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2 **The transition of the magma plumbing system of Tianchi**
3 **shield-forming basalts, Changbaishan Volcanic Field, NE**
4 **China: Constraints from dynamic Fe-Mg diffusion modelling**
5 **in olivine**

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ABSTRACT

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17 The depths of crustal reservoirs within volcanic systems may experience transitions over
18 time. Here, we report the crystal and bulk rock compositions of the shield-forming
19 basaltic lavas of the Tianchi composite volcano in the intraplate Changbaishan Volcanic
20 Field, NE China to constrain the crustal magmatic evolution with time. We investigated
21 samples covering the entire basaltic stratigraphic sequence, consisting of the Toudao
22 (TD), Baishan (BS), and Laofangzixiaoshan (LFZ) units from bottom to top, respectively.
23 The core compositions of olivine macrocrysts vary among the three units, i.e., the TD and
24 BS olivine phenocrysts can both be divided into two populations: a high-Fo population
25 ($\sim\text{Fo}_{76-80}$) and a low-Fo population ($\sim\text{Fo}_{72-74}$). The LFZ unit only exhibits a high-Fo
26 population ($\sim\text{Fo}_{77-80}$). Phase equilibria modelling using rhyolite-MELTS suggests that the
27 high-Fo populations were stored at depths of ~ 20 km for the TD and BS units and ~ 15
28 km for the LFZ unit. The low-Fo populations crystallized at shallow depths, i.e., ≤ 15 km
29 for the TD unit and ≤ 13 km for the BS unit. We employ a dynamic Fe-Mg interdiffusion
30 modelling with constantly adapting boundary conditions in zoned olivine macrocrysts to
31 constrain the magmatic environments and timescales during the pre-eruption and post-
32 eruption, enabling clarify the magmatic histories recorded by two olivine populations.
33 The dynamic Fe-Mg interdiffusion modelling considers the variable boundary condition
34 caused by crystal growth and composition variation of melts during magma cooling.
35 Calculated results suggest that the high-Fo populations from the TD and BS units
36 recorded prolonged timescales ranging from six months to more than two years with

37 lower cooling rates and slower crystal growth rates. These characteristics reflect a
38 relatively hot and slow-cooling magmatic environment; and the modelled timescales
39 correspond to the sum time including shallow storage, magma ascent, and further cooling
40 within the lava flows. Conversely, the high-Fo population from the LFZ unit and the low-
41 Fo populations from the TD and BS units record shorter timescales (<140 days) with
42 higher cooling rates and faster crystal growth rates. These results indicate relatively cold
43 and highly undercooling magmatic environments; hence the timescales record magma
44 ascent in the conduits and further cooling during lava emplacements. Our study
45 demonstrates that the Tianchi basaltic plumbing system experienced a structural transition
46 over time. In detail, the TD and BS magmas experienced multi-stage stalling and ascent,
47 first accumulating in deep reservoirs and then transferring to shallow reservoirs for
48 storage before the eruption. The LFZ magmas accumulated in a mid-crustal reservoir,
49 followed by a direct ascent to the surface without additional residence.

50 **Key words:** Changbaishan; volcano; olivine; diffusion; magma plumbing system

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INTRODUCTION

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59 Understanding the timeframes of pre-, syn-, and post-eruptive processes, such as how
60 often the magmatic systems are reactivated or how fast ascending magmas are transported
61 from crustal reservoirs to the surface, is a key subject in modern volcanology. Recent
62 studies on basaltic systems in different tectonic environments established that erupted
63 lavas and their crystal cargo generally represent mixtures of discrete magma batches that
64 experienced complex magmatic processes (e.g., [Passmore et al. 2012](#); [Bennett et al. 2019](#);
65 [Caracciolo et al. 2020](#); [Pan et al. 2022](#); [Ubide et al. 2022](#)). These studies have
66 demonstrated that the multi-stage storage and interaction between ascending mafic
67 magmas and more evolved melts or partly solidified crystal mushes are typical
68 mechanisms occurring in many volcanic systems (e.g., [Hildreth and Wilson 2007](#);
69 [Cashman et al. 2017](#)).

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71 During the last couple of decades, diffusion chronometry has become a fundamental tool
72 for tracking temporal information of magmatic processes preserved in the zoning record
73 of minerals ([Chakraborty and Dohmen 2022](#), and references therein). The diffusion clock
74 usually starts when the crystals experience physical and/or chemical changes in the
75 magmatic environment (resulting in chemical zonation in crystals), and timescales can be
76 obtained by fitting the diffusive relaxation of compositional boundaries within zoned
77 crystals at magmatic temperatures. Diffusion coefficients of various chemical
78 components in olivine have already been established in an extensive experimental

79 foundation ([Chakraborty 2010](#)). Thus, diffusion chronometry in olivine has been widely
80 applied to establish a link between quantitative timescales and a series of evolutionary
81 processes that magmas underwent in the plumbing system, such as crystal mush
82 mobilization (e.g., [Bradshaw et al. 2018](#); [Caracciolo et al. 2021](#); [Kahl et al., 2022](#)),
83 magma mixing (e.g., [Kahl et al. 2015](#); [Lynn et al. 2017](#); [Caracciolo et al. 2023](#)), and
84 magma ascent (e.g., [Brenna et al. 2018](#)).

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86 Most of these studies assumed that the “diffusion clock” stops during quenching upon
87 eruption, i.e., assuming isothermal conditions during diffusion and, thus, a constant
88 diffusion coefficient and closed boundary condition. However, it has been extensively
89 demonstrated that temperature exerts a significant effect on the variation of the diffusion
90 coefficient. Numerical simulation using MELTS suggests that the combination of growth
91 and diffusion produces different shapes of profiles than the simple fixed boundary model
92 and obtains significantly longer timescales ([Costa 2008](#)). The comparison with the
93 relatively immobile diffusion elements (e.g., P in olivine, [Shea et al. 2015b](#); Al in olivine,
94 [Newcombe et al. 2014](#); [Mutch et al. 2019](#); Ba in sanidine, [Chamberlain et al. 2014](#); [Rout
95 and Wörner 2020](#)) could be utilized as an indicator to select the appropriate initial and
96 boundary conditions. The decoupling of contemporaneous diffusion and growth can be
97 further identified by binary plots of forsterite vs Ni in olivine, which exhibits an
98 increasing linear trend modified during diffusion (e.g., [Gordeychik et al. 2018](#)). [Petrone
99 et al. \(2016\)](#) proposed a non-isothermal diffusion incremental step model (NIDIS) to

100 address complicated zone boundaries produced at different temperatures within a single
101 crystal. Moreover, [Rout et al. \(2020\)](#) conducted stepwise temperature diffusion
102 experiments to evaluate the associated errors of NIDIS and improve the accuracy. In
103 these cases, diffusion chronometry is commonly applied to zoned crystals preserved in
104 tephra samples since the diffusion clock stops playing a role in eruption. However, with
105 cooling lava flows, diffusion proceeded with crystal growth in magmatic environments
106 with decreasing temperatures. The diffusion model needs to take into account the effects
107 that the compositional profiles are modified by moving and changing boundary
108 conditions.

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110 In this study, to simultaneously assess crystal growth and melt composition variation
111 during diffusion, we employed a dynamic diffusion model with constantly adapting
112 boundary conditions combined with the Monte Carlo simulation method to fit moving
113 and changing boundary conditions during cooling and crystallization of the basaltic
114 magmas. This approach was used to fit the Fe-Mg diffusion profiles in olivine crystals
115 embedded in crystalline groundmass from the Tianchi shield-forming basalts,
116 Changbaishan Volcanic Field (CHVF). Timescales from diffusion modelling were
117 combined with chemical (bulk-rock and mineral geochemistry) and textural (petrography,
118 zoning patterns of olivines) data to elucidate the storage and transport conditions of
119 basaltic magmas under the Tianchi volcano.

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121 GEOLOGICAL SETTING AND SAMPLING

122 The Changbaishan Volcanic Field (CHVF) is among the largest active intra-continental
123 volcanic systems on Earth over the past ~28 Ma. It is located at the northern edge of the
124 Archean-Proterozoic North China Craton ([Hong et al. 2017](#)). The CHVF comprises three
125 mainly polygenetic volcanic edifices including Namphothe, Wangtian'e, and Tianchi
126 volcanoes, and more than 200 monogenetic volcanic cones ([Sun et al. 2017](#)). In general,
127 the Tianchi volcano experienced a three-stage magmatic evolution. The onset of
128 polygenetic volcanism at Tianchi volcano was marked by eruptions of plateau-forming
129 voluminous basaltic lavas in the early Miocene, followed by volumetrically smaller cone-
130 constructing eruptions composed of mainly trachytic rocks, and catastrophic caldera-
131 forming eruptions of more silicic magmas (predominantly comendites and pantellerites;
132 e.g., [Zhang et al. 2018](#)). Based on field, petrographic, and geochemical evidence, these
133 silicic magmas are proposed to be genetically related to the crustal differentiation and
134 evolution of basaltic magmas (e.g., [Iacovino et al. 2016](#); [Andreeva et al. 2019](#); [Lee et al.](#)
135 [2021](#)).

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137 Alkali olivine basalts and tholeiite basalts form the main part of the Tianchi shield-like
138 basaltic lava plateau that covers an area of ~7200 km² ([Fig. 1](#)). K–Ar age data divide the
139 shield-forming basalts of Tianchi volcano into three volcanic units: the Toudao (TD) unit
140 (~5.02–2.35 Ma), the Baishan (BS) unit (~1.66–1 Ma), and the Laofangzixiaoshan (LFZ)
141 unit (~1.17–0.75 Ma; [Wei et al. 2007, 2013](#)). Most of the 'A'ā lava flows from the TD and

142 BS units erupted from the central vent and extended more than 40 km in the peripheral
143 area. Minor fissure eruptions along the Tumen and Heishihe River headwaters also fed
144 the formation of the lava plateau. The youngest LFZ flows are mainly distributed on the
145 northeast side of Tianchi volcano and exhibit shorter flow distances (< 20 km) and
146 smaller volumes compared to those of the TD and BS units. The LFZ lava flows are
147 commonly overlain by the alkali trachytes of the cone construction and/or pyroclastic
148 products from the Millennium eruption (Wei et al. 2013).

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150 In this study, we focused on basaltic samples from these three units, which cover almost
151 the entire age spectrum of the shield-forming stage of the Tianchi eruptive history (Fig. 1;
152 yellow stars). Lava flows from the TD and BS units are well exposed in the roadside
153 outcrops at Yaoshui (42°31.5'N 128°3.5'E) and Jinjiang (41°59'N 127°33.5' E),
154 respectively. The outcrops vary in thickness and comprise multiple flow units. Each
155 identified flow is approximately 2–5 m thick and consists of vesiculated crusts at the top
156 and bottom (0.1–1 m) and a denser interior. A total of 13 lava flow samples were
157 collected from the flow interiors. Five samples from the LFZ lava flow were collected
158 from the outcrops at the Bailong hydroelectric station (42°24.2'N 128°6.1'E). These lava
159 flows are substantially thinner (0.1–0.3 m) than the TD and BS units and are entirely
160 composed of vesicular-rich lava.

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METHODS

163 **Bulk rock major and trace element compositions**

164 Major element compositions of 11 samples from the three units were obtained using a
165 PW4400 X-ray fluorescence spectrometer (XRF) on fused glass pellets. Trace elements
166 were prepared as solutions and analyzed by a Perkin-Elmer ELAN 300D Inductively
167 Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (ICP-MS) ([Part 1 of Appendix¹](#)). Both analyses were
168 obtained at the Nanjing Hongchuang Exploration Technology Service Co., Ltd. (NHETS)
169 laboratory in Nanjing, China. Details on analytical procedure and precision are identical
170 to [Pan et al. \(2022\)](#) and reported therein.

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172 **Electron microprobe analysis (EMPA)**

173 *In-situ* major and minor element analyses of minerals were conducted by a JEOL JXA-
174 iSP100 electron probe micro-analyzer (EPMA) at the State Key Laboratory of Lunar and
175 Planetary Sciences at the Macau University of Science and Technology. Mineral analyses
176 were performed using a 1 μm beam size, 20 nA beam current at 20 kV acceleration
177 voltage ([Part 2 of Appendix¹](#)). The peaks of Ti and Al were counted for 30 s, and other
178 elements for 15 s. Na and Si were measured first to minimize migration and drift.
179 Background counting times were half of the ones on the peaks for elements, and the ZAF
180 method was used for quantification and correction. Repeated analyses on multiple
181 standard samples before multiple thin sections ensured the analytical precision of
182 detected elements in the order of 1–5% relative to standard reference samples provided
183 by the National Technical Committee for Standardization of Microbeam Analysis (China)

184 or produced by SPI Supplies (USA). Compositional profiles of 49 olivines were
185 measured with a step size ranging from 5 μm to 7 μm depending on grain size ([Part 3 of](#)
186 [Appendix¹](#)).

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188 **Electron backscatter diffraction (EBSD)**

189 Crystal orientation is critical for diffusion modelling due to strongly anisotropic Fe–Mg
190 diffusion in olivine ([Chakraborty 2010](#)). The crystallographic orientation of each olivine
191 grain was determined using electron backscatter diffraction (EBSD) on a Quanta 450
192 scanning electron microscope at the Institute of Geology, Chinese Academy of
193 Geological Sciences. EBSD maps over crystal areas were acquired using an acceleration
194 voltage of 20 kV, a probe current of 1.1 nA, and a spot size of 5 μm , with step size
195 varying from 10 to 20 μm depending on grain sizes. Measured Euler angles were
196 converted into trends and plunges of the olivine crystallographic a-, b-, and c-axes using
197 the Stereo32 software developed at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Germany).
198 Subsequently, the angles α , β , and γ between the measured compositional profiles and the
199 crystallographic axis orientations were calculated ([Part 4 of Appendix¹](#)).

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201 **Thermometers and thermodynamic modelling (rhyolite-MELTS)**

202 The crystallization temperatures of olivine cores were estimated by the Al-in-olivine
203 thermometer ([Coogan et al. 2014](#)) using chemical compositions of Cr-spinel inclusions
204 hosted in olivine cores and their adjacent olivine zones. The Cr# [molar Cr/(Cr+Al)] of

205 the Cr-spinel inclusions ranges from 0.19 to 0.51, thus fitting the experimental calibration
206 range of the thermometer ($\text{Cr}\# < 0.69$). Besides, the clinopyroxene-only thermometer (Eq.
207 32dH from [Wang et al. 2021](#), which yields ± 37 °C uncertainties in estimated temperature)
208 was used to estimate the crystallization temperature of clinopyroxene microlites in the
209 groundmass. We assumed 1 wt% of H₂O in the melt which is based on the maximum
210 water contents obtained from Ol-hosted melt inclusions (Fo_{75-80}) in the Tianchi mafic
211 melts ([Andreeva et al. 2019](#)).

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213 The stability of major mineral phases in basaltic systems under various conditions was
214 further constrained through phase equilibria modelling using rhyolite-MELTS ([Gualda et
215 al. 2012](#)). For modelling, the bulk-rock compositions with the highest Mg# values for
216 each unit were used as starting compositions. Compositional variations due to the initial
217 fractionation of olivines have been removed by adding a certain amount of olivines (using
218 Petrolog3 of [Danyushevsky and Plechov 2011, Part 5 of Appendix¹](#)) until the melt
219 compositions are in Fe-Mg equilibrium with the most primitive olivines found in the
220 three units. The modelled dissolved water content in the melts was fixed at 1 wt%. The
221 modelled redox conditions range from the Ni–NiO buffer equilibrium (NNO) to NNO-1,
222 representing typical $f\text{O}_2$ values for intraplate basaltic magma (e.g., Hawai'i and Mt. Etna
223 volcanoes; [Rowe et al. 2009](#)), and cover the $f\text{O}_2$ range of open-system Tianchi magmatic
224 processes from depth to the surface (e.g., [Guo et al. 2015](#); [Andreeva et al. 2019](#)). The
225 maximum pressure (8 kbar) was chosen for modelling according to the depth of the

226 deepest magmatic reservoir estimated based on seismic tomography and magnetotelluric
227 inversion (e.g., [Ri et al. 2016](#); [Kim et al. 2017](#)).

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RESULTS

230 Petrography

231 The petrographic observations for the three units are summarized in [Table 1](#). Samples
232 collected from the three units are all porphyritic in texture. Macrocrysts are set in a
233 cryptocrystalline to highly crystalline groundmass including microlites of intergranular
234 plagioclase (Pl), olivine (Ol), clinopyroxene (Cpx), and needle-like opaque minerals
235 consisting of magnetite and ilmenite. Differences among the samples from the three units
236 are mainly reflected by varying macrocryst assemblages, modes of macrocrysts, and
237 amounts of vesicules ([Table 1](#)).

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239 The TD basalts are slightly vesicular (~5 vol.%), containing ~10–15 vol.% macrocrysts (>
240 200 μm) including olivine + plagioclase + orthopyroxene (Opx; [Fig. S1a](#)) and sporadic
241 glomerocrysts. Tabular plagioclase is the principal macrocryst phase with crystal sizes
242 ranging from 0.2 to 2.7 mm. Euhedral olivines occur as both macrocrysts and
243 glomerocrysts with plagioclases ([Fig. S1b](#)). Olivine macrocrysts and glomerocrysts are
244 0.3–0.9 mm in size and contain spinel inclusions in the cores ([Fig. 2](#)). Skeletal olivine
245 microlites (100–200 μm) are also found ([Fig. S1c](#)). Rare orthopyroxenes only occur in
246 polymineralic Opx-Pl glomerocrysts with bulk sizes up to 3.5 mm in diameter and exhibit

247 normal zoning on back-scattered electron (BSE) images (Fig. S1d).

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249 The BS basalts contain comparable vesicule and macrocryst proportions but a different
250 assemblage (only Ol + Pl) compared to the TD basalts (Fig. S2a). Macrocrysts are
251 predominantly euhedral to tabular plagioclase (up to ~3 mm in length) and exhibit coarse
252 sieve textures. Subordinated olivine is the only mafic macrocryst phase. Olivine
253 macrocrysts are euhedral to rounded, vary in size (0.4–1.6 mm), often contain spinel
254 inclusions in the cores, and display resorbed/embayed textures at the rims (Fig. S2b).
255 Two types of glomerocrysts are present including Ol-Pl glomerocrysts (Fig. S2c) and
256 sporadic olivine clusters (Fig. S2d).

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258 The LFZ basalts are more vesicular (~10–45 vol.%) and have varying macrocryst
259 fractions ranging from nearly aphyric basalts (<5 vol.%; Fig. S3a) to around 25 vol.%
260 porphyritic basalts (Fig. S3b). Macrocrysts include dominant plagioclases followed by
261 olivines. Tabular plagioclase macrocrysts (0.5–3.3 mm) display coarse sieve textures and
262 usually contain olivine inclusions (Fig. S3c). Euhedral olivine macrocrysts are smaller
263 (0.2–0.6 μm) than those in the TD and BS basalts. The glomerocrysts comprise coarse-
264 grained plagioclases, which occur as a framework, and euhedral to subhedral olivines as
265 interstitial phases (Fig. S3d). Skeletal olivine microlites can be found in the vesicular-rich
266 samples.

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268 **Olivine chemistry and zoning**

269 The macrocryst core compositions of TD and BS units can be divided into two populations.

270 Olivine macrocryst and glomerocryst cores with primitive compositions (High-Fo

271 population) are in the range of $Fo_{76.8-80.1}$ [$Fo = \text{molar } 100 \times \text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe})$] for TD and

272 $Fo_{76.2-80.0}$ for BS, respectively (Fig. 3). Olivine macrocryst cores also display relatively

273 evolved core compositions (Low-Fo population) in the range of $Fo_{72-74.2}$ for TD and

274 $Fo_{72.7-74.4}$ for BS, respectively. Both high- and low-Fo olivine populations generally

275 exhibit normal compositional zoning with a wide core overgrown by a relatively narrow

276 rim (Figs. 2b, 2c, and 2e). High-Fo population exhibit rim compositions in the range of

277 $Fo_{69.8-73.5}$ for TD and $Fo_{68.3-73.7}$ for BS, and Low-Fo population have more evolved rim

278 compositions in the range of $Fo_{67.5-70.3}$ for the TD and $Fo_{68.9-69.8}$ for the BS unit,

279 respectively. Minor olivines of the high-Fo population from the TD ($n = 6$) and BS ($n =$

280 2) units display ‘shoulder’ type compositional zonation, which is characterized by a

281 mostly reversely zoned interior overgrown by a normally zoned outermost rim (Figs. 2a).

282 The LFZ unit only contains olivines with population primitive core compositions in the

283 range of $Fo_{76.9-79.9}$. These olivines are normally zoned with rim compositions in the range

284 of $Fo_{69.2-73.3}$. Skeletal olivine microlite cores preserve the most primitive compositions of

285 the three units in the range of $Fo_{80.0-82.4}$ for TD, $Fo_{79.3-81.7}$ for BS, and $Fo_{79.0-79.9}$ for LFZ

286 unit (Figs. 2d, 2f and 3). The Fo contents of most olivines decrease sharply to about Fo_{50-}

287 70 in the outermost 5–20 μm which can be identified as the distinct bright rim on the BSE

288 images (Fig. 2). Microlites in the groundmass have the most evolved compositions of

289 Fo_{66.2-69.9} for TD, Fo_{68.9-69.8} for BS, and Fo_{67.9-71.7} for LFZ, respectively.

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291 The Mg–Fe equilibrium between olivine and bulk rock was tested using the modal of
292 [Roeder and Emslie \(1970\)](#) and bulk rock Mg# [molar 100×Mg/(Mg +Fe)] is calculated
293 assuming $Fe^{3+}/Fe^T = 0.1$. We found that most olivine cores and mantles (~87%) from the
294 high-Fo population are out of equilibrium with the melt (proxied by the bulk rock) and
295 are plotted above the equilibrium fields ([Fig. 3d](#)). Olivine cores from the low-Fo
296 population and rims from the high-Fo population are plotted within or slightly below the
297 equilibrium fields. Olivine rims from the low-Fo population are far below the equilibrium
298 field.

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300 **Pyroxene and plagioclase chemistry**

301 Compositions of orthopyroxene cores and rims in glomerocrysts from the TD unit fall in
302 the narrow range of wollastonite (Wo)_{2.6-3.1}–enstatite (En)_{78.9-79.5}–ferrosilite (Fs)_{17.5-18.1},
303 Mg# = 81.2–81.8 and Wo_{3.6-3.8}–En_{71.4-72}–Fs_{24.3-24.9}, Mg# = 74–74.6, respectively.

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305 Clinopyroxene microlites in the groundmass exhibit a relatively broad compositional
306 range corresponding to augite and diopside, with Wo_{42.4-47.2}–En_{32.8-40.2}–Fs_{15.7-20.9}, Mg# =
307 61.9–71.6 for TD, Wo_{40.7-46}–En_{34.6-41.6}–Fs_{15.3-20.4}, Mg# = 62.7–72.8 for BS, and Wo_{41.1-45.6}–
308 En_{36.3-43.3}–Fs_{14.8-19.8}, Mg# = 64.4–73.4 for LFZ, respectively ([Figs. 4a and 4b](#)).

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310 Most plagioclases exhibit normal zoning patterns. Macrocryst plagioclase cores and rims
311 from the three units have comparable anorthite contents [$An = \text{molar } 100 \text{ Ca} / (\text{Ca} + \text{Na} +$
312 $\text{K})]$ ranging from $An_{73.0-78.6}$ – $An_{68.1-74.4}$ for TD, $An_{73.3-79.4}$ – $An_{68.8-73.4}$ for BS, and $An_{74.0-78.4}$ –
313 $An_{69.1-73.4}$ for LFZ, respectively and belong to labradorite and bytownite (Fig. 4c).
314 Microlite plagioclase grains in the groundmass have similar or slightly lower An contents
315 ($An_{52.1-72.9}$ for TD, $An_{57-71.7}$ for BS, and $An_{48.4-72.4}$ for LFZ unit, respectively) compared to
316 the macrocryst rims.

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318 **Bulk rock major and trace elements**

319 According to the classification of Le Bas et al. (1986), the TA contents ($\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$ wt%)
320 of the TD unit are in the range of 3.8–4.4 wt% and belong to the sub alkaline series,
321 whereas those for both BS and LFZ units are > 5 wt%, classifying the latter as alkaline
322 series (Fig. 5a). Furthermore, bulk rock Mg# and MgO of the TD samples are relatively
323 high (49.2–50.6; 6.0–6.5 wt%) in comparison to the BS (47.5–49.1; 5.1–5.6 wt%) and the
324 LFZ (47.1–48.4; 4.7–5.3 wt%) samples. MgO correlates negatively with SiO_2 , TiO_2 ,
325 Na_2O , K_2O , Al_2O_3 , and P_2O_5 , and positively with FeO_T , MnO, CaO, Ni, and Cr (Figs. 5
326 and S4). Correlations between oxides are consistent with the established evolution trend
327 of the literature dataset of the CHVF basaltic samples compiled by Zhang et al. (2018).

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329 On primitive mantle-normalized trace element diagrams and chondrite-normalized rare
330 earth element (REE) diagrams (Fig. S5), samples from the TD unit exhibit patterns

331 resembling enriched mid-ocean ridge basalts (E-MORB), while samples from the BS and
332 LFZ units display patterns similar to ocean island basalts (OIB).

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334 **Magma storage conditions**

335 The observed high diversity of mineral chemistry and zoning patterns indicate that the
336 Tianchi magmatic system may have involved multiple magmatic environments for crystal
337 stalling and recycling. Various magmatic environments could be constrained by
338 combining thermometry and thermodynamic modelling. The crystallization temperatures
339 estimated from the spinel inclusions at the olivine cores of the high-Fo olivine population
340 were used to represent the magma storage temperatures at crustal reservoirs. The results
341 return progressively decreasing average temperatures from 1201 ± 15 °C (1σ deviation)
342 for TD, 1191 ± 17 °C for BS to 1155 ± 12 °C for LFZ (Fig. 6a). The estimated
343 crystallization temperatures of clinopyroxene microlites in the groundmass are 1023 ± 16 °C
344 for TD, 1059 ± 24 °C for BS, and 1059 ± 16 °C for LFZ, respectively (Fig. 6a), and
345 correspond to temperatures during the last magma ascending stage and further cooling on
346 the surface.

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348 The stability of liquidus olivine was also constrained by rhyolite-MELTS modelling. A
349 series of isobaric cooling (pressure intervals of 0.5 kbar) crystallization paths with 1 wt%
350 bulk H₂O contents and fO_2 condition at NNO and NNO-1 were modelled with
351 temperature steps of 1 °C. The results show that the liquidus phase assemblage is strongly

352 pressure-dependent. The maximum P-T conditions for liquidus olivine are 1227–1237 °C
353 and 5–5.5 kbar for the TD unit, 1222–1232 °C and 5–5.5 kbar for the BS unit, as well as
354 1166–1177 °C and 3.5–4 kbar for the LFZ unit over the range of considered fO_2
355 conditions (Figs. 6b, 6c and 6d). Accordingly, corresponding maximal crystallization
356 depths are ~20 km for both TD and BS units, and ~15 km for the LFZ unit, assuming an
357 average crustal density of 2.7 g/cm³. Olivine is replaced by Opx (enstatite-rich) as the
358 liquidus phase at deeper depths (i.e., higher pressure). Moreover, the co-existence of Ol ±
359 Pl ± Opx under mid-crustal pressures in our modelling reconciles with the observed
360 natural glomerocryst assemblages of the Tianchi shield-forming basalts. Besides,
361 rhyolite-MELTS modelling also indicates that the low-Fo olivine macrocrysts in the TD
362 and BS units start to crystallize at temperatures <1140 °C, coexisting with clinopyroxene
363 and/or plagioclase, only if the pressures are <4 kbar for the TD unit (~15 km) and <3.5
364 kbar for the BS unit (~13 km).

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366 **DYNAMIC DIFFUSION MODEL WITH CONSTANTLY ADAPTING** 367 **BOUNDARY CONDITIONS**

368 Olivine macrocrysts were embedded in a crystalline groundmass in the Tianchi shield-
369 forming basalts. These olivines are either normally zoned or ‘shoulder’ type zoned with
370 more evolved rims in contact with the crystalline groundmass. This suggests that the
371 olivine edge records the latest magmatic environments shared by all olivines, i.e., slow
372 cooling and further crystallization within lava flows. The growth of compositionally

373 different rims of two populations is likely a response to different magmatic processes
374 affecting the crystal cargo, such as magma residence, magma ascent, and lava
375 emplacement. Therefore, the timescales obtained from the olivine rims must represent the
376 sum of both the pre-eruption history and the cooling within the lava flows. Time-related
377 information on the above-mentioned magmatic processes is locked in the chemical profile
378 of compositionally zoned olivines and can be retrieved through elemental diffusion
379 chronometry. However, major obstacles in extracting timescales are how the diffusion
380 process itself is modified by moving and changing boundaries that result from melt
381 evolution and crystal growth (e.g., [Costa 2008](#); [Dohmen et al. 2017](#); [Chakraborty and](#)
382 [Dohmen 2022](#)).

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384 We have employed a one-dimensional dynamic Fe-Mg interdiffusion model from
385 [Couperthwaite et al. \(2021\)](#) to constantly adapt variable boundary conditions induced by
386 crystal growth and melt composition variations. This diffusion model is an iterative finite
387 difference model and diffusion is described as a function of temperature, which is then
388 linked to melt composition and crystal growth rate. This model has been successfully
389 applied to a series of terrestrial (Piton de la Fournaise, La Réunion; [Couperthwaite et al.](#)
390 [2021](#); 1950 AD Southwest Rift Zone eruption; [Kahl et al. 2023](#)) and lunar (lunar basalts
391 delivered by Appolo-15; [Bell et al. 2023](#)) lava samples, and considerably advanced the
392 fitting degree of measured olivine compositional profiles. In this contribution, we
393 combined the dynamic Fe-Mg interdiffusion model with a Monte Carlo simulation

394 approach to determine timescales that fit best the compositional profiles of olivine
395 macrocrysts in the Tianchi shield-forming basalts.

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397 **Modelling approach**

398 First, it is reasonable that the melt composition constantly evolves as crystallization
399 proceeds during the entire cooling history, including pre-, syn- and post-eruptive
400 processes. Hence, we can describe the change of the equilibrium Fo content of olivines
401 with the constantly changing composition of the liquid based on the Fe-Mg partitioning
402 coefficient between Ol and melt (e.g., [Toplis 2005](#); [Matzen et al. 2011](#)). Consequently,
403 the instantaneous olivine-melt boundary conditions can be constrained by the liquid line
404 of descent (LLD) which can be determined by rhyolite-MELTS. The LLDs for the three
405 units under NNO-1 and 1 kbar are parameterized as a function of olivine equilibrium
406 compositions and temperature ([Equation 3 in Table 2 and Fig. S6](#)). We also assumed a
407 one-stage linear cooling history to connect the LLD with time ([Equation 6 in Table 2](#)).
408 The constant cooling rate (q) can be defined by three parameters: the diffusion initial
409 temperature (T_0), the diffusion final temperature (T_{min}), and the time (t). By applying the
410 parameterized LLD, T_0 ranges were chosen from the temperatures that correspond to the
411 measured core and rim Fo contents of each crystal. T_{min} is thought to correspond to post-
412 eruptive cooling temperatures within flow lavas. Hence, the T_{min} ranges for each unit are
413 determined according to the crystallization temperature range of clinopyroxene microlites
414 in the groundmass. Natural processes, especially volcanic crystals that recorded pre-

415 eruption and post-eruption processes, tend to experience an exponential cooling rate
416 instead of a linear cooling history (Zhang 2008). Nevertheless, our multiple simulations
417 demonstrated that the dynamic diffusion models based on both cooling models generate
418 well-fitting and comparable timescale results. This suggests that the linear assumption is
419 still valid assuming that the establishment of profile shape in multi-stage magmatic
420 processes is controlled by the magmatic environment of predominant magmatic events
421 (Detailed results and discussions are shown in Fig. S7 and Part 1 of Appendix⁴). It is
422 worth noting that the best-fit linear cooling rates for crystals that experienced complex
423 magmatic processes do not accurately correspond to any specific magmatic event. More
424 accurately, it indicates the predominant magmatic environment that drove the shape of the
425 diffusion profile over multi-stage processes. The cooling rate range is limited to less than
426 0.013 °C/s, representing the boundary cooling rate between polyhedral and skeletal
427 olivine (Welsch et al. 2013).

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429 The diffusion equation of simultaneous development of Fe-Mg diffusion and growth of
430 olivine has already been described in Equation 1 in Table 2 (Zhang 2008). Hence, in the
431 second step, we are considering that the olivine-melt boundary could move towards the
432 surrounding melts due to the growth of olivine crystals. Notably, during linear cooling,
433 olivine crystals commonly show a gradually increasing growth rate in response to
434 decreasing temperature (e.g., Newcombe et al. 2014). We adopted a T-dependent
435 gradually increasing growth rate (G), which is determined by the half-growth rate at G_{\min}

436 (G_0), T_0 , and T_{min} (Equation 4 in Table 2; Couperthwaite et al. 2021). The growth rate
437 range is confined to less than 10^{-8} m/s, which represents the growth rate boundary
438 between polyhedral and skeletal olivines (Jambon et al. 1992). By integrating the growth
439 rate, cooling rate, and melt evolution paths and adjusting their parameters, the constantly
440 adapting boundary conditions can be expressed as follows:

$$441 \quad t = 0, X = X_0; Fo = Fo_0,$$

$$t > 0, X = X_0 + Gt; Fo = f(T)$$

442 where X_0 is the initial boundary location between the crystal and melt, and Fo_0 is the
443 initial boundary composition of the olivine. All modelling took into account the
444 anisotropy (Equations 5 and 8) and compositional dependence of olivine and adopted the
445 Fe-Mg diffusivity (D) of Equation 7 in Table 2 (Dohmen and Chakraborty 2007a; 2007b).
446 The redox condition was set at NNO-1 buffer and calculated according to Equation 9 in
447 Table 2 (Ballhaus et al. 1991).

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449 The model tracks the boundary compositions by adjusting the LLD via the cooling rate,
450 which controls other variables including, growth rate, diffusivity, and absolute oxygen
451 fugacity. To accomplish this, a hybrid Monte Carlo and finite difference approach was
452 employed. Sample parameter values were randomly varied from specified ranges (T_{0i} ,
453 T_{min} , q , G_0), with each parameter following a uniform distribution. The Forward Euler
454 method was implemented following the logic outlined by Couperthwaite et al. (2021) and
455 shown in the workflow chart of Fig. S8. To ensure method convergence and stability, the

456 time step (Δt) and spatial step (Δx) adhere to the Courant–Friedrichs–Lewy condition:

$$\frac{D\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} = 0.2$$

457 The goodness is represented by r^2 (coefficient of determination), which measures the
458 correlation between the computed and the measured profile and calculates as follows:

$$r^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Fo_i - \widehat{Fo}_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Fo_i - \overline{Fo}_i)^2}$$

459 Where Fo_i is the measured experimental Fo content, \overline{Fo}_i is the means of measured
460 experimental Fo content, and \widehat{Fo}_i is the theoretically expected Fo content. Simulations
461 were repeated 6000 times and the optimal solution was, subsequently, selected from the
462 resulting set of solutions. A Monte Carlo simulation was used to estimate the uncertainty
463 related to the diffusivity of [Equation 7 in Table 2](#). The primary variables that contribute
464 to the olivine Fe-Mg interdiffusion coefficients include the temperature (± 20 °C), oxygen
465 fugacity (± 0.5 log units), and olivine composition (± 1.7 mol % on Fo). The results
466 indicate that uncertainties of 1σ gradually amplify with increased diffusion timescales
467 ([Fig. S9](#)). A maximum uncertainty of ± 157.4 days for the TD and BS high-Fo populations
468 and ± 41 days for the low-Fo populations. The high-Fo population of the LFZ unit
469 indicates the maximum uncertainty of ± 53.7 days.

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471 **Modelling results**

472 We conducted the modelling on 49 olivine crystals from the three units that display core-
473 rim zoning patterns. Two traverses within the same olivine grains were measured to

474 check for timescale consistency along different profiles. Each traverse was oriented
475 perpendicular to a well-established crystal face, avoiding corners to limit the effects of
476 merging diffusion fronts (Shea et al. 2015a). We assumed the homogenous initial
477 conditions for all olivines based on the well-defined core compositional plateaus and
478 monotonically decreasing rim compositions (Fig. 7). Some olivines exhibit significant
479 bright rims on the BSE images (Figs. 2c and 2e) characterized by a sharp decrease in Fo
480 content at the exterior rims. We interpreted them as a disequilibrium growth during the
481 late stage of lava flows and rejected these bright rims for diffusion modelling. For each
482 traverse, the best-fitting curve was chosen based on the highest r^2 value from the 6000
483 modelling simulations. All of the best-fitting curves carry r^2 values higher than 0.99 and
484 are in good agreement with the measured profiles (Fig. 7). Appendix³ summarizes the
485 timescale results and relevant variables (q , G_0 , T_i , and T_f) of the best-fitting curves.

486

487 Kernel density estimate (KDE) distribution curves of modelled timescales and related
488 variables are shown in Figs. 8 and S6. High-Fo populations from the TD and BS units
489 record a large range of timescales, varying from 172.8 to 850 days and 226.7 to 786.1
490 days, respectively. KDE distribution curves of the TD high-Fo population show a
491 prominent peak at 496 days and two minor peaks at 236 and 821 days (Fig. 8a). BS high-
492 Fo population exhibits a major peak at 501 days and a minor peak at 306 days (Fig. 8b).
493 Timescales of the low-Fo olivine populations from the TD and BS units are below 100
494 days. The most probable timescales (relative probability > 0.01) for the low-Fo

495 populations are 19–55 days for the TD unit (Fig. 8a), with a main peak at 36 days, and
496 31–60 days for the BS unit (Fig. 8b), with a main peak at 44 days. For the LFZ unit, 80%
497 of high-Fo population provide timescales shorter than 100 days, with a main peak in the
498 KDE distribution at 57 days (Fig. 8c). Only five profiles (20%) record timescales longer
499 than 100 days, with a minor peak at 130 days.

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501 The transport of basaltic magmas in the crust mainly occurs as channeled ascent
502 involving the movement of magma through discrete networks of narrow conduits, as
503 frequently observed by field investigation and geophysical observations (e.g., Palma et al.
504 2011; Vergnolle and Métrich 2022). The minimal magma supply rate (Q_c , i.e. to impede
505 solidification in the dikes) of the Tianchi shield-forming basalts was quantitatively
506 evaluated by 50,000 calculations using the modified model (Eq. 1) of Menand et al. (2015)
507 [Equation 4 of Morgado et al. (2017); details are shown in Part 2 of Appendix⁴]. Magma
508 supply rates associated with the timescales of each crystal were calculated assuming that
509 the ascending magmas (20 km for the TD and BS units, 15 km for the LFZ unit, the
510 maximum olivine crystallization depth estimated via rhyolite-MELTS) were transported
511 in a cylindrical conduit with a radius of 5 m (representative dyke model of
512 stratovolcanoes; Gonnermann and Manga 2013). All the results are far below the
513 modelled minimum magma supply rate ($Q_c = 8.3 \text{ km}^3/\text{yr}$; Fig. 8d) even for the shorter
514 timescales recorded by the TD and BS low-Fo populations (most probable magma supply
515 rates are 0.008–0.047 km^3/yr) and the LFZ high-Fo population (0.026–0.052 km^3/yr). The

516 shorter timescales are related to the higher cooling rates ($\sim 10^{-6}$ – 10^{-5} °C/s) and faster G_0
517 ($\sim 10^{-13}$ – 10^{-12} m/s), which is one order of magnitudes higher than those corresponding to
518 the longer timescales recorded by the TD and BS high-Fo populations (Figs. 8e and 8f).
519 These characteristics demonstrate the relatively cold and highly undercooling magmatic
520 environments these crystals experienced, probably corresponding to the processes during
521 magma ascent and subsequent crystallization within the cooling lavas (e.g., [Gordeychik](#)
522 [et al. 2018](#); [Couperthwaite et al. 2020](#)). In comparison, most estimated magma supply
523 rates based on timescales obtained for TD and BS high-Fo populations are significantly
524 below the Q_c (0.0014–0.0038 km³/yr) with lower cooling rates ($\sim 10^{-7}$ – 10^{-6} °C/s) and
525 slower G_0 ($\sim 10^{-14}$ – 10^{-13} m/s). The lower G_0 and cooling rates reveal that the predominant
526 magmatic environments where these crystals stalled and diffusion occurred are hotter and
527 relatively adiabatic compared to that of low-Fo populations of TD and BS units, and
528 high-Fo population of LFZ unit. The long timescales recorded by the TD and BS high-Fo
529 populations reflect more complex magmatic processes and support the hypothesis that the
530 magma underwent some stagnation in the shallow magmatic storage system where high-
531 Fo olivines diffusively re-equilibrated. Thus, reported timescales correspond to the sum
532 time including shallow storage, magma ascent, and further cooling on the surface within
533 the lava flows.

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535 **MAGMA PLUMBING SYSTEM RECORDED BY OLIVINES**

536 In recent times, multi-level basaltic magmatic plumbing systems have been identified for

537 several tectonic settings. For example, petrological studies of the 1783–1784 AD Laki
538 eruption in Iceland recognized that more primitive olivines crystallized in the mid-crust
539 and were transferred to shallower storage levels before eruption (e.g., [Passmore et al.](#)
540 [2012](#); [Neave et al. 2014](#); [Hartley et al. 2016](#)). In a subduction-related setting, via
541 combining petrological investigations and olivine diffusion modelling on Mt. Etna
542 Volcano which erupted in 1669 and 1991–2008, [Kahl et al. \(2011, 2015, 2017\)](#) showed
543 that the evolution of primitive magmas involved at least five different magmatic
544 environments (MEs) and that magmas mixed and were transported over two years
545 preceding the start of the eruption. Moreover, a recent study on Datong Volcanic Field,
546 North China Craton concluded that open system processes involving multi-level mush
547 disaggregation and mafic magma recharge played an important role in the textural
548 diversity and evolution of these intra-continental tholeiites ([Pan et al. 2022](#)).

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550 Previous petrological studies of the Tianchi basaltic system concluded that these magmas
551 ascended directly from the deep sources to the surface without significant crustal
552 residence (e.g., [Fan et al. 2007](#); [Lee et al. 2021](#)). However, bulk-rock compositions
553 exhibit relatively low Ni (< 170 ppm) and Cr (< 230 ppm) implying significant crustal
554 differentiation processes of mantle-derived magmas prior to eruption ([Figs. S4e and S4f](#)).
555 The magnetotelluric inversion data suggest that the high velocity regions ranging from
556 the summit to 20 km depth underneath the Tianchi volcano represent a significant volume
557 of the crust modified by magmatism (e.g., [Choi et al. 2013](#); [Ri et al. 2016](#)). This zone is

558 interpreted as a complex trans-crustal magma plumbing system with magma reservoirs
559 located at diverse depths. Glomerocrysts from three units exhibit mineral assemblages
560 (Ol + Pl \pm Opx) similar to those predicted by rhyolite-MELTS for mid-crustal depths for
561 the LFZ unit (~15 km) and deeper depths for the TD and BS units (~20 km), indicating
562 that they could represent exhumed pieces of the crystal mush reservoirs. The similar Fo
563 contents of olivines in the high-Fo macrocrysts and glomerocrysts support their common
564 origin. The presence of homogenous core compositional plateaus (Figs. 2a, 2b, and 2e)
565 may be attributed to a prolonged residence time in a reservoir(s) where the crystals grew
566 under stable magmatic conditions or as a result of being re-equilibrated through diffusion
567 at high temperatures. The sporadic reversely zoned olivines reflect interaction with
568 magmas necessarily more primitive that are in equilibrium with the most magnesian
569 compositions found in the TD (Fo_{79.2-82.2}) and BS units (Fo_{79.2-81.5}). This feature can be
570 considered as a record of mafic magma recharge resulting in the overgrowth of more Fo-
571 rich rims on olivine cores that previously crystallized in the reservoirs.

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573 Given the long timescales, low cooling rates, and slow crystal growth rates, it is highly
574 likely that the outermost normal zoning from the high-Fo TD and BS populations was
575 established in a shallower storage environment. The melt that entrained the high-Fo TD
576 and BS populations from the deeper reservoirs, subsequently, ascended along regional
577 faults (Yu et al. 2015; Guo et al. 2018), and stalled at shallow-crustal levels. The rounded
578 morphology of high-Fo olivine cores and the sieve texture observed in most plagioclase

579 macrocrysts may reflect the partial dissolution caused by decompression when the
580 entrained crystals were carried into shallower reservoirs with more evolved melt
581 compositions prior to the onset of the diffusion. After re-equilibration with the more
582 evolved liquid, these high-Fo cores were overgrown by more evolved rims and the
583 diffusion clock started. The long timescales cover an extensive range from 200 days to
584 800 days, indicating that magmas with entrained olivine crystals were continuously
585 extracted from the deep reservoirs and transported through the conduits to shallow
586 reservoirs where olivine crystals accumulated (e.g., [Hartley et al., 2016](#); [Sundermeyer et](#)
587 [al. 2020](#); [Caracciolo et al. 2021](#)).

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589 The polyhedral habitus and homogenous core plateaus ([Fig. 3c](#)) of the TD and BS low-Fo
590 olivines ($\sim\text{Fo}_{72-74}$) indicate that these crystals likely formed in a relatively undisturbed
591 magma in equilibrium with a more evolved residual melt. We propose that these crystals
592 crystallized from a hybrid melt that was produced by mixing between mid-crust
593 reservoirs ascended melts and melts stored in shallow reservoirs. Rhyolite-MELTS
594 calculations suggest that the low-Fo macrocrysts and their hosted magmas were likely
595 stored in a shallower reservoir (below 15 km for the TD unit and below 13 km for the BS
596 unit; [Figs. 6b and 6c](#)) and coexisted with plagioclase \pm clinopyroxene. The shorter
597 timescales, relatively fast growth rates, and high cooling rates recorded by the normal
598 zoning patterns from the TD and BS low-Fo populations, as well as the LFZ high-Fo
599 population indicate late-stage magma ascent in the conduits and further cooling during

600 lava emplacements. Degassing of the melt upon ascent likely induced rapid crystal
601 growth (e.g. clinopyroxene microlite formation) and was accompanied by diffusive re-
602 equilibration as the melt composition changed through rapid cooling and crystallization
603 (e.g., [Guilbaud et al. 2007](#)). At the surface, further diffusive re-equilibration occurred
604 contemptuously with crystal growth during lava cooling until the temperature became too
605 low and the effective diffusion clock closed. The outermost quenched rims (bright rims
606 on the BSE images) of the olivines likely reflect the late-stage disequilibrium growth
607 within the lava flows.

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609 Skeletal olivine microlites exhibit the most magnesian core and the most evolved rim
610 compositions found in the three units ([Fig. 3](#)). These skeletal crystals commonly display
611 half-closed or closed hopper morphology ([Figs. 2d and 2f](#)) rather than regular hopper
612 morphology (an hourglass shape with large cavities in contact with the melts; defined by
613 [Faure et al. 2003](#)). The typical hopper morphology usually forms under non-equilibrium
614 conditions at high cooling rates and significant undercooling ([Faure et al. 2003; 2007](#)).
615 The overgrowth of skeletal microlites in our samples demonstrates that these crystals
616 underwent textural ripening that resulted from temperature fluctuations over short
617 timescales ([Faure and Schiano 2004; Colin et al, 2012](#)). The degassing-induced rapid
618 growth further favors infilling the initial hollow space of the hopper crystal ([Donaldson](#)
619 [1976; Welsh et al. 2013; Couperthwaite et al. 2020](#)). The most favorable environment for
620 the overgrowth of skeletal microlites is therefore a degassing and turbulent magma under

621 significant undercooling, which is likely to occur during eruptions ([Welsh et al. 2009](#)).
622 These features demonstrate that the skeletal microlites nucleated and grew prior to
623 cooling during the eruption. We suggest that the skeletal microlites nucleated in the
624 replenished magma batches of more mafic compositions. These magmas ascended from
625 the deep source, injected into the shallow (TD and BS units) or mid-crust (LFZ unit)
626 reservoirs, and did not interact extensively with the stalled melts. These microlitic cores
627 developed a hopper morphology in the conduits during the last rapid ascent to the surface.
628 During the eruption and within the lava flows, further textural ripening infilled the cavity
629 of hopper crystals and formed the half-closed or closed hopper morphology.

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631 As illustrated in [Fig. 9](#), we suggest that the magma plumbing systems of Tianchi shield-
632 forming basaltic magmas underwent a structural transition. The composition and
633 timescale differences between the high-Fo and low-Fo populations suggest that the TD
634 and BS magmas experienced multi-stage stalling and ascent. The high-Fo populations are
635 indicative of deeper reservoir accumulation and transfer, as well as shallow reservoir
636 storage. The low-Fo populations nucleated from the mixed melts that were stored in the
637 shallow reservoirs and grew more evolved rims during ascent and within the lava flows.
638 In contrast, there is only one mid-crust reservoir for the LFZ unit. The high-Fo population
639 were accumulated in the mid-crust reservoir, followed by direct ascent to the surface
640 without additional residence.

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IMPLICATIONS

643 Samples studied in this work cover almost the entire age spectrum of the shield-forming
644 stage of the Tianchi basaltic volcanism. By combining dynamic Fe-Mg diffusion
645 modelling in olivine crystals from three eruptive units with petrological constraints, we
646 established the temporal and spatial evolution of the basaltic magma plumbing systems
647 beneath the Tianchi volcano. The obtained varying timescales between the units suggest
648 that the shield-forming basaltic magmas experienced a structural transition from multi-
649 level stalling and subsequent ascent for the TD and BS units to direct ascent from a mid-
650 crust reservoir to the surface for the LFZ unit. The residual, early-formed, shallow
651 plumbing system may provide potential interconnected conduits and reservoirs for the
652 storage and the final ascent of the later LFZ magmas. Our study reconciles, together with
653 many previous studies (e.g., [Lynn et al. 2017](#); [Wieser et al. 2019](#); [Gleeson et al. 2020](#);
654 [Stock et al. 2020](#); [Pan et al. 2022](#)), that for an intra-continental basaltic system, hot
655 storage conditions are typical for a steady state open-conduit system which is driven by
656 the regular supply of fresh, hot magma resulting in the constant presence of eruptive
657 magma.

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659 Another highlight of our study is that the dynamic diffusion model with constantly
660 adapting boundary conditions can significantly improve the quality of fit to the
661 compositional profile of olivines in lava samples. The dynamic diffusion model used here
662 has been successfully applied to other lava samples and improved the accuracy of

663 obtained diffusion timescales (e.g., [Couperthwaite et al., 2021](#); [Bell et al., 2023](#); [Kahl et](#)
664 [al., 2023](#)). Such a scenario is expected to be quite common in most volcanic systems.
665 Consequently, this approach is rather useful in case pyroclastic rocks are lacking and only
666 lava samples are available, e.g., to establish diffusion timescales for zoned olivine
667 crystals that experienced a prolonged syn- and post-eruptive history.

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951 **TABLE 2.** Summary of relevant equations and logical order in dynamic diffusion model.

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953 FIGURES

954 **FIGURE 1.** Sketch map showing the distribution of Late Cenozoic volcanoes in the
955 CHVF [modified from [Zhang et al. \(2018\)](#)]. Red circles represent the three major
956 composite edifices (Namphothe, Wangtian'e, and Tianchi volcanoes).

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958 **FIGURE 2.** BSE images highlighting the morphology and zonation characteristics of
959 olivine macrocrysts and skeletal microlites from the TD, BS, and LFZ units. **(a)** BSE
960 image showing shoulder zonation (normally zoned rim and reversely zoned core) of a
961 high-Fo olivine macrocryst from the TD unit. **(b)** BSE image illustrating the normal
962 zonation of a high-Fo olivine macrocryst from the BS unit. **(c)** BSE image illustrating the
963 normal zonation of a low-Fo olivine macrocryst from the TD unit. **(d)** BSE image
964 showing the skeletal olivine microlite from the BS unit. **(e)** BSE image showing the
965 normal zonation of a high-Fo olivine macrocryst in glomerocrysts from the LFZ unit. **(f)**
966 BSE image showing the skeletal olivine microlite in the vesicle-rich basalts from the LFZ
967 unit. Abbreviations: Ol = Olivine, Pl = Plagioclase, Sp = Spinel, MI =Melt Inclusion.

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969 **FIGURE 3.** Histograms of forsterite contents (Fo) for the Tianchi shield-forming olivine
970 populations from the TD **(a)**, BS **(b)**, and LFZ **(c)** units. SOM: Core compositions of
971 skeletal olivine microlites. **(d)** Rhodes diagram to test for olivine-melt equilibrium. The
972 melt compositions are proxied by the bulk rock. The high-Fo population cores and rims
973 have Fo contents too primitive to be equilibrium with the host melt, whereas the low-Fo
974 population cores and high-Fo population rims are plotted within or slightly below the
975 equilibrium field. The low-Fo population rims have Fo contents far below the equilibrium
976 field.

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978 **FIGURE 4.** Pyroxene and plagioclase endmembers, Mg# variations, and An variations
979 diagrams for the TD, BS, and LFZ units. **(a)** Pyroxene Wo-En-Fs ternary diagram. **(b)**
980 Pyroxene Mg# variations diagrams. **(c)** Plagioclase An variations diagrams.

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982 **FIGURE 5.** **(a)** Na₂O + K₂O plotted against SiO₂ (TAS-diagram; [Le Bas et al. 1986](#)) for
983 the TD, BS, and LFZ units. The alkaline-subalkaline boundary line is drawn after [Irvine](#)
984 [and Baragar \(1971\)](#). **(b-f)** Representative variation diagrams (in wt%) of oxides plotted
985 against MgO contents. Black arrows indicate expected variation trends for liquid
986 differentiation by fractionating 10% of different major phases observed in our samples.
987 The partition coefficients between the minerals and melts are based on the olivine–melt
988 equilibrium model of [Beattie \(1993\)](#), the plagioclase–melt equilibrium model of [Ariskin](#)
989 [et al. \(1993\)](#), and the clinopyroxene–melt equilibrium model of [Ariskin et al. \(1986\)](#). Blue
990 arrows indicate the expected variation trends for liquid compositions by fractionating
991 10% based on the Rhyolite-MELTS. The model was conducted using the corrected
992 composition of TD-2, selecting the crystallization phases including Ol+Pl+Cpx+Fe-Ti
993 oxides, and running at 1 kbar and NNO-1 buffer. In most cases, the expected variation
994 trends of Rhyolite-MELTS are similar to those of Ol. The shaded areas represent the
995 published data of CHVF basaltic samples collected from [Zhang et al. \(2018\)](#) and
996 references therein. Red arrows indicate the observed evolution trend of the literature
997 dataset of [Zhang et al. \(2018\)](#).

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999 **FIGURE 6. (a)** Crystallization temperature variations of olivine macrocrysts and
1000 clinopyroxene microlites from the TD, BS, and LFZ units estimated via the Aluminum-
1001 in-olivine thermometer (Coogan et al. 2014) and the Clinopyroxene-only thermometer
1002 (Wang et al. 2021). The black circles and black diamonds represent averages of
1003 temperature ranges. Rhyolite-MELTS-derived phase diagrams showing modelled liquidus
1004 phases for a bulk H₂O content of 1 wt% at NNO and NNO-1 for the TD **(b)**, BS **(c)**, and
1005 LFZ units **(d)**. Nodes represent the liquidus phase where the rhyolite-MELTS model was
1006 run for the given temperature, pressure, and oxygen fugacity. The modelled stability field
1007 of low-Fo population cores of the TD and BS units are shown in blue shades (NNO) and
1008 green shades (NNO-1).

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1010 **FIGURE 7.** Representative BSE images, compositional profiles, and the model best-fit
1011 curves of studied olivines. Olivine types are the normally zoned high-Fo olivine
1012 macrocryst from the TD unit **(a)**, the ‘shoulder’ type high-Fo olivine macrocryst from the
1013 BS unit **(b)**, the normally zoned low-Fo olivine macrocryst from the TD unit **(c)**, and the
1014 normally zoned high-Fo olivine glomerocryst from the LFZ unit **(d)**. BSE images and
1015 stereographic plots illustrate the location of the analytical traverses and orientation of the
1016 crystallographic axes. Red lines show best-fit curves from the dynamic diffusion model.
1017 Black dash lines indicate the assumed initial conditions. The analytical error of EPMA
1018 data is 2σ (± 0.34 mol %) in Fo contents.

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1020 **FIGURE 8.** Kernel density estimate plots for the TD **(a)** and BS **(b)** timescales with
1021 bandwidth 10 for the high-Fo olivines and 20 for the low-Fo olivines. Kernel density
1022 estimate plots of the LFZ **(c)** timescales with bandwidth 10. **(d)** Kernel density estimate
1023 plots showing magma supply rates with bandwidth 0.0002 for the TD and BS high-Fo
1024 olivines, and bandwidth 0.002 for the TD and BS low-Fo olivines and LFZ high-Fo
1025 olivines. The green dotted line represents the calculated minimum magma supply rate. **(e)**
1026 Kernel density estimate plots showing cooling rates with bandwidth 4×10^{-7} for the TD
1027 and BS high-Fo olivines, and bandwidth 4×10^{-6} for the TD and BS low-Fo olivines and
1028 LFZ high-Fo olivines. **(f)** Kernel density estimate plots showing G_0 with bandwidth 3×10^{-12}
1029 12 for the TD and BS high-Fo olivines, and bandwidth 3×10^{-11} for the TD and BS low-Fo
1030 olivines and LFZ high-Fo olivines. The colored dashed lines show the growth rate
1031 averages obtained or used in dynamic diffusion modeling based on the constant (lunar
1032 basalts delivered by Appolo-15, 2×10^{-11} m/s; [Bell et al. 2023](#)) or gradually increasing
1033 (Piton de la Fournaise, 1.9×10^{-11} m/s; [Couperthwaite et al. 2021](#); 1950 AD Southwest Rift
1034 Zone eruption, 3.3×10^{-11} m/s; [Kahl et al. 2023](#)) growth rate models.

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1036 **FIGURE 9.** Schematic cartoon representing cross sections of the Tianchi magmatic
1037 system, depicting the inferred multi-level crustal plumbing system **(a)**; not to scale).
1038 Mantle-derived parental magma of the TD and BS units experienced at least two stages of
1039 stalling and ascent which include a deeper magma reservoir (~ 20 km; **b** and **c**) and a
1040 shallower reservoir (~ 15 km for TD and ~ 13 km for BS unit; **d**). Conversely, more

1041 evolved magmas from the LFZ unit directly ascended from mid-crust reservoirs (~15 km)
1042 to the surface without significant crustal residence (e). For the TD and BS units, high-Fo
1043 olivines crystalized and accumulated in the deeper magma reservoirs. Partially reversely
1044 zoned olivine crystals recorded episodic magma recharging of more mafic magmas from
1045 deeper sources. Glomerocrysts suggest that Ol + Pl ± Opx are likely the stable mineral
1046 assemblages in the deeper reservoirs. Subsequently, residual melts were extracted from
1047 the deep reservoirs and transported to shallower levels along regional faults. Here, high-
1048 Fo olivines acquired more evolved rims, and the low-Fo olivines nucleated after the
1049 magma mixing. The melt degassed and Ol + Pl + Cpx microlites crystallized during final
1050 ascent and upon emplacement at the surface. All zoned olivines diffusively equilibrated
1051 until the lava flow sufficiently cooled. For the LFZ unit, high-Fo olivines and plagioclases
1052 are the stable mineral assemblages in the mid-crust reservoirs. High-Fo olivines acquired
1053 more evolved rims and diffusional equilibration occurred during ascent and within the
1054 lava flows, without significant crustal residence.

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APPENDIX TEXT

1057 **Appendix²: Supplementary Figures**

1058 **FIGURE S1.** Petrographic photos of TD basalts. (a) Cross-polarized light (XPL) image
1059 showing plagioclase and olivine macrocrysts in a fine-grained groundmass. (b) XPL
1060 image showing a glomerocryst containing tabular plagioclases and embedded euhedral
1061 olivine. Plagioclase cores display sieve texture. (c) XPL image showing a skeletal olivine

1062 microlite in a fine-grained groundmass. **(d)** Backscattered electron (BSE) image
1063 displaying a cm-sized glomerocryst including tabular plagioclases and euhedral
1064 orthopyroxenes. Orthopyroxenes are normally zoned. Orthopyroxene cores are in contact
1065 with plagioclases in the glomerocrysts but are isolated by orthopyroxene rims from the
1066 groundmass. Abbreviations: Ol = Olivine, Pl = Plagioclase, Opx = Orthopyroxene.

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1068 **FIGURE S2.** Petrographic photos of BS basalts. **(a)** XPL image illustrating plagioclases
1069 and olivine macrocrysts in a fine-grained groundmass. **(b)** XPL image showing the
1070 resorbed/embayed rims of the olivine macrocryst. **(c)** XPL image showing a glomerocryst
1071 containing subhedral olivines and tabular plagioclase. **(d)** XPL image exhibiting a
1072 glomerocryst consisting of olivines. Abbreviations are as in Fig. S1.

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1074 **FIGURE S3.** Petrographic photos of LFZ basalts. **(a)** XPL image illustrating nearly
1075 aphyric basalts including abundant vesicles. Skeletal olivine microlites are also found in
1076 these vesicle-rich basalts. **(b)** XPL image showing high crystallinity basalts containing
1077 plagioclase macrocrysts and polymineralic glomerocrysts composed of olivines and
1078 plagioclases. The plagioclases usually form the framework of the glomerocrysts, and
1079 euhedral to subhedral olivines occur within the framework as interstitial phases. **(c)** XPL
1080 image showing a cm-sized plagioclase macrocryst containing an olivine inclusion. **(d)**
1081 XPL image illustrating a glomerocryst composed of tabular plagioclase and subhedral
1082 olivine set in a coarse-grained groundmass. Plagioclase and olivine in glomerocrysts

1083 display similar sizes and the plagioclase cores display sieve texture. Abbreviations are as
1084 in Fig. S1.

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1086 **FIGURE S4.** Variation diagrams of major elements (in wt%) and trace elements (in ppm)
1087 plotted against MgO contents (in wt%) for the TD, BS, and LFZ bulk-rock compositions.
1088 Black arrows indicate expected variation trends for liquid differentiation by fractionating
1089 10% of different major phases observed in our samples. The colored arrows and shaded
1090 areas are the same as in **Fig. 5**.

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1092 **FIGURE S5.** Primitive mantle normalized trace elements patterns (a) and chondrite
1093 normalized REE patterns (b) for the TD, BS, and LFZ units. The trace element data of N-
1094 type MORB are from Saunders and Tarney (1984) and Sun (1980), and the REE data are
1095 from Sun and McDonough (1989). The data for E-type MORB are from Klein (2003).
1096 The data for OIB and primitive mantle and C1 chondrite normalizing values are from Sun
1097 and McDonough (1989).

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1099 **FIGURE S6.** Melt evolutionary paths of olivine equilibrium composition over the
1100 temperature range 1250–850 °C for the TD, BS, and LFZ units modelled using rhyolite-
1101 MELTS. All models were conducted under 1 kbar and NNO-1 buffer. The colored lines
1102 in **(b, c, d)** represent the T_0 and T_{\min} based on the Kernel density estimate with bandwidth
1103 7. The results show that high- F_o populations from the TD and BS units record a large

1104 range of T_0 , varying from 1128 to 1193 °C and 1139 to 1197 °C, respectively. T_{\min} from
1105 the high-Fo populations (peak at 1100 °C of the TD unit and 1094 °C of the BS unit) is
1106 similar to or slightly lower than T_0 of the low-Fo populations (peak at 1100 °C of the TD
1107 unit and 1108 °C of the BS unit) at the same unit. T_{\min} from the low-Fo populations show
1108 a prominent peak at 1083 °C for the TD unit and 1084 °C for the BS unit. T_0 and T_{\min}
1109 from the high-Fo population of the LFZ unit display a significant peak at 1130 °C and
1110 1189 °C, respectively.

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1112 **FIGURE S7.** Representative BSE images, compositional profiles, and the model best-fit
1113 curves of high-Fo populations from the TD and BS units based on the linear cooling (**a**
1114 **and c**) and exponential cooling (**b and d**) models. BSE images and stereographic plots
1115 illustrate the location of the analytical traverses and orientation of the crystallographic
1116 axes. Red lines show best-fit curves from the dynamic diffusion model. Black dash lines
1117 indicate the assumed initial conditions. The analytical error of EPMA data is 2σ (± 0.34
1118 mol %) in Fo contents. The results suggest that both cooling models generate well-fitting
1119 and comparable timescale results.

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1121 **FIGURE S8.** Schematic diagram showing the workflow of the dynamic diffusion model
1122 (modified from [Couperthwaite et al. 2021](#) and [Bell et al. 2023](#)).

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1124 **FIGURE S9.** A binary graph showing the obtained timescales and their 1σ uncertainty.

1125 The variables that control the diffusivity related uncertainties include the temperature
1126 (± 20 °C), oxygen fugacity (± 0.5 log units), and olivine composition (± 1.7 mol % on Fo).
1127 The modelled results indicate that uncertainties gradually amplify with increased
1128 diffusion timescales.

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1130 **FIGURE S10.** The expected range of critical magma supply rates via Monte Carlo
1131 simulations. The minimum magma supply rate (Q_c) is $8.3 \text{ km}^3/\text{yr}$.

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1133 **Appendix⁴: Supplementary remarks**

1134 **Part 1: Comparison of dynamic diffusion model based on linear cooling and** 1135 **exponential cooling models**

1136 The olivine crystals in our study, especially high-Fo populations of TD and BS units,
1137 recorded a series of magmatic events such as shallow storage, magma ascent, and lava
1138 emplacement. The cooling rates of magmatic environments are varying in different stages.
1139 T This implies that it is necessary to verify the reliability of using a simple linear cooling
1140 model for crystals undergoing complex magmatic processes. Zhang (2008) suggests that
1141 the exponential cooling model is more suitable for the cooling history of volcanic systems
1142 that underwent pre-eruption and post-eruption processes:

$$T = T_{min} + \frac{T_0 - T_{min}}{1 + \frac{t}{\tau}}$$

1143 The τ is the time when the temperature is $1-1/e$ of the T_0 . This equation depicts a cooling

1144 process in which the cooling rate grows exponentially as the temperature declines. We
1145 separately applied the linear and exponential cooling models to the representative
1146 compositional profiles of high Fo-olivines from each thin section in the TD and BS units
1147 (n =11) while keeping the other variables constant. The results show that both cooling
1148 models can fit the composition profile well (Fig. S7) and that adjustments in the cooling
1149 model have no significant effect on the results of the timescale and other variables (Table
1150 S1). This demonstrates that although the exponential model aligns with the cooling
1151 history of volcanic systems, a simple linear model is as effective. We consider that the
1152 following two reasons can explain why the linear modal is still well-fitted:

- 1153 1. The range of temperature variation is small, and a linear model can be regarded as an
1154 approximation of exponential models. We rejected this hypothesis as our simulations
1155 showed that both the linear and exponential models produced significant temperature
1156 ranges (Table S1). Geothermometer constraints based on high-Fo olivine cores and
1157 clinopyroxene microlites indicate that magma experienced significant cooling from
1158 sub-surface magma reservoirs to lava flows (Fig. 6).
- 1159 2. In multi-stage magmatic processes of Tianchi basaltic magma systems, the
1160 establishment of compositional profile shape is controlled by the magmatic
1161 environment of predominant magmatic events, and the modification by the
1162 subordinate magmatic environments on profile shape can be moderately ignored. The
1163 magma temperature and crystal residence timescale govern the extent to profile shape
1164 is modified by diffusion. Petrone et al. (2016) proposed a non-isothermal diffusion

1165 incremental step model (NIDIS) to solve the multi-stage diffusion question. In their
1166 samples, clinopyroxene crystals in tephra recorded the two-stage processes before the
1167 eruption. The high temperature and significant crystal residence timescales in the
1168 second stage indicate that the diffusion in the second stage significantly modified the
1169 profile shape established in the first stage. However, in our samples, compared to the
1170 timescales of magma ascent and lava emplacement, the high-Fo olivines experienced
1171 significantly longer timescales and high temperatures for residence in shallow magma
1172 reservoirs. The adequate residence time and relatively high temperature in the
1173 reservoirs enable the compositional profile to primarily record the timescales and
1174 environmental information of the shallow magma reservoir. The lower cooling rates
1175 ($\sim 10^{-7}$ – 10^{-6} °C/s) and slower G_0 ($\sim 10^{-14}$ – 10^{-13} m/s) obtained from the high-Fo
1176 populations of the TD and BS unit (Figs. 8e and 8f) imply a hot and relatively
1177 adiabatic magmatic environment, thus support the hypothesis that the magma
1178 underwent some stagnation in the shallow magmatic storage system. In comparison,
1179 timescales of magma ascent and surface emplacement are much shorter (19–66 days
1180 obtained from low-Fo populations of the TD and BS units). The shorter timescales
1181 and lower magma temperatures make it difficult to further effectively modify the
1182 compositional profiles that have already been formed through diffusion re-
1183 equilibration in shallow magmatic reservoirs.

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1185 Our simulations demonstrated that the dynamic diffusion models based on two cooling

1186 models generate well-fitting and comparable timescale results. We still prefer to use
1187 simple linear models because they provide cooling rate information to indicate the
1188 predominant magmatic environment where the crystals were experienced. It is worth
1189 noting that the best-fit linear cooling rate for crystals that record complex magmatic
1190 processes is not representative of any specific magmatic event. More accurately, it
1191 indicates the principal magmatic environment that drove the shape of the diffusion profile
1192 over multi-stage processes. In contrast, the parameter τ provided by the exponential
1193 model represents the time when the initial temperature of the diffusion decreases to its 1-
1194 $1/e$. This parameter has limited meaning considering that diffusion is only effective at
1195 high temperatures.

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1197 **TABLE S1.** Timescales and relevant variables of the dynamic modelling best-fitting
1198 curves based on linear and exponential cooling models.

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1200 **Part 2: Relevant parameters and detailed calculations of minimum magma supply**
1201 **rate (Q_c)**

1202 The minimal magma supply rate (Q_c) was calculated using Equation 4 of [Morgado et al.](#)
1203 [\(2017\)](#), which was modified based on the model (Eq. 1) of [Menand et al. \(2015\)](#).

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$$Q_c = \frac{8}{9} \left(\frac{C_p(T_f - T_{inf})}{L(T_0 - T_f)} \right)^{\frac{9}{4}} \left(\frac{\Delta \rho g k^3 H^3}{\mu} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{K_c}{\Delta \rho g} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

1205 Thermal analysis of magma transport particularly considers physical and thermal
1206 properties of the ascending magma (e.g., ascent height, initial and freezing temperature,

1207 latent heat) and country rock conditions (e.g., fracture toughness, thermal diffusivity, etc.).
1208 Where H is the depth from which magma can ascend to the surface without completely
1209 solidifying. In this case, we chose 20 km (maximum crystallization depth of the primitive
1210 olivine modelled by rhyolite-MELTS) which represents the maximum vertical distance
1211 that an ascending magma needs to travel before eruption for the Tianchi magmatic system.
1212 T_0 and T_f are the initial and freezing temperatures of the ascending magma, respectively.
1213 Crystallization temperatures of olivine cores (1138–1227 °C) calculated by Al-in-olivine
1214 thermometry (Coogan et al. 2014) were used to represent initial magma temperatures. We
1215 used rhyolite-MELTS to model a series of isobaric cooling models and evaluated the
1216 evolution of crystallinity with cooling temperature. The freezing temperature is defined
1217 as the temperature corresponding to the melt volume fraction of 0.6–0.7, representing the
1218 maximum particle packing fraction for magmas to retain the rheological properties of a
1219 melt (Cashman et al. 2017). The freezing temperatures range from 998 °C to 1121 °C for
1220 the considered pressure range resulting in temperature differences of 17 °C to 229 °C
1221 between the initial and freezing temperatures. $\Delta\rho$ is the density difference between the
1222 magma and the country rocks. We used the Tianchi average upper crust density of 2.65
1223 g/cm³ to represent the average density of country rocks (Guan et al. 2020). The density
1224 range of the ascending magma (2.39–2.65 g/cm³) was assumed to correspond to the
1225 temperature evolution between initial and freezing magma temperature using rhyolite-
1226 MELTS.
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1228 μ is the dynamic viscosity of the ascending magma. To calculate μ , we first selected the
1229 corrected bulk-rock composition of TD-2 equilibrated with the Fo₈₂ olivine (Part 5 of
1230 Appendix¹) and the bulk-rock composition of LFZ-4 (Part 1 of Appendix¹) representing
1231 the most primitive magma composition and the most evolved composition, respectively.
1232 Such compositions are employed in the equation of [Giordano et al. \(2008\)](#) to calculate the
1233 melt viscosity with no crystals. We calculate the melt viscosity as about 10 Pa·s based on
1234 a temperature of 1201 °C (olivine core average temperature of the TD unit) for the most
1235 primitive melt under the water content of 1 wt%, and about 114 Pa·s using a temperature
1236 of 1059 °C (clinopyroxene microlite average temperature of the LFZ unit) for the most
1237 evolved melt under the water content of 2.5 wt% (We assumed the water is perfectly
1238 incompatible, the initial water content is 1 wt% and the minimum melt fraction is 0.4).
1239 The dynamic viscosity of magma can be defined as the product of the melt viscosity
1240 combined with the effect of suspended crystals and vesicles (e.g., [Harris et al. 2008](#)):

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$$\mu_{(magma)} = \mu_{(melt)} \times \mu_{(crystal)} \times \mu_{(vesicle)}$$

1242 Here, we only consider the effect of suspended crystals, because vesicles are only present
1243 sparsely in our samples, and vesicles most probably formed after the eruption. The
1244 dynamic viscosity of the crystal-bearing magma was obtained using the equation of
1245 [Krieger and Dougherty \(1959\)](#) which considers the amounts of suspended crystals as well
1246 as crystal shapes. The crystal volume fraction was set to 5% of olivine and 10% of
1247 plagioclase. The olivine and plagioclase were assumed as spherical and prolate shapes
1248 respectively. Geometries of all crystals give the same magnitude of relative viscosity for a

1249 given crystal volume fraction ≤ 0.25 (Mueller et al. 2010). The maximum particle
1250 packing fraction is set as a melt volume fraction of 0.6-0.7 (Cashman et al. 2017).
1251 Therefore, the maximum magma dynamic viscosity is about 18.3–20.5 Pa·s for the most
1252 primitive melt and 182.7–205.3 Pa·s for the most evolved melt.

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1254 C_p is the specific isobaric heat capacity which ranges from 1300 J/kg K to 1700 J/kg K
1255 for natural silicate melts as suggested by Lesher and Spera (2015). L is the magma latent
1256 heat (2.5×10^5 - 5.5×10^5 J/kg), K_c is the fracture toughness of the country-rock ($10^6 \times 10^9$ Pa
1257 $m^{1/2}$), κ is the country-rock thermal diffusivity (0.3×10^{-6} - 2×10^{-6} m^2/s) and T_{inf} is the
1258 crustal far-field temperature (50-600 °C) that represent the crustal temperature
1259 horizontally distal from the heat source. These values were taken from Menand et al.
1260 (2015) and references therein. g is the gravitational acceleration (9.8 m^2/s). Detailed
1261 ranges of all parameters are compiled in Table S2. We adopted the Monte Carlo
1262 simulation method to obtain the probability distribution of Q_c and the sampling number is
1263 50,000 to ensure the reliability of the model results. Detailed modelled results of the
1264 expected range of critical supply rates for basaltic magmas are shown in Fig. S10. The Q_c
1265 presented in the main text define as the minimum boundary values of the complete range,
1266 i.e., the minimum magma supply rate for avoiding freezing of ascended magma in a ~20
1267 km long dyke.

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1269 **TABLE S2.** Ranges of all parameters used in Monte Carlo simulations.

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1305 **TABLES**
 1306 **TABLE 1.**

unit	vesicular	mineral	size in diameter	volume percentage	morphology	
TD	~5 vol.% in average	macrocryst	Ol	0.3-0.9 mm	~10-15 vol% in total, including dominant plagioclases followed by olivines	macrocrysts are euhedral to rounded, and skeletal microlites (100–200 μm) are also found
			Pl	0.2-2.7 mm		tabular
			Opx		never exist as a single macrocryst	
		glomerocryst	Opx + Pl	1.7-3.5 mm	rare, only three have been found in all TD samples	Pl and Opx are both euhedral
			Ol + Pl	0.7-1.9 mm	~1-5 vol% in total	Pl and Ol are both euhedral
BS	~5 vol.% in average	macrocryst	Ol	0.4-1.6 mm	~8-13 vol% in total, including dominant plagioclases followed by olivines	macrocrysts are euhedral to rounded, and skeletal microlites (100–200 μm) are also found
			Pl	0.2-3 mm		tabular
		glomerocryst	Ol + Pl	0.7-1.7 mm	~3-6 vol% in total	Pl and Ol are both euhedral
			Ol monomineralic cluster	0.8-1.3 mm	rare, only two have been found in all BS samples	euhedral to rounded

			Ol	0.2–0.7 mm		macrocrysts are euhedral to rounded, and skeletal microlites (100–200 μm) are also found
		macrocryst			~3-25 vol% in total, vary largely among the thin sections	
LFZ	~10-45 vol.% in average		Pl	0.2–3.3 mm		tabular
		glomerocryst	Ol + Pl	0.6-1.5 mm	~0-15 vol% in total, vary largely among the thin sections	Pl are tabular, Ol are euhedral to subhedral

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1312 **TABLE 2.**

Equation		Relevant variable	Unit
		(X _{Fo}) molar fraction of the forsterite component→(2)	
(1) Diffusion accompanied by crystal growth and melt evolutionary—the moving and changing boundary	$\frac{\partial X_{Fo}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial X_{Fo}}{\partial x} \left(D \frac{\partial X_{Fo}}{\partial x} \right) + G \frac{\partial X_{Fo}}{\partial x}$	(G) growth rate→(4) (D) diffusion coefficient along profile→(5) (x) distance (t) time	m/s m ² /s m s
(2) molar fraction of the forsterite component	$X_{Fo} = Fo/100$	(Fo) forsterite content→ (3)	mol %
(3) Liquid line of descent	$Fo = f(T)$	[(f(T)] LLD function (T) temperature→(6)	mol % K
(4) Gradually increasing growth rate	$G = 2G_0 \left(\frac{T_0 - T}{T_0 - T_{min}} \right)$	(T ₀) diffusion initial temperature (T _{min}) diffusion final temperature (G ₀) half-growth rate at Gmin	K K m/s
(5) diffusion coefficient along profile	$D = D_{[001]} \cos^2 \alpha + D_{[010]} \cos^2 \beta + D_{[100]} \cos^2 \gamma$	(D _[001]) Fe–Mg interdiffusion coefficient in olivine along [001] axis→(7) (D _[010]) Fe–Mg interdiffusion coefficient in olivine along [010] axis→(8) (D _[100]) Fe–Mg interdiffusion coefficient in olivine along [100] axis→(8)	m ² /s m ² /s m ² /s

		(α , β , and γ) The angles between the profile direction and the principal axes	
(6) Constant cooling rate	$T = T_0 - qt$	(q) constant cooling rate	K/s
(7) Fe–Mg interdiffusion in olivine	$D_{[001]} = 10^{-9.21} * \left(\frac{fO_2}{10^{-7}}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}} * 10^{3(0.9 - X_{Fo})} * \exp\left(-\frac{E_{Fo} + 7 * 10^{-6} * (P - 10^5)}{RT}\right)$	(fO_2) oxygen fugacity→(9) (P) pressure (R) Universal gas constant (E_{Fo}) the Fo activation energy at 10^5 Pa	Pa Pa J/(mol·K) J/mol
(8) The relationship between $D_{[001]}$, $D_{[010]}$, and $D_{[100]}$	$D_{[001]} = 6D_{[010]} = 6D_{[100]}$		
(9) Ni–NiO oxygen fugacity buffer	$\log(fO_2) = \frac{12.78 - 25073/T - 1.1\log T + 4.5 * 10^8 P/T + 25000P}{10^5}$		

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Unit	Sample name	Line	Cooling model	T ₀ (K)	T _{min} (K)	Cooling rate (m/s)	τ (days)	(G ₀)	r ²	time (days)	
TD	TD-2A-O11	2	Linear cooling	1432	1377	1.6223E-06	9803.0	5.474E-13	0.997	403.7	
			Exponential cooling	1433	1369						5.739E-13
	TD-3A-O11	1	Linear cooling	1457	1374	1.71003E-06	10028.5	9.139E-13	0.999	560.2	
			Exponential cooling	1453	1373						8.375E-13
	TD-3B-O12	1	Linear cooling	1443	1380	5.17354E-06	9961.8	3.807E-13	0.998	421.3	
			Exponential cooling	1430	1380						1.349E-13
	TD-4A-O11	1	Linear cooling	1435	1363	1.25055E-06	11631.2	4.73E-13	0.999	674.3	
			Exponential cooling	1443	1364						4.73E-13
	TD-4B-O12	1	Linear cooling	1415	1371	1.10515E-06	10665.8	4.693E-13	0.999	471.8	
			Exponential cooling	1429	1374						6.212E-13
	TD-4C-O12	1	Linear cooling	1429	1369	1.24936E-06	11579.4	1.362E-13	0.999	562.5	
			Exponential cooling	1439	1369						1.671E-13
	BS	BS-2A-O11	1	Linear cooling	1460	1372	2.22727E-06	6472.8	6.985E-14	0.998	469.3
				Exponential cooling	1465	1371					
BS-5A-O11		1	Linear cooling	1441	1371	1.7787E-06	11375.7	4.266E-13	0.998	466.6	
			Exponential cooling	1441	1371						2.57E-13
BS-5B-O11		1	Linear cooling	1457	1360	2.48352E-06	8432.5	5.502E-13	0.998	465.9	
			Exponential cooling	1442	3819						3.111E-13
BS-7A-O13		1	Linear cooling	1409	1352	9.55156E-07	10510.1	5.562E-13	0.995	572.8	
			Exponential cooling	1424	1352						8.405E-13
BS-7B-O15		1	Linear cooling	1463	1366	1.76166E-06	9193.5	7.761E-14	0.998	645.9	
			Exponential cooling	1462	1365						8.664E-14

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1325 **TABLE S2**

Parameter		Range	Unit
H	height	20000	m
T_0	initial magma temperature	1138-1227	°C
T_f	freezing magma temperature	998-1121	°C
$\Delta\rho$	density contrast	1-260	kg/m ³
μ	magma dynamic viscosity	18.3-205.3	Pa·s
C_p	isobaric heat capacity	1300-1700	J/kg K
L	magma latent heat	2.5×10^5 - 5.5×10^5	J/Kg
K_c	fracture toughness	10^6 - 10^9	Pa m ^{1/2}
κ	thermal diffusivity	0.3×10^{-6} - 2×10^{-6}	m ² /s
T_{inf}	crustal far-field temperature	50-600	°C
g	gravitational acceleration	9.8	m ² /s

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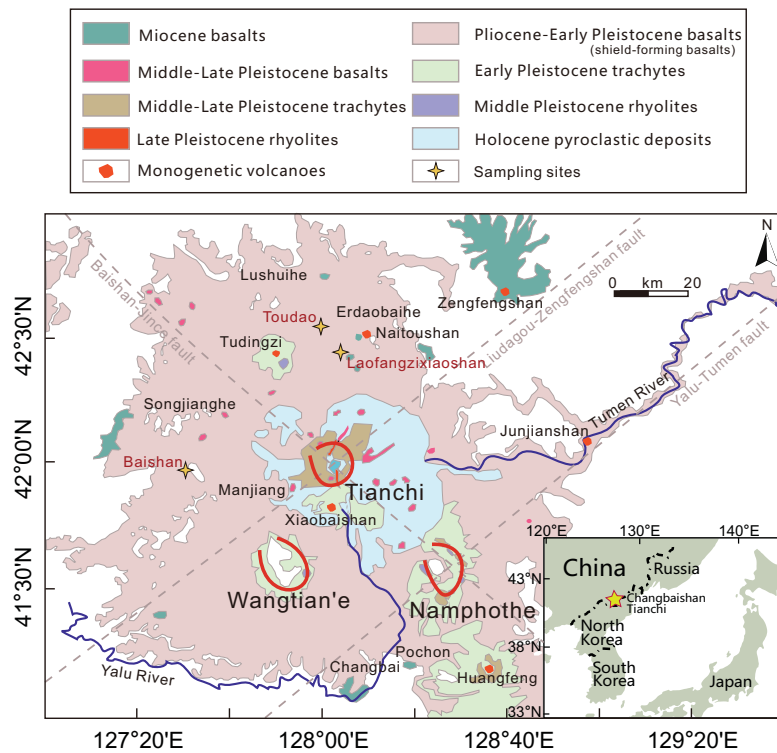


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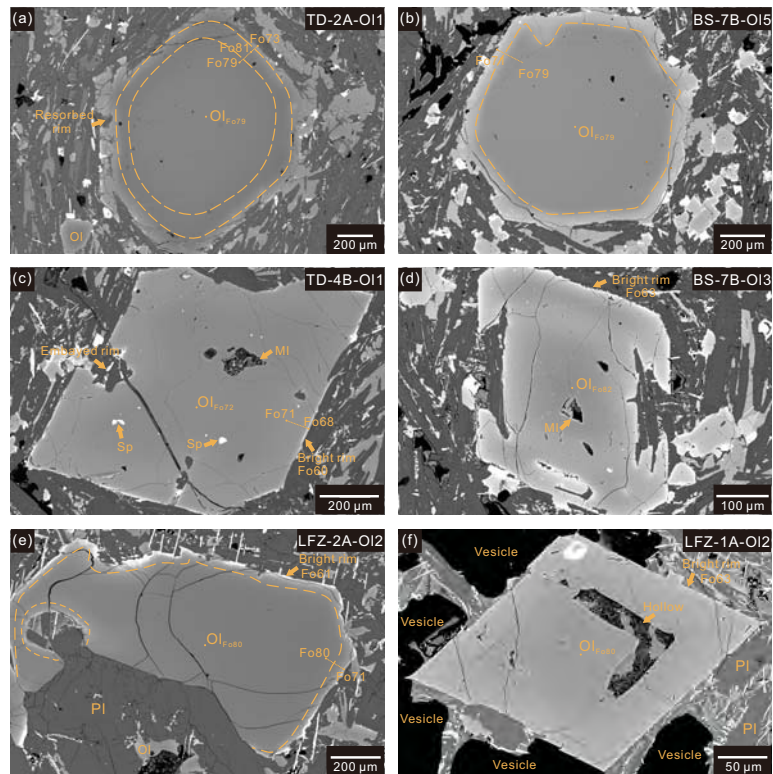


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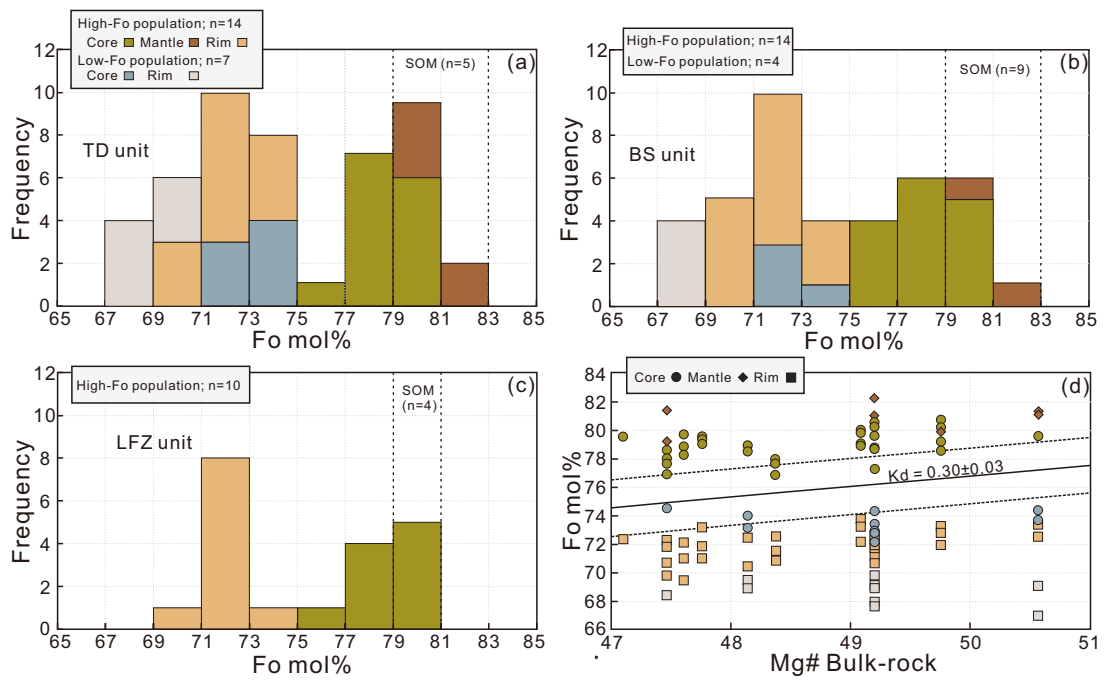


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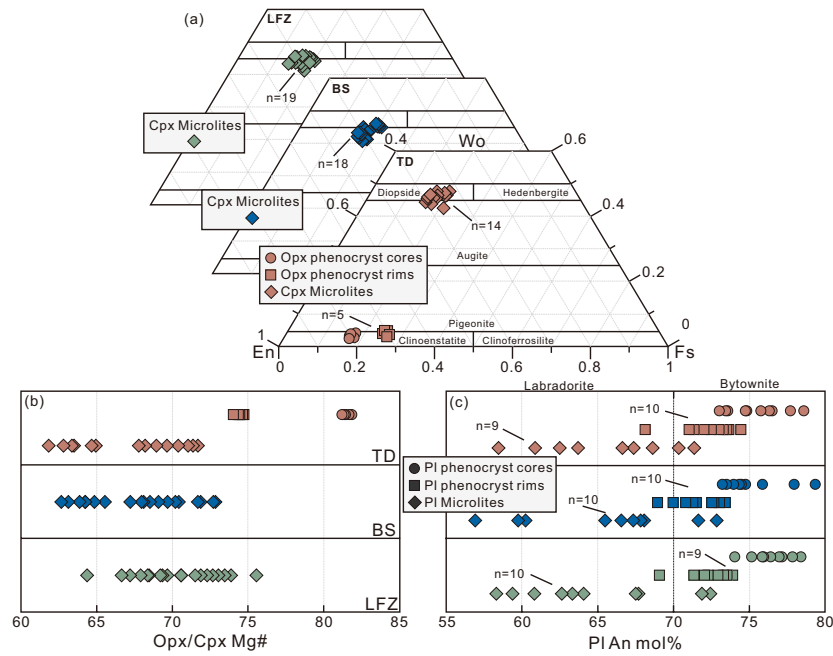


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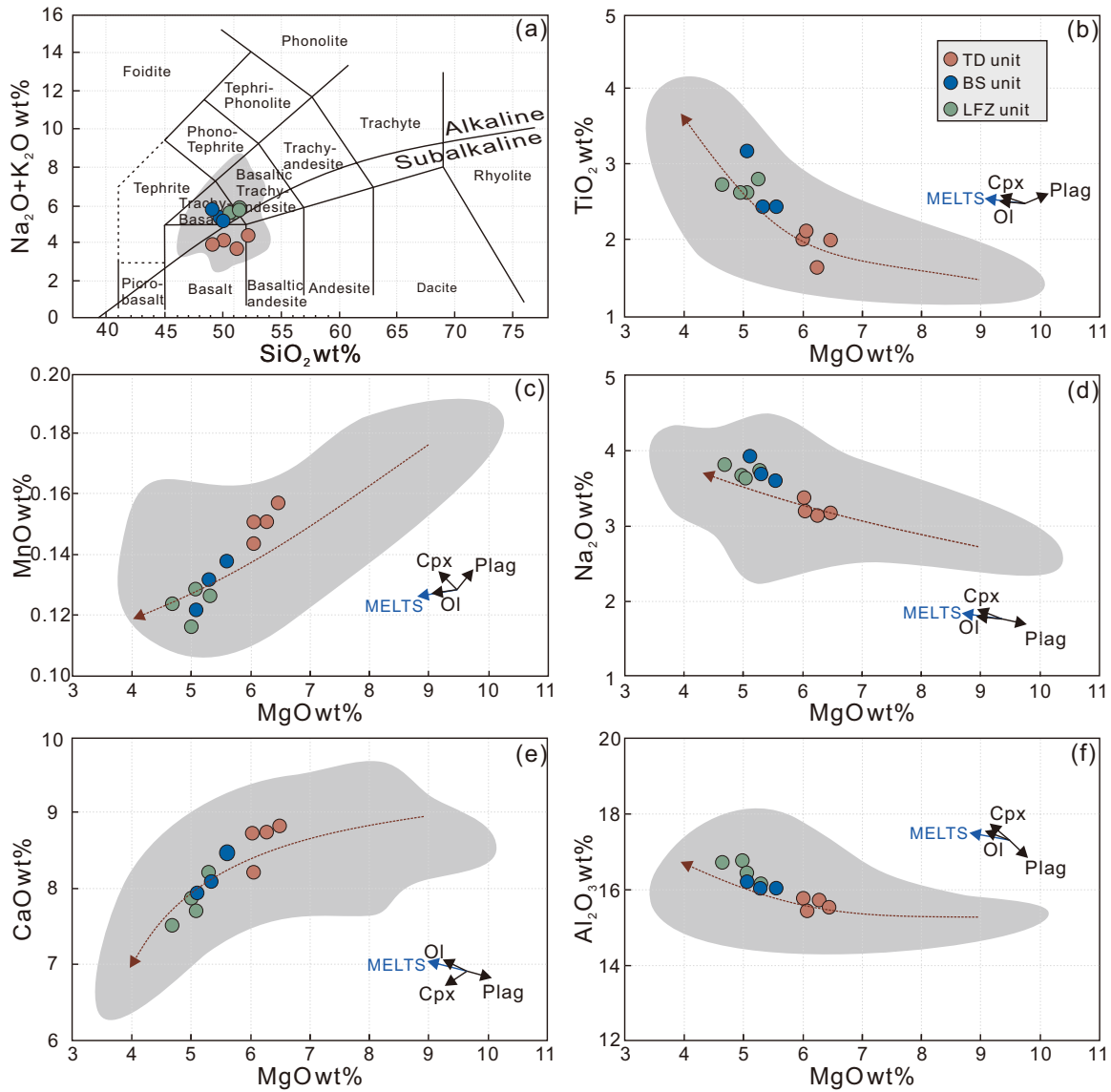


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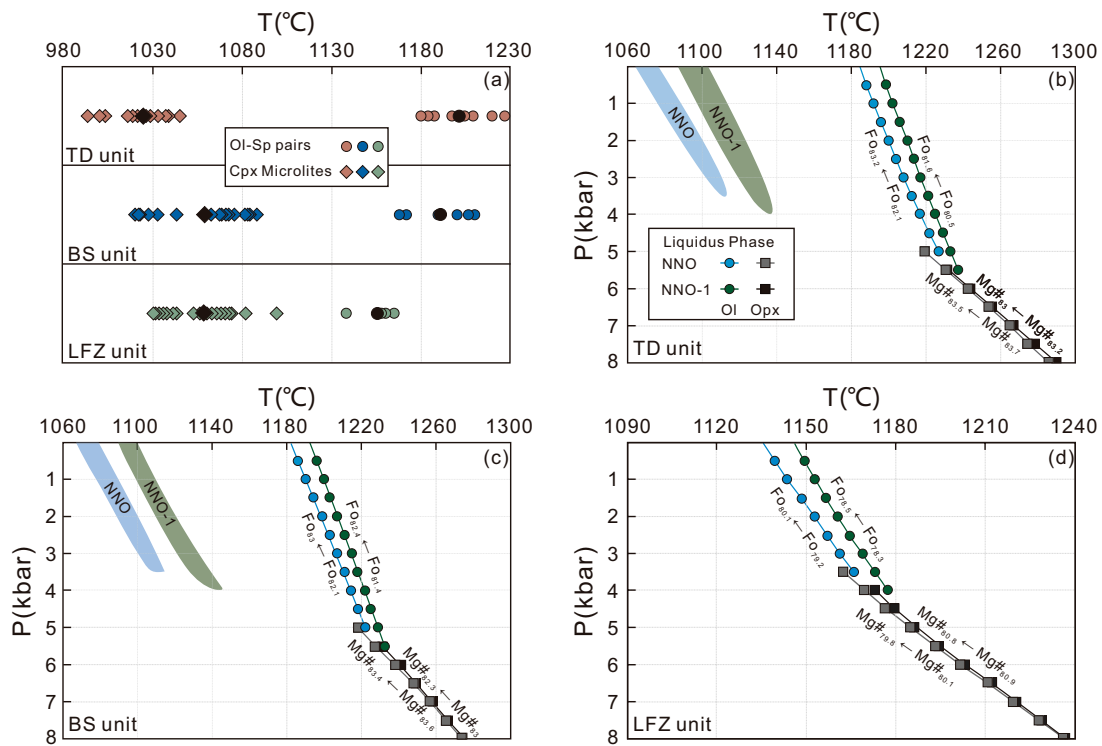


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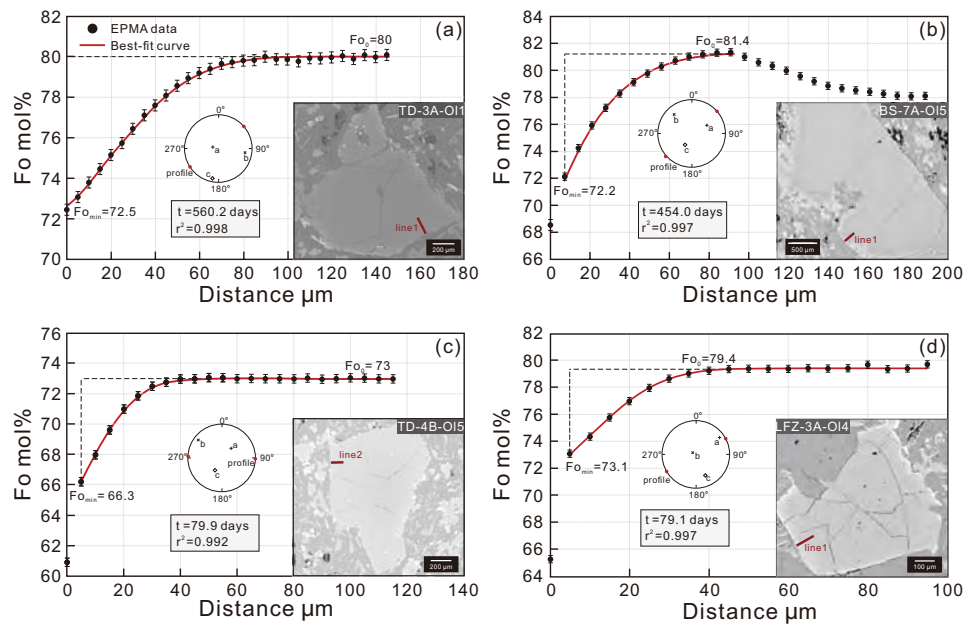


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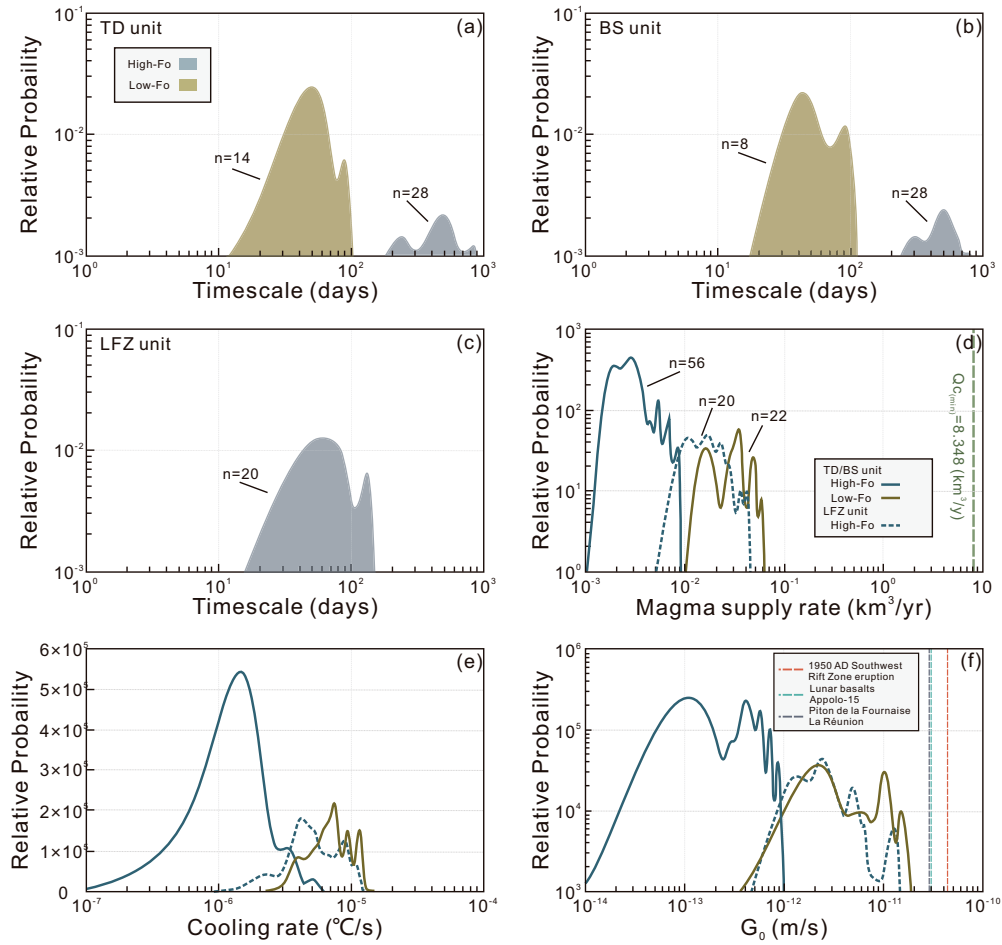


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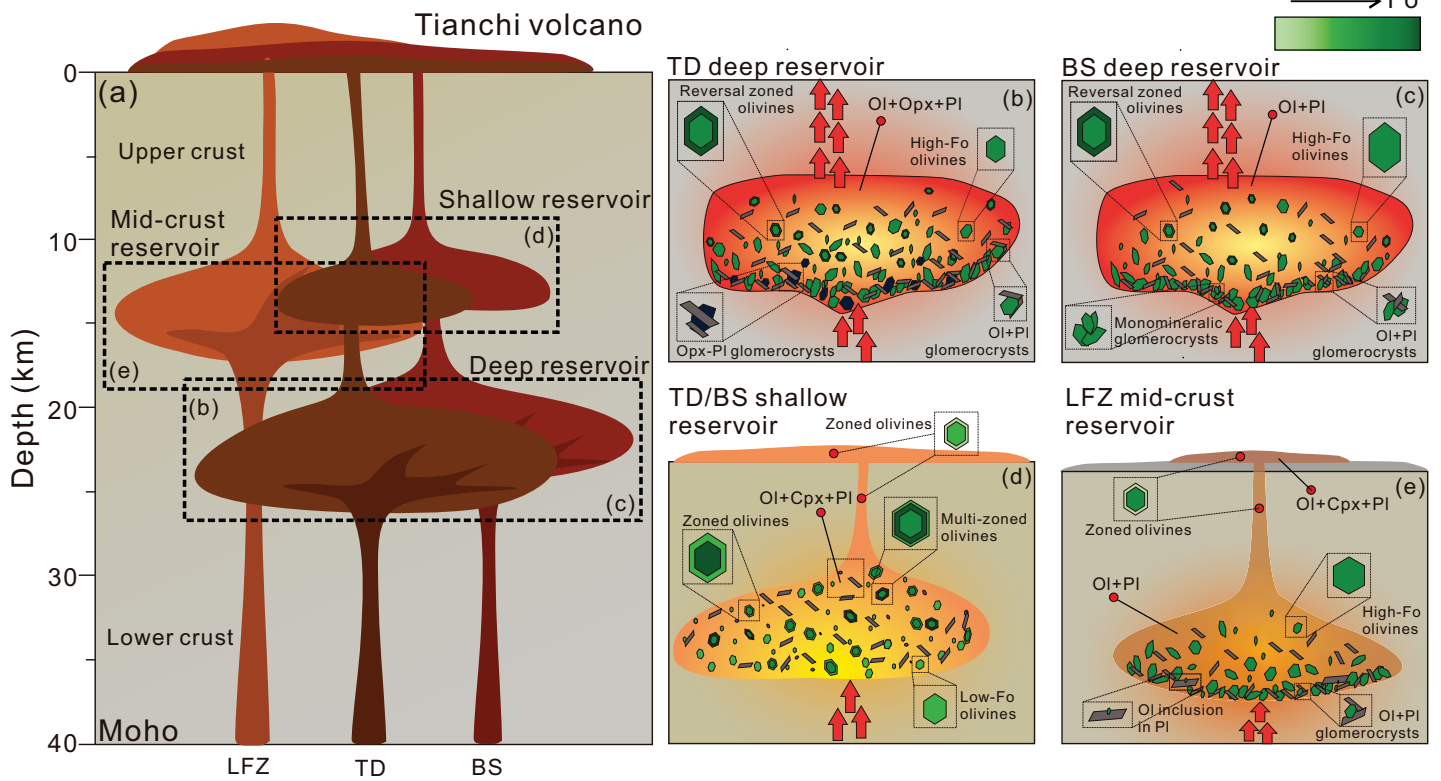


Fig 9