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3 Timescales of spherulite crystallization in obsidian inferred from water concentration
4 profiles

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10 **ABSTRACT**

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12 We determined the kinetics of spherulite growth in obsidians from Krafla volcano,
13 Iceland. We measured water concentration profiles around spherulites in obsidian by
14 Synchrotron Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy. The distribution of OH⁻ groups
15 surrounding spherulites decreases exponentially away from the spherulite-glass border,
16 reflecting expulsion of water during crystallization of an anhydrous paragenesis
17 (plagioclase+SiO₂+clinopyroxene+magnetite). This pattern is controlled by a balance
18 between the growth rate of the spherulites and the diffusivity of hydrous solute in the
19 rhyolitic melt.

20 We modeled advective and diffusive transport of the water away from the
21 growing spherulites by numerically solving the diffusion equation with a moving
22 boundary. Numerical models fit the natural data best when a small amount of post-
23 growth diffusion is incorporated in the model. Comparisons between models and data
24 constrain the average spherulite growth rates for different temperatures and highlight
25 size-dependent growth among a small population of spherulites.

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43 INTRODUCTION

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45 The rates and timescales of magmatic processes exert first-order control over the
46 behavior of magmatic systems. For example, the rate of decompression during magma
47 ascent may dictate the manner in which volatiles are released from the melt, ultimately
48 influencing degassing and the explosivity (e.g., Gonnermann and Manga 2007).

49 Similarly, crystallization in volcanic conduits and lava flows may generate excess volatile
50 pressure, leading to nonlinear extrusion and endogenous dome explosions (e.g., Sparks
51 1997). Clearly, our ability to model magmatic processes depends on accurate
52 determinations of timescales of processes such as crystallization and bubble growth.

53 Direct measurement of the timing and duration of magmatic phase changes (e.g.,
54 crystallization) is challenging due to the extreme inaccessibility of magmatic
55 environments; efforts to do so have been relegated to analyzing natural crystal
56 chronometers in quenched rocks. Crystal size distribution (CSD) analysis for example
57 (e.g., Cashman 1988), has provided estimates of crystal growth rates in magmatic
58 systems. However, temporal information based on CSD interpretations may be subject to
59 large errors, owing to the uncertainties of the underlying governing crystal growth laws,
60 including assumptions that the growth rates of all crystals was the same.

61 Advances in timescale determinations have been made by analyzing chemical
62 gradients within crystals (Costa and Dungan 2005) and glasses (Castro et al. 2005)
63 combined with diffusion modeling of the elemental distributions. Here, we build on
64 these studies by determining the crystallization timescales of small spherical crystal
65 aggregates in obsidian, known as spherulites (Fig. 1). We present Synchrotron Fourier
66 Transform Infrared Spectroscopic (SFTIR) measurements of water concentration profiles

67 around spherulites in obsidian. We then model the concentration profiles by numerically
68 solving the advection-diffusion equation for a range of temperatures to yield model
69 crystallization timescales.

70 **GEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**

71 Spherulites are radiating, often concentrically arranged aggregates of one or more
72 anhydrous minerals set in a glassy matrix (Fig. 1). They occur in obsidian domes, large-
73 volume vitrophyric ash-flow tuffs (e.g., Smith et al. 2001), and in shallow volcanic
74 conduits (e.g., Stasiuk et al. 1996). Spherulites are inferred to have nucleated and grown
75 in response to large undercoolings ($> 200^{\circ}\text{C}$) rapidly imposed on the magma by its
76 degassing and quenching (e.g., Swanson et al., 1989). As dictated by the thermal profile
77 of the magma body (Manley 1992), spherulitic obsidian develops in spatially restricted
78 zones (e.g., Manley and Fink 1987; Stevenson et al. 1994), comprising a transitional
79 facies that separates the rapidly quenched, outermost vitrophyric rhyolite from a
80 devitrified microcrystalline core.

81 Anomalously high volatile contents exist within and just above the spherulitic
82 zones in lava domes (e.g., Westrich et al. 1988). Several authors have suggested a
83 genetic link between spherulite crystallization and the increase in volatile pressure within
84 lava domes (e.g., Wright 1915), although to date there is only circumstantial evidence
85 supporting such a “second boiling” phenomenon (Manley and Fink 1987). Below we
86 present the first direct evidence for water concentration gradients around spherulites. We
87 use this information to quantitatively estimate the kinetics of spherulite growth.

88 **SAMPLES AND METHODS**

89 Decimeter-sized rhyolitic obsidian samples were collected from the
90 Hrafninnuhryggur ridge system on Krafla volcano, Iceland. These obsidians come from
91 a small (~5 m tall) outcrop that is part of an elongate series of domes marking the roof of
92 a dike that intruded an ice sheet (Tuffen and Castro, in preparation). Doubly polished
93 wafers, 100-200 μm thick were prepared from 5 obsidian samples. The spherulites are
94 numerous, mostly spherical, randomly spaced, and of a limited size (~50-800 μm). As a
95 result, the intersection planes of the wafers commonly expose 1 to 3 spherulites along
96 their maximum (equatorial) dimension. Using this geometry, we have been able to relate
97 the variation in H_2O species to the radial growth direction of the spherulites.

98 H_2O concentrations were determined by SFTIR at the Advanced Light Source,
99 Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Measurements were made along traverses
100 oriented perpendicular to the spherulite-glass boundaries on a Thermo Nicolet Magna
101 760 FTIR spectrometer interfaced with a NicPlan IR microscope (at beamline 1.4.3). The
102 IR beam has a diffraction-limited diameter of about 3 μm . The uncertainty in spot
103 position is $\pm 2 \mu\text{m}$. Transmittance spectra were obtained over the mid-IR (1,400-4,000
104 cm^{-1}) to the near-IR (3,700-6,500 cm^{-1}) regions with MCT detectors, KBr beam-splitters,
105 and the synchrotron light source. 128 scans were used to obtain each spectrum and these
106 spectra were corrected by subtracting a background spectrum collected every hour. We
107 determined OH^- concentrations from the intensity of the broad 3,570 cm^{-1} absorption
108 band, utilizing an absorption coefficient of 100 $\text{L mol}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ (Newman et al. 1986). We
109 estimate the analytical uncertainty of OH^- concentration to be $\pm 10\%$ of the measured
110 value.

111 Spherulite mineralogy was determined by 1) microscopic observation, 2) sample
112 magnetism to identify Fe-oxides as magnetite, and 3) compositional data from energy
113 dispersive spectra (EDS) collected on a Field-Emission SEM at the Smithsonian
114 Institution National Museum of Natural History. The SEM was operated at 10-12 KeV, 1
115 mm working distance and beam current ranging from 0.5-1 nanoamps. Precise
116 identification of spherulite minerals was challenging due to the small size (often < 2 μm)
117 of individual phases (Fig. 1) and their intimate, interlocking growth habits (Fig. 2), which
118 invariably resulted in the electron beam sampling parts of neighboring phases. However,
119 where possible, we analyzed the largest regions of a continuous phase. Mineralogic
120 determinations were made based on the peaks that appeared in the EDS spectra; minor
121 peaks nested within the background radiation were not used to infer mineralogy.

122 The glass transition temperature of the Krafla obsidian was determined by
123 differential scanning calorimetry using a Netzsch DSC 404C at the University of Munich
124 following the procedure of Gottsmann et al. (2002).

125 Glass compositions were analyzed using a JEOL JXA-8900R electron microprobe
126 (EPMA) running software with ZAF corrections at the Smithsonian National Museum of
127 Natural History. Analyses were performed with an acceleration voltage of 15 keV, a 10
128 μm beam, and a 10 nA beam current. Standardization was performed on the following
129 natural mineral standards: Quartz (Si), Anorthite (Ca), Bytownite (Al), Microcline (K),
130 Albite (Na), Hornblende (Fe, Mg). A natural rhyolitic glass (VG568) of known major
131 element composition was periodically analyzed to check for instrument drift.

132 **ANALYTICAL RESULTS**

133 Spherulites consist of, in order of modal abundance, sodic plagioclase (~45%), an
134 SiO₂-polymorph, quite possibly quartz (~40%), clinopyroxene (~3%) and magnetite (~1-
135 2%; Fig. 2). In addition, the largest spherulites (>500 μm) contain a small amount (<15
136 vol.%) interstitial glass and microvesicles (<1 vol.%). This phase assemblage accounts
137 for most of the major elements analyzed on bulk samples of the Krafla rhyolite (Table 1),
138 however, potassium appears to have behaved incompatibly during spherulite
139 crystallization as it was not detected in any of the phases. Like water, potassium is
140 probably concentrated in the surrounding glass matrix.

141 The plagioclase and the SiO₂-polymorph textures (Figs.1, 2) mimic micrographic,
142 micropoikilitic, and granophyric intergrowths observed in nature and produced
143 experimentally (e.g., MacLellan and Trembath, 1991). In both cases, the SiO₂-phase
144 often hosts plagioclase microlites.

145 Spherulites are typically enclosed in haloes of colorless rhyolitic glass (Table 1),
146 which separate them from the pervasive brown matrix glass (Fig. 1). Glass color
147 differences correspond to different oxidation states of iron (Galliard et al. 2003). In
148 cross-polarized light, the colorless glass regions are birefringent, as evidenced by their
149 first-order grey color (Fig. 1b). Spherulites commonly overprint pyroxene- and Fe-oxide
150 microlite-defined flow banding, however, in one sample, microlites are deflected around
151 the spherulites (Fig. 1c).

152 Figure 3 shows a subset of OH⁻ concentration profiles; the complete analytical
153 data are reported in Table 2. The area under the OH⁻ concentration profiles is
154 proportional to the amount of water surrounding each spherulite that is elevated above the
155 far-field matrix concentration. We quantified this water enrichment by fitting the OH⁻

156 concentration profiles with polynomials and then integrating from the point of maximum
157 OH⁻ content to the far-field matrix value (Table 2). We then subtracted the area
158 corresponding to the background water concentration from the total area under the curve
159 to get the amount of water in excess of the far-field value. Concentrations were
160 converted from wt.% to milligram units by multiplying the volume of glass having
161 elevated water by a glass density of 2.326 g cm⁻¹, determined from the major element
162 chemistry of the glass (Table 1) using the method of Ghiorso and Sack (1995). The
163 resultant mass of glass was then multiplied by the weight fraction of OH⁻ measured in the
164 elevated region.

165 The amount of water surrounding spherulites increases with the spherulite size,
166 and in most cases, matches the amount of water that would be expelled during complete
167 crystallization of anhydrous minerals from a volume of melt equal to the volumes of each
168 spherulite (Table 2), as determined by their radii. Differences between the measured and
169 predicted water show that some spherulites retained water during their growth (e.g., as
170 seen in OR1305_A), consistent with the presence of a small amount of glass and
171 microvesicles in some of them.

172 **SPHERULITE CRYSTALLIZATION KINETICS**

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174 It is clear from the mass-volume balance between the OH⁻ concentrations and the
175 corresponding volume of the spherulites that the concentration profiles were produced by
176 the rejection of water during the growth of anhydrous minerals in the spherulites. As the
177 spherulites grew and expelled water outwardly, the flux of water at the spherulite edge
178 was counter balanced by diffusion of water away from the spherulite-melt/glass

179 boundary. Thus, spherulite growth (ie., advection) and diffusion worked in concert to
180 produce the natural water concentration profiles.

181 By modeling the combined growth and diffusion processes, and comparing model
182 and natural water concentration profiles, we can estimate timescales of spherulite growth.
183 Specifically, we solved numerically the advection-diffusion equation in spherically
184 symmetrical form within the reference frame of the moving spherulite-melt/glass
185 boundary (Crank, 1984):

$$186 \quad \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + u \cdot \frac{\partial C}{\partial r} = D(C, T, P) \left(\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial C}{\partial r} \right), \quad (r > r_i) \quad (1)$$

187 Here, t is time, r is the spherulite radius, r_i is the crystal/melt interface position, C is the
188 concentration of OH⁻ species, and D is the diffusivity of H₂O in the melt. We note that
189 even though OH⁻ is the dominant hydrous species measured in these obsidians, hydrous
190 species diffusion likely occurs through the migration of molecular H₂O (e.g., Zhang et al.
191 1991). Consequently, our model calculates the diffusivity of molecular H₂O, which
192 changes with T , P , and C according to the formula of Zhang and Behrens (2000).

193 The second term on the LHS of equation 1 represents advection, and requires the
194 choice of a spherulite growth law that will dictate the velocity of the spherulite-matrix
195 interface, u or $\frac{dr_i}{dt}$. This velocity, in turn, determines the flux of water extruded from the
196 moving boundary after each time step.

197 The form of the spherulite growth law is an *a priori* unknown function of time.
198 We assume that the growth rate decreased exponentially with time; this assumption is
199 justified for the case that growth was limited by the diffusion rates of crystal nutrients

200 towards the growth boundary, and possibly by diffusion of hydrous species and other
201 impurities away from the boundary (e.g., Frank, 1950; Keith and Padden, 1964; Granasy
202 et al., 2005). We chose the following exponential growth law:

$$203 \quad \frac{dr_i}{dt} = R \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right)^2\right], (2)$$

204 where the parameter τ is the spherulite growth timescale and the primary fitting
205 parameter, and R is the spherulite radius.

206 The numerical model calculates by finite difference the amount of water released
207 at the spherulite-matrix boundary per each increment of growth; the amount of water
208 ejected is determined by mass conservation at the boundary:

$$209 \quad \left(\int_0^L 4\pi r^2 C(r) dr \right)_{t=0} = \left(\int_{r_i}^L 4\pi r^2 C(r) dr \right)_t, (3)$$

210 where, L is the width of the matrix. The initial water concentration prior to spherulite
211 growth is the average OH⁻ value measured in the “far field” along the flat part of the
212 profile. In the model, mass transport takes place solely in the radial direction away from
213 the interface (Fig. 4).

214 The modeling routine involves varying the growth timescale (τ), which is the
215 amount of time that the model runs to reach the target spherulite radius, iteratively to
216 produce the best fit to the natural data. Other model input parameters include the
217 measured spherulite size, a fixed temperature, and $P=0.1$ MPa. As the temperature is not
218 well constrained, we have modeled a range of bracketing temperatures (see discussion
219 below). The model does not account for the latent heat of crystallization.

220 We assume that the natural water profiles developed largely during spherulite
221 growth. However, there is evidence that water continued to diffuse after the interface had

222 stopped moving, namely in the form of the profile inflection points, manifested as
223 downturns in the concentration near the spherulite-glass border. These points may arise
224 because the flux of water from the spherulite shuts off when growth ceases, yet diffusion
225 of water due to the concentration gradient at the spherulite margin may continue.

226 Our model accounts for post-growth diffusion by calculating the concentration
227 profile under a no-flux boundary condition after the spherulite grows to its final size. The
228 amount of post-growth diffusion is not known *a priori*. However, because we are
229 interested in determining *maximum* spherulite growth timescales, we ran models with the
230 smallest amount of post-growth diffusion that would properly fit the profiles. We found
231 that a minimum of 6% (ie., 6% of the growth timescale) post-growth diffusion was
232 required to best fit the natural data. Model simulations with < 6% post-growth diffusion
233 did not produce a large enough downturn in the concentration profile, while simulations
234 incorporating more post-growth diffusion required shorter spherulite growth timescales
235 (ie., less syn-growth diffusion).

236 Figure 4b shows an example of a calculation with and without post-growth
237 diffusion; the model with post-growth diffusion reproduces the downturn near the
238 spherulite-glass border and the natural sigmoidal concentration profile shapes well.

239 The crystallization temperature is an unknown. The observation that spherulites
240 deflect the banding in some samples (Fig. 1c) indicates that crystallization may have
241 begun above the glass transition temperature (T_g), where the melt was capable of viscous
242 deformation. In most samples however, spherulites overprint banding; thus their growth
243 must have continued after that viscous deformation had ceased. Evidence that spherulite
244 growth continued below T_g includes the birefringent haloes (Fig. 1b). Birefringence

245 reflects anisotropy in the glass, which results from unrelaxed stress accumulation during
246 hydration as the spherulites grew (e.g., Friedman and Smith 1960). The preservation of
247 anisotropy, therefore, shows that some of the growth took place below T_g , otherwise, the
248 expansion of the melt structure due to hydration would have been accommodated by
249 flowage of the melt around the hydrous region and subsequent strain relaxation in the
250 hydrous zone.

251 Differential scanning calorimetric measurements constrain T_g of these obsidians
252 to be about 690°C ($\pm 20^\circ\text{C}$). Because our diffusion model only operates at a fixed
253 temperature, we modeled spherulite growth near the glass transition, at 700°C, in addition
254 to bracketing temperatures of 650°, 800°, and 850°C. The resultant diffusion curves were
255 superimposed on the natural data (Fig. 4c). The best-fit growth timescales were then
256 converted to average linear growth rates by dividing the growth timescale by the
257 observed spherulite size (Table 3). Average growth linear growth rates are minimum
258 values, and are used solely to compare model results at different temperatures and to
259 examine possible variations in growth rate with spherulite size.

260 Spherulite growth timescales range from about 1 day to nearly 2 weeks depending
261 on the temperature (Fig. 5a; Table 3). The growth timescale of the largest spherulite
262 (OR1305_A) is discordant, probably because this spherulite had retained water during its
263 growth (Table 3). In this case, the profile (Fig. 3a) appears to be more evolved than it
264 actually is, and a longer diffusion time was required to properly fit the profile (complete
265 profile data is available in an electronic supplement).

266 Spherulite growth timescales are remarkably consistent at each model temperature
267 (Table 3). This finding makes geological sense, in that the spherulites come from a

268 relatively small region of melt, one that would have experienced roughly the same
269 cooling rate. Gottsmann and Dingwell (2001) determined the cooling rates of
270 compositionally similar spherulitic obsidians to be about $\sim 0.003\text{-}0.0006\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C s}^{-1}$, implying
271 timescales of about 20 to 100 hours to cool from 850 to 650 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. This cooling interval
272 falls within the range of spherulite growth timescales determined from the concentration
273 profiles, and thus, provides an independent check on our results.

274 Spherulite growth rates calculated from growth timescales vary by about one
275 order of magnitude ($\sim 10^{-10}\text{-}10^{-9}\text{ m s}^{-1}$) across the 200 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ range of temperature (Fig. 5b).
276 These data define a range of permissible growth rates in the event that cooling was
277 important during spherulite growth. For example, if a spherulite began to grow at 800 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
278 and stopped growing at 700 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, then the effective average growth rate would be
279 intermediate to the bounding isothermal-model-derived values, as cooling would cause
280 the growth rate to slow down from the value at 800 $^{\circ}\text{C}$.

281 The average growth rates closely match the values determined experimentally in
282 model orthoclase-quartz eutectic melts ($\sim 10^{-10}\text{-}10^{-9}\text{ m s}^{-1}$; Baker and Freda, 2001). By
283 contrast, the growth rates determined herein exceed the values determined experimentally
284 in synthetic water-saturated rhyolite melts ($\sim 10^{-13}\text{-}10^{-11}\text{ m s}^{-1}$; Swanson 1977).

285 Interpreting our results in the context of experimental studies is not warranted beyond
286 these simple comparisons due to the fact that several variables in the natural system, such
287 as temperature, are not precisely known.

288 With the exception of the largest spherulite (OR1305_A), the average growth
289 rates increase linearly with spherulite size at a given temperature, reflecting size-
290 dependent growth (Fig. 5). Size-dependent crystal growth has been observed in

291 crystallization experiments (Randolf and Larson 1988). In such experiments, larger
292 crystals typically grow faster than smaller ones. It has also been observed that equal-
293 sized crystals in close proximity to one another may grow at disparate rates. Apart from
294 the data presented in this paper, these phenomena have not been documented in natural
295 systems; however, size-dependent and dispersive growth have been proposed as
296 mechanisms to generate lognormal crystal size distributions common in igneous rocks
297 (e.g., Eberl et al. 2002). That individual spherulites may grow at different rates has
298 important implications for interpreting CSDs in natural volcanic rocks, which have
299 typically assumed constant-rate crystal growth (e.g., Cashman 1988). Thorough testing
300 of CSD models awaits collection of a larger dataset of spherulite growth rates.

301 **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

302 Water concentration profiles around spherulites are quite literally the frozen-in
303 signatures of chemical diffusion driven by phase transformation in silicate melt at high
304 temperature. SFTIR measurements of natural water profiles confirm the genetic
305 relationship between the spherulite growth and volatile enrichment in glassy rhyolite.
306 The shapes of diffusion patterns around spherulites are consistent with combined
307 advective and diffusive transport of water during spherulite growth, followed by a small
308 amount of post-growth diffusion. Diffusion modeling yields spherulite growth rates of a
309 few tenths to hundredths of a millimeter per day, depending on temperature. Diffusion
310 models also suggest that spherulites may grow according to a size-dependent growth
311 mechanism.

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393 **FIGURES**

394 **Figure 1.** Photomicrographs of spherulites in obsidian. A) spherulites (round, black)
395 viewed in plane polarized light. Matrix is rhyolitic glass of variable oxidation state,
396 providing the different colors. Two SFTIR measurement traverses are shown for
397 reference (profiles OR1305_SPH1_prf1 and 2a). B) Same spherulite as in “A”, only
398 viewed in cross-polarized light. Bright fringes are due to strain birefringence from
399 hydration. C) Spherulite in glass matrix showing flow-oriented microlites (slender black
400 rods) deflected around the spherulite. Scale is the same as in “A”. D) Back-scattered
401 electron images of spherulites. Interiors consist mostly of plagioclase (pl), an SiO₂-
402 polymorph (SiO₂), and magnetite (mt).

403 **Figure 2.** A) Backscattered electron image of the internal texture of a spherulite showing
404 energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) analysis points. B) Representative EDS spectra of
405 the mineral phases comprising the spherulite pictured in “A”. The small Al peak in the
406 SiO₂ spectrum arises from contamination from an adjacent feldspar grain. Similarly, the
407 Al and Si peaks in the magnetite are from the electron beam sampling small quantities of
408 adjacent phases.

409 **Figure 3.** Water concentration profiles around spherulites in obsidian. The LHS of the
410 diagrams corresponds to spherulite-glass margin, as seen in the subjacent
411 photomicrographs of the corresponding samples.

412 **Figure 4.** A) Schematic of a spherulite (*S*) growing and extruding water (H₂O). Vertical
413 dashed lines demarcate the spherulite boundary ($r=r_i$) at a given time ($t>0$); the horizontal
414 dashed line indicates the initial water composition ($C_{H_2O_i}$). B) Comparison of natural
415 concentration data (circles) and diffusion simulations with (solid line) and without
416 (dashed) a 6% post-growth diffusion. C) Model fits to natural data. Shown are a best fit
417 (solid curve) and models run at bracketing growth rates.

418 **Figure 5.** A) Logarithm of the best-fit growth timescale versus reciprocal temperature.
419 Linear data arrays reflect Arrhenian dependence of D_{H_2O} on temperature. The upper data
420 array represents calculations for two profiles measured on the largest spherulite
421 (OR1305_A; $r=730\ \mu\text{m}$); this spherulite had retained water and thus the results
422 demonstrate the error associated with incomplete extrusion of water during growth. The
423 lower data comprise measurements on four smaller spherulites. B) Average linear
424 growth rate versus spherulite size. The slopes of the linear fits are equal to the inverse
425 growth timescale.

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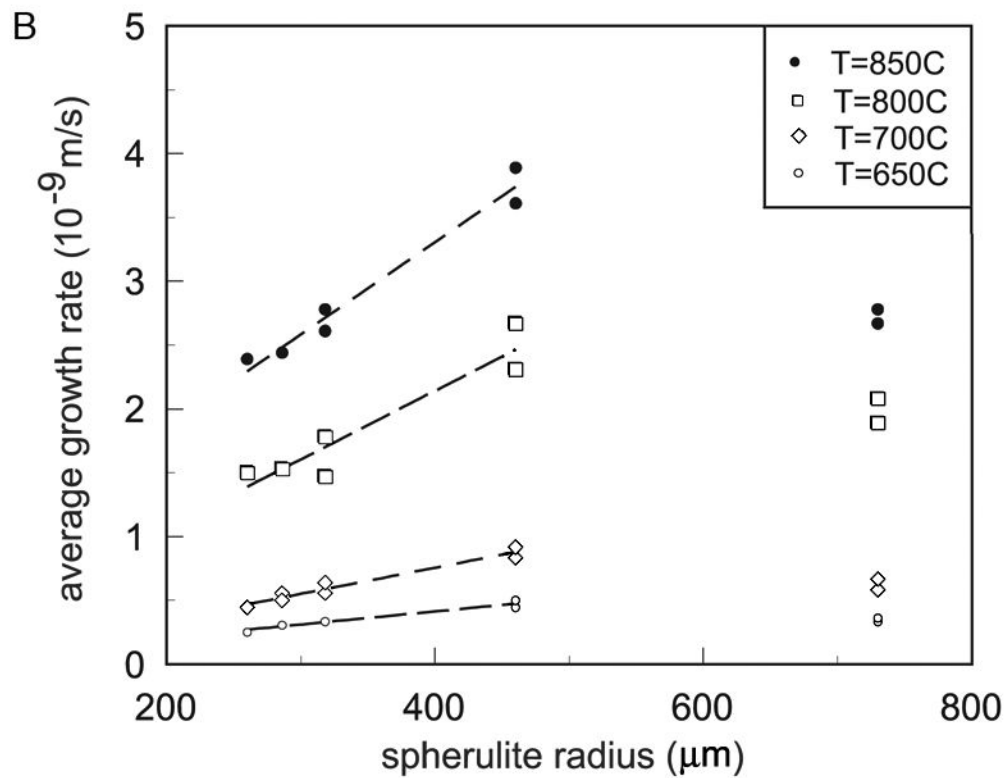
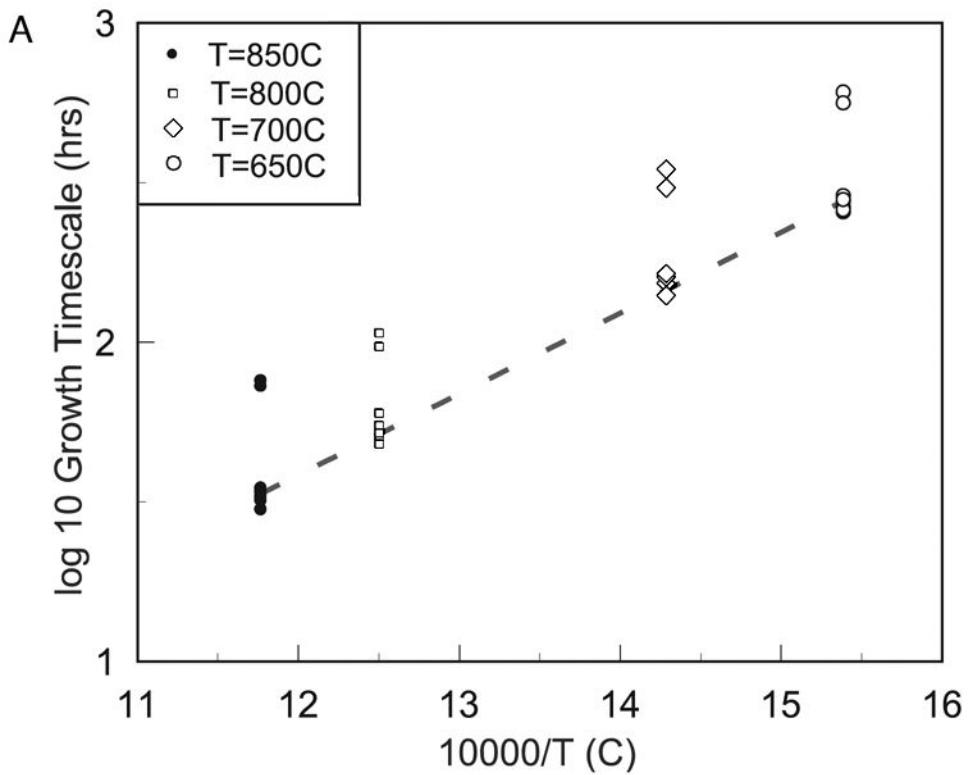


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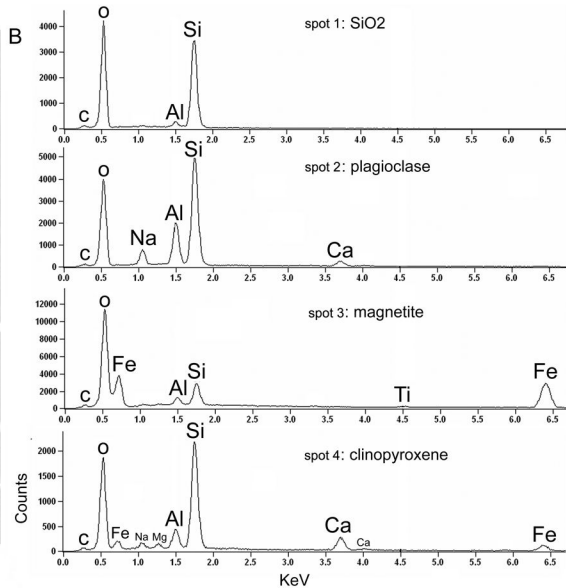
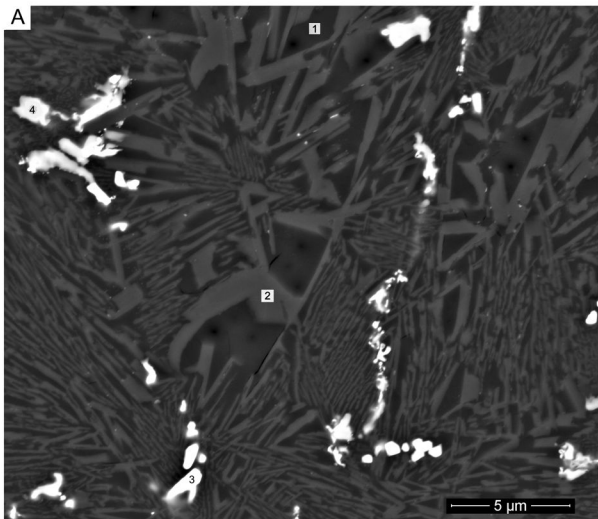


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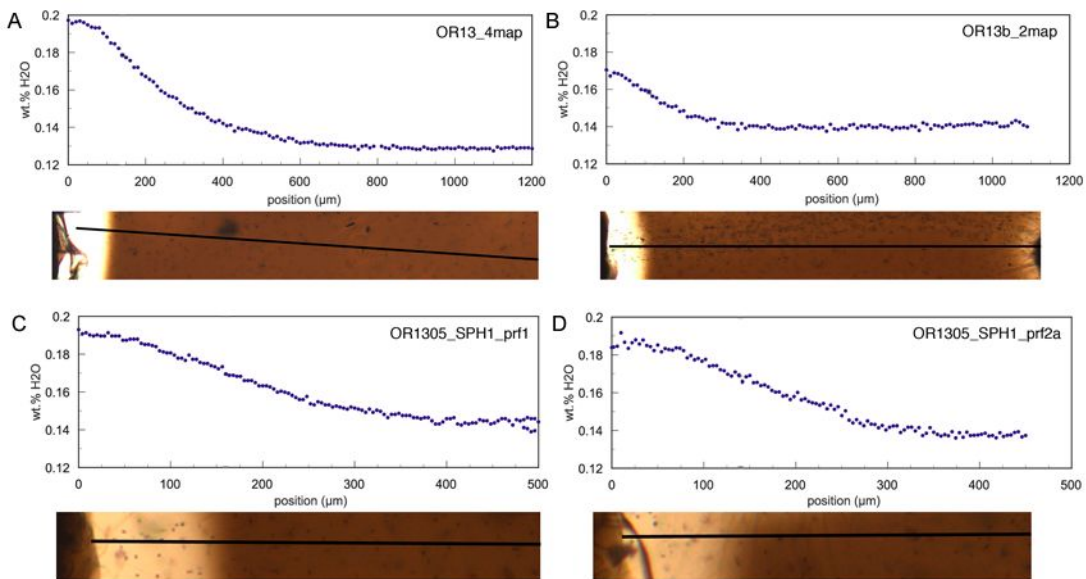


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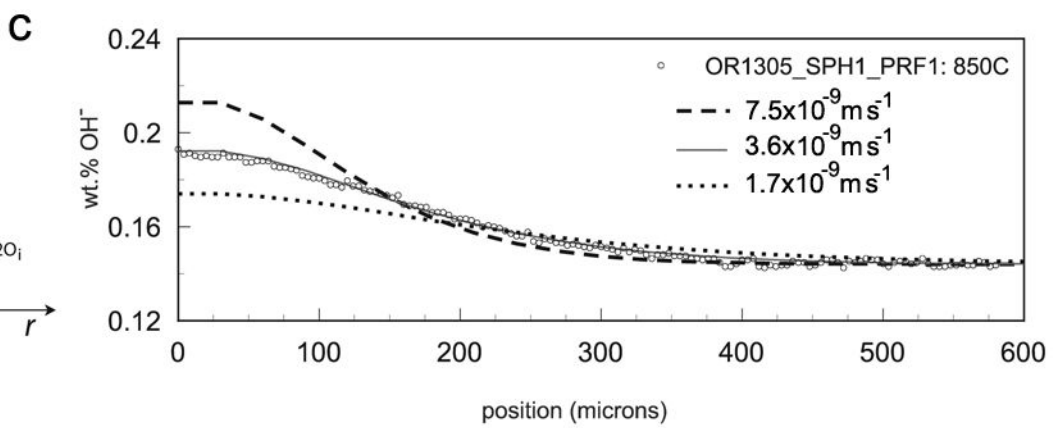
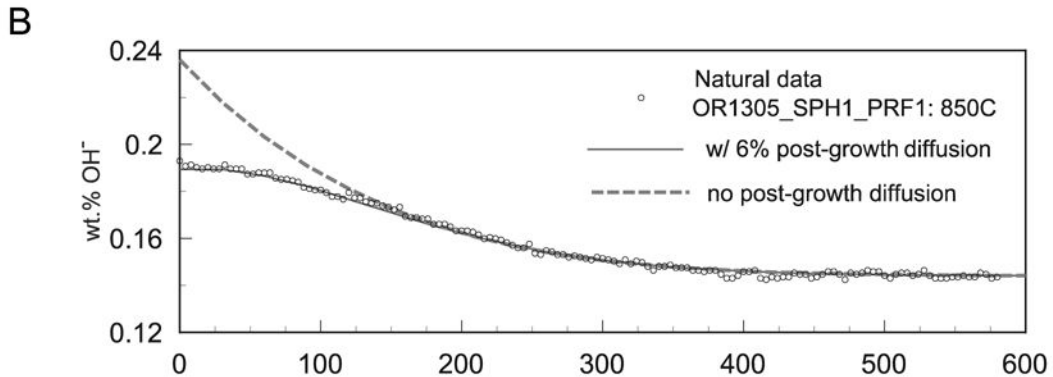
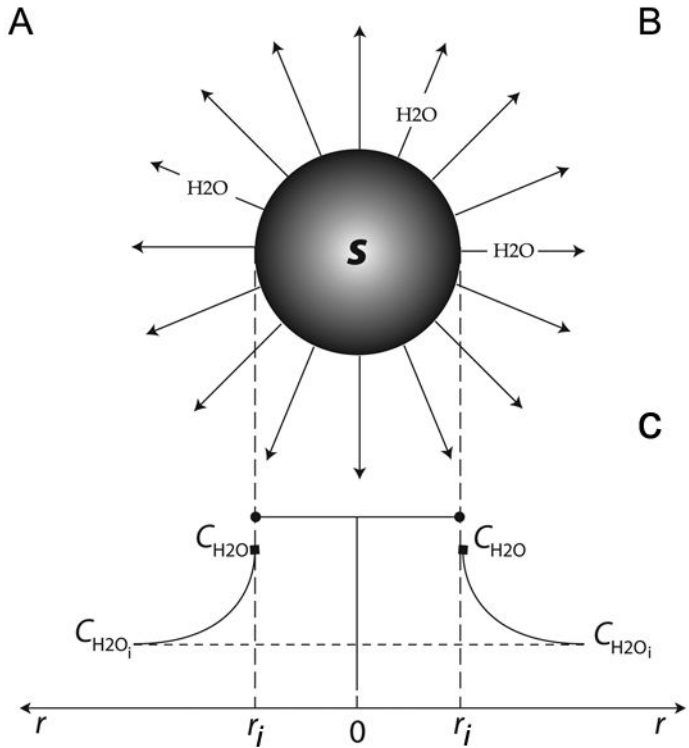


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Table 1. Representative electron microprobe analyses of obsidian from Obsidian Ridge, Krafla volcano

Major oxide wt.% (n=136)		(s.d.)
SiO ₂	75.0	0.75
TiO ₂	0.22	0.02
Al ₂ O ₃	12.0	0.19
FeO	3.23	0.92
MnO	0.11	0.04
MgO	0.1	0.02
CaO	1.68	0.13
Na ₂ O	4.19	0.17
K ₂ O	2.75	0.10
Total	99.3	0.65

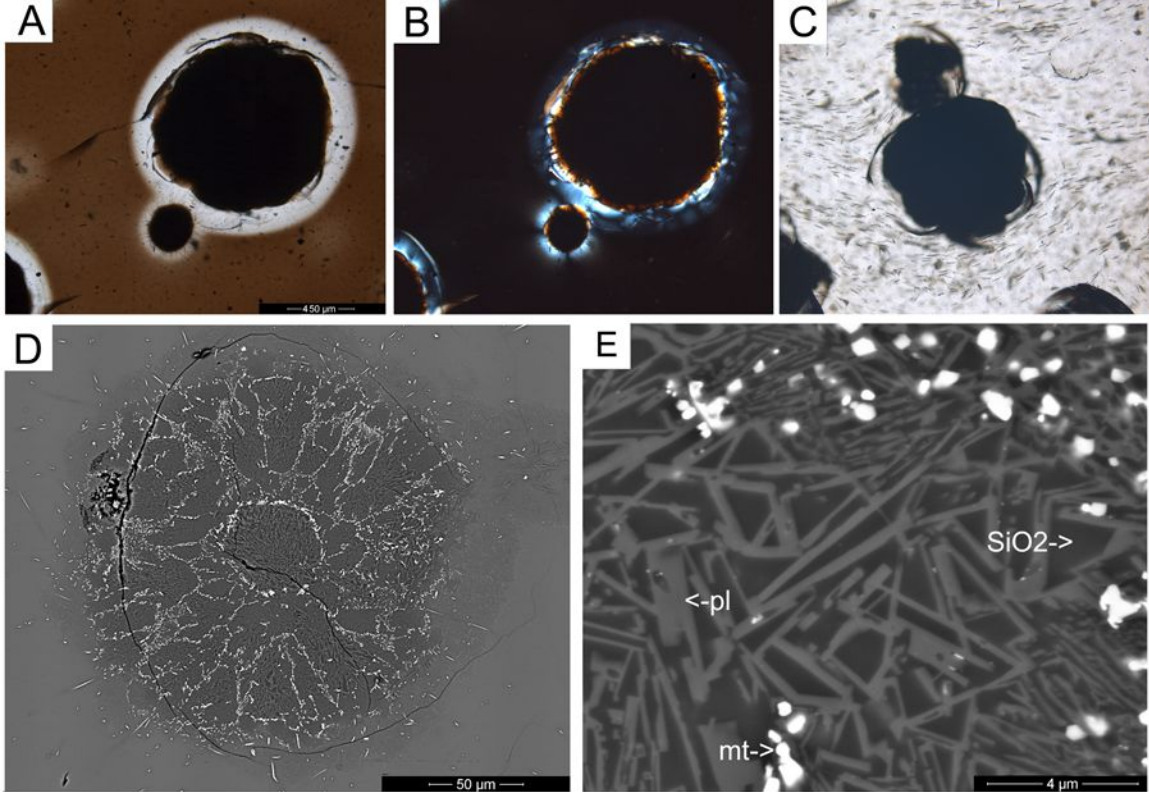


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Table 2. Properties of water concentration profiles around spherulites

Spherulite	R(μm) [*]	Prof [†]	length(μm) [§]	OH-min ^{**}	OH-max ^{***}	OH-actual (mg) [#]	OH-predicted (mg) ^{##}
OR1305_A	730	1map	900	0.131	0.195	0.36	0.5
	730	4map	900	0.13	0.197	0.37	0.5
OR1305_SPH1	460	prf1	450	0.134	0.186	0.129	0.129
	460	prf2a	450	0.137	0.188	0.121	0.129
OR1305_D	318	T1map	360	0.132	0.165	0.032	0.042
	318	T2map	380	0.125	0.161	0.041	0.042
OR1305_B	286	2map	370	0.135	0.164	0.029	0.031
	286	3map	350	0.131	0.156	0.028	0.031
OR1305_2	260	2bmap	350	0.131	0.155	0.02	0.023

* spherulite radius

† profile label

§ profile length

** minimum OH⁻ concentration along profile in wt.%

*** maximum OH⁻ concentration along profile in wt.%

amount of water rejected during spherulite growth, measured

amount of water rejected during spherulite growth, predicted

Table 3. Growth timescales (t;hrs)* and rates (G;m/s) determined from diffusion model fits to water concentration profiles.

Profile	t;850°C	G;850°C	t;800°C	G;800°C	t;700°C	G;700°C	t;650°C	G;650°C
1map	76 (4.6)	2.67E-9	107 (6.4)	1.89E-9	348 (20.9)	5.83E-10	608 (36.5)	3.33E-10
4map	73 (4.4)	2.78E-9	97 (5.8)	2.08E-9	304 (18.2)	6.67E-10	562 (33.7)	3.61E-10
prf1	35 (2.1)	3.61E-9	55 (3.3)	2.31E-9	153 (9.2)	8.33E-10	288 (17.3)	4.44E-10
prf2a	33 (2.0)	3.89E-9	48 (2.9)	2.67E-9	140 (8.4)	9.17E-10	256 (15.4)	5.00E-10
T1map	34 (2.0)	2.61E-9	60 (3.6)	1.47E-9	160 (9.6)	5.56E-10	276 (16.6)	3.33E-10
T2map	32 (1.9)	2.78E-9	50 (3.0)	1.78E-9	140 (8.4)	6.39E-10	265 (15.9)	3.33E-10
2map	33 (2.0)	2.44E-9	52 (3.1)	1.53E-9	140 (8.4)	5.56E-10	260 (15.6)	3.06E-10
3map	33 (2.0)	2.44E-9	52 (3.1)	1.53E-9	160 (9.6)	5.00E-10	260 (15.6)	3.06E-10
2bmap	30 (1.8)	2.39E-9	48 (2.9)	1.50E-9	164 (9.8)	4.44E-10	280 (16.8)	2.50E-10

*Values in parentheses represent the amount of post-growth diffusion (hrs.) imposed in the model simulations.