

# Bromine speciation and partitioning in slab-derived aqueous fluids and silicate melts and implications for halogen recycling in subduction zones

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**Abstract.** Understanding the behavior of halogens (Cl, Br, and I) in subduction zones is critical to constrain the recycling of trace elements and metals, and to quantify the halogen fluxes to the atmosphere *via* volcanic degassing. Here, the partitioning of bromine between coexisting aqueous fluids and hydrous granitic melts and its speciation in slab-derived fluids have been investigated *in situ* up to 840 °C and 2.2 GPa by X-ray fluorescence (SXRF) and x-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS) in diamond-anvil cells. The partition coefficients  $D_{Br}^{fm}$  range from ~2 to ~15, with an average value of  $6.7 \pm 3.6$  (SD) over the whole pressure-temperature (*P-T*) range, indicating a moderate Br enrichment in aqueous fluids, in agreement with previous work. EXAFS analysis further evidences a gradual evolution of Br speciation from hydrated Br ions  $[Br(H_2O)_6]$  in slab dehydration fluids to more complex structures involving both Na ions and water molecules,  $[BrNa_x(H_2O)_y]$ , in hydrous silicate melts and supercritical fluids released at greater depth (> 200 km). In denser fluids ( $\rho > 1.5 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ ), containing 60 wt% dissolved alkali-silicates and in hydrous  $Na_2Si_2O_5$  melts (10 wt%  $H_2O$ ), Br is found to be in a “salt-like” structure involving 6 nearest Na ions and several next-nearest O neighbors that are either from water molecules and/or the silicate network. Bromine (and likely chlorine and iodine) complexing with alkalis is thus an efficient mechanism for the mobilization and transport of halogens by hydrous silicate melts and supercritical fluids. Our results suggest that both shallow dehydration fluids and deeper silicate-bearing fluids efficiently remove halogen from the slab in the sub-arc region, thus favoring an efficient recycling of halogens in subduction zones.

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## 1 Introduction

34 The fluxes of volatile elements (water, carbon, sulfur, and halogens) in subduction zones  
35 play a critical role in the Earth's chemical evolution; **however, the mechanisms and extent of**  
36 **their transfer from slab components to the mantle wedge, the volcanic arc and, ultimately,**  
37 **the atmosphere remain poorly understood.** Although halogens (F, Cl, Br and I) are rather  
38 minor volatiles compared to H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>, their effect on the physical and chemical properties of  
39 slab-derived fluids and arc magmas (*e.g.* phase equilibria, viscosity, density), as well as their  
40 ability to bind to **trace elements and base metals (e.g., Au, Cu, Zn, Pb)** makes them key  
41 players in the chemical transfer in subduction zones **and formation of ore deposits** (Zellmer et  
42 al., 2015; Barnes et al., 2018). Furthermore, their emission to the troposphere and stratosphere at  
43 volcanic arc centres may have a significant environmental impact, including ozone depletion by  
44 Br (Bobrowski et al., 2003; von Glasow et al., 2009; Kutterolf et al., 2013). Constraining the  
45 halogen cycle in subduction zones is thus crucial for assessing their impact on the global  
46 atmospheric chemistry and climate.

47 In the last decade, new developments in quantification techniques on pore fluids, fluid  
48 inclusions and rocks as well as in detection methods for halogens species in volcanic gases  
49 enabled better estimates of halogen fluxes in subduction zones (Wallace, 2005; Pyle and Mather  
50 2009; John et al., 2011; Kendrick et al., 2013; Kendrick et al., 2015; Chavrit et al., 2016; Barnes  
51 et al., 2018). For example, comparisons of the input from the subducted sediments, altered  
52 oceanic crust and serpentized oceanic lithosphere to the output along volcanic arcs point to a  
53 significant imbalance between fluorine input and output, suggesting a significant amount of F  
54 may be recycled into the mantle (Roberge et al., 2015; Grutzner et al., 2017). On the contrary,  
55 Cl, Br and I appear to be efficiently recycled up to the surface, either through shallow loss of  
56 fluids to the fore-arc region (Br and especially I) or deeper release upon slab dehydration

57 (especially Cl and Br, and to a lesser extent I) (Kendrick et al., 2018). Yet, the poor  
58 understanding of the transfer mechanisms and recycling paths of halogens limits the  
59 development of integrative numerical models constraining the role of fluids and halogens in the  
60 global cycling of elements in subduction zones (Ikemoto and Iwamori, 2014; Kimura et al.,  
61 2016). There is for instance virtually no constraint on the amounts of residual halogens that may  
62 be stored in the dehydrated slab or lost through hidden hydrothermal activity and passive  
63 degassing in the continental crust. Similarly, current knowledge of halogens solubility and  
64 speciation in fluids and melts is mostly limited to pressures below 0.3 GPa (equivalent to ~10 km  
65 depth), which are relevant to volcanic degassing and ore deposit formation in the shallow crust,  
66 but not to slab dehydration or melting beneath arcs at far greater depth (Webster, 1990; Métrich  
67 and Rutherford, 1992; Webster, 1992; Bureau et al., 2000; Signorelli and Carroll, 2002; Bureau  
68 and Métrich, 2003; Carroll, 2005; Evans et al., 2009; Cadoux et al., 2018). Only recently, Bureau  
69 et al. (2010, 2016) reported fluid-melt partition coefficients for Br and I in the haplogranite-H<sub>2</sub>O  
70 system up to 1.7 GPa while Cochain et al. (2015) investigated the speciation of Br in aqueous  
71 fluids or haplogranitic melts up to 7.6 GPa. Nevertheless, the effect of fluid chemistry on the  
72 speciation and partitioning of halogens at high pressures and temperatures (*P-T*) is unknown in  
73 subduction zones. To fill this gap, we combine Synchrotron X-ray Fluorescence (SXRF) and X-  
74 ray Absorption Spectroscopy (XAS) measurements in a hydrothermal diamond-anvil cell  
75 (HDAC) to investigate Br fluid-melt partitioning and speciation in aqueous fluids and hydrous  
76 silicate melts that mimic the mobile phases released by the slab at sub-arc depths (Manning,  
77 2004; Frezzotti and Ferrando, 2015). Bromine is employed here as an analog of chlorine  
78 amenable to SXRF and XAS studies through the diamond window of the HDAC due to its higher  
79 absorption edge energy (13.47 keV for bromine K-edge compared to 2.82 keV for chlorine K-

80 edge; Sanchez-Valle, 2013). Furthermore, among the halogens, bromine displays the closest  
81 behavior to chlorine in terms of solubility, partitioning and speciation in silicate melts, at least at  
82 shallow depth (Bureau et al., 2000, Bureau and Metrich, 2003; Wasik et al., 2005; Bureau et al.,  
83 2010; Cadoux et al., 2018). Bromine therefore represents the best analog of Cl for *in-situ* studies  
84 at high pressure ( $P$ ) and high temperature ( $T$ ) conditions. Our experimental results reveal  
85 systematic changes in Br speciation that reflect changes in fluid composition with depth; these  
86 new findings enable better constraints on the mechanisms controlling the transfer of halogens  
87 from the slab to arc magmas.

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## 89 **2 Methods**

### 90 **2.1 Starting materials**

91 The speciation and fluid-melt partitioning experiments were conducted using 3 wt% NaBr  
92 aqueous solutions and synthetic sodium disilicate (NS2:  $\text{Na}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5$ ) or haplogranite (Hpg) glasses  
93 doped with 1 to 4 wt% Br as starting materials (Table 1). The 3 wt% NaBr aqueous solution was  
94 freshly prepared from distilled de-ionized water and analytical grade NaBr powder, sealed in  
95 tight containers and refrigerated until the experiments. The NS2 and Hpg glasses were  
96 synthesized in a piston-cylinder apparatus at 1200 °C and 0.5 GPa and 1.5 GPa, respectively,  
97 following the method described in Louvel et al. (2013). Briefly, reagent grade  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3$   
98 were employed for the NS2 glasses whereas reagent grade  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and alkali-carbonates,  
99  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , were mixed for the haplogranite glass synthesis. Bromine was added as  
100 NaBr together with 3.3 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  for the synthesis of the haplogranite glass to ensure complete  
101 melting and homogeneization of the sample at run conditions.

102 Major element (Si, Al, K and Na) contents and distribution in the glass were measured by  
103 by electron microprobe analyzer (EPMA) using a JEOL JXA-8200 microprobe **with an**

104 **accelerating voltage of 15 keV, a 10 nA beam current and a defocused beam of 30  $\mu\text{m}$  to**  
105 **avoid element migration during the analysis (Table 1). The probe was calibrated using**  
106 **wollastonite/quartz (Si), corundum (Al), aegirine (Na), K-feldspar (K), and counting time**  
107 **set to 40 s. The homogeneity of the glasses was confirmed by elemental profiles collected**  
108 **across the sample and by the absence of microscopic mineral phases.** EPMA measurements  
109 of Br are hindered by i) the high ionization potential for the K-lines of Br resulting in low count  
110 rates; ii) the peak overlap between the L-lines of Br and the K-lines of Al; and iii) the lack of  
111 matrix-matched standards. To overcome these limitations, the concentration of Br in Hpg-Br2  
112 glass sample was **first** determined by Rutherford Backscattering Spectroscopy (RBS) **at the**  
113 **Department of Physics of ETH Zurich.** This technique provides absolute elemental  
114 concentrations and is particularly appropriated for quantifying heavy elements in a light matrix  
115 as it is the case of Br in silicate glasses (Feldman and Mayer, 1986; Chu and Liu, 1996). **A 3.5**  
116 **mm diameter disk of Hpg-Br2 glass, mounted in epoxy and carbon-coated, was exposed to**  
117 **a 2 MeV  $^4\text{He}$  ion beam. The concentration of Br in the sample was determined from the**  
118 **energy of the backscattered alpha particles  $^4\text{He}^{2+}$ , yielding a Br concentration of  $0.96 \pm 0.04$**   
119 **wt%, which is identical to the nominal Br concentration within analytical uncertainties (Table 1).**  
120 This well-characterized sample was then used as a standard for Br analysis by EPMA and LA-  
121 ICPMS in the other glass samples (NS2 and Hpg-Br3 – Table 1). **EPMA characterization of**  
122 **Br was conducted with an accelerating voltage of 25 keV, a 90 nA beam current and a**  
123 **defocused beam of 30  $\mu\text{m}$ . The signal from Br (and Na) was carefully monitored during the**  
124 **measurements and found to be stable for these conditions. Br concentrations in NS2-Br1**  
125 **were also cross-checked by LA-ICPMS analyses that were conducted using a 193-nm ArF**  
126 **excimer laser coupled with an ELAN 6100 DRC ICP quadrupole mass spectrometer**

127 **(Heinrich et al., 2003) and a beam diameter of 40  $\mu\text{m}$ . All analyses were bracketed by**  
128 **measuring an external standard (NIST 610) to allow for linear drift correction, and the**  
129 **average  $\text{SiO}_2$  and Br content determined by EPMA analysis for the Hpg-Br2 glass was used**  
130 **as the internal standard.**

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## 132 **2.2 Hydrothermal diamond anvil cell experiments**

133 All experiments were conducted in Bassett-type hydrothermal diamond-anvil cells  
134 (HDAC, Bassett et al., 1993) widely used for *in-situ* SXRF and XAS measurements on aqueous  
135 fluids and silicate melts up to 1000  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  and about 3 GPa (e.g., Borchert et al., 2009; Louvel et al.,  
136 2013, 2014). The HDACs were mounted with a thinner diamond (1.2-mm thick) on the detector  
137 side to reduce the X-ray path through the diamonds and widen the collection angle of the XAS  
138 analysis (Sanchez-Valle et al., 2004). This configuration allows i) reducing the attenuation of the  
139 fluorescence X-rays in the anvil, and ii) decreasing the fluorescence background arising from the  
140 Compton and Rayleigh scattering in the thick diamond anvils, hence increasing the signal to  
141 noise ratio and thus the overall quality of the analysis. The sample chamber, a 300- $\mu\text{m}$  hole  
142 drilled in a 250- $\mu\text{m}$  rhenium gasket compressed between the two diamond anvils, was heated  
143 externally with molybdenum wires wrapped around two tungsten carbide seats supporting the  
144 diamond anvils. Temperature was measured to within 2  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  with K-type thermocouples attached  
145 to each anvil, as close as possible to the sample chamber. The temperature gradient between  
146 thermocouples and the sample chamber was calibrated for each HDAC prior to experiments  
147 using the melting temperature at ambient pressure of S (115.4  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ),  $\text{NaNO}_3$  (308  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and NaCl  
148 (800.5  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). Overall, the  $T$  gradient remains < 35  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  at the highest temperature reached (850  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).

149 Pressure was determined from the equation of state of the gold internal pressure standard  
150 (Jamieson et al., 1982) whose X-ray diffraction pattern was measured during the experiment.

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152 Partitioning experiments were conducted by loading the sample chamber with a piece of  
153 Br-bearing Hpg glass and either pure H<sub>2</sub>O or an aqueous 3 wt% NaBr solution (**Fig. 1**). For the  
154 speciation measurements by XAS, loadings included either Br aqueous solutions, or a piece of  
155 Br-bearing NS2 or Hpg glass loaded together with de-ionized water. In all runs, a pellet of a  
156 mixture of Au and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> powders was added to be used for pressure calibration (Louvel et al.,  
157 2013; 2014). The volumetric proportions of glass and aqueous fluid in the different loadings  
158 were adjusted by adding double-side polished glass pieces of known dimensions (**Fig. 1**). Upon  
159 heating, the haplogranite melt-aqueous fluid system followed the classical phase transitions  
160 described in previous studies (Bureau and Keppler, 1999; Louvel et al., 2013), with initial  
161 hydrous melting recorded between 550 and 700 °C (**Fig. 1B**) and complete miscibility reached  
162 within the 700-850 °C range, depending on the pressure (**Fig. 1C**). In contrast, the NS2-H<sub>2</sub>O  
163 system displayed distinct and rather unusual phase relations in the investigated *P-T* range (**Fig.**  
164 **1D-F**): the NS2 glass first dissolved completely in the aqueous solution between 150 and 250 °C  
165 to produce a single fluid phase containing 30 to 60 wt% dissolved Na<sub>2</sub>O and SiO<sub>2</sub> solutes, **an**  
166 **analog for slab-derived so-called supercritical fluids (Fig. 1E)**. Upon further heating between  
167 500 and 750 °C, the fluid unmixed into two phases, a hydrous melt and an aqueous fluid (**Fig.**  
168 **1F**). This immiscibility gap remained open up to the highest temperatures reached with the  
169 HDAC (800-900 °C), as also previously observed for the haploandesite Na<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>4</sub>O<sub>9</sub>-Na<sub>2</sub>(Si,Al)<sub>4</sub>O<sub>9</sub>  
170 join and the K<sub>2</sub>O-SiO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O system (Mysen and Cody, 2004).

171 The composition of the high pressure fluids (wt% cations dissolved) and melts (wt% H<sub>2</sub>O)  
172 was determined from available solubility studies (Table 2) as follows. The water content of  
173 haplogranite melts at equilibrium with aqueous fluids (**Fig. 1B**) was calculated from the water  
174 solubility data for aluminosilicate melts reported by Mysen and Wheeler (2000) and extrapolated  
175 to our experimental conditions. The composition of the aqueous fluid phase in equilibrium with  
176 the haplogranite melt (*i.e.*, total silicates content including SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>O and K<sub>2</sub>O) was  
177 estimated by extrapolating to the *P-T* conditions of our experiments the solubility data reported  
178 for the albite-H<sub>2</sub>O system between 0.20 and 0.84 GPa at 600 and 700 °C (Anderson and  
179 Burnham, 1983), **except for Run 4, for which the high pressure (1-2 GPa) solubility data of**  
180 **Wolhers et al. (2011) were employed. Uncertainties in the calculated dissolved silicate**  
181 **content arise from the compositional differences between solubility models (albite) and our**  
182 **experimental system (peralkaline haplogranite) but they cannot be evaluated due to a lack**  
183 **of information on Si, Na, K and Al partitioning between silicate melts and water. To**  
184 **account for potential uncertainties on calculated silicate contents in the fluid phase we thus**  
185 **considered a 10% error on pressure conditions, which translates to an overall uncertainty**  
186 **of 20-22% for all investigated conditions, except in Run 4 (Table 2).** The compositions of the  
187 aqueous fluids in the NS2-H<sub>2</sub>O system were determined from the initial volumetric proportions  
188 of the NS2 glass and the aqueous fluid loaded in the compression chamber. The mass of the glass  
189 was calculated from the volume using a density of 2.52(5) g/cm<sup>3</sup> (Yamashita et al., 2008) and  
190 that of the fluid determined from the volume left in the compression chamber (**Fig. 1D**). The  
191 amount of water dissolved in the hydrous NS2 melt in equilibrium with the aqueous fluid at 700  
192 °C and 0.4 GPa (**Fig. 1F**) was calculated from water solubility data in sodium silicate melts



193 reported by Mysen and Cody (2004). The overall error in the calculated bulk compositions is  
194 within 10% of the total concentration value.

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### 196 **2.3 *In-situ* SXRF and XAS measurements and data analysis**

197 The SXRF and XAS measurements were performed at the microXAS beamline (X05LA)  
198 of the Swiss Light Source (SLS, Paul Scherrer Institute, Borca et al., 2009). Measurements at the  
199 Br K-edge were conducted with an incident energy of 13.6 keV tuned by a Si(111) double crystal  
200 monochromator and focused down to 5×8 (V×H) μm<sup>2</sup> size by a set of Rh-coated Kirkpatrick-  
201 Baez mirrors. This configuration ensured a photon flux of 2×10<sup>11</sup> photons per second at the  
202 measurements conditions. The intensity of the incident beam was monitored throughout the  
203 experiments using an Ar-filled micro-ion-chamber placed between the Kirkpatrick-Baez mirrors  
204 and the HDAC. Before measurements, temperature was stabilized for about 30 min after each  
205 heating stage to ensure that chemical equilibrium was achieved inside the cell (Louvel et al.,  
206 2014). In the case of coexisting melt and fluid, measurements were only performed when the  
207 melt globule was stationary and bridging both diamonds (**Fig. 1F**). This configuration ensured  
208 that spectra were only collected from pure phases (fluid or melt) thus avoiding any  
209 contamination of the SXRF and XAS signals by the other coexisting phase. SXRF and XAS  
210 spectra were collected in fluorescence mode in a forward scattering geometry with an energy  
211 dispersive single-element silicon drift diode (SDD) detector (Ketek<sup>®</sup>, 139 eV resolution at Mn-K<sub>α</sub>  
212 = 5.89 keV) set at 22° from the incident beam in the horizontal plane (Sanchez-Valle et al., 2003;  
213 Louvel et al., 2013; 2014). Angle-dispersive X-ray diffraction spectra were collected on the gold  
214 pressure calibrant before and after XAS/SXRF measurements using a high-resolution CCD

215 camera set in transmission geometry. A microscope equipped with a video camera was used to  
216 monitor the compression chamber during the heating and cooling cycles (**Fig. 1**).

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218 2D-SXRF maps were acquired across the sample chamber to qualitatively monitor the  
219 distribution of Br between the coexisting aqueous fluid and haplogranite melt (Fig. 1). Then, at  
220 least three fluorescence spectra were collected from each phase to further determine the Br fluid-  
221 melt partition coefficients  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  at each  $P$ - $T$  condition (Table 2). Counting times were set to 100  
222 or 300 s, depending on the signal intensity. **Spectra were always recorded far away from the**  
223 **Au pressure calibrant (Fig. 2) to suppress the contribution of the Au  $L_{\beta}$  line (11.442 keV) to**  
224 **the Br  $K_{\alpha}$  line (11.924 keV) used for the quantifications. Note that the Au  $L_{\beta}$  line was only**  
225 **observed in the spectra when the beam spot was positioned within less than 5  $\mu\text{m}$  away**  
226 **from the Au chip (horizontal beam size 8  $\mu\text{m}$ ) thus demonstrating the well defined beam**  
227 **shape and appropriate spatial resolution of the X-ray beam.**

228 The fluid-melt partition coefficients  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$ , **which correspond to the ratio of Br concentration**  
229 **in coexisting fluid ( $C_{Br}^f$ ) and melt ( $C_{Br}^m$ ) at each  $P$ - $T$ ,** were derived from the integrated  
230 intensities of the Br fluorescence emission lines recorded in the fluid and melt,  $I_f$  and  $I_m$ , after  
231 normalization to the incident beam intensity and counting times, and background removal with  
232 the Peakfit v4.12 software (SeaSolve Software-USA), following the method described in Louvel  
233 et al. (2014). This method relies on the fixed geometry of the HDAC set-up and takes into  
234 account the different composition, density ( $\rho$ ) and effective transmission ( $A$ ) of the aqueous fluid  
235 and melt to normalize the fluorescence signal and calculate  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  according to the equation:

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$$D_{Br}^{f/m} = \frac{C_{Br}^f}{C_{Br}^m} = \frac{I_f}{I_m} \times \frac{A_m}{A_f} \times \frac{\rho_m}{\rho_f} \quad (1)$$

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239 **The standard deviation on the intensity ratios  $I_f/I_m$  are smaller than 10% (Table 2). The**

240 **fluid and melt densities were calculated for the relevant pressure, temperature and fluid or**

241 **melt compositions using density relations determined by *in situ* techniques for comparable**

242 **fluid and melt compositions by Mantegazzi et al. (2012) and Malfait et al. (2014) and taking**

243 **into account the estimated uncertainties on pressure and fluid and melt compositions. The**

244 **effective transmission  $A_f$  and  $A_m$ , which accounts for the probability that the fluorescent**

245 **radiation reaches the detector depending on phase composition, density and thickness of**

246 **the sample at the incident energy, were calculated from the compositionally dependent**

247 **attenuation lengths  $\lambda$  determined below and above the Br K-edge energy as a function of**

248 **melt/fluid compositions and densities for all  $P$ - $T$  conditions using the Hephaestus software**

249 **(Ravel and Newville, 2005). The sample thickness  $t$  was input as an average of the thickness**

250 **of the sample chamber after each run ( $\sim 200 \mu\text{m}$ ). A variation of the sample thickness by 50**

251  **$\mu\text{m}$  induces a deviation smaller than 10 % on the absolute value of the  $A_m/A_f$  ratio. The**

252 **corrections in Eq. 1 significantly affect  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  : because the XRF intensities correlate with**

253 **the Br concentration, and the melts are denser than the fluids, the values for  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  are**

254 **consistently higher than the  $I_f/I_m$  ratio (Table 2). However, total uncertainties reported on**

255 **the partition coefficients mostly remain below 10 %.**

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257 XAS measurements were conducted on 3 wt% NaBr aqueous solution, ‘solute-poor’ fluids

258 equilibrated with hydrous haplogranite melt (**Fig. 1B**), supercritical fluids containing different

259 amounts of dissolved NS2 (**Fig. 1E**) and hydrous NS2 melt (**Fig. 1F**). XAS analyses on the

260 haplogranite melt were precluded by the lower Br concentration of these melts (< **0.2 wt%**). For  
261 each composition, 3 to 5 XAS spectra were collected with counting times of 1 second per point  
262 in the pre-edge region to 3 seconds in the XANES and EXAFS regions. The contribution of  
263 Bragg reflections arising from the diamond anvils was avoided in the energy range of interest by  
264 changing the orientation of the diamond anvil cell by 0.5 to 1° with respect to the incident X-ray  
265 beam direction (Bassett et al., 2000). The edge position was calibrated using a pellet of NaBr and  
266 no significant drift of the energy was observed during measurements. XAS spectra were also  
267 collected at ambient conditions on ~ 200×200 μm<sup>2</sup> double-side polished section of the NS2 and  
268 Hpg glasses.

269 Data reduction was performed using the Athena and Artemis packages (Ravel and  
270 Newville, 2005) based on the IFEFFIT program (Newville, 2001). Averaged experimental  
271 spectra were normalized to the absorption edge height and background removed using the  
272 automatic background subtraction routine AUTOBK included in the Athena software. To  
273 minimize the contribution of features at distances below the atom-atom contact distance, the  $R_{\text{bkg}}$   
274 parameter, which represents the minimum distance for which information is provided by the  
275 signal, was set to 1.3 Å. For all spectra, the absorption energy  $E_0$  was set to 13.474 keV, which  
276 corresponds to the maximum of the first derivative of the absorption edge. Based on previous  
277 studies of Br and Cl speciation in aqueous solutions and silicate glasses (Ayala et al., 2002;  
278 D'Angelo et al., 1993; Evans et al., 2008; Ferlat et al., 2001; McKeown et al., 2011; Ramos et  
279 al., 2000; Sandland et al., 2004; Stebbins and Du, 2002), our EXAFS analysis included the Br-O  
280 and Br-Na scattering paths to describe the evolution of the local structure around Br from the  
281 high  $P$ - $T$  fluids to the hydrous melts and silicate glasses. Although Na cannot be easily  
282 distinguished from Al or Si by EXAFS under our experimental conditions, the presence of

283 network cations in the nearest coordination shell of Br is deemed unlikely, as shown for Cl by  
284 MAS-NMR and XAS studies (Evans et al., 2008; McKeown et al., 2011; Sandland et al., 2004;  
285 Stebbins and Du, 2002). The theoretical back-scattering amplitudes, mean free-paths and phase-  
286 shift functions for these paths were calculated with the FEFF6.0 *ab initio* code (Mustre de Leon  
287 et al., 1991) using an aqueous Br ion  $[\text{Br}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^-$  with a mean Br-O distance of 3.37 Å and the  
288 NaBr salt crystallographic structure with a Br-Na distance of 2.98 Å (Deshpande, 1961; Makino,  
289 1995). Multiple scattering within a linear  $\text{Br}\cdots\text{H}-\text{O}$  cluster was also included to model the  
290 hydration shell around Br, with the H-O distance fixed to 1.0 Å (Silvestrelli and Parrinello, 1999;  
291 Soper and Benmore, 2008). The  $\chi(k)$  EXAFS function were Fourier filtered over the 1.5-6.0 Å<sup>-1</sup>  
292 *k*-range for most spectra. For all samples, modelling of the EXAFS oscillations was performed  
293 using 4 variables: average coordination number (N), distance to nearest neighbor (R), Debye-  
294 Waller factor  $\sigma^2$ , and the energy shift  $\Delta E$  (which is a non-structural parameter). The amplitude  
295 reduction factor  $S_0^2$  was set to 1 based on previous fits of aqueous NaBr, KBr and GaBr<sub>3</sub>  
296 solutions (Da Silva et al., 2009; Ferlat et al., 2002). All fits were performed simultaneously with  
297 *k*-weighting of 1, 2 and 3 in order to decrease correlations between N and  $\sigma^2$ , and R and  $\Delta E$   
298 (Pokrovski et al., 2009a,b). The multi-electronic excitations (MEE) at 34 and 90 ( $\pm 1$ ) eV above  
299 the Br K-edge (D'Angelo et al., 1993) were neglected as they did not significantly contribute to  
300 the EXAFS spectra. The variation of  $\Delta E$  values between different fitted samples was less than  $\pm$   
301 4 eV, further confirming the validity of the fitting procedure and the accuracy of the derived  
302 interatomic distances.

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## 304 **3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

### 305 **3.1 Bromine partition coefficients in the haplogranite-fluid system**

306 The distribution of Br between aqueous fluids and silicate melts at high  $P$ - $T$  conditions  
307 has been constrained by measuring fluid-melt partition coefficients  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  from 592 to 840 °C  
308 and from 0.2 to 1.7 GPa in four experimental runs. For all investigated conditions, the  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$   
309 values are always higher than 1 (Table 2), confirming the preferential partitioning of Br into the  
310 fluid phase, which is also qualitatively evident from the *in-situ* Br distribution maps reported in  
311 **Figure 2**. The  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  values vary between  $2.0 \pm 0.1$  and  $15.3 \pm 1.0$ , and fall within the range  
312 reported in a previous HDAC study by Bureau et al. (2010) at similar  $P$ - $T$  conditions (**Fig. 3**).  
313 **Our limited set of  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  values does not show any pressure, composition or density**  
314 **dependence as it may generally be expected for vapor-liquid and fluid-melt equilibrium**  
315 **partitioning of elements, which postulates that a partition coefficient should tend to 1 when**  
316 **approaching the critical point at which the compositions and densities of both phases are**  
317 **identical by definition (e.g., Bureau and Keppler, 1999; Pokrovski et al., 2013 and**  
318 **references therein). However, previous vapor-liquid partitioning studies for base metals**  
319 **(Cu, Au) demonstrated that large differences between the chemical speciation in the vapor**  
320 **and liquid phase may obscure simple density-dependent partitioning trends (e.g.,**  
321 **Pokrovski et al., 2008). By analogy, it may be expected that if Br speciation is significantly**  
322 **different in the coexisting melt and fluid (see section 3.2), partitioning trends versus bulk**  
323 **system parameters such as water activity, density or pressure may not be straightforward.**  
324 **This is likely the case for previous high  $P$ - $T$  measurements of  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  (Bureau et al., 2010)**  
325 **that do not show clear  $P$ -dependence at least within the high  $P$ -range investigated ( $> 0.6$**   
326 **GPa) .**

327 **Additionally, the apparent lack of pressure dependence of the  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  in our study may also**  
328 **reflect uncertainties in the calculated fluid and melt composition that translate to the**  
329 **calculated  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  (section 2.1 and 2.3). In this regard, the large  $D_{Br}^{f/m} = 9.7$  obtained at 1.7**  
330 **GPa in Run 4, when the system should be close to miscibility and  $D_{Br}^{f/m} \sim 1$ , is striking**  
331 **(Table 2, Fig. 3). This deviation from 1 may result, at least partly, from the different**  
332 **method employed to compute fluid composition for this run (high  $P$  solubility data from**  
333 **Wohlers et al., 2011) or from non-Henrian behavior of Br in this system (*i.e.*,  $\sim 2$  wt% Br**  
334 **dissolved in the sample chamber compared to only 0.5 - 0.6 wt% for Runs 1 to 3).**

335 **Despite those uncertainties, an important finding here is that the  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  values remain relatively**  
336 **small ( $< 15$ ) under high  $P$ - $T$  conditions. Assuming that the high  $P$ - $T$  fluid/melt volumetric**  
337 **ratio is similar to the initial fluid/glass ratio for each run, we calculate between 400 to**  
338 **almost 2000 ppm Br (0.04-0.2 wt%) dissolved in the high  $P$ - $T$  hydrous melts at run**  
339 **conditions. This observation suggests that hydrous granitic melts have a capacity comparable to**  
340 **fluids to carry Br under high  $P$ - $T$  conditions and may thus contribute to the efficient transport**  
341 **and recycling of Br from the subducting slab to the mantle wedge and volcanic arc.**

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343 **At low-pressure conditions relevant to fore-arc or crustal processes ( $< 0.2$  GPa), our *in-situ***  
344 **partition coefficients are slightly lower than those obtained from quench experiments (Fig. 3).**

345 **For instance, Bureau et al. (2000) and Cadoux et al. (2018) reported average  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  of  $\sim 17$ -20**  
346 **for albitic and rhyodacitic melts at 900 °C and 0.2 GPa, while we found  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  of  $\sim 5$  at 800 °C**  
347 **and 0.2 GPa. We also note that the minimum  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  value from Cadoux et al. is  $\sim 9$ , which is**  
348 **closer to our *in-situ* value. These rather small variations may stem from uncertainties in the**

349 pressure determination below 0.5 GPa in the HDAC, the quantification of Br by mass balance in  
350 Bureau et al. and Cadoux et al. (i.e, salt precipitates), or artifacts of the quench method resulting  
351 in the loss of Br to the aqueous phase upon cooling. Furthermore, slight differences in the melt  
352 composition and structure could also result in different Br speciation (Louvel et al., 2020),  
353 favoring or not the incorporation of Br in the silicate melt. **The relatively low Br partition**  
354 **coefficients (< 20) compare favorably with those reported for Cl for silicic compositions,**  
355 **confirming the similar behavior of Br and Cl under magmatic conditions. Indeed, fluid-**  
356 **melt partition coefficients from experiments with low Cl concentration (< 1m Cl) range**  
357 **between ~ 3 and 20 for phonolitic to rhyolitic composition (Chevychelov et al., 2008;**  
358 **Webster and Holloway, 1988; see Dolejs and Zajacz, 2018 for a review). Together, these**  
359 **experimental results confirm natural observations that felsic magmas may retain high**  
360 **amounts of Cl and Br, especially if they are subjected to fast decompression (Balcone-**  
361 **Boissard et al., 2010).**

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## 363 **3.2 Speciation of bromine in aqueous fluids and silicate melts**

### 364 **3.2.1 Aqueous solutions and silicate glasses at room conditions**

365 The XANES and EXAFS spectra collected at ambient conditions from the 3 wt% NaBr  
366 aqueous solution and Br-bearing silicate glasses are reported respectively in **Fig. 4** and **Fig. 5**,  
367 together with data for a KBr aqueous solution from Ferlat et al. (2002). These spectra were  
368 employed to validate the theoretical backscattering amplitude and phase shift functions for Br-O  
369 and Br-Na scattering paths used in EXAFS modeling. The XANES spectrum of the 3 wt% NaBr  
370 aqueous solution is characterized by an absorption edge at 13.474 keV and a white line that  
371 peaks at 13.478 keV (**Fig. 4**). It displays close similarities to that of the KBr aqueous solution



372 from Ferlat et al. (2002) and overall resembles other alkali bromide aqueous solutions reported in  
373 the literature (Wallen et al., 1997; Ferlat et al., 2001; Evans et al., 2007). The EXAFS spectra  
374 from the KBr and NaBr aqueous solutions are accurately modeled with a hydration shell of  $5.7 \pm$   
375  $0.8$  and  $5.9 \pm 0.7$  water molecules ( $N_{\text{Br}\cdots\text{H-O}}$ ) at a Br-O distance of  $3.30 \pm 0.03$  and  $3.37 \pm 0.04$  Å,  
376 respectively (Table 3). Note that multiple-scattering paths from the linear Br $\cdots$ H-O cluster are  
377 needed to accurately reproduce the experimental data; when only Br-O interactions are  
378 considered, the model fails to reproduce the amplitude of the EXAFS oscillations unless an  
379 unrealistic hydration shell of  $\sim 12$  H<sub>2</sub>O molecules is adopted. The structural parameters fitted for  
380 the KBr aqueous solution from Ferlat et al. (2002) are, within errors, similar to those reported by  
381 the authors. Together with the EXAFS fits of the NaBr aqueous solution, they confirm that Br  
382 speciation in aqueous solution at room conditions is dominated by a six-fold coordinated  
383 hydration shell with the H-O bond of the water molecule radially aligned towards the Br ion  
384 (Ferlat et al., 2001; Ramos et al., 2000).

385 EXAFS spectra collected on NS2 and Hgp glasses at room conditions display distinct  
386 oscillations, with a new feature at  $2.2 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  in both glass samples and amplitudes nearly out of  
387 phase at  $> 2 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  in  $k$ -space compared to the NaBr and KBr aqueous solutions (**Fig. 6**). Different  
388 combinations of Br-Na and Br-O scattering paths were tested to constrain the local structural  
389 environment of Br in the silicate glasses. Models considering individually either the Br-Na or Br-  
390 O paths do not provide a reasonable fit of the EXAFS oscillations and the simultaneous  
391 contribution of Br-Na and Br-O bond is required to reproduce the experimental spectra. The  
392 EXAFS-derived parameters suggest that Br in NS2 and Hgp glasses is coordinated to an average  
393 of 6 Na cations in the first shell at an average distance of  $2.95 \text{ \AA}$ , and next-nearest 6 O neighbors  
394 located at  $3.4 \text{ \AA}$  (Table 3). The fitted Br-Na bond length is consistent, within errors, with

395 theoretical Br-Na distances in crystalline NaBr (2.987 Å, Deshpande, 1961) and is close to that  
396 reported for aluminosilicate glasses in a previous study (Cochain et al., 2015), suggesting Br is  
397 incorporated in the silicate glasses in a “salt-like” structure, similar to NaBr. The similarities  
398 between the structural parameters fitted for anhydrous NS2 and hydrous Hpg (3.3 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O)  
399 glasses also suggest that the nearest environment of Br remains largely anhydrous in glasses  
400 containing relatively low water contents and that the second O neighbors may be from the  
401 silicate network rather than more distant H<sub>2</sub>O or OH groups. Attempts to include the effect of  
402 Br···H-O bonds in the fitting model by taking into account multiple scattering Br···H-O paths  
403 instead of Br-O correlations only resulted in a systematic decrease in the fit quality (higher *R*-  
404 factor). The sole difference between the two glasses is the presence of a pre-edge feature at  
405 ~13.468 keV in the haplogranite glass (**Fig. 5**). Such features have been attributed to the 1s to 4p  
406 electronic transitions in Br (Burattini et al., 1991) and reported in several covalently bonded  
407 and/or reduced Br-bearing compounds, including HBr, Br<sub>2</sub>, and CHBr<sub>3</sub> (D’Angelo et al., 1993;  
408 Feiters et al., 2005). While Evans et al. (2007) suggested that this feature could arise from partial  
409 Br reduction in the presence of remaining carbon material in the sample from the synthesis,  
410 changes in the local site symmetry around Br could also contribute to the development of such  
411 feature. Recent HERFD-XAS measurements conducted on silicate glasses however demonstrate  
412 that this feature is absent in basaltic and andesitic glasses and hence, may be specific to the  
413 structure of granitic glass compositions (Louvel et al., 2020).

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### 415 **3.2.2 High *P-T* aqueous fluids and hydrous silicate melts**

416 Bromine K-edge XANES spectra of high *P-T* aqueous fluids (3 wt% NaBr solution,  
417 fluids at equilibrium with haplogranite melt and water-dominated fluids containing < 50 wt%

418 dissolved NS2) all share a shape very similar to that of the NaBr aqueous solution at room  
419 conditions, suggesting a similar local structure of Br in H<sub>2</sub>O-dominated phases at elevated *P-T*  
420 **(Fig. 4 and 5)**. Differences in the shape of the XANES spectra become more pronounced for the  
421 supercritical fluids with >50 wt% dissolved Si and Na and the hydrous NS2 melt **(Fig. 4)**.  
422 Although the maximum of the white line remains at 13.478 keV, it broadens and decreases in  
423 amplitude compared to the 3 wt% NaBr aqueous solution. Also, the first post-edge resonance is  
424 shifted toward either higher (13.504 keV) or lower (13.487 keV) energies compared to the  
425 aqueous fluids. These changes may be indicative of the progressive incorporation of Na in the  
426 local structure around Br. These modifications of Br coordination environment are also  
427 noticeable in the EXAFS oscillations **(Fig. 5)**: while Br-bearing aqueous fluids mostly show a  
428 decrease of the amplitude of the oscillations with increasing *P-T*, they are shifted to higher  
429 distances (*i.e.* from 2.6 to 2.8 Å<sup>-1</sup> in *k*-space for the first oscillation) for the 60 wt% NS2 fluid.  
430 Moreover, the NS2 melt bears closer resemblance to the NS2 and Hpg glasses, sharing similar  
431 oscillations at 2.2 and 3.2 Å<sup>-1</sup>.

432         The structural parameters derived from the quantitative EXAFS analysis are reported in  
433 Table 4. Comparably to room conditions, the EXAFS spectra of the NaBr aqueous solution at  
434 high pressure-temperature conditions are well matched by an octahedral hydration shell  
435 including multiple-scattering contributions from the Br<sup>III</sup>-H-O cluster **(Fig. 6)**. Br-O coordination  
436 numbers and distances are, respectively,  $6.4 \pm 1.1$  and  $3.40 \pm 0.07$  Å at 450 °C and 0.6 GPa,  
437 indicating the persistence of the 6-fold coordinated hydration shell up to high temperatures. This  
438 observation contrasts with results from a number of classical EXAFS studies performed at lower  
439 pressures (< 0.07 GPa at 450 °C) that reported significant reduction in the number of water  
440 molecules around Br at supercritical conditions (Wallen et al., 1997; Da Silva et al., 2009). These

441 differences are likely to reflect the differences in pressure (or fluid density), with higher  
442 pressures stabilizing the hydration shell around Br due to the increase in the solvent dielectric  
443 constant (Pan et al., 2013; Sverjensky et al., 2014), as also predicted for other ions such as  $\text{Li}^+$   
444 (Jahn and Wunder, 2009) and  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  (van Sijl et al., 2010) by molecular dynamics simulations. An  
445 exception to this trend are the experimental results of Mayanovic et al. (2001), who reported a  
446 decrease by  $> 60\%$  of the number of water molecules in the solvation shell of both Br aqua ions  
447 and  $\text{ZnBr}_4^{2-}$  complexes in 1 m  $\text{ZnBr}_2$  - 6 m NaBr aqueous solution from ambient conditions to  
448 500 °C and 0.5 GPa. The reason for this discrepancy is unclear at this state of our knowledge and  
449 additional studies on the speciation of Br in aqueous electrolytes will be necessary to explain the  
450 disagreement.

451       There are no significant changes in Br speciation in the aqueous fluids equilibrated with  
452 haplogranitic melts, which contain only few wt% of dissolved silicate components, and in fluids  
453 containing up to 30 wt% dissolved NS2 (**Fig. 6**; Table 4). The first noticeable changes are only  
454 found for fluids containing at least 50 wt% dissolved NS2, with a small decrease of the average  
455 Br coordination number ( $N_{\text{Br}\dots\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ ) to  $\sim 4.7$  compared to more dilute fluids ( $\sim 6.0$ ). While this  
456 value stays within errors from the other compositions, the reduction of the hydration shell might  
457 define the onset of Br-Na complexation with increasing amount of Na dissolved in the fluid. This  
458 hypothesis was tested by introducing a Br-Na contribution in the fitting model for the high  
459 temperature data, but this resulted in a decrease of the overall fit quality. The formation of Br-Na  
460 complexes and the partial dehydration of Br, however, becomes evident with further increase of  
461 the solute content to 60 wt% dissolved NS2 in the fluid (Table 4). For this composition, the best-  
462 fit model is consistent with the presence of  $\sim 3$  Na atoms and 4 to 5  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules (or OH  
463 groups) in the nearest environment of Br, at 480 °C and 1.5 GPa and 610 °C and 2.2 GPa. In the

464 NS2 hydrous melt (10 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O), the number of Na neighbors further increases to ~ 6 whereas  
465 the number of oxygens remains similar to that of the 60 wt% NS2 fluid (~ 3.4). This increase in  
466 the number of Na neighbors compared to the 60 wt% NS2-bearing fluid suggests that the nearest  
467 environment of Br in silicate-rich fluids progressively approaches the local structure observed in  
468 the NS2 glass. Yet, the Br local environment remains hydrated, in contrast to the NS2 and Hpg  
469 glasses. Based on results from FTIR and <sup>29</sup>Si NMR studies showing that molecular H<sub>2</sub>O is  
470 favored in aluminosilicate and sodium silicate glasses as the amount of dissolved water increases  
471 (Stolper, 1982; Uchino et al., 1992; Xue and Kanzaki, 2004; Behrens and Yamashita, 2008), we  
472 suggest that molecular H<sub>2</sub>O, rather than OH groups, would be present around Br in the hydrous  
473 NS2 melt. Moreover, we cannot exclude that distinct “fluid-like” Br(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub> and “glass-like”  
474 BrNa<sub>6</sub> complexes coexist in the hydrous melt as [yBr(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub> + xBrNa<sub>6</sub>] moieties, as the average  
475 signal of these structures could not be distinguished from [BrNa<sub>y</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>x</sub>] clusters by XANES or  
476 EXAFS. **Although Br speciation could not be investigated in the hydrous haplogranite melt  
477 due to lower Br concentrations (< 0.2 wt%), the similarities between both XANES and  
478 EXAFS spectra of the Hpg and NS2 glasses (Fig. 4 and 5) allow us to anticipate a similar Br  
479 local environment in the haplogranite melt, dominated by alkali complexation.**

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#### 481 **4 Implications for the transport and recycling of halogens in subduction zones**

482 The new partitioning and speciation data derived for bromine in the present study provide  
483 direct insights on the recycling and transport mechanisms of halogens (Cl, Br and I) in  
484 subduction zones. Our results suggest that the mobilization of Br (and likely Cl, Br and I) in  
485 subduction zones is affected by the chemistry of the slab-derived mobile phases. These phases, in  
486 turn, are essentially controlled by the slab composition and the depth of fluid extraction and

487 hence, by the  $P$ - $T$  conditions (Schmidt and Poli, 1998; Manning, 2004; Schmidt et al., 2004;  
488 Hermann et al., 2006; Bebout, 2007; Keppler, 2017). Figure 6 illustrates a gradual transition of  
489 Br speciation from hydrated species  $[\text{Br}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^-$  to  $[\text{BrNa}_x(\text{H}_2\text{O})_y]$  clusters with various  
490 stoichiometries (or mixture of  $[\text{Br}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]$  and  $\text{BrNa}_6$  moieties) as the fluid composition evolves  
491 from diluted aqueous fluids such as those released by continuous metamorphic dehydration of  
492 the slab ( $< 15$  wt% dissolved solutes, Manning, 2004; Rustioni et al., 2019) to Si/Na-rich  
493 supercritical fluids that form owing to enhanced solubility of silicate minerals at depth and/or  
494 granitic melts produced by fluid-assisted melting of subducted sediments (Hermann et al., 2006;  
495 Skora and Blundy, 2010). The increasing similarities in the local structure of Br in aqueous  
496 fluids containing large amounts of dissolved alkali-silica ( $> 12.5$  wt% Na) and the hydrous melts  
497 **(Fig. 6)** is consistent with the progressive decrease in the Br fluid-melt partition coefficients  
498 ( $D_{\text{Br}}^{f/m}$ ) with  $T$  increase observed in this study **in each separated runs (Fig. 3)**. Sodium  
499 complexation with Br is thus an efficient mechanism that enables not only aqueous fluids but  
500 also supercritical fluids and hydrous melts to carry significant amounts of Br at depth.

501         General similarities between Cl, Br and I speciation in aqueous solutions and silicate  
502 glasses (Evans et al., 2008; McKeown et al., 2011,2015; Shermann et al., 2010) suggest that the  
503 speciation and partitioning trends found in our study for Br may extend to Cl and I. Therefore,  
504 while early dehydration fluids should release large amounts of halogens to the fore-arc and the  
505 mantle wedge (100 – 200 km depth), hydrous slab melts and supercritical fluids play a critical  
506 role in recycling the residual halogens dragged by the subducting slabs to greater depths. Such  
507 efficient recycling, where most of the Cl and Br subducted is transferred to the mantle wedge and  
508 ultimately returned to the surface through arc magmatism, is further supported by recent  
509 quantification of halogens in subducted sediments, serpentinites and altered oceanic crust. Mass

510 balance calculations indeed show a close match between worldwide influx to the mantle wedge,  
511  $\sim 13\text{-}15 \times 10^3$  kt/yr Cl and 5-70 kt/yr Br, and calculated outflux as HCl and HBr at volcanic arcs,  
512  $\sim 3\text{-}22 \times 10^3$  kt/yr Cl and 5-15 kt/yr Br. (Barnes et al., 2018; Chavrit et al., 2016; Kendrick et al.,  
513 2013; Pyle and Mather, 2009). In comparison, iodine degassing at volcanic arcs is less well  
514 constrained, making it more difficult to assess its fate in the subduction factory (e.g., Bureau et  
515 al., 2016). The small imbalances remaining between Cl and Br input and output fluxes may arise  
516 from difficulties in quantifying halogen loss to the fore-arc and crustal hydrothermal systems.  
517 Recent reports of halogens enrichment in oceanic islands basalts (Barnes et al., 2018; Hanyu et  
518 al., 2019; Kendrick et al., 2017) also point to the subduction of a noticeable fraction of F, Cl, Br  
519 and I to greater depth, to an extent that is yet to be quantified.

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## 522 **5. Conclusions**

523 *In-situ* SXRF and XAS have been applied to quantify Br fluid-melt partition coefficients  
524 and speciation in aqueous fluids, supercritical fluids and hydrous silicate melts up to 840 °C and  
525 2.2 GPa. Above all, our experimental results demonstrate how changes in speciation, from  
526 hydrated ions in aqueous fluids to ‘salt-like’ structures in hydrous melts, may facilitate the  
527 uptake of high amounts of Cl, Br and probably I by subduction zone fluids, regardless of their  
528 composition. Significant efforts are however still needed to accurately quantify halogen cycling  
529 from the surface to the deep Earth and back. Especially, new experiments investigating the  
530 solubility of halogens in subduction zone fluids and the capacity of high-pressure minerals (e.g.,  
531 micas, Ti-clinohumite, apatite, and carbonates) to incorporate these elements are still necessary

532 to evaluate the amounts of halogen that may be returned to the volcanic arc or retained in the  
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811 **Table 1.** Synthesis conditions and chemical compositions of the Na<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (NS2) and haplogranite (Hpg)  
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827 supercritical liquid (single fluid phase); D) NS2 glass and 3 wt% NaBr aqueous solution at room  
828 conditions; E) supercritical liquid (low temperature supercriticality); F) hydrous NS2 melt coexisting with  
829 aqueous fluid (high temperature subcriticality).

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831 **Figure 2.** 2D-SXRF Br K<sub>α</sub> intensity maps of Run 1 showing the distribution of Br between coexisting  
832 aqueous fluid and haplogranite melt at different P-T conditions. The fluid:glass ratio refers to the wt

833 fraction calculated from the volumetric proportions of loaded glass and sample chamber. The white  
834 dashed line delimits the edge of the Re gasket.

835 Br-enriched phases appear in red and yellow, Br-depleted areas in blue and green. At the beginning of the  
836 experiment (A), all the Br is concentrated in the glass. After the glass melts (B), Br strongly partitions  
837 into the fluid phase ( $D_{Br}^{f/m} = 8.07 \pm 0.79$ ). As temperature increases, the Br concentration in the melt  
838 increases while the Br concentrations in the fluid decreases (C). At 821°C - 0.9GPa, the  $I_f/I_m$  ratio appears  
839 homogeneous as the Br concentrations per volume are almost similar ( $I_f/I_m = 1.3 \pm 0.1$ ). However, per  
840 weight, Br still partitions preferentially into the fluid ( $D_{Br}^{f/m} = 2.02 \pm 0.14$ ).

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842 **Figure 3.** Evolution of the Br partition coefficients  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  with increasing temperature at different  
843 pressure conditions. The different symbols and colors account for separate experimental runs involving  
844 different glass proportions. The errors reported on  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  take into account the uncertainties on pressure  
845 determination (10%) and on the determination of fluid and melt composition and density from previous  
846 studies. The partition coefficients from Bureau et al. (2010) and Cadoux et al. (2018) are shown for  
847 comparison. For Cadoux et al., note that both average values from several experiments ( $D_{Br}^{f/m} = 20.2$   
848  $\pm 1.2$ ) and minimum value for a single experiment ( $D_{Br}^{f/m} = 8.6$ ) are reported.

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851 and hydrous silicate melts at various pressure and temperature conditions. Spectra are offset for clarity.  
852 The vertical dashed line is a visual guide to appreciate phase shifts. The black arrow shows the pre-edge  
853 feature in the haplogranite glass spectrum corresponding to the 1s to 4p transition in Br (Burattini et al.,  
854 1991).

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856 **Figure 5.** Normalized  $k^1$ -weighted EXAFS oscillations of the investigated Br-bearing samples (black  
857 solid lines) and corresponding least-square fits (blue dashed lines). Spectra are off-set vertically for  
858 clarity. The pressure and temperature conditions and the compositions are reported right to each spectrum.  
859 **The dashed lines underline the shift of EXAFS oscillations with change in composition.**

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861 **Figure 6.** Evolution of bromine coordination numbers with oxygen (from  $H_2O$  molecules) and sodium  
862 ( $N_{Br...H-O}$  and  $N_{Br-Na}$ ) as a function of fluid composition (*i.e.*, the weight fraction of NS2 dissolved in the  
863 fluid) along the NaBr aqueous solution – NS2 join. The gray field shows the detection limit (DL) for Br-  
864 Na complexes, which corresponds to the maximum Br-Na coordination number ( $N_{Br-Na}$ ) determined for  
865 3wt% NaBr aqueous solution at ambient conditions and 450 °C (DL < 1.5 atoms).  
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867 **Table 1.**

Sample	Synthesis conditions		Br <sup>1</sup> (wt%)	Na <sub>2</sub> O <sup>2</sup> (wt%)	SiO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2</sup> (wt%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>2</sup> (wt%)	K <sub>2</sub> O <sup>2</sup> (wt%)	H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>3</sup> (wt%)	ASI <sup>4</sup>	Analytical method
	T (°C)	P(GPa)								
NS2- Br1	1200	0.5	4.01 4.10	32.0	63.9					EMPA LA-ICPMS
Hpg- Br2	1200	1.5	- 0.96	7.1	74.1	9.2	3.7	3.3	0.57	EMPA RBS
Hpg- Br3	1200	1.5	0.89	7.4	75.0	9.4	3.8	3.3	0.57	EMPA

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870 **Notes:** EMPA = Electron Microprobe Analyses; LA-ICPMS = Laser-ablation Inductively Couple Plasma Mass Spectrometry;  
871 **RBS** = Rutherford Backscattering Spectroscopy.  
872 <sup>1</sup>Standard deviations (1σ) are 0.04 wt% for RBS analysis, 0.3 wt% for LA-ICPMS and 0.03 wt% for EMPA analysis.  
873 <sup>2</sup>Average from 10 to 25 analyses performed on each glass composition. Standard deviations (1σ) are < 0.1 wt% for Na<sub>2</sub>O, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and  
874 K<sub>2</sub>O and < 0.3 wt% for SiO<sub>2</sub>.  
875 <sup>3</sup>Nominal H<sub>2</sub>O concentration (not analyzed).  
876 <sup>4</sup>Aluminum Saturation Index ASI =  $\frac{Al_2O_3}{Na_2O+K_2O}$  (in moles).

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898 **Table 2.**

$X_g^1$	T (°C)	P (GPa) <sup>2</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O in melt (wt%) <sup>3</sup>	Melt density $\rho_m^4$	Transmission in melt T <sub>m</sub>	Silicates in fluid (wt%) <sup>5</sup>	Fluid density $\rho_f^7$	Transmission in fluid T <sub>f</sub>	$I_{Br}^f / I_{Br}^m$	$D_{Br}^{f/m}$
<b>Haplogranite – H<sub>2</sub>O</b>										
<i>Run 1</i>										
0.76	592	0.7	7.1 ±0.8	2.24	0.66	2.5 ±0.5	0.94	0.96	4.9	<b>8.1 ±0.8</b>
	694	0.8	7.7 ±0.9	2.23	0.67	5.3 ±1.2	0.97	0.95	2.6	<b>4.2 ±0.2</b>
	821	0.9	8.0 ±1.0	2.23	0.67	10.3 ±2.3	0.99	0.95	1.3	<b>2.0 ±0.1</b>
<i>Run 2</i>										
0.82	645	0.9	9.1 ±1.1	2.22	0.67	5.5 ±1.1	1.02	0.95	10.0	<b>15.3 ±1.0</b>
	710	1.1	11.1 ±1.4	2.20	0.68	11.1 ±2.4	1.09	0.94	5.4	<b>7.9 ±0.5</b>
	840	0.9	7.9 ±1.0	2.23	0.67	10.8 ±2.4	0.98	0.95	2.8	<b>4.4 ±0.3</b>
<i>Run 3</i>										
0.72	610	1.2	13.3 ±1.7	2.18	0.69	7.7 ±1.6	1.13	0.95	4.6	<b>6.4 ±0.3</b>
	730	0.65	6.0 ±0.7	2.25	0.66	3.9 ±0.9	0.88	0.96	2.3	<b>4.1 ±0.4</b>
	800	0.2	2.4 ±0.2	2.26	0.64	0.7 <0.1	0.49	0.98	1.6	<b>4.8 ±0.3</b>
<b>Haplogranite – 3 wt% NaBr aqueous solution</b>										
<i>Run 4</i>										
0.70	740	1.7	19.5 ±2.8	2.11 ±0.02	0.72	12.8 ±0.8 <sup>6</sup>	1.20	0.94	7.2	<b>9.7 ±0.6</b>
<i>Error (unless indicated)</i>		±0.1		±0.01	±0.07		±0.04	±0.01	±0.04-0.43	

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900 **Notes:**901 <sup>1</sup> Initial weight fraction of glass in the loading.902 <sup>2</sup> Maximum uncertainty on pressure were of 10%.903 <sup>3</sup> H<sub>2</sub>O solubility in the haplogranite melt calculated from the solubility data of Mysen and Wheeler (2000).904 <sup>4</sup> Melt density (in g.cm<sup>-3</sup>) calculated as a function of P-T conditions and melt composition using Malfait et al. (2014).905 <sup>5</sup> Solubility of silicate components (SiO<sub>2</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>O, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and K<sub>2</sub>O) in the aqueous fluid coexisting with haplogranite melt calculated from the albite solubility data  
906 of Anderson and Burnham (1983).907 <sup>6</sup> Silicate solubility in the aqueous fluid estimated from Wohlers et al. (2011) for P > 1.2 GPa.908 <sup>7</sup> Fluid density (in g.cm<sup>-3</sup>) calculated as a function of P-T conditions from the data of Mantegazzi et al. (2013)

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911 **Table 3.**

Composition	Oxygen (O)			Sodium (Na)			
<i>Aqueous solutions</i> <sup>1</sup>							
	$N_{\text{Br}\cdots\text{H-O}}$	$R_{\text{Br}\cdots\text{H-O}} (\text{Å})$	$\sigma^2 (\text{Å}^2)$				<i>R-factor</i>
<b>3 wt% NaBr-H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	5.9 ±0.7	3.37 ±0.04	0.02				0.04
<b>2.3 wt% KBr-H<sub>2</sub>O</b> <sup>3</sup>	5.7 ±0.8	3.30 ±0.03	0.02				0.06
<i>Silicate glasses</i> <sup>2</sup>							
	$N_{\text{Br-O}}$	$R_{\text{Br-O}} (\text{Å})$	$\sigma^2 (\text{Å}^2)$	$N_{\text{Br-Na}}$	$R_{\text{Br-Na}} (\text{Å})$	$\sigma^2 (\text{Å}^2)$	<i>R-factor</i>
<b>NS2 glass</b>	5.2 ±2.4	3.45 ±0.09	0.02	5.3 ±1.8	2.99 ±0.09	0.03	0.25
<b>Haplogranite glass</b>	6.1 ±3.6	3.39 ±0.03	0.02	5.9 ±1.8	2.94 ±0.03	0.03	0.21

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913 **Notes:** N = Br coordination number ( $N_{\text{Br-O}}$  or  $N_{\text{Br-Na}}$ ); R = Br-neighbor (Na or O) mean distance (Å);  $\sigma^2$  = squared Debye-Waller  
 914 factor (Å<sup>2</sup>); *R-factor* = goodness of the fit;  $S_0^2 = 1$ ;

915 <sup>1</sup> Hydration shell (Br<sup>+</sup>·H-O)

916 <sup>2</sup> Br coordinated to oxygens from the silicate network (next-nearest coordination shell).

917 <sup>3</sup> Ferlat et al. (2002), 0.2m KBr-H<sub>2</sub>O for comparison.

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919 **Table 4.**

<b>Composition</b>	<b>T (°C)</b>	<b>P (GPa)</b>	<b>N<sub>Br...H-O</sub></b>	<b>R<sub>Br...H-O</sub> (Å)</b>	<b>σ<sup>2</sup> (Å<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>N<sub>Br-Na</sub></b>	<b>R<sub>Br-Na</sub> (Å)</b>	<b>σ<sup>2</sup> (Å<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>R- factor</b>
<i>3 wt% NaBr aqueous solution</i>									
	25	0	5.9 ± 0.7	3.37 ± 0.04	0.02	bdl <sup>1</sup>			0.04
	320	0.2	6.3 ± 1.8	3.36 ± 0.05	0.04	bdl			0.17
	450	0.6	6.4 ± 1.1	3.40 ± 0.07	0.05	bdl			0.19
<i>Br-bearing aqueous fluids</i>									
<b>1.2 wt% Hpg<sup>3</sup></b>	475	1	5.4 ± 0.9	3.33 ± 0.03	0.05	bdl			0.13
<b>5 wt% Hpg</b>	680	0.8	5.7 ± 1.1	3.30 ± 0.04	0.06	bdl			0.12
<b>0.6 wt% Hpg</b>	750	0.2	5.0 ± 1.6	3.33 ± 0.06	0.06	bdl			0.30
<b>30 wt% NS2<sup>2</sup></b>	190	n.d.	6.7 ± 1.4	3.38 ± 0.03	0.04	bdl			0.14
	320	n.d.	5.7 ± 1.4	3.37 ± 0.09	0.04	bdl			0.22
<b>50 wt% NS2</b>	580	1.1	4.7 ± 1.5	3.35 ± 0.15	0.04	bdl			0.25
<i>Br-bearing melt-like fluids</i>									
<b>60 wt% NS2</b>	480	1.5	3.6 ± 1.5	3.47 ± 0.05	0.01	2.5 ± 1.2	3.10 ± 0.06	0.01	0.23
	610	2.2	4.8 ± 2.4	3.45 ± 0.05	0.03	2.6 ± 0.9	3.06 ± 0.06	0.03	0.20
<b>NS2 melt (10 ± 1 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O)</b>	710	0.4	3.4 ± 1.6	3.36 ± 0.03	0.02	6.6 ± 2.1	2.91 ± 0.03	0.05	0.24

920 **Notes:** N = Br coordination number (dissociate as N<sub>Br...H-O</sub> and N<sub>Br-Na</sub>); R = Br-neighbor mean distance (Å); σ<sup>2</sup> = squared Debye-  
921 Waller factor (Å<sup>2</sup>); R-factor = goodness of the fit; S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> = 1.  
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923 <sup>1</sup>bdl = below detection limit. Detection limit corresponds to the maximum Br-Na coordination number determined for 3 wt%  
924 NaBr aqueous solution at ambient conditions.

925 <sup>2</sup>wt% NS2 indicates the amount of dissolved NS2 in the single phase fluid calculated from the mass of H<sub>2</sub>O and NS2 glass.

926 <sup>3</sup>wt% Hpg refers to the amount of dissolved silicate in the fluid coexisting with haplogranite melt calculated as in Table 2.

927 Errors in temperature and pressure are ±2 °C and 10%, respectively. Errors in the composition of the analyzed fluids are within  
928 5% (Table 2).

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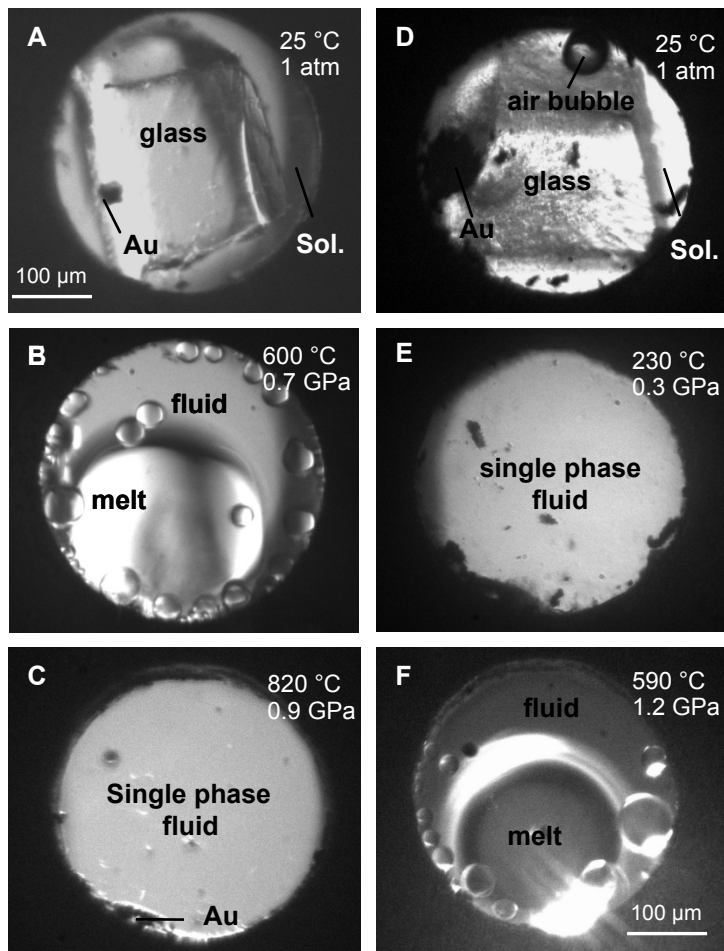
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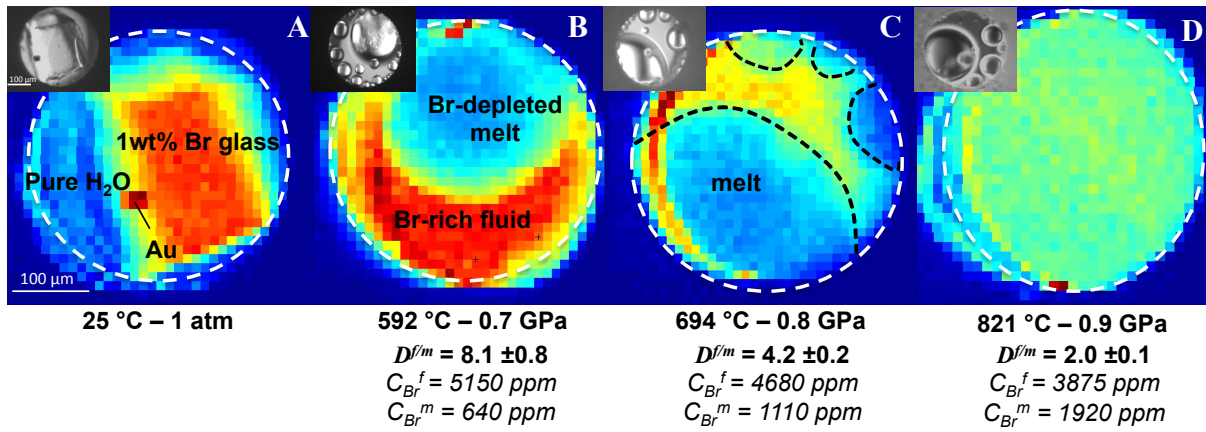
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Run 1 – Fluid:Glass ratio = 0.76



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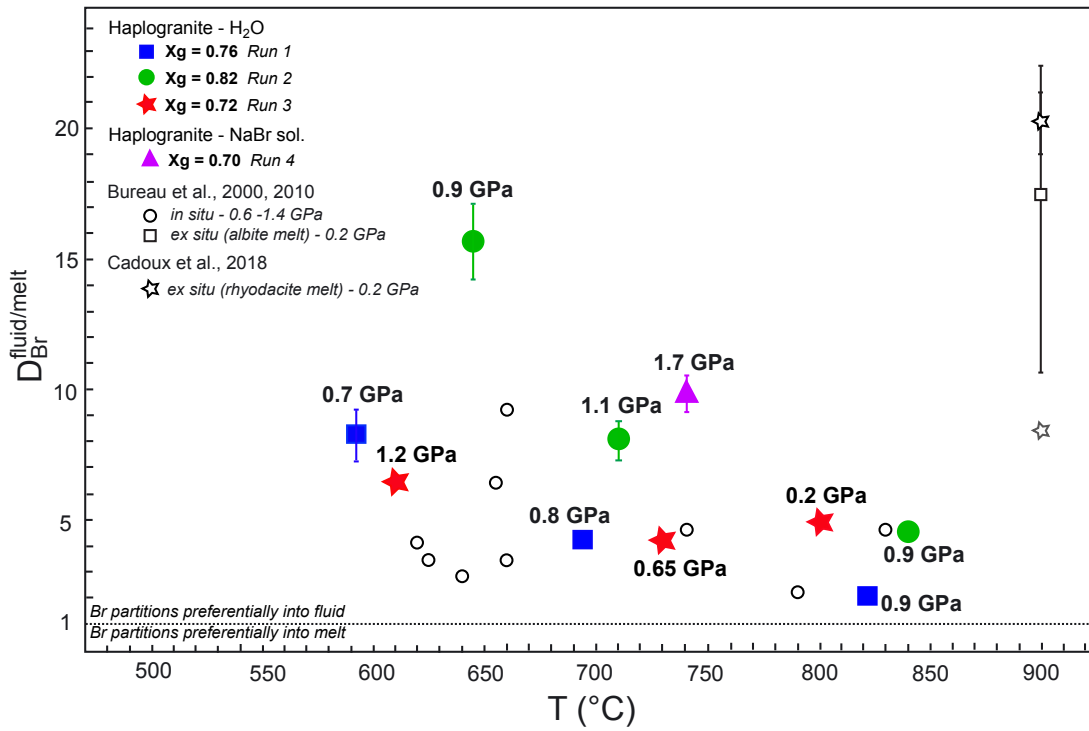
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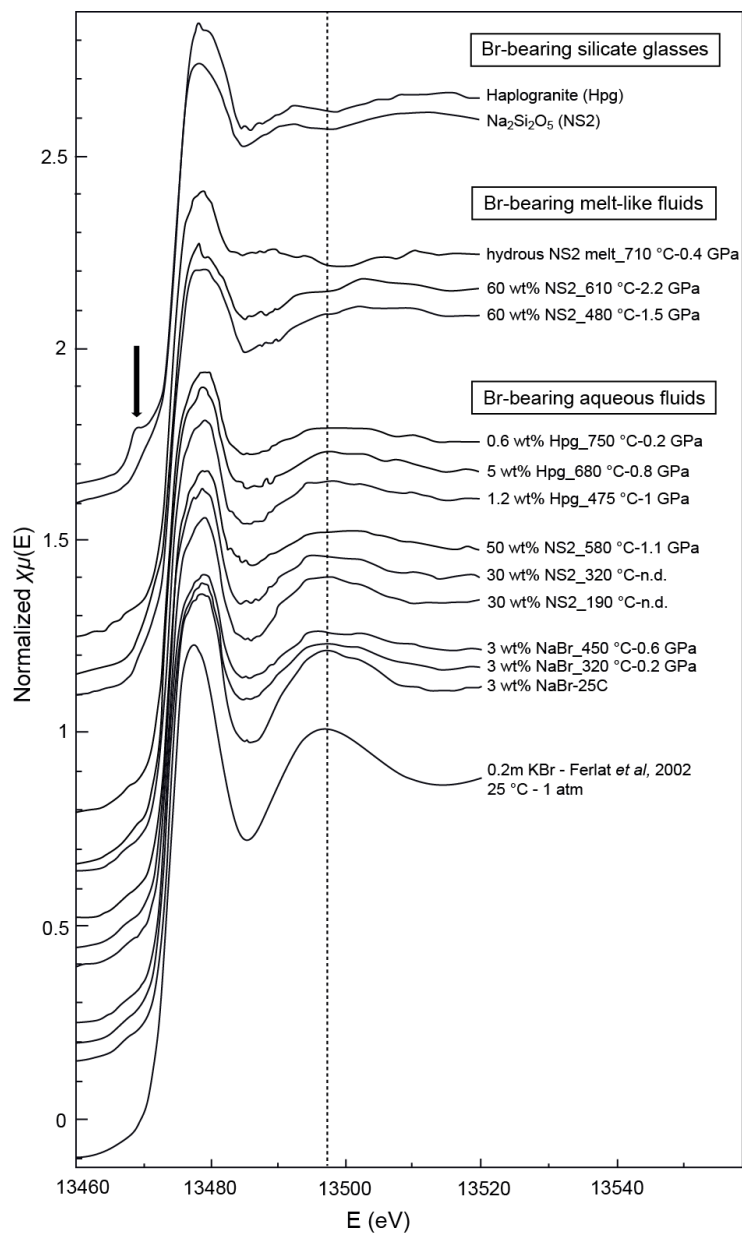
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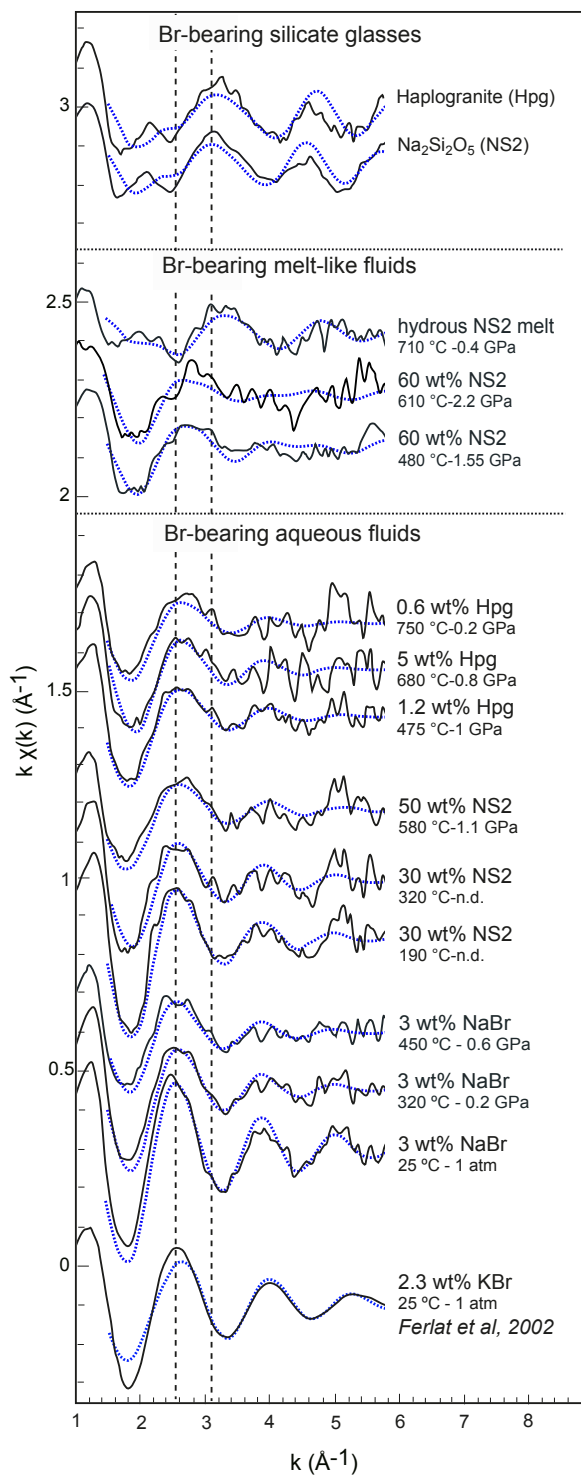
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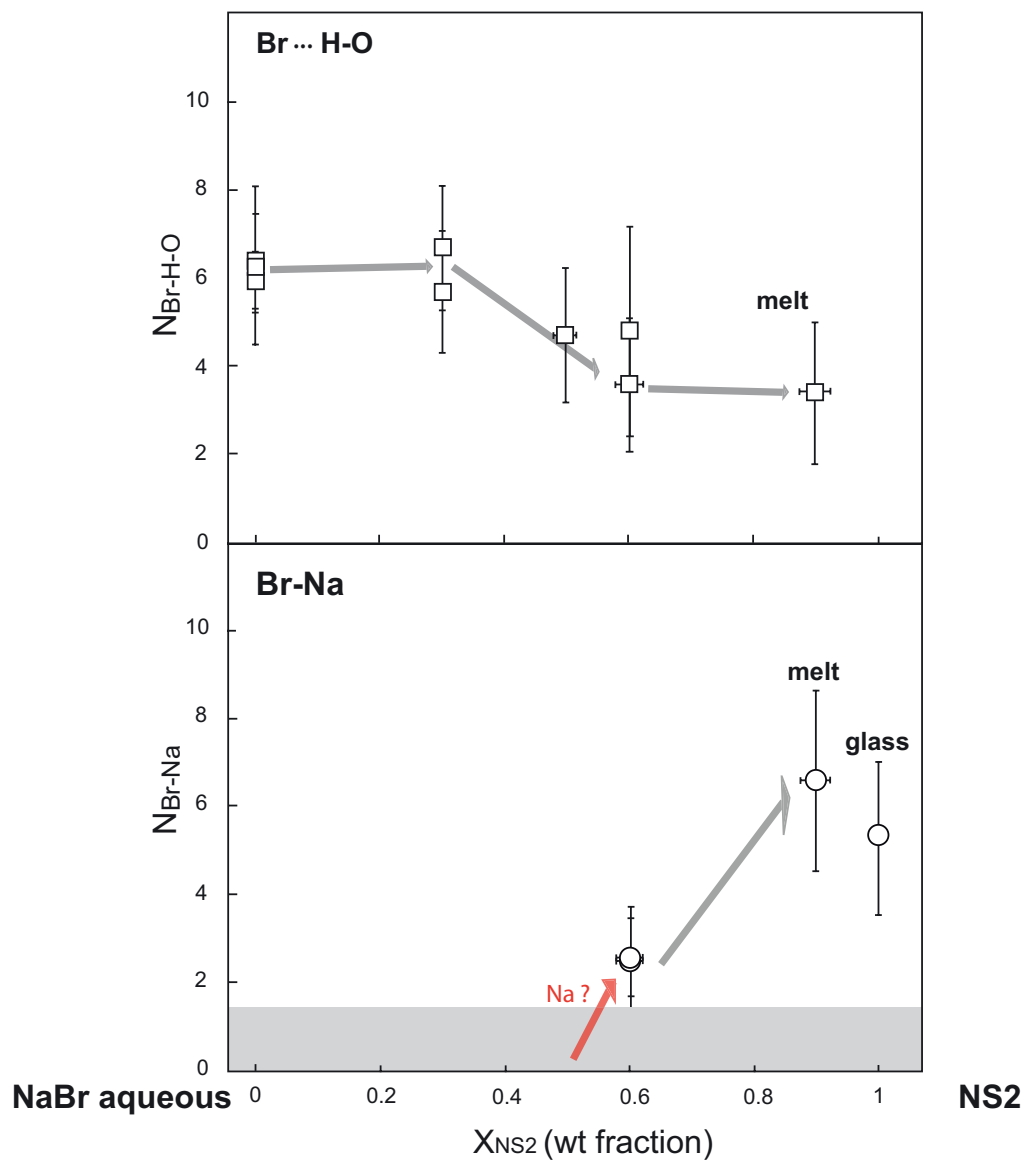
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