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1. Introduction

Processes occurring in the conduit between a magma chamber and the surface may trigger an eruption or alter the characteristics of one already in progress (e.g. Costa et al., 2007; 2009). In this regard, gases and fluids play a crucial role. The understanding of how gases behave and influence the eruptive style of volcanoes is mainly based on observations of volcanic products, numerical models, and laboratory experiments (e.g., Eichelberger et al., 1986; Jaupart and Allègre, 1991; Woods and Koyaguchi, 1994; Klug and Cashman, 1996; Okumura et al., 2009; Fiege et al., 2014; Fiege and Cichy, 2015). However, the evolution of magmatic gases and fluids immediately prior to eruption is difficult to understand due to the complexity of observing magmatic activity below the surface. While shallower volcanic vents have been investigated through the analysis and experimental reproduction of pyroclastic products (e.g., Valentine, 2012), interactions between the crust and magma at depth (from c. 4 to 20 km) require further investigation (e.g., Álvarez-Valero et al., 2015; Pla and Álvarez-Valero, 2015). The distribution, size, quantity and morphology of bubbles in acidic magmas prior to eruption is under active research (e.g., Wallace et al., 1995; Gualda and Anderson, 2007; Baker et al., 2012). In particular, a better understanding of bubble behavior at depths greater than 2 km is required in order to constrain the influence of magmatic buoyancy and magma chamber overpressure in driving eruptions (e.g., Malfait et al., 2014), as well as the depth at which melt-gas separation starts via bubble nucleation. The occurrence and dynamics of explosive eruptions mainly depend on the initial volatile content of the magma, the ability of gases to escape during its ascent, the viscosity as proxy for diffusivity of volatile species, solubility vs. composition, and pressure. In order to advance in these aspects, we examine El Hoyazo volcano (a Neogene silicic lava dome in SE Spain)
with the aim of finding out: (i) when and where bubbles nucleated under the volcano, and (ii) how the porosity varies along the dike as a function of depth. We explored how magmatic bubbles and volatiles evolve during rapid ascent, and their relations to eruptive potential by integrating (i) visual analysis of dacitic samples using SEM and X-ray micro-computed-tomography (micro-CT) (e.g., Gualda and Rivers, 2006; Polacci et al., 2006; Baker et al., 2012); (ii) petrologic depth estimates of the crustal xenoliths and (iii) stable isotope ratios in xenoliths and dacites, to constrain the open vs. closed nature of the system at the depth within the dike where dacite magma and xenoliths came into contact. We then utilized the magmatic porosities and depths to derive a rate of bubble formation during magma ascent towards eruption at El Hoyazo.

1.1. Previous petrological and geochemical results for partially melted crustal xenoliths and their host dacites

The Neogene Volcanic Province (NVP) of SE Spain (Fig. 1) contains high-K calc-alkaline and shoshonitic lava series, which are peraluminous. Lithologically these are largely calc-alkaline dacites rich in K$_2$O, with volatile contents from 2 to 4 wt% (mainly H$_2$O, CO$_2$) (Zeck, 1970; Benito et al., 1999). These dacites host crustal xenoliths –mainly medium to coarse-grained granulite-facies rocks– with a restitic bulk composition depleted in silica and enriched in aluminium and iron (Zeck, 1970; Cesare et al., 1997; Benito et al., 1999; Duggen et al., 2004). The xenoliths were quenched immediately after eruption (e.g., Zeck, 1970; Cesare et al., 1997; Álvarez-Valero and Waters, 2010), so their microstructures provide a snapshot of the anatectic conditions at depth (e.g., Zeck, 1970; Cesare et al., 1997; Álvarez-Valero and Kriegsman, 2007). El Hoyazo (Fig. 1) was a submarine lava dome with a ~500
m crater radius, and is overlain by Miocene reef carbonates. It is a small circular outcrop of c. 0.7 km², which dacites include up to 15% in volume of crustal material (Zeck, 1970). Its atoll geomorphology shows an inner depressed part of mainly dacitic material that corresponds to the old volcanic cone, whereas the top relief is composed by the reef carbonates formed onto the volcanics, which host the crustal xenoliths. Crustal xenoliths and their host dacites are randomly collected within the inner part.

The mineralogical and chemical features of the dacite hosting the xenoliths are described, among others, by Zeck (1970) and Benito et al. (1999). The dacite is porphyritic, with >50 vol.% of rhyolitic glassy matrix (both fresh and devitrified), and phenocrysts of mainly plagioclase, biotite, cordierite, and minor orthopyroxene, amphibole, magnetite and ilmenite. Xenocrysts of garnet and quartz are locally present. The xenoliths relevant for this study, i.e. those from the deepest zone detected, are texturally dominated by coarse-grained biotite, elliptical garnet, and large foliated mats of fibrolitic sillimanite, that is locally overprinted by spinel crystals rimmed by melt and minor cordierite. Glass is partially recrystallized to plagioclase, K-feldspar and thin laths of high-Ti biotite. The microtexture of the fibrolitic matrix has a relatively high proportion of glass, and is rimmed by glass against other phases. Spinel porphyroblasts are idioblastic and zoned, both texturally and compositionally (see also Álvarez-Valero and Kriegsman, 2007; Álvarez-Valero and Waters, 2010). The shallowest xenoliths are of the Spl-Crd-M type. The garnet is surrounded by coronas, and the overall paragenesis is Spl-Crd-Pl-Kfs-M. The coronas mimic the outline of the previous garnet, whose breakdown reaction has been described in detail by Álvarez-Valero et al. (2007). Sillimanite occurs as aggregates of fine needles (fibrolite) in the glass.
Glass mostly occurs as inclusions in garnet and plagioclase, and as microveins of devitrified material, as well as intergrown with fibrolite. Melt inclusions exhibit either rounded or regular, negative-crystal shapes. As outlined by Cesare et al. (1997), their textural position within host phases is compatible with a primary trapping (Roedder 1984). Glass is transparent, showing no evidence for devitrification or crystallization. The bubbles are essentially empty, shrinkage bubbles, with no detectable Raman-active components. Fluid inclusions are rare and restricted to biotite-poor xenoliths. These inclusions contain CO$_2$-dominated fluids (Cesare et al., 2004).

Direct evidence of partial melting and melt extraction in the xenoliths is provided by the occurrence and high abundance of fresh glass (quenched melt), which occurs as an interstitial phase in layer-parallel films of the matrix and as both devitrified and fresh pockets (Zeck, 1970; Cesare et al., 1997). Glass is also enclosed by all minerals, indicating that all minerals crystallized in the presence of a melt phase, i.e., during partial melting. The presence of intergranular melt films suggest that melt was present during grain growth (by incongruent melting reactions), during subsequent (re)crystallization steps, and after recrystallization of restitic phases had ceased. Melt in inclusions and intergranular films of xenoliths is chemically different from the glass of the dacite host, which has lower Al/Si and higher K/Na ratios (Cesare et al., 1997). Based on mass balance calculations between melt inclusions, xenoliths and potential metapelitic sources, a high degree (35–60 wt %) of melt extraction has been estimated at El Hoyazo (Cesare et al., 1997).

Numerous isotopic studies have demonstrated that mafic magmas that formed in the mantle or lower crust interact with felsic mid-crustal magmas and country rock to produce so-called hybrid magmas (e.g., Benito et al., 1999; Duggen et al., 2004;
Leeman et al., 2008). The NVP dacites are the result of mixing between rhyolites extracted from partially melted pelitic crust and basalts derived from mafic underplating of the Betic Cordillera (e.g., Benito et al., 1999; Duggen et al., 2004; Álvarez-Valero and Kriegsman, 2007).

Microstructures and age relationships in the xenoliths indicate that they first underwent a stage of migmatization and melt extraction, where the rhyolite mixed with the primary basalt to form the host dacites (Duggen et al., 2004; Álvarez-Valero and Kriegsman, 2007). A second sequence of melt-bearing reaction microstructures, developed in a transiently heated wall-rock profile adjacent to the magma conduit, triggered the collapse of the crustal container walls resulting in the brief residence of xenoliths in a dacitic magma at c. 850°C (Álvarez-Valero and Waters, 2010). The xenoliths experienced rapid transfer from depth to the surface during the eruption, with minutes to hours separating the xenoliths partial melting and their preservation by post-eruptive quenching (Álvarez-Valero and Waters, 2010; Álvarez-Valero et al., 2015; Pla and Álvarez-Valero, 2015).

2. Methods

The provenance depths of the crustal xenoliths below El Hoyazo are well constrained at c. 6 and 4.5 Kbar through thermodynamic modeling (i.e. ~ 19 and 13 km depth, respectively; Table 1; see also Álvarez-Valero and Waters, 2010 for details of the pressure estimates). These depths define a precise section of the volcanic dike. Hence, in order to track the bubbles evolution at depth along the dike, we selected twelve dacites from within few centimetres of a hosted xenolith that quenched simultaneously. In other words, these dacites host a variety of crustal xenoliths, which served as samples of restite from various known depths (Álvarez-
Valero and Waters, 2010) under El Hoyazo volcano (Table 1; Fig. 1). They were analyzed for the stable isotope ratios of hydrogen and oxygen (δD, δ¹⁸O). Four of them were selected for X-ray micro-Computed Tomography (micro-CT) and Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) analysis (samples HY-14-2; HY-14-8; HY-14-9; HY-14-10). Location coordinates are not useful in this studied case as the xenoliths occur randomly distributed within the entire outcrop.

2.1. Stable Isotope Analysis

Oxygen isotope analyses of dacites and xenoliths, as well as single xenocrysts, were done at the Servicio General de Análisis de Isotopos Estables, University of Salamanca, Spain, on whole-rock powders by laser fluorination (Clayton and Mayeda, 1963), employing a Synrad 25 W CO₂ laser (Sharp, 1990) and ClF₃ as reagent (e.g., Borthwick and Harmon, 1982). Isotope ratios were measured on a VG-Isotech SIRA-II dual-inlet mass spectrometer. Both internal and international reference standards (NBS-28, NBS-30) were run to check accuracy and precision. Results are reported in δ¹⁸O notation relative to the Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water (V-SMOW) standard, using a δ¹⁸O value of 9.6‰ for NBS-28 (quartz) for the mass spectrometer calibration. Long-term reproducibility for repeated determination of reference samples was better than ±0.2‰ (1σ).

D/H ratios were determined on a second SIRA-II mass spectrometer, on H₂ gas obtained by reduction over hot depleted-U of the water released by induction heating of samples, using a vacuum line (Bigeleisen et al. 1952), following the procedures described by Godfrey (1962), with modifications (Jenkin, 1988). Samples were loaded into degassed platinum crucibles that were placed in quartz reaction tubes and heated under vacuum to 125°C overnight to remove any adsorbed H₂O. The yield of
evolved gas was used to determine the amount of structural water contained in the sample. Results are reported in δD notation relative to the V-SMOW standard, using a δD = -66.7‰ for NBS-30 (biotite) for the mass spectrometer calibration. Long-term reproducibility for repeated determination of reference samples was better than ±2‰ (1σ). The fractional extraction and purification of fluids (liquid, gas) from glass inclusions was performed by means of a step-heating device.

2.2. X-ray micro-Computed Tomography (micro-CT) and Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM)

Samples were imaged by using two different microtomographs; a ScanXmate-D180RSS270 (Comscantecno Co., Ltd.) at Tohoku University, and an Argus (SUINSA Medical Systems) at the University of Salamanca (USal), to characterize the 3D morphology, distribution and volume of bubbles within dacites during ascent from c. 19 to 13 km depth. The tomographic scans were performed at 150 kV and 110 µA. The source-to-detector distance was 670.094 mm, while the sample-to-detector distance was 39.747 – 63.403 mm. Each sample was set on a rotation stage, and transmission images were obtained for each 0.18° of rotation, to a total of 2000 images. The isotropic pixel edge sizes ranged between 7.53 and 12 µm.

Three-dimensional (3D) analyses were reconstructed from the transmission images by using an original software package called “Slice” (Okumura et al., 2008). A representative volume for each sample was selected in order to avoid exposed surfaces and to remove fractures due to sample preparation (see Table 1). The SEM images were segmented to separate bubbles from glass and crystals. The segmentation consists in the choice of a threshold, in order to obtain binary images where the vesicles are isolated from the dacite. For the binarization, we
translated CT values to 8 bit values and then made binary images using a threshold
value in 8 bit images, which allowed us to separate the vesicles from the dacite.

Next crystals in the magma need to be individualized from its glassy matrix. To
this end, a pre-segmentation step is usually required to increase the contrast between
different phases and to remove background noise, as both crystals and glassy matrix
in a sample may have similar X-ray attenuation coefficients (e.g., Zandomeneghi et
al., 2010; Voltolini et al., 2011). However, for most of the samples considered (HY-
14-10, HY-14-8 and HY-14-2), the contrast between crystals and their embedding
matrix was enough as not to require segmentation. Only sample HY-14-9 required
application of a bilateral filter (Tomasi and Manduchi, 1998) by using “ImageJ”
software (Abramoff et al., 2004), in order to better distinguish the crystals from their
glassy matrix, reducing the noise and potential artifacts while preserving edges and
the shape of the objects. This type of image processing separated bubbles, glass and
crystals, and allowed us to calculate bubble abundances and dacite porosity. We then
calculated the bubble number density (BND = number of bubbles / volume of glassy
groundmass) and bubble size distribution (BSD) (Cashman and Mangan, 1994;
Hurwitz and Navon, 1994; Mangan and Cashman, 1996; Gardner et al., 1999; Larsen
and Gardner, 2000; Blower et al., 2001, 2002; Toramaru, 2006; Bai et al., 2008;
Polacci et al, 2008, 2009; Baker et al. 2012; LaRue et al., 2013; Masotta et al., 2014)
(see Table 1b). BSD and BND can be used to discern between single or multiple
nucleation events during the magma ascent (Bai et al., 2008).

In addition, we utilized SEM visual analysis (secondary electron detector) at the
Centro de Láseres Pulsados (USal) to check for the presence of bubbles below the
detection limit of micro-CT. The SEM used an Extra High Tension of 10.94 kV,
Working Distance of 6-17 mm, and Irrigating Probe at 32 pA.
3. Results: Stable Isotopes, micro-CT and SEM

Oxygen and hydrogen isotopic ratios in dacite were $\delta^{18}O = 15.4 \pm 0.2\%$ and $\delta D = -87.1 \pm 3.3\%$ (1σ, n=4), respectively. In the xenoliths, whole rock measured values were marginally lighter (although this effect may be attributed to one single sample) and more variable, at $\delta^{18}O = 15.3 \pm 0.6\%$ and $\delta D = -89.2 \pm 9.4\%$ (1σ, n=4). When mineral separation could be achieved, oxygen isotopic ratios were always higher in the xenoliths than in the host dacite (see Table 2; Fig. 2). The unusually high values of the oxygen isotopic ratios measured are in line with values reported by Benito et al. (1999) for the NVP in general and El Hoyazo in particular.

3.1. Shallow samples (i.e., at 13 km depth)

Of the samples available, HY-14-10 corresponds to the shallowest levels. Measured values for the dacite were $\delta D = -89.2\%$ and $\delta^{18}O = 15.1\%$, while the crustal xenoliths gave $\delta D = -85.5\%$ and $\delta^{18}O = 14.5\%$ (Table 2). The estimated porosity in the dacites is 6.4% and its BND is 235 mm$^3$ (Table 1; Fig. 3). BSD results indicate a significantly higher number of small size bubbles than those of large size (Fig. 4). SEM images reveal local orientation trends of the bubbles in the dacites (Fig. 3f), as well as irregular geometries (e.g., Fig. 5a, c).

3.2. Deep samples (i.e., at 19 km depth)

Sample HY-14-9 comes from the deepest part of the dacitic dyke (Fig. 3, a,b) $\delta D$ and $\delta^{18}O$ values are -88.5 and 15.1, respectively. The crustal xenoliths within this sample gave $\delta D = -102.8\%$ and $\delta^{18}O = 15.7\%$ (Table 2). In the dacite, the porosity is 1.7% and its BND is 763 mm$^3$ (Table 1; Fig. 3). BSD estimates reveal that the
number of bubbles of small size is higher than those of larger size (Fig. 4). SEM images indicate that deep dacites often show elongated bubble geometries (e.g., Fig. 5e, g).

Simple first order estimates of bubble growth according to results shown in Fig. 4, i.e., how much does a bubble varies (in terms of size) as pressure drops, when other key parameters are in equilibrium (namely e.g., the amount of gas species degassing into the bubble from the surrounding silicate liquid per unit time, itself dependent on the initial volatile composition of the melt, its viscosity and surface tension, and kinetics) hints at an average bubble size enlargement of up to 13 mm$^3$/Kbar.

4. Discussion

4.1. Dacite depths: Coeval quenching at the contact with crustal xenoliths

Phase diagram modeling (Álvarez-Valero and Waters, 2010) and numerical simulations (Álvarez-Valero et al., 2015; Pla and Álvarez-Valero, 2015) for El Hoyazo volcano, indicate that the magma ascended from c. 19 to 13 km depth in the range of minutes to hours. Measured isotopic ratios are consistent with this scenario: average $\delta^{18}$O and $\delta$D are indistinguishable from each other in dacites and their xenoliths (Fig. 2, Table 2). Equilibrium / disequilibrium relations established at depth were preserved during rapid ascent and quenching of the magma, that had no time to reset isotopic ratios, and inherited, therefore, $\delta^{18}$O and $\delta$D values acquired at high temperature (i.e., c. 850°C) in the magma source region. If anything, there is hint for heavier $\delta$D values and lower water contents in shallower samples (HY-14-10) relative to deep ones (HY-14-9), present in both dacites and their xenoliths.

The $\delta$D-H$_2$O isotope systems allow us to determine whether or not gas is able to decouple from melt via open-system degassing (e.g., Taylor et al., 1983; Newman et
In other words, the isotopic change in a perfectly closed (and theoretical) system exhibits a linear trend by following the mass balance equation of Taylor et al. (1983) where $\delta$D decreases moderately for a relatively large decrease in the bulk H$_2$O in solution in the magma. Comparing the deepest (HY-14-9) with the shallowest (HY-14-10) sample, our results show that $\delta$D actually increases from bottom to top, at the time that H$_2$O contents become similar or slightly lower. If the El Hoyazo system behaved as an open system, different opposite situations would be expected (i.e., either open system water degassing or hydration should result in lower $\delta$D; Taylor et al., 1983; Newman et al., 1988). This indicates that the magmatic system below El Hoyazo did not detect significant additions of external volatiles during magma ascent, nor experienced significant fluxes of volatiles from the surrounding crust.

Local microtextures in the dacites are similar to those in the xenoliths, involving similar mineral assemblages, namely biotite-hercynite-cordierite-melt and garnet-biotite-cordierite-melt (Fig. 1c, d, e). This suggests that the dacites were also partly quenched at those particular depths, i.e., 19 and 13 Km (see also Newmann et al., 1988). Xenolith textures were the result of an anatectic episode, that produced large amounts of melt that escaped from the pelitic country rocks (as described by Zeck, 1970), resulting in migmatization (and quenching) (Álvarez-Valero and Waters, 2010). This event was prior and independent of the transient melting event that rapidly erupted the dacites, transporting all xenolith types to the surface. Therefore we inferred the provenance depth of the dacites, and in turn their measured variation of porosity from 1.7 to 6.4 % between 19 and 13 km depth (Table 1), from the pressure at which their hosted metapelitic xenoliths equilibrated. We state that, otherwise, during the ascent from 19 to 13 km, the different magmatic and porosity
microtextures may show evidence of magma fragmentation (e.g. Eichelberger, 1995), or been homogenized during their ascent from 13 km depth to the surface. This agrees with recent experimental constraints (e.g., Brugger and Hammer, 2010; Cichy et al., 2011), which demonstrated that changes in mineral assemblage, crystal abundance, variation in mineral compositions and texture are related to isothermal magma ascent and decompression rates.

Therefore given that the exposed dacites are not homogenized in terms of porosity in El Hoyazo, we speculate that rapid magma ascent may also have inhibited bubble and crystal nucleation above 13km (e.g. Mangan and Sisson, 2000; Lloyd et al., 2014). In other words, a rapid ascent above 13 km depth may favour a delay in the nucleation process.

4.2. Correlation between porosity and depth

The volume of bubbles in an erupted volcanic rock may not necessarily reflect the P-T conditions at which the bubbles formed in the dike, since processes such as outgassing and late-stage crystallization may occur during magma ascent. These processes can promote irregular bubble shapes between the microlites (Fig. 5a) due to the collapse of the bubble. This collapse is promoted by the relaxation timescale that depends on the surface tension of the bubble as well as the melt viscosity. It is widely accepted that when a melt supersaturated with volatiles is depressurized, small clusters of gas molecules nucleate and grow through volatile diffusion in the melt (e.g., Toramaru, 1995; Proussevitch and Sahagian 1996, 1998). We focus on vesicle growth at depth (Fig. 3), not on the initial nucleation process, which is beyond the scope of this contribution. The growth of gas bubbles mainly requires volatile diffusion from the melt into pre-existing bubbles, as growth is kinetically...
favoured over nucleation when the degree of supersaturation is low enough as not to achieve the necessary nucleation pressure. This also depends on the volatile composition of the melt, its viscosity and surface tension (e.g., Mangan and Sisson, 2005; Masotta et al., 2014). Another important driver of bubble growth is the mechanical expansion due to decreasing ambient pressure (e.g., Proussevitch et al. 1993; Sparks et al. 1994; Huber et al. 2014).

The consistency of groundmass and crystal volumes between 19 and 13 km depth supports that little late-stage crystallization occurred (Table 1, Figs. 3 5), whereas the local orientation trends of the bubbles (Fig. 3e) may be related to the stress conditions at the dike's wall, that were not homogenized at the shallow vent depths. Along the 6 km-dike dacites show similar water contents and microtextures, indicating uniform conditions during magma ascent and degassing (Martel et al., 2000). In addition, the relationship between porosity (Table 1) and dissolved water match the quantitative trends in the multicomponent liquid–gas equilibrium in a silicic system of Papale et al. (2006). Outgassing during rapid feeder dike emplacement is nearly constant at low porosity (Takeuchi et al., 2009), likely due to the opening and healing of fractures on short timescales, followed by densification of the dome dacites, along the shallow parts of the conduits (e.g., Okumura et al., 2010).

The presence of crystals (c. 25 % of mainly plagioclase, biotite and hornblende; Figs. 3, 5) may have reduced the activation energy for the nucleation of bubbles, and induced nucleation at 13 km that increased the number of bubbles (confirmed by BND and BSD, Table 1 and Fig. 4). Since crystals are normally present at magma storage conditions in natural magmatic systems, heterogeneous nucleation is often expected (e.g., Mangan et al. 2004), especially in the studied case, where the
interstitial melt contains crystals and is not supersaturated (e.g., Hurwitz and Navon 1994). Furthermore, the occurrence of bubbles is not systematically related to any particular crystal distribution or type (Fig. 3). Therefore, bubbles growth within the El Hoyazo volcano was related to heterogeneous nucleation.

Our results indicate that (i) the porosity in the dacites increases upward from 1.7 to 6.4% (i.e., from 19 to 13 km depth, respectively), thus yielding a porosity opening rate of 0.78 %/km (see also Table 1), and an average bubble growth of up to 13 mm³/Kbar (see also Fig. 4); (ii) BND values of 763 and 235 mm⁻³ for the deep and shallow samples, respectively, are in line with both bubble nucleation clustering around grain boundaries (microlite, xenocryst, xenolith) at higher depths (Figs. 3, 4, 5), as well as higher coalescence at 13 km than at 19 km depth. Deep bubble formation contributes to crustal overpressure (e.g., Malfait et al., 2014) and to the lubrication of crystal-rich magmas (e.g., Pistone et al., 2013).

Therefore, the presence of small amount of bubbles between 19 and 13 km allows a better understanding of the rapid magma ascent rates obtained from numerical simulations by Álvarez-Valero et al. (2015) and Pla and Álvarez-Valero (2015).

Hence, deep bubble formation must be included in evaluations of silicic magma eruptivity (e.g., Takeuchi, 2004; Gottsmann et al., 2009).

CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Bubble nucleation and volume in the deep magma dike increase during ascent-driven decompression at a lower rate and to a lower extent than has been described for shallow vents.

- Rapidly ascending magma at El Hoyazo volcano experiences negligible late-stage crystallization and bubble nucleation at depths above 13 km below the surface.
- The present porosity rate of 0.78 %/km may be used in silicic subvolcanic systems as an approximation in models and experiments for a better understanding of deep bubble formation, and if necessary, to accurately evaluate magma eruptibility.

- Silicic lava domes hosting crustal xenoliths are extraordinary scenarios to study different bubble snapshots along their evolution during ascent in a deep dike. We provide evidence of how bubbles may behave within the deep silicic dike beneath El Hoyazo. Our results can be used as a proxy for crystallization and bubble formation beneath contemporary volcanoes, and help improving the general knowledge of the vesiculation process at varying depths beneath active volcanoes.

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Figure Captions

Figure 1. (a) Location of El Hoyazo volcano within the NVP and map of the Betic Cordillera and Rif; (b) Field aspect of a spinel-cordierite-melt (Spl-Crd-M) xenolith type in the dacitic lava of this volcano. Plane-polarized light microscopy views of: (c) a xenolith at c. 19 km depth, in contact with its host dacite, which show local textures of mineral equilibria (e.g. biotite-hercynite-melt) that are also found in the xenolith; (d) a dacite that show the same chemical reactions and textures as in (c) far from the contact with the xenolith; (e) a xenolith at c. 13 km depth, in contact with its host dacite, which show a typical texture in the xenoliths such as garnet xenocryst with a cordierite-plagioclase-melt corona. Microstructures in the xenoliths reveal a first stage of migmatization overprinted by a sequence of melt-bearing reaction microstructures (see the text for details). The microstructural features in the dacites enhance the possibility of partial quenching at depth.

Figure 2. Stable isotopes analysis of El Hoyazo dacitic magma and crustal xenoliths. Dacites and their included xenoliths show negligible $\delta^{18}$O fractionation between them, which is typical for rapid subvolcanic decompression occurring at high
temperatures (e.g., O'Neill, 1986). The δ D values differentiate the water provenances of dacites and crustal xenoliths.

**Figure 3.** (a) Scheme (not to scale) of the subvolcanic system at El Hoyazo volcano. Three-dimensional view of samples HY-14-9 (b) and HY-14-10 (c), which were in contact with xenoliths equilibrated at c. 19 and 13 km depth, respectively. Glass and minerals were suppressed for clarity. Bubbles are shaded dark grey (the clearer grey, the higher bubbles concentration). (d) 2D example view of a single microtomographic slice to highlight –in white (e)– the crystals amount vs. groundmass vs. bubbles. Grt: garnet xenocryst; Pl: plagioclase; Hb: hornblende; Bt: biotite. (f) view of a single tomographic slice of sample HY-14-10 to highlight the bubbles orientation within the dacite.

**Figure 4.** Bubble sizes distribution (BSD) diagram in the dacites HY-14-9 and HY-14-10 (see also Figs. 3, 5 and Table 1). BSD shows that at higher depth the number of small size bubbles is higher than at lower depth. In the same way, BSD also reveals that at shallower depth the number of bubbles is lower but of larger size than at higher depth.

**Figure 5.** SEM-SEI images of the same dacites of Figure 3 revealing the existence of tiny bubbles and fractures that are below the detection limit of the micro-CT, as well as the high groundmass/microlites ratio that indicates a minor influence of a potential late-stage vesiculation process (see Fig. 3). Bubbles in lava HY-14-10 (shallowest one) show more irregular shapes and larger sizes (e.g., a, c) than in lava HY-14-9 (deepest dacite) with smaller bubbles and more elongated geometries (e.g., e, g). (h) Current bubble after an exsolved fluid inclusion in a biotite crystal. The groundmass and crystals volumes are fairly constant along the vertical studied 6 km section of the
dike. The bubbles sizes below the detection limit of the micro-CT indicate that our measurements of the total volumes are minimum.

**Table 1.** (a) Representative volumes used for porosities estimation of the dacites along c. 19 and 13 km depth within the dike. (b) Microtextural parameters utilized for quantitative analysis of BND and BSD calculations. The bubbles sizes below the detection limit of the micro-CT (Fig. 5) indicate that our measurements of the total volumes are minimum. (*) Álvarez-Valero and Waters, 2010; (**) Álvarez-Valero and Kriegsman, 2007.

**Table 2.** Values of the stable isotopes analysis (δ¹⁸O, δD) of El Hoyazo dacitic magma and crustal xenoliths.
Figure 2

-80

-90

-100

14 15 16

δD

δ¹⁸O

WR DACITES

xenocrysts in XENOLITHS

WR XENOLITHS

xenocrysts in DACITES (area values)

% H₂O

°Grt

HY-14-9

HY-14-10

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Figure 3

1. **Figure 3a**: Schematic diagram showing the vent/conduit system, surface, and depth levels.
2. **Figure 3b**: Diagram illustrating magma mixing between rhyolite (migmatized layer) and basalt to form dacite.
3. **Figure 3c**: Image indicating surface heat source (mafic underplating, asthenosphere).
4. **Figure 3d**: Close-up view showing layers with labels Grt, Pl, Hb, Bt.
5. **Figure 3e**: Detailed view (3mm scale) highlighting mineral composition.
6. **Figure 3f**: Macroscopic view (2mm scale) showing overall texture and structure.

The diagrams and images collectively demonstrate the geological processes involved in the formation of dacite through magma mixing.
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