

1 **The validity of plagioclase-melt geothermometry for degassing-driven magma**
2 **crystallisation.**

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Abstract

11 Any quantitative interpretation of the formation conditions of igneous rocks
12 requires methods for determining crystallisation temperature. Accurate application
13 of such thermobarometers relies on the attainment of equilibrium in the system to
14 be studied. This may be particularly difficult in silicic magmas, where diffusivities
15 are low and crystallisation kinetics sluggish. Moreover, progressive degassing of
16 volatile-rich magmas during ascent can result in continuous changes in effective
17 undercooling, causing particular problems in achieving equilibrium between melt
18 and crystals that grow in response to decompression. We consider these problems
19 in the context of plagioclase-melt equilibria for magmas undergoing decompression
20 and degassing-driven crystallisation, using two published thermometers. The two
21 thermometers show similar trends with key parameters but absolute temperatures
22 can vary significantly. Analysis of decompression experiments conducted at
23 constant temperature shows systematic variations in calculated temperature and
24 equilibrium constant with varying decompression rate and quench pressure. This

25 indicates that an unrecognised lack of equilibration could result in significant
26 temperature overestimates and potentially spurious results. This highlights the
27 need to assess for equilibrium, and we discuss problems associated with some
28 commonly used indicators of equilibration. Finally, retrospective analysis of
29 published plagioclase-hosted melt inclusion suites from five subduction zone
30 volcanoes shows systematic increases in calculated temperature and decreases in
31 equilibrium constant with decreasing H₂O concentration. While this could represent
32 the signature of latent heat of crystallisation, we suggest that such patterns should
33 be treated with caution unless there is clear evidence of sustained equilibrium
34 between plagioclase and melt during decompression.

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Introduction

37 Thermometry and thermobarometry underpin igneous petrology as a quantitative
38 science. An ability to place quantitative estimates of temperature and pressure on
39 mineral ± melt assemblages observed in igneous rocks is fundamental to
40 understanding the conditions of magma storage, fractionation, ascent and eruption,
41 as well as melt generation processes, in any tectonic setting. For example,
42 clinopyroxene-melt thermobarometry was used to demonstrate that individual
43 eruptions in the Springerville volcanic field, Arizona, USA were derived from
44 different source regions in a vertically extensive mush reservoir, with magma
45 ponding levels influenced by changes in crustal rheology or density (Putirka and
46 Condit 2003). Cashman and Blundy (2013) used knowledge of plagioclase-melt
47 equilibria to reconstruct the pressure-temperature histories of individual,

48 complexly zoned plagioclase phenocrysts from Mount St Helens, USA. Hornblende
49 thermobarometry also appears to define vertically extensive crystallisation
50 conditions for magmas from Redoubt volcano (Alaska) and El Reventador
51 (Ecuador), amongst others (Ridolfi et al. 2010).

52 Although application of thermobarometry is now routine, it still has the
53 potential to prompt new interpretations about the ways that magmas evolve and
54 migrate. For example, Blundy et al. (2006) used the plagioclase-liquid thermometer
55 of Putirka (2005) to determine entrapment temperatures for suites of plagioclase-
56 hosted melt inclusions. The results showed strong increases in calculated
57 temperature with decreasing melt H₂O contents, interpreted as the result of latent
58 heat release during exothermic, decompression-driven crystallisation of volatile-
59 saturated silicic magmas. This is significant because such release of latent heat could
60 produce commonly observed petrographic features, such as reversely zoned
61 phenocryst rims, that might otherwise be ascribed to late-stage mingling with hotter
62 magma (Blundy et al. 2006). With the increasing availability of relatively large
63 mineral and/or melt datasets from electron microprobe and other analytical
64 techniques, thermometers are now routinely applied to whole datasets instead of
65 carefully chosen individual analyses. This has the potential to uncover subtle details
66 that are only apparent at the population level, but brings a risk of inadequate
67 interrogation of equilibration within the full dataset.

68 An important limitation is that in volcanic systems, where the timescales of
69 melt crystallisation, chemical diffusion or magma movement may be short,
70 geochemical equilibration between melt and mineral may be kinetically inhibited.

71 For example, both the major element composition and the trace element contents of
72 crystals are highly dependent on the degree of undercooling below the liquidus
73 temperature (e.g. Gamble and Taylor 1980; Kennedy et al. 1993; Dunbar et al. 1995;
74 Mollo et al. 2010, 2011b). Chemical diffusion rates can also be strongly dependent
75 on the concentrations of species that are involved in the reaction(s). This is not a
76 new problem and has been addressed by several authors historically, but is
77 particularly important in the context of degassing-driven processes in volatile-rich
78 magmas. In the context of thermobarometry, these factors represent varying
79 degrees of disequilibrium and have the potential to produce biased or spurious
80 temperatures if this is not recognised (e.g. Putirka 2008; Mollo et al. 2011b). In
81 particular, Mollo et al. (2010) and Mollo et al. (2011b) showed that increasing the
82 cooling rate of anhydrous basaltic melt from 0.5 to 15 °C/min could generate an
83 overestimate in calculated temperature of up to 150 °C.

84 Here, we highlight the problems of not recognising incomplete equilibration
85 in H₂O-bearing magmas, many of which crystallise due to decompression rather
86 than cooling (e.g. Geschwind and Rutherford 1995; Blundy and Cashman 2001),
87 where diffusivities are low and crystallisation kinetics may be very sluggish. In this
88 scenario, the *thermal* undercooling driving crystallisation may be negligible but
89 substantial effective undercoolings are still readily achieved by decompression and
90 water loss. We focus on plagioclase-melt thermometry and degassing-driven magma
91 crystallisation, which is particularly sensitive to the kinetics of crystal nucleation
92 and growth. Drawing on previously published natural datasets and experimental
93 studies, we demonstrate that disequilibrium crystallisation during degassing can

94 result in large errors in thermometry, and that this can lead to potentially very
95 significant problems with obtaining a unique interpretation of the resultant P-T
96 conditions.

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98 **Plagioclase-melt thermobarometry**

99 Plagioclase-melt thermometers are based on equilibrium exchange of albite (Ab)
100 and anorthite (An) components between solid (s) and melt (m):



102 with the equilibrium constant for An-Ab exchange expressed as (Putirka 2005;
103 Putirka 2008):

$$104 \quad K_D = (\text{X}_{\text{An}^{\text{pl}}} * \text{Ca}^{\text{L}} * \text{Al}^{\text{L}}) / (\text{X}_{\text{Ab}^{\text{pl}}} * \text{Na}^{\text{L}} * \text{Si}^{\text{L}}) \quad [2]$$

105 where (e.g.) Ca^{L} refers to the anhydrous cation fraction of Ca in the liquid and X_{An} is
106 the mole fraction of anorthite in plagioclase. The composition of plagioclase
107 crystallising from a melt is controlled by temperature, melt composition and melt
108 H_2O concentration. In anhydrous melts, the equilibrium plagioclase composition
109 shifts systematically towards albite with decreasing temperature (e.g. (Bowen 1913;
110 Kudo and Weill 1970; Drake 1976). In hydrous melts, the shape of the albite-
111 anorthite binary loop in T-X space is broadened and shifted to lower temperature
112 relative to anhydrous compositions (Kudo and Weill 1970; Drake 1976; Johannes
113 1984). This may be because OH tends to complex with Na and SiO_4 groups in
114 preference to Ca and AlO_4 , particularly at higher temperature (Lange et al. 2009).
115 This means that addition of H_2O causes a decrease in activity of the albite
116 component of the melt, $a\text{Ab}_{(m)}$, relative to $a\text{An}_{(m)}$ and the liquidus plagioclase

117 composition therefore becomes more calcic (e.g. Arculus and Wills 1980; Housh and
118 Luhr 1991; Sisson and Grove 1993; Panjasawatwong et al. 1995).

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120 We focus on two of the most recently published plagioclase-melt thermometers:
121 model A of Putirka (2005) and the plagioclase-melt hygrometer of Lange et al.
122 (2009). The latter has been recalibrated and updated by Waters and Lange (in
123 press). Both models are based on empirical regression of thermodynamically
124 derived expressions. Calibration of both models was done using large databases of
125 phase equilibrium experiments that crystallised plagioclase over a range of
126 pressures, temperatures and H₂O concentrations. A second set of experiments was
127 used to test each model. The Putirka model (model A) was calibrated on basaltic to
128 rhyolitic liquids that crystallised plagioclase from 0.001-13 kbar, 998-1623 K and
129 H₂O concentrations up to 15 wt%. According to the test data, the model returns
130 temperature with a standard error estimate of ± 23 K (Putirka 2005). A later
131 independent test using a larger dataset of additional experiments gave an average
132 absolute deviation of ± 19 °C and propagated uncertainty of ± 7 MPa for experiments
133 on hydrous rhyolite at 750-995 °C and 15-313 MPa (Blundy et al. 2006). The Lange
134 et al. (2009) hygrometer was calibrated on rhyolitic melts with <30 vol% crystals at
135 925-1100 °C, 48-300 MPa and 2.2-7.0 wt% H₂O. Temperatures were recovered for
136 the test data with an average uncertainty of ± 14 °C, while the standard error
137 estimate for H₂O was ± 0.32 wt% (Lange et al. 2009).

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Comparison of the thermobarometers

140 We first used each of the two thermometers to predict the shape of constant- X_{An}
141 contours in H_2O - T space (figure 1) for a representative rhyolitic matrix glass
142 composition from Soufrière Hills volcano, Montserrat (table 1), for comparison with
143 the experimental study of Couch et al. (2003). For the Lange thermometer, this
144 involved supplying X_{An} , T , P and melt composition to the model and retrieving melt
145 H_2O over a range of temperatures. We ran these calculations using pressures of 10
146 MPa and 200 MPa, but this made little difference to the absolute H_2O concentrations
147 retrieved and had no effect on the shape of the X_{An} contours. We therefore
148 subsequently assumed H_2O -saturated conditions and calculated $P_{tot} = p_{H_2O}$ using
149 VolatileCalc (Newman and Lowenstern 2002) (we define p_{H_2O} as the partial
150 pressure of H_2O , which for a pure H_2O magmatic component is the total confining
151 pressure at volatile saturation for a given H_2O concentration). For the Putirka
152 thermometer we supplied X_{An} , H_2O content, P and melt composition and retrieved
153 temperature, again assuming that $P_{tot} = p_{H_2O}$.

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155 Both models calculate an increase in temperature with decreasing H_2O
156 concentration at constant X_{An} and fixed melt composition (figure 1a), as expected.
157 Equivalent calculations using a basaltic-andesite melt from Hamada & Fujii (2007;
158 see table 1) produce parallel curves offset to higher temperature at the same H_2O
159 concentration. However, the overall results are highly model-dependent,
160 particularly at low H_2O concentrations where there are big disparities between
161 temperatures predicted for a given X_{An} . For example, at 20 MPa (1.3 wt% H_2O ,
162 volatile-saturated) plagioclase of composition An_{70} is predicted to occur in H_2O -

163 saturated melt at 951 °C using Putirka (2005) but at >1300 °C using Lange et al.
164 (2009) (figure 1a). This indicates that application of plagioclase-melt equilibria to
165 give *absolute* temperature estimates must be subject to at least some uncertainty.
166 Data from the phase equilibrium experiments of Couch et al. (2003), which were
167 used as a calibration dataset for Lange et al. (2009) but not for Putirka (2005), lie
168 between the two models (figure 1a).

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170 *Figure 1*

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172 Secondly, we calculated temperature contours in H₂O – X_{An} space, which show a
173 positive correlation of X_{An} with H₂O concentration at constant temperature (figure
174 1b). The results are similarly model-dependent, with only minor variations in slope
175 of the temperature contours but significant variations in the absolute H₂O
176 concentration predicted to be in equilibrium with a given plagioclase composition.
177 In comparison, RhyoliteMELTS (Gualda et al. 2012) isothermal decompression runs
178 and the data from Couch et al. (2003) show a much steeper variation of X_{An} with H₂O
179 (figure 1b).

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181 *Figure 2*

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183 Finally, we calculated isobaric contours for H₂O-saturated rhyolite in T-X_{An} space;
184 these define a positive correlation of temperature with X_{An} (figure 2). The two
185 models agree well at lower temperature and more sodic plagioclase compositions

186 but diverge with increasing temperature and X_{An} . RhyoliteMELTS isobaric cooling
187 runs are offset towards lower temperature and lower X_{An} , and with steeper slope in
188 T- X_{An} space, than either of the other two thermobarometers (figure 2). The data
189 from Couch et al. (2003) are offset to higher X_{An} relative to the Lange model and
190 have a steeper slope than the Putirka model (figure 2).

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192 *Figure 3*

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194 As a possible test for equilibrium in the system $Ca_2Al_2Si_2O_8 - NaAlSi_3O_8 - H_2O -$
195 silicate melt, the equilibrium constant for Ab-An exchange, K_D (equation [2]) is
196 reported to be normally distributed with values of 0.10 ± 0.05 for $T < 1050$ °C
197 (mostly hydrous) and 0.27 ± 0.11 for $T \geq 1050$ °C, for a global compilation of test
198 data (Putirka 2008). To assess the significance of individual external parameters in
199 contributing to this variation, we retrieved K_D from the equilibrium calculations
200 described above, using the Putirka thermometer. Importantly, the results show that
201 for a fixed melt composition and fixed H_2O concentration *at equilibrium conditions*,
202 variations in X_{An} cause K_D to decrease systematically with increasing temperature
203 (figure 3a). Similarly, for a fixed melt composition at equilibrium at a constant
204 calculated temperature, the link between X_{An} and pH_2O means that K_D decreases
205 systematically with increasing X_{An} or increasing pH_2O (figure 3b,c). These variations
206 mean that the equilibrium constant cannot easily be used to assess whether
207 equilibrium has been achieved.

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pH₂O – T profiles of decompression experiments

210 Both thermobarometers were originally calibrated and tested using phase
211 equilibrium studies at fixed P, T conditions. However, many of their potential
212 applications are for magmas that have experienced more dynamic conditions,
213 including degassing-induced crystallisation. To test the applicability of the
214 thermobarometers for these conditions in natural volatile-rich magmas, we used the
215 results of three sets of decompression experiments that crystallised plagioclase
216 from hydrous, silicic melt at variable decompression rates representative of typical
217 intermediate magma ascent. Cichy et al. (2011) performed isothermal
218 decompression experiments on a synthetic, H₂O-bearing Unzen rhyodacite melt
219 composition at 850 °C and at decompression rates from 0.0002 to 20 MPa/s. Glass
220 H₂O contents were analysed by FTIR but represent incomplete (disequilibrium)
221 degassing due to retarded bubble nucleation (Cichy et al. 2011). Secondly, Martel
222 and Schmidt (2003) ran both isobaric and decompression experiments on H₂O-
223 saturated, synthetic rhyolitic melt at 860 °C and 15-170 MPa, at decompression
224 rates from 0.000017 – 16 MPa/s. Thirdly, Brugger and Hammer (2010) performed
225 two series of experiments using used a crushed natural rhyodacitic starting
226 material: one set of experiments was quenched along a decompression path
227 ('snapshots') and the other set was allowed to anneal at the final pressure.
228 Decompression rates varied between 0.008 and 0.17 MPa/s. For each experimental
229 dataset, we took the glass composition, H₂O concentration of the glass (either
230 calculated as volatiles by difference or from published measurements, see
231 supplementary data table) and coexisting plagioclase composition to calculate the

232 equilibrium temperature (T_{calc} , see supplementary data table). Except for mixed
233 volatile ($\text{H}_2\text{O}+\text{CO}_2$) experiments we assumed melt H_2O saturation, and used
234 VolatileCalc (Newman and Lowenstern 2002) to convert H_2O concentration to pH_2O
235 in MPa. This is important because in all three experimental studies, H_2O degassing
236 was retarded relative to equilibrium, showing higher concentrations in the glass
237 than the solubility at the experimental quench pressure (figure 4). Treating the data
238 in this way as volatile-saturated ‘unknowns’ therefore results in anomalously high
239 estimates of P_{tot} .

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241 *Figure 4*

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243 Application of the Putirka thermometer to data from the Martel and Schmidt
244 (2003) and Brugger and Hammer (2010) experimental series shows a general
245 pattern of increasing T_{calc} and decreasing K_D with decreasing pH_2O (figure 5), even
246 though the experiments were run at controlled temperature. Temperatures
247 calculated from the ‘low pressure’ experiments of Martel and Schmidt (2003) are
248 scattered within ± 45 °C of the experimental run temperature (860 ± 5 °C, Martel
249 and Schmidt 2003), whereas the ‘high pressure’ experiments are systematically
250 offset to significantly higher calculated temperatures, up to 84 °C greater than the
251 experimental run temperature (figure 5). Their isobaric experiments also show an
252 increase of T_{calc} with lower H_2O measurements (see supplementary data table). In
253 contrast, temperatures for data from the Brugger and Hammer (2010) experiments
254 are typically lower than the experimental run temperature (figure 5). The glass

255 compositions in all experiments show clear trends of increasing K_2O and decreasing
256 CaO content as pH_2O decreases due to progressive decompression, degassing and
257 crystallisation (see supplementary data table). The annealed experiments from
258 Brugger and Hammer (2010) had a more Al-poor, K-rich and Si-rich residual melt
259 composition and crystallised more albitic plagioclase; consequently temperatures
260 calculated from these data are slightly lower at a given pH_2O than the snapshot
261 experiments.

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263 *Figure 5*

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265 Temperatures calculated from Martel and Schmidt (2003) generally show an
266 increase with increasing decompression rate except at the very highest
267 decompression rates (>10 MPa/s); calculated K_D s increase systematically with
268 increasing decompression rate (figure 6) and with T_{calc} (supplementary data table).
269 In contrast, the Brugger & Hammer data show no variation of either T_{calc} or K_D with
270 decompression rate (figure 6), and no variation of K_D with T_{calc} , over the more
271 limited range of decompression rates (see supplementary data table).

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273 *Figure 6*

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275 Fewer data are available for the Cichy et al. (2011) experiments but the available
276 data give higher (and more scattered) calculated temperatures and lower K_D at
277 lower pH_2O (figure 5). In contrast, there are clear increases in both T_{calc} and K_D with

278 increasing decompression rate, similar to calculations from the experiments of
279 Martel & Schmidt (figure 6), and K_D increases systematically with T_{calc} (see
280 supplementary data table). The glass compositions also change systematically as a
281 function of both $p\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and decompression rate (supplementary data table).

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283 The same patterns of T_{calc} are also seen using the Lange et al. (2009)
284 thermometer. The two sets of calculated temperatures correlate reasonably well but
285 those calculated using Lange et al. (2009) are typically significantly higher.
286 Meaningful temperatures commonly cannot be returned for evolved melts with low
287 H_2O content. This is due to an instability in the calculation of $a_{\text{Ab(m)}}$ for
288 temperatures ≥ 1200 °C, which has been corrected by the recalibrated version of the
289 hygrometer (Waters and Lange in press; Lange & Waters, personal communication).
290 For this reason, and because the same trends were observed with both models, we
291 only used the Putirka thermometer for subsequent analysis of natural datasets (see
292 below).

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294 **$p\text{H}_2\text{O}$ -T profiles of magmas recorded in melt inclusions**

295 We applied a similar approach to populations of plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions
296 where the composition of coexisting melt and feldspar and the H_2O content of the
297 melt are both known, following Blundy et al. (2006). This allowed us to calculate the
298 apparent equilibrium temperature of entrapment for each melt inclusion and
299 plagioclase host pair, resulting in arrays of $p\text{H}_2\text{O}$ -T coordinates (see supplementary
300 data table) and thus apparent magma ascent paths in $p\text{H}_2\text{O}$ -T space. We examined

301 suites of melt inclusion data from the literature for Mount St Helens, USA (Blundy et
302 al. 2006); Shiveluch Volcano, Kamchatka (Blundy et al. 2006); Soufrière Hills,
303 Montserrat (Humphreys et al. 2009a, 2010); Unzen, Japan (Botcharnikov et al.
304 2008) and Izu-Oshima, Japan (Hamada and Fujii 2007). All datasets show a clear
305 increase in T_{calc} with decreasing melt H_2O (figure 7), approximately parallel to
306 constant- X_{An} contours shown in figure 1, as previously reported for Mount St Helens
307 and Shiveluch by Blundy et al. (2006). There is a slight positive correlation of T_{calc}
308 with X_{An} for the dataset as a whole (figure 7). For the rhyolitic melts (Soufrière Hills,
309 Mount St Helens and Shiveluch), calculated K_{DS} are low and typically decrease
310 systematically with increasing X_{An} in the host plagioclase and increase
311 systematically with increasing melt H_2O concentration (figure 8); the latter is the
312 opposite to the trend observed for the equilibrium calculations (see figure 3).
313 Calculated K_{DS} are higher for the andesitic (Unzen) and basaltic andesite (Izu
314 Oshima) melts but the same trends are observed (figure 8).

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316 *Figure 8*

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318 Regression of T_{calc} for each dataset with the individual parameters that contribute to
319 the temperature calculation typically gives $R^2 \leq 0.92$ for correlation of T_{calc} with H_2O
320 and low to insignificant R^2 (typically ≤ 0.25) for other parameters (figures 9, 10).
321 This indicates that up to 92% of the total variability in T_{calc} from each case study
322 results from variability in melt H_2O concentrations, typically with little effect of
323 changing melt or plagioclase composition. This is reinforced by the fact that

324 'ruptured' melt inclusions (those known from their major element composition to
325 have leaked H₂O, Blundy and Cashman 2005; Blundy et al. 2008) give anomalously
326 high calculated temperatures, some in excess of 1000 °C (figure 7; supplementary
327 data table). In fact, the full range of T_{calc} recorded by each dataset can be reproduced
328 by manually changing the H₂O concentration of any individual inclusion, whereas
329 the host plagioclase composition has relatively little effect on T_{calc}.

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331 *Figures 9, 10*

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Discussion

334 **Degassing-induced crystallisation under disequilibrium conditions?**

335 Our analysis shows that many arc magmas (all those examined) show evidence of
336 apparent heating during degassing-induced crystallisation driven by
337 decompression. Decreasing melt H₂O concentration is the primary factor that drives
338 the increase in calculated temperature, accounting for up to 92% of the observed
339 variations in T_{calc}. Experimental studies where volatile-saturated melt is
340 decompressed at constant temperature also show the same effect, giving systematic
341 increases in T_{calc} with decreasing melt H₂O concentration. Studies that covered a
342 wide range of decompression rates also show a systematic increase of T_{calc} with
343 increasing decompression rate, although the Brugger & Hammer dataset shows that
344 absolute temperature may not always be overestimated (see below). Finally, the
345 equilibrium constant for reaction of plagioclase and melt also varies systematically
346 with both melt H₂O concentration and decompression rate. These observations

347 suggest that the calculated temperatures in the systems examined may reflect a
348 disequilibrium process of volatile degassing and melt crystallisation. This could
349 arise because crystal and bubble nucleation and growth at low p_{H_2O} is hindered by
350 the increasing diffusivities of components within the melt, which are intimately
351 linked to degassing kinetics and temperature (e.g. Cashman and Blundy 2000;
352 Hammer and Rutherford 2002; Couch et al. 2003b; Brugger and Hammer 2010). A
353 lack of equilibrium in the decompression experiments is evidenced by variations in
354 crystal size distribution and degree of plagioclase saturation, and progressive
355 changes towards disequilibrium crystal morphologies with increasing
356 decompression rate (Brugger and Hammer 2010). The slow equilibration process is
357 also indicated by the slightly lower calculated temperatures retrieved (see figure 5)
358 and more Ab-rich plagioclase crystallised in their series of experiments that were
359 annealed at constant temperature following decompression, and by the failure of
360 the MELTS algorithm to predict melt compositions for experiments quenched at
361 <45 MPa (Brugger and Hammer 2010). Finally, the systematic variations of K_D with
362 temperature, p_{H_2O} and decompression rate in the experimental studies clearly
363 show that these do not represent equilibrium conditions.

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365 All the experimental studies examined here report a range of plagioclase
366 compositions for each run. Plagioclase compositions closest to equilibrium are
367 typically found at the crystal rim, with early-formed, more calcic plagioclase
368 preserved in the cores (Martel and Schmidt 2003; Brugger and Hammer 2010;
369 Waters 2013). This is explained by crystallisation during increasing extents of

370 effective undercooling, ΔT_{eff} (defined as $T_{\text{liquidus}} - T_{\text{magma}}$, see Crabtree and Lange
371 2011). Initially, crystallisation is inhibited relative to the equilibrium case, resulting
372 in lower volumes of plagioclase growth; insufficient time available for complete re-
373 equilibration means that as melt H₂O continues to change, new growth is added as
374 more Ab-rich plagioclase, closer to equilibrium compositions (Brugger and
375 Hammer 2010).

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377 **How accurate are calculated temperatures?**

378 There is poor agreement between the two thermometers examined here, except for
379 H₂O-rich melts and more albitic plagioclase (see figures 1 and 2). This means that it
380 is difficult to be confident about the significance of absolute calculated
381 temperatures, although relative variations appear robust. Secondly, crystallisation
382 temperatures can be significantly over-estimated in the system plagioclase-melt-
383 H₂O if disequilibrium is not recognised. This is consistent with observations of
384 (Mollo et al. 2010, 2011) for both plagioclase and clinopyroxene in anhydrous
385 basalt. Such disequilibrium would most likely take the form of hindered H₂O
386 degassing into vesicles, disequilibrium crystallisation of anomalously An-rich
387 plagioclase, or (for melt inclusions) variable loss of H from the inclusions after
388 entrapment (see later). Our analysis shows that increases in T_{calc} can reflect
389 increasing ΔT_{eff} due to changes in melt H₂O during decompression, as the melt
390 viscosity increases and the kinetics of crystallisation become sluggish, rather than
391 real increases in magma temperature. This means that, without an independent
392 measure of ΔT_{eff} , it is difficult to interpret significant increases in calculated

393 temperature during magma ascent as unequivocally due to latent heat of
394 crystallisation (Blundy et al. 2006).

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396 Substantial release of latent heat is, however, predicted on theoretical grounds,
397 because the primary driving force for crystallisation during decompression of
398 volatile-saturated magma is H₂O loss from the melt (Blundy et al. 2006).

399 Thermodynamic calculations indicate that plagioclase crystallisation from an
400 anhydrous melt would result in temperature increase of ~2.3 °C per 1%
401 crystallisation (Couch et al. 2001), while the assemblage plagioclase +
402 orthopyroxene + oxides would give ~3.2 °C per 1% (Blundy et al. 2006). For the
403 natural datasets studied here, the temperatures estimated from plagioclase-liquid
404 thermometry are typically well matched by two-oxide temperatures, including for
405 Mount St Helens and Shiveluch (Blundy et al. 2006) and Soufrière Hills, Montserrat
406 (two-oxide microphenocryst or microlite temperatures 958-1017 °C, Humphreys et
407 al. 2009b; temperatures up to ~968 °C from plagioclase-liquid thermometry, this
408 study). For Unzen, oxide equilibria indicate that the pre-eruptive magma was stored
409 at ~790 °C whereas groundmass oxides give temperatures of ~890 °C (Venezky &
410 Rutherford 1999), and plagioclase-liquid temperatures are significantly higher
411 (900–1080 °C, see figure 10). However, we note that even though in some cases
412 plagioclase-liquid temperatures calculated from Putirka (2005) and 2-oxide
413 temperatures are very similar, the available two-oxide temperatures would not be
414 in agreement with any of the plagioclase-liquid temperatures calculated using the
415 Lange et al. (2009) model. Variably high 2-oxide temperatures may otherwise be

416 ascribed to magma mixing immediately prior to eruption (e.g. Devine et al. 2003;
417 Blundy et al. 2006).

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419 We are not aware of any further temperature estimates for Izu Oshima volcano, but
420 Hamada and Fujii (2007) interpreted the variations in H₂O concentration in their
421 melt inclusion suite as the result of variable H₂O loss from the inclusions. A similar
422 interpretation has been proposed to explain the variable H₂O contents of
423 plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions from Soufriere Hills Volcano, as a result of rapid
424 diffusional re-equilibration of H₂O through the phenocryst host (Mann et al. 2013).
425 If this were the case, then the significant increase in calculated temperature seen in
426 both datasets would result from disequilibrium driven by diffusive H loss from the
427 inclusions, with the inclusion and host unable to re-equilibrate except on much
428 longer timescales. This is effectively equivalent to the 'ruptured' melt inclusions
429 from Mount St Helens (Blundy et al. 2008), which are known to have undergone
430 syneruptive leakage of H₂O and which give anomalously high calculated
431 temperatures (see figure 7).

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433 Although overall the data from the decompression experiments show similar
434 patterns of calculated temperature, there are also clear differences between studies.
435 The experiments of Martel and Schmidt (2003) and Cichy et al. (2011) give
436 calculated temperatures that are mostly too high, and are consistent with
437 experimental run conditions only at high p_{H₂O} (figure 5c, e) and for the 'low
438 pressure' series of Martel & Schmidt (2003). However, the Brugger and Hammer

439 (2010) dataset consistently underestimates the known experimental run
440 conditions, even though the same pattern of increasing temperature with
441 decreasing p_{H_2O} is still observed (figure 5a). A potentially significant difference
442 between these studies is that Brugger and Hammer (2010) used a crushed natural
443 starting material while both Martel and Schmidt (2003) and Cichy et al. (2011) used
444 synthetic starting materials made from mixed powders. The use of different starting
445 materials could affect the degree of approach to equilibrium during the
446 experiments, particularly for experiments that cover a broad range of P-T- H_2O
447 conditions (Pichavant et al. 2007).

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449 An important final question is how to assess the accuracy of calculated
450 temperatures, or ΔT_{eff} , in natural magmas. For the experiments, accuracy is simple
451 to gauge by comparison with the known experimental temperature. However, for
452 natural melt inclusion datasets (or crystal rim – host melt pairs) this is impossible
453 without an independent measure of temperature and/or ΔT_{eff} . Any calculated
454 temperature using the plagioclase-liquid thermometer should therefore be
455 considered as a maximum unless there is clear evidence of equilibrium (see below).
456 Ideally, ΔT_{eff} should be constrained independently, but in practice this is difficult.
457 Integration of quantitative or qualitative textural studies with minor or trace
458 element partitioning, which is known to be strongly dependent on ΔT (e.g. Gamble
459 and Taylor 1980), may represent one path towards obtaining a less equivocal
460 measure of the degree of disequilibrium in natural systems. However, we suggest
461 that calculated K_D that are within the ‘equilibrium range’ of 0.10 ± 0.05 (for

462 temperatures < 1050 °C, Putirka 2008) are not sufficient to indicate complete
463 equilibration. Even the isobaric experiments of Martel and Schmidt (2003) show a
464 small but systematic decrease in K_D from 0.06 to 0.03 for a pressure range of 170 to
465 50 MPa, and this also reflects our calculations at fixed p_{H_2O} and melt composition
466 (see figure 3; supplementary data table).

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468 **Broader constraints on determining equilibrium in melt inclusions**

469 It is commonly assumed that melt inclusion glass is in equilibrium with the host
470 mineral, based on observing whether the inclusions have euhedral ‘negative crystal’
471 shapes or are rounded. The faceted negative crystal shapes are typically interpreted
472 as equilibrated, but in fact the texturally equilibrated shape moves towards rounded
473 surfaces with constant mean curvature in an attempt to minimise interfacial energy
474 (e.g. Bulau et al. 1979). Chemically, equilibrium in melt inclusions is commonly
475 tested by calculating the apparent mineral-melt K_D for the inclusion and its host
476 phenocryst, as described above for plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions. For slowly
477 equilibrating crystals, complex zoning textures in the host phase around the
478 inclusion may be clearly obvious using light microscopy or scanning electron
479 microscopy. However, in more rapidly equilibrating systems (e.g. olivine-hosted
480 inclusions) the major element Mg-Fe profiles may appear equilibrated while
481 significant chemical zoning of minor or trace components (e.g. Cr, Ni, P, Al) may still
482 be present, either within the host grain (e.g. Milman-Barris et al. 2008) or at the
483 margins of the melt inclusions (Newcombe et al. 2014). This is demonstrated by P
484 mapping of slowly cooled cumulate olivines that retained compositional zoning

485 features from a primary dendritic crystal architecture (Welsch et al. 2014).
486 Depending on whether the thermometer of choice involves major elements or trace
487 components, these issues may be significant or unimportant.

488

489 *Figure 11*

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491 For plagioclase, diffusivities are overall much lower than in olivine, so major
492 element zonation is usually clearly evident (figure 11). Melt inclusions in plagioclase
493 commonly appear to be linked to periods of partial dissolution of the crystal,
494 suggesting that formation of a rough interface predisposes the crystals towards melt
495 entrapment. The main problem is usually to deduce which part of the host crystal
496 most likely represents 'equilibrium' host plagioclase; in some cases this may be
497 possible from careful examination of the plagioclase zoning textures (figure 11;
498 Blundy and Cashman 2005; Humphreys et al. 2008). In other cases, petrographic
499 examination shows that melt inclusions form an irregular, interconnected network
500 in 3D, linked to either significant partial dissolution of the crystal during its
501 evolution (reaction-controlled entrapment), or skeletal or hopper growth forms
502 (growth entrapment). It may be very difficult to distinguish these two processes,
503 particularly in crystals where partial textural equilibration has occurred leading to
504 rounding of primary skeletal facets. Similar textures to those observed in plagioclase
505 are also seen in both hornblende-hosted and pyroxene-hosted melt inclusions, and
506 we suggest that further careful X-ray mapping in olivine is likely to show that these
507 same processes are also present in olivine-hosted melt inclusions.

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Implications

510 An analysis of variations in temperature calculated using two published plagioclase-
511 liquid thermometers shows that disequilibrium conditions can result in significant
512 temperature overestimates for the system melt-plagioclase-H₂O. Differences in
513 temperature calculated by the different models imply that *absolute* temperatures
514 returned by the models should not be used with too much certainty. Systematic
515 variations in both calculated temperature and K_D are observed with increasing
516 decompression rate in isothermal decompression experiments. This implies that
517 disequilibrium degassing of H₂O from the melt is an important control on calculated
518 temperatures, and/or that growth of the equilibrium feldspar composition becomes
519 impeded during H₂O degassing as melt viscosity and species diffusivities increase.
520 Several natural melt inclusions datasets were examined and each shows a clear
521 trend of apparent heating with decreasing melt H₂O content. This could imply that
522 significant latent heating during degassing-induced crystallisation is a generic
523 feature of subduction zone volcanoes, or that syn-eruptive or post-entrapment H₂O
524 loss from melt inclusions during disequilibrium crystallisation is a significant
525 process in degassing magmas. We suggest that the calculated temperatures should
526 be treated as maxima unless there is direct evidence of equilibrium between
527 plagioclase and melt.

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687 Figure 1

688 Equilibrium relationships between rhyolitic melt H_2O , temperature and plagioclase
689 X_{An} , calculated using Putirka (2005) and Lange et al. (2009). (a) Contours of
690 constant plagioclase composition in H_2O - T space. Large grey diamonds are
691 interpolated from the phase diagram of Couch et al. (2003). (b) Contours of constant
692 temperature in H_2O - X_{An} space. Also shown is RhyoliteMELTS modelling of
693 isothermal decompression for rhyolitic melt (bold lines, 825-875 °C) and basaltic
694 andesite melt (thin black lines, 1000-1100 °C).

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696 Figure 2

697 Contours of constant pressure (assuming H_2O saturation, i.e. $P_{tot} = p_{H_2O}$) in T - X_{An}
698 space, calculated for rhyolitic melt using Putirka (2005) and Lange et al. (2009).
699 Large circles are interpolated from the phase diagram of Couch et al. (2003) for 160
700 MPa (black) and 200 MPa (grey). Also shown is RhyoliteMELTS modelling of
701 isobaric cooling in rhyolitic melt (25-200 MPa).

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703 Figure 3

704 Theoretical variation of plagioclase-liquid K_D for rhyolitic melt (as defined by
705 Putirka 2005; 2008) with calculated temperature (T_{calc}) as a function of pressure
706 (assuming H_2O saturation, i.e. $P_{tot} = p_{H_2O}$) (a), and with p_{H_2O} as a function of
707 temperature (b). Points in (a) represent increments of 10 mol% X_{An} .

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709 Figure 4

710 H₂O concentration in experimentally decompressed glasses from Martel & Schmidt
711 (2003), Brugger & Hammer (2010) and Cichy et al. (2011), in comparison with
712 isobaric (solubility) data from Mangan & Sisson (2000). Also shown is rhyolite
713 solubility curve from VolatileCalc (Newman & Lowenstern 2002). All data have H₂O
714 concentrations in excess of the solubility limit for the experimental quench
715 pressure, indicating kinetically inhibited degassing.

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717 Figure 5

718 Variation of calculated temperature (T_{calc} , using model A from Putirka, 2005) and K_D
719 with pH₂O in experimentally decompressed glasses from Brugger & Hammer (2010;
720 a, b), Cichy et al. (2011; c, d) and Martel & Schmidt (2003; e, f). Grey bar with black
721 line shows the experimental run temperature in each case ± 5 °C. See supplementary
722 data table for original data and calculated values.

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724 Figure 6

725 Variation of calculated temperature (T_{calc} , using model A from Putirka, 2005) and K_D
726 with decompression rate in experimentally decompressed glasses from Brugger &
727 Hammer (2010; a, b), Cichy et al. (2011; c, d) and Martel & Schmidt (2003; e, f). Grey
728 bar with black line shows the experimental run temperature in each case ± 5 °C. See
729 supplementary data table for original data and calculated values.

730

731 Figure 7

732 (a) Variation of calculated temperature (T_{calc} , using model A from Putirka, 2005)
733 with H_2O concentration reported for plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions from
734 Soufrière Hills, Montserrat (Humphreys et al. 2009); Mt Unzen, Japan (Botcharnikov
735 et al. 2007); Mount St Helens, USA (Blundy et al. 2006); Shiveluch, Kamchatka
736 (Blundy et al. 2006) and Izu Oshima (Hamada & Fujii 2007). Constant- X_{An} contours
737 are shown for comparison (symbols as figure 1). (b) Variations of calculated
738 temperature with reported X_{An} of the host plagioclase phenocryst for the same melt
739 inclusion suites. Constant- pH_2O contours are shown for comparison (symbols as
740 figure 2). See supplementary data table for original data and calculated values.

741

742 Figure 8

743 Variation of calculated K_D with (a) plagioclase X_{An} and (b) glass H_2O concentration
744 reported for melt inclusion datasets from the literature. Dark circles – Mount St
745 Helens (Blundy et al. 2006); grey squares – Shiveluch (Blundy et al. 2006); dashes –
746 Soufrière Hills, Montserrat (Humphreys et al. 2009); crosses - Izu Oshima (Hamada
747 & Fujii 2007); dark triangles - Mt Unzen (Botcharnikov et al. 2007). See
748 supplementary data table for original data and calculated values.

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750 Figure 9

751 Regression of calculated temperature with each of the parameters that make up the
752 'model A' calculation (Putirka 2005), (a) Ca_L , (b) Na_L , (c) Al_L , (d) Si_L , (e) H_2O and (f)
753 X_{An} . Dark circles – Mount St Helens, grey squares – Shiveluch (Blundy et al. 2006).
754 Linear regression trends and equations are given for any significant regressions (R^2

755 ≥ 0.15), with Mount St Helens regressions in black and Shiveluch in grey. The most
756 significant parameter controlling T_{calc} is the H_2O content of the glass. See
757 supplementary data table for original data and calculated values.

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759 Figure 10

760 Regression of calculated temperature with each of the parameters that make up the
761 'model A' calculation (Putirka 2005), (a) Ca_L , (b) Na_L , (c) Al_L , (d) Si_L , (e) H_2O and (f)
762 X_{An} . Dashes – Soufriere Hills, Montserrat (Humphreys et al. 2009); crosses - Izu
763 Oshima (Hamada & Fujii 2007); dark triangles - Mt Unzen (Botcharnikov et al.
764 2008). Linear regression trends and equations are given for any significant
765 regressions ($R^2 \geq 0.15$) in each dataset. The most significant parameter controlling
766 T_{calc} is the H_2O content of the glass. See supplementary data table for original data
767 and calculated values.

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769 Figure 11

770 Back-scattered SEM image illustrating the complexity of plagioclase zoning that is
771 common in intermediate calc-alkaline lavas. Melt inclusions are dark blebs (some
772 annotated 'MI'). White dashed lines outline clear resorptive zoning 'events' that
773 leave irregular boundaries and may entrap melt inclusions.

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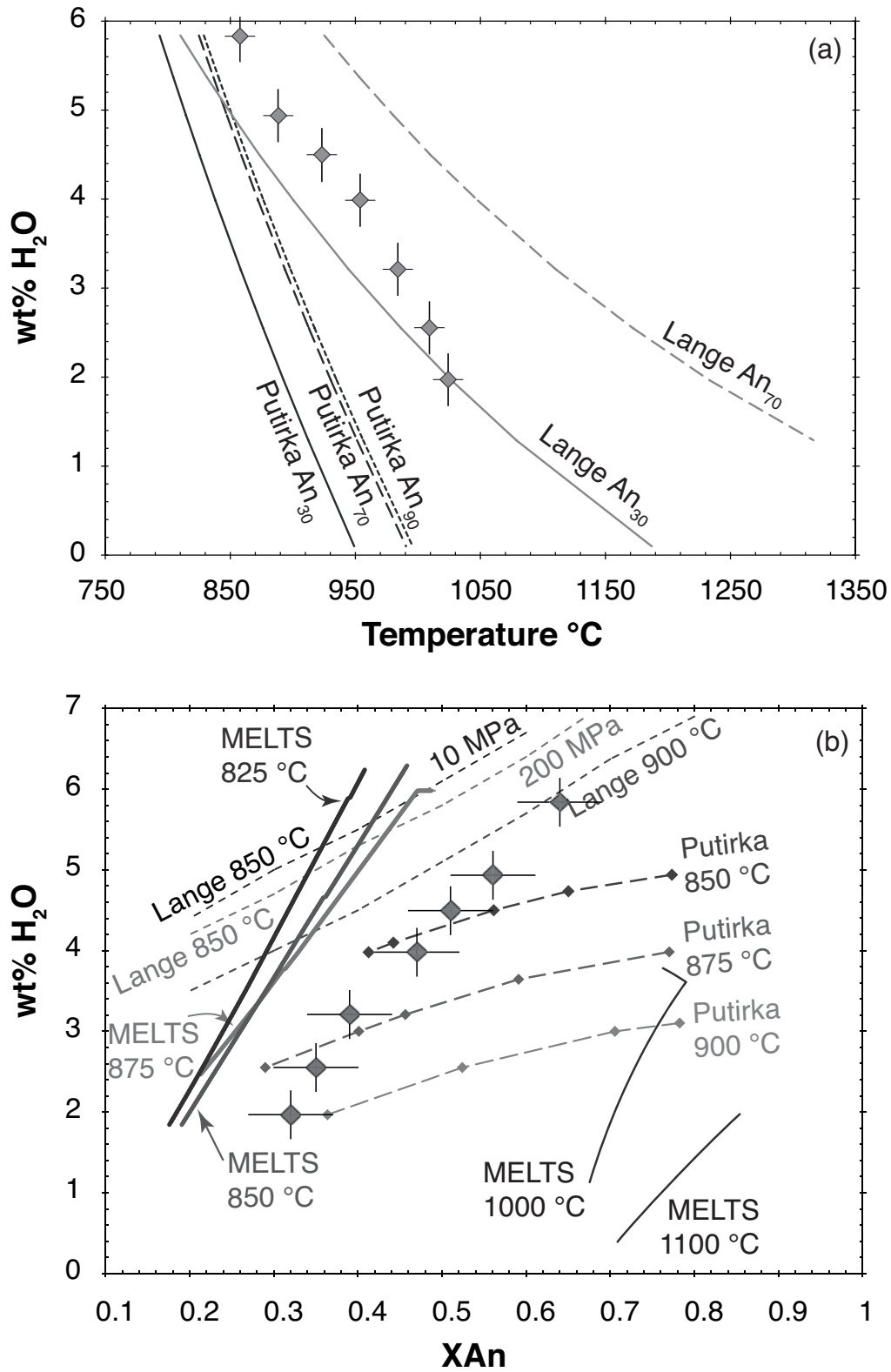


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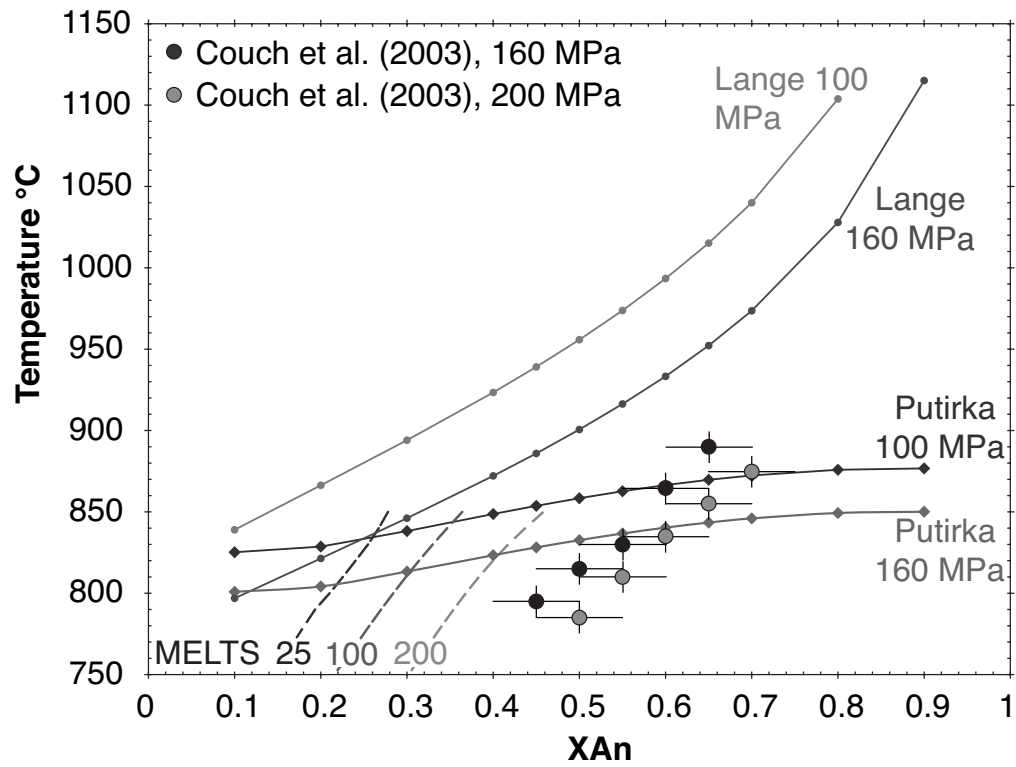


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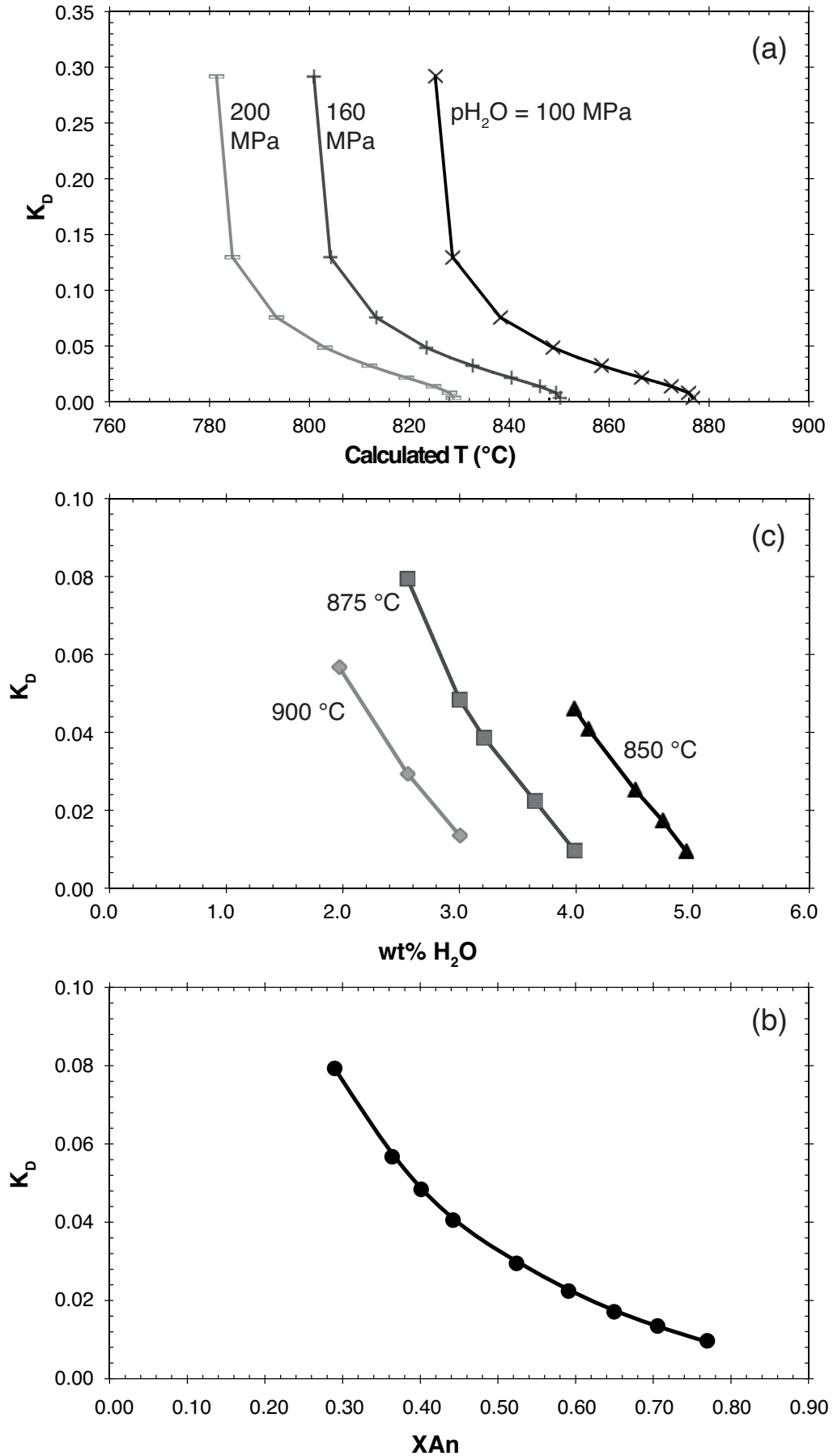


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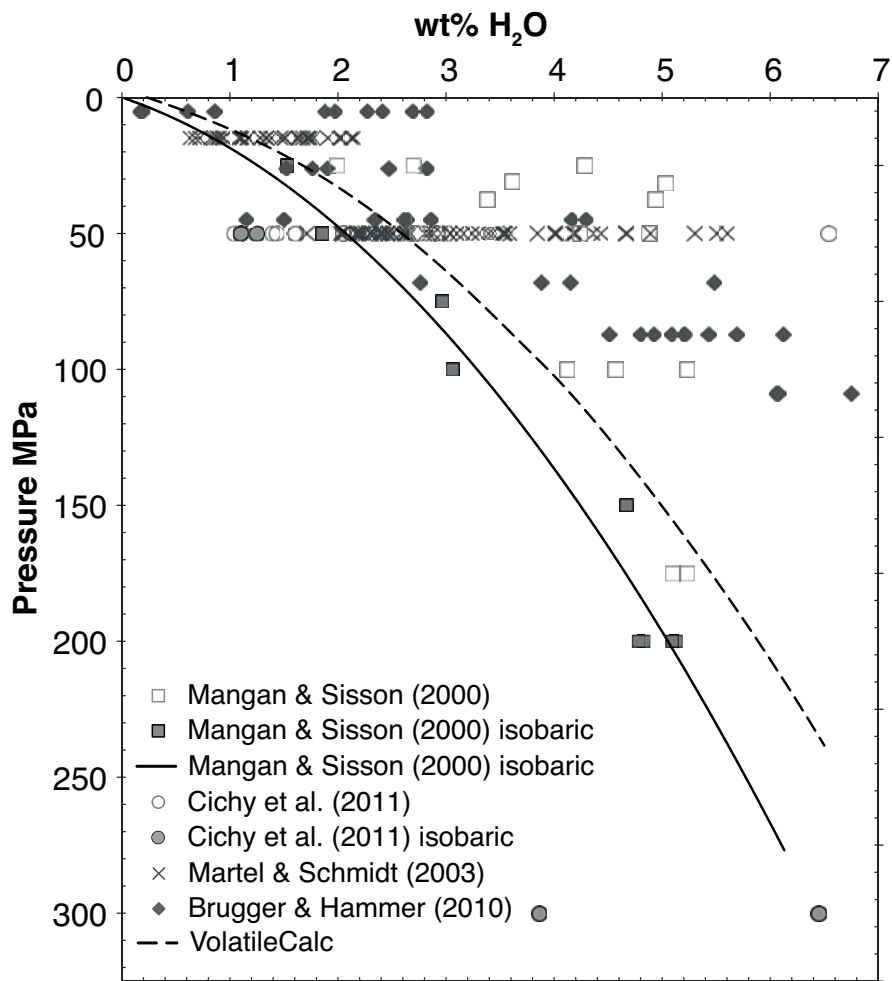


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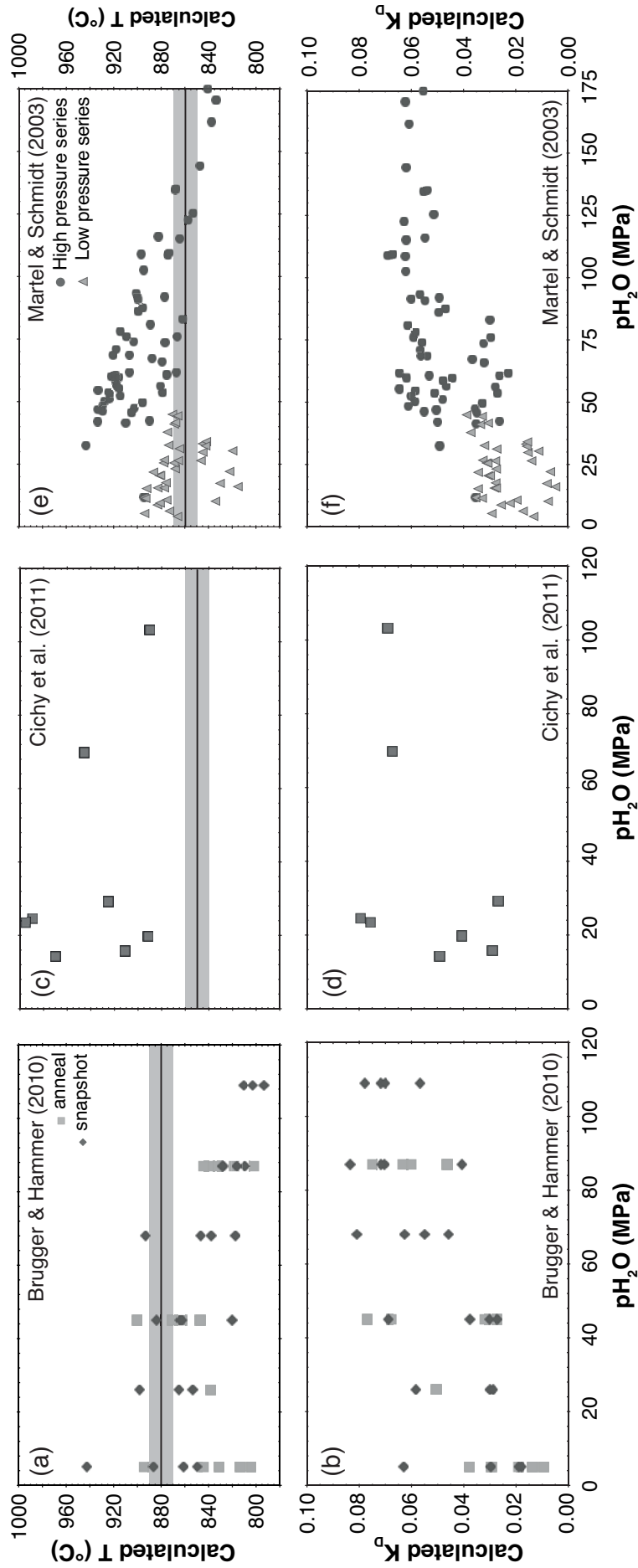


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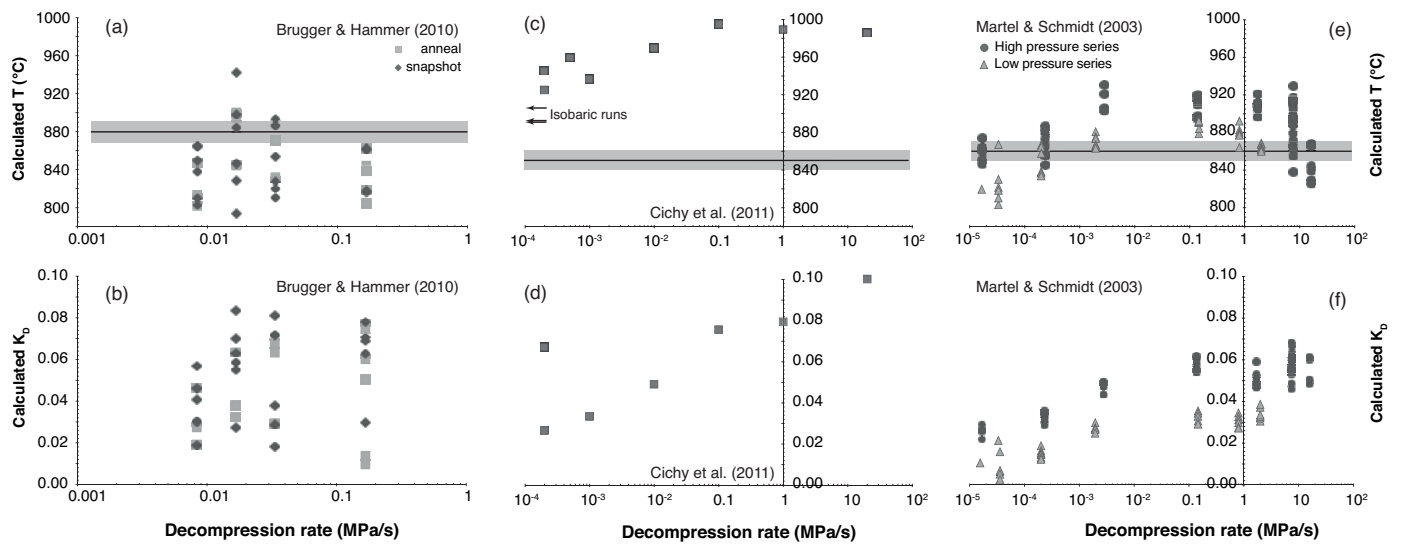


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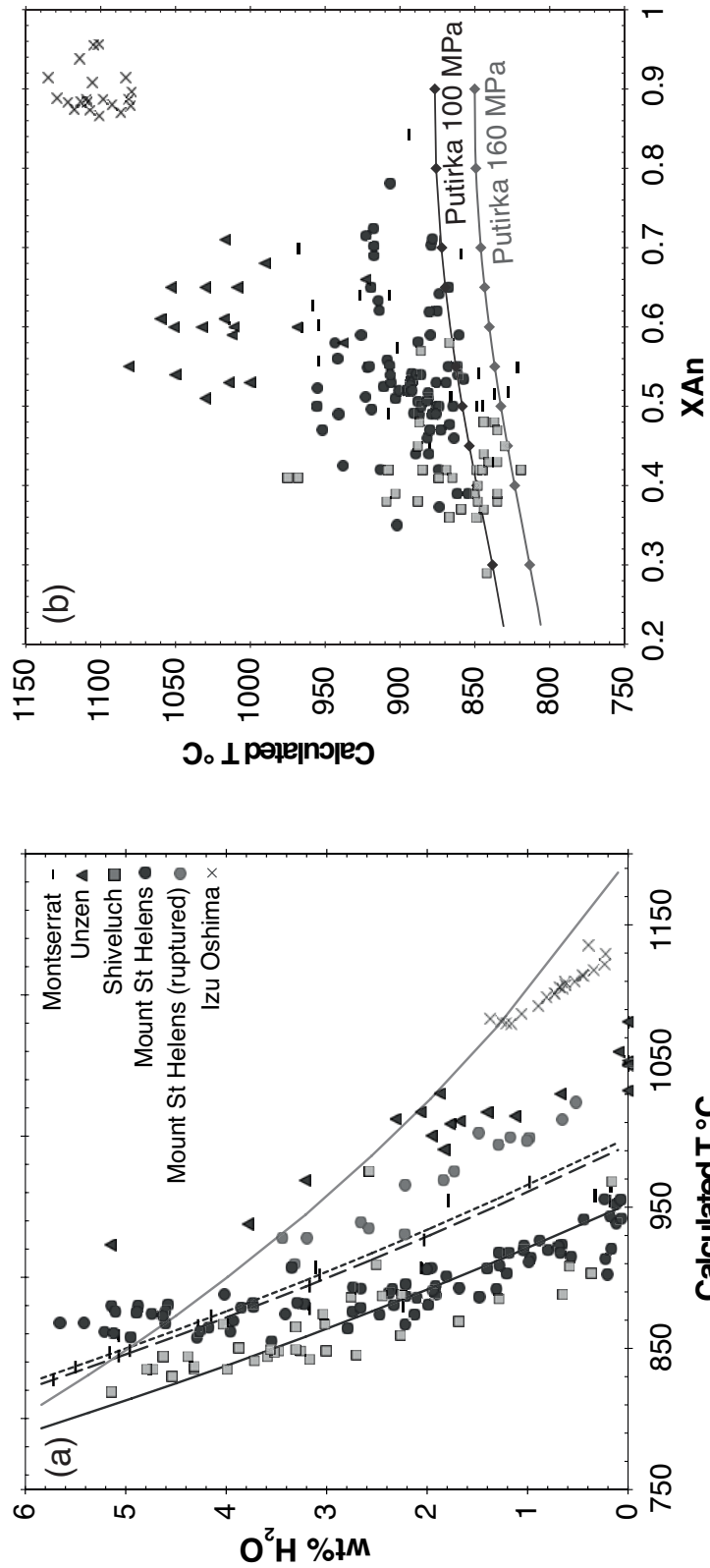


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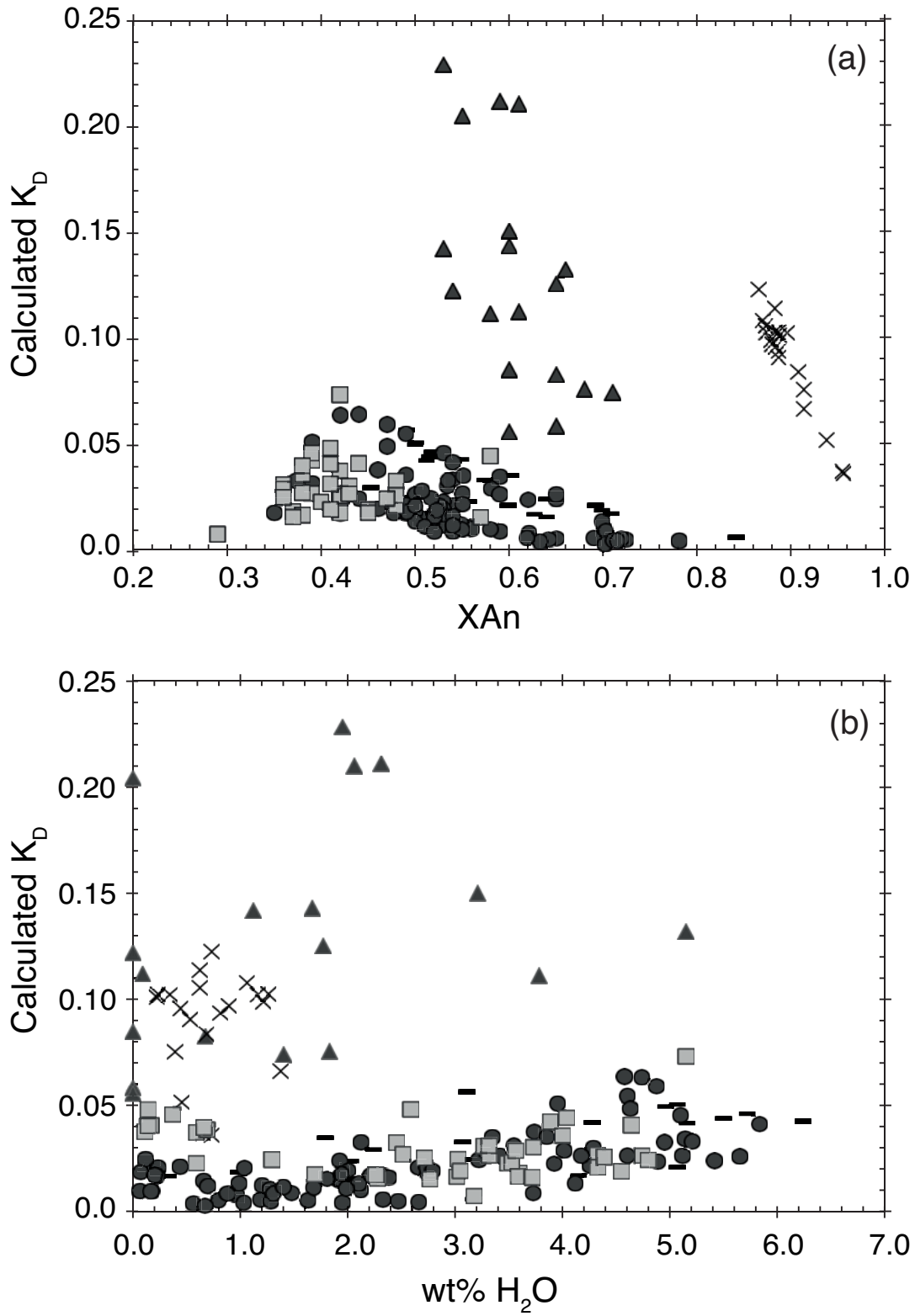


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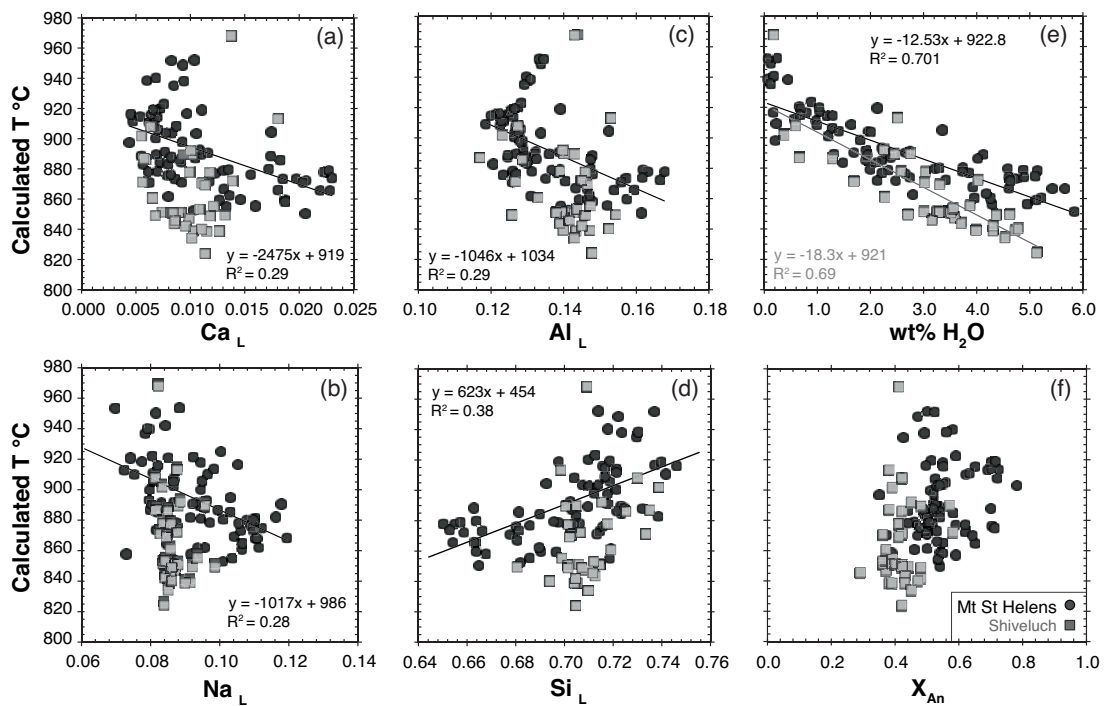


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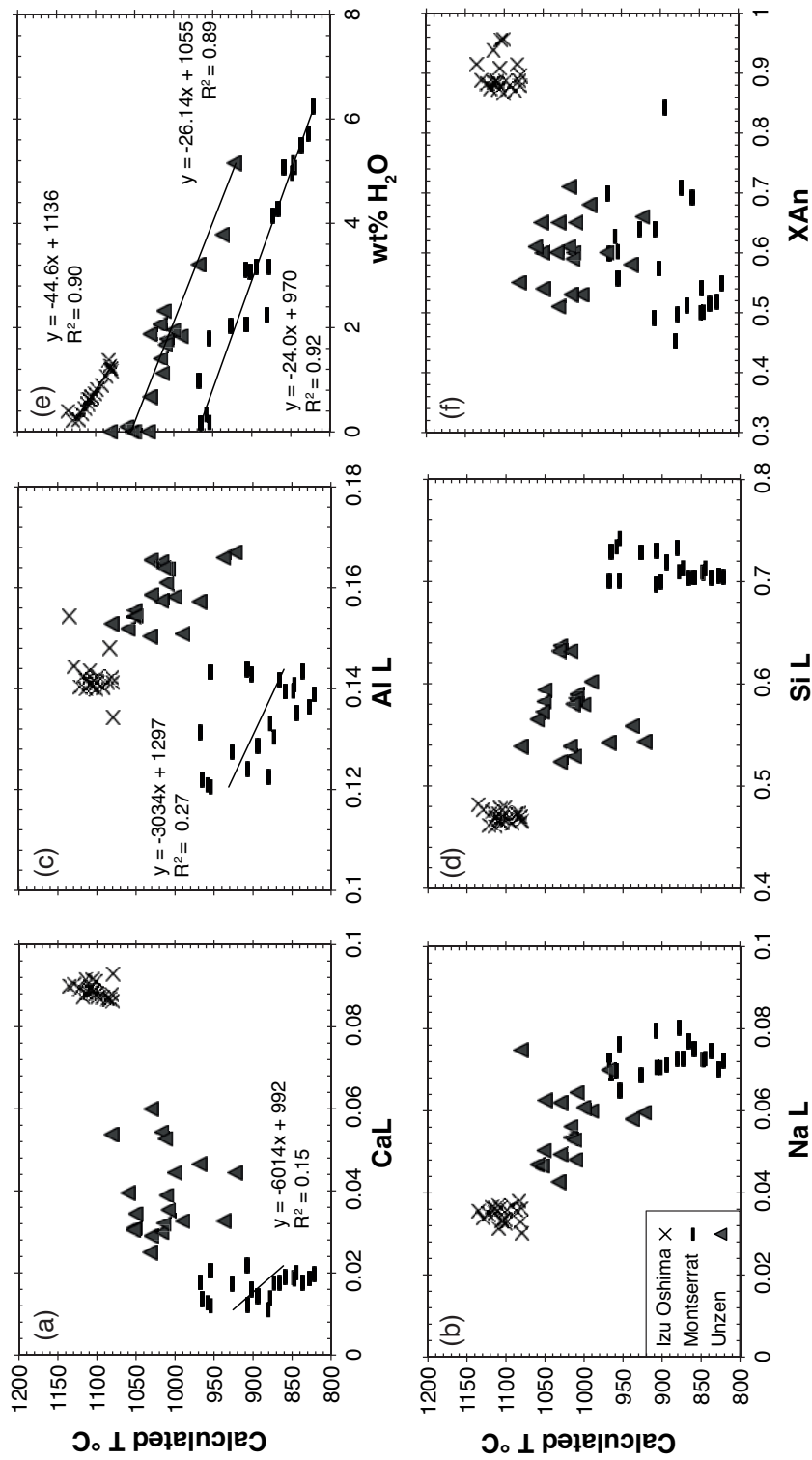


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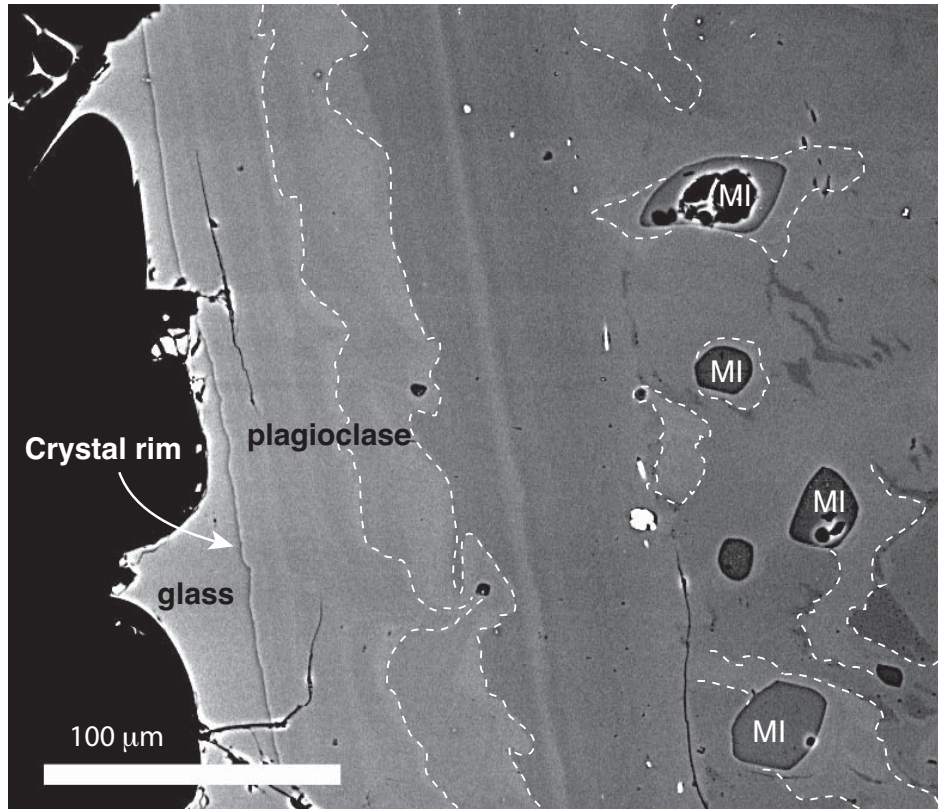


Figure 11

	MVO1524b_112	ol101mi1
SiO ₂	73.32	52.20
TiO ₂	0.26	0.86
Al ₂ O ₃	11.66	15.80
FeO _T	1.56	12.40
MgO	0.28	5.72
MnO	0.07	0.22
CaO	1.34	10.34
Na ₂ O	4.28	1.82
K ₂ O	2.54	0.31
Cl	0.26	0.04
H ₂ O	3.16	1.24
Total	98.73	100.95

Table 1.

Composition of rhyolite melt inclusion (MVO1524b_112, from Humphreys et al. 2009) and basaltic andesite melt (ol101mi1, from Hamada & Fujii 2007) used for MELTS modelling and calculations shown in figures 1-4.