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1 **Textural and chemical features of a “soft” plug emitted during strombolian explosions: a case**
2 **study from Stromboli volcano**

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14 **Abstract**

15 Between May 2009 and March 2010, six small scale paroxysms were recorded at Stromboli volcano
16 (Aeolian Islands, Italy). The small scale paroxysm of 21 January 2010 was the only one
17 characterized by a SSE to SW dispersal direction, which allowed access for sampling of the
18 associated bomb-dominated deposit. The quenched marginal portions of twelve bombs were used to
19 perform density, textural and chemical analyses to define the mechanisms operating in the shallow
20 conduit during the explosion. Whole-rock density values span a range of 1100 to 2300 kg/m³ which,
21 using a dense rock equivalent density of 2850 kg/m³, converts to a vesicularity of 20 to 61 %. The
22 vesicle volume distribution (VVD) is unimodal, with a mode at 1.8 mm, consistent with a single
23 bubble nucleation event followed by growth, coalescence expansion and/or densification.
24 Crystallinity ranges from 30-62 vol. %. Vesicle and crystal contents, however, show considerable

25 variation, consistent with the presence of an extremely dense and degassed component in the
26 fragmented magma. Both groundmass glasses and melt inclusions are chemically homogenous, with
27 $\text{CaO}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ in the range 0.40-0.60. Melt inclusion volatile contents (H_2O up to 0.47 wt%) are
28 consistent with fragmentation of a shallow magma residing at a depth of about 480 m. We suggest
29 that dense, degassed and crystal-rich magma formed a “soft” rheological plug at the top of the
30 conduit. Under such a condition, bubbles can accumulate under the plug to slowly build the
31 pressure to a threshold point, after which the pressure is enough to cause the fragmentation of the
32 plug.

33 **Key words:** Strombolian explosions, conduit-capping plug, degassed bombs, melt inclusions, small
34 scale paroxysms

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36 1. Introduction

37 Stromboli, a 924 m high volcanic island located in the Aeolian archipelago of the Southern
38 Tyrrhenian Sea (Fig. 1), is famous for its persistent state of activity that has been on-going since the
39 medieval period (Rosi et al., 2000). All explosive eruptions occur in the crater terrace at 750 m a.s.l,
40 where the three main active craters are located (Fig. 1) (Harris and Ripepe, 2007a). Normal
41 explosive eruptions at Stromboli have been long-used to define the Strombolian sub-type of
42 explosive activity and typically involve 10^2 - 10^3 kg of material (Harris et al., 2013) in repeated
43 emissions of gas, bombs, lapilli and ash in events that last a few to tens of seconds (Barberi et al.,
44 1993; Rosi et al., 2013; Houghton et al., 2016). Because of the variety of the ejected material
45 associated with explosive events, normal activity at Stromboli has been subdivided in four main
46 groups: type 0 events are gas jets carrying a very few small particles at high velocity (Leduc et al.,
47 2015; Gaudin et al., 2017); type 1 events are dominated by emission of ballistic coarse particles;
48 type 2a eruptions involve ash-rich plumes with large numbers of ballistics, and type 2b events are
49 characterized prevalently by ash (Patrick et al., 2007; Harris et al., 2013). Volcanic activity at the
50 Crater Terrace also involves continuous degassing (Pering et al., 2016) and gas puffing (Ripepe et

51 al., 1996; Harris and Ripepe, 2007a; Gaudin et al., 2017), as well as emission of lava flows (e.g.
52 Calvari et al., 2008; Rosi et al. 2013). The explosive plumes associated with normal activity ascend
53 to no more than 500 m, causing a discontinuous deposit of lapilli, bombs and/or coarse ash within
54 50-400 m of the vent (Harris and Ripepe, 2007a; Patrick et al., 2007; Rosi et al. 2013; Gurioli et al.,
55 2014). This activity has typically been associated with the bursting of large bubbles of gas at the
56 surface of the magma column (Parfitt, 2004) to expel a mixture of gas loaded with particles
57 (Bombrun et al., 2015). Thus, while Stromboli itself has become synonymous with this mildly
58 explosive, yet globally common, eruption style, fragmentation conditions and shallow conduit
59 dynamics at Stromboli have also become intimately linked to those driving “Strombolian” activity.

60 Recently, the simple Strombolian eruption model whereby large slugs of gas ascend through
61 liquid resident in the conduit to burst at the surface (Jaupart and Vergnolle, 1989) has been
62 challenged due to the presence of ejecta with moderate-to-high crystallinity. While pyroclasts at
63 Stromboli have 40 to 55 vol% of crystals (Métrich et al., 2010; Gurioli et al. 2014), those at Etna
64 have >55 vol% (Polacci et al., 2006), and crystallinities of 30-40 vol% have been found at Yasur
65 volcano, Vanuatu (Métrich et al., 2011). These crystal contents create rheological conditions that
66 are close to the “eruptibility” limit for magmas (Marsh 1981). The presence of a highly viscous
67 (10^5 - 10^6 Pa s), crystal-rich magma has thus motivated the generation of new models to explain the
68 passage of the slug through a more complicated system of liquid and solids (Gurioli et al. 2014;
69 Oppenheimer et al., 2020). At Stromboli, Gurioli et al. (2014) described two quenched bombs
70 where fresh magma was mingled with batches of degassed, oxidized, microlite-rich and evolved
71 magma with high viscosity and crystallinity. They hypothesized that this stagnant and oxidized
72 magma formed a rheological layer at the top of the magmatic column through which the fresh
73 magma burst. Textural modeling and geophysical analysis confirmed that the presence of this high
74 density, high viscosity magma layer modulates the type of emission during normal activity (e.g.
75 Lautze et al. 2005; Leduc et al. 2015; Gaudin et al. 2017). This layer could be related to the
76 presence of debris on top of the vent (Patrick et al., 2007; Capponi et al., 2016) and/or the presence

77 of a plug made up of cooled, degassed and partially crystallized magma at the top of the column
78 (Capponi et al., 2016; Del Bello et al., 2015; Lautze and Houghton, 2007; Oppenheimer et al., 2020;
79 Suckale et al., 2016).

80 Small and large scale paroxysms punctuate persistent activity at Stromboli on annual and
81 decadal time scales (Rosi et al., 2013). Also termed “major explosions” (Barberi et al., 1993;
82 Bertagnini et al., 1999; Harris and Ripepe, 2007b), small-scale paroxysms consist of events
83 involving 10^4 - 10^5 kg of material, have a duration of around a minute (Gurioli et al., 2013), and are
84 accompanied by short-lived plumes reaching a height of about 1 km (Rosi et al., 2013). They cause
85 discontinuous ballistic fallout within a distance of 500 m (Gurioli et al., 2013), and ash fall to the
86 coast (1.5 km distant) and beyond (Andronico and Pistolesi, 2010). Large scale paroxysms (Rosi et
87 al., 2013) involve 10^6 - 10^7 kg of material (Rosi et al., 2006) and are the most powerful eruptive
88 events recorded historically at Stromboli (Barberi et al., 1993; Bertagnini et al., 2011). They last
89 several minutes and can send meter-sized bombs and blocks up to 2 km from the craters, with the
90 concurrent formation of a convective plume that can ascend several kilometers (up to 10 km) above
91 the vents (Pistolesi et al., 2008; Rosi et al., 2013). These larger events have been explained as
92 having a deeper trigger than normal explosions. Eruptive dynamics during paroxysms is believed to
93 be controlled by ascent of a deep-seated, volatile-rich, magma that mingles with a degassed magma
94 residing in the shallow reservoir (Métrich et al., 2010).

95 Although spanning five orders of magnitude in terms of erupted mass, the small and large
96 scale paroxysms appear to be associated with the same near-surface conduit dynamics as normal
97 explosions, where the point of fragmentation is just a few 10's to 100's of meters below the vent
98 (Ripepe and Harris, 2008). For some small scale paroxysms, partial plug obstruction has been
99 observed and invoked as a trigger mechanism (Calvari et al., 2012). Calvari et al. (2014) also
100 suggested that, between 2007 and 2012, the geometry of the upper portion of the system evolved by
101 developing into a wide collapse depression that consumed the uppermost conduit, and which then
102 became refilled by partially melted hot debris and scoria (Del Moro et al., 2013). These structural

103 changes modified the shallow feeder conduit allowing a greater volume of magma to be stored and
104 degas at quasi equilibrium conditions, a volume which stays hotter for longer, enhancing the
105 possibility for the degassed magma to mingle with the deep-seated magma and increase the number
106 of small scale paroxysms (Calvari et al. 2014).

107 Within this framework of current understanding of Strombolian activity, we present results
108 from an interdisciplinary study in which we are able to texturally and chemically characterize the
109 magma sitting at the top of the shallow conduit at Stromboli, as emitted during a small scale
110 paroxysm that occurred on 21 January 2010. Our aim is to investigate the possible role of this
111 magma in the formation of a plug during more energetic Strombolian (small scale paroxysms)
112 eruptions. The work is based on complete mapping of an entire bomb-field associated with a small
113 scale paroxysmal tied to detailed sampled to generate a unique data set of bombs, collected for the
114 first time from a single bomb field emitted during a small scale paroxysm at Stromboli. We show
115 that these bombs represent a window into the character of Stromboli's conduit allowing us to define
116 the nature of the shallow magma associated with small scale paroxysms. We find that, for the small
117 scale paroxysm sampled here, a dense and crystal-rich plug at the top of the conduit controlled the
118 eruption style, a finding which links the genesis of small scale paroxysmal Strombolian explosions
119 to that of normal activity.

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121 **2. Stromboli magmatic system and textural features**

122 Stromboli volcano exhibits a wide range of explosive styles which reflect differences in the
123 magma involved. Normal activity and effusive events are fed by a crystal-rich and volatile-poor
124 high porphyritic (HP) magma (Bertagnini et al., 2008, 1999; Francalanci et al., 2004, 1999; Landi et
125 al., 2008; Métrich et al., 2010, 2001). HP magma contains 45-55 vol% of plagioclase (0.1-2.5 mm),
126 clinopyroxene (0.5-5 mm) and olivine (0.1-4 mm) in equilibrium with a shoshonitic residual melt
127 (~52 wt % SiO₂ and ~4.5 wt% K₂O). This magma is emitted as black scoriae. Different textural
128 facies have been described for HP scoriae associated with normal activity (Andronico et al., 2008;

129 Belien et al., 2010; Colò et al., 2010; Gurioli et al., 2014; Lautze and Houghton, 2008, 2007, 2005;
130 Leduc et al., 2015; Polacci et al., 2006) and a review of all published data is given in Table C1.

131 During large, as well as in some small scale paroxysms, in addition to HP magma, a crystal-
132 poor and volatile-rich melt is erupted, this being low porphyritic magma (LP, Table C1) (Bertagnini
133 et al., 2008, 1999; Francalanci et al., 2004, 1999; Métrich et al., 2010, 2001; Pioli et al., 2014). LP
134 magma is rarely released as pure “golden pumice” even in ash and fine lapilli size and is often
135 variably mingled with the HP magma (Pioli et al. 2014). LP magma contains the same mineral
136 phases present in HP scoriae, although plagioclase is lacking as phenocrysts. Crystallinity is also
137 lower (<5 vol%) in respect to the black scoria, and the LP groundmass glass has a basaltic
138 composition (~48 wt % SiO₂ and ~2.5 wt% K₂O) (Bertagnini et al., 1999; Francalanci et al., 2004;
139 Rosi et al., 2013).

140 Stromboli’s plumbing system has become envisioned as a polybaric multi-reservoir system
141 (Métrich et al., 2010; Pichavant et al., 2011; Pompilio et al., 2012), consisting of: (i) a shallower
142 reservoir (~2 km) where the HP magma resides, (ii) a deep ponding zone at 7-10 km occupied by
143 LP magma, and (iii) a complex transition zone between the two, possibly characterized by a crystal
144 mush zone periodically influenced by ascending LP magma (Francalanci et al., 2004, 1999; ;
145 Métrich et al., 2010). With this in mind, the HP magma most likely derives from LP magma
146 through crystallization driven by decompression and water exsolution at low pressure (Métrich et al.
147 2001).

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149 **3. The small scale paroxysm of 21 January 2010**

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151 At 20:45:03 (local time) on 21 January 2010, thermal, infrasonic and seismic sensors of the
152 University of Florence (Italy) recorded a strong explosion at Stromboli. This small scale paroxysm
153 lasted 51 seconds, consisted of three main phases, and was described in detail by Gurioli et al.
154 (2013). The explosion occurred after few days of crater inactivity. Following the reconstruction of

155 Gurioli et al. (2013), Phase 1 comprised two simultaneous bursts which sent bombs to the S/SSE
156 and SW. Each burst comprised two components: a leading spray of smaller bombs quickly followed
157 by emission of larger bombs that attained lower heights and fell closer to the vent than those of the
158 first burst. An associated cloud of gas and scarce finer material was observed, mostly connected to
159 the SW-directed burst and directed at an angle of 45°. The second phase began after seven seconds
160 and involved emission of two or three plumes of gas and scarce fine particles, lacking bombs. Phase
161 2 was effectively over within 20 seconds and was followed by a third phase marked by a series of
162 weakening gas-rich puffs that lasted 24 seconds. Bombs were characterized by launch velocities
163 between 52 and 70 m/s and the total erupted bomb mass was 3.6×10^4 kg, with bomb mass
164 emission rates being around 2×10^4 kg s⁻¹ (Gurioli et al., 2013). Fine fragments were
165 indistinguishable and/or minimal across the deposit (only one coarse lapilli was found), and
166 sedimentation from phases 2 and 3 produced no distinguishable layer in more distal locations, as
167 instead was observed for the small scale paroxysm of 24 November 2009 (Andronico and Pistolesi,
168 2010).

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170 **4. Sampling and analytical methods**

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172 *4.1 Sample collection*

173 Samples studied in this work were mapped and collected during two sampling campaigns: one in
174 June 2010 and another in June 2011 (6 and 18 months after the January 2010 eruption that
175 emplaced the sampled bombs). In total, 780 bombs were mapped (Fig. 1) and 55 bombs
176 representative of the deposit were sampled, in June 2010, along the longitudinal and horizontal
177 dispersal axis (Fig.1, Gurioli et al., 2013) every ten meters. As explained by Gurioli et al. (2013),
178 the thermal video of the 21 January event revealed bombs moving away from the camera, indicating
179 a southward dispersal direction opening at an angle of 180° (Fig. 1). Within this expected landing
180 distribution, we mapped the SSE- and the SW-directed bursts (Fig. 1). This means that the small

181 scale paroxysm of 21 January 2010 was the source of the bombs, because it was the only explosion
182 of the series of six small scale paroxysms events that occurred between May 2009 and May 2010
183 with such a dispersal direction. This distribution was confirmed by checking of thermal video for all
184 six small scale paroxysms that occurred during 2009-2010 (cf. Table 1 of Gurioli et al., 2013). The
185 bomb field of 24 November 2009 had a southeast dispersion axis (Andronico and Pistoiesi, 2010).
186 This field overlaps that of 21 January 2010 to the east, but the majority of these bombs (purple
187 diamonds in Fig. 1) can be distinguished based on their larger size and on photos taken before and
188 after the 21 January 2010 explosion (see Item DR1, in Gurioli et al. 2013). All measured and
189 collected bombs from the January 2010 event were fresh, glassy and iridescent, and
190 stratigraphically above older pyroclasts—a characteristic that, even after 18 months, allowed them
191 to be easily distinguished. Furthermore, all bombs were photographed, measured (for long and short
192 axis) and GPS-located during the June 2010 campaign, allowing them to be relocated with
193 confidence during the June 2011 campaign, when the dispersion map was better defined and further
194 morphological measurements of the bombs were made.

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196 *4.2 Density and textural measurements*

197 For the 55 bombs sampled by Gurioli et al. (2013), densities were measured both as bulk density of
198 the entire bomb (Figs. 2A-F and Table C3 in Appendix C) and as density of the marginal portion of
199 the bomb (including quenched rind and some portion of the bomb, see limits of the thin section
200 areas Figs. A1 to A6 in Appendix A). Density was measured by comparing the sample weight in
201 water with the sample weight in air. While bomb rinds were made impermeable using Parafilm™
202 wax, bulk bomb (which were larger than 8-10 cm) density measurements were carried out following
203 the “natural waterproofing” strategy (Gurioli et al., 2015). We measured the weight of the bombs in
204 water using the apparatus of Fig. 2G. The quenched rind prevented the water from entering the
205 interior, as confirmed by the lack of bubble formation in the water and the constant weight of the
206 bomb before and after immersion. After these measurements, bombs were cut into two slices along

207 the major axis and thin sections prepared from the marginal portions of 12 samples. Vesicularity
208 (Φ) was determined using the dense rock equivalent (DRE) density of 2850 kg/m³, as measured by
209 Pistolesi et al. (2011).

210 Textural measurements, both for vesicles and crystals, were performed on 12 bombs
211 following the technique of Leduc et al. (2015). Images of sliced bombs and thin sections were
212 acquired using a desktop scanner, while the JEOL JSM-5910LV scanning electron microscope
213 (SEM) at Laboratoire Magmas et Volcans (LMV) in Clermont-Ferrand (France) was used for larger
214 magnification images. Each image was adjusted in Adobe Photoshop (e.g., broken bubble walls
215 were connected) and processed using the Fast Object Acquisition and Measurement System
216 (FOAMS) software of Shea et al. (2010). From each image, vesicles (black), crystals (white) and
217 glass (gray) were extracted (Fig. B1, Appendix B). Percentage of vesicles and crystals were then
218 measured (Table 1) and vesicle volume plots created (Fig. B2). Our CSD plots represent the
219 distribution of all mineral species: we assumed that plagioclase crystals dominate the
220 microphenocrysts and microlites range, while clinopyroxene and olivine crystals rule the
221 phenocrysts population (see Figure B5).

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223 *4.3 Geochemical analysis*

224 Chemical analysis of groundmass glasses, phenocrysts and melt inclusions (MI) were carried out
225 using the Philips XL30 SEM at the Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra (DST, Università di Pisa,
226 Italy) integrated with an energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) which employs the EDAX-
227 DX4 software. Operating conditions were a 20 kV voltage and a 0.1 nA beam current. A raster area
228 of 100 μm^2 was employed for glass analysis to reduce light element loss. A set of reference
229 standard of natural trachytic (CFA47), basaltic (ALV981R23) and pantelleritic (KE12) glasses was
230 analyzed before each session. Major element composition of the groundmass glasses was analyzed
231 using the electron microprobe (EMP), SX-100 CAMECA, at LMV. Operating conditions were an

232 accelerating voltage of 15 kV and a defocused beam with an 8 nA current intensity. A comparison
233 between EDS and EMPA analysis is reported in Table C5.

234 Phenocrysts were hand-picked, mounted on slides and double polished. After petrographic
235 inspection, selected melt inclusions were prepared for volatile measurements. H₂O and CO₂ were
236 analyzed by transmission IR spectroscopy (FTIR) using a Nicolet iN10 equipped with a high-
237 intensity EverGlo IR source and a MCT-A detector cooled with liquid nitrogen at DST.
238 Concentrations were calculated according to the Beer-Lambert law: $C = \text{Abs} \times \text{PM} / \varepsilon \times \rho \times d$,
239 where Abs is the absorbance, PM the molar mass (g/mol), ε the molar absorptivity (L/mol-cm), ρ
240 the MI density (kg/m³) and d the MI's thickness (cm). Melt density was calculated by major
241 element composition (average 2630 kg/m³) and thickness of each sample was measured using a
242 calibrated optical microscope. All the measured and calculated Beer-Lambert parameters are given
243 in table C2.

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245 **5. Results**

246

247 *5.1 Macroscopic description and density analysis*

248 All sampled bombs are uniformly black with dimensions ranging from 5 to 44 cm, the smallest clast
249 being the only coarse lapilli found and sampled across the bomb field (Figs. 2A to 2E and Figs. A1
250 to A6.). Most have a quenched rind (Figs. 2B, 2D and 2E) of variable thickness (4-18 mm) which is
251 rich in crystals and small vesicles (e.g. S20 in Fig. A1 and A7 in Fig. A5.), while slightly larger
252 vesicles are normally clustered, more or less homogeneously, in the interior of the bomb (Fig. 2).
253 Occasionally, the central portion of the bomb is characterized by a large, centimetric void (Fig. 2E).
254 The occurrence of this difference between the marginal portion and the center is more marked for
255 the highly vesicular samples, while some of the densest bombs lack such a difference (Fig. 2 and
256 Figs A1 to A6.). However, even in the vesiculated samples, poorly-vesiculated areas are scattered
257 across the whole bomb surface. All bombs are scoriaceous apart from one (Fig. 3A), which contains

258 an elongated, light toned, vesicle-rich and crystal-poor pumice zone, typical of LP magma. The
259 contact between the pumiceous and scoriaceous zone is sharp and well-defined near the bomb's
260 outer edge, but irregular towards the interior (Fig. 3A).

261 Densities for all of the 55 samples have a Gaussian trend, with density values in the range of
262 1100 to 2300 kg/m³ (Fig. 2F and Table C3). Similarly, the marginal portion samples (the cut for the
263 thin sections) record narrower density range (1140-2050 kg/m³). Density values for the marginal
264 portion are always lower than the correspondent values for the whole bombs (Table 1).

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267 *5.2 Textural data*

268 For the twelve analyzed bombs, porosity decreases as the number of large, coalesced, centimetric to
269 millimetric vesicles decreases (Table 1 and A1-A6; Figs. 4D, 4E and 4F). In contrast, the number of
270 small vesicles (<50 µm in diameter), which are typically rounded (Fig. 4E), increases as bomb
271 density increases. The LP facies differs from the HP facies within the same scoria sample, mostly
272 because of its very high vesicularity, with a population of rounded, small to medium sized vesicles
273 that are normally organized in chains (Fig. 4C).

274 The simplest vesicle volume distribution histograms (VVDs, Fig. 5A-D) display unimodal,
275 symmetrical distributions, with vesicles ranging from 0.03 to 18 mm and a mode value at around
276 1.8 mm. More complex VVD histograms are characterized by negative or positive asymmetrical
277 distributions with the same modes at 1.8 mm or finer modes at 1.3 or 0.7 mm (Fig. B2). Only for
278 A23, S20 and S28 a bimodal distributions is present due to a second coarse population around
279 modes of 4, 7 or 17 mm (Fig. B2). VVDs for whole bombs (in black in Figs. 5A-C and B2) and
280 marginal portions (in grey in Figs. 5A-C and B2) are very similar, although the marginal portions
281 are always more vesicular than the corresponding whole bomb. Only the LP texture (Fig. 5D) is
282 different, having a much greater vesicularity (67 %) and a unimodal, symmetrical distribution. This
283 latter distribution is due to the lack of large vesicles and abundance of small vesicles with a main

284 mode at around 0.5 mm (Fig. 3C and Fig. 5D). In agreement with Polacci et al. (2009, 2006) and
285 Cigolini et al. (2008), corrected vesicle number density (N_v^{corr}) values are of the order of magnitude
286 of 10^2 and 10^3 mm^{-3} , with the LP texture having the greatest value (Table 1). Some of the densest
287 scoria also have relatively high values of N_v^{corr} due to an increase of small vesicles in respect to the
288 more porous scoria (Fig. 4 and Table 1).

289 Bombs have a crystal assemblage that comprises plagioclase, clinopyroxene and olivine
290 (Fig. 4A) in a uniform glassy groundmass (Fig. 4B). Also in agreement with Cigolini et al. (2008)
291 and Pioli et al. (2014), crystallinity corrected for vesicularity ranges from 30 to 63 vol. % for the
292 scoria, but for the LP texture the crystal content is just 1.7 vol. %, (Table 1). Crystallinity is
293 correlated with vesicularity, with the least dense bombs having the highest crystal contents (Table
294 1). The whole CSDs are very similar among all samples (Fig. 5E and Fig. B3-B4), where crystal
295 sizes range from 50 μm to 14 mm. The CSD curves can be divided into three portions defined by
296 different slopes. Based on the whole CSD population size (Fig. 5G-H and B3-B4), we defined
297 phenocrysts as crystals with long axes of more than 350 μm , microphenocrysts with long axes
298 between 100 and 350 μm , and microlites with long axes less than 100 μm ; where microlites and
299 microphenocrystals are mostly formed by plagioclase.

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301 *5.3 Groundmass glass and mineral chemistry*

302 At the microscale (thin section), the groundmass glass of scoriae appears dark or light
303 brown, although different colors do not correspond to differences in chemical composition, as
304 already proved by Leduc et al. (2015). The chemical homogeneity of the glass is apparent in the
305 major element oxide frequency diagrams (Figs. 6 and 8A-B). The glass is basaltic trachyandesite
306 ($\text{SiO}_2 \sim 53 \text{ wt}\%$ and $\text{CaO}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \sim 0.49$) with a shoshonitic character ($\text{K}_2\text{O} > 4 \text{ wt}\%$) and its SiO_2
307 content overlaps the bulk rock composition (Fig. 6B). Pumice glass is trachybasaltic in composition
308 ($\text{SiO}_2 \sim 49 \text{ wt}\%$ and $\text{CaO}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \sim 0.61$) and is distinguishable from scoria glass for MgO, FeO, TiO_2 ,
309 Al_2O_3 and K_2O contents (Figs. 3B and 6). The groundmass glass has a maximum H_2O content of

310 1600 ppm. The bulk rock composition of the bombs falls in the trachybasalt field (white star in Fig.
311 6A).

312 Plagioclase crystals show both homogeneous and zoned textures and they are in the range
313 An₆₁ - An₈₃. Zoned plagioclases have sieved texture zones, with an An-rich cores (An₈₃) surrounded
314 by labradoritic rims. Unzoned plagioclases are in the range An₆₁₋₇₀. Pyroxene phenocrysts, normally
315 zoned, have diopsitic/augitic compositions, being in the range Mg#₇₃₋₈₉. Olivine crystals are
316 homogeneous and exhibit a narrow compositional range (Fo₇₀₋₇₃).

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318 *5.4 Melt inclusions: petrography, major element and volatile composition*

319 Naturally-quenched, light brown, melt inclusions are widespread in plagioclase, olivine and
320 clinopyroxene crystals (Fig. 7). Plagioclase crystals contain small MIs which have been neglected
321 in our study due to their small size. Olivine and clinopyroxene crystals contain both small-sized
322 (10-20 μm) and large-sized (>100 μm) MIs. The latter are mostly found in olivine crystals and they
323 are usually glassy without significant petrographic evidence of post-entrapment crystallization (Fig.
324 7A). However, diffusive re-equilibration of the inclusion with its host can modify the composition
325 of the trapped melt, along with crystallization of olivine on the walls of the inclusion. Therefore, we
326 corrected olivine-hosted MI compositions for post-entrapment processes (PEP) using Petrolog 3.0.
327 Olivine-hosted MIs required PEP correction between 0-5%. Clinopyroxene-hosted MIs needed up
328 to 16% post-entrapment dissolution of the host mineral back into the inclusion (Table C4). A
329 selection of raw and PEP-corrected MI compositions is reported in table C4. PEP-corrected MIs,
330 which are used in the subsequent discussion, are chemically homogenous and they exhibit a
331 shoshonitic character (Fig. 6), with a Na₂O+K₂O around 7.5 wt%, overlapping the groundmass
332 field. Indeed, frequency histograms of major oxides (Fig. 8) highlight similar compositions for both
333 MIs and groundmass glasses, showing a modal value of oxides (e.g. K₂O and FeO) centered at the
334 same percentage. H₂O in MI ranges from 0.27-0.47 wt % (Table 2), while CO₂ content is below the
335 detection limit.

336 All of our data highlight a homogeneous chemical composition, with MgO between 2.8 and
337 5.8 wt% and K₂O/Na₂O in the range 0.9-1.8 (Table 2), and fall within the HP glass field for normal
338 activity (Fig. 6B) (Leduc et al., 2015; Métrich et al., 2005; Pioli et al., 2014). Only the pumice
339 groundmass glass moves away from HP field (Fig. 3). A relation between MI and groundmass glass
340 both in HP (and LP) products is reported in Figure 6B, as a CaO/Al₂O₃ vs K₂O diagram. MIs show
341 a CaO/Al₂O₃ ratio around 0.40-0.60 and they plot in a field far away from MI from pumice of Pioli
342 et al. (2014) and Métrich et al. (2001; 2005). MIs, found in pumice clasts, display more primitive
343 features and they have a wide range of CaO/Al₂O₃, this being from 0.5 to up 1.0 (Fig. 6B).

344 Scoria bulk-rock chemistry is comparable with the pumice groundmass glass (Fig. 6),
345 whereas the scoriae groundmass can be derived from the whole rock composition by crystallizing
346 ~55 wt% plagioclase, clinopyroxene and olivine (Métrich et al., 2001), in accordance with our
347 textural analysis (Table 1). All of these points suggest that the trapped melt (i.e. MIs) can be
348 assumed as representative of the melt present in the conduit just before the explosion. Therefore, the
349 volatile (H₂O and CO₂) content can be used to infer the depth of the melt in the conduit. Using
350 VolatileCalc 2.0 (Newman and Lowenstern, 2002), we have estimated a minimum volatile
351 saturation pressure of 13.5 MPa. This estimated pressure, assuming a magma DRE of 2850 kg/m³
352 (Pistolesi et al., 2011), corresponds to a depth of about 480 m.

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354 **6. Discussion**

355

356 *6.1 Textural evidence for a degassed magma*

357 The marginal portions of the bombs have lower density values with respect to their parental bomb.
358 Usually this should be the inverse, because the external portions of a bomb should be quenched
359 faster than the internal portion and preserve a pristine texture where expansion and coalescence of
360 vesicles are impeded. In contrast, vesiculation (in terms of expansion and/or coalescence) and
361 sometimes crystallization, in the bomb interior, continues after emission, so processes of post-

362 deposition modification are prevalent (e.g., Fig. 2E). Therefore, post-fragmentation expansion and
363 formation of blisters at the center of a bomb should reduce the density values for the whole bomb
364 over those of the quenched surface. In our sample collection, only a few bombs have large gas
365 blisters (Figure 2E), but those quantified in this study (see photos in Appendix A) are not as
366 expanded as they should have been because we are dealing with gas-depleted magma. Only in a few
367 bombs can we see concentration of large vesicles, but we see no real vesicle gradient (samples S27,
368 S20, A25, A7). The lack of a any obvious expansion gradient, the lack of large vesicles and the
369 presence of scattered, less vesiculated areas, causes the whole bomb to be denser than the area
370 covered by the thin section. However, all bombs, even those with central blisters, belong to the high
371 density (HD) class described by Lautze and Houghton (2005) and have densities comparable with
372 the highest values found by Gurioli et al. (2014) (Table C1). This means that these products are
373 truly degassed, so that the internal vesicles could not have expanded to any significant extent.
374 Generally, at Stromboli, post fragmentation expansion features are more predominant in the scoria
375 lapilli grain size (which are slightly richer in gas in respect to bombs), resulting in an increase in
376 clast density as the size of the pyroclast increases (see Fig. 1 in Bombrun et al. 2015).

377 Low density material was not found across the bomb field (Gurioli et al. 2013) and there
378 was no evidence of distal sedimentation of fine material, as observed by Andronico and Pistolesi
379 (2010) for a small scale paroxysm at Stromboli in 2009. The degassed nature of the magma is borne
380 out by MI data, which suggests the occurrence of a degassed magma residing in the shallow system.
381 However, this magma (Fig. 6B) is not as microlite-rich and is not as evolved as the magma found
382 by Gurioli et al (2014). As explained by Gurioli et al (2014), bombs sampled during normal activity
383 undergo cooling, crystallization and oxidation because sit at the very top of the magmatic column,
384 being a thin rind at the free surface and therefore representing a very thin crust at the head of the
385 degassing magma column. In the 2010 small scale paroxysm sampled here, we did not find the
386 equivalent of such a thin conduit-capping “crust”. Based on our observations of the thermal video
387 for the 2010 event, we argue that this crust probably fell within 200 m of the vent where it was not

388 possible to sample. However, the degassed magma within the conduit, that was resident beneath the
389 cooling crust, was too hot to crystallize microlites or to undergo oxidation, although the zonation of
390 the plagioclase reveals a prolonged residence time within the shallow conduit (cf. Landi et al.,
391 2004), as does the reduction in vesicles in the high density products. This is also clear in Figure 2
392 where low density bombs are associated with post-eruption vesicular gradients, which it is not the
393 case for high-density samples (Figs. 2b, 2d and 2e). These high-density bombs thus represent the
394 physical characteristics of the magma at the top of the column at the moment of the explosion.

395 VVDs are generally used to infer the condition of the bubbles in the magma at the time of
396 explosion if quenching is effective and post fragmentation can be excluded (Gurioli et al. 2018,
397 2015, 2014; Polacci et al. 2006). The single mode observed here is consistent with a single bubble
398 nucleation and growth event, while bimodal distributions have been observed only in the three
399 samples having the best evidenced of expansions and coalescence for the large vesicles. While large
400 vesicles dominate in relatively low-density bombs, small vesicles increase in number in the high-
401 density products, where coalescence is less visible. These features are consistent with Lautze et al.
402 (2008, 2007, 2005) and Gurioli et al. (2014) who found that the most outgassed material, which
403 experiences a longer residence time in the conduit relative to the traditional HP magma, was denser
404 and lacked syn-eruptive coalescence signatures. Following Belien et al. (2010), we can also ascribe
405 the presence of small-sized vesicles as being due to the influence of crystals. Crystal content is
406 positively correlated with the percentage of small-sized vesicles, where bubbles will deform and
407 split during percolation processes occurring in a steadily crystallizing mixture. All of these
408 observations indicate that the erupted bomb mass derived from a slowly degassing, crystallizing
409 source sitting at the top of the shallow system. Although emitted as part of a small scale paroxysm,
410 the texture of the bombs suggests a single stage of bubble nucleation and growth, typical of normal
411 Strombolian activity (cf. Lautze and Houghton, 2005; Polacci et al., 2006).

412 CSDs show similar relationships to those presented by Pioli et al. (2014). In Figure 5F we
413 plot CSD curves with the highest (black) and lowest (grey) crystallinities from Pioli et al. (2014),

414 Fornaciai et al. (2009) and this study. While normal activity samples (Fornaciai et al. 2009) show
415 linear trends, samples emitted during small scale paroxysms appear to correlate with crystallinity,
416 with low crystal frequencies at lower crystallinities, as also found by Pioli et al. (2014). Finally, the
417 small size interval of CSD curves can be affected by crystal fragmentation (Forien et al., 2011)
418 which would produce the observed exponential trends.

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420 *6.2 Geochemical constraints and volatile-based estimates*

421 Our chemical data highlight the exclusive occurrence of a shoshonitic, chemically
422 homogeneous (HP) magma. Only the pumice groundmass glass moves away from the HP field and
423 its chemistry is consistent with a deep-seated LP magma as defined by Métrich et al. (2010). A
424 distinction between HP and LP glass is clearly shown in Figure 3B, where we report a geochemical
425 transect across the HP-LP-HP facies. The two melts are distinguishable especially at the edge
426 between the scoria and the pumice, where the LP glass has a more primitive signature. The
427 observed gap between the composition of pumice and of scoria glass, together with the element
428 frequency diagrams (Fig. 8), allow us to rule out mingling processes down to a micrometric scale.
429 Therefore we interpret the “golden pumice” as a xenolith that was present at the top of the
430 magmatic column before the explosion, which was emitted during an earlier event and then
431 recycled by the sampled event. Many bombs were also broken in the field and did not show
432 evidence of LP portions. Nevertheless, the LP magma presence cannot be totally excluded, as we
433 could not sample the very scarce finer material visible in the explosions. Evidence of LP magma in
434 coarse ash from normal activity has already been well documented by D’Oriano et al. (2011). Thus,
435 this small scale paroxysm appears to have involved, and been driven by, an entirely HP magma.

436 The low volatile content of our glasses is consistent with a magma that has been free to
437 degas, and which has thus lost almost all of its H₂O and CO₂. From MI investigations we can thus
438 assume that MIs were trapped inside the shallow portion of the conduit above a depth of 500 m.
439 This depth corresponds at the zone where very long period (VLP) signals have been located during

440 normal through paroxysmal activity at Stromboli (Chouet et al., 2003; Ripepe and Harris, 2008;
441 Gurioli et al., 2014), reinforcing the MI-based pressure calculation and increasing the strength of
442 the argument posed by our data. We note, here, that the depth of the VLP has not been linked to the
443 thickness of any degassed layers, but instead has been related to a level at which gas coalescence
444 may occur (Ripepe et al. 2001; Chouet et al. 2003), at which a specific conduit geometry exists that
445 promotes a change to a bubbly flow regime (James et al. 2009), or where the last crystallization
446 may occur, as shown in this paper. Instead, considering the total mass of the deposit of 3.6×10^4 kg
447 (Gurioli et al., 2013) and a mean bomb bulk density of 1850 kg/m^3 , for a conduit diameter of 1 m
448 (Vergnolle et al., 1996), we can estimate the in-conduit thickness of the erupted, degassed HP
449 magma to have been approximately 25 m, in agreement with the length of the plug of 10-50 m
450 estimated by Woitischek et al. (2020). This would thus have contributed a 25 m thick layer at the head
451 of a density-stratified magma column above the VLP, with our data suggesting that crystallization is
452 complete (or completed) by the depth of the VLP.

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454 *6.3 Implication for Strombolian eruptions*

455 The homogeneous nature of these bombs is in contrast with the hypothesis of a finger-like
456 system composed of a network of smaller volumes of different magma, as proposed in Calvari et al
457 (2014). In such a scenario we should have expected a more heterogeneous deposit with evidence of
458 non-juvenile materials stripped off from the explosion and mingling with the LP magma. The
459 presence of the LP magma involved as xenoliths can be consistent with a simpler, large storage
460 reservoir that allows more HP magma to accumulate and at the same time, preserve old magma left
461 behind by more energetic explosions.

462 Oppenheimer et al. (2020) investigated and modelled the physical interactions between
463 bubbles and crystals defining a “soft plug model” for Strombolian eruptions, in which large
464 quantities of crystals temporally impede and/or delay bubble ascent, with consequent bubble
465 accumulation under the plug increasing until the pressure exerted by this building accumulation

466 becomes suddenly released. The term “soft” is used for this kind of low-melt-viscosity plugs, that
467 are equivalent to the rheologically “stronger” plugs involved in Vulcanian-style eruptions (cf.
468 Oppenheimer et al., 2020). It is known that magma residing in the shallow conduit of Strombolian
469 volcanoes are crystal rich, with 30 to 60 vol%. This amount of crystals is responsible for the
470 development of an effective yield strength which favors bubble accumulation and subsequent local
471 overpressure. We believe that the 21 January 2010 small scale paroxysm at Stromboli volcano is
472 consistent with the fragmentation of a dense and crystallized plug of magma residing in the upper
473 part of the conduit. Fragmentation of this 25 m thick plug resulted in the generation of a very coarse
474 population of pyroclasts that ascended the conduit and fed the resulting plume.

475 Our study thus shows that a “soft” plug control exists for Strombolian explosions, where
476 eruptive events involve crystal-rich magmas which form strong and poorly-permeable plugs
477 (Oppenheimer et al., 2020) through which ascending slugs must burst during both normal and
478 paroxysmal eruptions (cf. Gurioli et al., 2014). Possibly, for the small scale paroxysms, the change
479 in geometry of the upper feeding systems could have favored the accumulation of a relatively large
480 quantity of HP magma (Calvari et al. 2014). We here show that, in addition to the configuration of
481 the flow within the conduit (Capponi et al., 2016; Del Bello et al., 2015; Oppenheimer et al., 2020;
482 Suckale et al., 2016), the transition between different strombolian activity styles is controlled by the
483 presence of a crystal-supported stagnant magma sitting at the top of the magma column. This
484 suggests that a weak plug model is reasonable for “strombolian” systems characterized by
485 moderate-to-high crystallinities, as also observed for other strombolian-type eruptions such at
486 Yasur, Villarrica and Erebus volcano (Woitischek et al. 2020).

487

488 **7. Conclusion**

489 Recent work has shown that the shallow system at Stromboli is a highly dynamic environment
490 (Calvari et al. 2014) that experiences a continual change in the character and rheology of the
491 resident magma during normal explosive activity (D’Oriano et al., 2011; Lautze and Houghton,

492 2008, 2007; Leduc et al., 2015). In this model, a degassed layer with high viscosity and yield
493 strength (Gurioli et al., 2014), or a “plug” (Calvari et al., 2012; Oppenheimer et al., 2020; Suckale
494 et al., 2016), can form and decay (Leduc et al., 2015). Suckale et al. (2016) argued for the presence
495 of a porous plug of HP magma beneath the entire crater terrace, made up of crystals, bubbles and
496 melt, but with an overall solid-like behavior. In this interpretation, normal eruptions are connected
497 to the tensile failure of the plug due to over-pressurization following build up, or arrival, of gas
498 volumes at the base or within the plug; failure of the plug then feeds the eruption during normal
499 events (Gurioli et al., 2014). Our data now indicate that some small scale paroxysms have a similar
500 genesis, meaning that the model, and process, scales-up.

501 Large, and some of the small, paroxysmal events at Stromboli have typically been
502 considered as associated with the ascent of deep-sourced LP magma (Andronico and Pistolesi,
503 2010; Cigolini et al., 2015; Pistolesi et al., 2011). However, bombs sampled from the 21 January
504 2010 small scale paroxysm show that this is not the case. Indeed, we find that no LP magma was
505 involved, and that the emission resulted from the fragmentation of a cap of degassed and dense HP
506 magma. Thus, the capping model invoked for normal explosions at Stromboli can be scaled up to
507 small scale paroxysms with a deformed flow regime (Oppenheimer et al., 2020) governing the
508 ascent dynamic. In the case of the small scale paroxysm examined here, the higher magnitude and
509 energy (and thus also distance reached by the bombs) is due to the formation of a plug when
510 compared with normal explosions. The period of inactivity at the crater involved (a few days)
511 probably allowed the plug to form a cold crust, obstructing the crater and promoting a larger
512 explosion than normal. This finding strongly supports that we need to review our mechanical model
513 for Strombolian eruptions and move away from simple foam collapse and bubble ascent speed
514 models (e.g., Parfitt, 2004) in rheologically “clean” and simple conduits, and move towards more
515 complex models (Del Bello et al., 2015; Oppenheimer et al., 2020) which consider strong
516 rheological stratification effects due to near-surface crystallization processes. Our findings thus
517 support a new model whereby shallow conduit dynamics control the magnitude, intensity and

518 character of Strombolian explosions, even the more explosive events, where for all cases the effect
519 of a degassed, crystallized cap must be considered.

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Figure captions

527 **Figure 1.** Slope map of the summit crater area of Stromboli showing the location of mapped and
528 sampled bombs. Bombs studied in this work are shown in red. Inset: location map of Stromboli in
529 the Tyrrhenian sea.

530 **Figure 2.** Bomb slices of different size and density from the 21 January 2010 small scale paroxysm
531 at Stromboli. A) and C) Dense bombs without a quenched rind and with random vesicles
532 distribution; B) and D) Lighter bombs with a quenched marginal portions and a vesicularity
533 gradient; E) Bomb with a thick quenched rind and a large central vesicle, like a blister. F) Bulk
534 densities analysis of the 55 sampled bombs reported in a density vs sample frequency diagram. G)
535 Technique used to measure the bombs density. Samples were weighed considering a natural
536 waterproofing (Gurioli et al., 2015), measuring the weight before and after the immersion. No
537 weight changes have been measured on these values. ρ : bomb density

538 **Figure 3.** A.I) Bomb A25 containing an elongated golden pumice (red square). A.II) thin section
539 image of the pumice where it is specified the position of the chemical transect (dashed red line).
540 A.III) Electron back-scattered (BSE) image of the sharp contact (red line) between the HP magma
541 and the LP magma. B) Geochemical transect across the HP-LP-HP magma in a diagram distance
542 (μm) vs TiO_2 concentration. The two distinct melts are clear distinguishable especially at the edge
543 between the scoria and the pumice. This chemical distinction is also observed with other oxides as
544 MgO , FeO and Al_2O_3 .

545 **Figure 4.** Textural characteristics of the products from the 21 January 2010 small scale paroxysm at
546 Stromboli. A) Microscope image at polarized light showing the general mineral assemblage formed
547 by plagioclase, pyroxene and olivine. B) BSE image of the groundmass glass (light grey); in darker
548 grey are the plagioclase and in black the vesicles; C), BSE-SEM image of the vesicle-rich golden
549 pumice; D), E) and F) BSE images of scoria with different vesicularity.

550 **Figure 5.** Vesicle volume distributions (VVDs) and crystal size distribution (CSDs) for selected
551 samples. (A-C) VVDs for three selected scoria samples and (D) for the golden pumice in sample
552 A25. Each diagram is formed by a grey histogram (representative the texture of the marginal
553 portions of the bombs) and a black histogram (representative the texture of the whole bomb). The
554 golden pumice is in white and the distribution is characterized by a predominance of small-size
555 vesicles. For each sample, we indicate the vesicularity of the whole bomb (Φ_{bomb}) and of the
556 marginal portions (Φ_{quen}). (E) CSDs of all studied samples, in the crystal size interval 0-15mm.
557 Single CSD curves are reported in appendix B3 and B4. (F) CSDs of samples with the highest and
558 lowest crystallinity from this study and comparison with samples studied in Pioli et al. (2014) and
559 Fornaciai et al. (2009). (G-H) CSD curves in a restricted crystal size range (0-1.4 mm), showing the
560 three crystals families (gray lines), as microlites ($<100\mu\text{m}$), microphenocrystals (100-350 μm) and
561 phenocrystals ($>350\mu\text{m}$).

562 **Figure 6.** Scoria groundmass glass analyses (red circles) and olivine- and pyroxene-hosted melt
563 inclusions (orange triangles) of scoria samples and pumice groundmass glass (yellow circles)

564 plotted in A) a TAS diagram and in B) CaO/Al₂O₃ vs K₂O/Na₂O diagram. Both groundmass glasses
565 and MI from scoriae show a shoshonitic composition. In the CaO/Al₂O₃ vs K₂O plot MIs and
566 glasses cluster in the Stromboli HP field. *LP and HP field of Stromboli MIs and groundmass
567 glasses are represented accordingly to Métrich et al. (2005, 2001) and Pioli et al. (2014). For
568 comparison, we also report the more evolved groundmass glass compositions (gray circles) found
569 by Gurioli et al. (2014).

570 **Figure 7.** (A-B) Transmission microscope images of naturally-quenched olivine-hosted melt
571 inclusions; (C-F) back scattered images of significant large-size MIs. MIs are glassy and fully
572 enclosed, without any significant post-entrapment transformation. For each olivine crystal we
573 indicate the forsterite (Fo) content. Cpx: clinopyroxene crystal included in the melt inclusion.

574 **Figure 8.** Variation histograms for FeO and K₂O in (A-B) groundmass glasses and (C-D) melt
575 inclusions. Histograms are unimodal and for each oxide we observe a main mode fixed at the same
576 value. This variation is also observed in term of MgO, FeO, Al₂O₃ and K₂O.

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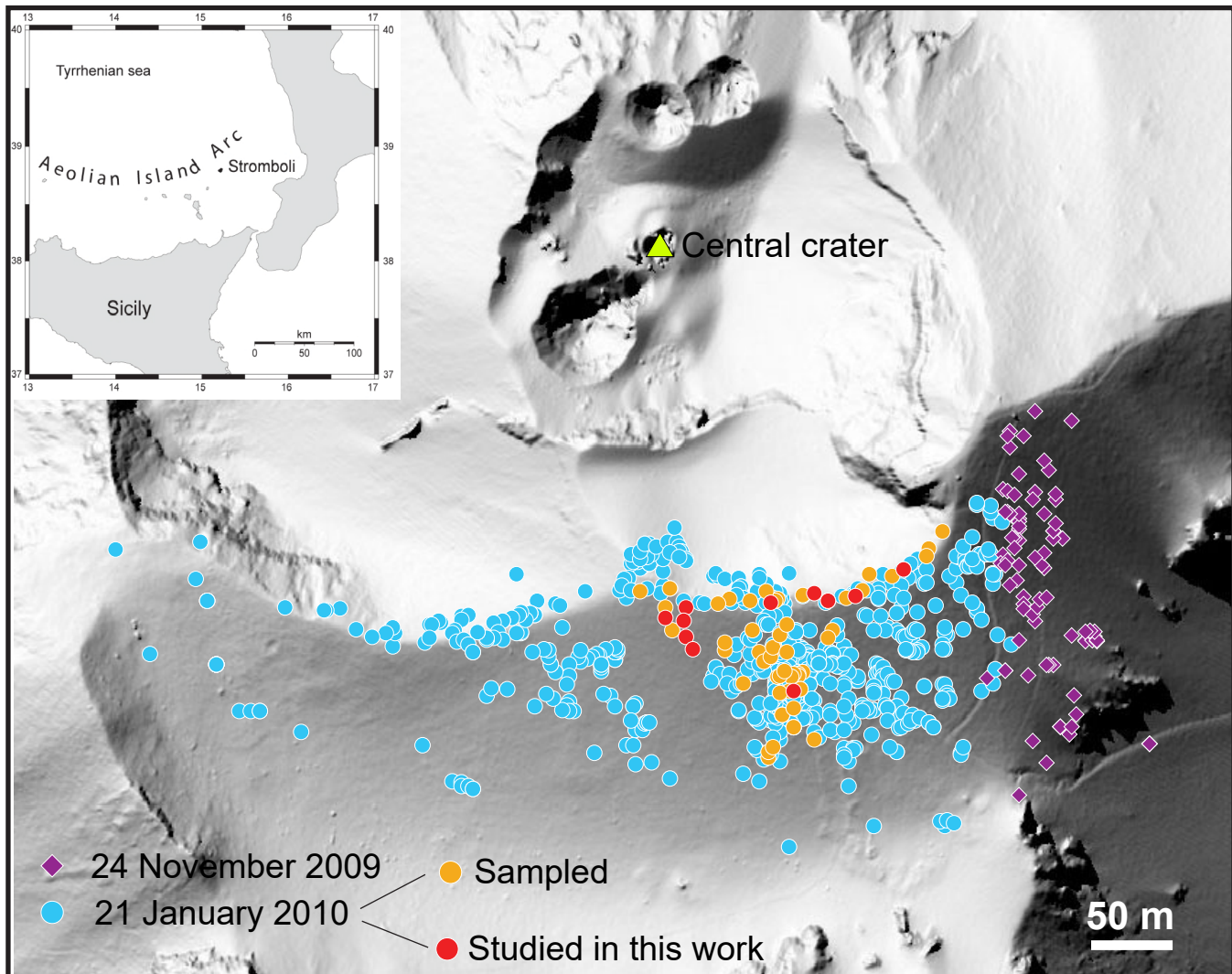
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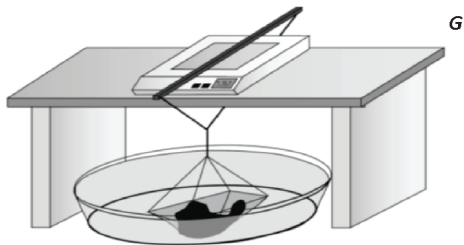
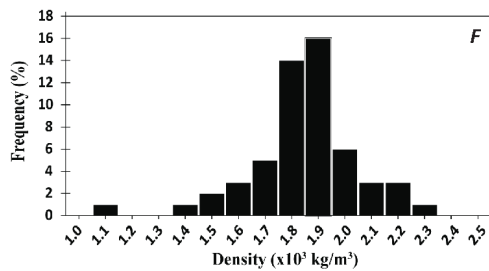
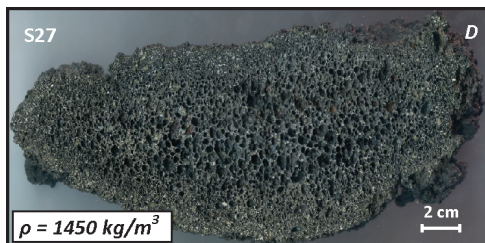
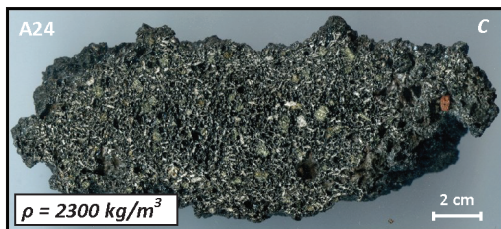
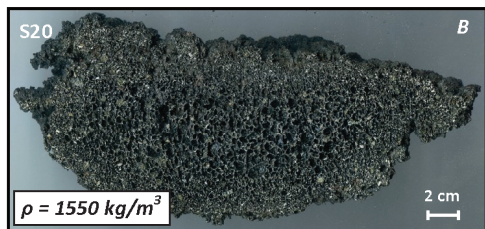
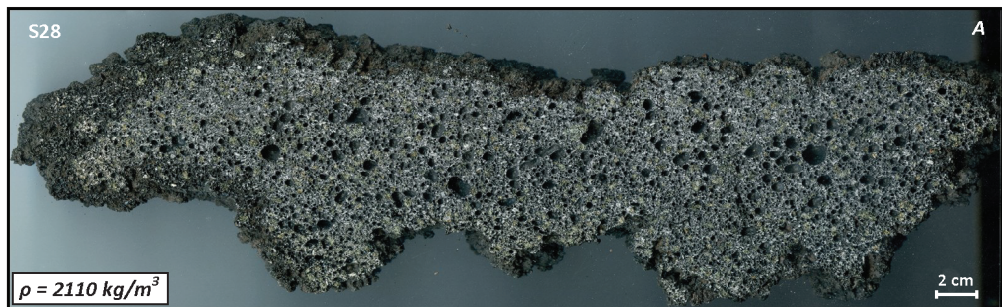
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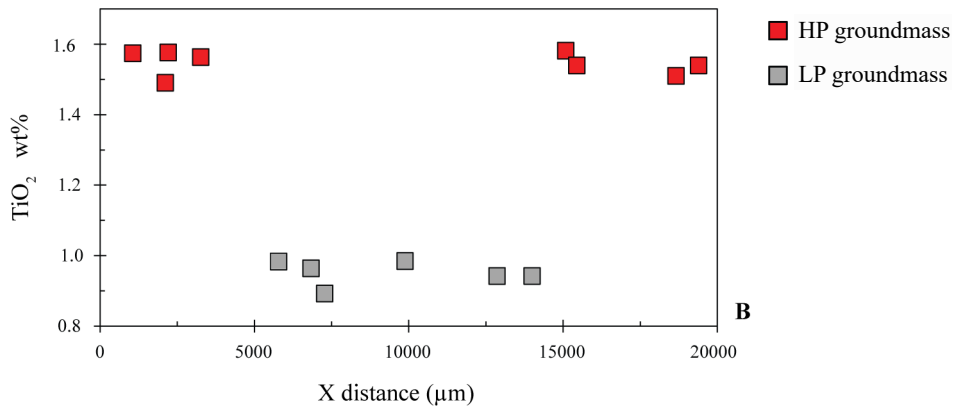
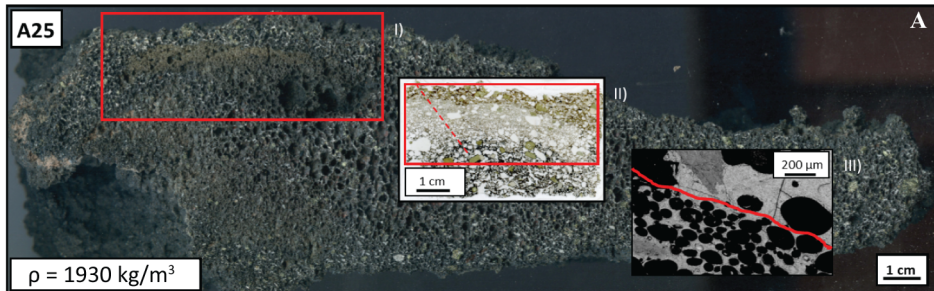
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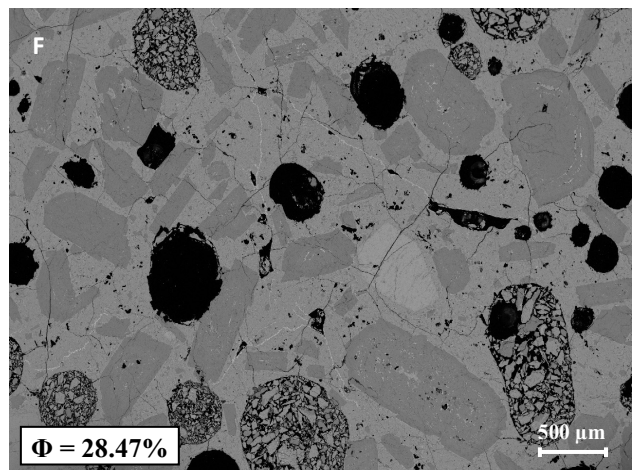
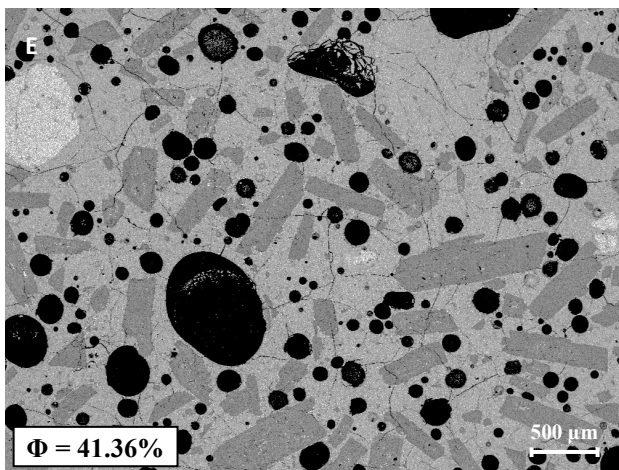
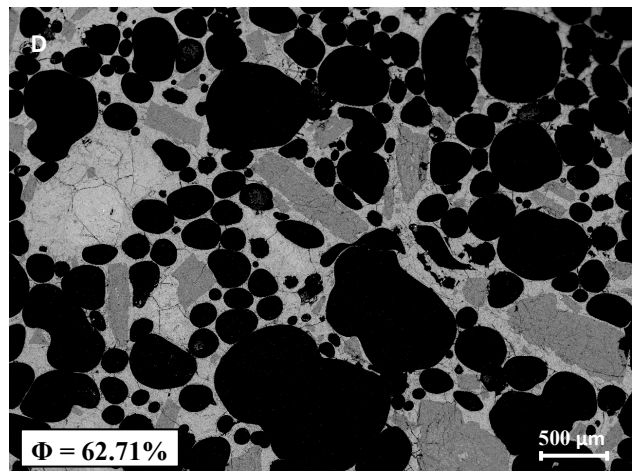
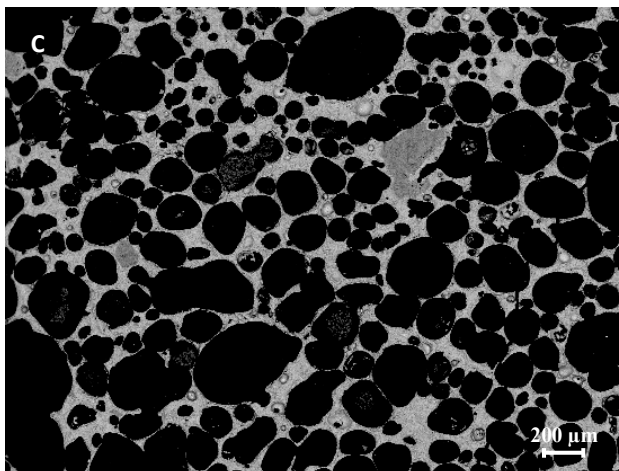
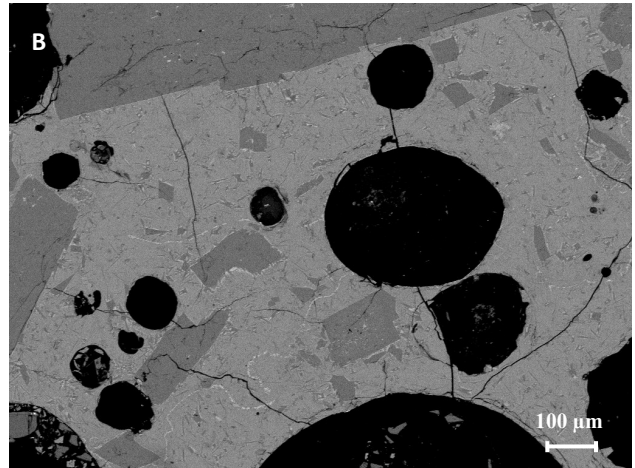
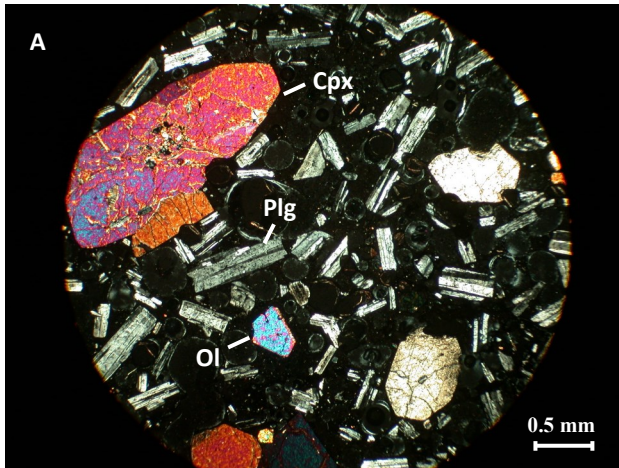
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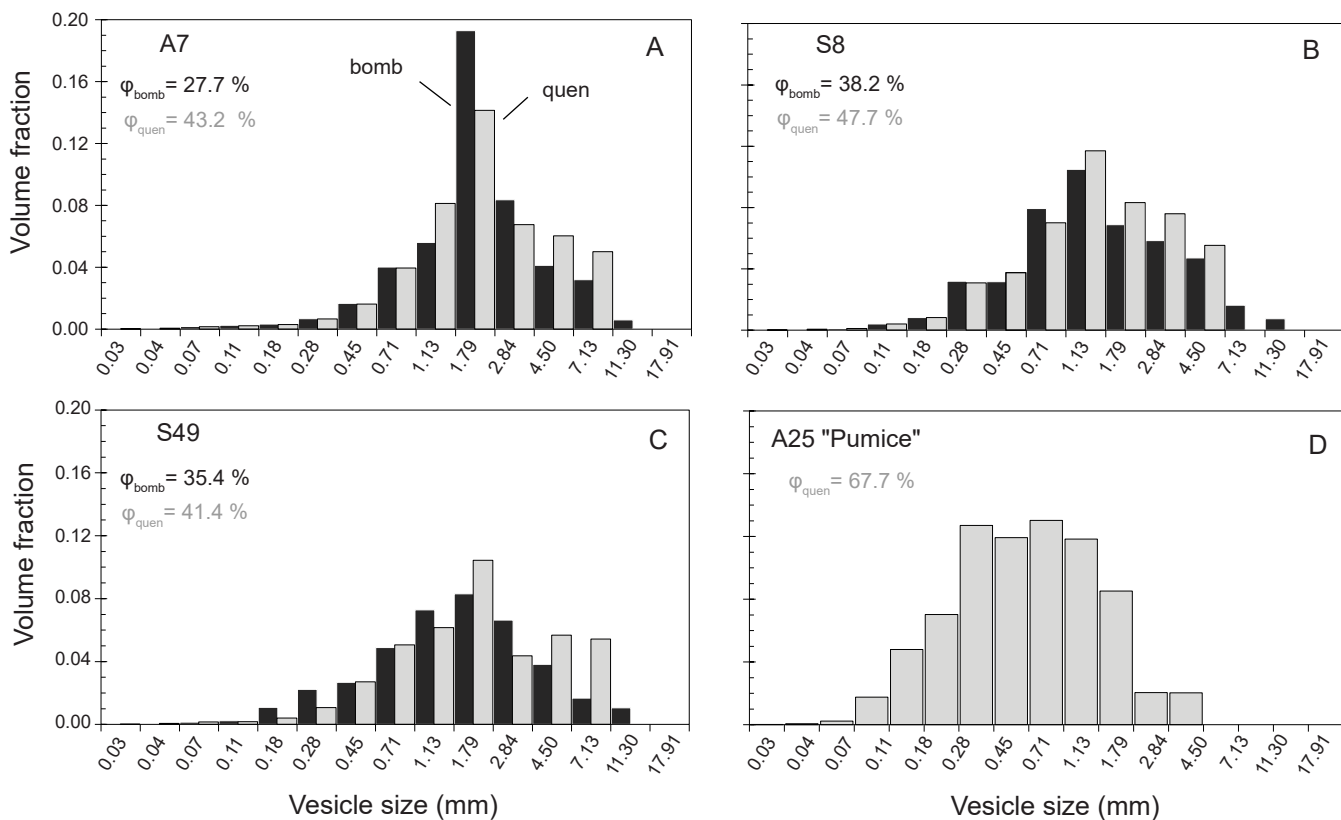




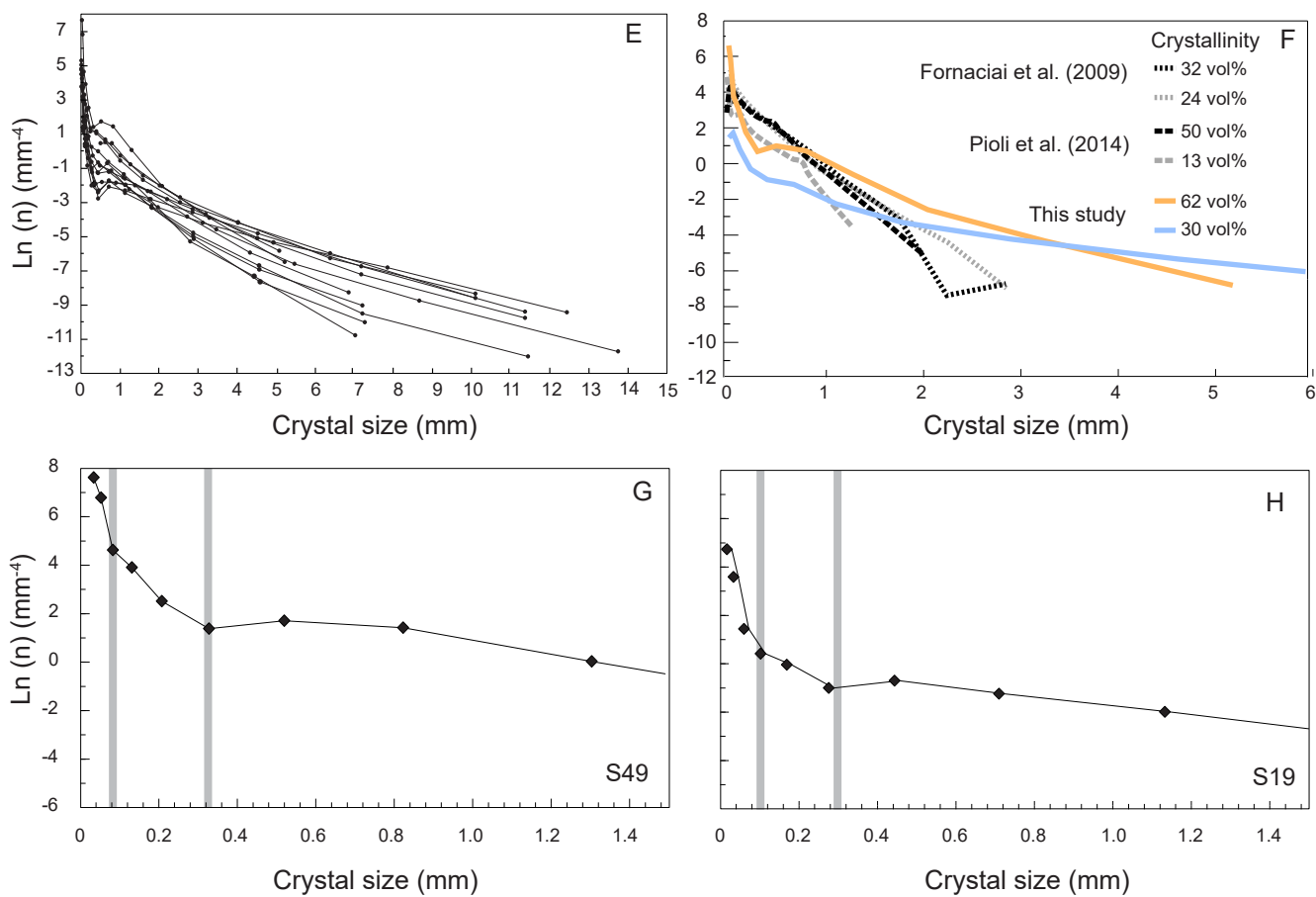


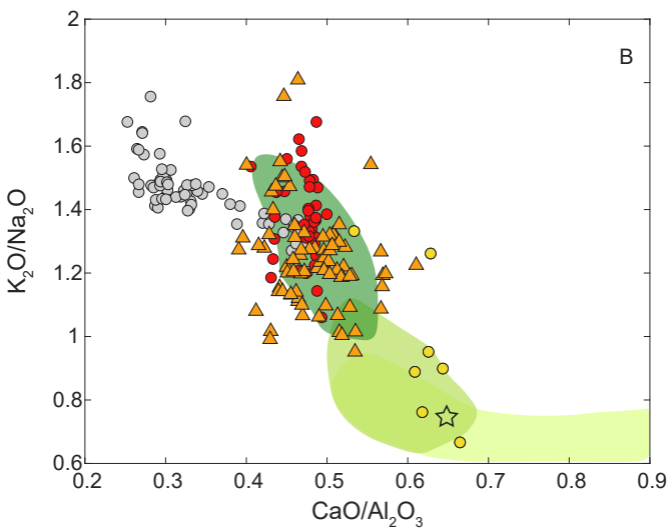
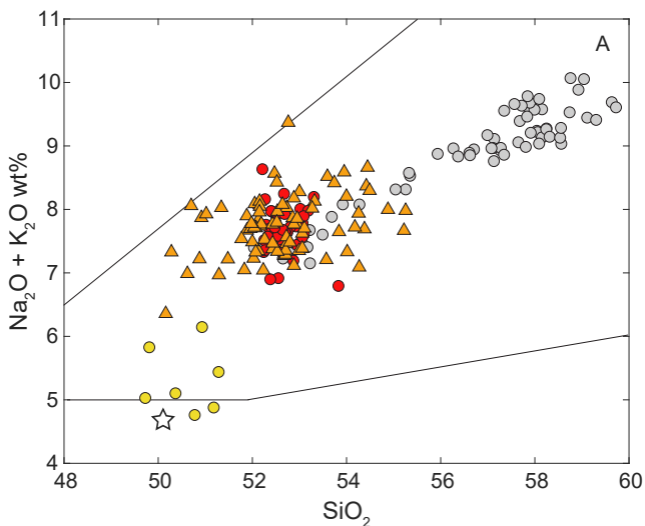


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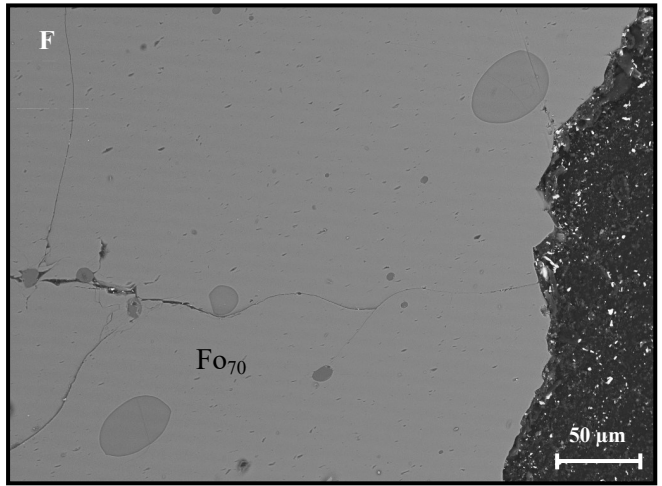
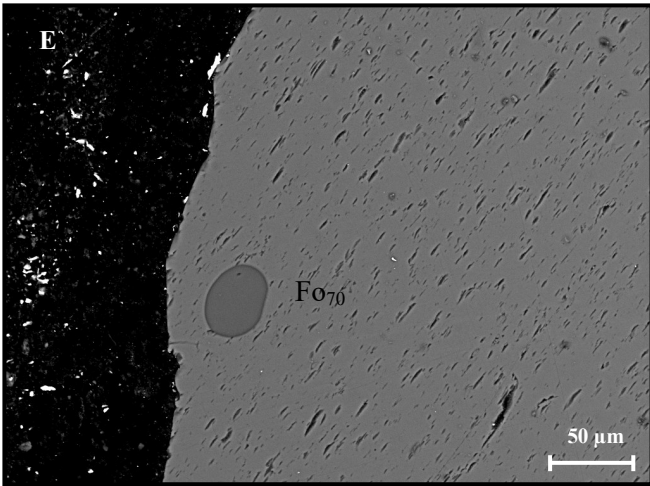
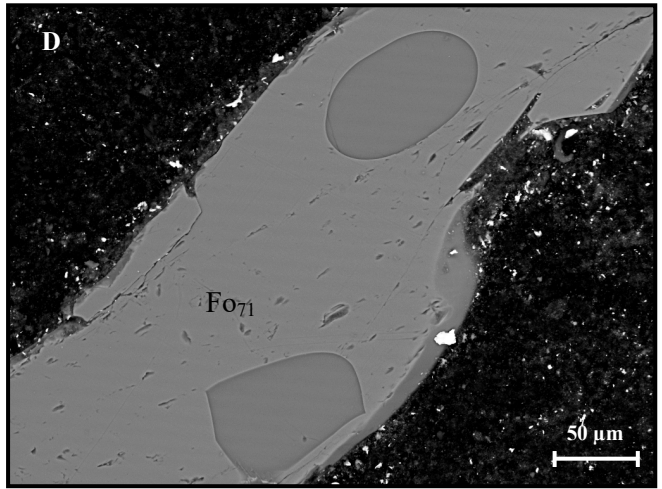
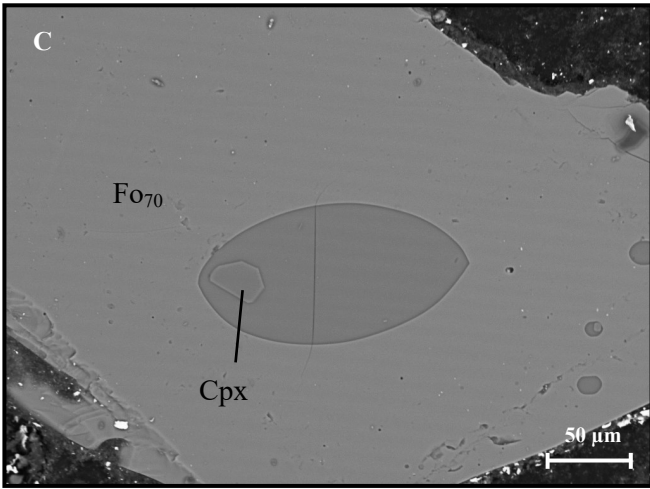
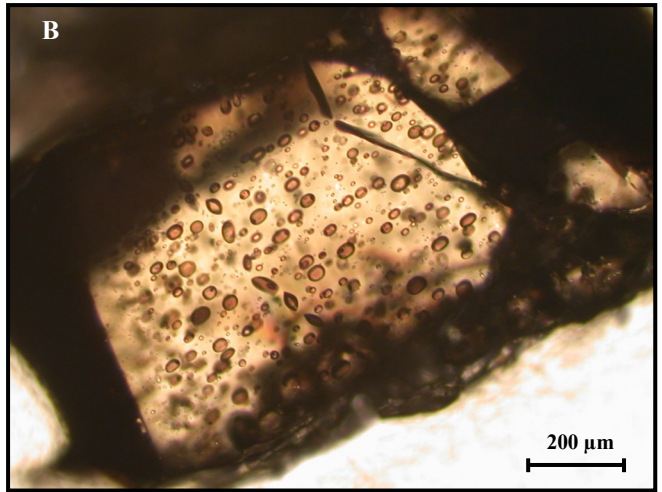
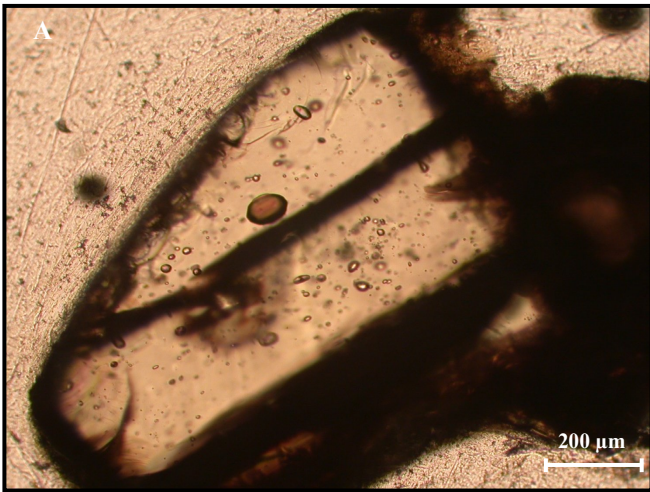


Crystal size distribution (CSDs)





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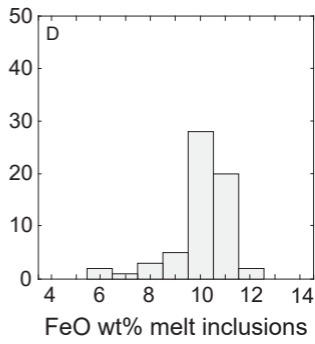
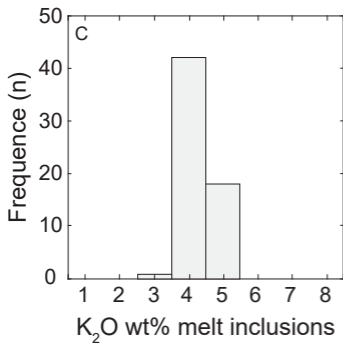
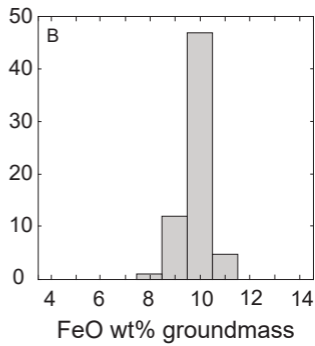
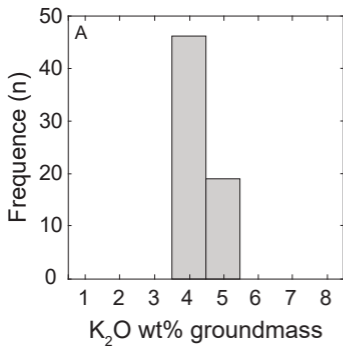


Table 1. Summary of the textural features of the 12 studied bombs. The table shows, for each sample: sample name (sample); measured whole density (ρ_w); measured density of quenched external slices (ρ_q); derived-whole density vesicularity (Φ_d); FOAMS-derived vesicularity (Φ_{FOAMS}) of the entire bomb; number of images processed for each sample (N_i); Number of vesicles analyzed for each sample (N_{ves}); number of crystals analyzed for each sample (N_{ctx}); crystallinity (Ctx); vesicle-free crystallinity, glass referred (Ctx_{corr}); vesicle free percentage of phenocrystals, microphenocrystals and microlites, respectively ($\text{Pheno}_{\text{corr}}$, $\mu\text{pheno}_{\text{corr}}$, $\text{microlites}_{\text{corr}}$); total volumetric number density of vesicles referenced to whole bomb (N_V); total volumetric number density of vesicles corrected for vesicularity and referred to melt only (N_V^{corr}).

Sample	ρ_w (kg/m^{-3})	ρ_q (kg/m^{-3})	Φ_d (vol %)	Φ_{FOAMS} (vol %)	N_i	N_{ves}	N_{ctx}	Ctx (%)	Ctx_{corr} (%)	$\text{Pheno}_{\text{corr}}$ (%)	$\mu\text{pheno}_{\text{corr}}$ (%)	$\text{Microlites}_{\text{corr}}$ (%)	N_V (mm^{-3})	N_V^{corr} (mm^{-3})
<i>A23</i>	1100	-	61.4	59.3	20	1331	259	23.6	61.3	39.5	15.3	6.5	90	225
<i>S19</i>	1370	1340	51.9	-	20	592	1210	30.0	62.5	36.5	9.9	16.1	1665	3350
<i>S20</i>	1550	1250	45.6	37.0	12	1949	903	28.4	52.2	31.6	4.7	15.9	328	581
<i>S25</i>	1670	1440	41.4	38.8	18	727	1177	28.1	48.0	27.3	6.7	14.0	719	1181
<i>S38</i>	1730	1680	39.3	28.7	18	854	1101	31.8	52.4	28.7	11.5	12.1	509	807
<i>S8</i>	1760	1490	38.2	44.1	11	1714	894	33.2	53.7	35.2	4.1	14.4	829	1298
<i>S49</i>	1840	1670	35.4	35.8	17	1576	701	27.8	43.0	24.6	7.5	11.0	725	1081
<i>A20</i>	1860	1460	34.7	41.3	20	776	607	35.0	53.6	28.2	14.4	11.0	1740	2578
<i>A25 (scoria)</i>	1930	-	32.3	51.3	11	334	592	20.5	30.3	20.4	6.6	3.3	555	792
<i>A7</i>	2060	1620	27.7	48.4	14	643	733	31.0	42.8	28.9	3.9	10.0	763	1017
<i>S28-2</i>	2110	1960	26.0	29.8	20	889	3248	36.9	49.8	32.7	3.6	13.5	1427	1861
<i>A24</i>	2300	1850	19.3	38.4	20	983	1273	37.6	46.6	28.9	4.9	12.9	608	727
<i>A25 (pumice)</i>	-	-	-	-	10	2024	63	0.5	1.7	0.5	1.0	0.1	1812	5612

	<i>A24</i>	<i>S29</i>			<i>S28</i>	<i>A7</i>	
	<i>MI₁</i>	<i>MI₁</i>	<i>MI₂</i>	<i>MI₃</i>	<i>MI₁</i>	<i>MI₁</i>	<i>MI₂</i>
SiO₂	52.62	52.46	50.73	51.66	52.34	51.74	51.49
TiO₂	1.53	1.81	1.77	1.57	1.84	1.79	1.64
Al₂O₃	15.67	15.71	15.23	15.85	15.57	16.16	15.50
FeO	8.34	7.98	9.02	8.52	8.44	8.32	8.68
Fe₂O₃	1.94	1.94	2.38	1.98	1.96	2.08	2.12
MnO	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.08
MgO	3.48	3.49	3.83	3.72	3.72	3.34	3.67
CaO	7.24	7.10	7.85	7.21	7.84	7.41	7.85
Na₂O	3.65	3.76	3.43	3.67	3.39	3.48	3.33
K₂O	4.17	4.30	4.45	4.16	4.06	4.20	4.30
P₂O₅	0.52	0.69	0.67	0.79	0.08	0.68	0.72
S	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.11	0.08	0.12	0.06
Cl	0.23	0.20	0.10	0.16	0.23	0.13	0.20
H₂O	0.43	0.35	0.33	0.46	0.27	0.36	0.37
Sum	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
CaO/Al₂O₃	0.46	0.45	0.52	0.46	0.50	0.46	0.51
K₂O/Na₂O	1.14	1.14	1.30	1.13	1.20	1.21	1.29
Fo	70	70	70	72	70	71	71
PEP	0	0	0	1	0	1	2

Table 2. Major element and volatile content (wt%) of PEP-corrected olivine-hosted melt inclusions. % Fo: host olivine composition in mol %; PEP: post-entrapment processes (in %).