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Campi Flegrei caldera (Naples, southern Italy) is one of the most hazardous volcanoes on Earth, having produced >70 eruptions in the past 15 kyr, and currently showing significant signs of unrest within a densely populated part of Europe. Post-15 ka eruptions span a range of eruptive styles and compositions, which broadly correlate with the spatial and structural location of vents within the large caldera: eruptions from vents along the northern and eastern caldera rim faults are typically small and extend to mafic compositions; eruptions from vents in the central and eastern side of the caldera extend to evolved compositions and have produced Plinian columns; and vents along regional faults (also activated by caldera collapse) in the western caldera have produced sub-Plinian eruptions, which are often relatively Na_2O-rich and K_2O-depleted. These compositional and eruptive differences suggest an intrinsic link between their volcano-tectonic setting and structure and/or processes operating within the sub-volcanic magmatic system. To investigate this, we compare post-15 ka erupted glass major element compositions to liquid lines of descent produced using the rhyolite-MELTS thermodynamic model. To constrain magma storage conditions at Campi Flegrei, we systematically vary the crystallisation conditions in 1800 models before employing a new statistical approach to assess the quality of fit between natural glass compositions and model outputs. In simple (uncontaminated) fractional crystallisation models, we find that glass compositions in each volcano-tectonic setting are best reproduced by similar storage conditions: pressure of 110–160 MPa, liquidus oxygen fugacity of 0–1 log unit above the quartz–fayalite–magnetite buffer, and a liquidus H_2O concentration of 2 wt % for the northern, eastern and western caldera eruptions and 3 wt % for the central caldera eruptions. However, the addition of an assimilant further improves the fit between predicted and observed major element compositions, with the amount and type of assimilant varying between volcano-tectonic settings. Best-fit models for vents along the northern and eastern caldera rim faults include small (5–10%) amounts of Palaeozoic metamorphic basement, whereas those for vents in the centre of the caldera or along the western regional faults include larger quantities (~30%) of assimilated syenitic restite. The Fondi di Baia eruption is compositionally anomalous, and its evolution may reflect minor limestone or hydrothermal calcite contamination. Our results demonstrate a novel link between the spatial and structural location of vents within the Campi Flegrei caldera and the physicochemical processes operating within its magmatic system, providing important information for the assessment of future hazard scenarios.

Key words: assimilation; Campi Flegrei; fractional crystallisation; rhyolite-MELTS modelling; volcano-tectonic control

INTRODUCTION

Caldera-forming volcanoes occur worldwide and are frequently associated with long-lived magmatic systems, which produce eruptions of varying size, style and composition through time (Cole *et al.*, 2005). Following collapse, post-caldera eruptions typically occur in different spatial locations across the volcanic system, including along caldera ring faults and regional lineaments (Lipman, 1984); vent locations are often directly related to local volcano-tectonic structures, with magma ascent exploiting pre-existing planes of weakness (Robertson *et al.*, 2016; Németh *et al.*, 2017; Pérez-Orozco *et al.*, 2021). Compositional variations in erupted products are controlled by complex processes operating within the sub-volcanic crustal magma system, in addition to mantle heterogeneity (Pearce & Peate, 1995; Annen *et al.*, 2015), with the major element variations controlling magma rheology and chemical properties (e.g. viscosity and volatile solubility), which in turn impact the timing and style of eruptions (Cassidy *et al.*, 2018). However, the relationship between volcano-tectonic structures and sub-volcanic processes is poorly understood; it

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remains unclear whether structural controls can impact the dynamics of magmatic systems and compositions of erupted melts. Addressing this has important implications for hazard assessment and the interpretation of monitoring data where unrest in different parts of a large active caldera system might reflect different crustal processes and result in different volcanic eruption styles or compositions.

Campi Flegrei volcano (southern Italy) has produced >70 eruptions since the last major caldera collapse at 15 ka (the Neapolitan Yellow Tuff [NYT] eruption; Smith *et al.*, 2011). While the primary mantle melts feeding these post-15 ka eruptions are thought to be relatively constant with respect to the major element composition (Mazzeo *et al.*, 2014), the distribution of vents is closely associated with regional structures (Peccerillo & Frezzotti, 2015; Peccerillo, 2017) and subtle variations in erupted compositions have been identified across the caldera system (D'Antonio *et al.*, 1999; Di Renzo *et al.*, 2011; Smith *et al.*, 2011). Hence, Campi Flegrei presents an ideal location to explore whether the volcano-tectonic setting of an eruption impacts processes operating within the sub-volcanic system. Additionally, the region around Campi Flegrei is densely populated (~1.5 million people living within the caldera, and more than ~3.5 million likely to be immediately impacted by an eruption) and the system is currently showing significant signs of unrest, making it one of the most hazardous volcanoes on Earth (Orsi *et al.*, 2004; Bevilacqua *et al.*, 2017). Constraining the magmatic processes that influence erupted compositions in different parts of the caldera system has important implications for hazard forecasting and the interpretation of volcano monitoring data.

Magma storage conditions can be determined in different volcanic environments using a variety of petrological methods. These include thermobarometry, using the pressure sensitivity of exchange reactions of chemical components between various mineral assemblages (Putirka, 2008); comparisons between the chemistry of erupted products and those from experiments conducted under controlled conditions (Blundy & Cashman, 2008); and saturation depths calculated from the volatile contents of melt inclusions (Anderson *et al.*, 1989). The influence of assimilation on magmatic evolution can also be investigated, for example by comparison of the isotopic composition of the magma and potential crustal contaminants (James, 1981). Previous studies have attempted to link storage conditions to volcano-tectonic setting across a caldera system, for example Saxby *et al.* (2016) demonstrated a link between regional fault patterns and location of magma storage at Ilopango caldera (El Salvador) on the basis of gravity surveys, whereas Carracedo *et al.* (2007) noted compositional variation of eruptions in different locations across Tenerife (Canary Islands). However, these techniques generally only allow assessment of magma storage conditions over discrete ranges in the evolution of the sub-volcanic system (i.e. within the crystallisation interval of the phase used in barometry) and typically provide information on one intrinsic variable (such as pressure for barometry or extent of assimilation for isotope mixing models). In this study, we use thermodynamic modelling to assess the range of variables which control magma storage conditions through the entire liquid line of descent, finding combinations of variables that are consistent with erupted compositions.

The rhyolite-MELTS thermodynamic modelling software calculates the stable phase assemblage in a magmatic system under given conditions, and can be applied to determine the evolving phase assemblage and phase compositions during fractional crystallisation (FC) or assimilation-fractional crystallisation (AFC, Gualda *et al.*, 2012; Ghiorso & Gualda, 2015). Through systematically varying model crystallisation conditions (i.e. pressure, oxygen fugacity, initial melt major or volatile element composition) and comparing with the abundance and composition of phases in natural erupted materials, previous studies have successfully used rhyolite-MELTS (or its predecessor MELTS, which differs in the stability fields of quartz and sanidine, Ghiorso & Sack, 1995) outputs to constrain magma storage conditions in diverse volcanic systems (e.g. Peach Spring—Pamukcu *et al.*, 2015; Aluto—Gleeson *et al.*, 2017; individual Campi Flegrei eruptions—Fowler *et al.*, 2007; Fowler & Spera, 2010; Cannatelli, 2012). In general, these studies have identified the most probable set of magma storage conditions by visually identifying the modelled liquid line of descent, which best-fits erupted melt compositions. However, Gleeson *et al.* (2017) proposed a statistical method to quantify the fit between natural and predicted compositions, more accurately identifying the best set of model parameters where liquid lines of descent are similar or deviate from natural compositions over a limited (~30 °C) crystallisation interval.

Here, we use rhyolite-MELTS to model isobaric FC and AFC of a near-primitive Campi Flegrei liquid under different storage conditions, comparing the predicted phase assemblages and liquid lines of descent with erupted products from vents in different volcano-tectonic settings within the caldera. This extends previous work constraining magma storage for individual Campi Flegrei eruptions using MELTS modelling (e.g. Campanian Ignimbrite—Fowler *et al.*, 2007, Fowler & Spera, 2010; Minopoli 1 and Fondo Riccio—Cannatelli, 2012), investigating eruptions in the last 15 kyr for which there is published glass major element compositional data ($n = 48$). By systematically varying the model pressure (P), liquidus fO_2 (L_{fO2}), liquidus H_2O content (L_{H2O}) and amount/type of assimilated material across the range of potential parameter space, we are able to constrain the conditions and processes operating during pre-eruptive magma storage, exploring the hypothesis that volcano-tectonic setting impacts magmatic evolution. As different combinations of storage conditions can produce model outputs that appear similar to a first order, we apply a novel statistical approach to assess the correlation between modelled liquid lines of descent and measured glass major element compositions. Our best-fit models (i.e. closest correlation between modelled liquid line of descent and natural glasses) are for magma storage conditions which agree well with previous estimates and show only minor variations between different volcano-tectonic settings. However, we find that the addition of assimilants ubiquitously improves the model fit, but that the type and amount of assimilant varies between eruptions from vents in different parts of the Campi Flegrei caldera, indicating spatial variations in the nature of magma–country rock interaction.

GEOLOGICAL SETTING

Campi Flegrei is the largest centre in the Phlegraean Volcanic District, an area of volcanism in southern Italy (near Naples; Orsi *et al.*, 1996), formed as a result of back arc extension and the opening the Tyrrhenian Sea, related to rollback of the subducting Ionian plate (Faccenna *et al.*, 2007; Peccerillo & Frezzotti, 2015). Large-scale tectonic deformation in the Phlegraean area has given rise to two main regional fault systems, trending NE–SW and NW–SE (Acocella, 2010; Vitale & Isaia, 2014), which have influenced both the distribution of vents (Bevilacqua *et al.*, 2015) and orientation of Campi Flegrei caldera collapse scarps (Orsi *et al.*, 1996; Di Vito *et al.*, 1999;Vitale & Isaia, 2014 ; Natale *et al.*, 2022a).

The oldest volcanism at Campi Flegrei is dated to >300 ka (De Vivo *et al.*, 2001; Rolandi *et al.*, 2003; Di Vito *et al.*, 2008; Fernandez *et al.*, 2024), with the eruptive history punctuated by at least three major caldera collapse events: the ∼40 ka Campanian Ignimbrite (CI, Giaccio *et al.*, 2017), the ∼29 ka Masseira del Monte Tuff (Albert *et al.*, 2019) and the ∼15 ka NYT (Deino *et al.*, 2004). These eruptions have produced a nested caldera structure (∼13 km diameter), with collapse scarps juxtaposed against the regional tectonic lineaments (Vitale & Isaia, 2014; Natale *et al.*, 2022a). In the past 15 kyr, Campi Flegrei has produced >70 eruptions from vents located within the NYT caldera (Di Vito *et al.*, 1999; Smith *et al.*, 2011), coupled with ground deformation (Isaia *et al.*, 2019; Natale *et al.*, 2022b). These can be broadly divided into three epochs of intense activity (mean eruption frequency 50–70 years), separated by periods of quiescence (∼1–3.6 ka; Di Vito *et al.*, 1999): Epoch 1 produced ∼30 magmatic and phreatomagmatic eruptions between ∼15 and 10.6 ka; Epoch 2 produced 8 low magnitude eruptions between ∼9.6 and 9.1 ka; and Epoch 3 produced 28 eruptions between ∼5.5 to 3.5 ka. These eruptions display a range in eruptive style and magnitude from effusive lava domes, through small explosive events to the Plinian Agnano–Monte Spina eruption (de Vita *et al.*, 1999; Di Vito *et al.*, 1999; Smith *et al.*, 2011). The most recent Campi Flegrei eruption was at Monte Nuovo in 1538 CE, which is post-Epoch 3 and considered separate due to the long repose period between this event and the last eruption of Epoch 3 (>3 kyr, Piochi *et al.*, 2005; Smith *et al.*, 2011).

Vent locations for post-15 ka eruptions span the NYT caldera (Fig. 1) and can be broadly divided into three distinct volcano-tectonic settings: (1) those along caldera rim faults in the northern and eastern sectors of the caldera, which were either formed or reactivated during the NYT collapse and strike obliquely to the regional lineaments ('northern/eastern caldera eruptions'); (2) those in the west of the caldera aligned with caldera rim faults and regional tectonic fault systems characterised by a different orientation pattern of faults and fractures compared to those in the eastern sector ('western caldera eruptions'; Vitale & Isaia, 2014); and (3) those within the central caldera, which are not located along major pre-existing planes of crustal weakness ('central caldera eruptions'; Fig. 1: Di Vito *et al.*, 1999; Isaia *et al.*, 2009; Bevilacqua *et al.*, 2015; Natale *et al.*, 2022b). Differences in the frequency and composition of eruptions as well as structural differences in fault patterns between the east and west of the caldera has led other authors to make similar divisions (Vilardo *et al.*, 2010; Vitale & Isaia, 2014; Bevilacqua *et al.*, 2016, 2017). In general, earlier eruptions were fed by magmas that exploited the caldera rim faults (including regional fault systems reactivated during caldera collapse), with later eruptions migrating towards the caldera interior (particularly in the northeastern sector; Di Vito *et al.*, 1999; Isaia *et al.*, 2009) or regional tectonic faults in the western caldera (Di Vito *et al.*, 1999; Vilardo *et al.*, 2010; Vitale & Isaia, 2014).

Throughout its history, Campi Flegrei has consistently produced alkali magmas (Vineberg *et al.*, 2023), with melts of the post-15 ka eruptions ranging from shoshonite to phonolite in composition (Smith *et al.*, 2011). Magmas do not form a continual compositional trend between eruptive periods, but the most mafic shoshonitic products are from Epoch 1 with later eruptions extending to more evolved phonolite to trachyte compositions (Smith *et al.*, 2011). Several previous studies have noted a correlation between the volcano-tectonic setting of eruption vents and the composition of erupted products (D'Antonio *et al.*, 1999; Di Renzo *et al.*, 2011; Smith *et al.*, 2011). In general, the northern/eastern caldera eruptions are the most primitive, occurring from NYT caldera rim faults (Civetta *et al.*, 1991) with more evolved Epoch 2 and Epoch 3 eruptions from the northeastern caldera floor, and their products are indistinguishable on the basis of major element chemistry (Smith *et al.*, 2011). Eruptions from vents in the west of the caldera have been noted as the most compositionally diverse; for example, the Baia-Fondi di Baia deposits are highly evolved with distinct trace element concentrations relative to other post-15 ka eruptions (Smith *et al.*, 2011; Voloschina *et al.*, 2018).

Previous studies generally agree on the architecture of the Campi Flegrei sub-volcanic system being characterised by a main magma storage zone at ∼7–8 km depth, with shallow (possibly ephemeral) sills at around 3–4 km depth (Stock *et al.*, 2018; Petrelli *et al.*, 2023). Seismic tomography and magnetotelluric investigations have imaged a main region of magma storage at ∼7.5 km (Zollo *et al.*, 2008; Bianco *et al.*, 2022; Isaia *et al.*, 2025) and small shallow reservoirs between 2 and 4 km (De Siena *et al.*, 2010; Calò & Tramelli, 2018; Giacomuzzi *et al.*, 2024). This agrees with pressures obtained from the volatile contents of melt inclusions, which give saturation depths of ∼2 to ∼9 km for multiple eruptions in the last 15 kyr (Mangiacapra *et al.*, 2008; Arienzo *et al.*, 2010, 2016; Vetere *et al.*, 2011; Fourmentraux *et al.*, 2012; Voloschina *et al.*, 2018). Thermobarometry estimates of crystallisation depth suggest a main region of magma storage around 8 km (Astbury *et al.*, 2018; Giordano & Caricchi, 2022), with slightly shallower estimates of ∼3–6 km from chlorine geobarometry (Balcone-Boissard *et al.*, 2024). Previous phase equilibria investigations at Campi Flegrei found observed compositions best reproduced by crystallisation depths of 6–12 km for the CI and two post-15 ka eruptions (Minopoli 1 and Fondo Riccio; Bohrson *et al.*, 2006; Fowler *et al.*, 2007; Cannatelli, 2012). Measurements in melt inclusions from various eruptions agree on H_2O contents of 0.8–6% (Webster *et al.*, 2003; Cannatelli *et al.*, 2007; Mangiacapra *et al.*, 2008; Arienzo *et al.*, 2010, 2016; Fourmentraux *et al.*, 2012; Stock *et al.*, 2018), in agreement with estimates from K-feldspar-liquid hygrometry (Forni *et al.*, 2018) and phase equilibria investigations (Fowler *et al.*, 2007; Cannatelli, 2012). Forni *et al.* (2018) used oxygen barometry to constrain the oxygen fugacity (fO_2) for CI magmas to one log unit above the QFM buffer (QFM + 1), similar to results of phase equilibria studies of the CI (Bohrson *et al.*, 2006; Fowler *et al.*, 2007), and Minopoli and Fondo Riccio eruptions (Cannatelli, 2012), where fO_2 between QFM and QFM + 1 best reproduces the composition and phase assemblage of natural samples.

Lithology of the crust underlying Campi Flegrei

Modelling AFC processes requires understanding potential lithologies magmas might encounter during crustal ascent beneath Campi Flegrei. Geophysical and heat flow constraints on the structure of the Campanian crust generally suggest a Moho depth of <25 km (Ferrucci *et al.*, 1989; Pontevivo & Panza, 2006; Nunziata, 2010). At $\lesssim$4 km depth, borehole data indicate that the shallow crust is composed of buried pyroclastic sequences, intercalated with Upper Miocene sedimentary sequences (Rosi & Sbrana, 1987; D'Antonio, 2011; Piochi *et al.*, 2014). At $\gtrsim$4 km, basement rocks are identified through their homogenous density in tomographic and gravity data (Battaglia *et al.*, 2008; Berrino *et al.*, 2008). However, due to similarities in their physical properties, the nature of the basement rocks beneath Campi Flegrei remains debated, with studies variously attributing it as Meso-Cenozoic carbonates (Judenherc & Zollo, 2004; Battaglia *et al.*, 2008; Zollo *et al.*, 2008), Palaeozoic metamorphic basement (previously termed Hercynian basement, e.g. Pappalardo *et al.*, 2002), or syenitic cumulate residue from past eruptions (Fowler *et al.*,

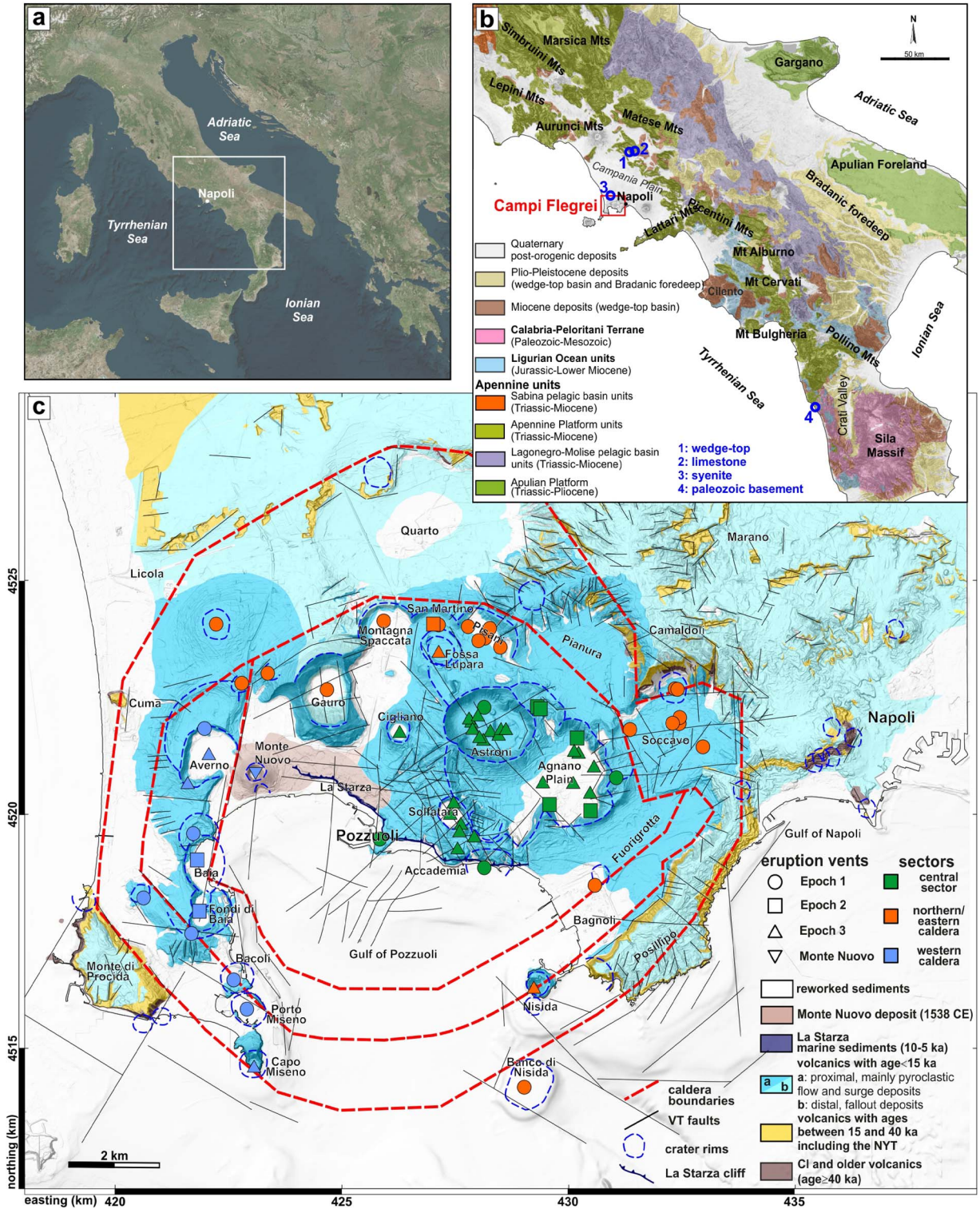

Fig. 1. Maps showing Campi Flegrei and vent locations of eruptions in the last 15 kyr. (a) Map of Italy showing the location of Campi Flegrei, square indicates area enlarged in (b) to show sampling locations of the basement rocks. (b) Simplified geological map of the southern Apennines showing distribution of tectonic units (Ciarcia & Vitale, 2025), and the locations the basement rocks were sampled: 1. Syn-orogenic wedge-top flysch, sample 23-FMR-003; 2. Limestone, sample 23-FMR-001; 3. Syenite, sample 23-FMR-014; 4. Palaeozoic gneiss, sample 23-FMR-017. (c) Simplified geological map of Campi Flegrei showing locations of the vents in the last 15 kyr, from Smith *et al.* (2011). Colours refer to the tectonic setting of the vents: orange are eruptions that occurred along the northern/eastern caldera rim faults; purple are eruptions with vents along regional and rim faults on the western side of the caldera; and in green are the eruptions from vents in the central eastern side of the caldera. Map also shows the distribution of pyroclastic deposits (Natale *et al.*, 2024b, 2024a) and caldera and crater rims (Vitale & Isaia, 2014; Natale *et al.*, 2022a). Vent ages refer to epochs defined in Smith *et al.* (2011).

2007; D'Antonio, 2011). Insights into the basement lithology are provided by erupted xenoliths, particularly the lithic-rich Breccia Museo unit of the CI (Fedele *et al.*, 2008), which contains plutonic syenite clasts (Fedele *et al.*, 2006; Gebauer *et al.*, 2014) in addition to hydrothermally altered lithic fragments from shallow lavas beneath the caldera (Di Vito *et al.*, 1999). Additionally, Pappalardo *et al.* (2002) identified two different xenolith types within deposits from the Minopoli 1 eruption; although the small clast size hampered detailed characterisation, these are suggested as deriving from Upper Miocene arenaceous sediments and the Palaeozoic metamorphic basement. Studies of isotopic variation in Campi Flegrei erupted products also provide information on potential crustal contamination sources: radiogenic and stable isotopic variation in magmas erupted in the last 60 kyr is attributed to interaction of the magmas with small amounts of both metamorphic Palaeozoic basement (~1–12% assimilation) and arenaceous sediments (<10% assimilation) Pappalardo *et al.*, 2002; D'Antonio *et al.*, 2007; Arienzo *et al.*, 2011; Di Renzo *et al.*, 2011; Iovine *et al.*, 2018). Despite the suggestion that assimilation plays a role in controlling the compositional evolution of Campi Flegrei magmas, this is yet to be empirically verified and the composition of the assimilant and extent of contamination are poorly defined.

ANALYTICAL METHODS

Sampling and sample preparation

To define the starting composition for our rhyolite-MELTS models, we analysed melt inclusions in samples of tephras from the three most mafic post-15 ka Campi Flegrei eruptions: Minopoli 1, Minopoli 2 and Fondo Riccio (Smith *et al.*, 2011). Samples CF9 (Minopoli 2) and CF13 (Minopoli 1) were sampled by Smith *et al.* (2011) and sample CF410 (Fondo Riccio) was collected during fieldwork for this project in March 2022 (UTM 423047E, 4 523 062 N). Samples were crushed and sieved, with clinopyroxene phenocrysts handpicked from the 250–500 μm size fraction.

Potential basement lithologies that might have contaminated Campi Flegrei magmas were sampled during fieldwork in May 2023. Sampling locations are given in Fig. 1b and the Supplementary Material Table S1. These include an upper Jurassic–lower Cretaceous limestone (sample 23-FMR-001, unit Gcb of Vitale & Ciarcia, 2018, no. 2 in Fig. 1b); Upper Miocene syn-orogenic wedge-top deposits (previously termed flysch, Fowler *et al.*, 2007; sample 23-FMR-003, unit CVTg of Vitale & Ciarcia, 2018, no. 1 in Fig. 1b); Palaeozoic gneiss (sample 23-FMR-017, Sila unit of Graessner & Schenk, 2001; Filice *et al.*, 2015, no. 4 in Fig. 1b); and a syenitic xenolith from the Breccia Museo (sample 23-FMR-014, no. 3 in Fig. 1b). These whole rocks were crushed in a tungsten carbide jaw crusher before being ground in an agate TEMA mill.

Electron probe microanalysis

Clinopyroxene phenocrysts from mafic Campi Flegrei eruptions were picked from tephra samples, mounted in epoxy, ground and polished for analysis. Crystals and melt inclusions were analysed using a JEOL JXA 8200 wavelength-dispersive electron microprobe in the Research Laboratory for Archaeology and the History of Art, University of Oxford, UK. All analyses were conducted with a 15kV accelerating voltage and a 6nA beam current and 10μm beam diameter were used to analyse the melt inclusions, while a 25 nA current and 3 μm beam were used to analyse the host crystals. Appropriate natural and synthetic standards were used for calibration, and the MPI-DING reference glasses (Jochum *et al.*, 2006) were analysed as secondary standards to check the accuracy and reproducibility of results, compared to the preferred values. Accuracy was typically better than 2% with precision typically <±0.5% RSD for Si and ~±3% for most other major elements except for Na (~±11%) and low abundance elements Ti (±6%) and Mn (±16%). All Fe is assumed to occur as FeO (FeO(t)). All electron probe microanalysis (EPMA) analyses are included in Table S2; from this survey of melt inclusions and their host crystals, we selected the starting composition for our rhyolite-MELTS models.

X-ray fluorescence analysis

The crustal samples were prepared as fused glass beads and pressed powder pellets for whole-rock major (>1 wt %) and trace (<1 wt %) element analysis, respectively. Analyses were performed using the Zetium wavelength dispersive (WD) X-ray fluorescence (XRF) in the Earth Surface Research Lab, Trinity College Dublin, following the methods described in Carter *et al.* (2024). From measurements of secondary standards analysed alongside the samples, accuracy is <2% for major and 5–10% for trace elements, and precision (in terms of relative standard deviation, standard deviation/mean) is generally <1% for major elements and <2% for trace elements. Data are included in Table S1.

LITERATURE DATA

Matrix glass data from post-15 ka Campi Flegrei eruptions were compiled from the literature for comparison with rhyolite-MELTS outputs (Table S3). While bulk-rock and melt inclusion analyses might record liquid compositions, these can be affected by crystal accumulation/fractionation (Passmore *et al.*, 2012; Higgins & Stock, 2024) and post-entrapment processes (Lowenstern, 1995; Cannatelli *et al.*, 2016) and we exclude them from our analyses, instead preferring to limit the risk of misinterpretation by like-for-like directly comparing the last liquid remaining in the magmatic system before eruption. We investigate the processes affecting major element variability between eruptions, which does not preclude other processes, such as volatile fluxing and magma mixing, that have been reported for post-15 ka erupted products (Di Renzo *et al.*, 2011; Arienzo *et al.*, 2016). The compositions of natural glasses erupted from Campi Flegrei in the past 15 kyr were compiled from the GEOROC database (Sarbas, 2008); this yielded glass analyses from 48 eruptions and ~1900 analyses in total (Di Girolamo *et al.*, 1984; de Vita *et al.*, 1999; Brocchini *et al.*, 2001; Romano *et al.*, 2003; Piochi *et al.*, 2008; Smith *et al.*, 2011; Fourmentraux *et al.*, 2012; Tomlinson *et al.*, 2012; Arienzo *et al.*, 2016; Stock *et al.*, 2018). Of these, 1036 matrix glass analyses are from 6 western caldera eruptions, 620 are from 20 northern/eastern caldera eruptions and 255 are from 22 central caldera eruptions. No glass data are currently available for other post-15 ka eruptions (~20 eruptions in total; Smith *et al.*, 2011). There was no systematic difference in glass compositions between studies. Due to the number of glass compositions in our dataset, the uncertainty of the EPMA measurements collapse in, assuming a normal distribution. Therefore, any misfit between models and the data are probably not an artefact of EPMA uncertainty.

RHYOLITE-MELTS THERMODYNAMIC MODELLING

We modelled the stable phase assemblages and major element compositional evolution of the liquid phase in Campi Flegrei during FC and AFC using the rhyolite-MELTS thermodynamic

modelling software, which calculates the stable phase assemblage in a system under a given set of conditions based on minimisation of free energy, with the thermodynamic properties of each phase calibrated from experiments (Gualda *et al.*, 2012). We used rhyolite-MELTS v.1.2., which has a coupled H_2O–CO_2 fluid saturation model and the most comprehensive calibration dataset to date (Ghiorso & Gualda, 2015). The models were run using the alphaMELTS2 front-end (Smith & Asimow, 2005), with a Python-based script designed to batch run simulations over a range of potential storage conditions (see Gainsforth *et al.*, 2015; Antoshechkina & Ghiorso, 2018; Gleeson *et al.*, 2023). We model fractional crystallisation as opposed to equilibrium crystallisation, following previous thermodynamic modelling (Fowler *et al.*, 2007; Cannatelli, 2012) and empirical major element geochemical studies (Civetta *et al.*, 1991), which suggest that this process best describes the relationship between the compositions of Campi Flegrei erupted products.

Despite previous studies identifying isotopic heterogeneity in Campi Flegrei erupted compositions (D'Antonio *et al.*, 2007; Arienzo *et al.*, 2010; Di Renzo *et al.*, 2011) and suggesting separate end-member magma batches, these are not reflected in variations in major element chemistry, where eruptions can be related by crystallisation to a single parental magma (Civetta *et al.*, 1991; Smith *et al.*, 2011). We therefore model crystallisation of a single parental magma, using the most primitive melt inclusion that we measured in mafic post-15 ka eruptions as the starting composition in our models (CF410_cpx12_MI18; Table S2). This clinopyroxene-hosted inclusion from Fondo Riccio has the highest MgO (6.23 wt %) and CaO (11.62 wt %) concentrations in our dataset and low incompatible element concentrations ($Na_2O + K_2O$ 6.84 wt %), and is in equilibrium with its host crystal based on their $K_D(Fe\text{-}Mg)^{cpx\text{-}liq}$ of 0.31 ± 0.07 (i.e. within the equilibrium range of 0.28 ± 0.08 from Putirka (2008). Masotta *et al.* (2013) identified that melt alkali content can affect these calculations, but their revised model converges with the $K_D(Fe\text{-}Mg)^{cpx\text{-}liq}$ range given in Putirka (2008) for $K_D > 0.2$, so we prefer to use this as it does not require prior knowledge of crystallisation temperature, although the narrow range likely reflects the majority of published experiments involving mafic systems with the actual equilibrium range potentially being larger (Di Fiore *et al.*, 2021). The selected melt inclusion is glassy, implying post-entrapment crystallisation (PEC) has not been extensive (Fig. S1) and a correction for PEC did not significantly alter our model outputs (Fig. S2). Although previous authors have reported more mafic melt inclusions (Webster *et al.*, 2003; Cannatelli *et al.*, 2007), they require extensive correction for post-entrapment crystallisation, which can compromise their major element composition (Danyushevsky *et al.*, 2002; Kress & Ghiorso, 2004), so we prefer to use our own direct measurements.

Fractional crystallisation models

We initiated our FC models at the calculated liquidus and ended at a melt fraction of ~0.05 (5%; models fail closer to the solidus, likely due to extreme incompatible element enrichment in the melt phase), with a temperature step of 1 °C. The proportions and compositions of all stable phases are recorded at each temperature step, with crystals removed from the bulk composition between steps. No constraints were placed on the phases rhyolite-MELTS could stabilise; predicted phases were compared to those observed in natural samples. Model parameters (L_{fO2}, P, L_{H2O}) are defined for each model and, to constrain the conditions of Campi Flegrei magma storage, we varied these parameters across the range of possible conditions previously identified in the literature (Table 1). We varied L_{fO2} by fixing it above the liquidus and then allowing fO_2 to vary unbuffered below the liquidus. In our FC models, we tested a matrix of parameter space so that each intensive variable was tested against the full range of the remaining two, totalling 1720 individual simulations. To reduce the modelled parameter space, we follow previous studies in only considering isobaric crystallisation (Fowler *et al.*, 2007; Cannatelli, 2012; Rooney *et al.*, 2012; Stock *et al.*, 2016; Gleeson *et al.*, 2017). While previous authors have suggested that the Campi Flegrei sub-volcanic system could have magmas stored at multiple depths (Astbury *et al.*, 2018; Giordano & Caricchi, 2022), we find the liquid lines of descent produced in our rhyolite-MELTS models are not sensitive to polybaric crystallisation in the mid- to upper-crust within a reasonable pressure range (Fig. S3) and so consider only a simple isobaric scenario.

Assimilation models

Following Fowler *et al.* (2007), we model AFC taking the best-fit intensive parameters for each volcano-tectonic setting based on the results obtained from FC simulations (see section Statistical determination of best-fit storage conditions, below) before adding a contaminant to rhyolite-MELTS models at a fixed temperature, using the bulk compositions measured from samples of the basement lithology (Table S1; sample 23-FMR-001 = limestone; sample 23-FMR-003 = wedge-top deposits; sample 23-FMR-14A = syenite; sample 23-FMR-017 = Palaeozoic metamorphic basement). In each AFC model, we systematically varied the type and amount of assimilation, holding all other model parameters constant and producing 80 additional models. While we acknowledge that this is a simplification, simultaneously changing the type of assimilant, temperature interval over which contamination occurs, conditions of magma storage (P, L_{fO2}, L_{H2O}) and adding mixtures of different assimilants creates an unmanageably large parameter space. Instead, our approach assumes that the intrinsic conditions of magma storage exert a first-order control on the liquid line of descent and that small amounts of assimilation of a dominant assimilant composition have a second-order impact. Rhyolite-MELTS can simulate assimilation under either isenthalpic or isothermal conditions (Ghiorso & Kelemen, 1987), which can constrain different aspects of assimilation. To investigate the effect of different assimilant compositions on the liquid line of descent in a long-lived magmatic system, we follow Fowler *et al.* (2007) in running AFC models isothermally, whereby the initial temperature of the assimilant is the same as the melt. Each model was run as a closed system FC simulation from the liquidus to 1100 °C before the assimilant was added and chemically equilibrated with the new system. The melt then evolved once again down to low melt fractions, reducing temperature by 1 °C and extracting crystals at each step, as in FC models. The amount of assimilant was varied between $M_a/M_m = 0.01$–0.3 in 0.05 increments, where M_a/M_m is the ratio of assimilant to melt (equivalent to 1–30% contamination).

Statistical determination of best-fit storage conditions

Most previous studies that have determined magmatic processes/storage conditions by correlating the compositions of natural erupted materials with rhyolite-MELTS outputs have qualitatively identified the best-fit model run conditions 'by eye' (Fowler *et al.*, 2007; Fowler & Spera, 2010; Cannatelli, 2012). This approach was advanced by Gleeson *et al.* (2017), who employed a statistical method based on least-squares analysis to quantitively determine the best-fit model conditions, comparing the residuals between

Table 1: Magma storage conditions investigated in rhyolite-MELTS models and the ranges over which they were varied

Intensive parameter	Range tested	Intervals	References
Pressure (MPa)	50 to 500	50	Bohrson *et al.*, 2006; Cannatelli *et al.*, 2007; Fowler *et al.*, 2007; Zollo *et al.*, 2008; Arienzo *et al.*, 2016
Initial water content (wt %)	0.5, 1 to 6	1	Mangiacapra *et al.*, 2008; Arienzo *et al.*, 2016; Stock *et al.*, 2016; Forni *et al.*, 2018
Oxygen fugacity (log units relative to the quartz–fayalite–magnetite buffer)	−2 to +3	1	Fowler *et al.*, 2007; Cannatelli, 2012; Stock *et al.*, 2016

The ranges chosen were constrained based on previous studies of Campi Flegrei.

compositional evolution of the modelled melt phase and whole-rock samples from Aluto volcano (Ethiopia). We build on this work, implementing an improved statistical assessment to determine the correlation between each of our 1800 (1720 FC and 80 AFC) rhyolite-MELTS models and natural matrix glasses from Campi Flegrei. Rather than comparing models against our full literature dataset, we separate post-15 ka Campi Flegrei glasses into three groups, based on the volcano-tectonic setting of their eruption vents (i.e. western caldera eruptions, northern/eastern caldera eruptions, central caldera eruptions) to identify changes in magma storage conditions and/or processes across the caldera.

Our statistical procedure for identifying best-fit models is as follows: for each oxide output by rhyolite-MELTS (except P_2O_5 which is in too low concentration), we calculated the root mean square error (RMSE) between the modelled liquid line of descent and natural Campi Flegrei matrix glasses following Willmott (1981):

$$\mathrm{RMSE}_A = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i^n \left(y_{i,A} - \hat{y}_{i,A}\right)^2}{n}} \quad (1)$$

where RMSE_A is the root mean square error for oxide A, n is the number of natural samples whose composition we are comparing against rhyolite-MELTS outputs; $y_{i,A}$ is the concentration of major oxide A in natural sample i at a given MgO concentration and $\hat{y}_{i,A}$ is the concentration major oxide A predicted by rhyolite-MELTS for the same MgO concentration. In this approach, MgO is an index of fractionation, decreasing along the liquid line of descent as it is incorporated into phases such as olivine, clinopyroxene and spinel group minerals.

The RMSE is in units of the variable y (in our case, wt %) and, as the concentration of major oxides varies considerably in natural volcanic glasses (e.g. ~1 wt % TiO_2 to >50% SiO_2 in our samples), the magnitude of RMSE varies accordingly. As a result, we normalised each RMSE value to the average concentration of the major oxide in our natural Campi Flegrei matrix glasses:

$$\mathrm{RMSE}_{\mathrm{norm},A} = \frac{\mathrm{RMSE}_A}{\overline{X}_A} \quad (2)$$

where $\mathrm{RMSE}_{\mathrm{norm},A}$ is the normalised root mean square error for oxide A and $\overline{X}_A$ is mean concentration of oxide A in all of our natural Campi Flegrei glasses.

The $\mathrm{RMSE}_{\mathrm{norm}}$ values for each major oxide were then summed to give a single, total RMSE ($\mathrm{RMSE}_{\mathrm{total}}$) for each model:

$$\mathrm{RMSE}_{\mathrm{total}} = \sum \mathrm{RMSE}_{\mathrm{norm}} \quad (3)$$

By identifying our rhyolite-MELTS model that produces the lowest $\mathrm{RMSE}_{\mathrm{total}}$, we constrained the input conditions that best reproduce the liquid line of descent recorded by natural Campi Flegrei erupted products and thus mirror the most likely conditions of sub-volcanic magma storage. We have provided a sample Python code to calculate the RMSE of rhyolite-MELTS models at doi:10.5281/zenodo.14900107. Our approach builds on the work of Gleeson *et al.* (2017) by comparing rhyolite-MELTS outputs to natural data throughout the entire crystallisation sequence from the most mafic to evolved samples, assessing which combination of intensive parameters best reproduces the observed liquid line of descent.

Our statistical measure of the best-fit conditions was supplemented by comparison of the phase assemblages predicted by rhyolite-MELTS and those observed in natural samples (see Fractional crystallisation models, below).

Potential limitations of rhyolite-MELTS

Previous studies using MELTS to constrain magma storage conditions, including those for the petrogenesis of the CI, note a displacement of up to ~3 wt % between predicted melt K_2O and CaO concentrations and those measured in natural samples (Fowler *et al.*, 2007; Fowler & Spera, 2010). The CaO discrepancy is likely due to under-stabilisation of clinopyroxene (Fowler & Spera, 2010), whereas the K_2O discrepancy may be the result of MELTS over stabilising sanidine due to a paucity of experimental data available for calibrating the alkali feldspar–liquid equilibria (Gualda *et al.*, 2012). The calibration of rhyolite-MELTS used in this study (v1.2.) remedies this issue by adjusting the stability of quartz and the potassium end-member of alkali feldspar and hence is more suitable for the alkali Campi Flegrei magmas (Gualda *et al.*, 2012). Rooney *et al.* (2012) note that rhyolite-MELTS also overpredicts melt P_2O_5 concentrations, which they attribute to inaccuracies in the apatite solubility model. However, due to the low P_2O_5 concentrations in all our natural Campi Flegrei samples (generally approaching the lower limit of detection), this element is not considered in our subsequent estimates of best-fit storage conditions.

Rhyolite-MELTS is inherently limited by a lack of hydrous phase-bearing experiments and thermodynamic models for hydrous mafic silicates, making it largely inappropriate for systems where hydrous minerals are major phases controlling the liquid line of descent (e.g. amphibole-rich rhyolites; Gualda *et al.*, 2012). However, in Campi Flegrei hydrous minerals (e.g. biotite, apatite) are ubiquitously minor phases (Isaia *et al.*, 2004; Smith *et al.*, 2011; Stock *et al.*, 2018); hence, we expect inaccuracies in reproducing hydrous mineral stabilities will have minimal impact on our model outputs. Sanidine compositions calculated by rhyolite-MELTS are also more sodic than observed in natural samples, with sanidine appearing on the liquidus at higher temperatures (~40 °C) compared to thermometry and experiments on natural systems (Gualda *et al.*, 2012; Gardner *et al.*, 2014; Gleeson *et al.*, 2017). However, as sanidine generally appears at low melt fractions (Fowler *et al.*, 2007; Cannatelli, 2012),

it is also unlikely to significantly impact our model results for the questions posed in this study.

Rhyolite-MELTS remains an extremely valuable tool for evaluating how reasonable different scenarios are (FC and AFC), despite model inaccuracies largely related to the availability of experimental data. It has been successfully applied to model phase equilibria across a range of volcanic systems (e.g. recently Knafelc *et al.*, 2020; Boschetty *et al.*, 2022; Fred *et al.*, 2022). By comparing the fit of models run over a wide range of starting conditions to the natural data from Campi Flegrei, we can place new constraints on processes operating in the sub-volcanic system.

RESULTS

Compositional variation in post-15 ka Campi Flegrei glasses

Post-15 ka Campi Flegrei eruptions derived from vents in the three volcano-tectonic groups have distinct matrix glass compositions (although some overlap between compositions exists, Fig. 2, D'Antonio *et al.*, 1999; Di Renzo *et al.*, 2011; Smith *et al.*, 2011). The northern and eastern caldera eruptions are the most mafic (typically shoshonite–tephriphonolite) with the highest MgO, FeO and CaO concentrations and the lowest SiO_2 content. The Minopoli 2 eruption forms a distinct high MgO group separate from other eruptions (Fig. 2). The western caldera eruptions extend to the most evolved compositions (trachyte–phonolite), with low MgO, high SiO_2 and elevated Na_2O concentrations, forming a distinct low-K_2O, high-SiO_2 group (Fig. 2c). At very low MgO concentrations, the western caldera eruptions also tend towards elevated TiO_2 and Na_2O and depleted K_2O. The central caldera eruptions are typically intermediate between the other two groups in terms of their extent of evolution, ranging from tephriphonolites to phonolites/trachytes. They have the highest K_2O concentrations and variable Al_2O_3.

Fractional crystallisation models

All our FC models show comparable geochemical trends with phases coming onto the liquidus in a similar order (Fig. 3). Depending on the intensive parameters, olivine or clinopyroxene are the liquidus phases (1100–1180 °C) for all models, with clinopyroxene being the second phase to precipitate if not on the liquidus (Fig. S4). Spinel group minerals (predominantly magnetite; typically 1050–1120 °C) and plagioclase (typically 975–1050 °C) precipitate next but their saturation temperatures depend strongly on the model pressure, L_{H2O} and L_{fo2} (see below). Small amounts of biotite (890–945 °C), K-feldspar (sanidine; 805–890 °C) and, in some models, leucite (800–950 °C) come onto the liquidus at low temperatures. In a small number of models, olivine (~850 °C), nepheline (720–735 °C), garnet (705 °C) or muscovite (~730 °C) precipitate close to the solidus. Aside from these occasional near-solidus phases, the modelled phase assemblage mirrors that observed in post-15 ka Campi Flegrei eruptions (Stock *et al.*, 2018).

Regarding the liquid line of descent, clinopyroxene-only crystallisation drives a decrease in MgO and CaO (from ~6 to 4.5 wt % and 11 to 9.5 wt % at *spinel-in*, respectively), with other oxides (Al_2O_3, K_2O, Na_2O, FeO, TiO_2) increasing in the residual liquid at high melt fractions, with FeO and TiO_2 beginning to decrease when spinel group minerals come onto the liquidus and the liquid evolves from shoshonite to latite. The onset of plagioclase crystallisation causes an inflection in Al_2O_3 with decreasing MgO as crystallisation continues, where Al_2O_3 becomes compatible in the crystallising assemblage and the liquid evolves from latite to tephriphonolite; plagioclase is initially Ca-rich, further driving the decrease in the liquid CaO concentration, but becomes increasingly sodic at lower temperatures, reducing the rate of Na_2O enrichment in the liquid. K-feldspar comes onto the liquidus when MgO has decreased to ~0.2 wt %; at this point K_2O becomes compatible in the crystallising assemblage and is depleted in the residual liquid, with the liquid evolving towards phonolite. This is accompanied by a sharp Na_2O enrichment in the liquid as the fraction of crystallising plagioclase decreases. Sharp compositional changes at very low MgO contents in both FC and AFC models (Fig. 4e) are likely a result of limitations modelling minor minerals, which accommodate incompatible elements at low melt fractions (Gualda *et al.*, 2012). Although these trends hold generally for each of our simulations, the exact nature of the liquid line of descent depends on the liquidus temperature of each mineral phase and the proportions of crystallising solid, which vary as a function of the model intensive parameters.

Varying the initial H_2O content

Although varying L_{H2O} does not have a significant effect on the type or order of minerals crystalising in our rhyolite-MELTS models (Fig. S5), small differences in their solidus temperatures, modal proportions and compositions have significant effects on the liquid line of descent (Fig. 4). This is particularly the case for plagioclase, where crystal anorthite contents are highly sensitive to the H_2O content of their equilibrium melt (Lange *et al.*, 2009). At low L_{H2O} (~0.5–3 wt %), feldspar minerals stop crystallising at relatively high temperatures (~775–850 °C), leading K_2O to behave incompatibly in the crystallising assemblage at low temperatures (below 800 °C) and MgO contents. Conversely, at high L_{H2O} (~4–6 wt %), feldspar continues to crystallise until the solidus and CaO behaves incompatibly in the melt at low temperatures (below ~810 °C). Reducing L_{H2O} to <4% significantly reduces sanidine stability, resulting in very high melt Al_2O_3 contents (20–22 wt %; Fig. 4a). Prediction of sanidine compositions is a known limitation of rhyolite-MELTS (Gualda *et al.*, 2012; Gardner *et al.*, 2014), which might explain these differences. Higher L_{H2O} leads to a greater proportion of feldspar crystallising overall (~0.47 for 6 wt % L_{H2O} compared to ~0.38 for 1 wt %, largely due to differences in the amount of sanidine predicted to crystallise). Initial melt H_2O content also has an impact on the predicted clinopyroxene composition, which affects the melt TiO_2 content. At high L_{H2O} (>3%), clinopyroxene has higher TiO_2 contents, especially at high temperatures, so crystallisation strongly drives down the melt TiO_2 content, whereas at lower L_{H2O} (<2%), clinopyroxene TiO_2 content is much lower until low temperatures, so the TiO_2 content remains elevated (Fig. 4c). Increasing L_{H2O} reduces the TiO_2 content of spinel group minerals, but the small quantities (~0.05) of spinel group minerals crystallised means the effect on melt TiO_2 content is minimal compared to clinopyroxene.

Varying oxygen fugacity

Increasing L_{fo2} in our rhyolite-MELTS models increases the stability of spinel group minerals, which primarily impacts the SiO_2 and FeO concentrations of the residual melt during fractional crystallisation: under more oxidising conditions, where spinel group minerals stabilise at higher temperatures, melt SiO_2 concentrations begin to increase at higher temperatures and FeO contents are lower for any given MgO content (Fig. 4e). The earlier precipitation of spinel group minerals under more oxidising conditions is consistent with experimental studies (Toplis & Carroll, 1995; Feig *et al.*, 2010). Varying L_{fo2} also effects the liquid line of descent for TiO_2 with generally lower melt TiO_2 concentrations

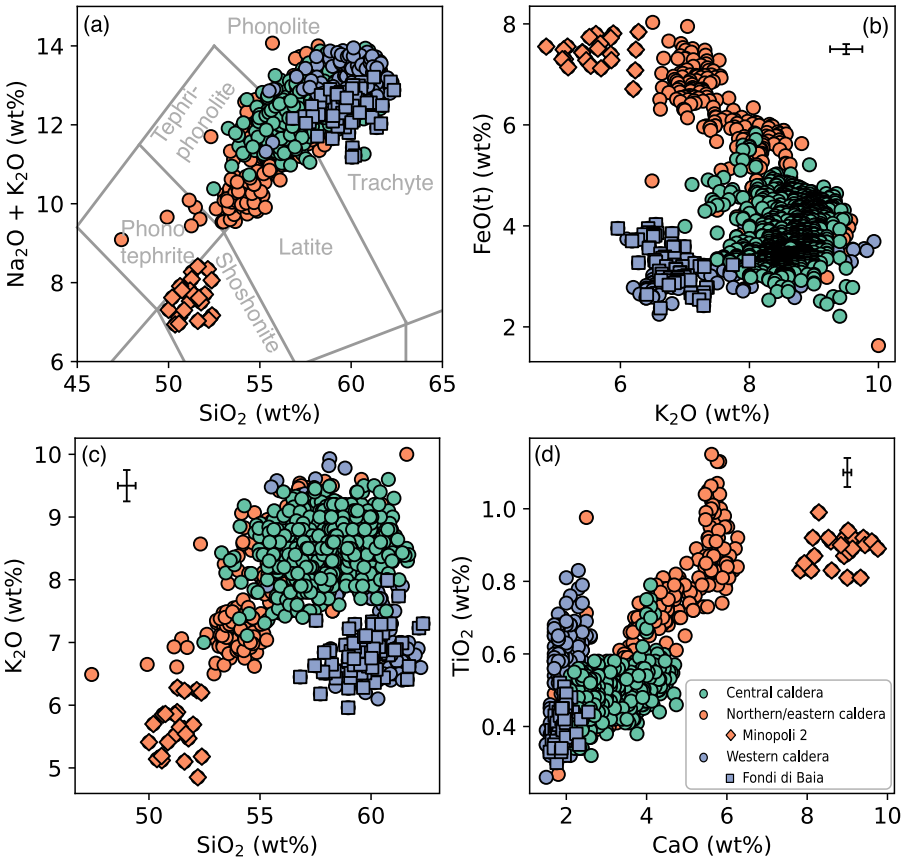

Fig. 2. Major element variation diagrams of literature glass data for Campi Flegrei eruptions in the last 15 kyr. Points are coloured by tectonic group as illustrated in Fig. 1. Error bars show representative 2 SD error from EPMA analysis from Smith *et al.* (2011). Glass data were compiled from GEOROC, see *Literature data* for references. Glass data from Minopoli 2 eruption, which forms a distinct high-MgO group, are shown with diamond markers and data from the Fondi di Baia eruption, which is discussed in the *Assimilation at Fondi di Baia* section, are shown with square markers.

in the more oxidised models, again because of the earlier spinel group minerals fractionation but also differences in the predicted clinopyroxene composition, which initially contains more TiO_2 (Fig. 4f). However, at QFM + 3, spinel minerals contain less TiO_2 than at QFM, so at lower L_{fO2}, there is a steeper reduction of TiO_2 in the melt after *spinel-in*.

Varying pressure

Changing pressure in our rhyolite-MELTS models has minor impacts on the predicted phase assemblage. The major mineral phases observed in Campi Flegrei erupted products—clinopyroxene, plagioclase feldspar, alkali feldspar—are predicted to crystallise across all pressures (Figs 3 and S4). However, at high pressures (>200 MPa), rhyolite-MELTS predicts minor muscovite and garnet crystallisation close to the solidus (Fig. 3c). Likewise, at low pressures (<70 MPa), leucite is predicted to crystallise in significant quantities (~7%, Fig. 3a). The liquid line of descent is not very sensitive to pressure; for all major oxides there is generally <1 wt % difference in the predicted concentration of the oxide at equivalent MgO/temperature steps across the entire range of pressures (Fig. 4g–i). Small differences between models run at opposing ends of our pressure range observed at low temperature likely reflect the crystallisation of near-solidus muscovite, garnet and leucite.

Modelling assimilation—fractional crystallisation

The major and trace element compositions of basement rocks, which represent potential Campi Flegrei assimilants are listed in Table S1. The addition of an assimilant to our rhyolite-MELTS models produces similar geochemical trends for all volcano-tectonic groups, although these trends differ for each assimilant composition.

Assimilation of Palaeozoic metamorphic basement

The addition of Palaeozoic metamorphic basement assimilant to our rhyolite-MELTS models significantly increases the predicted melt SiO_2 content and reduces the predicted Al_2O_3 content, relative to FC models run with the same set of intensive variables (Figs S8, S12 and S16); these effects increase with increasing quantities of the contaminant. Small quantities of Palaeozoic metamorphic contamination cause melt K_2O and Na_2O contents to increase at low temperatures and melt fractions, due to changes in the predicted phase assemblage: in models with $M_a/M_m = 0.1$ feldspar stops crystallising ~80 °C higher temperature than for $M_a/M_m = 0.3$. For models with $M_a/M_m > 0.2$, rhyolite-MELTS predicts crystallisation of quartz at low temperatures.

Assimilation of syn-orogenic wedge-top deposits

Addition of wedge-top deposits increases the predicted SiO_2 content of the melt in our rhyolite-MELTS models compared to FC under equivalent storage conditions, especially at low temperatures and melt fractions (Figs S7, S11 and S15); at $M_a/M_m = 0.3$, the SiO_2 content of the residual melt is predicted to reach ~72 wt % at low temperatures. Addition of wedge-top deposits also slightly increases the predicted melt CaO concentration and decreases the melt FeO, K_2O, Na_2O and Al_2O_3 at equivalent MgO content

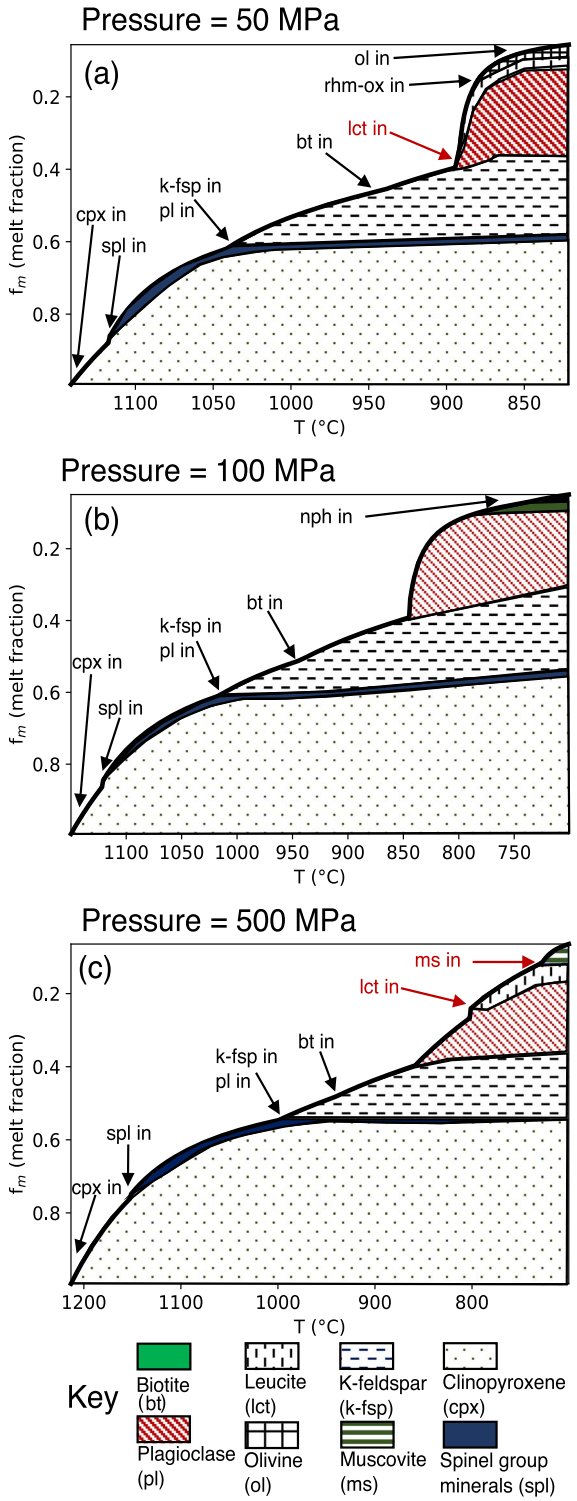

Fig. 3. Phase proportions as a function of magma temperature for fractional crystallisation MELTS models at different pressures. Models are run at L_{fO2} = QFM + 1 and L_{H2O} = 2 wt %. Phases highlighted in red (leucite, muscovite) are not observed in natural Campi Flegrei samples in the major crystallising assemblage. Phases not in key: nph, nepheline; rhm-ox, rhombohedral oxide

compared to FC models with the same intensive parameters, with the magnitude of these changes increasing with the amount of assimilant. For small amounts of wedge-top deposit assimilation, sanidine stops crystallising at higher temperatures, leading to K_2O incompatibility at low temperatures, whereas larger amounts of wedge-top deposit assimilation causes more Na-rich plagioclase to crystallise, lowering the Na_2O contents of the residual melt.

Assimilation of limestone

Addition of limestone in our rhyolite-MELTS models has the most significant impact on the predicted CaO concentration (Figs S6, S10 and S14), causing it to increase relative to FC models run with the same intensive parameters. Conversely, the predicted liquid SiO_2 content is much lower relative to equivalent FC models at a given MgO concentration. These effects increase with greater amounts of limestone contamination, especially at $M_a/M_m > 0.01$ (Figs S6, S10 and S14). To a lesser extent, at equivalent melt MgO content, limestone assimilation causes slightly lower FeO and Al_2O_3 contents and slightly higher TiO_2 relative to equivalent FC models and with limestone addition at $M_a/M_m > 0.05$ rhyolite-MELTS predicts minor garnet crystallisation at best-fitting intensive parameters for uncontaminated FC.

Assimilation of syenite

Where a syenite assimilant is added to our rhyolite-MELTS models, melt SiO_2 contents are higher and Al_2O_3 contents are lower than in FC models run under equivalent conditions at the same melt MgO content, due to greater proportions of crystallising feldspar. For the other major oxides, adding syenite does not significantly change the liquid line of descent compared to equivalent FC models, saving a small reduction in K_2O content and increase in Na_2O, CaO and TiO_2 concentrations. In all cases, the predicted liquid lines of descent are similar irrespective of the quantity of contaminant (Figs S9, S13 and S17).

DISCUSSION

Constraints on magma storage conditions

Contrasting major element compositions of matrix glasses erupted from vents in different volcano-tectonic settings allude to variations in the structure and/or processes operating within the sub-volcanic plumbing system in different parts of the Campi Flegrei caldera. Changing L_{H2O}, L_{fo2} and *P* in our models affects the predicted liquid line of descent (Fig. 4), which in turn controls how well the models match measured natural glass compositions from Campi Flegrei (Fig. 5). Our RMSE statistical test constrains the combination of intensive parameters, which produce the best-fit between the liquid line of descent predicted by rhyolite-MELTS FC models and that recorded by natural glass compositions (Table 2 and S4–S6).

Liquidus H_2O concentration

Varying L_{H2O} between 1 and 6 wt % markedly changes the stability of feldspar, with *feldspar-in* occurring at higher temperatures for lower H_2O contents, as observed in previous experimental (Eggler, 1972; Gaetani *et al.*, 1993; Sisson & Grove, 1993; Lange *et al.*, 2009), MELTS based studies (Fowler *et al.*, 2007; Cannatelli, 2012) and observations of erupted plagioclase textures and compositions (e.g. at Stromboli—Landi *et al.*, 2004). At the lower end of our L_{H2O} range (0.5–2 wt %), our models predict an enrichment in the melt K_2O at low temperatures (i.e. incompatible behaviour) and consistently high melt TiO_2 contents, which are not observed in natural Campi Flegrei samples (Fig. 6). Similarly, at the top of our L_{H2O} range (5–6 wt %), rhyolite-MELTS predicts that the melt becomes enriched in CaO at low temperatures, with consistently low TiO_2 and high Al_2O_3 concentrations, which are also not

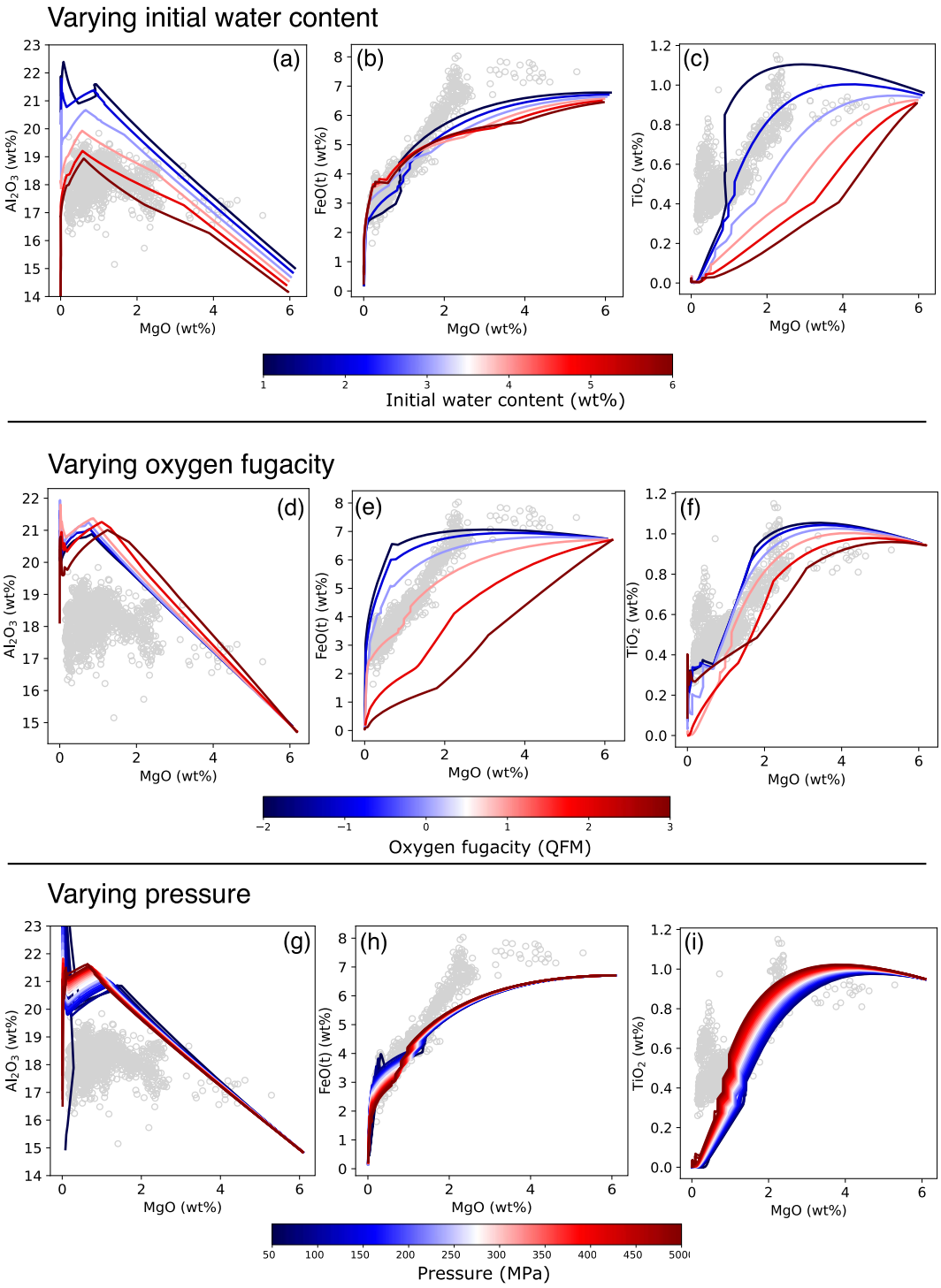

Fig. 4. The effect of varying each intensive parameter on the resulting liquid line of descent predicted by rhyolite-MELTS. The colour of the line represents the value of the intensive parameter being varied (where blue to red indicates the intensive parameter increasing from the lowest to highest value tested): L_{H2O} from 1–6 wt % in (a), (b), (c); L_{fO2} from −2 to +3 log units below/above the QFM buffer in (d), (e), (f); pressure from 50 to 500 MPa in (g), (h), (i). For (a)-(f), pressure was held constant at 160 MPa. For (d)-(i), L_{H2O} was 2 wt %. For (a)-(c) and (g)-(i), L_{fO2} was QFM + 1. The grey points are all literature glass data for eruptions in the last 15 kyr. This figure represents a selection of all rhyolite-MELTS models run; each intensive parameter was evaluated against the full range of the remaining two.

observed. These constraints lead to higher RMSE for models with L_{H2O} outside 2–3 wt % (Fig. 5a, d and g). For the northern/eastern and western caldera eruptions, the natural glass compositions are best reproduced by crystallisation with 2 wt % L_{H2O}, whereas the central caldera eruptions are best reproduced with a higher L_{H2O} of 3 wt %.

The best-fit L_{H2O} for each volcano-tectonic setting (2–3 wt %) are consistent with previous measurements of mafic melt inclusion H_2O concentrations (Webster *et al.*, 2003; Cannatelli *et al.*, 2007; Mangiacapra *et al.*, 2008; Stock *et al.*, 2018), those determined experimentally (Perinelli *et al.*, 2019) and L_{H2O} values used in previous thermodynamic modelling of Campi Flegrei eruptions

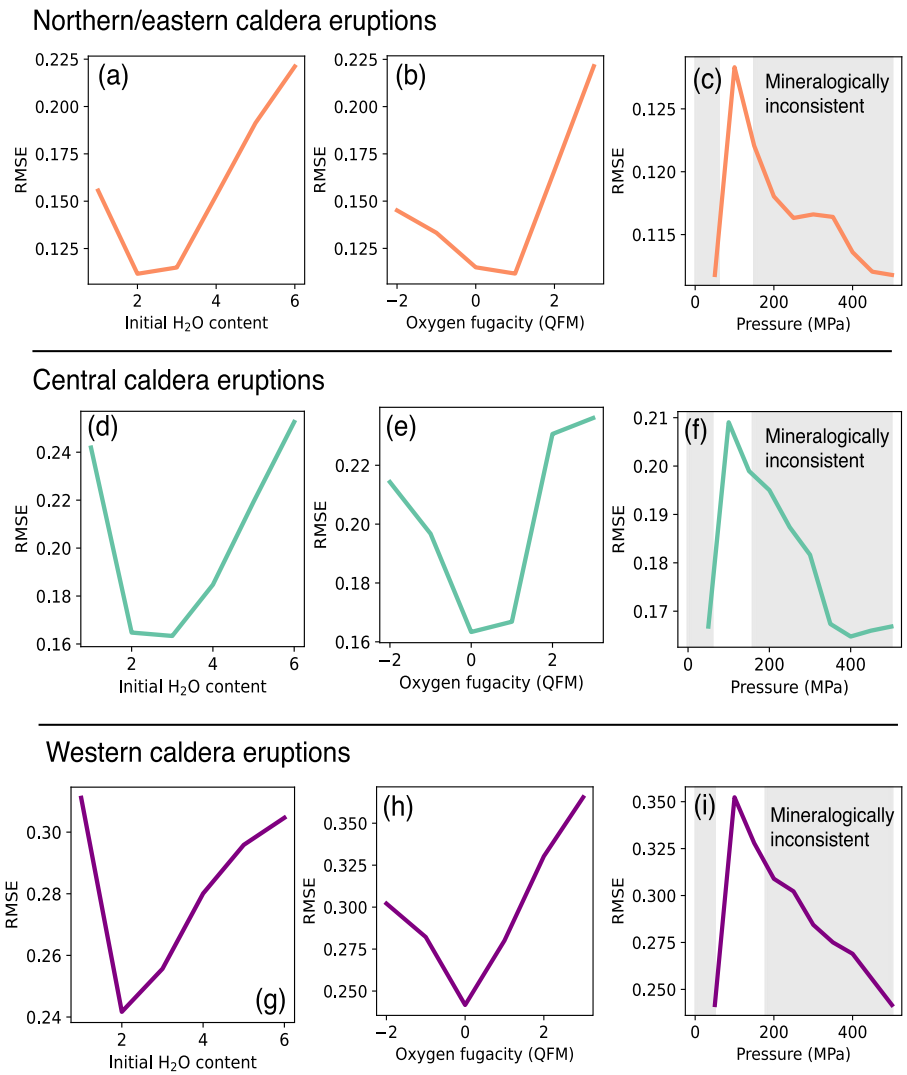

Fig. 5. The effect of varying each intensive parameter on the RMSE of the resulting rhyolite-MELTS model. For (a), (d) and (g), pressure and oxygen fugacity are held constant at the best-fit conditions for the tectonic group and the initial H_2O content is varied. For (b), (e) and (h), H_2O content and pressure are held constant and oxygen fugacity is varied. For (c), (f) and (i), H_2O content and oxygen fugacity are both held constant and pressure is varied. The grey-shaded regions in (c), (f), (i) indicate pressures at which rhyolite-MELTS predicts the crystallisation of phases which are not observed in natural Campi Flegrei rocks (muscovite, garnet, leucite).

Table 2: Best-fit FC storage conditions and assimilant compositions and quantities for each tectonic setting as defined by the lowest RMSE between rhyolite-MELTS models and the literature glass data

Best-fit	**Northern/eastern caldera eruptions**	**Central caldera eruptions**	**Western caldera eruptions**
Pressure (MPa)	110	140	160
Initial water content (wt %)	2	3	2
Oxygen fugacity (log units relative to the quartz–fayalite–magnetite buffer)	1	0	0
Assimilant composition	Palaeozoic basement	Syenite	Syenite
Amount (% of total mass of magma)	10	30	30
Normalised RMSE (FC)	0.142	0.227	0.377
Normalised RMSE (AFC)	0.118	0.114	0.206

(Bohrson *et al.*, 2006; Fowler *et al.*, 2007; Cannatelli, 2012; Stock *et al.*, 2016). Forni *et al.* (2018) assessed the H_2O contents of melts in equilibrium with late-crystallising K-feldspar were higher than those of near liquidus melts (i.e. prior significant crystallisation of anhydrous minerals), and also suggested that the H_2O content of Campi Flegrei magmas increased over the past 15 ka, from 0.5–3.5 wt % in the Epoch 1 Minopoli 1 and 2 eruptions to 3–6 wt % in the Epoch 3 Astroni and Monte Nuovo eruptions. However, their study only included a small number (12) of eruptions from the past 15-kyr and did not consider the possibility for a spatial, rather than temporal, correlation. As earlier eruptions generally occurred along the caldera rim and migrated towards the centre

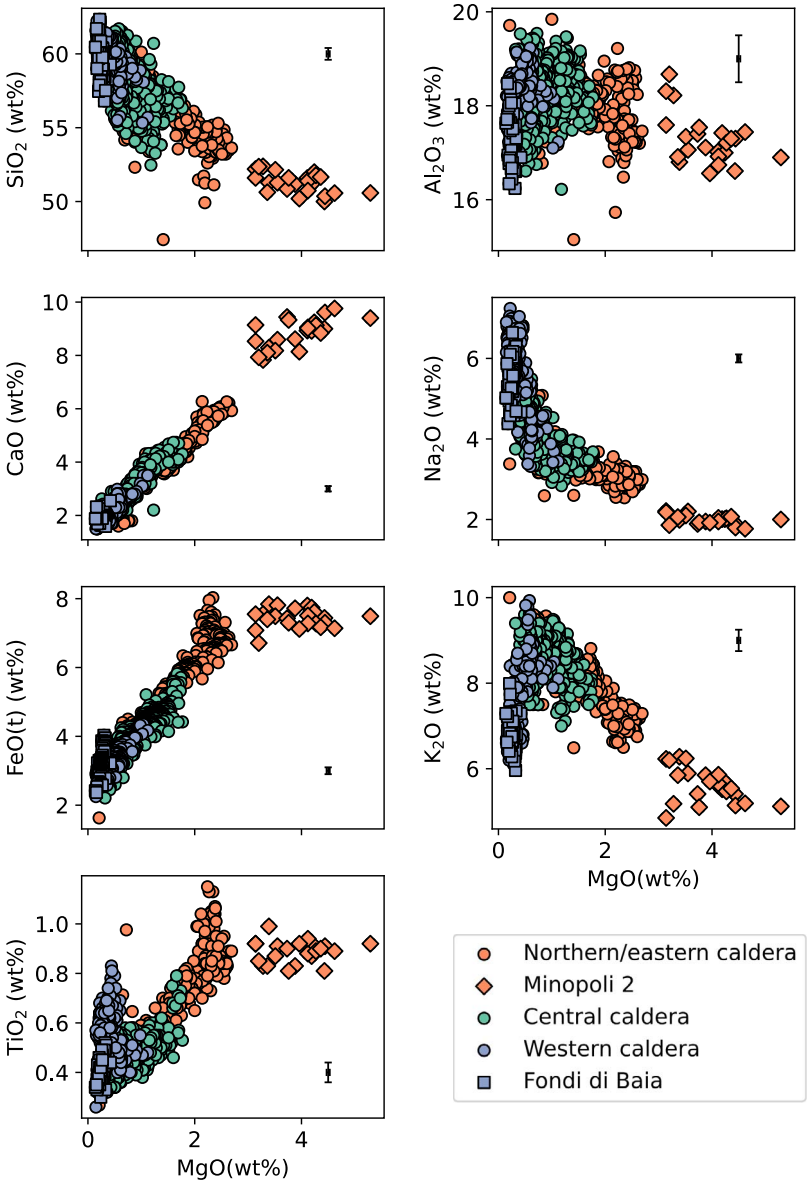

Fig. 6. Harker diagrams of literature glass data for Campi Flegrei eruptions in the last 15 kyr. Points are coloured by tectonic group as illustrated in Fig. 1. Error bars show representative 2 SD error from EPMA analysis from Smith *et al.* (2011). Glass data were compiled from GEOROC, and studies are referenced in *Literature data*. Minopoli 2 eruption, which forms a distinct high-MgO group, are shown with diamond markers and data from the Fondi di Baia eruption, which is discussed in the *Assimilation at Fondi di Baia* section, are shown with square markers.

of the caldera over time (Smith *et al.*, 2011), their results are equally compatible with differences in L_{H2O} between volcano-tectonic groups. Eruptions from vents on the caldera rim (e.g. Minopoli 1 and 2, Soccavo 4) were identified by Forni *et al.* (2018) as having lower H_2O contents than eruptions in the central caldera (e.g. Astroni, Agnano-Monte Spina). The eruption of Monte Nuovo, in the western caldera but with the highest H_2O content in the last 15 kyr, is the exception, which may be related to extensive fractionation at low temperatures.

The differences in best-fit L_{H2O} between our volcano-tectonic groups could reflect changes in the H_2O content of near-primitive mantle melts feeding Campi Flegrei eruptions in different parts of the caldera system. However, despite their different structural setting, post-15 kyr Campi Flegrei eruptions are relatively closely spaced (e.g. ~1 km between some central and caldera rim vents) relative to a whole arc or ocean island scale, and L_{H2O} variations would need to occur on significantly shorter length scales than any previously reported mantle heterogeneity (Kelemen *et al.*, 2003; Gibson *et al.*, 2012; Sims *et al.*, 2013). Consequently, we discount mantle heterogeneity as the potential source for variable L_{H2O} across the caldera. Instead, we suggest that variations in L_{H2O} between magmas in different volcano-tectonic settings result from interaction with hydrothermal water; such magma–fluid interaction has been suggested previously for Campi Flegrei eruptions on the basis of trace element and isotopic variation (Villemant, 1988; Civetta *et al.*, 1991). Although our approach cannot determine whether hydrothermal interaction and magma hydration genuinely occurred above the liquidus (i.e. as opposed to after some crystallisation), addition of water to the melt must have occurred at high enough temperatures and melt fractions to impact the crystallising phase assemblage. Campi Flegrei currently has a highly active hydrothermal system focused around Solfatara, in the central caldera (Troiano *et al.*, 2022) with geological evidence that this has persisted over the past 15 kyr

(Isaia et al., 2009). While the main hydrothermal aquifer beneath Campi Flegrei is currently within the shallow crust (2–3 km; Troiano et al., 2022) above the main zone of magma storage (see below), the eruption of hydrothermally altered syenitic lithics (Fedele et al., 2006; Gebauer et al., 2014) suggests that fluids may be present at significantly greater depths; this is supported by recent magnetotelluric imaging that shows a volatile-rich zone extending to ~8 km (Isaia et al., 2025).

Oxygen fugacity

Varying L_{fO2} between QFM − 2 and QFM + 3 has a significant effect on the predicted liquid line of descent, particularly for FeO and SiO_2, which are most impacted by changes in spinel stability (Fig. 4e). Under more oxidising conditions, spinel group minerals stabilise at higher temperatures resulting in lower FeO and higher SiO_2 concentrations in the residual melt, as observed in experimental studies (Hill & Roeder, 1974; Fisk & Bence, 1980). For L_{fO2} > QFM + 1, the predicted liquid line of descent for FeO significantly deviates from that measured in natural Campi Flegrei glasses, leading to higher RMSE for these models (Fig. 5b, e and h). For the central and western caldera eruptions, the natural glass compositions are best reproduced by crystallisation with L_{fO2} at the QFM buffer; the northern/eastern caldera eruptions are best reproduced with L_{fO2} QFM + 1.

Our best-fit L_{fO2} of QFM to QFM + 1 suggests that the liquidus oxidation state of the magma is broadly similar across the caldera. Although we do not fix fO_2 to a buffering reaction below the liquidus in our models (as these reactions very rarely occur in nature; Anenburg & O'Neill, 2019), our best-fit L_{fO2} range agrees well with previous thermodynamic modelling (Bohrson et al., 2006; Fowler et al., 2007; Cannatelli, 2012) and experimental studies (Fabbrizio & Carroll, 2008), which have consistently reproduced the phase assemblage of Campi Flegrei erupted products with fO_2 buffered between QFM and QFM + 1.8 (close to Ni-NiO + 1 at magmatic conditions, Frost, 1991). Our results are also consistent with fO_2 estimates for the Campanian Ignimbrite calculated by spinel-melt oxybarometry (QFM + 1; Forni et al., 2016).

Pressure

Varying pressure in the range 50–500 MPa has minimal effect on the liquid line of descent of all the major oxides (Fig. 4g–i), with the predicted concentrations of major oxides varying by <1% at any given MgO concentration or temperature across the entire range of pressures (where other intrinsic variables are constant). Therefore, our RMSE statistical method is not an accurate discriminator of best-fit pressure. Eggler (1972) experimentally demonstrated that plagioclase stability is strongly sensitive to the equilibrium melt H_2O content but relatively insensitive to pressure, with melt-H_2O sensitivity also observed in erupted products at Stromboli by Landi et al. (2004). As plagioclase is a major crystallising phase in Campi Flegrei magmas (Isaia et al., 2004; Piochi et al., 2005; Stock et al., 2018), this may partly explain the models' relative insensitivity to pressure variations. However, while the overall liquid line of descent predicted by rhyolite-MELTS is relatively pressure insensitive, the mineral phase assemblage does vary close to the solidus and allows for some constraint on the most probable storage conditions. Our models predict that relatively late-stage muscovite and garnet will crystallise in Campi Flegrei magmas at pressures >200 MPa and that ~7% of leucite will precipitate at pressures <70 MPa (Figs 3 and S4). Muscovite and garnet have never been reported in any Campi Flegrei eruption products and leucite has only been observed rarely in low concentration (Isaia et al., 2004; Smith et al., 2011; Stock et al., 2018); hence, these pressures likely represent unrealistic magma storage conditions. Despite our models run at intermediate pressures having the highest RMSE when comparing predicted liquid lines of descent to natural glasses (i.e. RMSEs decrease at both low and high pressures; Fig. 5c, f and i), this mineralogical disparity constrains storage pressures to the range 70–200 MPa. Within this range, the best-fit pressure for each volcano-tectonic group can be determined approximately by the lowest RMSE for SiO_2, which is the most sensitive to pressure variations. For the northern/eastern caldera eruptions, the natural glass compositions are best reproduced by crystallisation at 110 MPa, for the central caldera eruptions the best-fit pressure increases to 140 MPa and is highest for the western caldera eruptions, at 160 MPa.

Given an average Campanian crustal density of 2.3 g cm^{-3} after Rosi & Sbrana (1987), our approximated crystallisation pressures correspond to magma storage depths in the range ~5–7 km. This broadly agrees with previous phase equilibria investigations at Campi Flegrei, which visually identified that the compositions of natural samples were best reproduced by models run at pressures equivalent to 6–12 km (150–300 MPa; Bohrson et al., 2006; Fowler et al., 2007; Cannatelli, 2012). Despite the inherent insensitivity of our method, our crystallisation depth estimate also agrees reasonably with independent petrological and geophysical constraints on the structure of the Campi Flegrei magmatic system, which predict the main magma storage region to be located at ~7–8 km (Zollo et al., 2008; Stock et al., 2018; Petrelli et al., 2023; Isaia et al., 2025). Critically, our depth estimates are not consistent with shallower crystallisation at 3–4 km, which corresponds with the depth of the current deformation source (Woo & Kilburn, 2010; Amoruso et al., 2014; D'Auria et al., 2015) and most recent seismicity (Scotto di Uccio et al., 2024). This shallow unrest has previously been linked to fluid migration in the active hydrothermal system beneath Campi Flegrei (Troiano et al., 2011; Chiodini et al., 2012, 2015b) and may occur at the same depth as small/ephemeral sill intrusions (Stock et al., 2018). Rather, our data support the majority of magma storage and crystallisation occurring in the mid-lower crust.

Volcano-tectonic controls on assimilation

Rhyolite-MELTS FC models can produce best-fit liquid lines of descent which correlate reasonably with natural glass compositions for some major oxides (e.g. CaO, FeO; Figs 6, S18–S20) and there is a good agreement between the modelled phase assemblages and those observed in Campi Flegrei erupted products. However, models fail to reproduce natural glass compositions for other major oxides under any set of intensive parameters. For example, modelled Al_2O_3 concentrations are consistently higher than in natural glasses, whereas SiO_2 concentrations are consistently lower (Fig. 7). While models are able to reproduce the K_2O composition of erupted glasses from the northern/eastern and central caldera volcano-tectonic groups, the lower K_2O concentration of the western caldera eruptions is not reproduced by any of our FC models (Fig. S20). These discrepancies suggest that assimilation may play a role in controlling the Campi Flegrei liquid line of descent, where addition of a contaminant could improve the fit between our model outputs and natural glass compositions.

Despite evidence for extensive limestone contamination at Vesuvius (~25 km east of Campi Flegrei; Del Moro et al., 2001; Iacono Marziano et al., 2008) and previous authors interpreting this as a potential contaminant of Campi Flegrei magmas (Iacono Marziano et al., 2008; Pappalardo & Mastrolorenzo, 2012) addition of limestone does not significantly improve the fit between

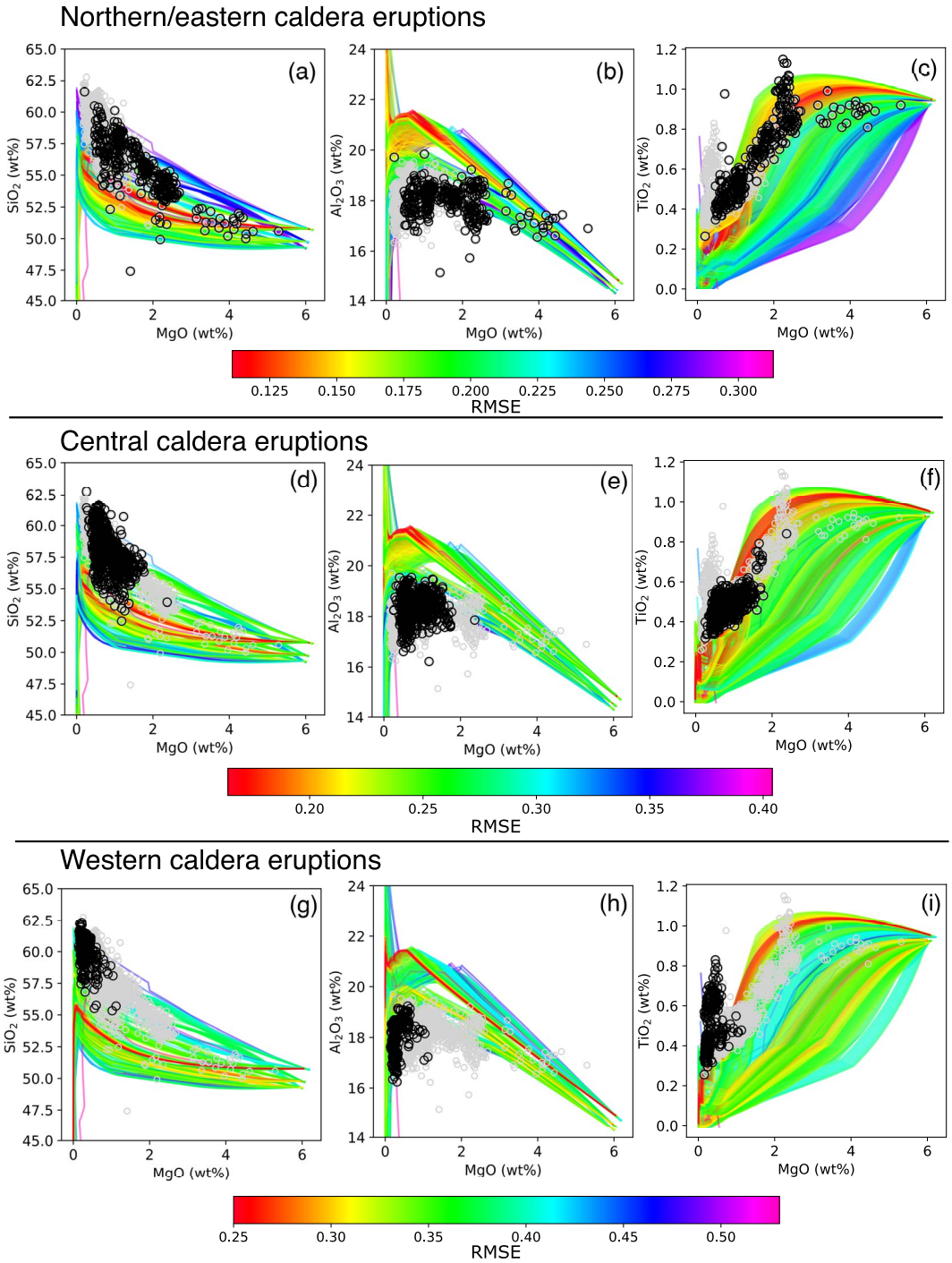

Fig. 7. Results of all rhyolite-MELTS models of fractional crystallisation. Grey points represent all literature glass data for eruptions in the last 15 kyr and black points are literature glass data for the tectonic group indicated. Each line represents the liquid line of descent predicted by rhyolite-MELTS for a parental magma cooling and crystallising under a given pressure, initial H_2O content and oxygen fugacity. Each model is coloured according to the RMSE value indicating the goodness-of-fit between the model and natural data; red indicates a better fit, blue/purple indicates a worse fit. See section "Statistical determination of best-fit storage conditions" for description of RMSE calculation, RMSE is an average of all major oxides. Plots of the other major oxides that are not shown in this figure are included in the Supplementary Material Figs S18–S20.

predicted and observed liquid lines of descent in post-15 ka volcano-tectonic groups relative to FC alone. This is reflected in limestone contamination producing only a very minor decreases in the RMSE between modelled and observed glass compositions; increasing quantities of a limestone assimilant lowers the melt SiO_2 concentration and increases CaO, forcing the predicted liquid line of descent for these elements away from the observed compositions of all volcano-tectonic groups (Figs S6, S10 and S14). At $M_a/M_m > 0.05$, limestone-contaminated models predict the crystallisation of garnet, which has never been observed in natural Campi Flegrei samples. Hence, in contrast with Vesuvius, our models clearly show that limestone is not a contaminant in Campi Flegrei (with the possible exception of the Fondi di Baia eruption, see below).

Syn-orogenic wedge-top deposits have previously been identified as a potential contaminant of Campi Flegrei magmas, based

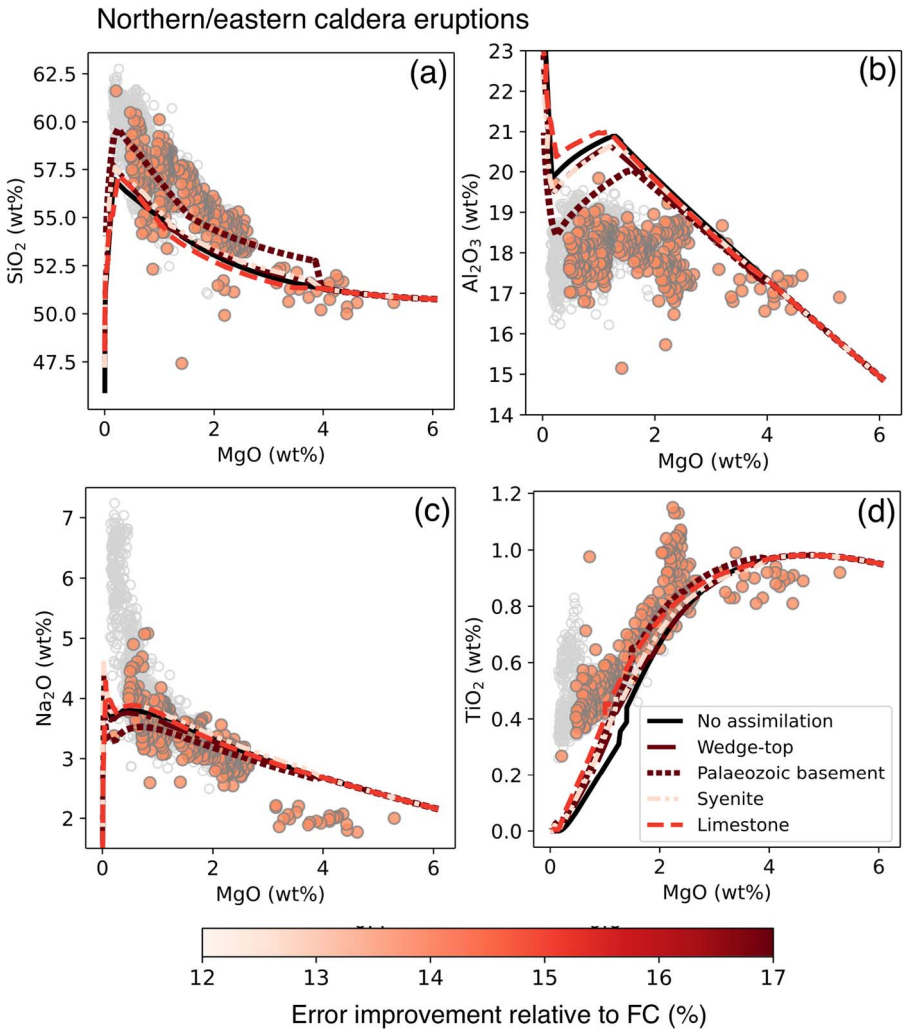

Fig. 8. Results of rhyolite-MELTS models of assimilation-fractional crystallisation for the northern/eastern caldera group eruptions. Line styles indicate different assimilant compositions, the solid black line shows the best-fit FC model for the northern/eastern caldera eruptions. For each assimilant composition, the amount of assimilant, which led to the largest improvement in model fit compared to the FC-only model, is plotted. The line colour refers to the percentage improvement of RMSE relative to the best-fit FC-only model, pale red indicates less improvement to darker red, which indicates the most improvement. Fit was calculated using normalised RMSE, as for FC models. Pale grey circles represent all literature glass data for eruptions in the last 15 kyr, orange-filled circles represent literature glass data from the northern/eastern caldera group eruptions. Assimilant was added *en masse* at 1100 °C. Full results of AFC modelling for the eastern caldera group eruptions are included in Figs S6–S9

on their occurrence in the shallow crust within the Neapolitan area (D'Erasmo, 1931; Bernasconi *et al.*, 1981; Sollevanti, 1983). Where large amounts of wedge-top deposits (M_a/M_m = 0.2–0.3) are added to rhyolite-MELTS AFC models, predicted liquid lines of descent have significantly higher SiO_2 and lower Na_2O, FeO and TiO_2 contents than are observed in natural Campi Flegrei glasses, increasing the RMSE relative to simple FC models (Figs S7, S11 and S15). Addition of small amounts of wedge-top deposits leads to K_2O enrichment in the melt at low temperatures as sanidine crystallisation is suppressed. While this mineralogical change is inconsistent with observations of natural samples (which all contain sanidine; Smith *et al.*, 2011) and negates this assimilation source, minor wedge-top deposits contamination lowers the predicted melt Al_2O_3 content compared to FC models, which improves the overall fit between the observed and modelled liquid line of descent and reduces the RMSE in all volcano-tectonic groups, especially for very small amounts of contamination (M_a/M_m = 0.05; Figs 8–10).

Long-lived volcanic systems are often thought to be underlain by large volumes of crystalline residue (mush), which fractionated during magmatic evolution but remained in the crust as their accompanying liquids were evacuated during eruptions; in silicic systems, this crystalline restite has a syenitic or granitic composition (Bachmann & Huber, 2016; Cashman *et al.*, 2017; Edmonds *et al.*, 2019; Horn *et al.*, 2022). Campi Flegrei has been active for >300 kyr (De Vivo *et al.*, 2001; Rolandi *et al.*, 2003; Di Vito *et al.*, 2008), and the presence of a sub-volcanic crystalline residue is attested by the presence of syenitic lithics, with previous thermodynamic studies suggesting that syenite assimilation impacted the composition of melts erupted during the Campanian Ignimbrite (Fowler *et al.*, 2007). In our models, assimilation of large proportions of syenite (M_a/M_m = 0.3) increases the SiO_2 content of the liquid and reduces the Al_2O_3 concentration (due to greater proportions of feldspar crystallising), improving the correlation between the modelled liquid line of descent and natural glass compositions. The RMSE, averaged across all major elements, is also reduced relative to simple FC models in all volcano-tectonic environments (Figs S9, S13 and S17). However, while predicted liquid lines of descent for syenite-contaminated magmas closely match the compositions of erupted glasses for the central caldera

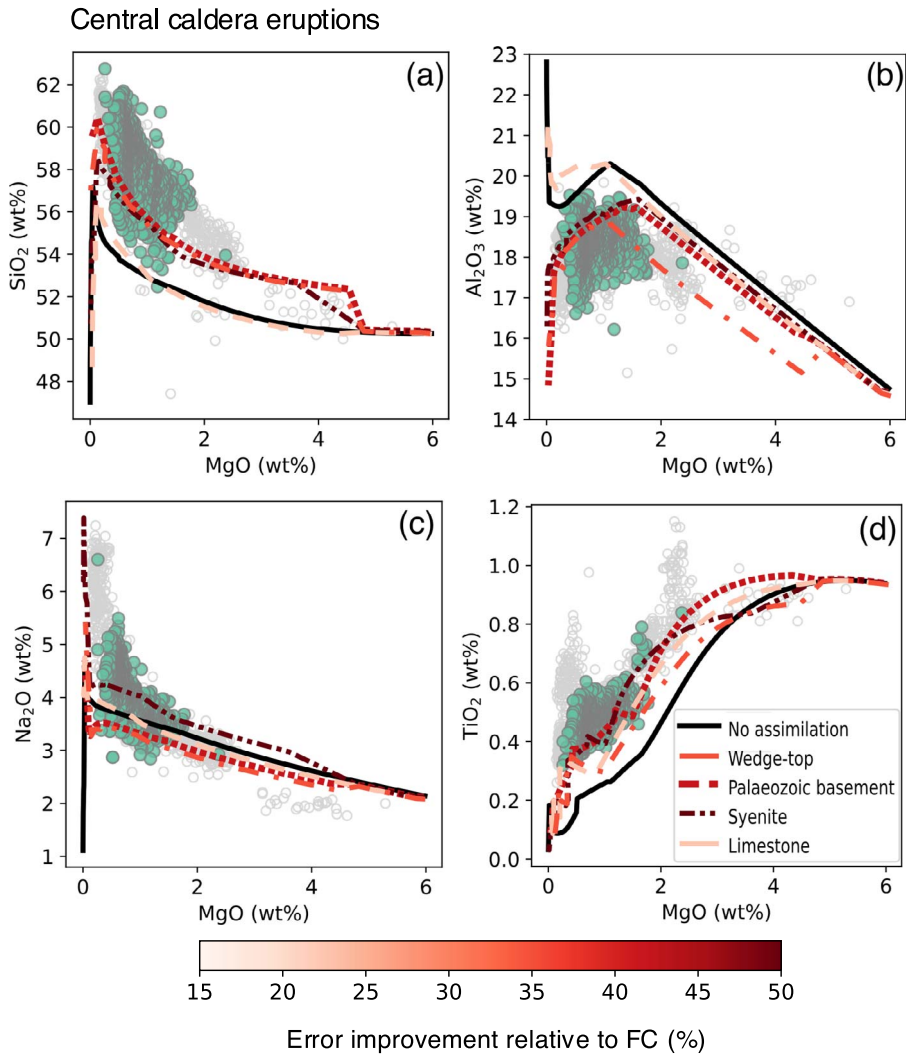

Fig. 9. Results of rhyolite-MELTS models of assimilation-fractional crystallisation for the central caldera group eruptions. The colouring and line style of each rhyolite-MELTS model is as described for Fig. 7. Pale grey circles represent all literature glass data for eruptions in the last 15 kyr, green-filled circles represent literature glass data from the central caldera group eruptions. Full results of AFC modelling for the central caldera group eruptions are included in Figs S10–S13

and western caldera eruptions, modelled Na_2O concentrations markedly deviate from the observed concentrations at low temperatures for the northern/eastern caldera eruptions, predicting much higher Na_2O concentrations than are observed.

Much of the central Italy is underlain by Palaeozoic metamorphic basement, predominantly comprising low-grade to granulite-facies metamorphic rocks, which formed during the Variscan orogeny (Caggianelli & Prosser, 2001). While the basement depth directly beneath Campi Flegrei remains poorly constrained geophysically and these Palaeozoic rocks have not been intersected in borehole records (AGIP, 1987), seismic datasets reveal relatively shallow basement (≥4 km; Battaglia *et al.*, 2008; Berrino *et al.*, 2008) beneath Campi Flegrei and these have been suggested as potential source of isotopic contamination in Campi Flegrei magmas (Pappalardo *et al.*, 2002). Our models predict quartz saturation at relatively low temperatures with large amounts ($M_a/M_m > 0.2$) of Palaeozoic metapelitic contamination and the absence of quartz in natural Campi Flegrei eruption products (Isaia *et al.*, 2004; Smith *et al.*, 2011) makes this an unlikely assimilation scenario. However, our models do not predict quartz saturation with smaller amounts of Palaeozoic metamorphic contamination ($M_a/M_m < 0.2$) but do produce higher melt SiO_2 contents and lower Al_2O_3 contents than simple fractional crystallisation, improving calculated RMSEs for all volcano-tectonic environments (Figs S8, S13 and S17). While syenite contamination returns lower RMSEs for the central and western caldera eruptions (of 0.11 and 0.21, representing 50 and 45% improvements, respectively, in the RMSE compared to FC alone), Palaeozoic metamorphic assimilation generates a lower RMSE overall for the northern/eastern caldera eruptions (of 0.12, representing a 17% improvement on FC alone). These more mafic eruptions, from vents along the caldera rim faults, were generally earlier in the last 15 kyr, following the NYT eruption. This suggests earlier eruptions ascended from depth where they encountered the metamorphic basement before erupting along the caldera ring faults, whereas the later eruptions, in the central caldera, stalled in the crust and interacted with residual syenite before eruption.

A summary of best-fit AFC model outputs for each volcano-tectonic group (i.e. lowest RMSE) is shown in Figs 8–10 and Tables S7–S9. In all volcano-tectonic settings, AFC models can produce liquid lines of descent which are closer to natural glass compositions than simple FC models. However, the nature of

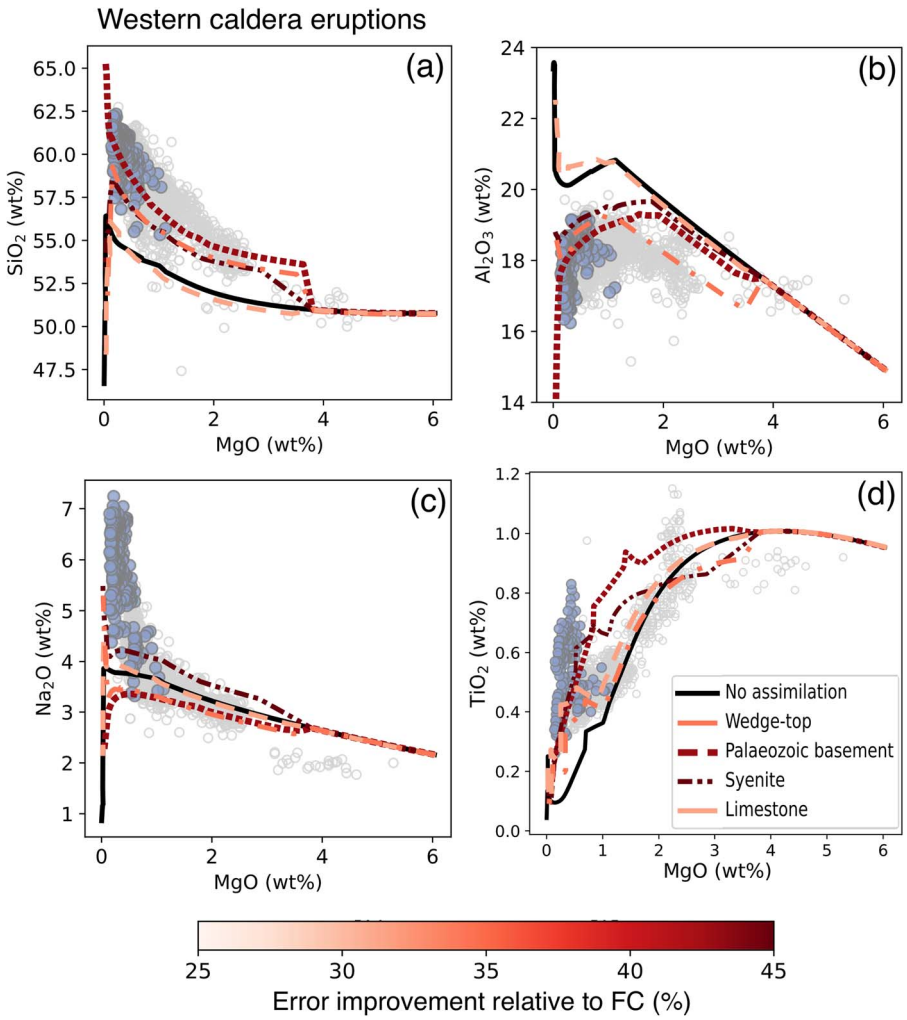

Fig. 10. Results of rhyolite-MELTS models of assimilation-fractional crystallisation for the western caldera group eruptions. The colouring and line style of each rhyolite-MELTS model is as described for Fig. 7. Pale grey circles represent all literature glass data for eruptions in the last 15 kyr, purple-filled circles represent literature glass data from the western caldera group eruptions. Full results of AFC modelling for the western caldera group eruptions are included in Figs S14–S17

the assimilant source and extent of contamination in the best-fitting model varies between each group. For the northern/eastern caldera eruptions, the best-fit assimilation scenario is the addition of 0.05–0.1 M_a/M_o Palaeozoic metamorphic basement, which improves the fit of the model by ~17% compared to simple FC (Figs 8, S6 and S9). This is consistent with AFC models of isotopic and trace element variations in selected post-15 ka eruptions, which suggest ~1–12% crustal assimilation of Palaeozoic metamorphic basement would explain the observed compositional variations (Pappalardo *et al.*, 2002; D'Antonio *et al.*, 2007; Iovine *et al.*, 2018). For the central caldera eruptions, the best-fit assimilation scenario is addition 0.2–0.3 M_a/M_o syenitic material, which improves the model RMSE by ~49% relative to FC models (Figs 9 and S10–S13). This is the same for the western caldera eruptions; the best-fit assimilation scenario is 0.25–0.3 M_a/M_o of syenite, which produces a ~45% improvement compared to simple FC models (Figs 10 and S14–S17). Hence, our results suggest that post-15 kyr eruptions in different volcano-tectonic environments within the Campi Flegrei caldera not only underwent crystallisation under different intensive conditions but also interacted with different types of country rock material, consistent with the magnetotelluric imaging of Isaia *et al.* (2025), which suggests a transcrustal magmatic system in contact with basement rock at its margins. Eruptions along the caldera rim faults at the northern and eastern margins of the system were able to 'see' and interact with Palaeozoic metamorphic basement at depth, prior to ascent and eruption, whereas eruptions from the centre of the caldera and along regional faults in the west of the caldera were stored within crystalline igneous material, left in the crust as a restitic residue during past eruptions.

Assimilation at Fondi di Baia

The eruption of Baia-Fondi di Baia at the beginning of Epoch 2 (~9.6 ka) was one of the most compositionally distinct events in the last 15 kyr, producing evolved melts from a vent located on a regional fault system on the west side of the caldera (Smith *et al.*, 2011; Pistolesi *et al.*, 2017; Vitale & Natale, 2023). While we have categorised it as a western caldera eruption based on its volcano-tectonic setting, the trace element compositions of Baia-Fondi di Baia glasses are distinct from all other post-15 ka Campi Flegrei eruptions, with low Ba and Sr concentrations and high Y, Nb, Nd and Th (Smith *et al.*, 2011). Previous studies have attributed this compositional deviation to mixing between distinct magma batches, which had separate AFC evolutionary histories; while Sr-isotopes suggest some amount of limestone contamination, this was ruled out based on the absence of significantly elevated

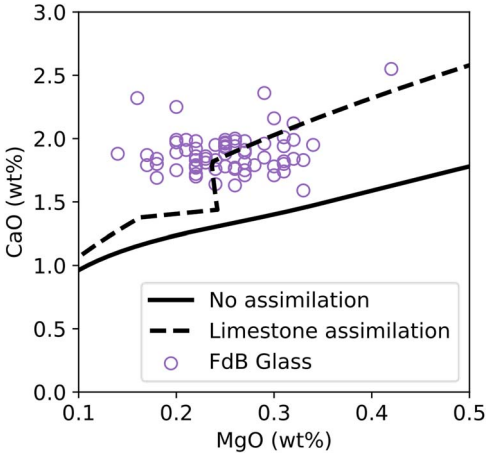

Fig. 11. Rhyolite-MELTS model of limestone assimilation compared to Fondi di Baia glass data (circles; literature data). Solid line is the result of the best-fit fractional crystallisation rhyolite-MELTS model for the western caldera eruptions group. Dashed line is the result of a rhyolite-MELTS model run at the same pressure (160 MPa), L_{H2O} (2 wt %) and L_{fO2} conditions (at QFM buffer) with addition of 1% limestone.

CaO concentrations, with authors instead invoking assimilation of residual magma from the CI (Voloschina *et al.*, 2018). However, our models suggest that in contrast to other eruptions in the west of the caldera, which are best reproduced by assimilation of crystalline restite, the addition of small amounts (0.01 M_a/M_o) of limestone to our best-fit FC model for the western caldera eruptions accurately reproduces the major element compositions of Baia-Fondi di Baia glasses, with the fit between the modelled liquid line of descent and natural glass compositions significantly improved for CaO, FeO and TiO_2 (other major oxides do not significantly change; Figs 11 and S21).

Although carbonate xenoliths have not previously been identified in Campi Flegrei eruption deposits (in contrast with Vesuvius; Fulignati *et al.*, 2000; Del Moro *et al.*, 2001; Gilg *et al.*, 2001), Meso-Cenozoic carbonates have been suggested as a possible lithology underlying the volcano at shallow levels (Brocchini *et al.*, 2001; Judenherc & Zollo, 2004; Battaglia *et al.*, 2008; Zollo *et al.*, 2008). Since Campi Flegrei caldera has been active for at least 300 kyr (De Vivo *et al.*, 2001), any carbonate would have been progressively removed during the previous eruptions, whereas the younger Vesuvius magmatic system has only been active for the last 39 kyr (Scandone *et al.*, 1991; Brocchini *et al.*, 2001) and is at an earlier stage in its development where an extensive shallow carbonate basement remains. It is possible that the tectonic setting of Baia-Fondi di Baia, on the west of the caldera and situated on regional faults, may have enabled interaction between the magma feeding the eruption and more peripheral carbonate country rocks. Alternatively, hydrothermal calcite has been documented in both Campi Flegrei borehole samples (Chiodini *et al.*, 2015a) and lithic fragments, including tuffaceous lithics recovered from Baia deposits (Buono *et al.*, 2024). While we used an upper Jurassic–lower Cretaceous limestone as the assimilant in our models, sedimentary limestone and hydrothermal calcite would have comparable major element compositions, similarly impacting our modelled AFC liquid lines of descent; hence, we cannot discount this as an alternative Baia-Fondi di Baia assimilant source.

Volcano-tectonic controls on eruptive processes

Alongside compositional information, rhyolite-MELTS outputs predicted physical properties for evolving magmas (e.g. density, viscosity) as well as information on the behaviour of magmatic volatiles; these properties vary between our best-fit models for each of our three volcano-tectonic groups (Fig. 12). H_2O behaves incompatibly, consistently increasing in concentration within the melt phase as the magma cools, but with a greater enrichment per unit temperature below the invariant point (temperature at which melt fraction drops and physical properties change over a short interval), likely due to enhanced crystallisation of anhydrous minerals (Fig. 12a). The volume fraction of exsolved H_2O coexisting with the magma increases dramatically around the invariant point for all tectonic settings, from ~10 vol % below to ~60 vol % above this temperature (Fig. 12b). This is consistent with other studies at Campi Flegrei (Fowler *et al.*, 2007; Cannatelli, 2012; Stock *et al.*, 2016) and elsewhere (e.g. Mount St. Helens, USA—Kent *et al.*, 2007; Calbuco, Chile—Arzilli *et al.*, 2019), which suggest that the dramatic increase in volatile content at low temperatures could trigger explosive eruptions. Stock *et al.* (2016) used the volatile content of apatite crystals and melt inclusions in Astroni 1 deposits to demonstrate the magma reservoir beneath Campi Flegrei remained volatile undersaturated until low temperatures, with volatile saturation likely triggering eruption on very short pre-eruptive timescales, perhaps days to months. Forni *et al.* (2018) suggest Monte Nuovo may also have been triggered by volatile saturation, which occurred in the decades before the eruption.

H_2O saturation controls the viscosity and density evolution in our best-fit models (Fig. 12c and d). The large increase in melt H_2O content below the invariant point leads to a rapid drop in both viscosity and density across all tectonic settings, consistent with the results of Fowler *et al.* (2007) and Cannatelli (2012). The inflection in viscosity from an initial increase as magma cools and becomes more SiO_2 rich to a rapid decrease as dissolved melt H_2O concentration increases occurs at slightly higher temperatures and higher maximum viscosities for the northern/eastern caldera eruptions (830 °C) than the western caldera or central caldera eruptions (815–820 °C; Fig. 12a), reflecting small temperature differences in the invariant point. Our models show that, despite small differences in the temperatures at which viscosity and density change dramatically, the increase in volume fraction of exsolved H_2O occurs late in magmatic evolution, at similar temperatures for all tectonic groups. While it remains possible that some eruptions were triggered externally (e.g. by recharge), our models validate the potential for eruption triggering by low temperature volatile saturation in all volcano-tectonic groups, despite differences in their pre-eruptive history (e.g. assimilation processes).

CONCLUSIONS

We have shown that rhyolite-MELTS modelling can be used to evaluate a wide range of potential magma storage conditions, determining which (if any) can produce observed phase compositions by fractional crystallisation. Building on the statistical test proposed by Gleeson *et al.* (2017) to quantitatively evaluate which model best reproduces natural samples, we show that magma storage before eruptions of Campi Flegrei in the last 15 kyr was most likely at pressures of 110 to 160 MPa (corresponding to depths of ~5–7 km), with a parental magma with L_{H2O} of 2–3 wt % and an L_{fo2} near the QFM buffer (QFM to QFM + 1). Eruptions from vents in the centre of the caldera likely had higher melt H_2O contents (3 wt %) compared to those erupted at vents along caldera rim faults or regional faults in the west of the caldera (2 wt %), possibly due to interaction with crustal fluids.

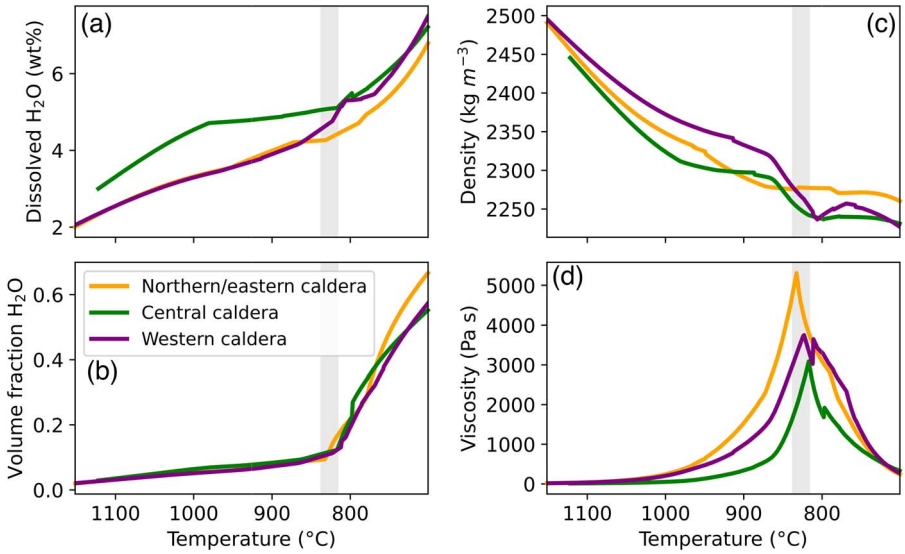

Fig. 12. Variation of melt physical properties along the liquid line of descent as predicted by the best-fit rhyolite-MELTS model for each tectonic group. Models were run at 110 MPa (northern/eastern caldera), 140 MPa (central caldera) and 160 MPa (western caldera) and models run at the same pressures showed no significant differences in physical properties displayed here (a) *T* vs dissolved H_2O content, (b) *T* vs density of melt, (c) *T* vs volume fraction of exsolved H_2O and (d) *T* vs melt viscosity. The vertical grey bar in each plot indicates the temperature range over which melt fraction drops and physical properties change over a short temperature interval (invariant temperature range).

We find that isobaric fractional crystallisation of a parental magma cannot fully reproduce the liquid line of descent recorded by natural samples under any realistic conditions. Instead, addition of a small amount of assimilant improves the fit of the models compared to observed compositions. For eruptions from vents along caldera ring faults in the east of the Campi Flegrei system, addition of 5–10% of metamorphic Palaeozoic basement leads to the biggest improvement in model fit compared to FC alone. For vents in the centre of the caldera and along regional faults in the west, addition of 30% syenite is the best-fit assimilation scenario. Our results indicate that the magmatic evolution of an eruption, in terms of storage and assimilation, correlates with the volcano-tectonic setting of its eruption vent. The central caldera eruptions were likely evolved within the crystalline syenitic remnants of previous eruptions, whereas those on the periphery of the caldera system ascended from depth along faults in contact with the surrounding metamorphic basement. As assimilation influences the compositional evolution of the magmas, which in turn impacts the magma's physical properties and the eruptive style, the vent location (in terms of the volcano-tectonic setting) needs to be considered in hazard forecasting.

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Supplementary data are available at *Journal of Petrology* online.

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