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3 **magmatic liquids**

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10 **ABSTRACT**

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12 Despite its low abundance, water has a great influence on the geodynamics of the Earth's

13 upper mantle. Indeed, water has the ability to modify the phase relations and to affect in a

14 significant way the rheological properties of minerals and melts. However the mechanisms of

15 water incorporation in silicate melts and the impact on the melt properties is still not fully

16 understood. To improve our understanding of hydrous silicate melts, we have performed a

17 series of molecular dynamics simulations to evaluate the H₂O solubility, the liquid-vapour

18 coexistence, the surface tension, the water speciation, the equation of state, the viscosity, the

19 electrical conductivity, the diffusion of silicate elements and protonated species, as well as the

20 melt structure of various magmatic liquids representative of the Earth's upper mantle

21 (rhyolite, andesite, MORB, peridotite, and kimberlite). For that, we introduce a new force

22 field for water, which is compatible with an accurate force field for silicates recently

23 developed (Dufils et al., 2018). A comparison between MD calculations and experimental

24 data (when they exist) shows that the MD simulations are reliable. Among all the results

25 obtained in this study, the following points may be emphasized. (1) The solubility of water

26 changes very little when the melt composition evolves from rhyolitic to andesitic and basaltic,

27 but it is strongly enhanced in ultramafic melts. (2) When hydrous melt and aqueous fluid are

28 coexisting with each other, the oxide content of the aqueous fluid increases rapidly with the

29 pressure. (3) A consequence of point (2) is that water has a large influence on the surface

30 tension, as the latter one drops by a factor of 2~4 when the water pressure increases from 1

31 bar to a few kbar. (4) Concerning the water speciation, an important point is that the MD

32 simulation probes the liquid phase, when most of the experimental studies are dealing with

33 glasses. Thus at magmatic temperatures the concentration in hydroxyl groups and the one in

34 molecular water are crossing for a water content of about 15 wt%, a value much higher than

35 the one observed in glasses ($\sim 3 - 4$ wt%). (5) MD calculations show that the molar volume
36 of the melt is a linear function of the water content, and so for all the chemical compositions
37 investigated. Therefore the water partial molar volume (V_{H_2O}) is virtually independent of total
38 water content and of water speciation. A by-product of this result is that an ideal mixing rule
39 between water and the silicate component leads to an accurate estimate of the melt molar
40 volume. (6) At fixed T and P, the melt viscosity decreases with water content, more
41 depolymerized the melt the smaller the influence of water on the viscosity. However, at the
42 high temperatures investigated in this study ($T \geq 1673$ K), the decrease in viscosity induced
43 by water does not exceed one or two orders of magnitude, as compared with many orders of
44 magnitude near the glass transition temperature. (7) The diffusivity of ions increases
45 exponentially with water content. As for the protonated species, it is found that, $D_{O^{2-}} <$
46 $D_{OH^-} < D_{H_2O} \leq D_{H_3O^+}$, the lower the NBO/T ratio the smaller the ratio D_{OH^-}/D_{H_2O} . (8) A
47 structural analysis shows that hydroxyl groups are more preferentially linked to metal cations
48 than to structure makers. In contrast, H_2O molecules (and H_3O^+ as well) are almost
49 exclusively linked to metal cations. As for the melt polymerization, it decreases gradually
50 with the water content in andesitic and basaltic melts, whereas it remains almost invariant in
51 peridotitic melt. (9) O-H...O bonds (hydrogen bonding) taking place between the hydroxyl
52 groups, the water molecules, and the oxygens of the silicate are characterized by O...O
53 distances in the range $2.5 \sim 3.2$ Å, and by O...H-O distances in the range $1.5 \sim 2.2$ Å. But,
54 because of the high temperature of investigation, these H-bonds are generally weak (weaker
55 than in liquid water at ambient).

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65 tension, viscosity, self-diffusion coefficients, electrical conductivity, liquid structure.

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1. INTRODUCTION

It is well established that, despite its low abundance, water has greatly influenced the Earth's evolution in keeping it as a habitable planet. Earth's interior is the most important reservoir of water, storing a water amount estimated at 3-100 times the equivalent mass of the oceans according to the estimates (Peslier et al., 2017). This water likely was incorporated during the accretion period of the planet and later by asteroidal and cometary impacts (Hallis et al., 2015; O'Brien et al., 2018). Water is thought to be the key agent at the origin of plate tectonics on Earth and may be on other terrestrial exo-planets (Korenaga, 2010; Tikoo and Elkins-Tanton, 2017). When plate subduction takes place, the entrainment of surface water hosted in hydrous minerals and nominally anhydrous minerals (NAMs) leads to a partial melting and dehydration of the subducted plate with production of hydrous melts and aqueous solutions (Poli and Schmidt, 2002). These highly buoyant liquids, in turn, spark off arc volcanism, which at the end is returning water to the hydrosphere. There is also growing evidence that water has played a role in the generation of large igneous provinces (Xia et al., 2016). In fact the influence of water on geodynamics comes from its ability to modify the phase relations and to affect in a significant way the rheological properties of minerals and melts. Thus water lowers the solidus temperature of NAMs by several hundreds of degrees (Goranson, 1938; Green, 1973; Kawamoto and Holloway, 1997; Parman and Grove, 2004; Tenner et al., 2012; Medard and Grove, 2008; Novella et al., 2017), decreases the density of the resulting melts (Ochs and Lange, 1999; Richet et al., 2000; Matsukage et al., 2005; Sakamaki et al., 2006, 2009; Agee, 2008; Seifert et al., 2013; Malfait et al., 2014a, 2014b), and renders the latter ones much less viscous than the corresponding water-free melts (Shaw, 1963; Khitarov et al., 1978; Persikov et al., 1990, 2017; Schulze et al., 1996; Richet et al., 1996; Romano et al., 2003; Vetere et al., 2007, 2008; Misiti et al., 2011; Robert et al., 2013; Di Genova et al., 2014). All these features may have a great impact on the magma mobility at depth and on the eruptive style. Moreover, at conditions prevailing in subduction zones, hydrous melts and aqueous fluids (possibly as supercritical fluids) generated by slab melting and dehydration in subducting lithosphere are the main metamorphic agents leading to huge mass transfer and prolific volcanism (Manning, 2004; Hermann et al., 2006; Kawamoto, 2006; Kawamoto et al., 2012; Ni et al., 2017).

Despite many studies, the mechanisms of water incorporation in silicate melts and their impact on melt properties are still not fully understood. For instance the water solubility in melts of natural composition (from silicic to mafic) is found to be weakly composition

105 dependent on the T-P range (963-1673K, 0-0.6 GPa) commonly investigated (Khitarov et al.,
106 1959; Hamilton et al., 1964; Silver et al., 1990; Dixon et al., 1995; Carroll and Blank, 1997;
107 Moore et al., 1998; Benne and Behrens, 2003; Di Matteo et al., 2004; Schmidt and Behrens,
108 2008; Lesne et al., 2011; Shishkina et al., 2014; Vetere et al., 2014, and for a data compilation
109 see Table 4 in Iacono-Marziano et al. (2012) and Table 1 in Duan (2014)), though the alkali
110 content seems to play a role (higher the alkali content higher the water solubility).
111 Nevertheless, the H₂O solubility in ultramafic melts is almost unknown (however see
112 Moussallam et al. (2016) for a kimberlitic melt) and the one in basaltic melt at upper mantle
113 conditions has been recently reevaluated at a much higher value than predicted by solubility
114 models based on low-pressure data (Mitchell et al., 2017). Astonishingly a more complex
115 situation occurs with alkali silicates, alumino silicates, and haplogranitic melts (McMillan and
116 Holloway, 1987; Dingwell et al., 1997; Mysen and Acton, 1999; Mysen and Wheeler, 2000;
117 Holtz et al., 2000; Mysen and Cody, 2004; Simakin et al., 2010) for which a wider variation
118 in water solubility is observed. Thus an increase of the *NBO/T* ratio (where *NBO* is the
119 number of nonbridging oxygens and T that of tetrahedrally coordinated cations Si and Al)
120 driven either by a change in Al or in alkali contents (or both), generally leads to an increase of
121 the H₂O solubility.

122 More problematic is the fact that the water speciation (the ratio between hydroxyl groups
123 and molecular water) is highly temperature dependent and varies with the H₂O content
124 (Stolper, 1989; Silver et al., 1990; Shen and Keppler, 1995; Nowak and Behrens, 1995, 2001;
125 Zhang et al., 1997; Sowerby and Keppler, 1999; Ihinger et al., 1999; Kohn, 2000; Behrens
126 and Nowak, 2003; Liu et al., 2004; Behrens and Yamashita, 2008; Chertkova and Yamashita,
127 2015). Thus the water speciation at magmatic temperatures is not preserved on quenching. So
128 the speciation observed in silicate glasses at room temperature does not correspond to that in
129 the equilibrated liquid, and is a picture of the speciation frozen in at (or near) the glass
130 transition temperature (*T_g*). The amount of OH groups measured at magmatic temperatures is
131 higher and that of molecular water is lower than those measured below *T_g*, even if the
132 progressive increase of the H₂O_{mol}/OH ratio with increasing H₂O content observed in the glass
133 is still valid in the liquid. In fact it is the crossing point between the convex upward trend of
134 OH concentration and the concave upward trend of H₂O_{mol} concentration with total water
135 content that is shifting toward higher water contents when the temperature is increased.
136 Hence, the structural information obtained from spectroscopic studies (NMR, IR, and Raman)
137 on hydrous silicate glasses and suggesting that water acts as a structure modifier agent tending
138 to depolymerize silicate melts (Bartholomew et al., 1980; Mysen et al., 1980; Stolper, 1982;

139 Mysen and Virgo, 1986; McMillan and Rémélé, 1986; Kohn et al., 1989; Zotov and
140 Keppler, 1998; Zeng et al., 2000; Xue and Kanzaki, 2004, 2006, 2008; Malfait, 2014; Malfait
141 and Xue, 2014; Le Losq et al., 2015a), has to be reevaluated for describing hydrous melts at
142 upper mantle conditions. More relevant clues on the way OH groups and molecular water
143 incorporate into the melt structure can be inferred from in situ Raman studies (Mysen, 2010;
144 Le Losq et al., 2013, 2017). However, a clear interpretation of the evolution of the water band
145 shape with melt composition and temperature in terms of water (OH, H₂O) – silicate
146 interactions is difficult due to a lack of a robust theoretical basis relating O-H vibration band
147 data and melt structure.

148 In order to improve our understanding of hydrous melts we have investigated by classical
149 molecular dynamics simulations (MD) the incorporation of water into silicate melts of various
150 composition mimicking naturally occurring liquids (rhyolitic, andesitic, basaltic, peridotitic
151 and kimberlitic). Although first principle molecular dynamics calculations (FPMD) seem to
152 be a better choice in terms of theoretical background and accuracy, as they have been
153 successfully used to investigate some hydrous silicate melts from molten silica to basaltic
154 liquids (Pöhlmann et al., 2004; Mookherjee et al., 2008; Karki and Stixrude, 2010; Karki et
155 al., 2010; Bouyer et al., 2010; Bajgain et al., 2015, 2019), their high computational cost limits
156 drastically system size and simulation time ($N \sim 100\text{-}300$ atoms, and $t_{\text{run}} \sim 10\text{-}150$ ps). In
157 contrast, large system size ($N \sim 10^3\text{-}10^6$ atoms) and long simulation time (10-100 ns) are now
158 routinely used in classical MD simulations, so that, the transport properties and the solubility
159 of volatiles in melts at mantle conditions can be evaluated with a good accuracy (e.g. Guillot
160 and Sator, 2011, 2012; Aubry et al., 2013; Dufils et al., 2017, 2018). But the price to pay is to
161 implement in the MD simulation code an accurate force field describing realistically the
162 interactions between the elements of the hydrous melt under investigation. The development
163 of such a force field is detailed in section 2. The water solubility in silicate melts of silicic to
164 ultramafic composition, the fluid-melt phase coexistence, the surface tension, the water
165 speciation, the equation of state, the transport properties (viscosity, electrical conductivity and
166 diffusion coefficients), and the liquid structure are evaluated and discussed in section 3. The
167 main results of the study are summarized in section 4.

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169 2. The Force Field

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171 Water is certainly the most investigated liquid by classical MD simulations in the last three
172 decades due to its importance in physics, chemistry, and biology (Robinson et al., 1996). A

173 majority of these studies are based on models where the water molecule is described as rigid
 174 or flexible (i.e. vibrating), polarizable or not (i.e. the electronic clouds can be distorted or
 175 not), and undissociable (for reviews see [Guillot, 2002](#); [Vega and Abascal, 2011](#); [Cisneros et](#)
 176 [al., 2016](#)). In the present study where it is question to simulate as realistically as possible
 177 hydrous silicate melts, it is crucial that the water force field implemented in the MD code
 178 accounts for the self-ionization (or auto protolysis) reaction ([Stolper, 1982](#)),



180 In the simulation literature, only a few models are describing the water molecule as
 181 dissociable (e.g. [Lemberg and Stillinger, 1975](#); [Stillinger and Rahman, 1978](#); [Stillinger and](#)
 182 [David, 1978](#); [Kumagai et al., 1994](#); [David, 1996](#); [Corrales, 1998](#); [Mahadevan and Garofalini,](#)
 183 [2007](#); [Pinilla et al., 2012](#); [Koziol et al., 2016](#), [Zhang and van Duin, 2017](#)). Of particular
 184 interest are the central-force models initiated by [Lemberg and Stillinger \(1975\)](#) and for which
 185 water is considered as an electrolyte where hydrogen and oxygen are individual entities that
 186 can be eventually associate to form molecules (according to the thermodynamic conditions).
 187 In this framework we have developed a new central-force model of water that is compatible
 188 with the force field for silicate melts that we have recently introduced ([Dufils et al., 2017,](#)
 189 [2018](#)), and which is leading to an accurate description of the thermodynamic, structure, and
 190 transport properties of magmatic liquids covering a large range of chemical composition
 191 (from felsic to ultramafic). However, the use of our force field for silicates imposes some
 192 constraints on the parameterization of the water model.

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194 **2.1 A dissociable model for water.**

195 A requisite for the development of the water force field (FF) is that the water molecule can
 196 dissociate into protons H^+ and hydroxide ions OH^- ($\text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{OH}^-$). Moreover, the proton
 197 H^+ may form a hydronium ion ($\text{H}^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$) or leads to a hydroxide ion when
 198 interacting with oxygen of the silicate ($\text{H}^+ + \text{O}_{\text{sil}}^{2-} \rightarrow \text{OH}^-$). The two first reactions are mostly
 199 observed in pure water and in aqueous solutions whereas the last reaction takes place in
 200 silicate melt. Consequently the hydroxide ions issued from the above reactions have to be
 201 identical with each other whatever is the proton donor or proton acceptor oxygen. So, the
 202 following constraints have to be fulfilled.

- 203 (1) The oxygen atoms of the water molecules and those of the silicate melt have to be
 204 undistinguishable to each other, that constraints the charge of the oxygen to be fixed
 205 (i.e. $q_{\text{O}} = -0.945e$) and the van der Waals oxygen-oxygen interaction to be the same.

206 (2) A consequence of (1) is that the hydroxyl groups are all identical, the charge of the
 207 hydrogen atom being constrained by the electroneutrality of the water molecule (i.e.
 208 $q_H = -q_O/2 = +0.4725 e$).

209 Notice that, in our model, the electronegativity of the oxygen atom is assumed to be, on
 210 average, the same in liquid water and in the silicate melt. In fact, FPMD calculations show
 211 that the electronegativity of the oxygen is mostly the same in liquid water and in molten
 212 silicates (e.g. [Badyal et al., 2000](#); [Vuilleumier, 2014](#); [Liu et al., 2015](#); [Willow et al., 2015](#)) and
 213 is close to the value used in the present study ($q_O = -0.945 e$). However the latter one is an
 214 effective charge (time independent), which implicitly takes into account at once the internal
 215 charge transfer along the O-H bond and the electronic polarization of the water molecule
 216 induced by its environment in the liquid. Therefore, the water dipole moment of our model in
 217 the liquid at ambient is high ($\langle \mu \rangle = 2.57 D$ instead of 1.86 D in the gas phase) and is
 218 comparable to the value estimated by FPMD calculations where the electronic polarization is
 219 explicitly accounted for (~ 2.5 - $2.7 D$ in [Silvestrelli and Parrinello, 1999](#); [Zhang et al., 2011](#);
 220 [Pan et al., 2013](#); [Liu et al., 2015](#); [Willow et al., 2015](#); [Chen et al., 2017](#)).

221 In this framework we have developed a water FF in which the water molecule is
 222 represented by three force centers merged into the O and H nuclei, can dissociate, and is not
 223 electronically polarizable. The interaction energy between oxygen and hydrogen atoms and
 224 that between hydrogen atoms are composed of 2- and 3- body terms, whereas the oxygen-
 225 oxygen interaction energy is composed of only 2-body terms. The functional forms that we
 226 impose are the following.

227 For oxygen-hydrogen interactions,

$$228 \quad v_{OH}(r) =$$

$$229 \quad \frac{q_O q_H}{r} + B_{OH} e^{-r/\rho_{OH}} + \frac{E_w}{2} \left(\tanh\left(\frac{r-l_w}{\sigma_w}\right) - 1 \right) + E_b e^{-(r-l_b)^2/2\sigma_b^2} - E_{hb} e^{-(r-l_{hb})^2/2\sigma_{hb}^2} \quad (2)$$

230 and

$$231 \quad v_{HOH}(r_{OH_1}, r_{OH_2}, \theta_{HOH}) = \frac{k_{HOH}}{2} (\theta - \theta_0^{HOH})^2 e^{-r_{OH_1}^8/\rho_{HOH}^8} \times e^{-r_{OH_2}^8/\rho_{HOH}^8} . \quad (3)$$

232 For hydrogen-hydrogen interactions,

$$233 \quad v_{HH}(r) = \frac{q_H q_H}{r} - E_{HH} e^{-(r-l_{HH})^2/2\sigma_{HH}^2} \quad (4)$$

234 and

$$235 \quad v_{HHH}(r_{H_1H_2}, r_{H_1H_3}, \theta_{HHH}) = \frac{k_{HHH}}{2} (\theta - \theta_0^{HHH})^2 e^{-r_{H_1H_2}^8/\rho_{HOH}^8} \times e^{-r_{H_1H_3}^8/\rho_{HOH}^8} . \quad (5)$$

236 For oxygen-oxygen interactions,

$$237 \quad v_{OO}(r) = \frac{q_O q_O}{r} + B_{OO} e^{-r/\rho_{OO}} - \frac{C_{OO}}{r^6} . \quad (6)$$

238 With regard to the 2-body potential energy between oxygen and hydrogen atoms (see
 239 Eq.2), the first term corresponds to the electrostatic energy, the second term is a core
 240 repulsion energy, the third term is a potential well contributing to the intramolecular O-H
 241 bond, the fourth term generates a potential barrier preventing the formation of long lasting O-
 242 H-O bonds, and the fifth term contributes to the formation of hydrogen bonds. As for the 3-
 243 body interaction term (Eq.3) it insures that the water molecule exhibits the right geometry
 244 ($\theta_{HOH} \sim 104 - 109^\circ$). The damping function ($e^{-\left(\frac{r}{\rho}\right)^8}$ in Eq.3) prevents the formation of H-O-
 245 H triplets when one of the OH distances is greater than the O-H bond length (~ 1.0 Å) in the
 246 water molecule. Concerning the interaction energy between hydrogen atoms, the 2-body
 247 contribution (Eq.4) is composed of a repulsive electrostatic term and an attractive potential
 248 well at the equilibrium H-H distance equal to about 1.63 Å. However, the latter potential well
 249 tends to favor the formation of H_3O^+ with respect to H_2O , and to remedy this drawback an
 250 energy penalty is added via the 3-body term given by Eq.5. After optimization the cumulative
 251 effect of the 2- and 3- body contributions leads to the correct geometry of the hydronium ion
 252 ($\theta_{HOH} \sim 120^\circ$). As for the oxygen-oxygen interaction energy (Eq.6), it is composed of a
 253 repulsive electrostatic term, a repulsive core term, and an attractive dispersive term, these
 254 terms being the same than those describing the oxygen-oxygen interaction energy in silicates
 255 (Dufils et al., 2017, 2018).

256 The last step consists in adjusting the potential parameters not yet fixed (the final potential
 257 parameters are listed in Table 1). Those involving the geometry and the vibration modes of
 258 the water molecule (i.e. B_{OH} , ρ_{OH} , E_b , l_B , σ_B , E_w , l_w , σ_w , k_{HOH} , θ_0^{HOH} , E_{HH} , l_{HH} , and σ_{HH} in
 259 Eqs.2-4) have been fitted on the flexible simple point charge model of water (Wu et al.,
 260 2006), an accurate and popular model for water. As for the parameters involving the hydrogen
 261 bonds (i.e. E_{hb} , l_{hb} , and σ_{hb} in Eq.2), they have been adjusted so that the density and the
 262 structure of liquid water at ambient are reproduced at best (for the simulation methodology
 263 see Methods). For illustration, the molecular parameters of the water molecule in the liquid
 264 phase are shown in Fig.S1 of the Supplementary Data (SD), and a comparison between the
 265 MD-generated pair distribution functions ($g_{OO}(r)$, $g_{OH}(r)$ and $g_{HH}(r)$) and those obtained by
 266 neutrons and X-ray diffraction experiments (Soper and Benmore, 2008; Skinner et al., 2013)
 267 is presented in Fig.1. With regard to the structure data, the agreement between simulation and
 268 experiment is excellent and even is better than the one generally reached with popular water
 269 models of the literature. In order to test the ability of our model to reproduce other water
 270 properties near ambient, we have evaluated the temperature of maximum density, the

271 viscosity, the water self-diffusion coefficient, and the surface tension. Those properties are
272 satisfactorily reproduced, and our results compare well with simulation data obtained with
273 other models (see Table S1 of the SD).

274 To evaluate the validity of our model at crustal and mantle conditions we have first
275 calculated the equation of state (EOS) along several isotherms (373, 673, and 1000K). The
276 results are presented in Fig.2 and are compared with density data of the literature. The
277 calculated isotherms at 373 K and 673 K are very close to those deduced by [Abramson and](#)
278 [Brown \(2004\)](#) and by [Sanchez-Valle et al. \(2013\)](#) from acoustic velocity measurements,
279 although our model tends to slightly underestimate the density in the high-pressure range (e.g.
280 $\Delta n \sim -3.2\%$ at 673 K and 6 GPa). At higher temperature (e.g. 1000 K) the agreement with the
281 density measurements of [Withers et al. \(2000\)](#) in the pressure range 1.4-2.5 GPa is excellent,
282 and the calculated isotherm is also in accordance with the FPMD results ([French et al., 2009](#);
283 [Pan et al., 2013](#)) over a large pressure range (0.9-11.4 GPa). By comparison the SPCE model
284 of water (the most accurate model to reproduce PVT data among the commonly used models
285 of the simulation literature, see [Zhang and Duan \(2005\)](#), and [Stubbs \(2016\)](#)) does better at 373
286 and 673 K (see Fig.1) but fails to reproduce the FPMD results at higher temperature. Likely
287 this is due to the fact that the SPCE model is too simplistic (the water molecule is described as
288 non vibrating and non dissociative) to reproduce in every details the local structure in
289 supercritical water at these HT-HP conditions. As a matter of fact, the evolution of the water
290 structure with T and P as it is observed by in situ X-ray diffraction ([Goncharov et al., 2009](#),
291 [Ikeda et al., 2010](#)) and neutron diffraction experiments ([Strässle et al., 2006](#)) is well
292 reproduced by our MD simulations. In particular, the collapse of the hydrogen bond peak (at
293 about $r_{OH} = 1.8$ Å) in the $g_{OH}(r)$ pair distribution function upon heating (see Fig.1), expresses
294 the weakening of the hydrogen bond with the temperature. This weakening of hydrogen
295 bonding at elevated temperatures facilitates the densification of the local structure with the
296 pressure. The signature of this structural evolution with increasing T and P is the expansion of
297 the first shell of neighbors (see in Fig.1 how broadens the first peak of $g_{OO}(r)$ with T and P
298 and the correlated shift toward a greater distance of the second shell of neighbours, from 4.4
299 Å at ambient to 5.5-6 Å at supercritical conditions). Correspondingly, the oxygen
300 coordination number increases from ~ 4.6 at ambient conditions to ~ 10 at 1673 K and 1 GPa,
301 and ~ 13.4 at 1300 K and 10 GPa.

302 Concerning the transport properties of water at HT-HP, one notices that the calculated self-
303 diffusion coefficient compares well with FPMD calculations (e.g. $D = 80 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ at 1673 K
304 and 1 GPa as compared with $\sim 60 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ after [French et al., 2010](#)). Moreover, at 1673 K

305 and 1 GPa our simulations leads to a viscosity value of about 0.1 mPas (~ 1 mPa.s at
 306 ambient), an order of magnitude compatible with the viscosity data available at lower
 307 temperature (at about 573 K, see [Abramson \(2007\)](#) and [Liebsher \(2010\)](#)) and notwithstanding
 308 the considerable difficulty to measure the water viscosity at these thermodynamic conditions
 309 ([Abramson, 2015](#)). Our model also leads to the correct order of magnitude for the electrical
 310 conductivity (see Fig.3). The rapid increase of the electrical conductivity with temperature is
 311 caused by the concomitant effect of two mechanisms, the proton hopping which dominates at
 312 low temperature and the dissociation which increases drastically upon heating (in our
 313 simulations about 10% of the water molecules are dissociated at 1673 K and 1.5 g/cm³).
 314 However, it is noteworthy that the evaluation of the electrical conductivity is depending on
 315 the electric charge of the charge carriers (formal charges versus effective charges), and then
 316 different results can be reached, this point remaining controversial (see [French et al., 2011](#)).

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318 **2.2 Silicate-water interactions.**

319 As emphasized previously, we have chosen to describe the silicate-silicate interactions with
 320 the force field recently developed by us ([Dufils et al., 2017, 2018](#)). In this model the atom-
 321 atom interaction energy of any melt composition in the KNCMFATS system is given by a
 322 sum of pairwise contributions,

$$323 \quad v(r_{ij}) = \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} - A_{ij} e^{-\left(\frac{r_{ij} - l_{ij}}{\lambda}\right)^2} + B_{ij} e^{-\left(\frac{r_{ij}}{\rho_{ij}}\right)} - \frac{C_{ij}}{r_{ij}^6} \quad (7)$$

324 where r_{ij} is the distance between atoms i and j , q_i is the effective charge associated with the
 325 atom i , and where A_{ij} , l_{ij} , λ , B_{ij} , ρ_{ij} and C_{ij} are parameters describing covalent, repulsive and
 326 dispersive forces, respectively. To ensure the transferability of the interaction potential with
 327 the melt composition, the electroneutrality of the oxide components (e.g. SiO₂, Al₂O₃..) is
 328 assumed, that is the valence of the oxygen is kept fixed irrespective of its environment, and its
 329 value is set equal to $-0.945e$. The potential parameters are reported in [Dufils et al. \(2017,](#)
 330 [2018\)](#) and in Table S2 of the SD. Thus in this approach, when a water molecule (or a
 331 hydroxyl) is incorporated into the silicate melt, its oxygen atom interacts with the elements of
 332 the silicate in the same way as an oxygen of the silicate. Nevertheless, we will see in the
 333 following, that the environment around an oxygen atom belonging to a hydroxyl or a water
 334 molecule is quite different from that of an oxygen of the silicate (this is due to the presence of
 335 the OH bond in the protonated species). As a matter of fact, in our model the hydrogen atoms
 336 interact with the oxygens of the silicate through the OH interaction terms of the water force

337 field (see Eqs.2-3), whereas their interactions with the cations of the melt are described by the
 338 following potential,

$$339 \quad v_{HX}(r) = \frac{q_H q_X}{r} + \alpha_{HX} A_{OX} e^{-(r-l_{HX})/\lambda} \quad (8)$$

340 where H is a hydrogen atom and X a cation of the silicate. The first term in Eq.8 corresponds
 341 to the repulsive coulombic energy between the hydrogen H and the cation X , and the second
 342 term (repulsive) reduces the stabilizing effect of the covalent term acting between the oxygen
 343 linked to H and the cation X (second term in Eq.7). The parameters A_{OX} and λ are those
 344 associated with the Gaussian covalent term in Eq.7, and α_{HX} and l_{HX} are coefficients specific
 345 to the pair HX . The reason for the presence of the second term in Eq.8 is that the hydrogen
 346 atoms never evolve freely in the hydrous silicate melt, they are always attached to an oxygen
 347 atom to form a hydroxide ion, a water molecule, or a hydronium ion. Consequently, the
 348 $X...O-H$ bond is less stable than the $X...O$ bond because the repulsive coulombic interaction
 349 between X and H tends to increase the $X...O$ bond length, and also because the formation of
 350 the $O-H$ bond localizes the electronic cloud of the oxygen towards the H atom and weakens
 351 the $X...O-H$ covalency. Furthermore, this effect is thought to be more effective with structure
 352 maker cations than with structure modifiers for which the covalent character of the $X...O$
 353 bond is less pronounced. To parameterize this energetic contribution we have, in a first
 354 attempt, evaluated the solubility of water in a basaltic melt (because the H_2O solubility is well
 355 documented, see [Dixon et al. \(1995\)](#), [Lesne et al. \(2011\)](#), and [Shishkina et al. \(2014\)](#)) without
 356 using this term, and found a water solubility 2-3 times higher than the experimental value (~ 3
 357 wt% H_2O at 1 kbar and 1473 K). By increasing progressively the value of α_{HX} up to 0.25 (the
 358 H_2O solubility decreases when α_{HX} increases), and so only for structure maker cations (i.e.
 359 for $X = Si, Ti, Al,$ and Fe^{3+}), the aimed value of the H_2O solubility in basalt is recovered. The
 360 final set of potential parameters is given in Table 2.

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362 **3. Simulation results and discussion.**

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364 In order to cover a large range of melt composition and degree of polymerization, we have
 365 evaluated the effect of water on five compositions: a rhyolitic composition (with 83 wt%
 366 SiO_2) investigated by [Shen and Keppler \(1995\)](#) in their study of water speciation, an andesitic
 367 composition from Unzen volcano ([Chen et al., 1993](#)), a tholeiitic composition of the Mid-
 368 Atlantic Ridge (MORB sample TK21B in [Reynolds and Langmuir \(1997\)](#)), a garnet lherzolite
 369 (PHN1611) representative of the Earth's upper mantle ([Nixon and Boyd, 1973](#)), and a Ca-rich

370 kimberlitic composition (~25 wt% SiO₂) investigated by [Moussallam et al. \(2015, 2016\)](#) to
371 estimate CO₂ and H₂O solubilities in kimberlitic melt. The chemical compositions are detailed
372 in Table 3. Notice that in our MD simulations the silicate samples were composed of 1,000 or
373 2,000 atoms according to the property under investigation (1,000 atoms to evaluate the H₂O
374 solubility, and 2,000 atoms to evaluate the thermophysical properties of hydrous melts), at
375 which a certain amount of water is added. For instance, in adding 25, 101, or 211 water
376 molecules to a basaltic melt composed of 2,000 atoms, the water content in the corresponding
377 hydrous melt is approximately equal to 1, 4, or 8 wt%, respectively. Furthermore, the
378 simulations were run at high enough temperatures ($T \geq 1673$ K) to be sure that the
379 thermochemical equilibrium is reached in a reasonable computer time (of the order of 10 ns or
380 less).

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382 **3.1 Solubility of H₂O in melts.**

383 Before to investigate the properties of hydrous melts, it is important to know what is the
384 amount of water that a melt composition is able to accommodate at fixed T and P. A well-
385 established basic method to evaluate the solubility of a volatile (e.g. water) in a solvent (e.g.
386 silicate melt) by MD simulation consists to come into contact the two phases (phase
387 coexistence), the fluid and the melt. The water molecules being free to move across the
388 interface separating the supercritical H₂O phase and the liquid silicate, the solubility of H₂O is
389 obtained by evaluating, at equilibrium, the average number of protonated species (H₂O, OH⁻,
390 and H₃O⁺) present in the silicate melt. In practice, we have followed the simulation protocol
391 developed by two of us for evaluating the solubility of CO₂ in a silicate melt (for further
392 details see [Guillot and Sator \(2011\)](#), and Methods). In brief, at the beginning of a simulation
393 run the two phases (pure water and dry silicate melt) are in contact with each other at given T
394 and P. Gradually in the course of the MD run, some water molecules enter into the silicate
395 melt, diffuse and eventually react with the oxide anions of the melt to form OH⁻. A stationary
396 state is reached after several ns (depending on temperature and melt composition) when H₂O
397 molecules are exchanged continuously between the two phases, the reaction $\text{H}_2\text{O} + (\text{O}^{2-})_{\text{sil}} \leftrightarrow$
398 2OH^- taking place in the silicate and at the aqueous fluid – silicate melt interface, whereas the
399 reaction $2\text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{OH}^-$ occurring in the aqueous fluid or at the interface. For
400 illustration the mean concentration profile of water in the simulation cell is presented in Fig.4
401 for a hydrous MORB melt coexisting with its aqueous phase. The H₂O solubility then is given
402 by the amount of water (in mol/l, or in g of water/ g of melt) in the bulk of the H₂O-bearing

403 melt. Interestingly enough, the simulation shows that an excess of hydroxyl groups are
404 located at the interface between the hydrous melt and the aqueous phase, the water molecules
405 of the latter one stabilizing the hydroxyl groups of the melt. In fact, the amount of water in the
406 bulk of the H₂O-saturated melt (i.e. that corresponding to the flat region located between the
407 two interfaces in Fig.4) is defined with a good accuracy (a few percent) if the simulation time
408 is long enough ($t_{\text{run}} \sim 10\text{-}30$ ns). For instance, the time evolution of the number of H₂O, OH⁻,
409 and H₃O⁺ molecules in the bulk region of a saturated MORB melt at 1673 K and 1.0 GPa is
410 shown in Fig.5. Although each population of protonated species is fluctuating with time, the
411 total number (i.e. the sum of all species) fluctuates smoothly around a stationary value,
412 indicating that a chemical equilibrium is reached, and the water solubility well defined.

413 In applying the above methodology, we have evaluated the H₂O solubility in the five melts
414 compositions detailed in Table 3. The results are presented in Fig.6 as a function of pressure
415 at fixed T (T = 1673 K for andesite, MORB, peridotite, and kimberlite, and 2073 K for
416 rhyolite because its high viscosity at lower temperature precludes a good achievement of the
417 equilibrium in a reasonable simulation time). The pressure dependence of the H₂O solubility
418 in rhyolitic, andesitic, and basaltic melts is different from that in the two ultramafic melts
419 (peridotitic and kimberlitic), since the solubility is higher and increases much more rapidly
420 with the pressure in the latter two compositions. From the experimental viewpoint, it is well
421 documented that the H₂O solubility varies little with composition along the line rhyolite –
422 andesite – basalt, only a slight trend is evidenced (rhyo>and>bas, see among others, [Tamic et al. \(2001\)](#),
423 [Botcharnikov et al. \(2006\)](#), [Shishkina et al. \(2010, 2014\)](#)), a feature well
424 reproduced by our simulations. But the experimental data show a steeper increase of the
425 solubility with the pressure than predicted by the simulations (for instance some of the
426 solubility data are greater by a factor of ~ 2 at 0.5 GPa, see Fig.6). At this stage we don't
427 know if this discrepancy is due to a defect of our model or is generated by some simulation
428 inaccuracies (the solubility can be system size dependent, and the achievement of the
429 water/silicate melt coexistence equilibrium can be rather long). However, our results are much
430 closer to the solubility data obtained by [Mysen et al. \(1999, 2000, 2002, 2004\)](#) in alkali
431 silicates and in metal oxide alumino silicate melts between 0.8 and 2.0 GPa (e.g. in Fig.6).
432 Contrarily to other solubility studies using FIR spectroscopy and titration methods (for a
433 compilation of solubility data, see Table 1 in [Duan, 2014](#)), these authors evaluate the
434 solubility by locating the univariant phase boundary, melt \leftrightarrow melt + vapor, and by examining
435 the run products in a petrographic microscope. Is it the differences in composition (even for
436 similar *NBO/T* ratio) between the different studies (binary or ternary oxide mixtures versus

437 more complex or natural compositions), which could explain the differences in H₂O
438 solubility, or is it due to the experimental protocol used? With regard to the H₂O solubility in
439 ultramafic melts, we are aware of only one study (Moussallam et al., 2016) measuring the
440 solubility of a two-component fluid (H₂O + CO₂) in a molten Ca-rich kimberlite (e.g. TA6).
441 These authors conclude that the H₂O solubility in kimberlitic melt (in the P-range 0.1 – 0.35
442 GPa) is close to that found in other natural silicate melts. But in considering the large
443 experimental uncertainties leading to the solubility value ($\sim \pm 50\%$), we think that the last
444 conclusion is uncertain.

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446 **3.2 Coexisting fluids.**

447 In our simulation method the coexistence between the hydrous silicate melt and the
448 aqueous fluid is directly observed. In Fig.7 is reported the phase diagram in a (P, X_{H_2O})
449 representation along the isotherm T = 1673 K for andesite, MORB, peridotite, and kimberlite,
450 and along the isotherm T = 2073 K for rhyolite. A critical point can be surmised at about
451 (1. ~ 1.1 GPa; ~ 40 wt% H₂O) for kimberlite and at about (1. ~ 1.1 GPa; ~ 45 wt% H₂O) for
452 peridotite, whereas the critical point for rhyolite, andesite, and MORB is likely located well
453 above 2.0 GPa (with $X_{H_2O} > 50$ wt%). Above the critical point (i.e. at a higher pressure) a
454 complete miscibility between hydrous melt and aqueous fluid is expected. Complete phase
455 miscibility has been observed in the systems H₂O – SiO₂ (Kennedy et al., 1962; Newton and
456 Manning, 2008), H₂O – albite (Paillat et al., 1992; Shen and Keppler, 1997), and also in a
457 large range of melt composition including nepheline, jadeite, dacite, haplogranite, Ca-bearing
458 granite (see Bureau and Keppler, 1999), basalt (Mibe et al., 2011) and peridotite (Mibe et al.,
459 2007).

460 Concerning the H₂O – basalt system, Mibe et al. (2011) predict a phase coexistence at T =
461 1623 K and P = 2.8 GPa, and a critical point at about P = 3 – 3.3 GPa and $X_{H_2O} = 62 – 68$
462 wt% along the isotherm T = 1673 K, findings which are compatible with the phase envelope
463 obtained by simulation (see Fig.7). The composition of the aqueous fluid coexisting with the
464 hydrous MORB melt is shown in Fig.8 as function of P along the isotherm T = 1673 K. The
465 oxide content increases steadily with pressure although a decrease of the slope is observed
466 above 0.5 GPa. Thus the alkali content remains virtually constant above 0.5 GPa whereas that
467 of the metal oxides (Ca, Mg, Fe: O) increases with P at a smaller rate (especially for Mg). At
468 high pressure Si is the dominant element, followed by Ca, Mg, Fe, Na, Al, K, and Ti. A
469 similar hierarchy between the elements of the silicate is observed by Mibe et al. (2011) in the

470 aqueous fluid, except that the concentrations in Si and Al are higher (~ 18 wt% SiO₂ at 2.8
471 GPa instead of ~ 8 wt% by MD at 2.0 GPa, and ~ 4.5 wt% Al₂O₃ instead of ~ 1.5 wt%) and
472 those in metal oxides are lower (~ 1.8 wt% for CaO, MgO, and FeO, instead of 4.2 – 5.5 wt%
473 by MD).

474 For andesite, even if our phase envelope at $T = 1673$ K is restricted in pressure ($P_{\max} = 1$
475 GPa), its similarity with the MORB phase envelop leads us to the conclusion that a critical
476 point located at about 2.5 GPa, as extrapolated from the critical line obtained by [Kawamoto et](#)
477 [al. \(2012\)](#) for a Mg-rich andesite, is quite possible (see Fig.7). For peridotite, our calculations
478 predict a critical point at a much lower pressure (~ 1 GPa at 1673 K with $X_{H_2O} \sim 45$ wt%)
479 than the second critical end point (~ 3.8 GPa at 1273 K, after [Mibe et al. \(2007\)](#)). However, it
480 is noteworthy that the critical line (the locus of the critical points depending on P and T)
481 terminating at the second critical end point is surmised to show a strong decrease of the
482 critical pressure when the temperature is increasing (for a discussion, see [Ni et al., 2017](#)). So
483 it is not unreasonable to assume that our estimation of the critical point at 1673 K and ~ 1
484 GPa, could be in agreement with the data of [Mibe et al. \(2007\)](#) at 1273 K. Only the evaluation
485 by MD of the critical line could answer this question but this is a long task that we have not
486 pursued.

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489 **3.3 Surface tension.**

490 The surface tension is an important parameter for magma degassing as it has a direct
491 influence on the bubble nucleation rate ([Sparks, 1978](#)). This quantity can be directly evaluated
492 from the integration of the stress tensor along an axis perpendicular to the water-silicate
493 interface in the simulation box (see Methods). The calculated surface tension for the five
494 hydrous melts is reported in Fig.9 as function of (water) pressure. The effect of water is
495 remarkable as the surface tension drops very rapidly with the pressure (or the water content),
496 and so for any melt composition. As a matter of fact, the surface tension of a dry MORB melt
497 at 2273 K amounts to ~ 365 N/m by MD, a value in excellent agreement with the one
498 obtained by [Walker and Mullins \(1981\)](#) for a tholeiitic basalt at 1773 K (~ 365 N/m).
499 Furthermore, dry melts ranging from Fe-rich basalt to andesite and rhyolite have a surface
500 tension very close to ~ 350 N/m at 1473 K, with no systematic variations with composition
501 ([Walker and Mullins, 1981](#); [Bagdassarov et al., 2000](#)) and a weak temperature dependence
502 (on average the surface tension is positively correlated with the temperature). Coming back to

503 hydrous melts, a number of studies have evaluated the surface tension of various
504 compositions (haplogranitic, rhyolitic, dacitic, phonolitic, trachytic, and basaltic) as function
505 of water pressure (Khitarov, 1979; Bagdassarov et al., 2000; Mangan and Sisson, 2005;
506 Iacono-Marziano, 2007; Gardner and Ketcham, 2011; Gardner, 2012; Gardner et al., 2013).
507 Despite a relative dispersion in the data, these experiments show a drastic decrease of the
508 surface tension with water content. Furthermore, it has been shown (Gardner et al., 2013) that
509 for melt composition ranging from basaltic andesite to trachyte and rhyolite, the surface
510 tension falls within a relatively narrow range of 65 to 85 N/m for a water content about 4.4 –
511 5 wt% and a temperature around 1423 – 1473 K. Our simulation data, though at a higher
512 temperature, are in agreement with these findings (see Fig.9). With regard to ultramafic melts,
513 we find that the decrease of the surface tension with the pressure is even stronger because of
514 the high H₂O solubility in these melts (see Fig.7). Consequently, at about P = 1 GPa
515 (corresponding to a H₂O solubility equal to ~ 35 wt%) the surface tension of ultramafic melts
516 is nearly zero, because of the vicinity of the critical point. Indeed the structural differences
517 between the two coexisting fluids vanish at the critical point.

518 A last remark concerns the role played by the nature of the volatile in contact with the melt.
519 For comparison sake, we have evaluated the pressure evolution of the surface tension of a
520 MORB melt equilibrated with a CO₂ phase (Guillot and Sator, 2011). It is found that the
521 decrease of the surface tension with P_{CO_2} is much weaker than with water (not shown). This is
522 due to a much weaker solubility of CO₂ with respect to that of water (roughly by one order of
523 magnitude), the melt structure being also much less affected by CO₂ than by H₂O.
524 Nevertheless, if the surface tension is reported as function of the CO₂ content (in wt%), its
525 decrease is similar to the one observed with water.

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527 **3.4 Water speciation.**

528 A number of experimental studies (Stolper, 1989; Shen and Keppler, 1995; Romano et al.,
529 1995; Nowak and Behrens, 1995, 2001; Sowerby and Keppler, 1999) have shown that the
530 water speciation ($H_2O + O^{2-}_{sil} \leftrightarrow 2OH^-$) is temperature dependent with some of the molecular
531 water that is present in glasses at room temperature being converted to hydroxyl at magmatic
532 temperatures (for a review see Kohn, 2000). A consequence is that the crossing point at which
533 hydroxyl and molecular water concentrations are equal is shifted at much higher total water
534 content when the temperature is increased from room temperature to superliquidus
535 temperatures. So we have evaluated the evolution of hydroxyl and molecular water

536 concentrations with the total water content at a fixed superliquidus temperature (e.g. $T = 2073$
 537 K in Fig.10). As it is shown in Fig.10, at low water content ($X_{H_2O} \leq 3$ wt%) the concentration
 538 in hydroxyl is preponderant whereas at higher water content the two concentrations become
 539 close to each other and eventually are crossing. For a MORB melt the crossing point at 2073
 540 K is at about 15 wt% H_2O as compared with ~ 3.5 wt% in a MORB glass at room
 541 temperature (Dixon et al., 1995), and $\sim 3-4$ wt% for most of silicate glasses (e.g. Silver et al.,
 542 1990). Notice that the influence of the melt composition on the partitioning between
 543 molecular water and hydroxyl groups is relatively weak even if a trend can be identified at
 544 high water content (at low water content the statistical fluctuations in the MD calculations
 545 tend to blur the results). Thus the concentration in molecular water is slightly lower in
 546 ultramafic melts than in basaltic, andesitic, and rhyolitic melts, the water speciation being
 547 similar in the latter three melts. A weak composition dependence is also observed in going
 548 from rhyolitic to basaltic glasses (Olhorst et al., 2001). From a more quantitative point of
 549 view our results are in accordance (see Fig.10) with the observed evolution of the H_2O and
 550 OH^- concentrations in a sodium disilicate melt at 1173 K (Chertkova and Yamashita, 2015).

551 The distribution between hydroxyl groups and molecular water is given by the equilibrium
 552 constant,

$$553 \quad K = \frac{x_{OH}^2}{x_{H_2O}x_O} \quad (9)$$

554 where X_i is the mole fraction of species i in the melt. K is temperature dependent according to
 555 the thermodynamic relation,

$$556 \quad \ln K = -\frac{\Delta H}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S}{R} \quad (10)$$

557 where ΔH and ΔS are the reaction enthalpy and reaction entropy, respectively. In evaluating K
 558 from Eq.9 we have found (not shown) that its value at a given temperature is virtually
 559 independent of the total water concentration and of the pressure (on the pressure range
 560 investigated). For illustration, its temperature dependence is shown in Fig.11 for water
 561 content equal to 8 wt% at $P = 0.5$ GPa. In the investigated range of temperature (1673 – 2273
 562 K), K varies between 0.8 and 3 according to the melt composition. The value of K is roughly
 563 the same ($\sim 0.8 - 1.2$) in rhyolitic, andesitic, and basaltic melts, whereas it is higher in
 564 peridotitic (~ 1.5) and kimberlitic melts (~ 3). Notice that Karki et al. (2010), in their FPMD
 565 calculations, found a similar value ($K = 1.74$ at 2000 K) for hydrous enstatite. The reaction
 566 enthalpy and reaction entropy (graphically deduced from Fig.11) evolve with the melt
 567 composition, the enthalpy decreasing continuously with the NBO/T ratio (from $\Delta H \sim 16$

568 kJ/mol in rhyolite to ~ 5 kJ/mol in kimberlite), while the reaction entropy varying non
 569 monotonically with it ($\Delta S = 9.2$ J/mol.K in rhyolite, 4.6 in andesite, 3.7 in MORB, 7.2 in
 570 peridotite, and 11.7 in kimberlite). Experimentally, K was evaluated in rhyolitic (Sowerby and
 571 Keppler, 1999; Ihinger et al., 1999; Nowak and Behrens, 2001; Hui et al., 2008) and dacitic
 572 melts (Liu et al., 2004) on a lower temperature range close to the glass transition temperature.
 573 The reaction enthalpy and entropy deduced from the latter data are generally higher than those
 574 evaluated by simulation ($\Delta H \sim 32 - 35$ kJ/mol and $\Delta S \sim 13 - 28$ J/mol.K). However, the right
 575 order of magnitude of the equilibrium constant, K , is recovered by extrapolating our high-
 576 temperature MD values with a simple low-temperature linear fitting (see the full curves in
 577 Fig.11 and compare with the high-temperature extrapolation of the experimental data). Last
 578 but not least, in their study, Chertkova and Yamashita (2015) in dealing with a sodium
 579 disilicate melt have shown that the decrease of the degree of polymerization of the melt is
 580 associated with an increase of the K value and a decrease of the reaction enthalpy, findings
 581 which are in agreement with our calculations.

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584 3.5 Equation of state of hydrous melts.

585 We have evaluated the pressure evolution of the density of our simulated melts as function
 586 of the water content (e.g. 1, 4, and 8 wt%) along several isotherms (1673, 1873, 2073 and
 587 2273 K). As it is expected, at fixed (T, P) conditions, the density of hydrous melts decreases
 588 when the water content is increased. A fitting of our simulation data by a 3rd order Birch-
 589 Murnaghan equation of state (BMEOS) indicates that the hydrous melts become more
 590 compressible when increasing the water content (the BMEOS parameters for the investigated
 591 hydrous melts are collected in Table 4). For instance, the bulk modulus of a MORB melt at
 592 1673 K decreases from ~ 20.5 GPa to ~ 18 GPa when adding 1 wt% H₂O, and ~ 15 GPa
 593 with 8 wt% H₂O. In fact, when the water content is increased, the melt becomes more
 594 compressible due to an increasing abundance of highly compressible molecular water. To
 595 compare at best our simulation results with literature data, we have evaluated the density of
 596 the hydrous melts at the same T-P conditions as those investigated in the corresponding
 597 experimental studies. Thus Sakamaki et al. (2001) in investigating the density of a molten
 598 peridotite with 5 wt% H₂O by X-ray absorption method found a value of 2.87 ± 0.04 g/cm³ at
 599 3.22 GPa and 1773 K (2.86 ± 0.03 g/cm³ by MD), 2.73 ± 0.08 g/cm³ at 2.35 GPa and 1873 K
 600 (2.75 ± 0.03 by MD), 2.76 ± 0.05 g/cm³ at 3.01 GPa and 1973 K (2.79 ± 0.03 by MD), and

601 $2.81 \pm 0.05 \text{ g/cm}^3$ at 2073 K (2.84 ± 0.03 by MD). [Malfait et al. \(2014b\)](#) have evaluated by
 602 X-ray the density of a haplo-andesitic melt with 5.5 wt% H_2O : a value of $2.34 \pm 0.03 \text{ g/cm}^3$
 603 was found at 0.85 GPa and 1735 K (2.38 ± 0.03 by MD for a Fe-bearing andesite, see Table
 604 1), $2.50 \pm 0.03 \text{ g/cm}^3$ at 2.34 GPa and 1805 K (2.54 ± 0.03 by MD), whereas for a water
 605 content of 9 wt% they found a density of $2.30 \pm 0.03 \text{ g/cm}^3$ at 1.43 GPa and 1600 K ($2.32 \pm$
 606 0.02 by MD), and $2.58 \pm 0.04 \text{ g/cm}^3$ at 4.01 GPa and 1770 K (2.56 ± 0.03 by MD). At last,
 607 [Sakamaki et al. \(2006\)](#) have investigated a MORB composition by the sink-float method.
 608 They evaluated the density of the hydrous melt at about $3.55 \pm 0.05 \text{ g/cm}^3$ at 16.8 GPa and
 609 2573 K with 2 wt% H_2O (3.48 ± 0.04 by MD), and about $3.58 \pm 0.02 \text{ g/cm}^3$ at 20 GPa and
 610 2473 K with 8 wt% H_2O (3.53 ± 0.04 by MD). In considering the various sources of
 611 uncertainties, the agreement between simulation results and experimental data is quite
 612 satisfactory.

613 By definition, the partial molar volume of water ($V_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$) is given by the derivative of the
 614 melt molar volume with respect to the water content (at fixed T and P). So, we have evaluated
 615 by MD the evolution of the melt molar volume (V_m) as function of the water content, and
 616 found that V_m is a linear function of the water content for the five melts under investigation
 617 (see Fig.S2 in Supplementary Data). This result has been observed experimentally with
 618 silicate glasses ([Richet et al., 2000](#)), and means that $V_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ is independent of the total water
 619 concentration and of the water speciation (the concentration ratio between molecular water
 620 and hydroxyl groups varying strongly with water content, as shown in Fig.10, the volume
 621 change for the reaction, $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}^2_{\text{sil}} \leftrightarrow 2\text{OH}^-$, therefore is nearly zero). Moreover, a quick
 622 look at Fig.12 shows that the partial molar volume of water, $V_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$, is weakly dependent on
 623 composition at low pressure ($\sim 21\text{-}23 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ at 1673 K and 0.5 GPa), confirming the
 624 observations made in the literature ([Ochs and Lange, 1999](#); [Malfait et al., 2014 a,b](#); [Bouhifd](#)
 625 [et al., 2015](#)). Furthermore, it is found that the partial molar volume of water is much more
 626 compressible than that of the silicate melt (for an evaluation of the water compressibility see
 627 the legend of Fig.12), a conclusion also reached by [Sakamaki \(2017\)](#) from a data analysis of
 628 the literature. A comparison between values of $V_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ obtained by MD (from the derivative of
 629 V_m with respect to the water concentration) and those given in the experimental literature (e.g.
 630 in Fig.12) shows a satisfying agreement in considering all sources of uncertainties. For
 631 information, FPMD calculations on hydrous enstatite ([Mookherjee et al., 2008](#)) and on a

632 hydrous basaltic liquid (Bajgain et al., 2015) exhibit slightly lower values of V_{H_2O} (i.e. $V_{H_2O} \sim$
 633 $18 - 21 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ at 2200 K). Moreover, in using our calculated values for V_m , V_{sil} (for dry
 634 melts, see Dufils et al., 2018) and V_{H_2O} , we have checked that, at least at low pressure ($P = 0-$
 635 2 GPa), the ideal mixing hypothesis holds (i.e. $V_m = xV_{H_2O} + (1 - x)V_{sil}$, where x is the
 636 water mole fraction). This ideal mixing rule doesn't mean that the hydrous melt is an ideal
 637 solution (V_{H_2O} is different from the molar volume of pure water, at least at pressures under
 638 investigation).

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640 **3.6 Viscosity.**

641 The viscosity of hydrous melts was evaluated from the integral of the stress tensor time
 642 correlation function (see Methods). The evolution of the viscosity with water content is
 643 reported in Fig.13 for the five compositions under investigation ($P = 0.5 \text{ GPa}$). At a given
 644 temperature, the melt viscosity decreases with water content, the higher the degree of
 645 depolymerization of the melt the smaller the viscosity decrease. For instance at 1673 K and P
 646 $= 0.5 \text{ GPa}$, the viscosity of the andesitic melt drops by a factor of ~ 26 when adding 8 wt%
 647 H_2O , whereas that of a MORB melt decreases by a factor of ~ 8.5 and that of molten
 648 peridotite by a factor of ~ 6 (all the viscosity values are given in Table S3 of the SD). This
 649 trend, experimentally observed (e.g. Persikov et al., 2017), can be correlated to the increase of
 650 the degree of depolymerization of the melt with the water content (see section 3.9). Moreover,
 651 the lower the temperature the stronger the effect of water on the melt viscosity, a feature well
 652 documented near the glass transition temperature (e.g. Richet et al., 1996). Concerning the
 653 high temperature range investigated here ($T \geq 1673 \text{ K}$), our results are compared with the
 654 viscosity data of Vetere et al. (2008) for Unzen andesite (their data obtained below 1523 K are
 655 extrapolated up to 1673 K for the present comparison), with the phenomenological model of
 656 Whittington et al. (2009) for haplogranite, and with the data of Giordano and Dingwell (2003)
 657 for Etna basalt. When the agreement is satisfactory for Unzen andesite and haplogranite (in
 658 considering the high-temperature extrapolations made), the one for the basaltic composition is
 659 not (except for the dry melt where the measured viscosity is identical to that of the simulated
 660 MORB melt). However the viscosity data for hydrous Etna basalt were obtained near the
 661 glass transition temperature and the high-temperature extrapolation made by Giordano and
 662 Dingwell (2003) could generate significant uncertainties in the results (see the discussion
 663 therein). So we believe that the strong viscosity decrease with water content proposed by
 664 these authors is unrealistic, the true values should be closer to our MD results. Interestingly,

665 the first 1 wt% of water added has a greater effect on the viscosity than the subsequent ones, a
666 feature well documented in the experimental literature (Shaw, 1963; Schulze et al., 1995;
667 Richet et al., 1996; Romano et al., 2003; Robert et al., 2013), and is all the more important
668 than the melt is more polymerized and the temperature low.

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670 **3.7 Electrical conductivity.**

671 The electrical conductivity of hydrous melts was evaluated from the mean square
672 displacement of the ionic charges in the melt (see Methods). We have mentioned elsewhere
673 (Dufils et al., 2018) that the magnitude of the electrical conductivity depends on the choice
674 made for the electric charges assigned to the ionic species. This choice is not yet settled from
675 a theoretical standpoint (formal charges versus effective charges, see French et al., 2011), and
676 for the sake of consistency we prefer to use the effective charges of the implemented force
677 field (i.e. $z_{\text{O}} = -0.945e$ instead of $-2e$ for the charge of the oxygen). Therefore, the comparison
678 of the simulation results with conductivity data of the literature has to be done with caution
679 knowing that the electrical conductivity scales with z^2 (for a comparison with conductivity
680 data on dry silicate melts, see Dufils et al. (2018)). Moreover, H_2O molecules being neutral,
681 they do not contribute directly to the conductivity (but indirectly through the molar volume of
682 the melt and the action of molecular water as polar solvent), on the contrary to the hydroxyl
683 groups and hydronium ions, although the latter ones are contributing very little due to a very
684 low abundance.

685 The evolution of the electrical conductivity with the H_2O content is illustrated in Fig.14.
686 The presence of water tends to increase the conductivity of the melt, and this effect both
687 depends on the melt composition (the lower the degree of polymerization of the melt the
688 weaker the effect of water), and on the temperature (the higher the temperature the weaker the
689 influence of water, not shown). These findings are in agreement with conductivity data on
690 rhyolitic, dacitic, andesitic, and basaltic melts (Ni et al., 2011; Dai et al., 2015; Laumonier et
691 al., 2015, 2017; Guo et al., 2016a, 2016b, 2017; Gaillard, 2004; Pommier et al., 2008). For
692 instance, the conductivity of the simulated andesitic melt increases steadily with the H_2O
693 content at 1873 K, whereas the conductivity of the simulated hydrous basalt seems to saturate
694 above 4 wt% H_2O . A further scrutiny shows that at high temperature ($T > 1873$ K) the
695 conductivity of mafic and ultramafic melts tends to level off or to exhibit a maximum with the
696 H_2O content, whereas in a more polymerized melt as andesite the conductivity is always
697 positively correlated with the H_2O content (all the conductivity data are collected in Table S4

698 of the SD). This complex behavior cannot be rationalized in a simple manner because it is
 699 driven both by the evolution with temperature and H₂O content of the ionic diffusivities (see
 700 section 3.8), by the increasing number of hydroxyl groups which enhance the conductivity at
 701 high water content (for the evolution of water speciation see Fig.10), and by the presence of
 702 molecular water which acts as a polar solvent. Thus the evolution of the electrical
 703 conductivity with water content is at variance with the one exhibited by the viscosity, which is
 704 always negatively correlated with the water content (see Fig.13). In fact, the viscosity is
 705 mainly governed by the low mobility of the structure former ions (mediated by water)
 706 whereas the electrical conductivity is driven by the most mobile ions as also as by the ion-ion
 707 correlations (see [Dufils et al., 2018](#)). So, the search of a simple relationship between viscosity
 708 and electrical conductivity in hydrous silicate melts is uncertain.

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710 **3.8 Diffusion of silicate elements and protonated species.**

711 The self-diffusion coefficients of ions and protonated species (H₂O, OH⁻, and H₃O⁺) have
 712 been evaluated from the mean square displacements in the melt (see Methods). For any
 713 silicate element $\log D$ increases almost linearly with water content (see in Fig. 15 the example
 714 of the oxygen, all the self-diffusion coefficients are collected in Table S5 of the SD). Thus,
 715 according to the melt composition, the D 's increase by a factor of 2~3 for a water content
 716 increasing from 1 to 8 wt%. Furthermore, the hierarchy between the D 's is maintained with
 717 increasing water content (i.e. Si<O<Ti<Al<Fe³⁺<Fe²⁺<Mg~Ca<K<Na), except that in Si-poor
 718 kimberlite, Ti has the smallest value of the D 's for any water content.

719 The self-diffusion coefficients of H₂O, OH⁻, and H₃O⁺ also increase exponentially with
 720 water content (see Fig.15), but the increase is more pronounced for H₂O and H₃O⁺ than for
 721 OH⁻. Moreover, it is found that $D_{OH^-} < D_{H_2O} \leq D_{H_3O^+}$, the deviation between D_{OH^-} and D_{H_2O}
 722 being positively correlated with the degree of polymerization of the melt (e.g. at 2073 K and
 723 for 8 wt% H₂O, the ratio D_{H_2O}/D_{OH^-} is equal to ~1.6 in a kimberlitic melt, ~4.8 in a MORB
 724 melt, and ~66 in a rhyolitic melt). Furthermore, the diffusion of OH⁻ is always larger than the
 725 one of the oxygen of the silicate (by a factor about 2 to 5 according to the melt composition
 726 and in the T-P range of investigation), whereas the diffusion coefficient associated with H
 727 (named H₂O_{tot} in Fig.15), regardless the protonated species at which the proton is linked, is
 728 intermediate between those associated with H₂O and OH⁻ (as expected). Thus at high water
 729 content, as investigated here ($X_{H_2O} \geq 1$ wt%), the protonated species are the main carriers for
 730 oxygen (and hydrogen) in hydrous silicate melts.

731 A number of the above findings are supported by water diffusion data in hydrous silicate
732 melts (for a review see [Zhang and Ni, 2010](#)). For instance, [Nowak and Behrens \(1997\)](#) have
733 shown that the diffusivity of water, regardless of its speciation, increases exponentially with
734 water content in haplogranitic melts. This behavior was also observed in dacitic, haplo
735 andesitic, and haplobasaltic melts ([Liu et al., 2004](#); [Persikov et al., 2010](#)). With regard to
736 rhyolitic hydrous melts, [Behrens et al. \(2007\)](#) have found that the diffusivity of oxygen is 1-2
737 orders of magnitude slower than bulk water diffusivity, a finding in agreement with our
738 results obtained at much higher temperature (see Fig.15). Furthermore, the MD results
739 indicate that the proton diffusion (given by H_2O_{tot}) is weakly dependent on the melt
740 composition, a conclusion reached in a recent study of hydrous silicate melts investigated by
741 quasielastic neutron scattering experiments ([Yang et al., 2017](#)).

742 From a more quantitative viewpoint, several studies ([Persikov et al., 2010](#); [Ni et al., 2013](#);
743 [Zhang et al., 2017](#); [Ni and Zhang, 2018](#)) have estimated, from a diffusion model, the
744 diffusivity of total water, hydroxyl groups and molecular water in rhyolitic, haploandesitic
745 and haplobasaltic melts. The overall comparison with our MD results is rather satisfying.
746 Thus, [Ni et al. \(2013, 2018\)](#) and [Zhang et al. \(2017\)](#) report a ratio D_{OH^-}/D_{H_2O} around 0.10 –
747 0.17 in a haplobasaltic melt at 1 GPa and 2 wt% H_2O in the T-range 1700 – 1850 K when we
748 obtain a similar value of about 0.12 – 0.44 in a MORB melt at 0.5 GPa and for a water
749 content evolving between 1 and 8 wt%. However, the reported values for the diffusivity of
750 total water (i.e. H_2O_{tot}) in (haplo) basaltic melt seems to be higher than those obtained in the
751 present study whereas those published for a rhyolitic melt present an important curvature with
752 water content (see Fig.15). At this stage, we don't know if these disagreements are real or
753 come from the diffusion model used in these studies ([Persikov et al., 2010](#); [Ni and Zhang,](#)
754 [2018](#)) to extract from the diffusion profiles the intrinsic diffusivities of the protonated species.
755 More work is needed to clarify this point.

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757 **3.9 Structure.**

758 Many studies dealing with infrared, Raman, and NMR spectroscopies have been devoted to
759 the elucidation of the speciation and environment of water in hydrous silicate glasses and
760 melts (e.g. [Mysen et al., 1980](#); [Stolper, 1982](#); [Mysen and Virgo, 1986](#); [Kohn et al., 1989](#);
761 [Zotov and Keppler, 1998](#); [Xue and Kanzaki, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008](#); [Mysen and Cody, 2005](#);
762 [Malfait and Xue, 2010, 2014](#), [Le Losq et al., 2015a, 2015b, 2017](#)). It was evidenced at once
763 the formation of Si-OH and Al-OH groups leading to a melt depolymerization, and the

764 formation of M-OH species (with M = Mg, Ca or Na) which tend to increase the melt
 765 polymerization (and to compensate the depolymerizing effect of Si-OH and Al-OH bonds). In
 766 this context the MD simulations can be useful as they lead to a direct access to the melt
 767 microstructure (see also the FPMD calculations on hydrous enstatite by [Karki et al. \(2010\)](#)
 768 and those on a hydrous basaltic liquid by [Bajgain et al. \(2015\)](#))).

769 Thus we have evaluated the occurrence P (in %) that a protonated species (H_2O , OH^- , or
 770 H_3O^+) is bonded to a cation of species X in the melt. In practice, a protonated species is
 771 considered as bonded to a cation X if the distance $R(O_P-X)$, where O_P is the oxygen of the
 772 protonated species under consideration, is smaller or equal to the position of the first
 773 maximum of the corresponding pair distribution function $g_{O_P X}(R)$. In Fig.16 is reported the
 774 occurrence that a protonated species is bonded to a cation X, this occurrence being compared
 775 with the one that an oxygen of the silicate is bonded to a cation X of the same species (this
 776 occurrence is simply given by the fraction of oxygens which are bonded to a cation X in the
 777 melt). A rapid look at Fig.16 shows that the solvation structure around water depends strongly
 778 on the protonated species under investigation, and only marginally on the melt composition
 779 (except for a compositional effect). Thus the near surrounding of molecular H_2O is deeply
 780 depleted in structure former ions (T = Si, Ti, Al and Fe^{3+}), and is composed almost
 781 exclusively of structure modifiers (M = Mg, Fe^{2+} , Ca, Na, and K). A further scrutiny shows
 782 that the depletion in structure formers around H_2O is almost complete in mafic and ultramafic
 783 melts, whereas it is not the case in andesitic and rhyolitic melts. In contrast, the proportion of
 784 bonds between the hydroxyl groups and the structure former cations is only slightly lower
 785 than that of the oxygens of the silicate, when the proportion of OH^- linked to the structure
 786 modifiers is enhanced (a factor of ~ 2 with respect to O_{sil}). All these features are found to be
 787 weakly dependent on water concentration and temperature (not shown). As for the hydronium
 788 ions, H_3O^+ , they are exclusively linked to alkali and alkaline earth cations. At last, it is
 789 notable that the length of the T – OH bonds are found to be barely greater (by ~ 0.02 Å) than
 790 the one of the T- O_{sil} bonds, whereas the length of the M – OH and M – OH_2 bonds are
 791 virtually identical to those of the M- O_{sil} bonds (for information, T-O and M-O bonds are the
 792 following: 1.625 (Si-O), 1.925 (Ti-O), 1.775 (Al-O), 1.875 (Fe^{3+} -O), 2.025 (Fe^{2+} -O), 2.025
 793 (Mg-O), 2.375 (Ca-O), 2.425 (Na-O), and 2.85 Å (K-O)). At variance, in rhyolitic and
 794 andesitic melts the small population of T – OH_2 bonds exhibits a T – O bond length increased
 795 by ~ 0.2 Å with respect to that of T – O_{sil} bonds.

796 The observation of MOH groups, in addition to TOH ones, is quite in accordance with
 797 NMR spectroscopic studies of depolymerized silicate glasses (Xue and Kanzaki, 2004, 2006,
 798 2007, 2008; Cody et al., 2005; Mysen and Cody, 2005). Nevertheless we have to be aware
 799 that the environment of hydroxyl groups in quenched glasses is not necessarily representative
 800 of that in the liquid phase, so the comparison with spectroscopic studies dealing with
 801 quenched glasses must be made with some caution (Le Losq et al., 2017). With regard to the
 802 environment of molecular water, our results are new and point out that H₂O is preferentially
 803 solvated in the depolymerized region of the melt (the same rationale holds for H₃O⁺).

804 An important point concerns the role played by water on the degree of depolymerization of
 805 the melt. For that, we have evaluated the proportion (X_{BO}) of (Si, Al) – O and (Si, Al) – OH
 806 bonds involved into T – O – T bonds (bridging oxygen). Thus we have analyzed the evolution
 807 of X_{BO} with water content for a MORB melt (1673 K; 0.5 GPa), an andesitic melt (1673 K;
 808 0.5 GPa) and a peridotitic melt (2273K; 0.5 GPa). For andesitic and basaltic melts, X_{BO}
 809 decreases gradually with water content (from 0.42 for a dry basalt to 0.37 with 8 wt% H₂O,
 810 and for an andesite from 0.44 to 0.40), indicating a decrease of the melt polymerization, while
 811 for the peridotitic melt X_{BO} remains virtually constant (around 0.23) in spite of a very slight
 812 maximum (~ 0.235) at about 4 wt% H₂O. Thus, an andesitic melt with a water content of 4
 813 wt% shows a X_{BO} value (~ 0.42) equivalent to the one of a dry MORB melt, a result meaning
 814 that water induced a significant depolymerization of the andesitic melt. In contrast, water has
 815 virtually no effect on the degree of depolymerization of a peridotitic melt, a result that can be
 816 explained by a compensation between a low abundance of T – OH bonds (promoting a melt
 817 depolymerization via the reaction, TOT + H₂O \leftrightarrow 2TOH) and a high abundance of M – OH
 818 bonds (especially Mg – OH) which may lead to an increase of the melt polymerization
 819 (2TOM + H₂O \leftrightarrow TOT + 2MOH, see Le Losq et al., 2015b).

820 The above results give information on the cationic environment around protonated species,
 821 but say very little on the hydrogen bond formation (O...H – O) between water and the
 822 oxygens of the silicate. So, we have evaluated the O...O distances between the oxygen atoms
 823 of the silicate (O_{sil}), the hydroxyl groups, and the H₂O molecules in calculating the
 824 corresponding pair distribution functions ($g_{O_{sil},OH}^{OO}(r)$, $g_{O_{sil},H_2O}^{OO}(r)$, $g_{OH,OH}^{OO}(r)$, $g_{OH,H_2O}^{OO}(r)$,
 825 and $g_{H_2O,H_2O}^{OO}(r)$, see Fig.S3 for the example of an hydrous MORB melt). The average O...O
 826 distances, evaluated from the position of the first maximum of the corresponding PDF, are the
 827 following:

$$828 \quad d_{O_{sil},OH}^{OO} = 2.71 \text{ \AA} < d_{OH,OH}^{OO} = 2.84 \text{ \AA} < d_{OH,H_2O}^{OO} \sim d_{H_2O,H_2O}^{OO} = 3.0 \text{ \AA} < d_{O_{sil},H_2O}^{OO} = 3.13 \text{ \AA}.$$

829 This hierarchy is virtually independent of composition and water content. Therefore, hydroxyl
 830 groups are located in an environment where O...O distances evolve between 2.7~2.84 Å,
 831 whereas H₂O molecules are located in regions where O...O distances are in the range 3.0 –
 832 3.13 Å. These results corroborate those obtained from NMR studies (Xue and Kanzaki, 2004;
 833 Le Losq et al., 2015a). In fact, the above O...O distances are compatible with the range
 834 spanned by the hydrogen bond, namely 2.5 – 3.2 Å, where distances close to ~ 2.5 Å
 835 correspond to strong hydrogen bond and those close to 2.8 – 3.2 Å correspond to weak
 836 hydrogen bond (for instance, in liquid water at ambient the O...H-O distance is about 2.8 Å,
 837 when it is about 3.0 Å in supercritical water at 1673 K and 0.5 GPa).

838 More informative is the analysis of the O...H distances in hydrous melts which shows the
 839 presence of hydrogen bonds between the oxygens of the silicate and the protonated species,
 840 and between the protonated species themselves. In Fig.17 is shown (e.g. for a MORB melt)
 841 the oxygen-hydrogen PDF between O_{sil}...H ($g_{OH}(O_{sil}, H)(r)$), HO...H ($g_{OH}(OH, H)(r)$),
 842 and H₂O...H ($g_{OH}(H_2O, H)(r)$). These PDFs are characterized by three features: a first peak
 843 corresponding to the intramolecular O-H bond (~ 1 Å) in OH groups and H₂O molecules, a
 844 second peak located between 3.2 and 3.5 Å, which represents the distribution of hydrogens
 845 that are not directly connected (by hydrogen bond) to the reference oxygen, and in between a
 846 shouldering associated with O...H-O bonds. The latter shouldering is centered on $r_{O...H} \sim 2.0$
 847 Å, which is a distance typical of weak hydrogen bond (the various hydrogen bonded
 848 complexes leading to the shouldering and to the second peak of the PDF's are detailed in
 849 Fig.17). Moreover, one notices on the (O_{sil}...H) PDF a population of strong hydrogen bonds
 850 (O...H-O) between O_{sil} and hydroxyl groups (see in Fig.17 the small bump at about 1.5 Å on
 851 $g_{OH}(O_{sil}, H)(r)$), a finding also reported in NMR studies (Kohn et al., 1989; Xue and
 852 Kanzaki, 2007). At variance, the shouldering at 2.0 Å is less visible on $g_{OH}(H_2O, H)(r)$ than
 853 on $g_{OH}(O_{sil}, H)(r)$, and the second peak around 3.3 Å is broader on the former PDF. These
 854 features suggest that water molecules and hydroxyl groups are loosely connected (by
 855 hydrogen bond) with each other, leading to an important protonic disorder. As for the little
 856 peak located near $r = 2.6$ Å on $g_{OH}(OH, H)(r)$, it corresponds to a small population of
 857 hydroxyl groups set out face to face (O-H...H-O), configurations which are generated by the
 858 compact structure of the silicate melt (the same kind of configuration is also observed in
 859 FPMD calculations of hydrous enstatite (Karki et al., 2010).

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861 4. Conclusion.

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863 Thanks to the introduction of a new interaction potential for water compatible with a force
864 field describing silicate melts (Dufils et al., 2017, 2018), we have been able to evaluate by
865 MD simulation a number of thermo physical and transport properties, and to point out some
866 structural features of a series of hydrous magmatic melts. The main conclusions reached in
867 this study are the following.

868 (1) The solubility of water and its pressure dependence calculated by MD change very little
869 when the melt composition evolves from rhyolitic to andesitic and basaltic. At variance,
870 the solubility of water is found to be strongly enhanced in ultramafic melts (molten
871 peridotite and molten kimberlite). The comparison with water solubility data of the
872 literature is somewhat disappointing in part because the latter ones exhibit large data
873 dispersion, and clearly more work is needed. However it is noteworthy that classical
874 FF, as used here, are not able to capture certain aspects of the electronic structure in the
875 melt (charge transfer, ionic polarizability..), and these shortcomings may have some
876 consequences on the evaluated properties.

877 (2) The analysis of the phase coexistence between the hydrous melt and the aqueous fluid
878 shows that the oxide content of the coexisting aqueous fluid increases rapidly with the
879 pressure. This allows one to locate approximately the critical point of the melt under
880 investigation (e. g. for a peridotitic melt at 1673 K, $P_{\text{crit}} = 1\text{-}1.1$ GPa and $X_{\text{crit}} \sim 45$ wt%
881 H_2O). Our predictions for the critical parameters are in a qualitative agreement with the
882 rare experimental studies (e.g. for the phase envelop of a hydrous basalt melt, see Mibe
883 et al., 2011).

884 (3) When the aqueous fluid and the hydrous melt are in coexistence with each other in the
885 simulation cell, it is possible to evaluate the surface tension and its evolution with the
886 pressure. Water has a large influence on the surface tension as the latter one drops by a
887 factor of 2-4 when the water pressure increases from 1 bar to a few kbars, a finding in
888 agreement with experimental data (e.g. Gardner et al., 2013). Above this pressure
889 range, the calculated surface tension of felsic to basaltic compositions continues to
890 decrease with pressure but at a lower rate, whereas with ultramafic melts the surface
891 tension goes to zero at about 1 GPa because of the proximity of the critical point.

892 (4) Concerning the water speciation, an important point is that the MD simulation probes
893 the liquid phase, when most of the experimental studies are dealing with glasses. Thus

894 at magmatic temperatures and at low and moderate water content, the concentration in
895 hydroxyl groups is found to be greater than the one in molecular water, both
896 concentrations increasing with the total water content (with a convex upward trend for
897 OH^- concentration, and a concave upward trend for H_2O concentration). However, the
898 two concentrations are crossing for a water content of about 15 wt%, a value much
899 higher than the one observed in glasses (~ 3.5 wt% in a MORB glass at ambient, [Dixon
900 et al. \(1995\)](#)). Although the water speciation depends on the melt composition, the
901 effect is weak for felsic to basaltic compositions and is more pronounced with
902 ultramafic melts (the ratio $\text{OH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ is higher in these compositions).

903 (5) We have shown that the molar volume of the melt is a linear function of the water
904 content, and so for all the chemical compositions investigated. Therefore the water
905 partial molar volume ($V_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$) is virtually independent of total water content and of water
906 speciation. A by-product of this result is that an ideal mixing rule between water and
907 the silicate component leads to an accurate evaluation of the melt molar volume.
908 Moreover, $V_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ is found to be weakly dependent on the melt composition and
909 decreases drastically with the pressure, features which are supported by the
910 experimental data (e.g. [Sakamaki, 2017](#)). Moreover, the effect of water is to decrease
911 the melt density, the melt becoming more compressible with water content. A
912 consequence is that the density deviation between dry and hydrous melt is more
913 important at low pressures than at high pressures.

914 (6) At fixed T and P, the melt viscosity decreases with water content, the more
915 depolymerized the melt the smaller the influence of water on the viscosity.
916 Furthermore, the lower the temperature the stronger the effect of water on the viscosity
917 decrease. Thus at the high temperatures investigated in this study ($T \geq 1673$ K), the
918 decrease in viscosity induced by water does not exceed one or two orders of magnitude
919 (according to the melt composition and water content), as compared with many orders
920 of magnitude near the glass transition temperature (e.g. [Richet et al., 1996](#)).

921 (7) The evolution of the electrical conductivity with water content depends on the melt
922 composition. Whereas the conductivity of the andesitic melt increases steadily with
923 increasing water content, it tends to level off in the basaltic melt (above ~ 4 wt% H_2O),
924 and remains almost invariant in the peridotitic melt. This complex behavior cannot be
925 rationalized in a simple way because it is driven both by the evolution with temperature
926 and H_2O content of the ionic diffusivities, by the increasing number of hydroxyl groups

927 which enhance the conductivity at high water content, and by the presence of molecular
 928 water which acts as a polar solvent. A consequence is that electrical conductivity and
 929 viscosity of hydrous silicate melts are not simply related with each other.

930 (8) Concerning the diffusivity of ionic species, $\log D$ increases almost linearly with water
 931 content. So the hierarchy between the D 's observed in the dry melt is maintained with
 932 increasing water content. With regard to the protonated species, the following hierarchy
 933 is found: $D_{OH^-} < D_{H_2O} \leq D_{H_3O^+}$, the ratio D_{OH^-}/D_{H_2O} being positively correlated with
 934 the NBO/T ratio. Moreover, the diffusion of hydroxyl groups being greater than the one
 935 of the oxygens of the silicate, at high water content, H_2O and OH^- are the main oxygen
 936 carriers in the hydrous melt.

937 (9) From a structural point of view, it is found that hydroxyl groups are linked to structure
 938 maker cations and to metal cations, as well. However, with respect to the oxygens of
 939 the silicate, they are more preferentially linked to metal cations than to structure
 940 makers, this trend increasing with the NBO/T ratio of the melt. In contrast, H_2O
 941 molecules (and H_3O^+ as well) are almost exclusively linked to metal cations. Therefore,
 942 knowing that only hydroxyl groups may have an influence on the degree of
 943 polymerization of the silicate network, the evaluation of the proportion of (Si, Al)-O
 944 and (Si, Al)-OH bonds involved into T-O-T bonds (with T = Si, Al) have shown that
 945 the polymerization decreases gradually with the water content in andesitic and basaltic
 946 melts, and remains almost invariant in peridotitic melt. The latter result seems to be in
 947 conflict with the fact that the viscosity of a hydrous peridotitic melt decreases when its
 948 water content is increased. Actually, the viscosity, a dynamical quantity, is sensitive to
 949 the evolution of the diffusion of ionic species with water content (all the ionic
 950 diffusivities increase with water content), whereas the degree of polymerization (as
 951 defined, for instance, by the NBO/T ratio) is a static parameter, originally defined for
 952 glasses, and for which the notion of lifetime is absent.

953 An important point addressed in this study is the presence of O-H...O bonds (hydrogen
 954 bonding) in the hydrous melts. These hydrogen bonds taking place between the hydroxyl
 955 groups, the water molecules, and the oxygens of the silicate are characterized by O...O
 956 distances in the range 2.5 ~ 3.2 Å, and by O...H-O distances in the range 1.5 ~ 2.2. But,
 957 because of the high temperature of investigation, these H-bonds are generally weak (weaker
 958 than in liquid water at ambient, for instance) which leads to a high protonic disorder with
 959 large amplitude of angular reorientation. Correlatively, even if these H-bonds tend to

960 strengthen the silicate network, they are much too weak to play a role in the degree of
961 polymerization or to affect the melt viscosity.

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971 **Methods.**

972 **Simulation parameters.** *The MD simulations were performed with the DL-Poly 2.0 code (Smith and*
973 *Forrester, 1996). The silicate component of the simulated system is composed of ~2,000 atoms, at*
974 *which is added a number of water molecules in order to reach the aimed water content (e.g. 25 H₂O*
975 *molecules to simulate a hydrous melt with ~1 wt% H₂O) and some checks have been performed with*
976 *different system sizes showing that no significant size dependence is found on the results, except the*
977 *shrinking of the statistical fluctuations with the system size ($\sim 1/\sqrt{N}$). The simulation box is cubic with*
978 *periodic boundary conditions and the equations of motion are solved with the Verlet's algorithm with*
979 *a time step of 1 fs (10^{-15} s). The long-range Coulomb interactions are accounted for by an Ewald sum.*
980 *The calculations are carried out in the isothermal-isobaric ensemble (NPT) when evaluating*
981 *thermodynamic properties, whereas the transport properties (viscosity, electrical conductivity, and*
982 *self-diffusion coefficients) are evaluated in the microcanonical ensemble (NVE). MD trajectories are*
983 *long enough (10-30 ns) to ensure a good convergence of the average values and especially of the*
984 *transport coefficients that are more demanding. The statistical uncertainty is of the order of 1% for*
985 *the density (at given T and P), a few percent for the self-diffusion coefficients (except for elements in*
986 *low concentration, < 2 wt%, for which the uncertainty may reach 10% or much more) and of the order*
987 *of 10 - 20% for the surface tension, the viscosity and the electrical conductivity that are slowly*
988 *converging collective properties.*

989 **H₂O solubility.** *The simulation protocol is the one used by two of us for evaluating the solubility of*
990 *CO₂ in a silicate melt (Guillot and Sator, 2011). An aqueous phase composed of 300 ~ 900 H₂O*
991 *molecules (according to the expected solubility), is put in contact with a silicate phase composed of*
992 *1,000 atoms at given (T, P) conditions. The water molecules being free to move through the interface*
993 *(the same is true with the silicate elements), a stationary state (equilibrium) is reached after a few ns*
994 *where a number of water molecules and hydroxyl groups are present in the silicate melt. An averaging*
995 *of these numbers over a long simulation time (10-30 ns) leads to a precise evaluation ($\sim 10\%$) of the*

996 water solubility. This method is accurate as long as the solubility is not too low. In the present case,
 997 an estimation of the lowest solubility that can be measured corresponds approximately to one water
 998 molecule dissolved in the silicate melt, i.e. a solubility value equal to ~ 0.1 wt% H_2O for a silicate
 999 sample composed of $\sim 1,000$ atoms.

1000 **Surface tension.** In the case where the interface between the aqueous phase and the coexisting
 1001 hydrous melt is planar, the surface tension is given by (Kirkwood and Buff, 1949),

$$1002 \quad \gamma = \frac{L_z}{2} (P_{zz} - \frac{1}{2}(P_{xx} + P_{yy})),$$

1003 where L_z is the length of the simulation box perpendicular to the interface and P_{xx} , P_{yy} and P_{zz} are
 1004 the diagonal components of the stress tensor given by,

$$1005 \quad P_{\alpha\alpha} = \frac{1}{V} (\langle \sum_{i=1}^N m_i v_{i\alpha} v_{i\alpha} \rangle + \langle \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j>i}^N F_{ij}^\alpha r_{ij}^\alpha \rangle),$$

1006 where $\alpha = x, y, z$, ρ is the numeral density, k_B the Boltzmann constant, T the temperature, V the
 1007 volume of the simulation cell, m_i the mass of atom i , $v_{i\alpha}$ the α component of the velocity of atom i ,
 1008 F_{ij}^α the α component of the force acting between atoms i and j separated by the distance r_{ij} , and where
 1009 the brackets express an average over a long simulation run. The use of this method in MD simulation
 1010 is well documented.

1011 **Viscosity.** The viscosity of the hydrous melts under investigation has been evaluated from the Green-
 1012 Kubo relation (Zwanzig, 1965; Allen and Tildesley, 1987) relating the viscosity to the time correlation
 1013 function of the stress tensor (many MD studies have used this relation, see for instance Hess (2002),
 1014 Bauchy et al. (2013)). In this framework, the viscosity evaluation is accurate as long as $t_{run} > \tau_{relax}$
 1015 where t_{run} is the simulation time and τ_{relax} is the viscous relaxation time. An estimate of τ_{relax} is given by
 1016 the Maxwell relation, $\tau_{relax} = \eta/G_\infty$, where the shear modulus at infinite frequency G_∞ is equal to $\sim 3 -$
 1017 30 GPa for silicate melts (Dingwell and Webb, 1989). Consequently, to evaluate by MD a viscosity of
 1018 the order of ~ 100 Pa.s, one needs to run a MD calculation over a simulation time longer than ~ 30 ns.
 1019 So, with our limited computational resources, we have restricted our evaluation of the viscosity to
 1020 temperatures higher than ~ 1673 K, a temperature range corresponding to viscosity values smaller
 1021 than ~ 100 Pa.s with the melt compositions investigated here.

1022 The viscosity calculation consists in integrating over the time the correlation function of the stress
 1023 tensor. This integral exhibits a S-shaped curve as function of running time (not shown, see e.g. in
 1024 Dufils et al., 2017), a curve which can be accurately fitted by a stretched exponential,

$$1025 \quad \eta = \eta_\infty (1 - e^{-\left(\frac{t}{\tau_{relax}}\right)^\alpha})$$

1026 where η_∞ is the MD-estimated value of the viscosity corresponding to the plateau value at long time,
 1027 τ_{relax} is the viscous relaxation time and α , a coefficient ≤ 1 . For the melts under investigation α varies
 1028 between 0.30 and 1.0 according to temperature and composition (lower the viscosity smaller the value
 1029 of α). Interestingly, the use of the above equation in conjunction with the Maxwell relation leads to the
 1030 evaluation of the shear modulus at infinite frequency, $G_\infty = \eta_\infty/\tau_{relax}$. A quick look at Table S2 (in

1031 *Supplementary Data*), shows that G_∞ is in the range 3 – 16 GPa, a finding in agreement with the
 1032 experimental observation for dry silicate melts ([Dingwell and Webb, 1989](#); [Richet et al., ...](#)).

1033 **Electrical conductivity.** The electrical conductivity was calculated from the Green-Kubo relation
 1034 ([Hansen and McDonald, 1986](#)),

$$1035 \quad \sigma = \frac{1}{k_B T V} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6t} \langle \left| \sum_{i=1}^N z_i (\vec{r}_i(t) - \vec{r}_i(0)) \right|^2 \rangle ,$$

1036 where k_B is the Boltzmann constant, T the temperature, V the volume of the sample, z_i the electric
 1037 charge of ion i , $\vec{r}_i(t)$ its position at time t , and where the angular brackets express an average taken
 1038 over many time origins. Here the ionic transport is considered as the only responsible mechanism of
 1039 the conductivity, the electronic conduction being assumed to be negligible at high temperatures in
 1040 silicate melts ([Yoshino et al., 2009](#)). Values assigned to the charges z_i are equal to the effective
 1041 charges implemented in our force field (i.e. $z_O = -0.945e$, $z_{Si} = + 1.89e$..). However we have to keep in
 1042 mind that the electric charges involved in the melt conductivity could be not strictly equal to those of
 1043 the force field (which take into account polarization effects in an effective way, for a discussion see
 1044 [Dufils et al, 2017](#)). Note that H_2O molecules do not contribute to the conductivity, on the contrary to
 1045 hydroxide ions, which contribute significantly to it. In fact the Green-Kubo equation rigorously takes
 1046 into account the contribution of the water speciation to the conductivity. However, the evaluation of
 1047 the conductivity is reliable as long as the diffusive regime is reached, that is when the mean square
 1048 displacement of the charges as function of time follows a straight line of slope equal to one in a log-
 1049 log representation. In practice the MD runs have to be long enough (up to 40 ns) to reach accuracy
 1050 better than 20% on the conductivity value.

1051 **Diffusion coefficient.** The self-diffusion coefficients of ions and protonated species have been
 1052 evaluated from the time evolution of their mean square displacements (MSD),

$$1053 \quad D_s = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N_s} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} \frac{\langle (\vec{r}_i(t) - \vec{r}_i(0))^2 \rangle}{6t} ,$$

1054 where N_s is the number of atoms of species s , $\vec{r}_i(t)$ the position at time t of ion i , and where the
 1055 angular brackets express an average taken over many time origins. With regard to the protonated
 1056 species (H_2O , OH , and H_3O^+), we remove from the statistics those species that are reacting during the
 1057 simulation run used to evaluate the diffusion coefficient. The diffusive regime is reached when the time
 1058 evolution of the MSD described a straight line of slope equal to one in a log-log representation. The
 1059 accuracy on D_s is generally better than 10%, except for Ti, K, and H_3O^+ for which their low
 1060 concentration leads to a poorer statistics (~ 30 - 50%).

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1065 **Appendix. Supplementary data**

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Table 1

Potential parameters for water (see Eqs. 2-6 in the text). Notice that the effective charge of the oxygen atom is $-0.945 e$ and the one of the hydrogen atom is $+0.4725 e$.

2-body interaction	i	E_i (kJ/mol)	l_i (Å)	σ_i (Å)	B_i (kJ/mol)	ρ_i (Å)	C_i (Å ⁶ kJ/mol)
O-O	<i>OO</i>				153000.0	0.325	5259.83
O-H	<i>OH</i>				500995.36	0.1107	
O-H	<i>b</i>	100.0	1.23	0.07			
O-H	<i>w</i>	60.0	1.18	0.07			
O-H	<i>hb</i>	5.45	2.0	0.45168			
H-H	<i>HH</i>	30.0	1.625	0.1			
3-body interaction	i	k_i (kJ/mol/rd ²)	θ_0^i (degree)	ρ_i (Å)			
H-O-H	<i>HOH</i>	380.81	97	1.16			
H-H-H	<i>HHH</i>	3000.0	0	1.50			

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Table 2

Potential parameters for cation-hydrogen interaction (see Eq.(8) in the text).

X	α_{HX}	B_{OX} (kJ/mol)	l_{HX} (Å)	λ (Å)
Si	0.25	50.00	2.56	0.1414
Ti	0.25	32.20	2.81	0.1414
Al	0.25	39.30	2.62	0.1414
Fe ³⁺	0.25	40.65	2.68	0.1414
Fe ²⁺	0	30.20	2.59	0.1414
Mg	0	28.40	2.63	0.1414
Ca	0	18.60	2.77	0.1414
Na	0	7.80	2.70	0.1414
K	0	5.65	2.97	0.1414

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Table 3

Chemical composition (in wt%) of the simulated silicate melts. The number of cations of each species used in the simulation is indicated in parenthesis (for a total number of simulated atoms equal to ~2,000).

Silicate	SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃	FeO	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O
Rhyolite	83.09(556)		11.67(92)					5.24(68)	
Andesite	56.91(406)	0.93(5)	17.48(147)	4.66(25)	3.52(21)	4.33(46)	7.46(57)	3.18(44)	1.54(14)
MORB	50.80(370)	1.46(8)	15.14(130)	1.09(6)	8.54(52)	7.74(84)	12.04(94)	2.97(42)	0.22(2)
Peridotite	44.97(319)		2.87(24)		10.45(62)	38.29(405)	3.42(26)		
Kimberlite	25.07(202)	0.33(2)	5.79(55)		1.3(9)	10.41(125)	53.28(460)	0.38(6)	3.40(35)

Table 4

Parameters of the Birch-Murnhagan equation of state for the hydrous simulated melts.

Melt	w_{H_2O} (wt%)	T_0 (K)	n_0 (g/cm ⁻³)	K_{T_0} (GPa)	K'
Rhyolite	1	2273	1.96	9.1	6.8
	4	2273	1.85	8.0	6.8
	8	2273	1.68	5.7	7.1
Andesite	1	1673	2.45	17.4	5.8
	4	1673	2.31	14.3	5.8
	8	1673	2.12	12.0	5.8
MORB	1	1673	2.60	20.8	5.2
	4	1673	2.45	18.5	5.2
	8	1673	2.26	15.7	5.2
Peridotite	1	2273	2.58	17.2	5.8
	4	2273	2.39	14.2	5.8
	8	2273	2.16	10.8	5.8
Kimberlite	1	1673	3.08	32.9	4.7
	4	1673	2.92	28.6	5.2
	8	1673	2.70	21.6	5.94

$$P = (3/2)K_{T_0}[(n/n_0)^{7/3} - (n/n_0)^{5/3}]\{1 - (3/4)(4 - K')[(n/n_0)^{2/3} - 1]\}$$

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Fig.1 Pair distribution functions for water. Black lines correspond to our results at ambient conditions, the blue lines are those at 673 K and 7 GPa, and the red lines are those at 1300 K and 10 GPa. Notice that in going from ambient water to the supercritical states ($T > 647$ K), the peak of second neighbors in $g_{OO}(r)$ shifts from 4.5 to 5.5 Å and the first peak on $g_{OH}(r)$ associated with the hydrogen bond collapses, these features meaning that the hydrogen bond network vanishes in supercritical water. For comparison sake are also shown the PDFs obtained at ambient conditions with the SPCE model (dotted lines), the oxygen-oxygen PDF deduced by [Skinner et al. \(2013\)](#) from X-ray data (circles) and the oxygen-hydrogen and hydrogen-hydrogen PDFs deduced by [Soper and Benmore \(2008\)](#) from X-ray and neutron scattering experiments (circles).

Fig.2 Pressure-density diagram for the water model of this study. Three isotherms are presented: 373, 673 and 1000 K. For comparison are shown the experimental data of [Sanchez-Valle et al. \(2013\)](#) along the isotherms 373 and 673 K, those of [Withers et al. \(2000\)](#) for the isotherm 983 K, the MD data at 673 and 973 K obtained by [Zhang and Duan \(2005\)](#) in using the SPCE model for water, and the ab initio results obtained by [French et al. \(2009\)](#) and [Pan et al. \(2013\)](#) at 1000 K.

Fig.3 Ionic conductivity of water. The conductivity of our water model is calculated along the isochore $n = 1.5$ g/cm³ at 1073, 1373 and 1873 K, and is compared with the conductivity data of [Hamann and Linton \(1966\)](#) along a Hugoniot.

Fig.4 Concentration profile of protonated species in the simulation cell containing a hydrous MORB melt in coexistence with an aqueous phase at 1673 K and 0.5 GPa. Notice the excess of hydroxyl groups at the interfaces and the quasi absence of H_3O^+ in the bulk melt.

Fig.5 Evolution with running time of the numbers of protonated species in the region of the simulation cell corresponding to the bulk of a saturated MORB melt at 1673K and 1 GPa. Notice how flat is the total number of protonated species (this number leading to the H_2O solubility), the dashed line indicating the stationary value.

Fig.6 Pressure evolution of the solubility of water in various silicate melts. The solubility is evaluated at 1673 K in andesitic, basaltic, peridotitic, and kimberlitic melts and at 2073 K in the rhyolitic melt. References of the experimental data are the following: kimberlite ([Moussallam et al., 2016](#)), MORB ([Lesne et al., 2011](#)), andesite ([Botcharnikov et al., 2006](#)), rhyolite ([Yamashita, 1999](#); [Tamic et al.,](#)

1947 2001), Ca-Mg-Na carbonatite (Keppler, 2003), and for NS4, NS4A3 and NS4A6 (Mysen and Wheeler,
 1948 2000). Notice that in the latter compositions (NS4, NS4A3 and NS4A6) the NBO/T ratio is about 0.5.

1949
 1950 **Fig.7** Phase coexistence between hydrous silicate melt and aqueous fluid in the (P, w_{H_2O})
 1951 representation. The phase coexistence is investigated along the isotherm $T = 1673$ K for andesite,
 1952 MORB, peridotite, and kimberlite, and along the isotherm $T = 2073$ K for rhyolite. For comparison it
 1953 is shown the water content of the two coexisting phases in the MORB- H_2O system investigated by
 1954 Mibe et al. (2011) at 1623 K and 2.8 GPa.

1955
 1956 **Fig.8** Pressure evolution of the concentrations in silicate elements of the aqueous phase in coexistence
 1957 with a hydrous MORB melt at 1673 K.

1958
 1959 **Fig.9** Pressure evolution of the surface tension of hydrous silicate melts. The surface tension is
 1960 evaluated at 1673 K for the andesitic, basaltic, peridotitic, and kimberlitic melts, and at 2073 K for the
 1961 rhyolitic melt. References of the experimental data are the following: for rhyolite (Bagdassarov et al.,
 1962 2000), for basalt at $P = 0$ (Walker and Mullins, 1981) and at $P > 0$ (Khitarov et al., 1979), for phono-
 1963 tephrite/ basaltic andesite/ trachyte/ dacite/ rhyolite at 0.12 – 0.2 GPa and 1423-1473 K (Gardner et al.,
 1964 2013).

1965
 1966 **Fig.10** Evolution of H_2O and OH^- concentrations in hydrous silicate melts as function of the total H_2O
 1967 content. Notice that the concentrations in the simulated melts were evaluated at 2073 K and 1 GPa (2
 1968 GPa for MORB), when the data of Chertkova and Yamashita (2015) for $Na_2Si_2O_5$ were obtained at
 1969 1173 K in the pressure range 0.2-1.5 GPa.

1970
 1971 **Fig.11** Effect of the temperature on the reaction constant in the different hydrous melts with 8 wt%
 1972 H_2O . The three dashed curves correspond to high-temperature extrapolations of the experimental data
 1973 obtained near the glass transition temperature.

1974
 1975 **Fig.12** Partial molar volume of water at 0.5 GPa in hydrous silicate melts as function of temperature.
 1976 Data for andesitic melts (green bold line; Malfait et al., 2014) and for silicic melts (black bold line;
 1977 Ochs and Lange, 1999) are given for comparison. From the simulation data, the thermal expansivity,
 1978 $\frac{1}{V_{H_2O}} \left(\frac{\partial V_{H_2O}}{\partial T} \right)$, is equal to $3.9 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ K}^{-1}$ in rhyolite ($4.1 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ K}^{-1}$ after Ochs and Lange, 1999), $2.9 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ K}^{-1}$
 1979 in andesite ($2.7 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ K}^{-1}$ after Malfait et al., 2014b) and in MORB, and $2.2 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ K}^{-1}$ in peridotite and
 1980 kimberlite (these values correspond to the slope of the dotted curves). Furthermore, from the evolution
 1981 of V_{H_2O} with the pressure between 0.5 and 1 GPa at a given temperature, one is led to a rough

1982 estimate of the bulk modulus of water in the melt. Thus at 2073 K one obtains $K_T = 5.1$ GPa in
 1983 rhyolite, 4.2 GPa in andesite, 8.5 GPa in MORB, 6.0 GPa in peridotite, and 1.9 GPa in kimberlite.

1984
 1985 **Fig.13** Effect of water on the viscosity. The reported MD data are evaluated at 1673 K (except for
 1986 rhyolite where $T = 2073$ K) and 0.5 GPa, whereas the experimental data for andesite and basalt are
 1987 extrapolated up to 1673 K (or 2073 K for haplogranite) according to the equations provided by the
 1988 corresponding studies (Eqs.(2), (6), (7), and (8) in [Whittington et al., 2009](#); Eq.(4) in [Vetere et al.,](#)
 1989 [2008](#); Eq.(1) in [Giordano and Dingwell, 2003](#)). Notice that in the case of hydrous Etna basalt
 1990 ([Giordano and Dingwell, 2003](#)) the experimental uncertainties at 1673 K are very large because the
 1991 measurements were made at much lower temperatures, near the glass transition temperature, and
 1992 hence the results are very uncertain. In the case of haplogranite, the model calculation of [Whittington](#)
 1993 [et al. \(2009\)](#), based on a data compilation, leads to two sets of parameters corresponding to two
 1994 different predictions (see the black dotted curves): our evaluation lies in between them.

1995
 1996 **Fig.14** Effect of water on the electrical conductivity. The reported MD data are evaluated at 1873 K
 1997 and 0.5 GPa, whereas the experimental data for hydrous andesitic and haplobasaltic melts are
 1998 extrapolated up to 1873 K according to the equations provided by the corresponding studies (Eqs(1),
 1999 (2), (3), and (4) in [Laumonier et al., 2017](#); Eq.(3) in [Ni et al., 2011](#)).

2000
 2001 **Fig.15** Self-diffusion coefficients of protonated species in hydrous melts as function of total water
 2002 content. The self-diffusion coefficient of the silicate oxygen (O^{2-}) is also shown for comparison. The
 2003 temperature of investigation is 1673 K for MORB, 1873 K for andesite, peridotite, and kimberlite, and
 2004 2273 K for rhyolite, the pressure being fixed to 0.5 GPa. The red curves are diffusion data of the
 2005 literature for total water: [Zhang and Ni \(2010\)](#) for rhyolite (see the red dotted curve given by their Eq.
 2006 (15) extrapolated to 2273 K), [Persikov et al. \(2010\)](#) for a haplobasalt and a haploandesite at 1573 K
 2007 (full red curves), and [Zhang et al. \(2017\)](#) for a haplobasalt at 1673 K (red dotted curve).

2008
 2009 **Fig.16** Distribution of cations around protonated species. The panels show the probability of
 2010 occurrence (see text) that a protonated species is linked to a cation X in rhyolite (2073 K and 8 wt%
 2011 H_2O), in andesite (1873 K and 8 wt% H_2O), in MORB (1873 K and 8 wt% H_2O), in peridotite (1873 K
 2012 and 8 wt% H_2O), and in kimberlite (1873 K and 8 wt % H_2O). The distribution of cations around O^{2-} is
 2013 given for comparison. Notice that the $X-O_p$ distances used for the above evaluations (see text) are the
 2014 following: 1.625 (Si-O), 1.925 (Ti-O), 1.775 (Al-O), 1.875 (Fe^{3+} -O), 2.025 (Fe^{2+} -O), 2.025 (Mg-O),
 2015 2.375 (Ca-O), 2.425 (Na-O), and 2.85 Å (K-O).

2016
 2017 **Fig.17** Oxygen-hydrogen pair distribution functions in a MORB melt at 1673 K with 8 wt% H_2O .
 2018 Panel (a) shows the PDF between oxygen of the silicate and H atoms of protonated species (H_2O and

2019 OH), panel (b) that between the oxygen of hydroxyl groups and the H atoms of protonated species,
2020 and panel (c) that between the oxygen of molecular water and the H atoms of protonated species. In
2021 each panel the main complexes responsible of the shape of the PDF in the range 0-4 Å are presented.
2022 Thus in panel (a), $O_{\text{sil}} \dots H^1$ hydrogen bond is responsible of the shoulder at about 2 Å, whereas the
2023 peak at 3.5 Å is associated with the $O_{\text{sil}} \dots H^{1'}$ distance. In panel (b) the $O^1 \dots H^2$ and $H^1 \dots O^2$ hydrogen
2024 bonds produce the shoulder at 1.5-2 Å whereas the broad peak at 3.5 Å is induced by the $O^2 \dots H^1$,
2025 $O^1 \dots H^2$, and $O^1 \dots H^{2'}$ distances. Notice that the small peak at 2.6 Å comes from the configurations
2026 where two OH groups are facing to each other ($O-H \dots H-O$). In panel (c) the hydrogen bonds between
2027 water molecules and between OH groups and water molecules are responsible of the shoulder in the 2
2028 Å range and the broad peak at about 3-3.5 Å is produced by the $O \dots H$ distances not directly involved
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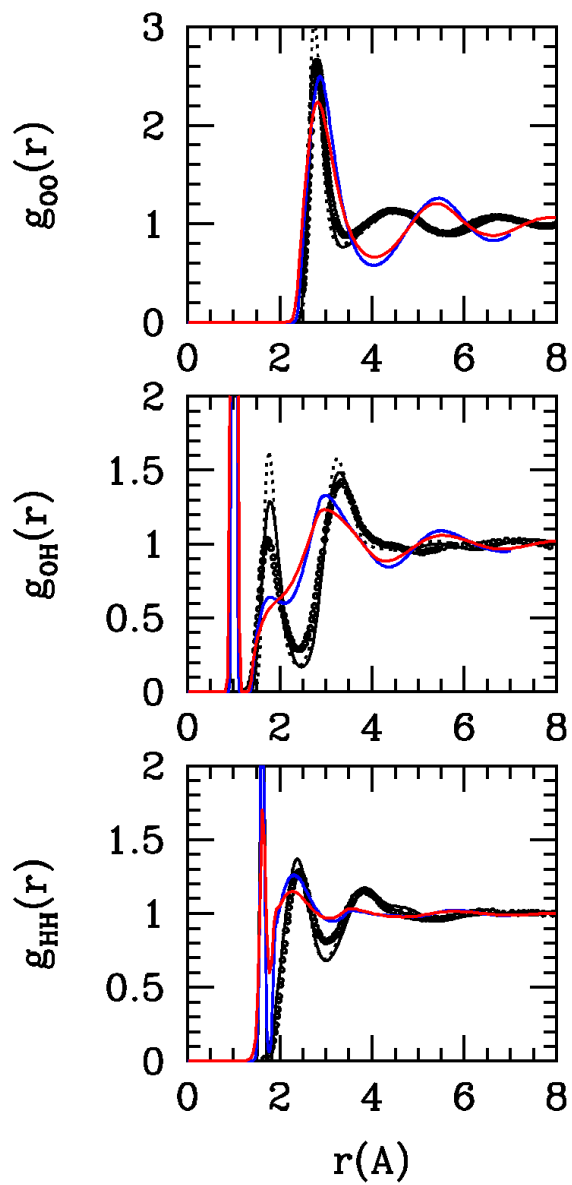


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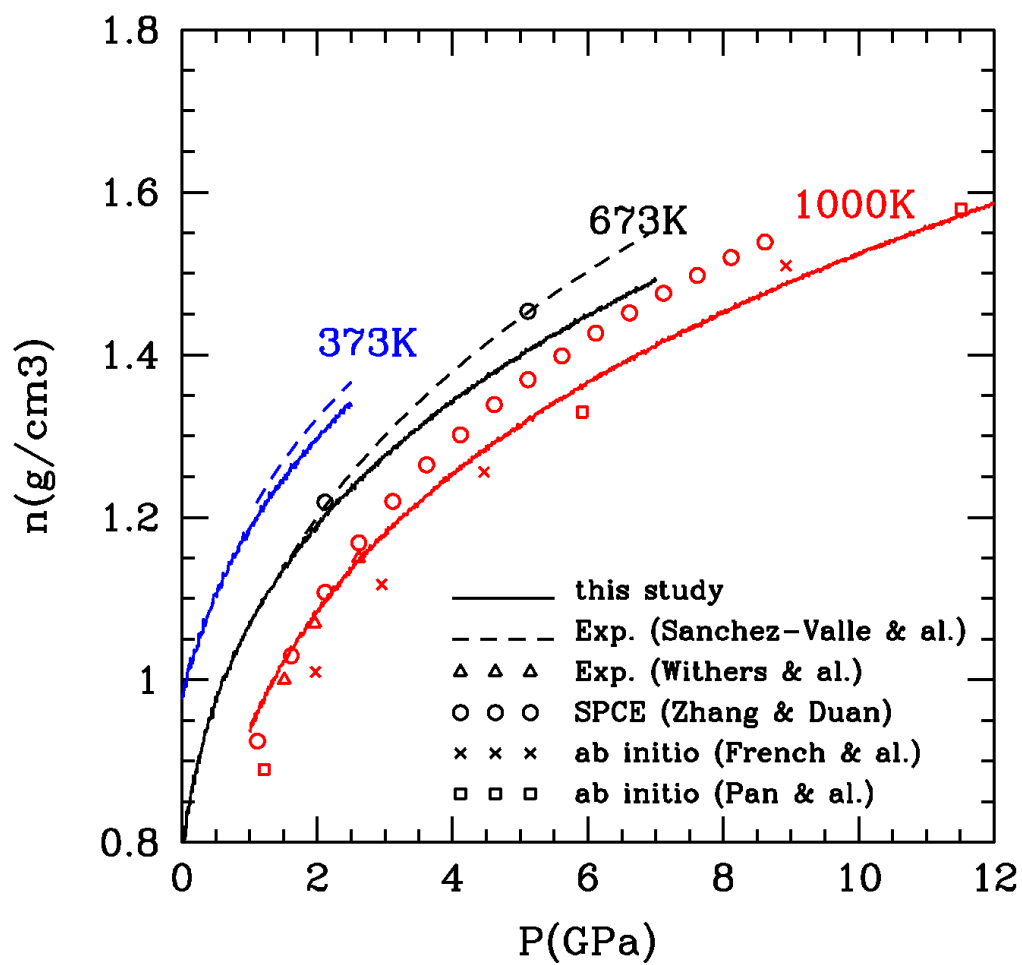


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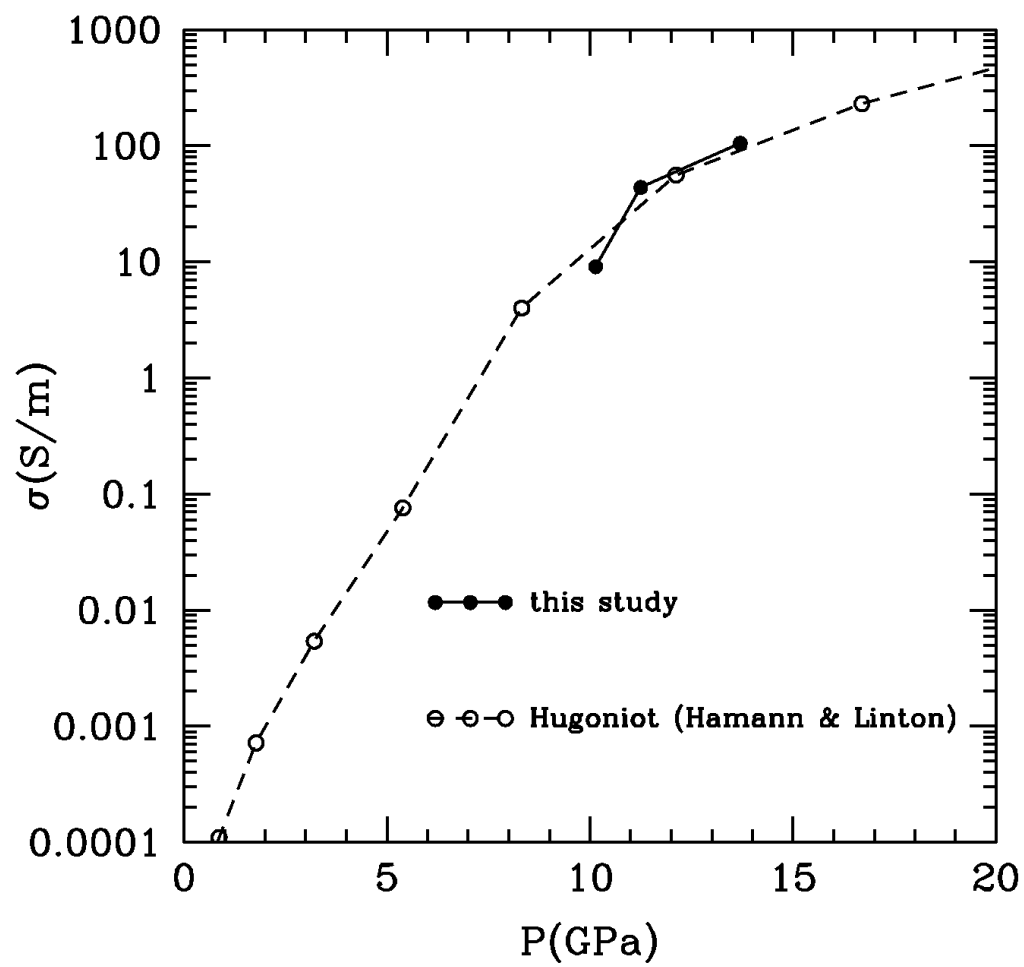
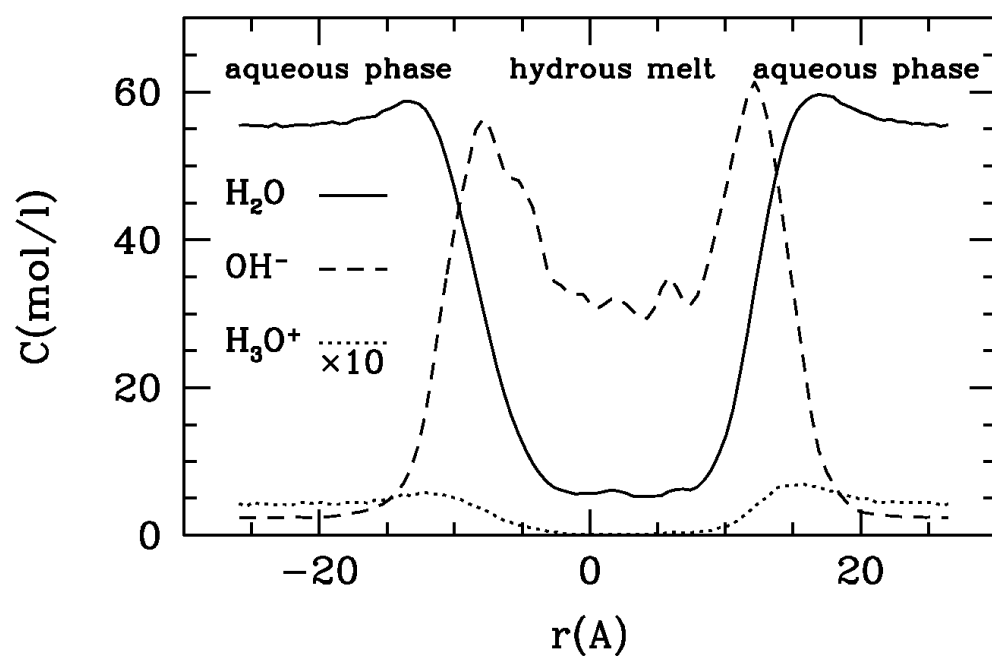


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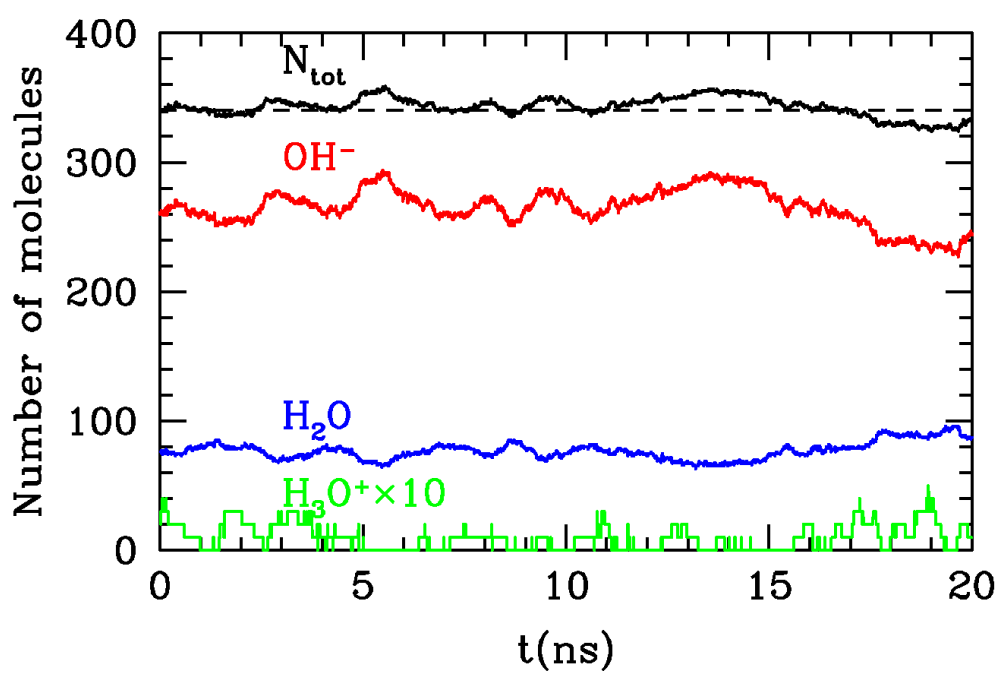


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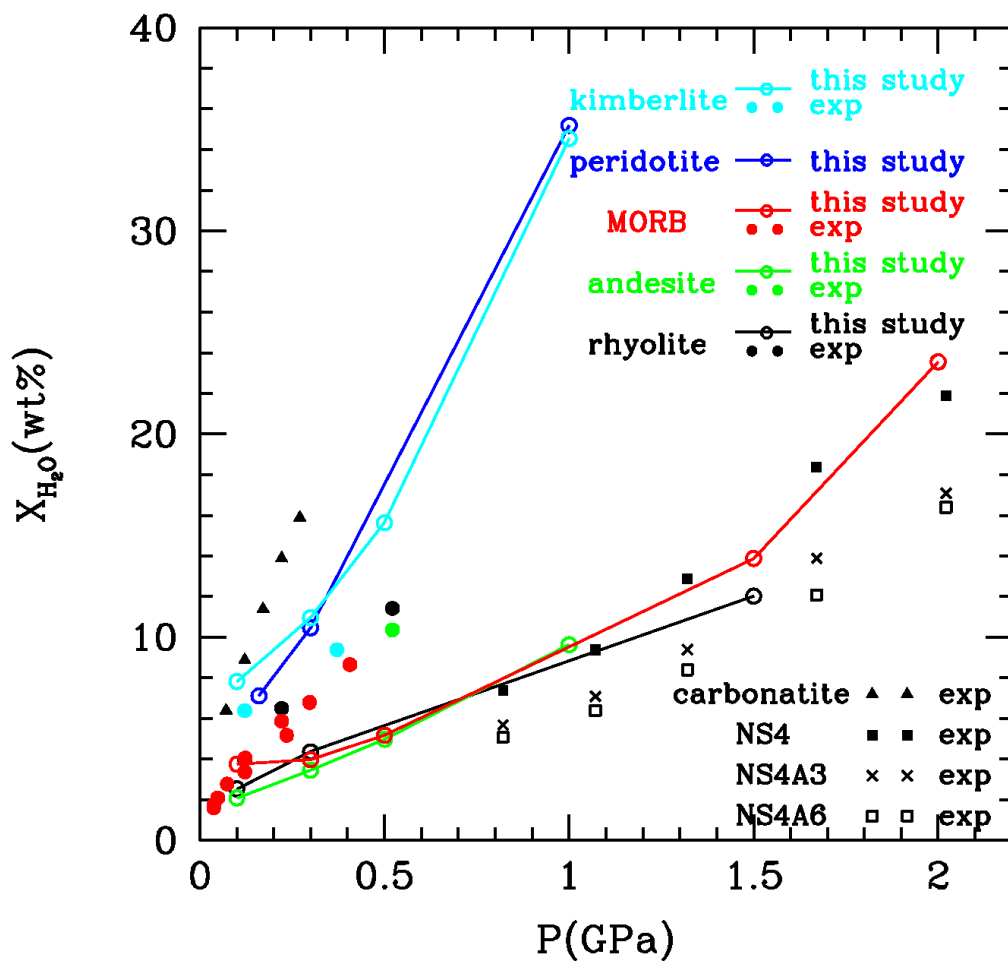
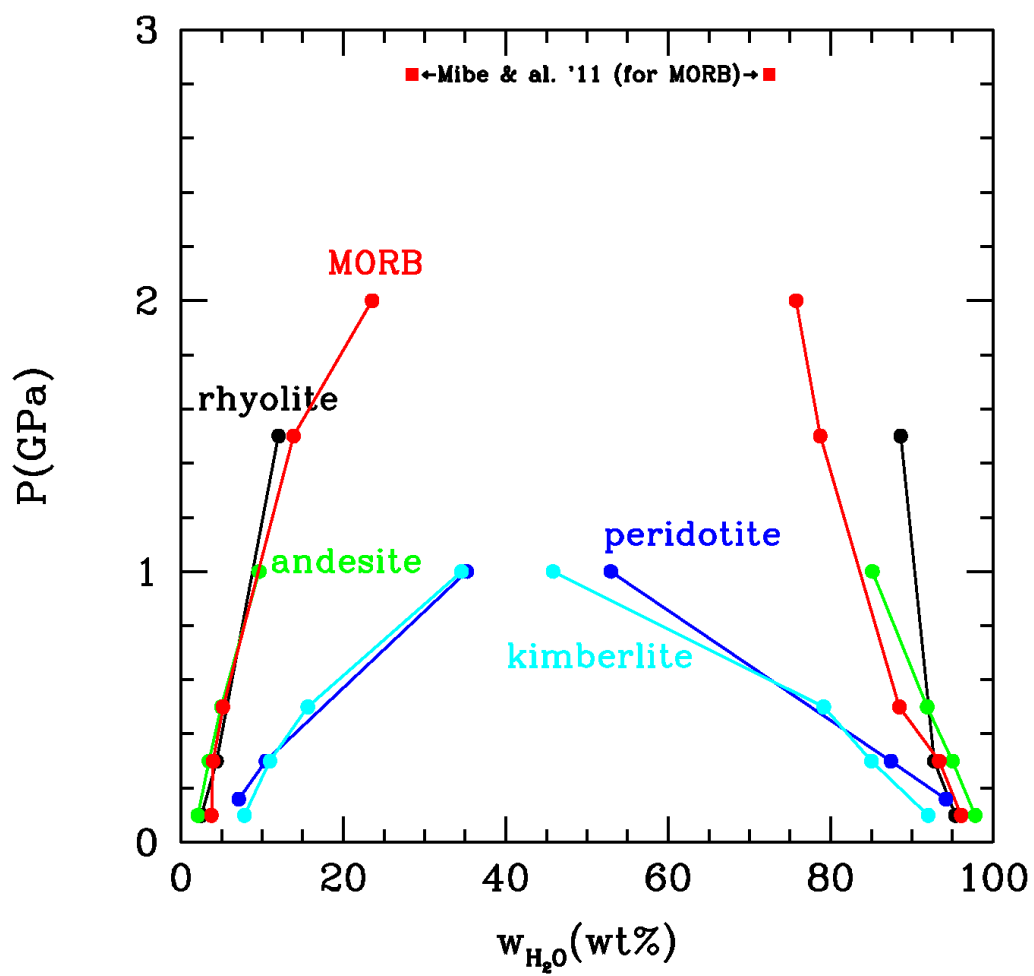


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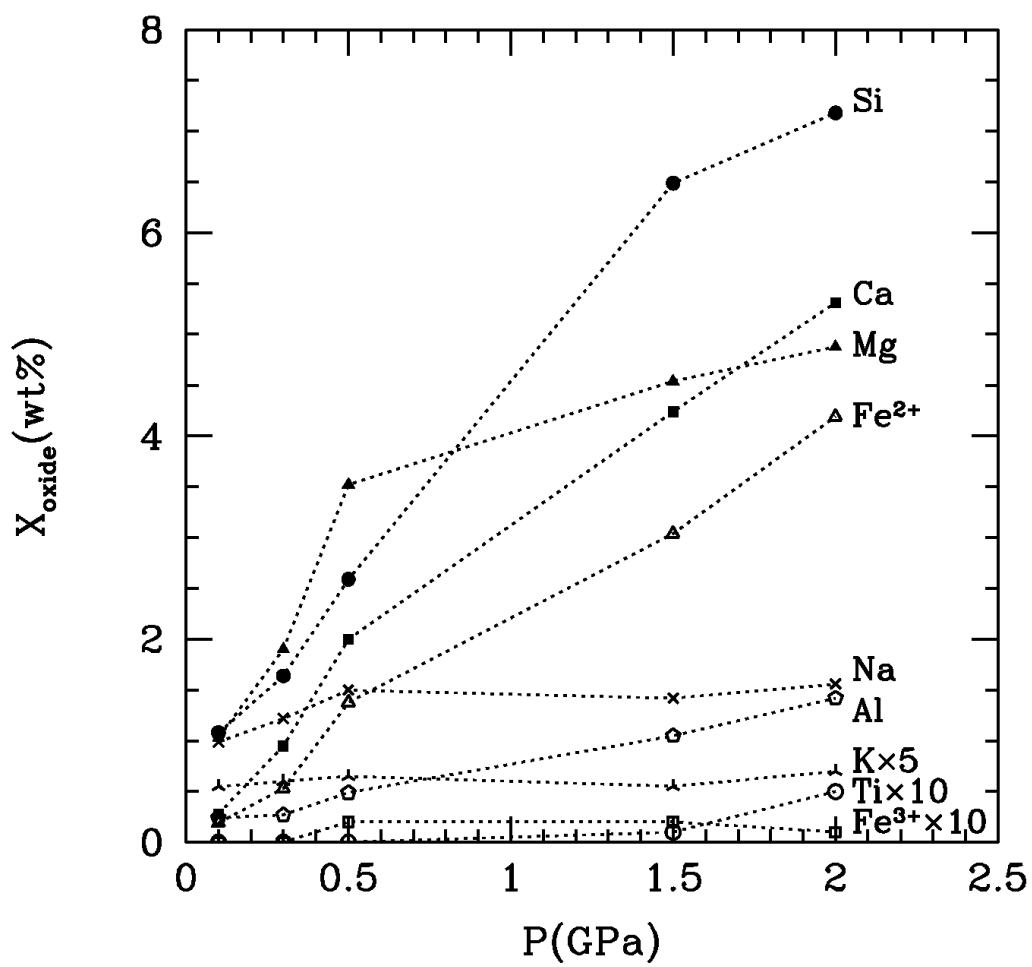


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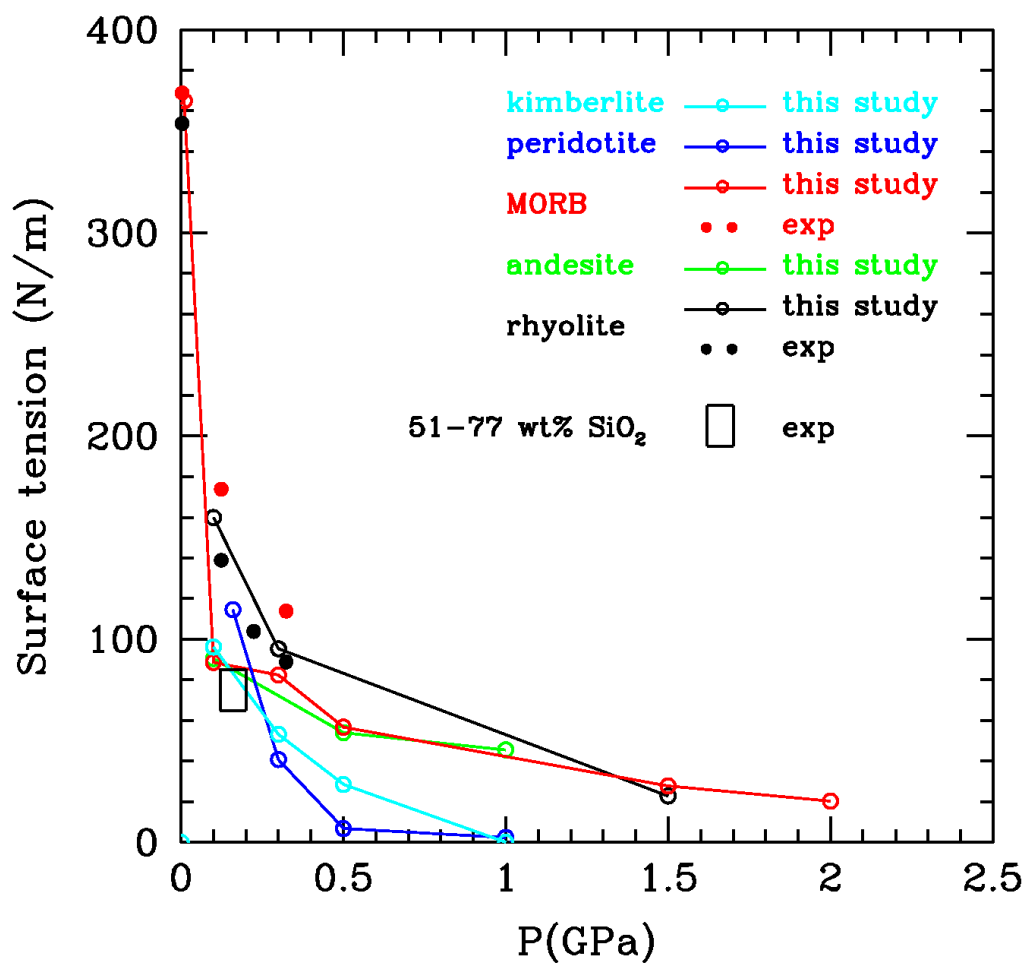


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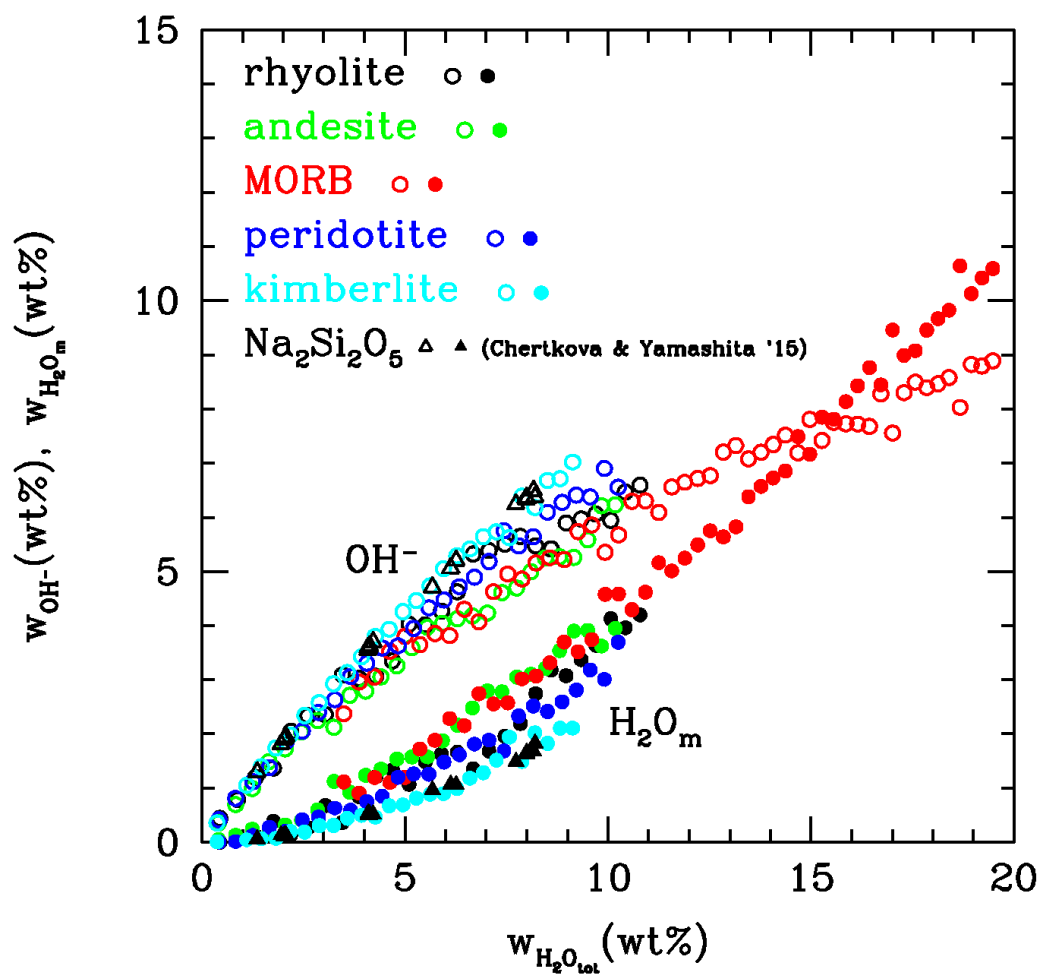


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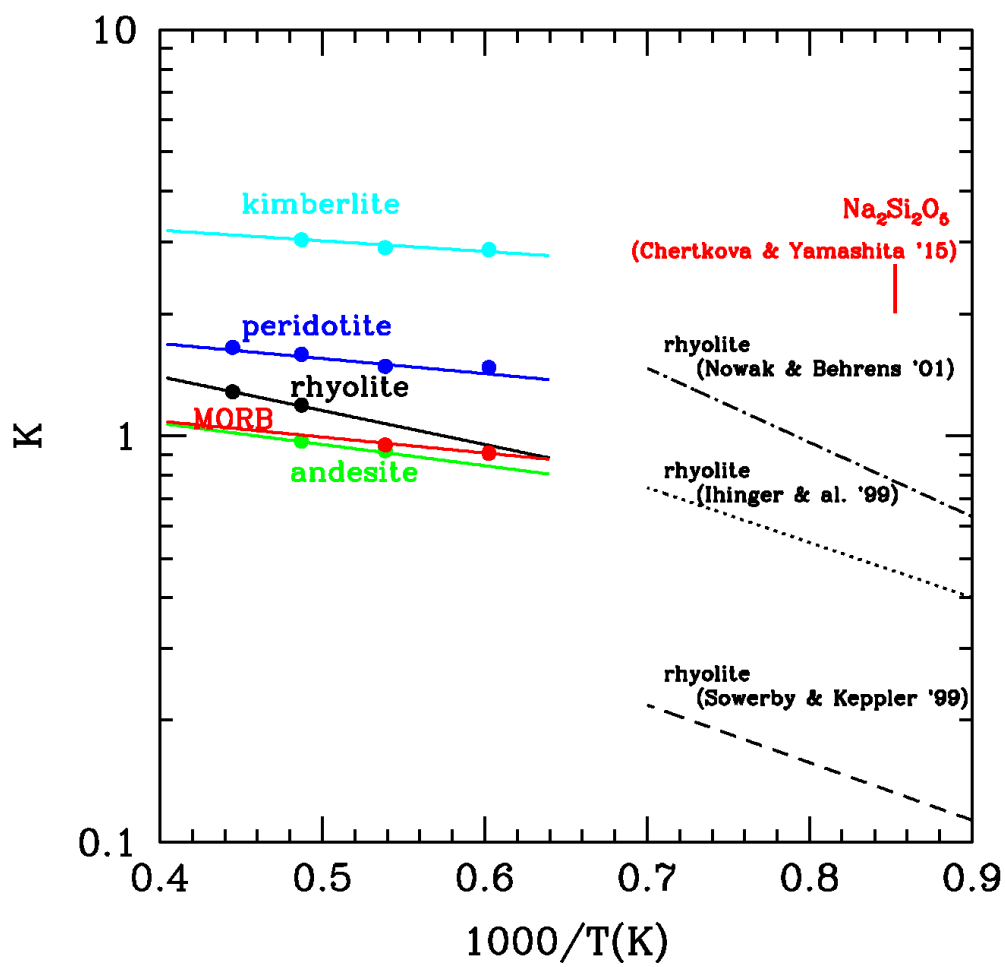


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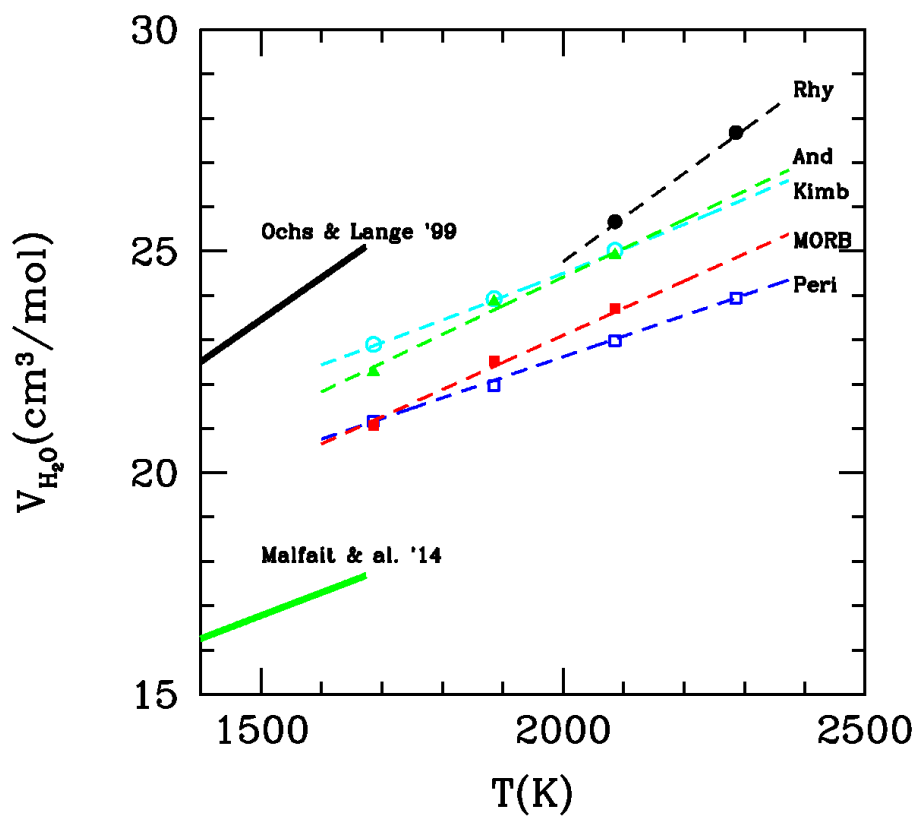


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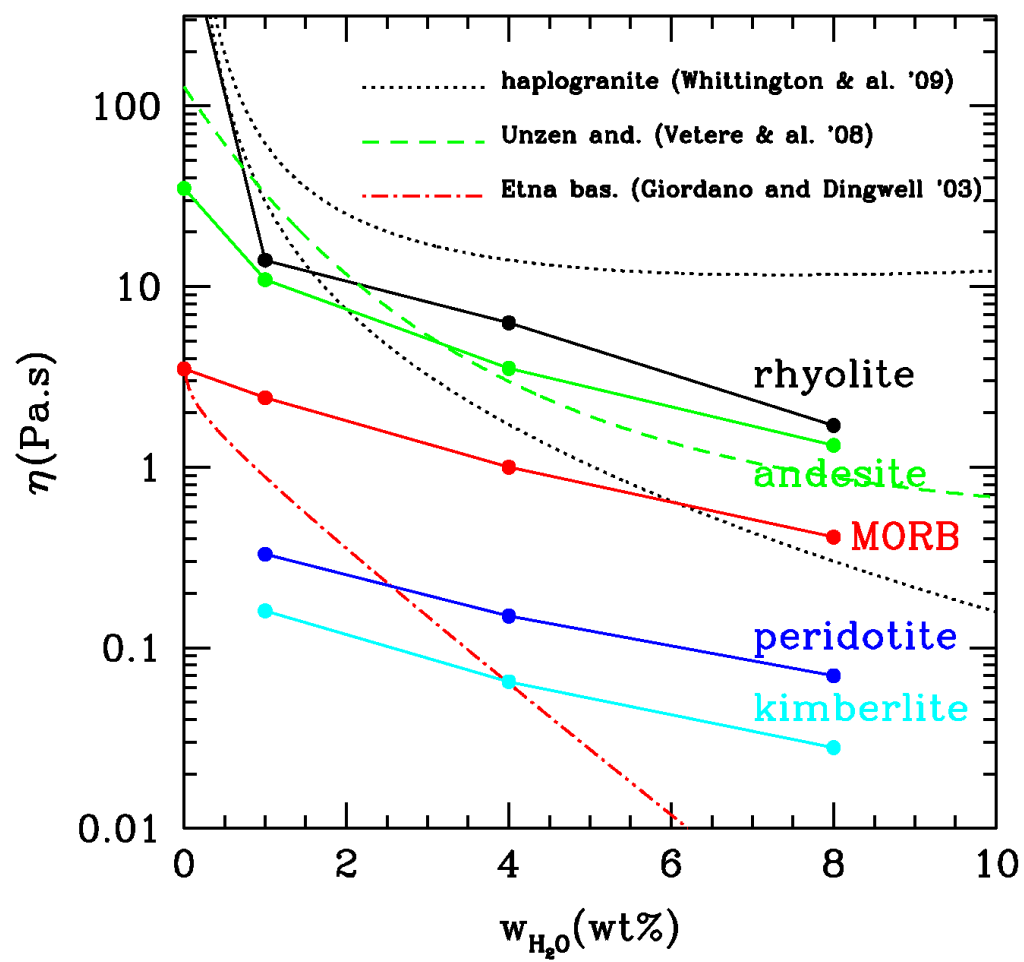


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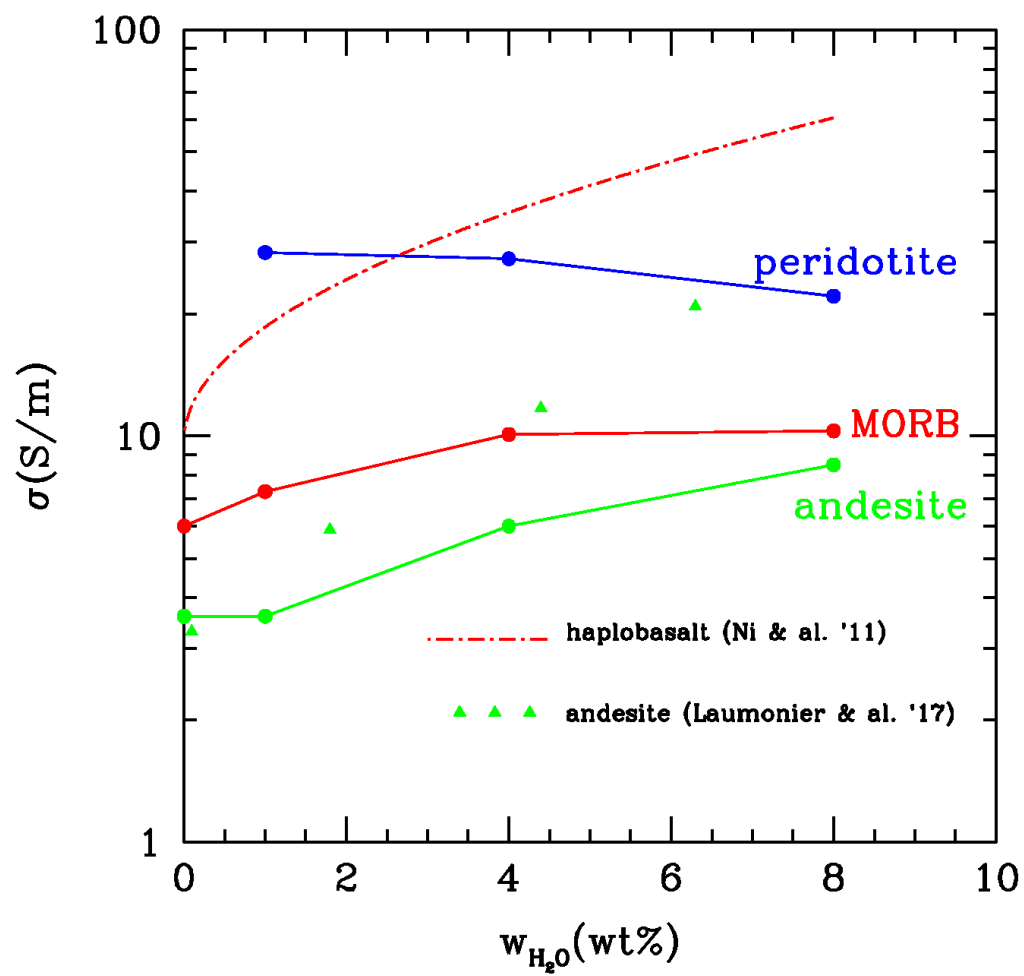


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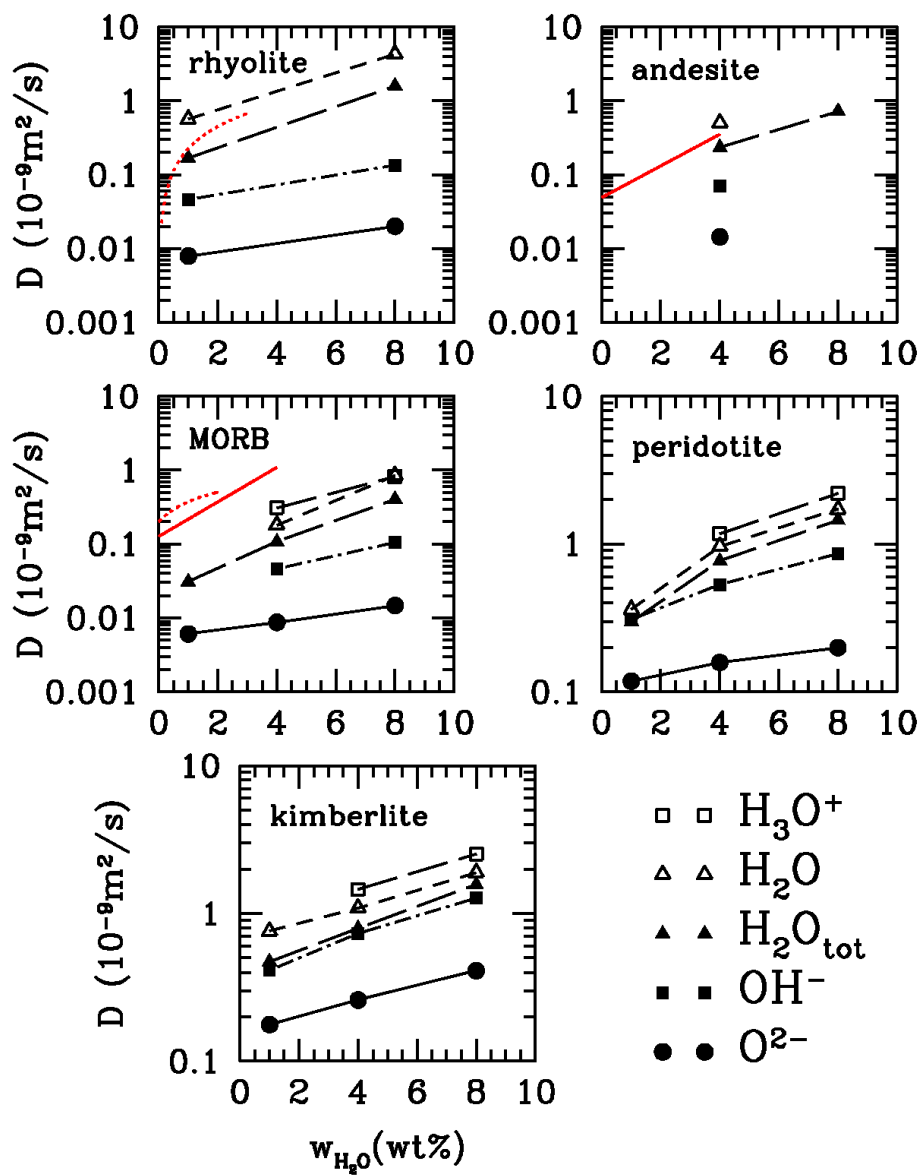


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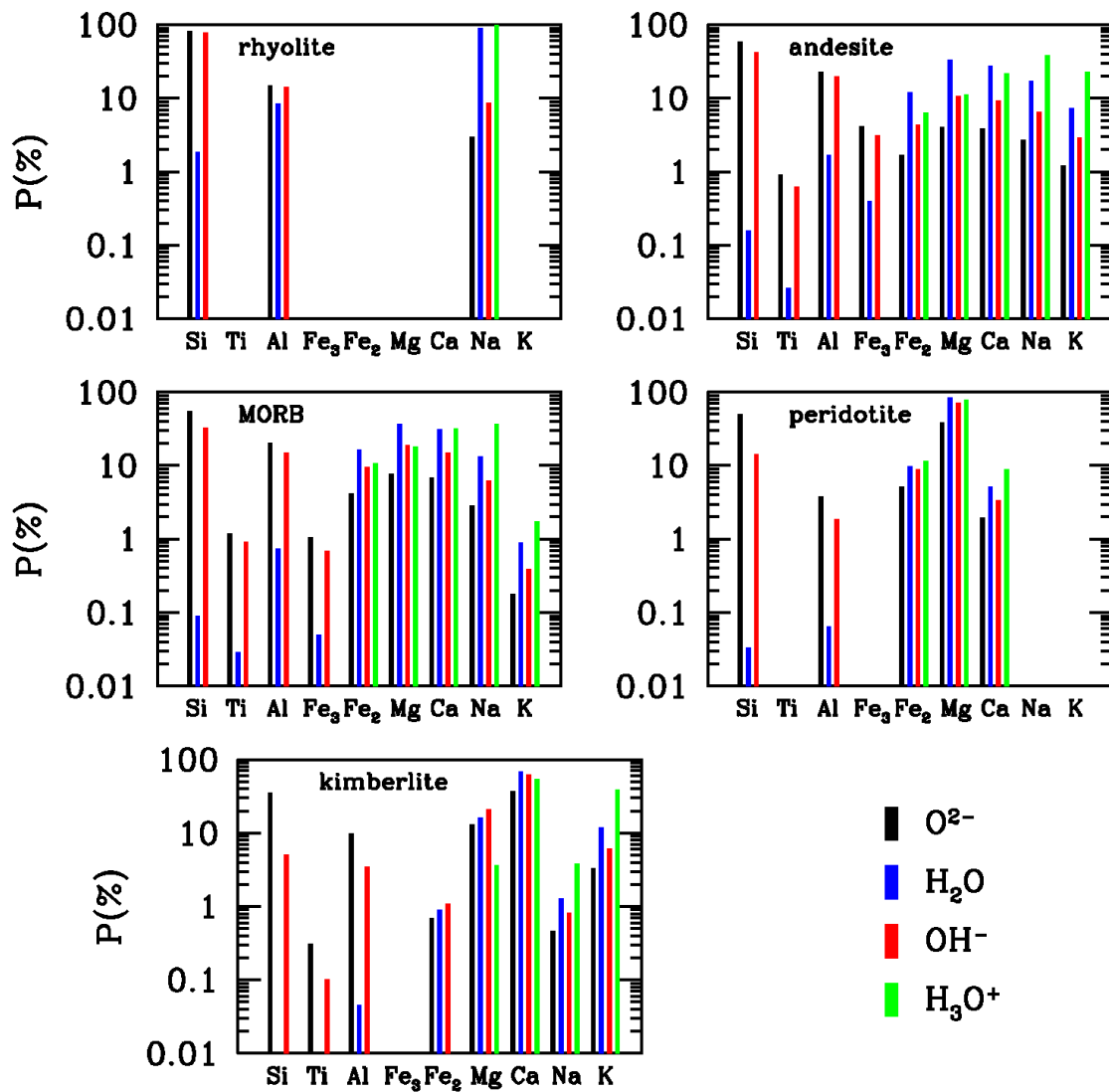


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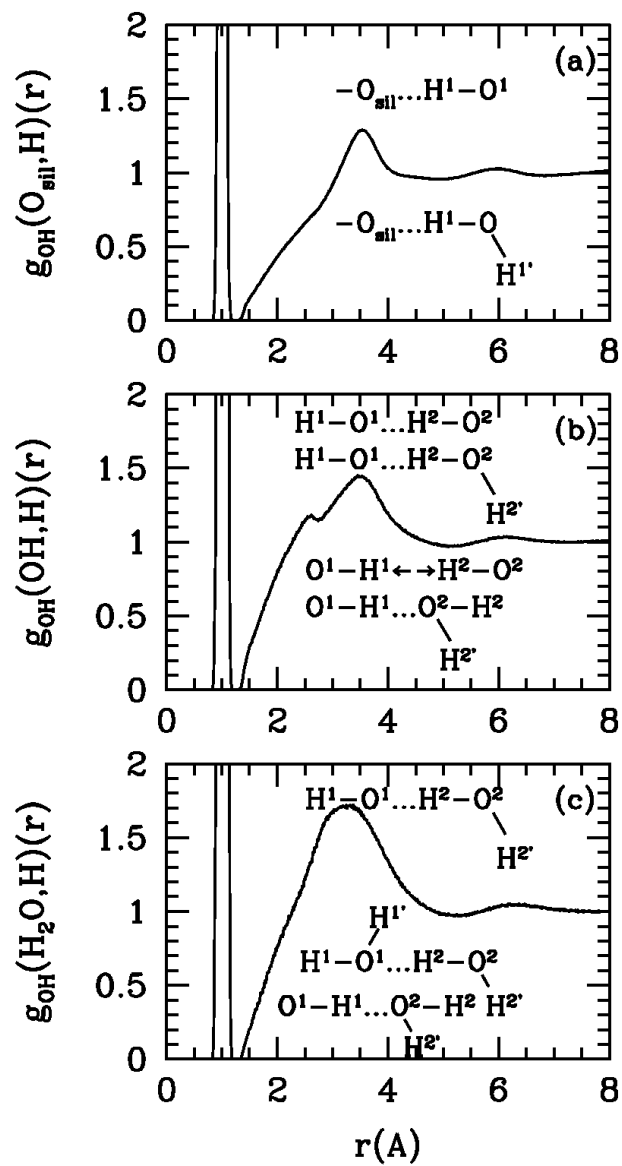


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