# Integrated Geochemical Modeling of Magmatic Degassing and Hydrothermal Interaction at Kawah Ijen Volcano, Indonesia





#### <u>Summary</u>

Monitoring active volcanoes requires an understanding of degassing in relation to magma depth, temperature, composition, style of degassing and behavior of the hydrothermal system. We discuss subsurface degassing trends combined with measurements of fumarole gases and acid spring waters from the persistently degassing volcano, Kawah Ijen, Indonesia.

Compositions of matrix glass and melt inclusions representative of basaltic to trachytic magmas were determined. The behaviour of the volatile species (D<sup>fluid-melt</sup>) during ascent, degassing and crystallisation was modeled for both open and closed system processes. Open system vapour fluxing dominates, as suggested by the large variations in the H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> contents of the melt inclusions. Modeled S D<sup>fluid-melt</sup> values suggest pressure (and dissolved H<sub>2</sub>O content), fO<sub>2</sub> and sulphide saturation play a role in controlling S release in the basaltic magma. As it evolves to trachyte, S partitioning into the fluid phase increases over two-fold. Halogen behaviour is strongly affected by apatite crystallisation.

From the glass data we model a best-fit gas composition and compare it to the fumarole gas compositions. The latter represent some of the most S- and CO<sub>2</sub>-rich and CI-poor vapours reported for arc volcanoes and are interpreted to reflect: 1) a major drop in S solubility as the basaltic magma evolves; 2) the inherently low halogen content due to apatite crystallisation; 3) condensation of the vapour upon ascent. Sulphur and C are concentrated in the vapour; CI and F are lost to the liquid. The lack of S scrubbing implies that the gas C/S ratio is an important guide for magmatic activity.

## <u>Background</u>

Recent integrative studies of magmatic degassing have broadened our understanding of the link between subsurface exsolution of volatiles and surface gas emissions at active, open vent volcanoes (e.g., Aiuppa et al., 2010; Edmonds et al., 2010; de Moor et al., 2016). This study combines estimates of the magmatic fluid composition derived from melt inclusion data with measured surface fumarole and acid waters at Kawah Ijen volcano, Indonesia, in order to gain insight into possible modification/ scrubbing of magmatic gases by the hydrothermal system. A large hyper-acidic crater lake and acid stream runoff attests to the presence of this hydrothermal system. Any effects of the hydrothermal system on degassing are quantified by comparing the gas specie ratios in the modeled magmatic fluid with those measured in both the fumarole gases and the acidic waters.

Kawah Ijen and the Ijen Caldera Complex are located in eastern Java, Indonesia, along the volcanic front of the Sunda arc (Fig. 1a). Beneath Kawah Ijen, subduction of the 130 Ma Indo-Australian plate occurs at ~ 7 cm yr<sup>1</sup>, making it one of the fastest and oldest subducting plates (Syracuse and Abers, 2006). Water-rich fluid release from the subducting plate to the volcanic front is amongst the highest documented at arcs worldwide (Vigouroux et al., 2012) and results in volatile-rich magmas such as those found at Kawah Ijen.

Kawah Ijen is a small, active stratovolcano that sits on the eroded flank of the inactive Merapi volcano, at the intersection of the Ijen Caldera Complex rim and an intracaldera lineament of small cinder cones and shields (Fig. 1b). The current configuration is a large (1 km wide) crater, ~ 300 m deep, partly filled with a hyper-acidic lake that drains into the Banyu Pahit river. The edifice is composed of basaltic to dacitic lavas and pyroclastic material and a vigorously degassing magmatic dome on the SE shore of the lake, whose surface is covered in native sulphur deposits.

#### <u>Methodology</u>

Samples of scoria from exposed layers of the edifice were collected in order to sample the most primitive and rapidly cooled material at Kawah Ijen, from which olivine phenocrysts and a few clinopyroxene crystals containing abundant glassy melt inclusions were hand picked (Vigouroux et al., 2012; Berlo et al., 2012; Berlo et al., 2014). These data are compared to more felsic pyroclastic bombs sampled from the western crater rim, from which mostly orthopyroxene phenocrysts containing glassy melt inclusions were picked (Berlo et al., 2014). One sample of dome material containing a glassy interstitial melt globule (sample KV08-702; van Hinsberg et al., 2010b) is also compared. Glasses (including groundmass glass) were analyzed for major and F via EMPA, and H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>contents were obtained via FTIR. In addition, the S Kα wavelength position for each melt inclusion was determined by detailed wavescan in order to estimate the S<sup>2</sup>/S<sup>6+</sup> ratio and the fO<sub>2</sub> of the melts. See Vigouroux et al. (2012) for details of the methodology. Olivine-hosted melt inclusion compositions were corrected for any post-entrapment modification (see Vigouroux et al., 2012), whereas the pyroxene inclusions were not. Therefore some of the variation in the compositions of these melt inclusions is likely to result from post entrapment crystallization, but this is expected to be small, particularly for elements incompatible in pyroxene.

Fumaroles on the active dome were sampled in 2007 and 2008 following the method of Giggenbach (1975). The sampling points were located on the top of the dome directly into the natural fumaroles and not from the exit of the pipes at the base of the dome, used by miners to cool and liquify the emanating sulfur gas. The selected vents represent well-established, high temperature (>350 °C) vents with high visible flow and without encrustations or mineral precipitates at the vent. See Berlo et al. (2014) and van Hinsberg et al. (2015) for details of the sampling and analytical procedures.

# Melt compositions

Olivine hosts have compositions of Fo<sub>78-81</sub> (Fo = forsterite %) and some contain inclusions of a Cr-rich oxide and rare inclusions of sulfide blebs (Berlo et al., 2014). Fig. 2 shows that olivine-hosted melt inclusions are basaltic in composition and classify as medium-K calc-alkaline magmas, as is typical of arc magmas in eastern Java and Bali (Vigouroux et al., 2012). The orthopyroxene-hosted melt inclusions are more evolved and have a total alkali content that places them near the border of the dacite and trachyte classifications. The glass globule from the dome material is rhyolitic in composition. Fig. 3 shows that K<sub>2</sub>O behaves as an incompatible element throughout Depth (km) 10 5 the evolutionary sequence.

Fig. 4 summarizes the H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> contents recored in the melt inclusions and groundmass glasses and Fig. 5 shows the variation in volatile/K<sub>2</sub>O content of the melts as a function of pressure (calculated from the H<sub>2</sub>O and  $CO_2$  partial pressures).



Fig. 5: Variation in the ratio of a) H<sub>2</sub>O, b) S, c) Cl and d) F over K<sub>2</sub>O contents as a function of melt inclusion trapping pressure and depth. Basaltic matrix glass and dome rhyolite glass samples have not been analysed for H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>, therefore an arbitrary pressure of 0.1 MPa has been assigned to them for graphing purposes only. Insets in b) and d) show a zoom-in of the trachytic and rhyolitic samples.

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## Degassing models

Behaviour of S: As the melt evolves from basalt to trachyte, the solubility of S decreases (Fig. 5b), mainly associated with an increase in melt polymerization, fractionation of Fe<sup>2+</sup>-bearing phases (Fe-oxides) and a drop in temperature (Masotta et al., 2016). In addition, as pressure drops and  $H_2O$ degasses, oxygen fugacity decreases as well (Fig. 6b; Moussallam et al., 2014), further reducing the overall solubility of S in the melt (Zajacz, 2015), favoring instead the formation of a sulfide liquid or partitioning of S to the fluid phase (Fortin et al., 2015). Although fO<sub>2</sub> values for the Ijen basalts appear to lie below the threshold for sulphide saturation (based on SCSS calculations shown in Fig. 6a), there is evidence from the coupled behaviour of S and chalcophile elements in the melt inclusions that the melt may be sulphide saturated at depths > 200 MPa (Berlo et al., 2014). One possibility is that  $CO_2$ fluxing, which draws H<sub>2</sub>O out of the melt, may have played a role in shifting the SCSS limit of the ljen basalts to lower values, enabling sulfide saturation at high pressures (lower pressures increase the SCSS limit). The breakdown of an accumulated sulphide phase would release S to the melt or fluid phase, and if sulphide breakdown was promoted by magma mixing or differentiation, this would increase the fraction of S released to the fluid (DS fluid/melt increases as melt polymerization increases). There are too many unknowns to quantify the contribution of a sulphide liquid phase to the total S gas budget but we qualitatively show the effect of such a contribution in Fig. 11 (see discussion below). Behaviour of Cl and F: The presence of apatite as mineral inclusions and in the matrix of the more evolved samples, combined with the co-variation of melt  $P_2O_5$ , CI and F contents (Fig. 7) suggests that apatite controls the CI and F content of the melt phase. The P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/CI ratio of the basaltic samples are compatible with fractionation of apatite containing 2000 ppm to 1.5 wt% CI; common concentrations of CI in apatite from subduction-zone basalts (e.g., Boyce and Hervig, 2009). Conversely, the P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/F ratio of the basaltic samples is lower than would be expected from the crystallization of either CI-apatite or Fapatite due to overprinting by F degassing (decreasing  $K_2O/F$  ratio at nearly constant  $K_2O/P_2O_5$ ; Fig. 7c). In the more evolved samples, the fractionation of CI-apatite is replaced by F-apatite and K<sub>2</sub>O/CI ratios become nearly constant as neither CI degasses or is taken up by apatite. Only the trachytic matrix glass shows evidence of degassing. The K<sub>2</sub>O/F ratio of the evolved melt is more variable and indicates a combination of uptake by F-apatite and degassing of F (Fig. 7c).

Modelling: Following the method described in Johnson et al. (2010), we model the evolution of the gas phase as magma ascends, cools and evolves chemically by combining information on the variation of S, Cl and F contents with H<sub>2</sub>O and K<sub>2</sub>O contents (Fig. 5) with equations of mass balance. After establishing the initial (undegassed) magmatic compositions, the volatile element partition coefficients between the melt and vapour fraction (Dvap-melt) are calculated for each melt inclusion (see Vigouroux, 2011 for details). Mass balance constraints are used to model: 1) open system degassing (Rayleigh fractionation); 2) closed system degassing (batch processes); and 3) open system vapour fluxing where the melt is re-equilibrated with a fluid phase introduced into the system from depth. Based on H<sub>2</sub>O-CO<sub>2</sub> systematics (Fig. 4), the vapour fluxing models are most appropriate (Fig. 8 & 9).

# Gas compositions

As with most arc magmas,  $H_2O$  is the dominant gas specie followed by  $CO_2 > S_{total}(SO_2+H_2S)$ >  $N_2$  > HCl > HF > minor species. The 2008 samples have  $H_2$ - $N_2$ -Ar contents that reflect variable degrees of air contamination, whereas the 2007 samples are contaminated by airsaturated groundwater (Fig. 10). Compared to other arc volcanoes, Kawah Ijen gases (2008) have low  $H_2O/S_{total}$  and  $CO_2/S_{total}$  weight ratios as well as low  $H_2O/CO_2$  (Fig. 11). The 2008 gases also plot at the high end of S<sub>total</sub> /HCI and S<sub>total</sub>/HF weight ratios compared to other arc volcanoes (Fig. 12).

# Comparison with model results

Assuming the H<sub>2</sub>O/CO<sub>2</sub> ratio of the 2008 gases have been minimally impacted by the hydroove this line are at risk of containing a meteoric water component. Also shown model fluid composition and the F apex. s the best-fit model magmatic fluid composition derived from the melt inclusion data (see previous section for details) and the orange arrow illustrates the thermal system (Fig. 10) and are representative of the gases being emitted by the magmatic system at ljen, hypothetical effect of sulphide breakdown as the basaltic magma evolves. then our model gas composition has a  $XH_2O = 0.9$ . As such, the  $XSO_2$  (total) of the fluid is 0.017 and the XHCI is 0.005, assuming a differentiating magma body (basalt-trachyte). This modelled fluid composition is in good agreement with the 2008 fumarole compositions in H<sub>2</sub>O-CO<sub>2</sub>-S<sub>(total)</sub> space (Fig. 11). In HCI-HF-S<sub>(total)</sub> space, a line linking the acid waters and the 2008 gases can be interpreted as both a mixing line (when boiling of acid waters is mixed with magmatic vapours as in 2007) and an unmixing line (when condensation of the magmatic fluid results in a CI- and F-enriched liquid and a S-enriched vapour). The extension of a line from the S/CI ratio of the model magmatic fluid to the F apex will intersect the mixing/unmixing line at a point which represents our best estimate of the original magmatic fluid S-CI-F composition (Fig. 12).

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