Understanding magmatic processes prior to the 1257 CE Mount Samalas eruption through plagioclase zoning patterns

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The 1257 CE eruption of Mount Samalas (Lombok, Indonesia) is one of the largest volcanic events of the Holocene and had global climate repercussions lasting several years [1-3]. Previous work has shown that the eruption evacuated an homogenous trachydacite magma body containing 6-17 vol.% crystals comprised mostly of plagioclase, amphibole, and orthopyroxene [3,4]. In this work, we combine backscatter electron imaging and electron probe micro-analysis to take a closer look at the zoning patterns of plagioclase phenocrysts extracted from pumice samples in order to further constrain the magmatic processes and conditions prevailing in the lead up to eruption. The composition of 1257 plagioclase phenocrysts displays a bimodal distribution, with prominent modes at An57-82 and An₅₂₋₅₆, consistent with previous work [3,4]. Two broad types of crystals are observed: (1) normally zoned, with a high-An core, which may be patchy, and a wide low-An rim, and (2) weakly oscillatory zoned without a high-An core. In detail, electron probe traverses reveal that the ~300-µm-thick low-An rims of several crystals across these groups actually display progressive reverse zoning from minima of An40-45 in their inner parts to maxima of ~An55 in contact with glass. These observations suggest that final assembly of the 1257 trachydacite magma involved compositional and/or thermal rejuvenation. Based on evidence of reequilibration of Mg concentrations in plagioclase [4], this work attempts to constrain the timescales of magma reservoir buildup prior to the 1257 eruption.

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