

The Romont tephrostratotype of the Rocourt Tephra, a widespread chronostratigraphic marker in western Europe

Supplementary material

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ABSTRACT

In the loess stratotype of Belgium, in Romont quarry (Bassenge), minerals of a volcanic ash-fall deposit are dispersed in large quantities as a cryptotephra within a fossil humic horizon dating back to the end of the Weichselian Early Glacial. Chemical analysis of pyroxenes and amphiboles indicates that those minerals belong to the Rocourt Tephra as described in another four reference localities. The stratotype of this tephra is thus maintained in this quarry, as it is the only site of high chronostratigraphic value where it is still accessible.

RÉSUMÉ

Dans le stratotype des loëss de Belgique, dans la carrière du Romont (Bassenge), des minéraux d'une retombée volcanique sont dispersés en fortes quantités sous forme de cryptotéphra dans un horizon humifère fossile qui remonte à la fin du Début Glaciaire weichsélien. L'analyse chimique des pyroxènes et amphiboles démontre que ces minéraux appartiennent au Téphra de Rocourt tel qu'il a été décrit dans quatre autres localités de référence. Le stratotype de ce téphra est maintenu dans cette carrière car c'est le seul site à haute valeur chronostratigraphique où il est encore accessible.

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Appendix 1. Results of chemical analyses of clinopyroxenes.

Major oxides (weight percent)	Megacrysts															Xenocrysts																																	
	51.06	52.83	47.37	47.21	51.89	49.47	48.36	51.09	48.00	50.52	50.84	49.35	51.12	47.07	52.32	52.59	49.16	51.18	50.17	51.03	51.37	51.98	52.09	47.63	1.872	1.912	1.752	1.758	1.857	1.800	1.768	1.833	1.757	1.845	1.843	1.824	1.866	1.729	1.884	1.900	1.790	1.864	1.852	1.873	1.835	1.880	1.868	1.758	
SiO ₂	0.17	0.34	1.53	1.47	0.60	1.01	1.57	0.86	1.45	0.80	0.82	1.03	0.85	2.41	0.55	0.49	1.41	0.76	0.98	0.86	1.16	0.78	0.96	1.74	0.128	0.088	0.248	0.242	0.143	0.200	0.232	0.167	0.243	0.155	0.157	0.176	0.134	0.271	0.116	0.100	0.210	0.136	0.148	0.127	0.165	0.120	0.132	0.242	
TiO ₂	4.82	3.42	8.07	8.10	4.96	6.45	7.65	5.58	8.12	5.12	5.20	6.11	4.63	9.43	4.46	4.01	7.71	5.32	5.40	5.50	6.58	5.39	5.59	8.55	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Al ₂ O ₃	3.04	3.01	5.09	4.81	3.93	5.36	4.29	5.30	5.26	5.24	5.23	5.03	4.48	4.94	5.30	5.12	5.05	5.11	5.71	4.93	5.85	5.12	5.38	7.51	0.081	0.058	0.103	0.113	0.066	0.076	0.097	0.069	0.108	0.066	0.066	0.091	0.065	0.137	0.073	0.070	0.121	0.092	0.087	0.111	0.112	0.109	0.104	0.130	
FeO ^t	1.32	1.61	0.04	0.15	1.36	0.46	0.83	0.74	0.59	0.46	0.78	0.48	0.81	0.00	0.78	0.85	0.53	0.72	0.40	0.46	0.33	0.43	0.06	0.005	0.009	0.043	0.041	0.016	0.028	0.043	0.023	0.040	0.022	0.022	0.029	0.023	0.066	0.015	0.013	0.039	0.021	0.027	0.024	0.031	0.021	0.026	0.048		
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.17	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.16	0.14	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.13	0.13	0.10	0.08	0.12	0.08	0.09	0.18	0.15	0.20	0.12	0.18	0.23	0.059	0.057	0.132	0.113	0.071	0.118	0.083	0.091	0.101	0.089	0.087	0.077	0.052	0.074	0.044	0.038	0.057	0.045	0.059	0.017	0.041	0.020	0.023	0.102	
MnO	17.59	17.06	13.91	13.84	17.94	16.42	14.63	17.60	15.01	17.41	17.29	16.02	16.87	13.99	19.05	18.85	14.88	17.05	17.24	16.63	17.05	16.83	17.30	12.66	0.038	0.046	0.001	0.004	0.039	0.013	0.024	0.021	0.017	0.013	0.022	0.014	0.023	0.000	0.022	0.024	0.015	0.021	0.012	0.013	0.009	0.012	0.010	0.002	
CaO	19.23	20.11	21.49	21.26	19.15	19.58	21.62	18.80	20.10	18.67	18.81	19.22	19.82	20.42	16.87	17.05	20.53	18.43	17.14	18.46	18.24	18.79	18.48	20.11	0.028	0.030	0.023	0.033	0.038	0.037	0.043	0.054	0.050	0.056	0.057	0.064	0.070	0.067	0.086	0.088	0.082	0.088	0.089	0.107	0.104	0.109	0.109	0.113	
Na ₂ O	0.84	1.30	1.04	0.96	0.92	0.86	0.80	0.86	0.90	0.81	0.89	0.86	0.76	0.99	0.77	0.82	0.84	0.87	0.90	0.85	0.86	0.88	1.22	0.789	0.800	0.698	0.695	0.770	0.728	0.710	0.742	0.684	0.754	0.746	0.725	0.765	0.656	0.760	0.766	0.686	0.734	0.725	0.728	0.703	0.729	0.728	0.605		
K ₂ O	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.05	-0.00	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.04	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	
Total	98.26	99.80	98.64	97.97	100.95	99.79	99.87	100.95	99.51	99.12	99.98	98.26	99.46	99.39	100.19	99.93	100.24	99.58	98.13	98.88	101.65	100.35	101.16	99.75	0.006	0.004	0.002	0.004	0.009	0.008	0.009	0.014	0.010	0.015	0.015	0.014	0.006	0.004	0.003	0.004	0.005	0.005	0.007	0.008	0.009	0.010	0.010	0.011	
Fe ₂ O ₃ *	2.15	2.09	4.75	4.03	2.63	4.30	3.00	3.38	3.67	3.24	3.17	2.77	1.91	2.67	1.62	1.40	2.09	1.64	2.13	0.62	1.52	0.73	0.86	3.66	0.000	0.003	0.003	0.004	0.005	0.004	0.003	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.004	0.004	0.003	0.003	0.004	0.002	0.003	0.005	0.005	0.006	0.006	0.004	0.005	0.007
FeO	1.11	1.13	0.81	1.18	1.57	1.49	1.59	2.26	1.95	2.32	2.38	2.54	2.76	2.54	3.85	3.86	3.17	3.63	3.79	4.37	4.49	4.47	4.61	4.22	0.966	0.964	0.968	0.954	0.953	0.951	0.942	0.933	0.932	0.930	0.928	0.918	0.916	0.908	0.898	0.897	0.893	0.890	0.871	0.871	0.871	0.870	0.870	0.843	

* Paplike et al. (1974)

Formulae on the basis of 6 oxygens

Appendix 1 (continued).

Major oxides (weight percent)		Phenocrysts																			
SiO ₂	45.97	50.18	50.23	47.46	48.89	46.84	43.41	44.46	44.82	48.82	47.61	48.03	47.70	48.84	48.43	43.72	48.00	48.99			
TiO ₂	2.02	1.21	0.68	2.25	1.65	2.39	3.78	3.20	3.16	1.51	2.21	2.14	2.08	2.04	2.07	4.02	2.14	2.06			
Al ₂ O ₃	7.87	5.36	5.29	6.32	4.96	5.99	8.95	8.24	7.78	6.10	5.22	5.35	4.94	4.94	5.21	9.21	4.79	5.01			
FeO ^t	5.85	4.35	5.03	5.14	5.05	5.92	6.29	6.57	5.66	4.62	5.64	5.61	5.36	5.56	5.93	6.16	5.26	5.42			
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.37	0.55	0.73	0.38	0.35	0.20	0.31	0.17	0.52	0.57	0.25	0.33	0.16	0.22	0.16	0.33	0.15	0.28			
MnO	0.09	0.11	0.10	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.09	0.12	0.05	0.13	0.12	0.10	0.07	0.10	0.04	0.07	0.11	0.06			
MgO	13.50	16.18	17.88	14.48	15.51	14.11	12.62	12.66	13.15	14.69	14.76	14.52	14.34	14.52	14.86	12.32	13.95	14.60			
CaO	23.35	21.93	18.26	23.31	22.96	23.44	23.18	23.50	23.22	22.87	22.88	23.30	23.42	23.36	22.41	23.20	23.13	22.83			
Na ₂ O	0.54	0.66	0.84	0.37	0.32	0.33	0.42	0.43	0.38	0.50	0.29	0.33	0.27	0.37	0.40	0.38	0.33	0.30			
K ₂ O	0.06	0.00	0.04	0.06	0.01	0.06	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.04			
Total	99.62	100.54	99.09	99.81	99.73	99.34	99.05	99.37	98.75	99.89	99.00	99.71	98.34	99.98	99.52	99.39	97.87	99.59			
Fe ₂ O ₃ *	6.39	3.73	4.13	4.36	4.11	5.18	5.71	5.94	4.73	3.33	4.23	3.98	3.68	3.33	3.64	4.15	2.32	2.02			
FeO	0.09	1.00	1.31	1.22	1.35	1.25	1.15	1.22	1.40	1.63	1.83	2.03	2.05	2.56	2.65	2.42	3.17	3.60			

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Formulae on the basis of 6 oxygens

Si	1.698	1.817	1.831	1.749	1.797	1.740	1.626	1.659	1.679	1.791	1.771	1.775	1.787	1.800	1.791	1.634	1.810	1.813
Al ^{IV}	0.302	0.183	0.169	0.251	0.203	0.260	0.374	0.341	0.321	0.209	0.229	0.225	0.213	0.200	0.209	0.366	0.190	0.187
T	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Al ^{VI}	0.041	0.046	0.058	0.023	0.011	0.002	0.020	0.021	0.022	0.055	0.000	0.008	0.006	0.015	0.017	0.040	0.023	0.031
Ti ^{IV}	0.056	0.033	0.019	0.062	0.046	0.067	0.106	0.090	0.089	0.042	0.061	0.060	0.059	0.057	0.057	0.113	0.061	0.057
Fe ³⁺	0.178	0.102	0.113	0.121	0.114	0.145	0.161	0.167	0.133	0.092	0.120	0.111	0.104	0.092	0.101	0.117	0.066	0.056
Cr	0.011	0.016	0.021	0.011	0.010	0.006	0.009	0.005	0.015	0.017	0.007	0.010	0.005	0.007	0.005	0.010	0.005	0.008
Fe ²⁺	0.003	0.027	0.031	0.035	0.038	0.037	0.034	0.037	0.042	0.047	0.051	0.059	0.061	0.075	0.074	0.072	0.096	0.103
Mg	0.712	0.777	0.758	0.747	0.781	0.744	0.669	0.681	0.698	0.748	0.760	0.753	0.766	0.755	0.745	0.649	0.751	0.744
M1	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Fe ²⁺	0.000	0.003	0.009	0.002	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.004	0.004	0.003	0.004	0.007	0.004	0.004	0.008
Mg	0.032	0.096	0.214	0.048	0.068	0.037	0.036	0.024	0.036	0.055	0.059	0.047	0.035	0.043	0.075	0.037	0.033	0.061
Mn	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.004	0.002	0.004	0.004	0.003	0.002	0.003	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.002
Ca	0.924	0.851	0.713	0.920	0.904	0.933	0.930	0.940	0.932	0.899	0.912	0.923	0.941	0.922	0.888	0.929	0.935	0.905
Na	0.039	0.046	0.059	0.026	0.023	0.024	0.031	0.031	0.028	0.035	0.021	0.023	0.019	0.026	0.028	0.027	0.024	0.021
K	0.003	0.000	0.002	0.003	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.002	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.002
M2	1.001	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.001	1.001	1.001	1.001	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Total	4.001	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.001	4.001	4.001	4.001	4.001	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Mg/Mg+Fe ²⁺	0.996	0.966	0.960	0.955	0.953	0.952	0.951	0.949	0.944	0.941	0.937	0.927	0.925	0.910	0.909	0.901	0.887	0.878