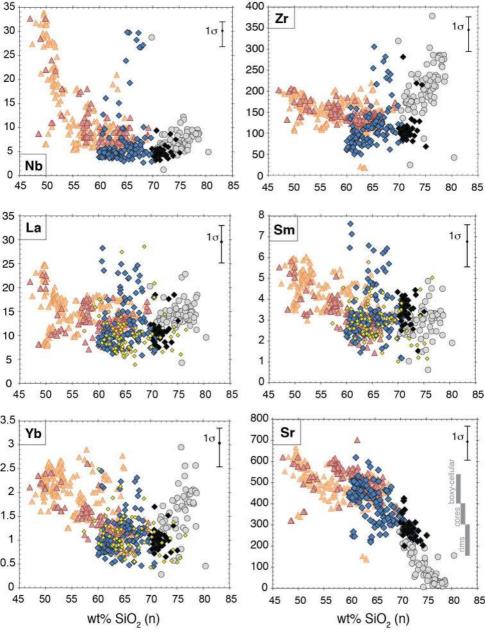
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765	significant variability in concentration at intermediate SiO <sub>2</sub> , towards enriched compositions.
766	Representative errors bars indicating accuracy ( $\pm 1\sigma$ confidence intervals) are shown for each element,
767	based on regression statistics (see table 2 and supplementary information). Grey bars indicate
768	equilibrium melts for plagioclase as calculated by Berlo et al. (2007).
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770	Figure 6.
771	Variation of trace element ratios La/Yb, Sm/Yb and Dy/Yb with SiO <sub>2</sub> for amphibole equilibrium
772	melts, melt inclusions and whole rocks from Mount St. Helens. Symbols as for figure 5.
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774	Figure 7.
775	Europium anomaly for amphibole equilibrium melts and a subset of whole rocks for which data are
776	available. Symbols as for Figure 5. Eu/Eu* = $Eu_N/\sqrt{(Sm_N*Gd_N)}$ where subscript N indicates
777	normalisation to chondrite values (Taylor and McLennan 1981).
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781	Run conditions and crystallisation products of published experimental studies used for multiple
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783	1993; Adam and Green 1994, 2006; Sisson 1994; LaTourrette et al. 1995; Klein et al. 1997; Dalpé
784	and Baker 2000; Hilyard et al. 2000; Tiepolo et al. 2000a; b, 2001, 2007; Nandedkar et al. 2016; Li et
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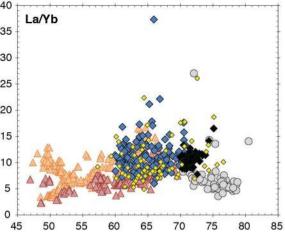


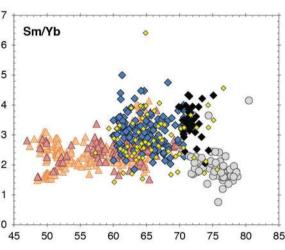


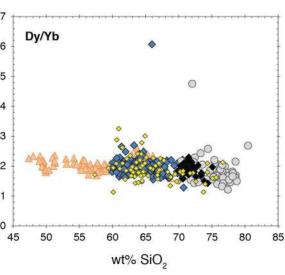


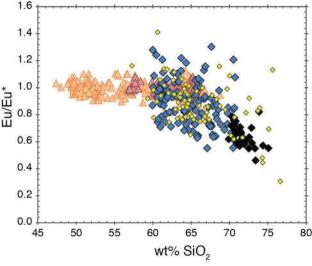












Experimental Study	Starting compositions		Pressure (MPa)	Temperature (°C)	Amphibole species
Adam et al. (1993)	basanite-basalt	6	1000-2000	925-1050	MgHbl, MgHst, Parg
Adam & Green (1994)	basanite	6	500-2000	1000-1100	MgHst
Adam & Green (2006)	basanite	2	1000-2000	1025-1050	MgHst
Dalpé & Baker (2000)	basanite-basalt	8	1500-2500	1000-1100	MgHst, Parg
Green & Pearson (1985)	andesite	5	750-2000	900-1050	Tsch, MgHst
Hilyard et al. (2000)	dacite-tonalite	35	200-500	900-945	Tsch, MgHst, MgHbl
Klein et al. (1997)	dacite	3	1000	800-900	Parg, Tsch
LaTourrette et al. (1995)	basanite	1	1500	1150	MgHst
Nicholls & Harris (1980)	basalt-andesite	9	1000	900-1020	Tsch, Parg, MgHst
Nandedkar et al. (2016)	basalt-andesite-rhyolite	8	700	780-1010	MgHst, Tsch, MgHbl
Sisson (1994)*	basalt-andesite-dacite-rhyolite	5	200	1050	MgHst, Edenite
Tiepolo et al. (2000a; 2000b; 2001; 2007)	basalt-andesite	25	1400	1070	MgHst, Kaer, Hastingsite
Li et al. (2017)	basalt	32	500-2000	850-1010	MgHst, Tsch

Table 1. Run conditions and crystallisation products of published experimental studies used for multiple regression analysis.

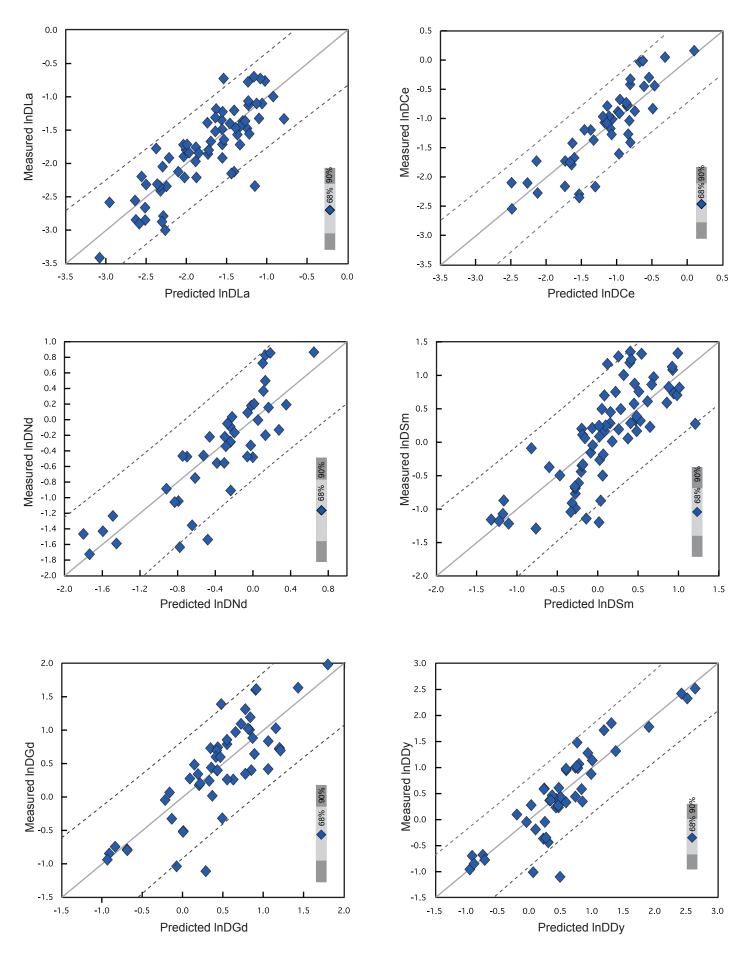
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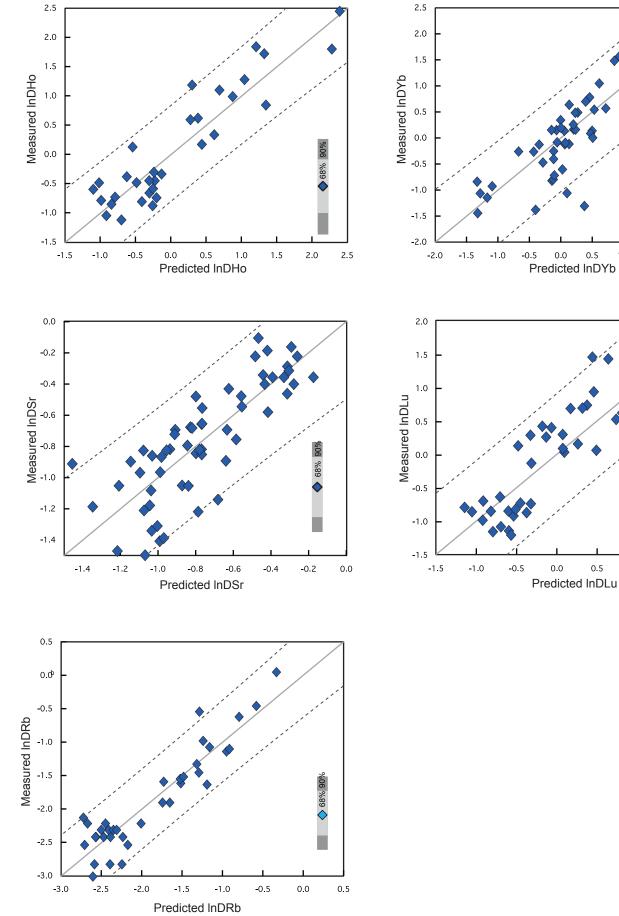
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Equation	variable	D range	Constant	Si	Al <sup>vi</sup>	Ti	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	Fe <sup>2+</sup>	Ca	Na(A)	n	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	error	± 90% §	± 68% §
1	In DRb	0.05 - 1.04	9.1868	-1.3898		-3.6797	-1.5769	-0.6938			36	0.85	0.29	0.53	0.32
2	ln DSr	0.22 - 0.90	3.41585	-0.75281				0.36529			59	0.64	0.19	0.33	0.20
3	In DPb	0.03 - 0.17	-4.2533		2.7155	1.69	0.7065			-1.0433	27	0.57	0.23	0.41	0.24
4	ln DZr	0.08 - 1.06	-25.6167	2.6183	2.6867	4.838	2.6591	0.6536	2.5248		60	0.46	0.49	0.80	0.49
5	ln DNb	0.06 - 1.14	-22.27	2.3241		3.7633	2.9786	1.44	1.8719		89	0.60	0.45	0.78	0.47
6	In DLa	0.03 - 0.59	-20.0493	2.0732		2.5498	1.5317	1.117	2.2771	-1.4576	69	0.69	0.34	0.59	0.36
7	In DCe	0.08 - 4.23	-21.1078	2.4749		2.4719	1.5722	0.952	1.5311		49	0.82	0.32	0.58	0.34
8	In DNd	0.18 - 2.46	-20.3082	2.5162		2.5863	1.9459	0.9566	1.2763		45	0.71	0.36	0.64	0.38
9	In DSm	0.27 - 3.85	-11.3625	1.602			1.2898	1.2376			72	0.60	0.43	0.73	0.44
10	In DEu	0.28 - 5.8	-35.6604	4.1452	2.6886	6.4057	3.8508	0.7255	3.0679		39	0.77	0.37	0.70	0.42
11	In DGd	0.33 - 7.22	-19.0583	2.4417		1.9786	1.8765	0.9943	1.3677		54	0.66	0.40	0.71	0.43
12	In DDy	0.33 - 12.33	-16.0687	2.3858		1.8255	1.9741	0.6922			49	0.79	0.33	0.58	0.35
13	In DHo	0.32 - 11.66	-20.4148	2.3654		2.484	3.2601	1.2922	3.1762	-4.9224	32	0.90	0.40	0.79	0.47
14	In DYb	0.24 - 7.83	-15.8659	2.281		1.5905	2.1534	0.7867			48	0.66	0.43	0.45	0.45
15	In DLu	0.30 - 6.76	-19.3462	2.1142		2.8478	2.7011	1.0402	2.9625	-3.2356	43	0.74	0.39	0.46	0.46
16	In DY	0.31 - 5.24	-36.2514	3.6078	3.78	7.513	4.8366	0.814	4.6048		61	0.71	0.32	0.37	0.37

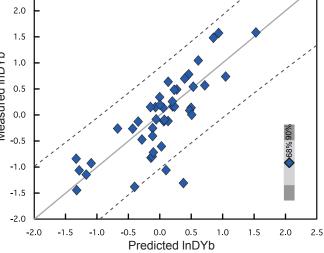
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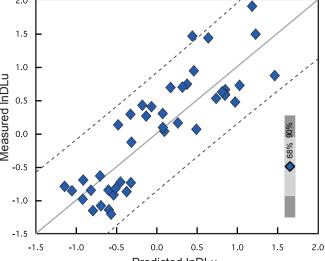
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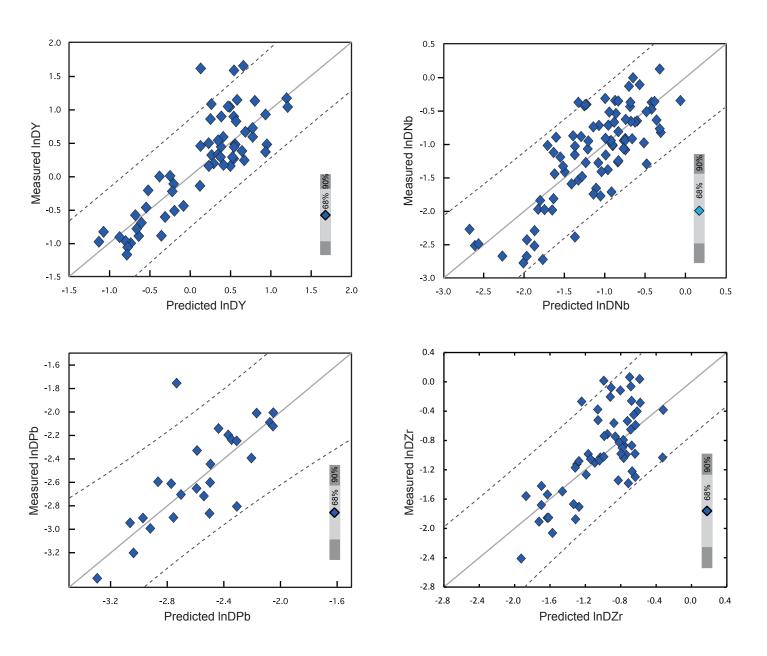
## Supplementary figure 1. Comparison of measured partition coefficients with those predicted from regression analysis.











Supplementary figure 2.

Comparison of measured partition coefficients with those predicted from regression analysis. (temperature-dependent regressions)

