



The role of magma mixing and mafic recharge in the evolution of a back-arc quaternary caldera: The case of Payún Matrú, Western Argentina



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ABSTRACT

The Quaternary Payún Matrú volcano is a long-lived edifice that developed a summit caldera 8 km wide, with abundant pre- and post-caldera volcanic activity. It is the main volcano of the Payún Matrú Volcanic Field, which is located in the back-arc Payenia Basaltic Province, at mid-western Argentina. The composition of Payún Matrú is mainly trachytic, with lesser amounts of trachyandesitic and basaltic trachyandesitic lavas. The Payún Matrú Volcanic Field includes also the Payún Liso stratovolcano and more than 200 monogenetic basaltic cones and associated lava flows that are located east and west of the caldera. The aim of this work is to show the Payún Matrú evolution based on the mineralogical and textural characterization and to make inferences on the trigger mechanism for the explosive eruption which leads to the caldera formation. Some intermediate lavas and trachytes include phenocrysts with contrasting textures and composition, such as inverse zoning in plagioclase and clinopyroxenes, sieved plagioclases with a more calcic rim and calcic plagioclases with a more sodic rim, indicating that they could not have formed together and suggesting magma mixing processes. In addition, a few lavas show mafic enclaves or texturally different groundmasses with fluidal contacts, indicating mingling between two magmas. These lavas are found in the pre-caldera stage and the early post-caldera stage of Payún Matrú. The trachytic pyroclastic deposits related to the caldera collapse do not exhibit evidence of hybridization, although they present a minor proportion of dissolved feldspars and biotite replaced by anhydrous minerals, suggesting that a restricted zone of the chamber was reheated. This may be explained by a mafic recharge event where part of the host trachytic magma was heated, but without a complete homogenization between the host and recharging magmas. These features, in addition to the abundant basaltic volcanism east and west of the caldera, suggest that the trigger mechanism for the explosive eruption was the injection of basaltic magma into the trachytic chamber of Payún Matrú.

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1. Introduction

The Payún Matrú Volcanic Field (36° 25' S, 69° 10' W) is located within the Payenia Basaltic Province, in the Andean back-arc of the Southern Volcanic Zone, western Argentina (Fig. 1). It is one of the six volcanic fields of Payenia, along with the Llanquanelo, Nevado, and Río Colorado volcanic fields and dispersed volcanic vents in the retroarc zone and northern Payenia (Gudnason et al., 2012). The Payún Matrú Volcanic Field (PMVF) is Pleistocene–Holocene (Germa et al., 2010; Gudnason et al., 2012; Hernando et al., 2014a; Espanon et al., 2014a; Marchetti et al., 2014), and it is constituted by the Payún Matrú volcano,

Payún Liso stratovolcano and more than 200 monogenetic basaltic cones with associated lava flows (Fig. 2a; Llambías, 1966; Inbar and Risso, 2001; Hernando et al., 2012, 2014b). Within the PMVF, the Payún Matrú volcano is the main edifice, it is mainly trachytic in composition and presents a summit caldera 8 km wide. The basaltic and trachytic volcanism in PMVF are contemporaneous, as indicated by stratigraphic relations and radiogenic ages (Germa et al., 2010; Gudnason et al., 2012; Hernando et al., 2012, 2014a; Espanon et al., 2014a). The basaltic volcanic vents are distributed in a relatively narrow fringe located east and west of Payún Matrú, and they are interrupted in the middle zone where the polygenetic volcano is situated (Llambías, 1966; Hernando et al., 2012, 2014b). The absence of basalts in the Payún Matrú volcano suggest that basaltic magmas interacted with the trachytic magma chamber on their way to the surface. Textural,

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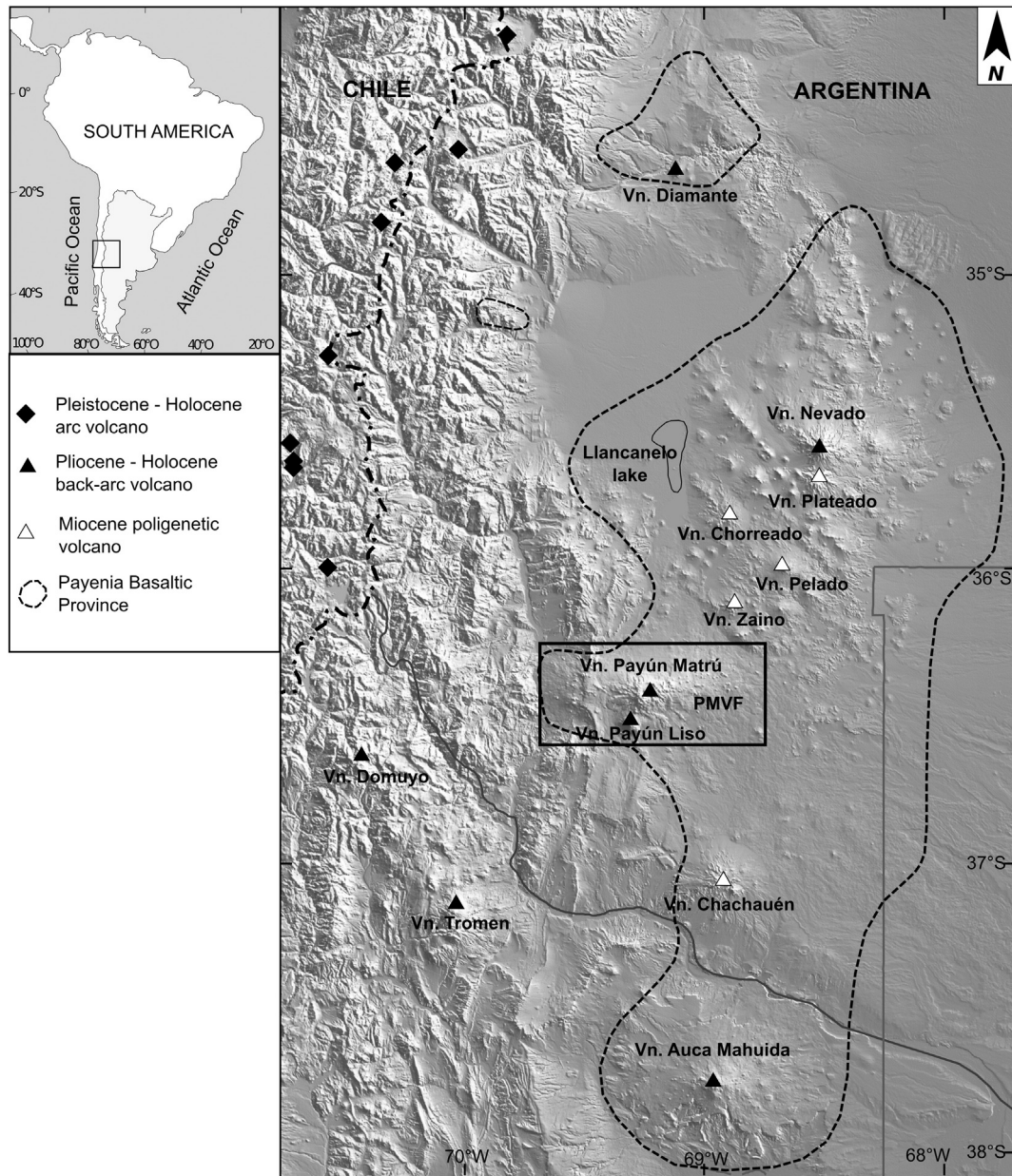


Fig. 1. Location of the Payún Matrú Volcanic Field (PMVF) within the Payenia Basaltic Province, in the Andean retro-arc of western Argentina.

mineralogical, and chemical evidence of magma mixing and mingling between mafic and silicic magmas are recurrently found in Payún Matrú volcanic rocks (Hernando et al., 2012, 2014a).

The aim of this work is to determine the evolution of the magmatic system that formed the Payún Matrú caldera based on the mineralogical and textural characterization of the PMVF rocks, and to provide an explanation for magma mixing and mingling processes as well as the trigger mechanism for the explosive eruption which lead to the Payún Matrú caldera formation.

2. Geological setting

Payenia (34°–38° S) extends from the easternmost zone of the Andean cordillera to the back-arc area, around 500 km from the trench, overlying rocks of the San Rafael Block (Fig. 1). This basaltic province is represented mostly by alkaline basalts with an intraplate to weakly arc affinity, along with relatively few polygenetic volcanoes of intermediate

to acid composition (Bermúdez and Delpino, 1989; Bermúdez et al., 1993; Kay et al., 2006, 2013; Llambías et al., 2010; Hernando et al., 2012; Søager et al., 2013; Espanon et al., 2014b). The alkaline volcanism in Payenia followed a period of arc volcanism in the back-arc area in Miocene times, beginning in late Pliocene, at ca. 3 Ma to Holocene (Kay et al., 2006; Folguera et al., 2009; Quidelleur et al., 2009; Germa et al., 2010; Gudnason et al., 2012; Espanon et al., 2014a; Marchetti et al., 2014). The most recent Holocene activity is registered in the PMVF, with basaltic lavas around 2 ka old (Marchetti et al., 2014; Espanon et al., 2014a).

The mantle source of Payenia basalts is heterogeneous and differs from northern Payenia to southern Payenia, as indicated by chemical and isotopic data (Søager et al., 2013, 2015). The northern Payenia basaltic melts have been influenced by subduction zone components and lower crustal contamination, while southern Payenia (where the PMVF is located) has an OIB-like mantle source without slab components (Søager et al., 2013, 2015; Hernando et al., 2014a).

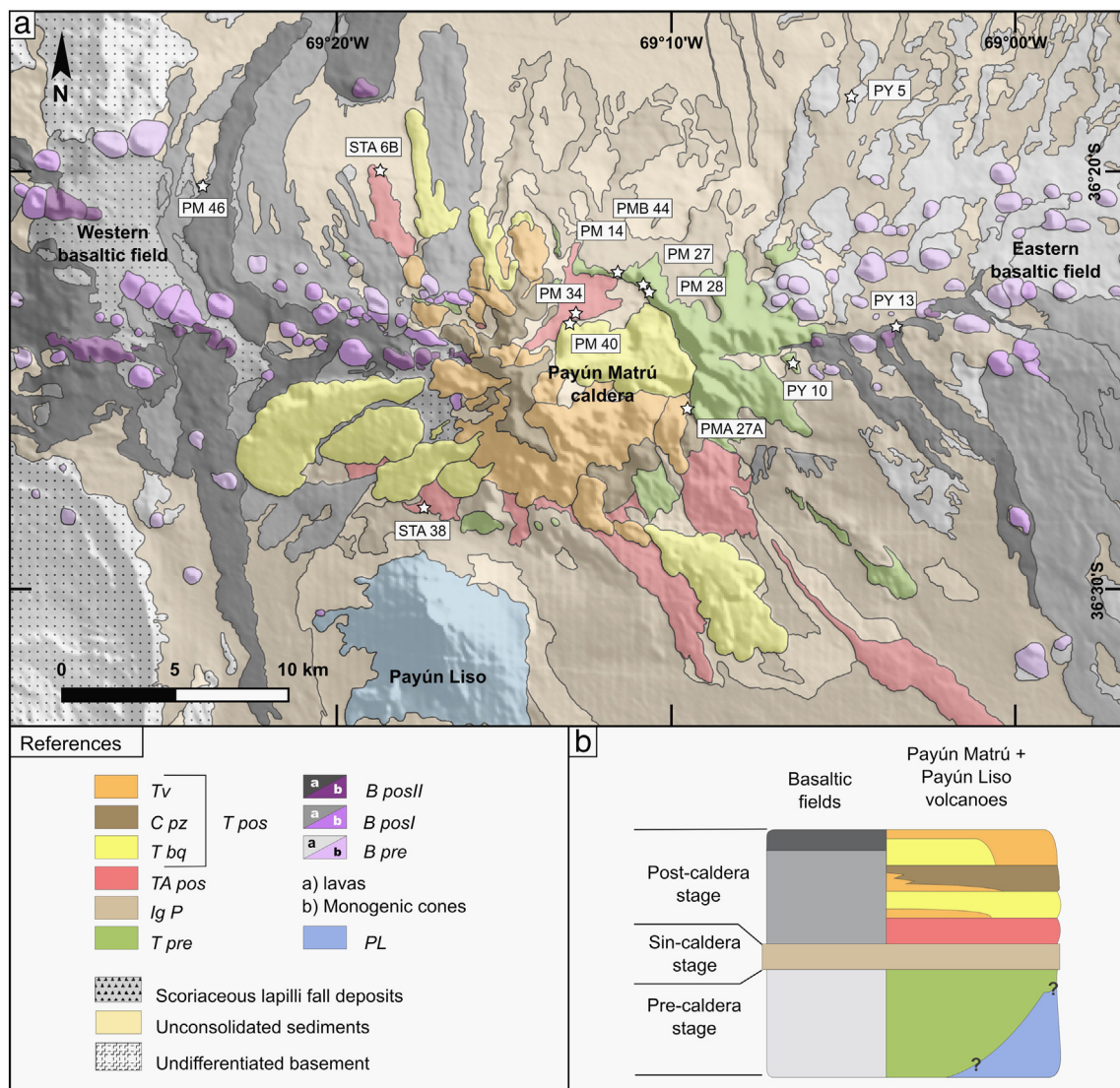


Fig. 2. a) Geologic map of the PMVF superimposed to the SRTM DEM, sample location shown with a white star; b) stratigraphic scheme for the PMVF, modified from [Hernando et al. \(2012\)](#). T pos: Post-caldera Trachytes unit; Tv: Vitreous Trachytes lithofacies; C pz: Pumiceous Cones lithofacies; T bq: Blocky Trachytes lithofacies; TA pos: Post-caldera Trachyandesites unit; Ig P: Portezuelo Ignimbrite; T pre: Pre-caldera Trachytes unit; B posII: Post-caldera Basalts II unit; B posI: Post-caldera Basalts I unit; B pre: Pre-caldera Basalts unit; PL: Payún Liso volcano.

2.1. Eruptive history of PMVF

The Payún Matrú volcano is a multi-vent shield-shaped edifice with a basal diameter of about 15 km ([Fig. 2a](#)). The volcanic activity in the basaltic fields within the PMVF, Payún Matrú, and Payún Liso was synchronous according to primary stratigraphic relationships of volcanic lavas and deposits and radiometric ages ([Germa et al., 2010](#); [Gudnason et al., 2012](#); [Hernando et al., 2012, 2014a](#); [Espanon et al., 2014a](#); [Marchetti et al., 2014](#)). The development of the Payún Matrú caldera in late Pleistocene produced a widespread ignimbrite, which can be used as a stratigraphic marker and allows the subdivision of the PMVF volcanism into pre-caldera, syn-caldera, and post-caldera stages ([Hernando et al., 2012](#)). A stratigraphic scheme is shown in [Fig. 2b](#).

2.1.1. Pre-caldera stage

The pre-caldera stage of the PMVF is the most extended, lasting at least about 600 ka. The oldest dated lava of the Payún Matrú volcano is a trachyte of 700 ka ([Hernando et al., 2014a](#)). This stage remained until the eruption of the Portezuelo Ignimbrite, around 100 ka ago (between 148 ka and 82 ka; [Germa et al., 2010](#); [Hernando et al., 2014a](#)). The volcanic products of the pre-caldera stage of Payún Matrú volcano are

grouped in the Pre-caldera Trachytes unit (T pre), composed mostly of lava flows and domes, along with minor proportions of welded ignimbrites, dykes, and volcanoclastic rocks ([Hernando et al., 2012](#); [Fig. 2](#)). The composition of lavas is mostly trachytic, with lesser amounts of trachyandesites and basaltic trachyandesites ([Hernando et al., 2014a](#)). This unit crops out mostly in the northern to southeastern flank and caldera scarps of the volcano, where the collapse structure is exposed and where no post-caldera eruptions took place ([Fig. 2a](#)). The pre-caldera basaltic volcanism (Pre-caldera Basalts unit; B pre) is widely exposed in the eastern basaltic field, with lesser representation on the western side of Payún Matrú, due to the widespread post-caldera activity in that zone ([Fig. 2](#)). The rocks of this unit correspond to basalts and trachybasalts ([Hernando et al., 2014a](#)).

2.1.2. Syn-caldera stage

The Payún Matrú caldera is approximately circular in shape, with a diameter of 8 km. The north to southeast rim of the caldera has an interior scarp with a maximum height of 480 m above the caldera floor ([Fig. 2a](#)). The maximum subsidence cannot be determined, since the inner zone of the caldera is fully covered with post-caldera volcanic activity and modern sediments and, in addition, there is no information

available of the syn-caldera deposits inside the caldera. The southern and western boundary of the caldera is defined by vent alignments of trachytic domes, coulees, and lava flows (Hernando et al., 2014b).

The pyroclastic deposits associated with the late Pleistocene Payún Matrú caldera formation are referred to the Portezuelo Ignimbrite (*Ig P*; Llambías, 1966). Its composition is trachytic and crops out radially from the caldera boundary, specially north and south of it, because younger lavas of the post-caldera activity do not cover it in this zone (Hernando et al., 2012, 2014a). The estimated volume is between 25 and 33 km³ (Germa et al., 2010; Llambías et al., 2010, respectively). The exact volume is not determined resulting from the lack of information about the intra-caldera ignimbrite, because the interior of the caldera is covered by later volcanic activity and sedimentation. Another factor is the highly variable thickness of the extra-caldera ignimbrite and the abundance of post-caldera volcanism that covers it, which makes it difficult to measure thicknesses of the syn-caldera deposits.

2.1.3. Post-caldera stage

The post-caldera volcanism in Payún Matrú is widespread in the southeastern to northern caldera margin (Fig. 2a), with relatively few lavas related to vents located in the middle to lower flank of the volcano (Hernando et al., 2014b). The first lavas erupted in this stage are represented by the Post-caldera Trachyandesites unit (*TA pos*; Hernando et al., 2012), composed of eight lava flows. The radiometric age available for this unit corresponds to the only flow inside the caldera, dated in 82 ka (Germa et al., 2010). The latest eruptions of the Payún Matrú volcano are trachytic and relatively homogeneous in composition (Post-caldera Trachytes unit, *T pos*; Hernando et al., 2012, 2014a). The volcanic products record effusive and low explosivity eruptive behavior. They are represented by eight blocky lava flows (Blocky Trachytes lithofacies, *T bq*), abundant vitrophyric domes, couleés and lava flows (Vitreous Trachytes lithofacies, *T v*), and several pumiceous cones (Pumiceous Cones lithofacies, *C pz*; Hernando et al., 2012). These three lithofacies are coeval, as indicated by field relationships and Ar–Ar ages (37 ka for one pumiceous cone; 26 ka, 15 ka, and <7 ka for three blocky trachytic lavas; and 20 ka for one vitrophyric lava; Germa et al., 2010; Hernando et al., 2014a). The volcanic activity during the post-caldera stage in the basaltic fields (Post-caldera Basalts I and II units; *B posI* and *B posII*) occurred mostly in the western basaltic field, with the latest eruptions being Holocene, as indicated by cosmogenic ages (Espanon et al., 2014a; Marchetti et al., 2014). The rocks of these units are trachybasalts with lesser representation of basalts (Hernando et al., 2014a).

3. Materials and methods

Thirteen samples of the PMVF were selected for mineral analysis from both the basaltic fields and the Payún Matrú volcano. The samples analyzed are fresh, with no significant petrographic or whole-rock chemical evidence of alteration (LOI < 0.42%). Minor alteration is present in a few cases but is limited to iddingsite staining olivine phenocrysts.

Chemical microanalyses of minerals were performed at the Geosciences Institute of the São Paulo University (Brazil), using a JEOL-SUPERPROBE JXA-8600 S microprobe. Operating conditions of the microprobe were 15 kV of accelerating voltage, a sample current of 20.10 ± 10 nA, 10 μm electron beam (for feldspars and glass), and 5 μm electron beam (for mafic minerals). The count integration times were between 5 and 20 s. Na and K were counted first for 5 s to minimize loss by volatilization, and then all the other elements were counted for at least 20 s. The matrix-effect corrections were made (atomic number, mass absorption, and secondary fluorescence) with PROZA procedure (Bastin and Heijligers, 1990). Natural and artificial oxides and minerals were used as standards for all the minerals (Si, Ca: wollastonite; Al: anortite; Ti: rutile; Cr: chromium oxide; Mg: diopside; Mn, Fe: olivine; Na: albite; K: asbesto; Sr: strontium silicate

SRAN; Ba: natural barium silicate; among others). The standards used for glass analyses were NIST glasses: VG56B (rhyolite) and VGA99 (basalt). Counting times for glass analyses were from 5 s (Si, Al, F) to 10 s (Fe, Mn, Ti, Ca, Mg, Na, K, and Cl). Si, Na, K, Cl, and Fe were read first, followed by F, Al, Cl, and Ti and then Mg.

The samples chosen for the analysis of mineral compositions are shown in Fig. 2a and Table 1. In the case of the Pre-caldera Trachytes unit, mineral compositions of one dyke exposed in the caldera wall and two lavas were analyzed. These three samples (PM 27, PM 28, PY 10) show textural evidence of disequilibrium, with sieved and non-sieved plagioclases, in addition to the presence of two different pilotaxitic groundmasses with a fluidal contact in sample PM 28. Two samples of the extra-caldera Portezuelo Ignimbrite were analyzed: one sample of a welded zone and another of juvenile trachytic spatter clasts. In the case of the Post-caldera Trachyandesites unit, mineral compositions of three lava flows were analyzed, and these lavas also show textural evidence of disequilibrium. Regarding the Post-caldera Trachytes unit, one sample of the Blocky Trachytes lithofacies, and another of the Vitreous Trachytes lithofacies were selected. Volcanic glass of the Portezuelo Ignimbrite and a lava flow of the Vitreous Trachytes lithofacies has been analyzed. An estimation of the relative proportions of silicic and basaltic magmas present in hybrid lavas has been carried out using least squares approximation as described by Bryan et al. (1969).

4. Results

4.1. Summary of the petrography and whole-rock chemistry

The petrographic characteristics of Payún Matrú rocks are summarized in Table 2, and the whole-rock geochemistry and petrography are detailed in Hernando et al. (2012, 2014a). The petrographic and geochemical features necessary for the text are outlined. Fig. 3 shows the TAS classification diagram for the PMVF rocks. This volcanic field belongs to the alkaline series, with compositions between basalts and trachybasalts (in the eastern and western basaltic fields) and trachytes/rhyolites in the Payún Matrú and Payún Liso volcanoes (Hernando et al., 2014a). The volcanic rocks of the PMVF show a consistent pattern in Harker diagrams, as well as in REE and other multi-elements diagrams (Fig. 4; Hernando et al., 2014a). Mass balance and Rayleigh fractionation models show that the trachytes are a result of fractional crystallization of basalts without significant upper crustal contamination (Hernando et al., 2014a).

4.1.1. Payún Matrú pre-caldera stage rocks

The *T pre* unit is the most variable in terms of its petrographic characteristics and shows compositions between basaltic trachyandesites and trachytes, with a clear predominance of the latter (Fig. 3). The *T pre*

Table 1
Location of the selected samples for mineral composition analyzes.

Unit	Sample	Rock type	S	W
<i>T pos</i> (<i>Tv</i> lithofacies)	PMA 27-A	Trachyte	36° 25' 41.3"	69° 09' 36.5"
<i>T pos</i> (<i>T bq</i> lithofacies)	PM 40	Trachyte	36° 23' 38.5"	69° 13' 13.3"
<i>TA pos</i>	PM 34	Basaltic trachyandesite	36° 23' 25.1"	69° 13' 01.5"
<i>TA pos</i>	STA 6B	Trachyandesite	36° 20' 00.1"	69° 18' 42.6"
<i>TA pos</i>	STA 38	Basaltic trachyandesite	36° 28' 00.1"	69° 17' 44.7"
<i>Ig P</i>	PM 14	Trachyte	36° 22' 30.0"	69° 11' 49.4"
<i>Ig P</i>	PMB 44	–	36° 23' 13.6"	69° 18' 35.3"
<i>T pre</i>	PM 27	Trachyte	36° 22' 50.9"	69° 10' 59.5"
<i>T pre</i>	PM 28	Trachyte	36° 22' 01.9"	69° 10' 48.9"
<i>T pre</i>	PY 10	Trachyte	36° 24' 37.5"	69° 06' 36.0"
<i>B posII</i>	PM 46	Trachybasalt	36° 20' 16.2"	69° 23' 44.0"
<i>B posII</i>	PY 13	Trachybasalt	36° 23' 44.9"	69° 03' 29.6"
<i>B pre</i>	PY 5	Trachybasalt	36° 18' 09.2"	69° 04' 41.5"

Table 2
Summary of the petrography of PMVF rocks.

Unit	Phenocrysts									SiO ₂ (wt.%)	Mingling/mixing textures
	Ol	Opx	Cpx	Amp	Bt	Pl	Af	Opq	Apt		
<i>T pre</i> (I)	±	—	o	±	±	—	o	o	o	66.6–67.7	r
<i>T pre</i> (II)	±	—	o	r	r	—	o	o	o	60.3–64.3	±
<i>T pre</i> (III)	o	r	±	±	±	o	—	o	±	52.4–63.7	±
<i>T pre</i> (IV)	o	—	±	—	—	o	—	o	r	56.5	±
<i>Ig P</i>	o	—	o	r	o	o	o	o	o	62.0–65.1	—
<i>TA pos</i>	o	—	o	r	—	o	—	o	r	52.7–60.0	±
<i>T bq (T pos)</i>	±	—	o	r	±	±	o	o	o	66.4–68.2	—
<i>C pz (T pos)</i>	o	—	o	—	±	r	o	o	o	?	—
<i>Tv (T pos)</i>	o	—	o	—	±	r	o	o	o	67.6–68.7	—
<i>B pre/pos</i>	o	—	±	—	—	±	—	o	r	46.5–49.7	±

o: always present.

±: present in some samples.

—: absent.

r: rare (present in few samples).

unit rocks were divided in four types according to the phenocrysts found: (1) *Type I*: phenocrysts of alkali feldspars (5–18%), clinopyroxene (<3%), olivine in some cases (<1%), and rarely amphibole or biotite (<2%), plus apatite and opaque minerals. The groundmass is pilotaxitic; (2) *Type II*: phenocrysts of alkali feldspars (3–12%), plagioclase (2–14%), clinopyroxene (<3%), olivine in some cases (<3%), and rarely amphibole or biotite (<3%), plus apatite and opaque minerals. The groundmass is pilotaxitic. (3) *Type III*: phenocrysts of plagioclase (3–18%) and olivine (<3%) ± clinopyroxene (<5%) ± biotite (<4%) ± amphibole (rare), plus apatite and opaque minerals. The groundmass is pilotaxitic. This type is the most abundant of the *T pre* unit; and (4) *Type IV*: phenocrysts of plagioclase (1–20%), olivine (<5%) ± clinopyroxene (<4%) ± apatite, plus opaque minerals. The groundmass is intergranular.

Some lavas of this unit have two texturally different groundmasses, characterized by a fluid–fluid relationship, and scarce lavas present ellipsoidal mafic enclaves up to a few centimeters in diameter, with crenulated margins (Fig. 5a). The mineralogical disequilibrium textures in this unit are abundant and detailed in Hernando et al. (2012). These textures include coarse sieved feldspars, feldspars with markedly rounded corners, dusty-sieved plagioclases along with coarse sieved, and clean plagioclases (rounded and euhedral crystals in both types of sieved crystals), anti-rapakivi texture (rare), biotite replaced by anhydrous minerals (Fig. 5b), rounded and non-rounded olivine and clinopyroxenes phenocrysts together in the same thin section, and rounded amphibole phenocrysts with an opaque rim.

4.1.2. Payún Matrú syn-caldera stage rocks

The syn-caldera unit (Portezuelo Ignimbrite) has a trachytic composition (Fig. 3) and includes crystals of alkali feldspars (<5%), plagioclases (4–16%), olivine (<3%), clinopyroxene (<3%), biotite (<3%), and opaques, plus apatite as accessory phase. Amphibole is present but extremely rare (a few thin sections with only a single crystal). The crystal content of pumice/fiamme on a vesicle-free basis is variable but less than 30%. Feldspars are clean and a minor proportion shows sieved interiors or rims (Fig. 5c). Olivine and clinopyroxenes are euhedral to subhedral, with some crystals with rounded corners. Biotite is mostly unreacted, with some crystal replaced by opaques and a clearly minor proportion of biotite replaced by a mosaic of anhydrous minerals. Lithic clasts are volcanic, and petrographically similar to *T pre* rocks. Lithic content is generally less than 15% (percentages based on field observations), although it can be locally higher. The Portezuelo Ignimbrite also includes spatter clasts of trachytic composition similar to the fiamme composition (Hernando et al., 2014a).

4.1.3. Payún Matrú post-caldera stage rocks

The Post-caldera Trachyandesites are lava flows of intermediate composition (Fig. 3), porphyritic with plagioclase (10–22%), olivine (2–5%), clinopyroxene (2–5%), opaques, apatite, and amphibole in only one lava (<1%). Phenocrysts of plagioclase have a variety of textures; most are euhedral to sub-anhedral rounded clean crystals, and some are fine to coarse sieved (rounded or euhedral; Fig. 5d), and

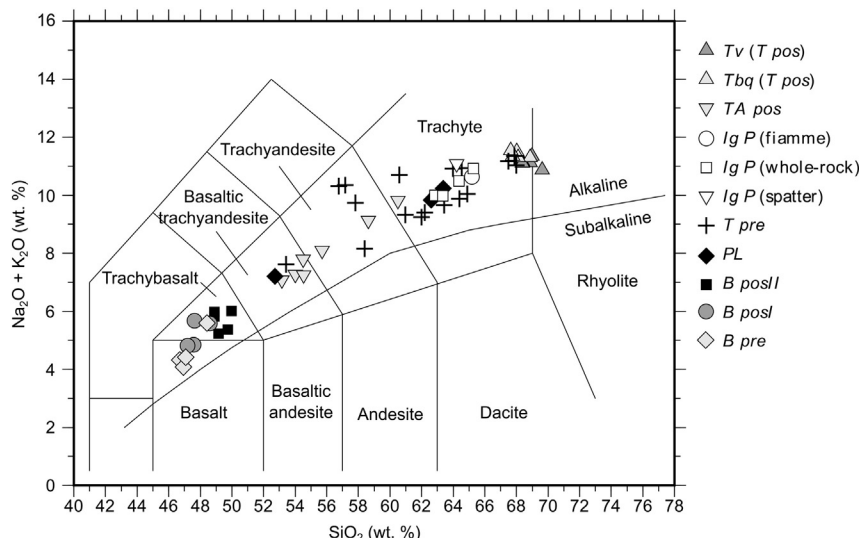


Fig. 3. TAS classification diagram of PMVF rocks, modified from Hernando et al. (2014a).

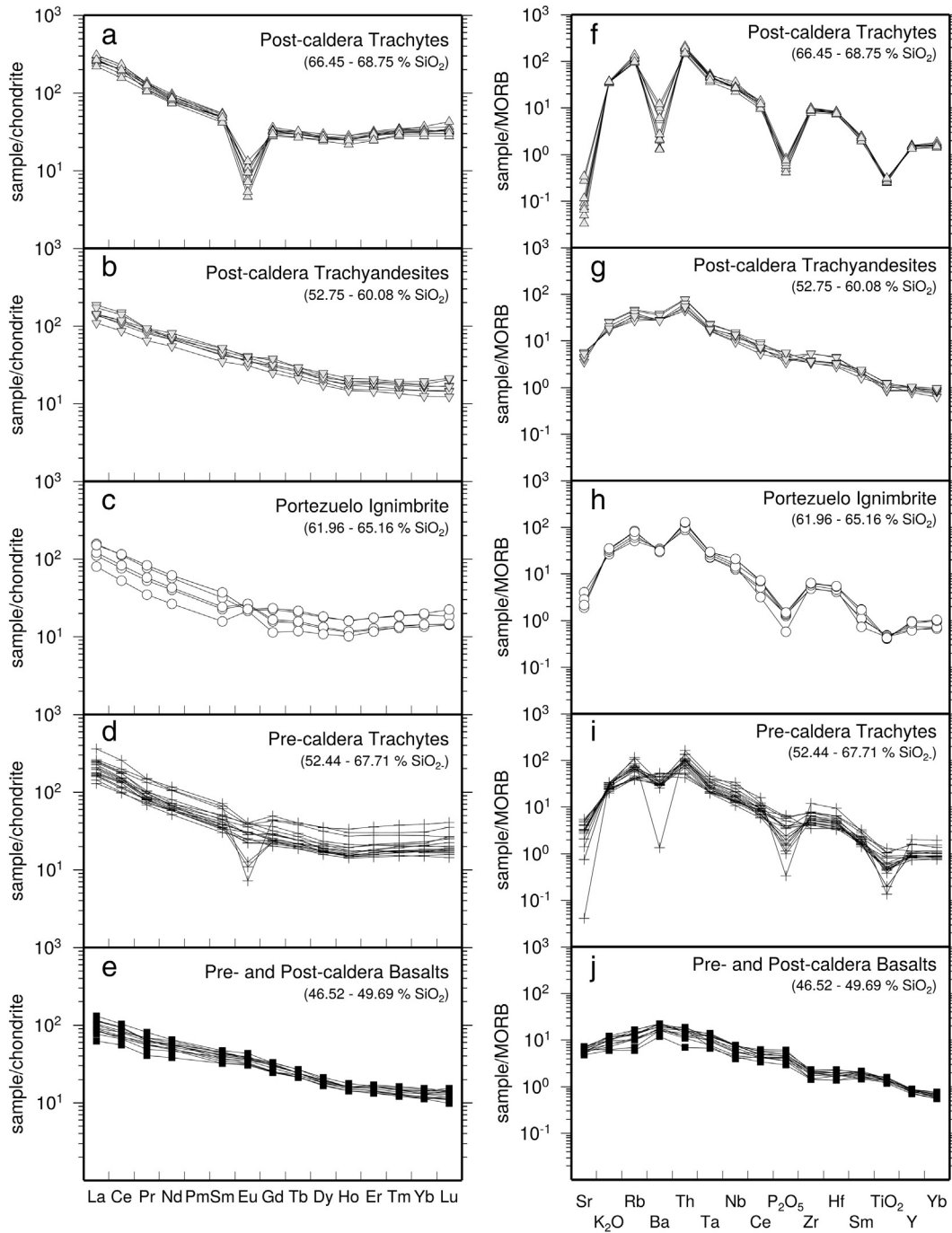


Fig. 4. a–e) REE diagrams of PMVF rocks, modified from Hernando et al. (2014a). f–j) Incompatible trace elements diagrams for PMVF rocks, modified from Hernando et al. (2014a).

both types are present in the same thin section (Fig. 5e). Olivine and clinopyroxene phenocrysts show mostly rounded corners, along with euhedral crystals; some olivines are embayed. The intra-caldera flow of this unit shows mingling texture, with most of the flow with basaltic trachyandesitic composition, and a restrained sector with trachytic composition (Fig. 3; Hernando et al., 2012). The *T_{pos}* unit is represented by porphyritic lavas and pumice clasts with alkali feldspar (5–20%), olivine (<3%), clinopyroxene (<4%), and biotite in some cases (<2%), plus opaque minerals and apatite (Fig. 5f). The *T_{bq}* and *T_v* lithofacies of this unit have a homogeneous trachytic composition (Hernando et al., 2014a; Fig. 3). This unit does not show evidence of disequilibrium textures which could suggest magma mixing or mingling.

4.1.4. Basaltic fields rocks

The basaltic lavas of the pre- and post-caldera stages of the PMVF are porphyritic with olivine (1–5%) ± clinopyroxene (<5%) ± plagioclase (generally <5%, rarely up to 10%) + opaques, with an intergranular groundmass. There are also several basaltic flows that have two different intergranular groundmasses with a fluid relationship between them.

4.2. Mineral chemistry

4.2.1. Feldspars

The composition of feldspars of the Pre-caldera Trachytes unit is highly variable (Table 3). Twelve feldspars of this unit were analyzed

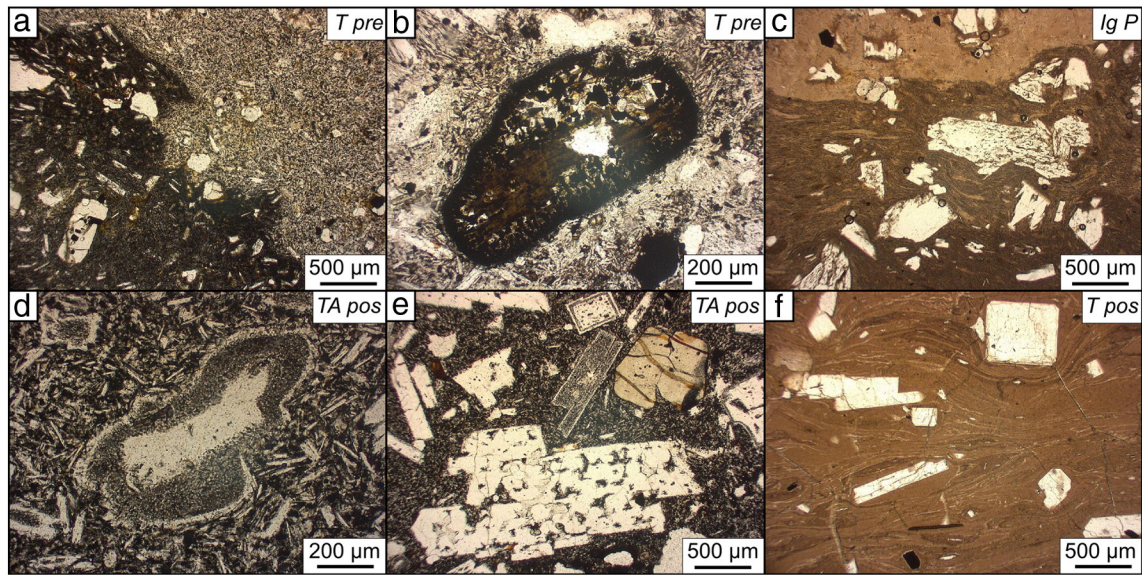


Fig. 5. Microphotographs of PMVF rocks. a) two groundmasses with fluidal contacts in a pre-caldera lava; b) biotite with a rim of replacement minerals; c) clean and sieved feldspars in the Portezuelo Ignimbrite; d) highly rounded and dusty-sieved plagioclase in a *TA pos* lava; e) a variety of textural characteristics in plagioclase phenocrysts in a *TA pos* lava; f) Vitreous Trachytes lava, with clean and euhedral alkali feldspars set in brownish volcanic glass.

(four to seven analyses in each phenocryst and two in each groundmass feldspar). A dyke exposed in the caldera wall (sample PM 27; Fig. 2a) presents plagioclase phenocrysts of An_{20-72} and a groundmass with plagioclase of An_{28-29} . A coarse sieved phenocryst has a homogeneous composition from core to rim of An_{26-39} , a clean plagioclase has a similar

composition but with a wider range (An_{20-37}), and a rim-sieved plagioclase located in a glomerule presents a labradoritic composition (An_{57-72}) with an oligoclase rim (An_{26-30}). A lava flow also exposed by the caldera collapse (sample PM 28; Fig. 2a) presents a clean plagioclase phenocryst with rounded corners and a composition of An_{51-59}

Table 3
Selected feldspars analyses of the PMVF rocks.

Unit	<i>Tv</i>	<i>T bq</i>	<i>TA pos</i>	<i>TA pos</i>	<i>TA pos</i>	<i>TA pos</i>	<i>TA pos</i>	<i>TA pos</i>	<i>TA pos</i>	<i>TA pos</i>	<i>Ig P</i>	<i>Ig P</i>
Sample	PMA 27 A	PM 40	PM 34	PM 34	PM 34	STA 6B	STA 38	STA 38	STA 38	STA 38	PM 14	PMB 44
%												
SiO ₂	66.39	65.77	52.16	46.70	58.89	54.97	51.15	57.38	55.86	63.94	58.29	
Al ₂ O ₃	19.85	19.69	30.18	34.36	25.30	28.28	30.52	26.29	26.41	21.20	25.37	
TiO ₂	0.00	0.19	0.19	0.12	0.26	0.05	0.21	0.12	0.35	0.09	0.04	
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.16	0.19	0.54	0.58	0.40	0.53	0.47	0.56	1.00	0.19	0.43	
MnO	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	
MgO	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.02	
CaO	0.63	0.56	12.43	16.96	6.59	10.12	12.78	8.12	8.15	2.28	7.36	
Na ₂ O	6.69	7.19	4.22	1.85	6.42	5.52	3.93	5.86	6.01	7.12	6.86	
K ₂ O	6.80	6.23	0.39	0.10	1.61	0.51	0.33	1.19	0.90	4.55	0.81	
SrO	0.10	0.00	0.21	0.27	0.26	0.32	0.20	0.20	0.14	0.17	0.00	
BaO	0.00	0.12	0.02	0.00	0.08	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.31	0.04	
Total	100.63	99.93	100.37	101.00	99.89	100.41	99.64	99.79	99.01	99.83	99.32	
An	3	3	61	83	33	49	63	41	41	11	35	
Ab	58	62	37	16	57	48	35	52	54	62	60	
Or	39	35	2	1	10	3	2	7	5	27	5	
Unit	<i>T pre</i>	<i>T pre</i>	<i>T pre</i>	<i>T pre</i>	<i>T pre</i>	<i>T pre</i>	<i>T pre</i>	<i>T pre</i>	<i>B pre</i>	<i>B posII</i>	<i>B posII</i>	<i>B posII</i>
Sample	PM 27	PM 28	PM 28	PY 10	PY 10	PY 10	PY 10	PY 10	PY 5	PY 13	PM 46	PM 46
%												
SiO ₂	61.13	55.57	57.82	52.04	62.39	55.70	59.69	50.44	49.49	46.19	50.79	
Al ₂ O ₃	23.89	28.68	26.03	30.79	22.24	27.59	24.61	30.99	30.97	33.50	30.31	
TiO ₂	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.14	0.19	0.24	0.05	0.05	0.09	
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.28	0.58	0.46	0.12	0.38	0.45	0.54	0.75	0.74	0.60	1.00	
MnO	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	
MgO	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.10	0.09	0.06	0.11	
CaO	5.29	10.49	7.56	12.53	3.35	9.58	5.91	13.41	14.25	17.11	13.75	
Na ₂ O	7.49	5.33	6.68	4.10	7.59	5.80	7.30	3.50	3.31	1.79	3.78	
K ₂ O	1.47	0.45	0.74	0.26	2.85	0.50	0.99	0.21	0.22	0.08	0.24	
SrO	0.19	0.27	0.22	0.25	0.15	0.36	0.26	0.28	0.26	0.13	0.25	
BaO	0.11	0.03	0.11	0.00	0.15	0.03	0.22	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00	
Total	99.93	101.47	99.62	100.10	99.35	100.19	99.71	99.95	99.39	99.51	100.33	
An	26	51	37	62	17	47	30	67	70	84	66	
Ab	65	46	58	36	66	50	64	32	29	16	33	
Or	9	3	5	2	17	3	6	1	1	0	1	

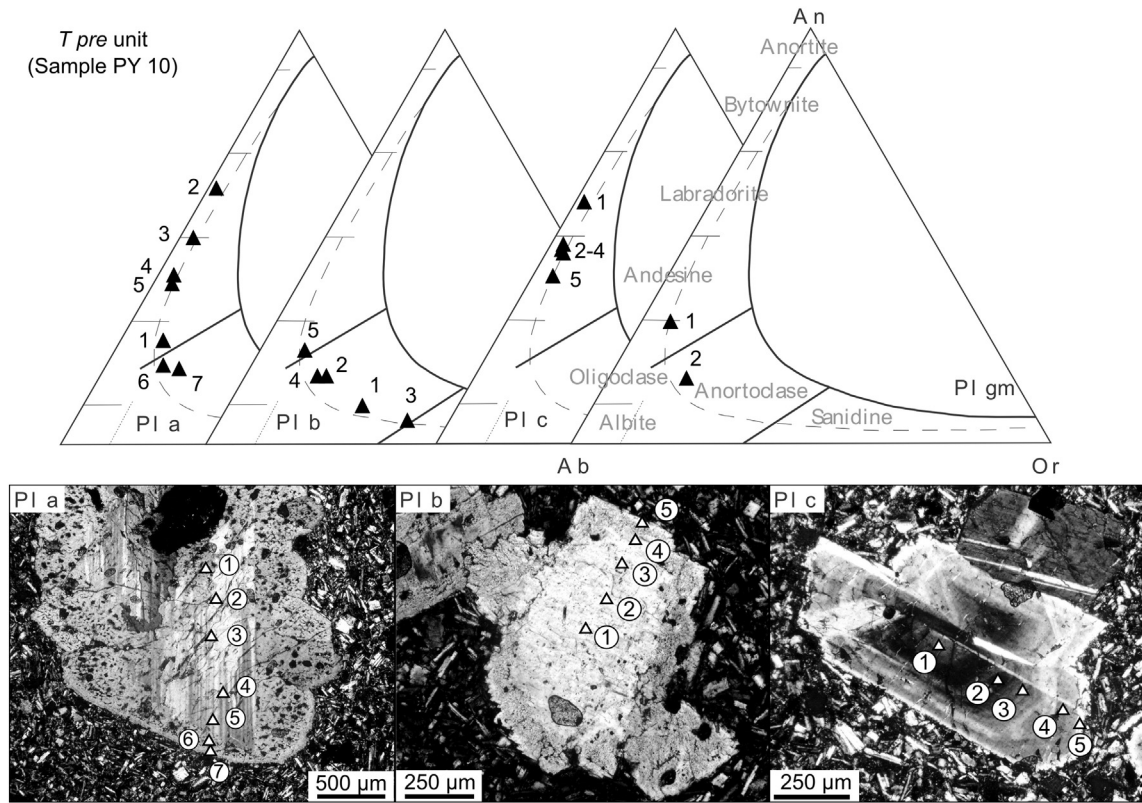


Fig. 6. Feldspar compositions of sample PY 10 of the *T pre* unit. PI: plagioclase; gm: groundmass.

and an An-poor rim of An_{38} , an anhedral and coarse sieved plagioclase of andesine composition (An_{36-41}) and, an anhedral plagioclase with an outer sieved rim of relatively homogeneous composition (An_{32-43}). Finally, a lava flow exposed outside the caldera rim (sample PY 10; Fig. 2a) presents the widest amplitude of feldspar composition of this unit ($An_{6-62}-Ab_{36-69}-Or_{2-39}$). A rounded phenocryst presents an inner zone of An_{39-62} and an outer sieved rim of oligoclase/anorthoclase composition (Fig. 6). An anhedral phenocryst with a sieved rim varies from oligoclase to almost sanidine ($An_{6-23}-Ab_{55-68}-Or_{9-39}$; Fig. 5). A third phenocryst analyzed is an euhedral and clean labradorite–andesine plagioclase (An_{40-58} ; Fig. 6).

Three alkali feldspars of the syn-caldera unit (Portezuelo Ignimbrite) located in fiamme and matrix have a homogeneous anorthoclase composition of $An_{10-12}-Ab_{61-63}-Or_{25-29}$ (three to five analyses in each crystal; Fig. 7). The feldspars located in the moderately vesicular spatter

clasts within the Portezuelo Ignimbrite have a different composition (two analyses performed in each crystal). Four feldspars are andesine plagioclases, with compositions of An_{32-36} , while one crystal of feldspar is anorthoclase similar to the others ($An_{11-12}-Ab_{65-66}-Or_{22-23}$).

The lava flows of the Post-caldera Trachyandesites unit present a wide variety of textures in plagioclases (Hernando et al., 2012, 2014a). Fourteen plagioclases were selected for analysis (three to six analyses in each phenocryst, and one or two analyses in groundmass plagioclase). The three lavas with available plagioclase compositions also present great amplitude of compositions (Fig. 7): between An_{33} and An_{83} for the intra-caldera flow (sample PM 34; Figs. 2a and 8), between An_{21} and An_{67} (with the rim of one crystal with An_5) for sample STA 6B (Fig. 2a), and between An_{24} and An_{67} for sample STA 38 (Fig. 2a). As an example, sample PM 34 of the intra-caldera lava flow presents (1) a dusty-sieved plagioclase with an inverse zoning in its core, a decrease

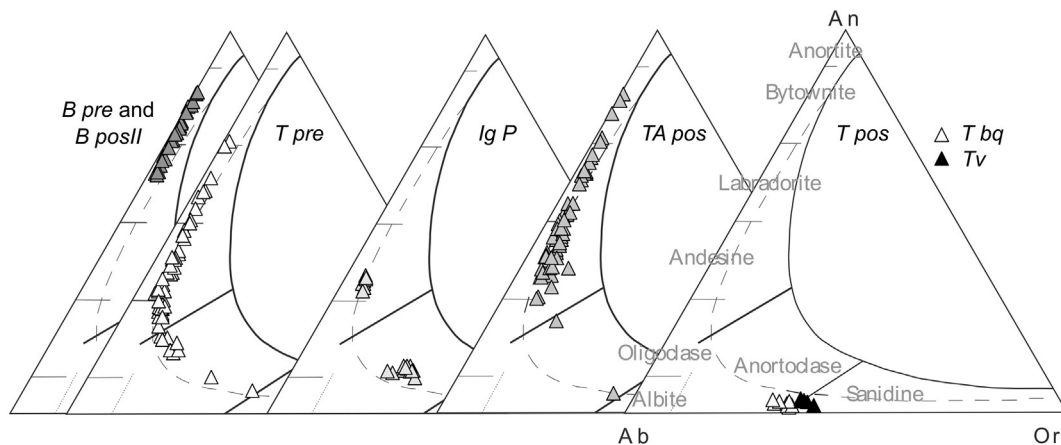


Fig. 7. Feldspar compositions for all the analyzed samples of the PMVF.

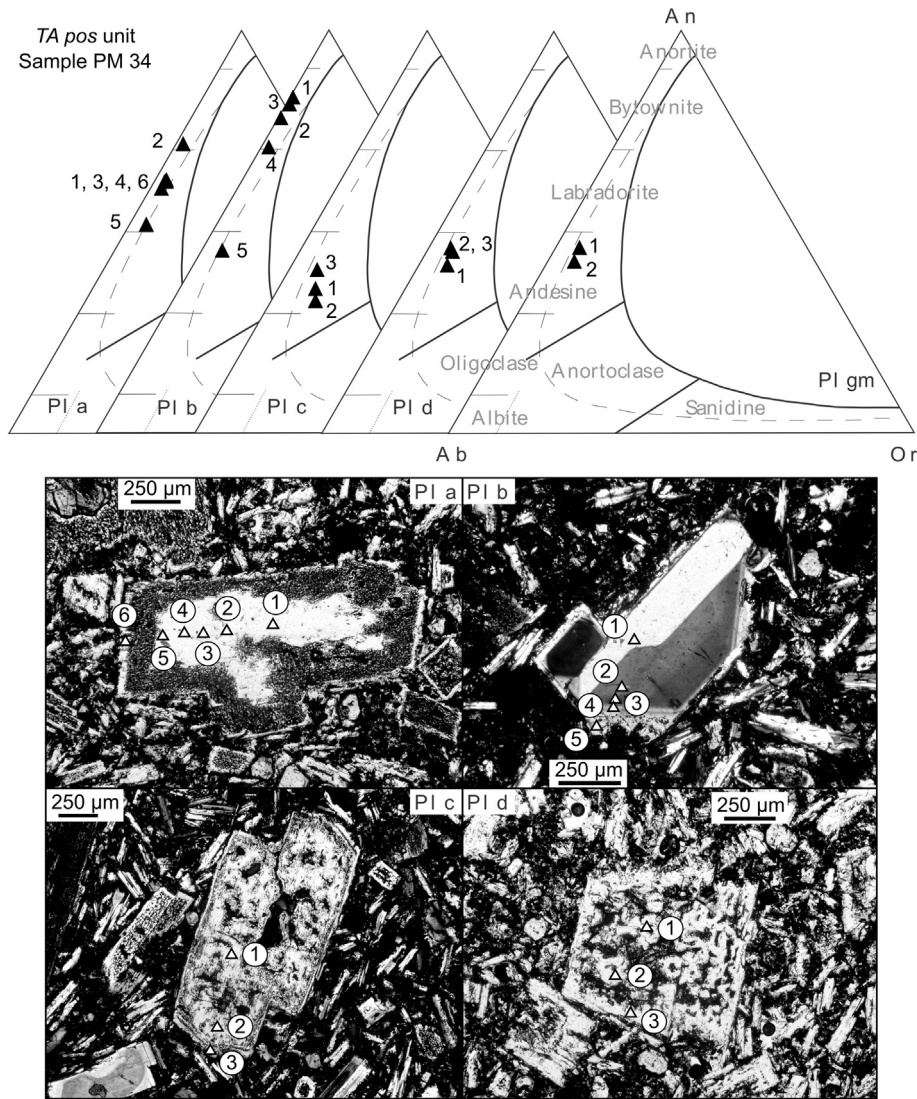


Fig. 8. Plagioclase compositions for the intra-caldera flow of the TA pos unit (sample PM 34). Pl: plagioclase; gm: groundmass. "PI c" and "PI d" have a coarse sieved texture, a result of plagioclase dissolution due to decompression (Nelson and Montana, 1992). These large inclusions are filled with crystalline groundmass.

in An content in its middle part, a dusty-sieved ring and an outer rim richer in An (PI a, Fig. 8); (2) a clean bytownitic plagioclase with a rim clearly more An-poor of andesine composition (PI b, Fig. 8); (3) a coarse and dusty-sieved plagioclase of andesine composition (An_{33-40}) (PI c, Fig. 8); (4) a coarse sieved plagioclase of homogeneous andesine composition (An_{42-46}) (PI d, Fig. 8); and (5) a groundmass constituted by plagioclase microlites with a composition of An_{43-46} .

The alkali feldspars of the Post-caldera Trachytes unit (both Blocky Trachytes and Vitreous Trachytes lithofacies) are relatively homogeneous in their composition (five phenocrysts were analyzed, with three analyses in each crystal). Euhedral and rounded feldspars phenocrysts of the Blocky Trachytes lithofacies are anorthoclase, plotting close to the sanidine field (Fig. 7), with compositions $Or_{32-37}-Ab_{61-65}$. Feldspars of the Vitreous Trachytes lithofacies (with embayments and without rounded corners) are sanidine/anorthoclase (Fig. 7), with slightly higher potassium content and compositions of $Or_{37-41}-Ab_{56-59}$.

Phenocrysts and groundmass plagioclases of the basaltic fields units are bytownite and labradorite, with anorthite contents between 59% and 84% (thirteen plagioclases analyzed, with three to six analyses in each phenocryst and two analyses in each groundmass plagioclase; Fig. 7). Plagioclase phenocrysts in the basaltic lavas present a variety of

textures, with euhedral to anhedral phenocrysts, and with sieved textures as well as clean (non-sieved) crystals present in the same sample. In each of the three analyzed samples, there is no compositional difference between the sieved and non-sieved phenocrysts. As an example, a clean and euhedral plagioclase in sample PY 13 (B posII unit; Figs. 2a and 9) presents a composition of An_{69-82} (the rim is richer in An than the middle-core of the crystal), while a sieved phenocryst presents a composition of An_{64-81} (the core-to-middle sieved zone is richer in An than the outer rim). Microlites in the groundmass are labradorite (An_{63-70}).

4.2.2. Olivine

Selected olivine microanalyses are reported in Table 4 and shown in Fig. 10. Olivine phenocrysts in two Pre-caldera Trachytes lavas have rounded corners and have a relatively homogeneous composition of Fo_{50-56} . A euhedral olivine crystal hosted in fiamme of the Portezuelo Ignimbrite has a composition of Fo_{53-54} . Regarding the Post-caldera Trachyandesites unit, the composition of olivine phenocrysts varies in the three analyzed samples, with a range of Fo_{66-78} . The most magnesian olivines correspond to sample STA 38, while the less magnesian olivine belongs to the intra-caldera lava flow (sample PM 34). In the case

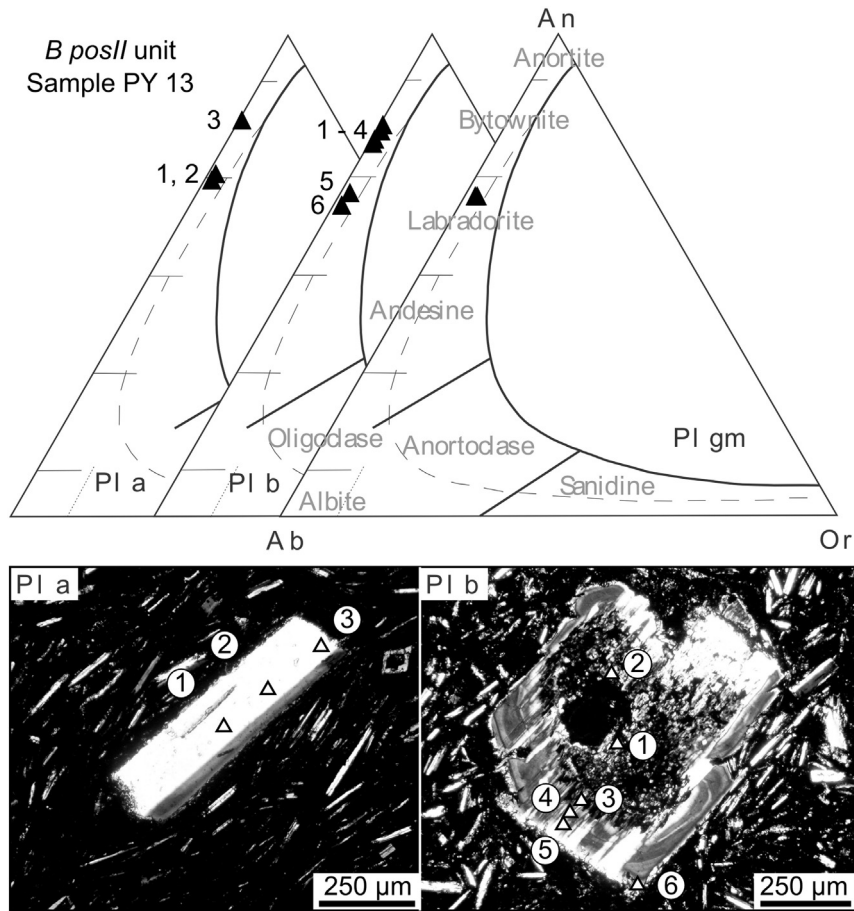


Fig. 9. Plagioclase composition for sample PY 13 of the *B posII* unit. Pl: plagioclase; gm: groundmass.

of the intra-caldera flow, two olivine crystals with different morphology (one euhedral and another with embayments) were analyzed, and no difference in their composition was found, with both crystals having a composition of Fo_{66–67}. The phenocrysts of the other two flows analyzed of this unit show a weak reverse zoning (rim compositions with a Fo content 2% higher than the core). In the Post-caldera Trachytes unit, olivine was found only in the sample of the Vitreous Trachytes lithofacies, euhedral and fresh, with a composition of Fo₄₄.

In the basaltic field lavas, the olivine composition was analyzed in three flows of the Pre-caldera Basalts and Post-caldera Basalts II units. Olivine phenocrysts are usually euhedral, with a slight skeletal morphology in one case, and with embayments in another case. The composition of all analyzed olivines, with the exception of the embayed crystal, are homogeneous, with a content of Fo_{76–79}. The embayed olivine is richer in magnesium, with a composition of Fo_{83–85}.

4.2.3. Pyroxenes

Pyroxenes present in PMVF rocks are clinopyroxenes, with the exception of rare lavas of the pre-caldera stage which present orthopyroxene. Selected pyroxene compositions are listed in Table 4. The clinopyroxene phenocrysts of the Pre-caldera Trachytes unit are augites with a compositional range of Wo_{39–44}–En_{34–43}–Fs_{15–23} (Fig. 11a). Clinopyroxenes are euhedral, with the exception of the lava flow east of the caldera (sample PY 10), which presents also clinopyroxenes with rounded corners within glomerules. Those crystals usually present an inverse zoning, with a lesser ferrosilite content and a higher #Mg toward the crystal margin. The analyzed clinopyroxene of sample PM 27 presents a #Mg 5% higher in the margin than in its core, whereas this difference is around 10% in one of the analyzed crystals of sample PY 10 (Fig. 11a). Sample PY 10

presents also orthopyroxene in small glomerules, with compositions within the enstatite field (Wo₃–En_{48–52}–Fs_{45–48}) (Fig. 11a).

Clinopyroxene crystals in the matrix and trachytic spatter clasts of the Portezuelo Ignimbrite are euhedral–subhedral. They are relatively homogeneous in composition, although they present greater diopside content in the spatter clasts (Fig. 11b). The clinopyroxene in the matrix present a normal zoning and a composition of Wo₄₃–En_{37–39}–Fs_{18–20}, while the one in the spatter clast has also a normal zoning and a composition of Wo_{44–46}–En_{38–41}–Fs_{15–16}. Clinopyroxene phenocrysts of the Post-caldera Trachyandesites unit are all calcic augites with compositions of Wo_{42–44}–En_{40–45}–Fs_{13–16} (Fig. 11c). The concentric and sector zoning present in some phenocrysts are reflected in the TiO₂ content and #Mg (Table 4). These zoned phenocrysts usually present an increase of the #Mg toward the margin of the crystal, indicating an inverse zoning. The greatest variation of the #Mg in a single phenocrysts is found in sample STA 6B. In this sample, the core of the clinopyroxene phenocryst presents a #Mg similar to the rest of the clinopyroxenes of this unit (#Mg = 60–62), while the middle and outer margin present a #Mg of 64–67 (similar to the phenocrysts present in the basaltic lavas). The clinopyroxene phenocrysts analyzed in the Blocky Trachytes and Vitreous Trachytes lithofacies (Post-caldera Trachytes unit) are augites similar in composition, with contents of Wo_{39–41}–En_{37–38}–Fs_{22–24} (Fig. 11b). The #Mg in these phenocrysts indicates a slight normal zoning (#Mg in the range of 49–52).

The analyzed clinopyroxene phenocrysts of the basaltic field lavas are more calcic than those of Payún Matrú (Fig. 11d). They correspond to diopside with compositions of Wo_{45–48}–En_{39–43}–Fs_{11–14}. The analyzed clinopyroxenes are subhedral to euhedral, with rounded corners in the case of sample PY 5 (*B pre* unit), and concentric zoning in some cases which is reflected in the #Mg (between 62 and 69).

Table 4
Selected analyses of olivine and clinopyroxene phenocrysts of PMVF rocks.

Olivine											
Unit	<i>T_v</i>	<i>TA pos</i>	<i>TA pos</i>	<i>TA pos</i>	<i>Ig P</i>	<i>T pre</i>	<i>T pre</i>	<i>B posII</i>	<i>B posII</i>	<i>B posII</i>	<i>B pre</i>
Sample	PMA 27 A	PM 34	STA 6B	STA 38	PM 14	PM 27	PM 28	PY 13	PM 46	PM 46	PY 5
%											
SiO ₂	33.77	36.54	36.75	38.15	34.46	34.47	34.32	37.78	37.38	39.47	37.57
TiO ₂	0.00	0.07	0.04	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.02	0.02
Al ₂ O ₃	0.00	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.05
FeO	43.69	29.57	27.85	20.90	37.18	35.70	40.16	19.70	22.28	14.41	20.68
MnO	2.81	0.71	1.05	0.27	1.62	1.35	1.67	0.32	0.34	0.22	0.30
MgO	19.18	32.71	34.90	40.85	24.80	26.19	23.87	40.89	39.10	45.26	40.29
CaO	0.16	0.25	0.11	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.16	0.26	0.25	0.29	0.26
Na ₂ O	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03
K ₂ O	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
NiO	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.09	0.17	0.05
Total	99.60	99.92	100.78	100.53	98.25	97.91	100.26	99.17	99.62	99.91	99.26
Fo	42	66	68	77	53	56	50	78	75	85	77
Clinopyroxene											
Unit	<i>T_v</i>	<i>T bq</i>	<i>TA pos</i>	<i>TA pos</i>	<i>Ig P</i>	<i>T pre</i>	<i>T pre</i>	<i>T pre</i>	<i>B posII</i>	<i>B posII</i>	<i>B pre</i>
Sample	PMA 27 A	PM 40	PM 34	STA 6B	PM 14	PM 27	PM 28	PY 10	PY 13	PM 46	PY 5
%											
SiO ₂	52.16	51.93	51.32	49.18	51.73	52.71	51.54	52.80	49.08	45.90	49.22
TiO ₂	0.18	0.39	0.40	1.88	0.19	0.44	0.40	0.30	1.76	1.86	1.13
Al ₂ O ₃	0.57	0.64	1.17	4.90	0.91	0.93	0.99	0.80	5.15	8.16	4.54
FeO	13.29	12.25	9.27	8.49	11.52	12.53	11.26	12.29	6.83	7.41	7.57
MnO	1.40	1.17	0.82	0.28	0.74	0.93	0.76	1.05	0.15	0.11	0.12
MgO	13.06	13.01	14.10	13.72	12.69	13.62	14.11	12.93	14.09	12.87	14.63
CaO	19.15	19.93	20.86	20.30	20.62	19.08	20.09	19.38	22.18	22.37	21.86
Na ₂ O	0.45	0.49	0.56	0.63	0.40	0.48	0.42	0.39	0.47	0.39	0.47
K ₂ O	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.12	0.03
Total	100.26	99.81	98.50	99.46	98.84	100.76	99.58	99.96	99.72	99.20	99.56
Wo	39	41	43	44	43	39	41	40	47	48	45
En	37	37	41	41	37	39	40	38	41	39	42
Fs	24	22	16	15	20	22	19	22	12	13	13

4.2.4. Amphiboles

Selected amphibole analyses are shown in Table 5. This mineral has been analyzed in two Pre-caldera Trachytes lavas and in the only Post-caldera Trachyandesites lava flow where it occurs. In all cases, the amphibole is sub-anhedral and presents an opaque rim (Fig. 12). These amphiboles correspond to group 2 or calcic amphiboles, according to the classification of Leake et al. (1997, 2004). They are further classified as kaersutite (Fig. 12), according with their content in Ca, Na, and Ti, with the exception of amphiboles in sample PM 28 (*T pre* unit) which present a slightly lower Ti content and therefore are classified as pargasite or magnesiohastingsite (since there is no knowledge of the Fe⁺³ content, it is not possible to determine which of these two amphiboles correspond, Leake et al., 1997).

4.2.5. Biotite

Biotite has been analyzed only in the Pre-caldera Trachytes unit, due to its absence in the analyzed samples of the syn- and post-caldera stage of Payún Matrú volcano (Table 5). The biotite phenocrysts present a narrow opaque rim and a slight replacement by anhydrous minerals in the case of the sample PY 10. The #Mg of biotites vary between 53 and 62, while the content in Ti a.p.f.u. is high, between 0.64 and 0.80. This could be due not only to the content of Ti in the magma (and the oxides that crystallize along with the biotite) but also to the crystallization temperature, given that at a higher temperature, the solubility of Ti in biotite increases (Patiño Douce, 1993).

4.2.6. Volcanic glass

Glass composition of fiamme of the Portezuelo Ignimbrite and a lava flow of the Vitreous Trachytes lithofacies has been analyzed (Table 5).

The composition of the glass is trachytic in the case of the Portezuelo Ignimbrite (SiO₂ between 65 and 67%, alkalis between 9 and 10%), while it is rhyolitic in the case of the post-caldera lava (68.8% SiO₂ and 9.3% of alkalis).

4.3. Geothermobarometry

4.3.1. Payún Matrú rocks

Results of temperature and pressure estimations for PMVF rocks are shown in Table 6. Since lavas from the Pre-caldera Trachytes and Post-caldera Trachyandesites unit with available mineral chemical analyses present textural and compositional evidence of magma mixing/mingling, the temperature and pressure for these two units were not determined, because the necessary conditions of a close system are not archived. The most likely scenario is that the whole-rock compositions of these lavas do not represent the equilibrium liquid from which the phenocrysts crystallized. Temperature estimations were carried out in the Portezuelo Ignimbrite and Post-caldera Trachytes, where no evidence of disequilibrium are found (Table 6).

Glass thermometers in the *T_v* lithofacies gave temperatures of 1001 ± 71 °C using a correction to the Helz and Thornber (1987) method after Putirka (2008), and 955 ± 51 °C using a P-independent equation in Putirka (2008). Glass analyzed in fiamme of the Portezuelo Ignimbrite gave temperature values of 1004 ± 71 °C (correction to the Helz and Thornber (1987) method after Putirka (2008)) and 984 ± 51 °C (Putirka, 2008).

An olivine-liquid thermometer for hydrous systems using glass compositions (Putirka et al., 2007) has been used for the *T_v* lithofacies and *Ig P* unit only, since there is no olivine in the *T bq* lithofacies sample

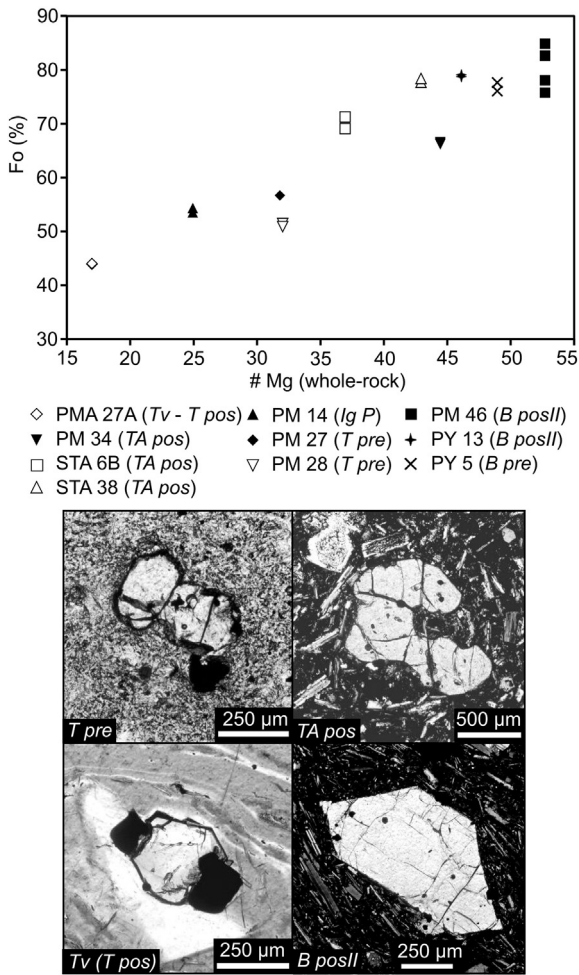


Fig. 10. Olivine compositions of PMVF rocks. A variety of olivine morphologies are shown in the microphotographs.

analyzed. In the case of the *Tv* lithofacies (sample PMA 27 A), temperature estimations are between 930 ± 29 °C and 950 ± 29 °C, using *a priori* values of pressure of 0.01–0.4 GPa (Putirka et al., 2007). Olivine–glass equilibrium temperatures for the *Ig P* unit are between 933 ± 29 °C and 953 ± 29 °C, with *a priori* *P* values of 0.01–0.4 GPa (Putirka et al., 2007). The pressure estimations using the clinopyroxene–liquid equilibria method of Putirka et al. (2003) did not give reliable results, and therefore, the temperature estimations using the same method were not taken into account. Even when euhedral clinopyroxene without signs of disequilibrium were analyzed, the pressure estimated values were either negative or too high, for the Portezuelo Ignimbrite and the Post-caldera Trachytes.

The alkali feldspar–liquid thermometer of Putirka (2008) has been applied to the *Tv* lithofacies, the *T bq* lithofacies, and the *Ig P* unit (using the Alkali feldspar–liquid pairs in equilibrium, i.e. $Kd(An-Ab)^{Al-Liq} = 0.27 \pm 0.18$). Using *a priori* *P* values in the range of 0.01–0.4 GPa, this method yields temperatures of 866 ± 23 °C for the *Tv* lithofacies, between 863 ± 23 °C and 865 ± 23 °C for the *T bq* lithofacies, and between 947 ± 23 °C and 951 ± 23 °C for the fiamme of the *Ig P* unit.

4.3.2. Basaltic fields lavas

In the post-caldera and pre-caldera basalts and trachybasalts, the olivine–liquid thermometer can be used in two crystal–liquid pairs that have Fe–Mg exchange coefficients ($K_D(Fe-Mg)^{Ol-Liq}$) close to the value determined in equilibrium in experiments (0.30 ± 0.03 ; Roeder and Emslie, 1970). The other two olivine–liquid pairs analyzed do not

present a $K_D(Fe-Mg)^{Ol-Liq}$ value close to equilibrium, and therefore these olivines did not precipitate from the liquid used in the calculations and were not taken into account. The methods of Beattie (1993) (for anhydrous systems) and Putirka et al. (2007) (for hydrous systems) were used for temperature determinations with olivine–melt equilibria. A range of pressures between 0.4 and 1.2 GPa has been used as *a priori* value for thermometric calculations (this pressure range is chosen to include and be wider than the estimated values of *P*; Table 6). Olivine–whole-rock thermometry for sample PM 46 (*B posII* unit) gave temperatures between 1179 ± 44 °C and 1221 ± 44 °C (Beattie, 1993) and between 1174 ± 29 °C and 1216 ± 29 °C (Putirka et al., 2007). In the case of sample PY 5 (*B pre* unit), olivine–melt equilibria temperatures gave values between 1157 ± 44 °C and 1198 ± 44 °C (Beattie, 1993) and between 1143 ± 29 °C and 1185 ± 29 °C (Putirka et al., 2007). The method of Beattie (1993) overestimates the temperature in hydrous systems, and this could be the explanation for the slightly higher values determined by this method.

The methods of Putirka et al. (1996) and Putirka et al. (2003), based on clinopyroxene and equilibrium liquid compositions, and the method of Putirka (2008) based on clinopyroxene compositions only, have been used to estimate temperature and pressure for pre- and post-caldera basaltic units. The necessary equilibrium conditions for the calculations (i.e., $K_D(Fe-Mg)^{Cpx-Liq} = 0.27 \pm 0.3$) were archived in three clinopyroxene–whole-rock pairs. The Putirka et al. (1996) method is used in mafic and anhydrous compositions, while the Putirka et al. (2003) method is used in a wider range of compositions and hydrated (subsaturated) systems. Pressures estimated for samples PM 46 and PY 13 (*B posII* unit) are between 0.55 ± 0.14 GPa and 0.57 ± 0.14 GPa (Putirka et al., 1996), between 0.48 ± 0.17 GPa and 0.50 ± 0.17 GPa (Putirka et al., 2003), and between 0.57 ± 0.15 GPa and 0.78 ± 0.15 GPa (Putirka, 2008). In the case of sample PY 5 (*B pre* unit), the estimated pressures are 0.67 ± 0.14 GPa (Putirka et al., 1996), 0.59 ± 0.17 GPa (Putirka et al., 2003), and 0.75 ± 0.15 GPa (Putirka, 2008). Temperature estimates for sample PM 46 (*B posII* unit) range between 1173 ± 27 °C and 1179 ± 27 °C (Putirka et al., 1996), 1152 ± 33 °C (Putirka et al., 2003), and 1155 ± 58 °C (Putirka, 2008). For sample PY 13 (*B posII* unit), the estimated temperatures were in the range of 1149 ± 27 °C and 1161 ± 27 °C (Putirka et al., 1996), 1122 ± 33 °C (Putirka et al., 2003), and 1161 ± 58 °C (Putirka, 2008). In the case of sample PY 5 (*B pre* unit), calculations gave temperatures between 1164 ± 27 °C and 1176 ± 27 °C (Putirka et al., 1996), 1135 ± 33 °C (Putirka et al., 2003), and 1166 ± 58 °C (Putirka, 2008).

Plagioclase–based thermometers did not give good results in the case of the basaltic lavas, since equilibrium conditions (i.e., $Kd(An-Ab)^{Pl-Liq} = 0.27 \pm 0.05$ for $T > 1050$ °C, Putirka, 2008) are not archived. Only one pair of plagioclase–liquid of sample PY 13 (*B posII* unit) is close to equilibrium, with a $Kd(An-Ab)^{Pl-Liq}$ value of 0.21. Temperature with this plagioclase–liquid composition pair and *a priori* pressure values in the range of 0.4–1.2 GPa was estimated using the methods of Putirka (2005) and Putirka (2008). Estimated temperatures with this method are higher than the ones estimated with olivine–liquid and clinopyroxene–liquid compositions, and they are in the range of 1229 ± 23 °C and 1276 ± 23 °C (Putirka, 2005) and between 1192 ± 36 °C and 1252 ± 36 °C (Putirka, 2008).

5. Discussion

5.1. Depths of magma stagnation

Pressure estimation of pre- and post-caldera basaltic magmas using clinopyroxene–liquid equilibria (Putirka et al., 1996, 2003) lie in the range of 0.48–0.78 GPa. Crustal thickness in the Andean back-arc, interpreted from seismic velocities at ~ 39 °S (280 km south of PMVF), is around 30–35 km (Wagner et al., 2005; Yuan et al., 2006). Crustal depth in the PMVF area estimated from seismic and satellite gravimetric data is between 51 and 47 km, ± 5 km (Reguzzoni et al., 2013),

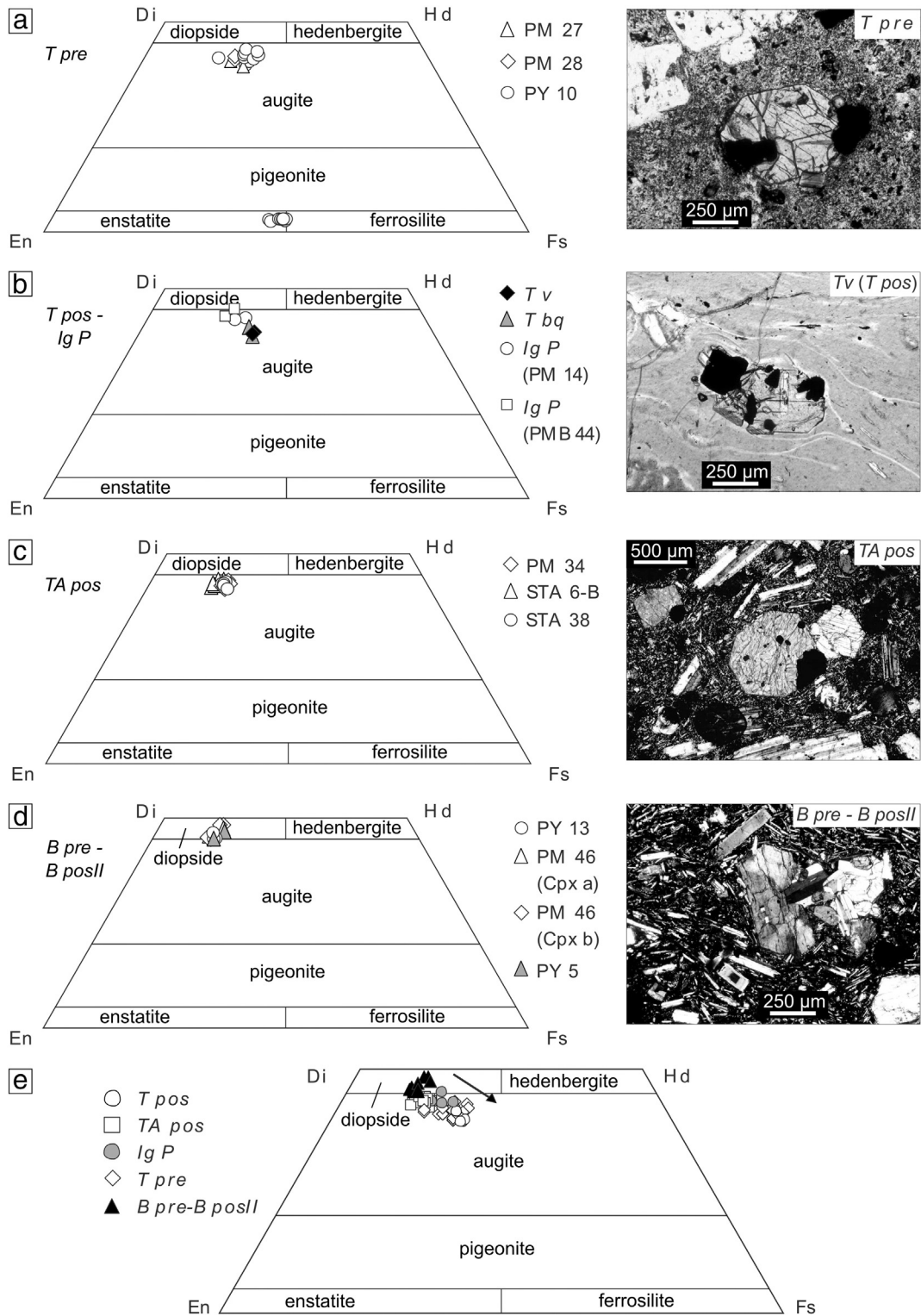


Fig. 11. Pyroxene compositions of PMVF rocks.

significantly thicker than the crust at 39° S. There is no contradiction between both crustal models, as the crustal depth at 39° S in the back-arc area is 33–36 km ± 4 km according with the Reguzzoni et al. (2013) model. Assuming a mean crustal density of 2.7 g/cm³, the pressures estimates of the basaltic lavas correspond to a lithostatic load in the range of 18 and 29 km. These depths are located in the middle crust, assuming a crustal depth as modeled by Reguzzoni et al. (2013).

In the case of the volcanic rocks of Payún Matrú caldera, the pressure estimation using clinopyroxene–liquid equilibria did not give reliable results. Therefore, a comparison of estimated pressures between the basaltic fields and the Payún Matrú rocks is not possible. Nevertheless, two lines of evidence suggest that the magma chamber/s of the Payún Matrú volcano were (are) at a higher crustal level. First, the presence of a caldera indicates a relatively shallow magma chamber (Lipman, 2000), at

Table 5

Selected compositions of amphibole and biotite phenocrysts, and volcanic glass of PMVF rocks.

Amphibole				Biotite			Volcanic glass		
Unit	<i>TA pos</i>	<i>T pre</i>	<i>T pre</i>	Unit	<i>T pre</i>	<i>T pre</i>	Unit	<i>Tv</i>	<i>Ig P</i>
Sample	STA 6B	PM 28	PY 10	Sample	PM 27	PY 10	Sample	PMA 27 A	PM 14
%				%			%		
SiO ₂	41.59	40.87	41.82	SiO ₂	36.94	36.95	SiO ₂	68.81	66.63
TiO ₂	5.36	4.28	4.68	TiO ₂	7.32	6.54	TiO ₂	0.37	0.40
Al ₂ O ₃	11.96	12.54	12.10	Al ₂ O ₃	14.11	13.79	Al ₂ O ₃	15.73	16.56
FeO	11.78	12.60	13.18	FeO	15.23	18.02	FeO	2.57	2.62
MnO	0.16	0.17	0.27	MnO	0.20	0.30	MnO	0.09	0.09
MgO	13.20	13.06	12.65	MgO	13.81	11.76	MgO	0.28	0.38
CaO	11.01	10.82	10.83	CaO	0.05	0.00	CaO	0.57	0.82
Na ₂ O	2.64	2.75	2.68	Na ₂ O	0.87	0.79	Na ₂ O	3.58	3.88
K ₂ O	0.94	0.94	0.87	K ₂ O	8.77	8.83	K ₂ O	5.79	6.67
F	0.06	0.00	0.00	F	0.25	0.10	F	0.06	0.11
Cl	0.00	0.02	0.01	Cl	0.06	0.14	Cl	0.35	0.22
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.02	0.01	0.00	BaO	0.73	0.43			
Total	98.61	98.05	99.09	Total	98.32	97.65	Total	98.19	98.35

least in the syn- and post-caldera stages. Second, the trachytic magmas are a product of fractional crystallization of the basaltic magmas (Hernando et al., 2014a), and therefore the former could not stagnate at a deeper crustal level. The PMVF magmatic system is most probably formed by a relatively deep-seated basaltic reservoir and a shallower magma chamber which receives the magma supply from the deeper reservoir (a double-magma chamber, as in Gudmundsson, 2006). The basaltic fields located east and west of the Payún Matrú volcano were fed from the deeper magma chamber/s without the interference of the Payún Matrú evolved chamber/s.

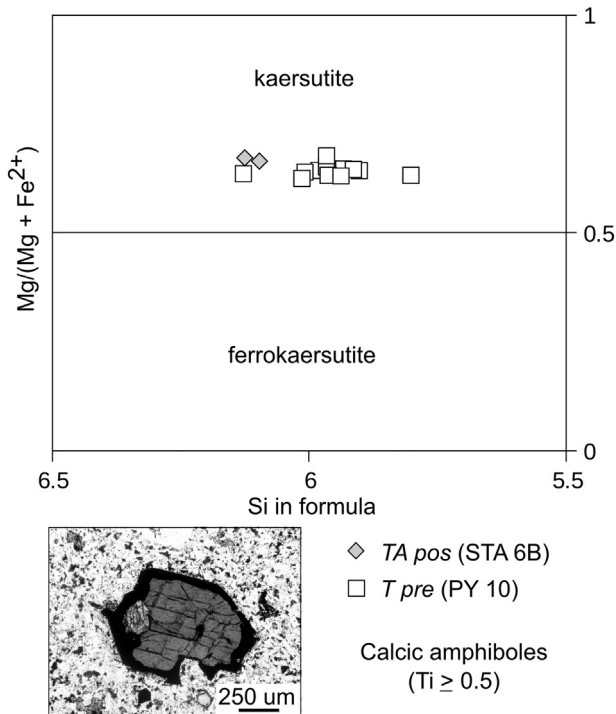


Fig. 12. Classification scheme of calcic amphiboles (Leake et al., 2004). The amphibole of sample PM 28 (*T pre* unit) presents a slightly lower Ti content ($Ti = 0.46\text{--}0.48$ per formula unit) and it is classified as pargasite or magnesiohastingsite, and therefore it is not shown in this diagram.

5.2. Magma mixing and mingling

As pointed out by Hernando et al. (2012, 2014a), many aspects of field relations, petrography, whole-rock geochemistry, and mineral compositions strongly suggest that the processes of magma mixing/mingling were repeated in the evolution of the PMVF. The abundance of basaltic volcanism east and west of the Payún Matrú volcano is interrupted in the polygenetic volcanic edifice (Fig. 13). There are no basaltic lavas registered in the Payún Matrú volcano, and the most basic lavas are basaltic trachyandesites (Hernando et al., 2014a). Given the absence of basic lavas and that these lavas come from a relatively deeper reservoir than the ones of Payún Matrú, it is probable that the basaltic magmas have been trapped in the more silicic and shallower magma chamber/s of the Payún Matrú volcano on their way to the surface. In consequence, basaltic magmas would mix, mingle, or stagnate in the mostly trachytic magma chamber/s.

5.2.1. Textural and mineralogical evidence for magma mixing and mingling

In several *T pre* and *TA pos* units lavas of Payún Matrú, there are textural and mineralogical features that are interpreted as a result of magma mixing and mingling processes. These textures include lavas with euhedral to rounded sieved plagioclases (Fig. 5d; Tsuchiyama, 1985; Nakamura and Shimakita, 1998), some with a clear (non-sieved) rim of more calcic composition, and rounded feldspars with a diffuse interface with the groundmass (Tsuchiyama, 1985; Hibbard, 1981, 1995). Also, there are diverse mantled feldspars, like anti-rapakivi texture (Hibbard, 1981, 1995), rounded plagioclase cores with a more calcic rim (Stimac and Pearce, 1992) or a non-rounded plagioclase core with a significantly more sodic rim (Tsuchiyama, 1985). The biotite phenocrysts that show a replacement by anhydrous minerals suggest an up-grade of thermal conditions or replenishment of the magma chambers (Fig. 5b; Feeley and Sharp, 1996). These lavas show also reverse zoning in plagioclase and clinopyroxenes, which may be also a result of an increase in volatile content, although in the presence of other mixing textures, it is probable that mixing processes is the plausible explanation (Mandeville et al., 1996; Kusçu and Floyd, 2001; Andrews et al., 2008). Other disequilibrium textures include rounded minerals, which are common in clinopyroxenes of the PMVF (Vernon, 2004), and different groundmasses with sharp and fluidal boundaries between them (Fig. 5a). The contrasting textures and composition of plagioclase and mafic minerals found in the same thin section reflect different histories and therefore could not have formed together (Fig. 5d; Clynne, 1999; Murphy et al., 2000).

In the PMVF, there are also other disequilibrium textures, which are not interpreted as the result of magma mixing. These are (1) coarse sieved plagioclases, a result of adiabatic decompression (Nelson and Montana, 1992), the morphology of these plagioclase inclusions in *T pre* and *TA pos* rocks are different from those reported by Halsor (1989) which are explained as a consequence of rapid growth due to magma mixing processes; (2) amphibole with a rim of opaque and anhydrous minerals and biotite with an opaque rim, formed by decompression and volatile loss (Fig. 12; Rutherford and Hill, 1993; Browne and Gardner, 2006); (3) patchy zoning in feldspars, formed by dissolution of the crystal core by decompression, followed by crystallization of feldspar in equilibrium with the new conditions (Vernon, 2004); (4) embayed and non-rounded olivine phenocrysts (formed by crystal growth in equilibrium, Faure and Schiano, 2005); (5) feldspars with relatively large holes which are controlled by its crystal structure (skeletal growth, Lofgren, 1974).

5.2.2. End-member compositions

The geochemistry of the rocks from Payún Matrú is in accordance with the magma mixing/mingling processes which were identified by petrographic analyses (Hernando et al., 2014a). The whole-rock chemical analyses are useful for the estimation of the end-members magma compositions. In element-element plots, hybrid magmas plot on a straight line between the end-members compositions (Langmuir et al.,

Table 6
Results of the thermobarometric estimations for PMVF rocks.

Unit	Sample	P (GPa)	Temperature (°C)	Method
<i>B posII</i>	PM 46	0.4–1.2 (<i>a priori</i>)	1179–1221	Ol - Liq
		0.4–1.2 (<i>a priori</i>)	1174–1216	Ol - Liq
		0.55	1173–1179	Cpx - Liq
		0.5	1152	Cpx - Liq
<i>B posII</i>	PY 13	0.78	1155	Cpx - Liq
		0.57	1149–1161	Cpx - Liq
		0.48	1122	Cpx - Liq
		0.57	1161	Cpx - Liq
		0.4–1.2 (<i>a priori</i>)	1229–1276	Pl - Liq
		0.4–1.2 (<i>a priori</i>)	1192–1252	Pl - Liq
<i>B pre</i>	PY 5	0.4–1.2 (<i>a priori</i>)	1157–1198	Ol - Liq
		0.4–1.2 (<i>a priori</i>)	1143–1185	Ol - Liq
		0.67	1164–1176	Cpx - Liq
		0.59	1135	Cpx - Liq
		0.75	1166	Cpx - Liq
<i>Tv (T pos)</i>	PMA 27 A	-	1001	Glass
		-	955	Glass
		0.01–0.4 (<i>a priori</i>)	930–950	Ol - Liq
		0.01–0.4 (<i>a priori</i>)	866	Af - Liq
<i>T bq (T pos)</i>	PM 40	0.01–0.4 (<i>a priori</i>)	863–865	Af - Liq
	<i>lg P</i>	PM 14	-	1004
-		984	Glass	
0.01–0.4 (<i>a priori</i>)		933–953	Ol - Liq	
0.01–0.4 (<i>a priori</i>)		947–951	Af - Liq	

1978). Fig. 14 shows the Harker diagrams for Al_2O_3 and CaO, in which the lavas of the basaltic fields and the most silicic trachytes (*T pos* unit and some of the *T pre* unit lavas) are grouped in circles. The samples of *T pre* and *TA pos* lavas which present the mixing/mingling evidence mentioned are shown in Fig. 14. In the CaO diagram, the rocks of Payún Matrú with an intermediate silica content and mixing/mingling textures lie mostly inside the mixing trend between basalts/trachybasalts and the most silicic trachytes, but this is not the case in the Al_2O_3 diagram (Fig. 14). Therefore, the most silicic trachytes cannot be the silicic end-member. In addition, the predominant phenocryst in the hybrid magmas is plagioclase, and not alkali feldspar such as those present in the most silicic trachytes. If most of the *TA pos* lavas and some of the *T pre* lavas are hybrid/mingled lavas, the silicic end-member would be a trachyte of an intermediate silica content (e.g., a trachyte of similar composition of the Portezuelo Ignimbrite).

5.2.3. Hybridization vs. mafic enclaves

When two or more magmas of different composition are in contact with each other, the degree of homogenization may be variable. In addition to the composition of the magmas involved, other factors influence the mixing extent, such as the volatile content, the viscosity and temperature contrasts, the degree of crystallinity, the relative proportion of mafic magma, the degree of turbulence in the injection, and the size of the injection (Sparks and Marshall, 1986; Campbell and Turner, 1986; Andrews and Manga, 2014). Rounded or irregular mafic enclaves found in intermediate to acidic lavas are interpreted as a clear evidence for magma mingling (Eichelberger, 1980; Bacon, 1986; Murphy et al., 2000; Coombs et al., 2002, among others). Enclave formation is favored when temperature and viscosity contrasts between the host and injected magmas are high, when the proportion of mafic magma in comparison with the more silicic magma is low, and when the size of

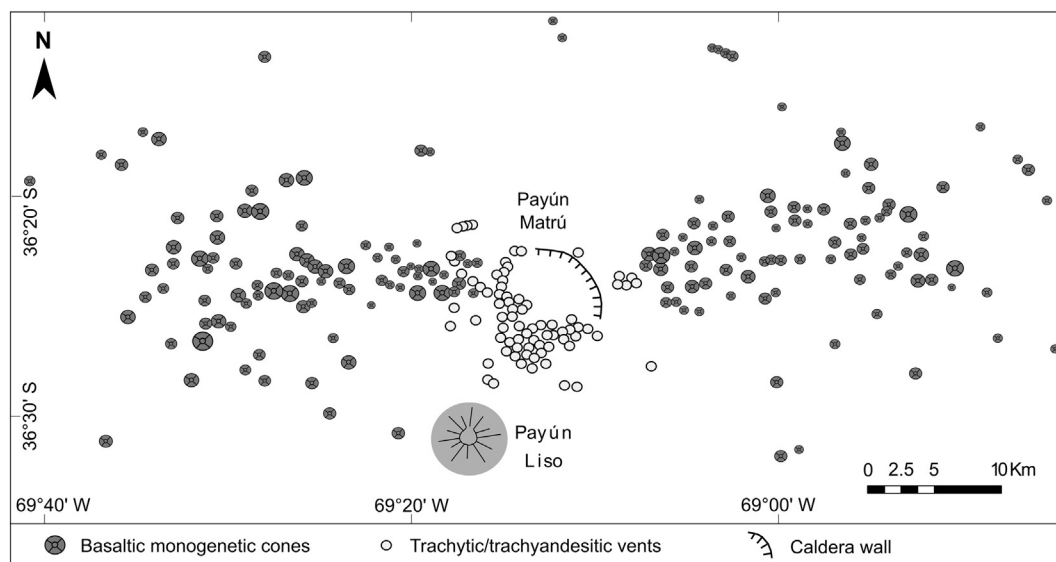


Fig. 13. Map showing the location of the basaltic/trachybasaltic monogenetic cones (dark gray) and the location of the basaltic trachyandesitic to trachytic vents of Payún Matrú volcano (light gray). The location of all vents is available in Supplementary File 1.

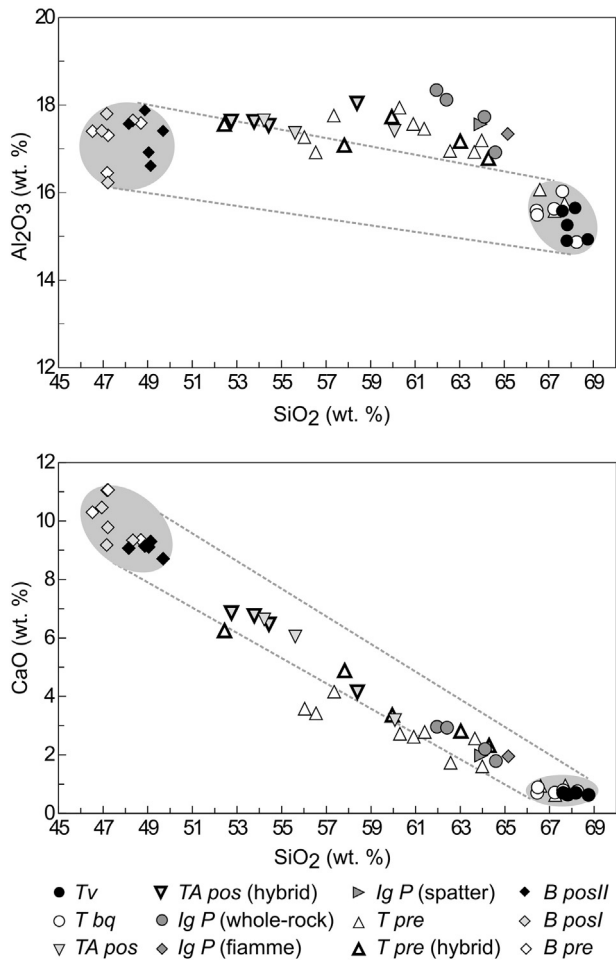


Fig. 14. Harker diagrams for Al_2O_3 and CaO, showing in grey circles the lavas of the basaltic fields and the most silicic trachytes (*T pos* unit and some *T pre* unit samples). The lavas with mixing or mingling textures lie mostly outside the trend that connect the basaltic/trachybasaltic lavas with the most silicic trachytes (in the Al_2O_3 diagram), and therefore the most silicic trachytes could not represent the silicic end-member of the mixing for these samples. Modified from [Hernando et al. \(2014a\)](#).

the injection is small ([Campbell and Turner, 1986](#); [Sparks and Marshall, 1986](#); [Andrews and Manga, 2014](#)).

Hybridization can take place if, after the thermal equilibration, the more mafic magma remains fluid enough, which typically requires a great proportion of the more mafic magma (nearly 50%) or that the more mafic magma is not basaltic but of an intermediate composition ([Sparks and Marshall, 1986](#)). Also, the hybridization between magmas of different composition may be due to the disintegration of previously formed enclaves ([Clynne, 1999](#)).

Mafic enclaves in Payún Matrú rocks are rare ([Hernando et al., 2012](#)). More frequently, mingling evidence is found in some lavas having two different groundmass with fluidal contacts ([Hernando et al., 2012](#)), which suggests an intermediate situation between enclave formation and complete hybridization. Evidence for hybrid magmas is far more common than mingling processes in the PMVF ([Hernando et al., 2012](#)).

The proportions of basic and silicic magmas involved in the mixing processes can be calculated using least square approximations ([Bryan et al., 1969](#)). Trachytic lavas with textural and compositional characteristics which suggest magma mixing in the pre-caldera stage of the Payún Matrú volcano are shown in [Fig. 14](#). The proportion of mafic magmas in these cases is low, less than 17%. Given the absence of inclusions in these lavas, it is probable that these lavas are a result of multiple mixing events, mixing trachytic and intermediate hybrid magmas,

which would enhance the homogenization between the magmas involved (due to the lesser thermal, compositional and viscosity contrasts). A similar situation represents one lava of the Post-caldera Trachyandesites unit (sample STA 6B; [Fig. 14](#)), in which the proportion of basaltic magma is 22%. In some intermediate *T pre* lavas and in most *TA pos* lavas ($\text{SiO}_2 < 55\%$), the hybridization is favored by the high proportion of basaltic magma involved, between 49 and 66%.

The estimated temperatures can be used to infer the possible thermal contrasts between the interacting magmas. An approximation to the temperature contrasts between the end-members mixed can be made, assuming a basaltic end-member and a trachyte with intermediate silica content. Since the samples of the *T pre* and *TA pos* units with available mineral compositions present evidence of hybridization, these samples cannot be used to thermometric estimations, and would not represent the silicic end-member of the mixing. Also, as inferred from whole-rock compositions, the felsic end-member is not represented by a trachyte such as those of the *T pos* unit and, therefore, the temperature estimations for this unit is not used as representative of the silicic end-member. For the basaltic end-member, the estimated temperatures lie in a wide range, between 1122 ± 33 °C and 1276 ± 23 °C with the samples of Pre- and Post-caldera Basalts II units. Assuming a silicic end-member of temperature and composition similar to the Portezuelo Ignimbrite (sample PM 14), the estimated temperature would be between 863 ± 23 °C and 1004 ± 71 °C. Thus, according with these estimations, temperature contrast between the two end-members mixed may be as high as 413 °C and as low as 118 °C.

On the other hand, the scarcity of mafic enclaves could be the result of several factors, such as the high proportion of mafic magma, the possible low thermal contrast between the involved magmas, and multiple events of mixing which reduced the thermal and viscosity contrasts, resulting in the mixing of trachytic and intermediate magmas, in addition to enclave disruption.

5.3. Caldera-forming eruptions and their trigger

The trigger mechanism for caldera-forming eruptions may be related to internal (magmatic) processes, or may be due to an external cause ([de Silva and Gregg, 2014](#)). Much of the Andean collapse calderas are compositionally homogeneous, especially those present in the Central Volcanic Zone (CVZ, 14° – 28° S). The CVZ calderas have been formed in general by a unique collapse episode ([Lindsay et al., 2001](#); [Kay et al., 2011](#)), although some CVZ calderas have more than one event of collapse superimposed, constituting caldera complexes ([Petrinovic et al., 2010](#)). Conspicuously, the different cycles in caldera complexes are compositionally homogeneous (dacitic and rhyodacitic) and characterized by major eruptions ending each cycle with resurgent stages ([Lindsay et al., 2001](#); [Petrinovic et al., 2010](#)). Overpressure in the overlying roof in major magma chambers has been proposed as the trigger mechanism to cause super eruptions in collapse calderas ([Gregg et al., 2012](#)). In addition, the magma reservoirs which feed these major eruptions accumulate magma in long periods of time (0.1–1 Ma) and are triggered by root uplift ([de Silva and Gregg, 2014](#)) or by tectonics ([Riller et al., 2001](#); [Lindsay et al., 2001](#); [Aguirre-Díaz et al., 2008](#)).

On the other hand, the classical collapse calderas of the Southern Volcanic Zone (SVZ) show a lesser volume of the collapse-related deposits (less or around 100 km^3), a minor diameter of the collapsed area (commonly $< 20 \text{ km}$), a wide range of compositions exposed in the same cycle (in some calderas), and alternation of effusive-explosive episodes. Examples of these SVZ calderas are the Caviahué caldera ([Mazzoni and Licitra, 2000](#); [Varekamp et al., 2006](#)), the Diamante caldera ([Sruoga et al., 2012](#)), and the Payún Matrú caldera ([Hernando et al., 2012, 2014a](#)). Magma reservoirs associated with these calderas are not homogeneous; disequilibrium textures and/or contrasting mineral compositions are common. These differences between SVZ and CVZ calderas suggest that the trigger mechanism of

roof uplift is not effective in the relatively small reservoirs of the SVZ calderas, and thus these calderas need another trigger mechanism, such as recharge or tectonics (Gregg et al., 2013).

5.3.1 The eruption trigger for the Portezuelo Ignimbrite

A widely accepted trigger mechanism for an explosive eruption is the injection of basaltic magma into a silicic magma chamber (Pallister et al., 1992; Mandeville et al., 1996; Snyder, 2000; Aguirre-Díaz, 2001; Leonard et al., 2002, among others). Considering the distribution of the volcanic centers in the PMVF and the textural and compositional evidence of mixing/mingling in the pre-caldera stage, it would be expected that the injection of a deep-seated mafic magma in the relatively shallow Payún Matrú magma chamber resulted in the eruption of the

Portezuelo Ignimbrite. Nevertheless, the Portezuelo Ignimbrite does not have textural evidence of hybridization like some Pre-caldera Trachytes and Post-caldera Trachyandesites lavas. The Portezuelo Ignimbrite presents crystals with dissolution textures, such as sieved and rounded crystals and biotite partially replaced by anhydrous minerals, which may be explained by an increase in temperature of the magma (Tsuchiyama, 1985; Feeley and Sharp, 1996; Nakamura and Shimakita, 1998). These crystals with disequilibrium textures are a minority compared to those non-reacted, suggesting that only a minor proportion of the magma was heated.

Snyder (2000) modeled the thermal effects produced by an injection of a basaltic magma at the bottom of a more silicic magma chamber. The basaltic magma may form a mafic layer at the bottom of the chamber,

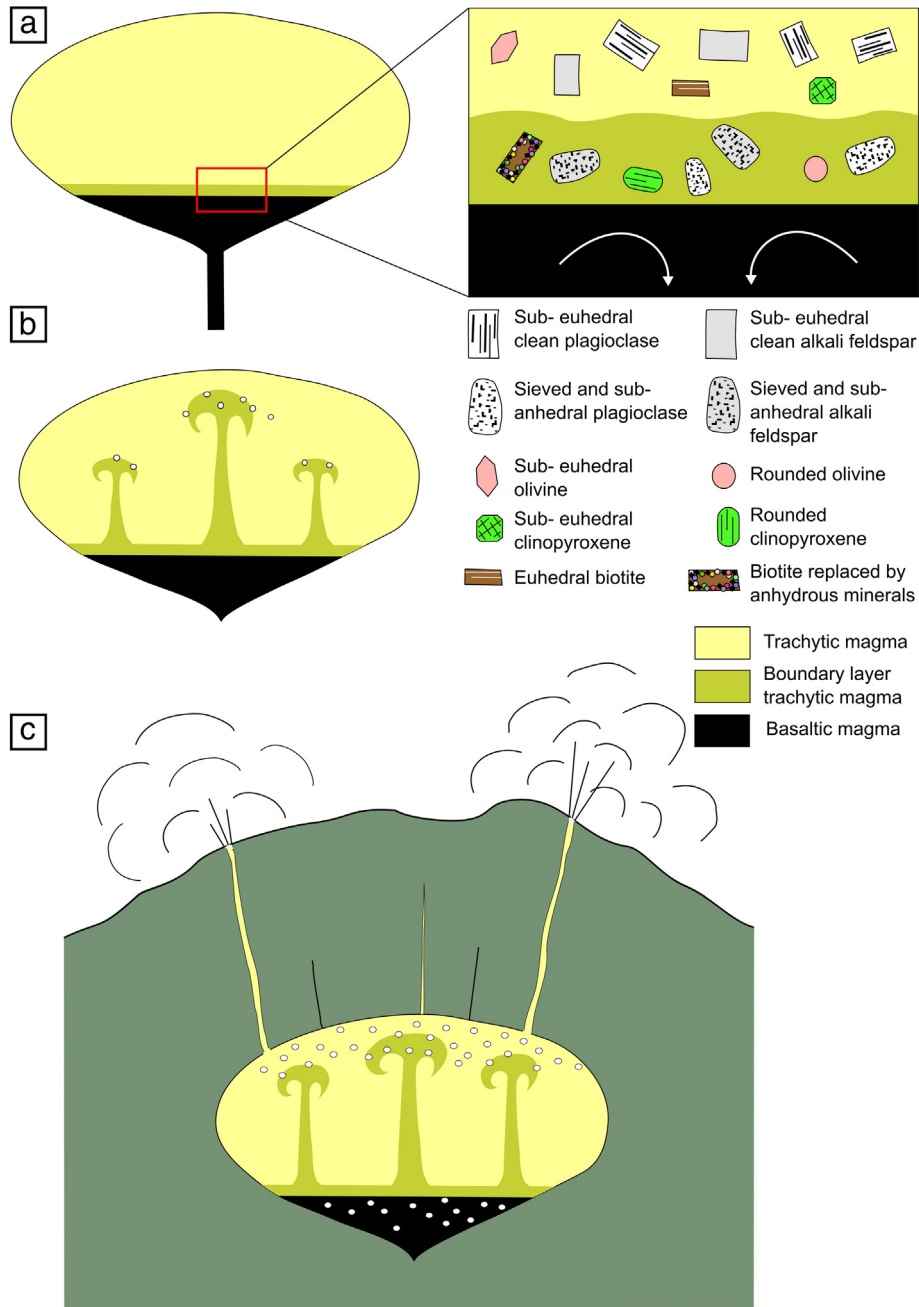


Fig. 15. Schemes showing the possible trigger mechanism for the eruption of the Portezuelo Ignimbrite. a) Injection of basaltic magma into the trachytic Payún Matrú magma chamber. Crystals of the trachytic magma in the boundary zone are dissolved due to the increase in temperature. b) Convection within the chamber (Couch et al., 2001), produces the beginning of exsolution. c) Further exsolution of volatiles within the mafic magma, due to its crystallization, may produce the necessary overpressure in the chamber to trigger the explosive eruption (Folch and Martí, 1998).

especially if the magma input is slow (Turner and Campbell, 1986). The thermal and compositional contrasts between both magmas produce convection cells in both layers (Snyder, 2000; Couch et al., 2001). Convection in the host trachytic magma of the Payún Matrú chamber may have been possible due to the relatively low crystal content (<30%), which allowed it to behave as a fluid. A boundary layer is present at the base of the silicic magma layer in contact with the hotter basaltic magma, with high thermal and viscosity gradients, that may be only 1–2 m in thickness (Snyder, 2000; Couch et al., 2001). Crystals of the silicic magma present in this boundary layer may be reabsorbed due to the increase in temperature. The mafic layer is over-cooled and enhances its crystallization, and eventually the exsolution of volatiles occurs (Eichelberger, 1980; Folch and Martí, 1998). The time required for the complete thermal homogenization in the silicic magma (a few years to dozens of years for each meter of thickness of the silicic magma layer; Snyder, 2000) may be large in comparison with the time between the injection of the hotter magma and the eruption (days to a few months; Folch and Martí, 1998). Therefore, thermal homogenization before eruption of the silicic magma may not be reached, and the thickness of silicic magma which increases its temperature is basically the boundary layer in contact with the mafic magma. The convection in the silicic magma due to the thermal gradient may produce the mixing of the reabsorbed crystals with the non-reacted ones (Couch et al., 2001), thereby producing a mixed crystal population in the erupted products.

The lack of mafic enclaves and hybridization evidence in the Portezuelo Ignimbrite suggest that convection in the magma chamber was not vigorous enough as to effectively mix both magmas. Therefore, the heat exchange between the hotter mafic magma and the silicic magma was not as efficient as would be in the case of complete mixing (Ruprecht and Bachmann, 2010). The presence of a minority of crystals with dissolution textures in the Portezuelo Ignimbrite also suggest that heating of the trachytic magma was restricted to a small fraction of the chamber. The mechanism of self-mixing in a convective magma chamber may produce the diversity of mineralogical textures found in the eruptive products (Couch et al., 2001). The most plausible cause for this temperature increase would be an injection of basaltic (or more mafic) magma into the Payún Matrú trachytic magma chamber. Thus, the eruption of the Portezuelo Ignimbrite may have been triggered by an injection of a hotter mafic (probably basaltic) magma at the bottom of the trachytic Payún Matrú magma chamber (Fig. 15). The necessary overpressure to trigger the eruption is reached not only by the increase in volume due to the magma injection into the chamber and by vesiculation of the felsic magma, but also by volatile exsolution of the mafic layer, which is a more effective mechanism to increase the chamber pressure (Folch and Martí, 1998).

No evidence of the basaltic magma has been found in the eruption products which form the Portezuelo Ignimbrite. The post-caldera stage began with the effusion of intermediate lavas (basaltic trachyandesites to trachyandesites) with mixing and mingling evidence. These lava flows may represent the lowermost part of the reservoir, which erupted after the caldera-forming eruption, as occurred in other calderas (e.g. Ksudach volcano, Kamchatka, Braitseva et al., 1996).

If mafic recharge triggers eruptions and magma mixing processes were relatively common in the PMVF, a question arises as why the Portezuelo Ignimbrite is the only record (so far) of an explosive eruption triggered by this mechanism in this volcanic field. The non-hybridization between trachytic and more mafic magmas would not produce an effective heat exchange between both magmas, and thus the decrease in the host trachytic magma viscosity would not be significant (Ruprecht and Bachmann, 2010). This, in turn, does not enhance syneruptive degassing, favoring the explosive eruptive behavior of the caldera-forming eruption. On the other hand, the complete hybridization between mafic and silicic magmas facilitate significant reheating of the silicic magma, thereby reducing its viscosity and promoting the syneruptive degassing and the effusive behavior of the eruption

(Ruprecht and Bachmann, 2010). This may explain why the evidence of hybridization in the PMVF are found in lava flows and not in pyroclastic deposits.

6. Conclusions

Some pre-caldera and post-caldera lavas of Payún Matrú preserve textural and mineralogical disequilibrium features which may be explained by magma mixing between basaltic/trachybasaltic and trachytic magmas. The proportion of mafic magmas in the mixing is high in the case of intermediate hybrid lavas, while it is low in the more hybrid silicic lavas, suggesting more complex processes and multiple mixing events. Mingling evidence in Payún Matrú lavas are far less common than complete mixing evidence. The silicic end-member of the mixing would be a trachyte of intermediate silica content, and not the most silicic ones. The youngest lavas and pyroclastic deposits of the post-caldera stage of Payún Matrú do not show compositional or textural evidence of mixing/mingling with basic magmas.

Temperature estimates for the basaltic and trachybasaltic magmas are between 1122° and 1276 °C, and pressure estimates lie between 0.48–0.78 GPa (equivalent to a lithostatic load of 18–29 km of crust, assuming a mean crustal density of 2.7 g/cm³). Temperature estimates of the syn-caldera and post-caldera trachytic magmas of Payún Matrú are 863°–1004 °C.

The trigger mechanism for the caldera-forming eruption of the Portezuelo Ignimbrite may have been a more mafic magma input into the trachytic chamber of the Payún Matrú volcano. The incomplete mixing between the mafic and hotter magma and the trachytic magma would have favored the explosive nature of the eruption, instead of an effusive character.

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Appendix A. Supplementary data

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