

# Bromine speciation and partitioning in slab-derived aqueous fluids and silicate melts and implications for halogen transfer 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 geochemical cycle of these volatiles and associated trace 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 synchrotron X-ray fluorescence (SXRF) and x-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS) in diamond-anvil cells. The partition coefficients  $D_{\text{Br}}^{\text{fm}}$  range from ~2 to ~15, with an average value of  $6.7 \pm 3.6$  ( $1\sigma$ ) 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  $[\text{Br}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^-$  in slab dehydration fluids to more complex structures involving both Na ions and water molecules,  $[\text{BrNa}_x(\text{H}_2\text{O})_y]^-$ , 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  $\text{Na}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5$  melts (10 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), 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 silica-rich supercritical fluids. Our results suggest that both shallow dehydration fluids and deeper silicate-bearing fluids efficiently remove halogens from the slab in the sub-arc region, thus favoring an efficient transfer of halogens across subduction zones.

**Keywords:** Halogen cycle, speciation, partitioning, slab-derived fluid, subduction zone, silicate melt, diamond anvil cell.

## 35 **1 Introduction**

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

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

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

81 bromine K-edge compared to 2.82 keV for chlorine K-edge; Sanchez-Valle, 2013). Furthermore,  
82 among the halogens, bromine displays the closest behavior to chlorine in terms of solubility,  
83 partitioning and speciation in silicate melts, at least at shallow depth (Bureau et al., 2000, Bureau  
84 and Metrich, 2003; Wasik et al., 2005; Bureau et al., 2010; Cadoux et al., 2018). Bromine  
85 therefore represents the best analog of Cl for *in-situ* studies at high pressure (*P*) and high  
86 temperature (*T*) conditions. Our experimental results reveal systematic changes in Br speciation  
87 that reflect changes in fluid composition with depth; these new findings enable better constraints  
88 on the mechanisms controlling the transfer of halogens from the slab to arc magmas.

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## 90 **2 Methods**

### 91 **2.1 Starting materials**

92 The speciation and fluid-melt partitioning experiments were conducted using 3 wt% NaBr  
93 aqueous solutions and synthetic sodium disilicate (NS2: Na<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) or haplogranite (Hpg) glasses  
94 doped with 1 to 4 wt% Br as starting materials (Table 1). The 3 wt% NaBr aqueous solution was  
95 freshly prepared from distilled de-ionized water and analytical grade NaBr powder, sealed in  
96 tight containers and refrigerated until the experiments. The NS2 and Hpg glasses were  
97 synthesized in a piston-cylinder apparatus at 1200 °C and 0.5 GPa and 1.5 GPa, respectively,  
98 following the method described in Louvel et al. (2013). Briefly, reagent grade SiO<sub>2</sub> and Na<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub>  
99 were employed for the NS2 glasses whereas reagent grade SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and alkali-carbonates,  
100 K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, were mixed for the haplogranite glass synthesis. Bromine was added as  
101 NaBr together with 3.3 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O for the synthesis of the haplogranite glass to ensure complete  
102 melting and homogeneous of the sample at run conditions.

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

105 accelerating voltage of 15 keV, a 10 nA beam current and a defocused beam of 30  $\mu\text{m}$  to avoid  
106 element migration during the analysis (Table 1). The probe was calibrated using  
107 wollastonite/quartz (Si), corundum (Al), aegirine (Na), K-feldspar (K), and counting time set to  
108 40 s. The homogeneity of the glasses was confirmed by elemental profiles collected across the  
109 sample and by the absence of microscopic mineral phases. EPMA measurements of Br are  
110 hindered by i) the high ionization potential for the K-lines of Br resulting in low count rates; ii)  
111 the peak overlap between the L-lines of Br and the K-lines of Al; and iii) the lack of matrix-  
112 matched standards. To overcome these limitations, the concentration of Br in Hpg-Br2 glass  
113 sample was first determined by Rutherford Backscattering Spectroscopy (RBS) at the  
114 Department of Physics of ETH Zurich. This technique provides absolute elemental  
115 concentrations and is particularly appropriated for quantifying heavy elements in a light matrix  
116 as it is the case of Br in silicate glasses (Feldman and Mayer, 1986; Chu and Liu, 1996). A 3.5  
117 mm diameter disk of Hpg-Br2 glass, mounted in epoxy and carbon-coated, was exposed to a 2  
118 MeV  $^4\text{He}$  ion beam. The concentration of Br in the sample was determined from the energy of  
119 the backscattered alpha particles  $^4\text{He}^{2+}$ , yielding a Br concentration of  $0.96 \pm 0.04$  wt%, which is  
120 identical to the nominal Br concentration within analytical uncertainties (Table 1). This well-  
121 characterized sample was then used as a standard for Br analysis by EPMA and LA-ICPMS in  
122 the other glass samples (NS2 and Hpg-Br3 – Table 1). EPMA characterization of Br was  
123 conducted with an accelerating voltage of 25 keV, a 90 nA beam current and a defocused beam  
124 of 30  $\mu\text{m}$ . The signal from Br (and Na) was carefully monitored during the measurements and  
125 found to be stable for these conditions. Br concentrations in NS2-Br1 were also cross-checked by  
126 LA-ICPMS analyses that were conducted using a 193-nm ArF excimer laser coupled with an  
127 ELAN 6100 DRC ICP quadrupole mass spectrometer (Heinrich et al., 2003) and a beam

128 diameter of 40  $\mu\text{m}$ . All analyses were bracketed by measuring an external standard (NIST 610)  
129 to allow for linear drift correction, and the average  $\text{SiO}_2$  and Br content determined by EPMA  
130 analysis for the Hpg-Br2 glass was used 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 HDAC 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 permits i) to reduce the attenuation of  
139 the fluorescence X-rays in the anvil, and ii) to lower the fluorescence background arising from  
140 the 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  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ),  $\text{NaNO}_3$  (308.0  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) 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 Fluid-melt partitioning experiments were conducted by loading the sample chamber with a  
153 piece of Br-bearing Hpg glass and either pure H<sub>2</sub>O or an aqueous 3 wt% NaBr solution (Fig. 1).  
154 For the speciation measurements by XAS, loadings included either Br aqueous solutions, or a  
155 piece of Br-bearing NS2 or Hpg glass loaded together with de-ionized water. In all runs, a pellet  
156 of a mixture of Au and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> powders was added to be used for pressure calibration (Louvel et  
157 al., 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 500  
167 and 750 °C, the fluid unmixed into two phases, a hydrous melt and an aqueous fluid (Fig. 1F).  
168 This immiscibility gap remained open up to the highest temperatures reached with the HDAC  
169 (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> join and  
170 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 content  
181 mostly arise from the compositional differences between solubility models (albite) and our  
182 experimental system (peralkaline haplogranite), but they cannot be rigorously quantified here  
183 due to a lack of information on Si, Na, K and Al partitioning between silicate melts and water.  
184 To account for potential uncertainties on calculated silicate contents in the fluid phase we thus  
185 considered a 10% error on pressure values, which translates to an overall uncertainty of 20-22%  
186 for all investigated conditions, except in Run 4 (Table 2). The compositions of the aqueous fluids  
187 in the NS2-H<sub>2</sub>O system were determined from the initial volumetric proportions of the NS2 glass  
188 and the aqueous fluid loaded in the compression chamber. The mass of the glass was calculated  
189 from its measured volume using a density of 2.52(5) g/cm<sup>3</sup> (Yamashita et al., 2008) and that of  
190 the fluid determined from the volume left in the compression chamber (Fig. 1D). The amount of  
191 water dissolved in the hydrous NS2 melt in equilibrium with the aqueous fluid at 700 °C and 0.4  
192 GPa (Fig. 1F) was calculated from water solubility data in sodium silicate melts reported by  
193 Mysen and Cody (2004). The overall error in the calculated bulk compositions is within 10% of  
194 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  $5 \times 8$  (V×H)  $\mu\text{m}^2$  size by a set of Rh-coated Kirkpatrick-  
201 Baez mirrors. This configuration ensured a photon flux of  $2 \times 10^{11}$  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 Au  
 223 pressure calibrant (Fig. 2) to suppress the contribution of the Au  $L_{\beta}$  line (11.442 keV) to the Br  
 224  $K_{\alpha}$  line (11.924 keV) used for the quantifications. Note that the Au  $L_{\beta}$  line was only observed in  
 225 the spectra when the beam spot was positioned within less than 5  $\mu\text{m}$  away from the Au chip  
 226 (horizontal beam size 8  $\mu\text{m}$ ) thus demonstrating the well defined beam shape and appropriate  
 227 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 in  
 229 coexisting fluid ( $C_{Br}^f$ ) and melt ( $C_{Br}^m$ ) at each  $P$ - $T$ , were derived from the integrated intensities of  
 230 the Br fluorescence emission line recorded in the fluid and melt,  $I_f$  and  $I_m$ , after normalization to  
 231 the incident beam intensity and counting times, and background removal with the Peakfit v4.12  
 232 software (SeaSolve Software-USA), following the method described in Louvel et al. (2014). This  
 233 method relies on the fixed geometry of the HDAC set-up and takes into account the different  
 234 composition, density ( $\rho$ ) and effective transmission ( $A$ ) of the aqueous fluid and melt to  
 235 normalize the fluorescence signal and calculate  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  according to the equation:

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$$237 \quad D_{Br}^{f/m} = \frac{C_{Br}^f}{C_{Br}^m} = \frac{I_f}{I_m} \times \frac{A_m}{A_f} \times \frac{\rho_m}{\rho_f} \quad (1)$$

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239 The standard deviation on the intensity ratios  $I_f/I_m$  is smaller than 10% (Table 2). The fluid and  
 240 melt densities were calculated for the relevant pressure, temperature and fluid or melt  
 241 compositions using density relations determined by *in situ* techniques for comparable fluid and

242 melt compositions by Mantegazzi et al. (2012) and Malfait et al. (2014) and assuming a 10%  
243 uncertainty on pressure determination and by propagating this error on the fluid and melt  
244 compositions. The effective transmission  $A_f$  and  $A_m$ , which accounts for the probability that the  
245 fluorescent radiation reaches the detector depending on phase composition, density and thickness  
246 of the sample at the incident energy, was 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 set as an average of the thickness of the  
250 sample chamber after each run ( $\sim 200 \mu\text{m}$ ). A variation of the sample thickness by  $50 \mu\text{m}$   
251 induces a deviation smaller than 10 % on the absolute value of the  $A_m/A_f$  ratio. Note that the  
252 corrections in Eq. 1 significantly affect  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$ . Because the XRF intensities correlate with the Br  
253 concentration and the melts are denser than the fluids, the values for  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  are consistently  
254 higher than the  $I_f/I_m$  ratio itself (Table 2). Partition coefficients derived in this study are reported  
255 with  $2\sigma$  uncertainty that takes into account the analytical uncertainty on the intensity ratios  $I_f/I_m$   
256 and an extra 10 % error on pressure determination and its propagation on the fluid and melt  
257 compositions, densities and effective transmission.

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259 XAS measurements were conducted on 3 wt% NaBr aqueous solution, ‘solute-poor’ fluids  
260 equilibrated with hydrous haplogranite melt (Fig. 1B), supercritical fluids containing different  
261 amounts of dissolved NS2 (Fig. 1E) and hydrous NS2 melt (Fig. 1F). XAS analyses on the  
262 haplogranite melt were precluded by the lower Br concentration of these melts ( $< 0.2 \text{ wt}\%$ ). For  
263 each composition, 3 to 5 XAS spectra were collected with counting times of 1 second per point  
264 in the pre-edge region to 3 seconds in the XANES and EXAFS regions. The contribution of

265 Bragg reflections arising from the diamond anvils was avoided in the energy range of interest by  
266 changing the orientation of the diamond anvil cell by 0.5 to 1° with respect to the incident X-ray  
267 beam direction (Bassett et al., 2000). The edge position was calibrated using a pellet of NaBr and  
268 no significant drift of the energy was observed during measurements. XAS spectra were also  
269 collected at ambient conditions on ~ 200×200 μm<sup>2</sup> double-side polished section of the NS2 and  
270 Hpg glasses.

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

288 shift functions for these paths were calculated with the FEFF6.0 *ab initio* code (Mustre de Leon  
289 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  
290 NaBr salt crystallographic structure with a Br-Na distance of 2.98 Å (Deshpande, 1961; Makino,  
291 1995). Multiple scattering within a linear Br···H-O cluster was also included to model the  
292 hydration shell around Br, with the H-O distance fixed to 1.0 Å (Silvestrelli and Parrinello, 1999;  
293 Soper and Benmore, 2008). The  $\chi(k)$  EXAFS function were Fourier filtered over the 1.5-6.0 Å<sup>-1</sup>  
294  $k$ -range for most spectra. For all samples, modelling of the EXAFS oscillations was performed  
295 using 4 variables: average coordination number (N), distance to nearest neighbor (R), Debye-  
296 Waller factor  $\sigma^2$ , and the energy shift  $\Delta E$  (which is a non-structural parameter). The amplitude  
297 reduction factor  $S_0^2$  was set to 1 based on previous fits of aqueous NaBr, KBr and GaBr<sub>3</sub>  
298 solutions (Da Silva et al., 2009; Ferlat et al., 2002). All fits were performed simultaneously with  
299  $k$ -weighting of 1, 2 and 3 in order to decrease correlations between N and  $\sigma^2$ , and R and  $\Delta E$   
300 (Pokrovski et al., 2009a,b). The multi-electronic excitations (MEE) at 34 and 90 ( $\pm 1$ ) eV above  
301 the Br K-edge (D'Angelo et al., 1993) were neglected as they did not significantly contribute to  
302 the EXAFS spectra. The variation of  $\Delta E$  values between different fitted samples was less than  $\pm$   
303 4 eV, further confirming the validity of the fitting procedure and the accuracy of the derived  
304 interatomic distances.

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### 306 **3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### 307 **3.1 Bromine partition coefficients in the haplogranite-fluid system**

308 The distribution of Br between aqueous fluids and silicate melts at high  $P$ - $T$  conditions  
309 has been constrained by measuring fluid-melt partition coefficients  $D_{\text{Br}}^{f/m}$  from 592 to 840 °C  
310 and from 0.2 to 1.7 GPa in four experimental runs. For all investigated conditions, the  $D_{\text{Br}}^{f/m}$

311 values are always higher than 1 (Table 2), confirming the preferential partitioning of Br into the  
312 fluid phase, which is also qualitatively evident from the *in-situ* Br distribution maps reported in  
313 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  
314 reported in a previous HDAC study by Bureau et al. (2010) at similar  $P$ - $T$  conditions (Fig. 3).  
315 Our limited set of  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  values does not display any clear and systematic pressure, composition  
316 or density dependence (Fig. 3B) as it would generally be expected for vapor-liquid and fluid-  
317 melt equilibrium partitioning of elements, which postulates that a partition coefficient should  
318 tend to 1 when approaching the critical point at which the compositions and densities of both  
319 phases are identical by definition (e.g., Bureau and Keppler, 1999; Pokrovski et al., 2013 and  
320 references therein). While such trend is indeed vaguely apparent for Runs 1 and 2, in which the  
321 partition coefficients decrease with increasing  $P$ - $T$ , Runs 3 and 4 do not show such trend (Fig.  
322 3A). The lack of pressure-density trend and the apparent data scatter might be partially related to  
323 larger uncertainties on the pressure calibration when employing the equation of state of gold at  
324 low pressures. Yet, large differences between Br chemical speciation in the melt and fluid phases  
325 (see section 3.2) may also contribute to the apparent data scatter, obscuring the simple water  
326 activity-, density- or pressure-dependent partitioning trends as reported for vapor-liquid  
327 partitioning (Pokrovski et al., 2013), and, ultimately, driving the system towards non-ideal, non-  
328 Henrian behavior, as for instance reported for the fluid-melt partitioning of Cl under crustal  
329 magmatic conditions (cf. data from Webster., 1992 in Fig. 3B). In this regard, the large  $D_{Br}^{f/m} =$   
330  $9.7$  obtained at 1.7 GPa in Run 4, when the system should be close to miscibility and  $D_{Br}^{f/m} \sim 1$   
331 (Table 2, Fig. 3) may result, at least partly, from differences between the real fluid composition  
332 and that estimated using available data (Wohlert et al., 2011), coupled with possible non-Henrian  
333 effects, *i.e.*,  $\sim 2$  wt% Br dissolved in the sample chamber compared to only  $\sim 0.5$ wt% for Runs 1

334 to 3. We further note that previous *in-situ* high  $P$ - $T$  measurements of  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  (Bureau et al., 2010)  
335 also do not show clear  $P$ - $T$  dependence for pressure  $> 0.6$  GPa, e.g.,  $D_{Br}^{f/m} = 2.8$ - $6.4$  between  
336  $625$ - $655$  °C at  $1.2$  GPa. Thus, the combined effect of pressure, temperature and fluid and melt  
337 composition changes on Br fluid-melt partitioning should be more systematically investigated at  
338  $P > 0.2$  GPa.

339 Despite the current uncertainties, an important observation here is that the  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  values remain  
340 relatively small,  $6.7 \pm 3.6$  ( $1\sigma$ ), over a wide range of  $P$ - $T$  conditions. Assuming that the high  $P$ - $T$   
341 fluid/melt volumetric ratio is similar to the initial fluid/glass ratio for each run, we calculate  
342 between  $0.04$  and  $0.2$  wt% Br to be dissolved in the high  $P$ - $T$  hydrous melts at run conditions.  
343 This estimation suggests that hydrous granitic melts have a capacity comparable to fluids to carry  
344 Br under subduction-zone  $P$ - $T$  conditions and may thus contribute to the efficient transport of Br  
345 from the subducting slab to the mantle wedge and volcanic arc.

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347 At lower-pressure conditions relevant to fore-arc or crustal processes ( $< 0.2$  GPa), our *in-situ*  
348 partition coefficients are slightly lower than those obtained from quench experiments (Fig. 3).  
349 For instance, Bureau et al. (2000) and Cadoux et al. (2018) reported average  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  of  $\sim 17$ - $20$   
350 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  
351 and  $0.2$  GPa. The minimum  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  value from Cadoux et al. (2018) is  $\sim 9$ , which is close to our  
352 *in-situ* value. The small differences between our and the previous studies may stem from  
353 uncertainties in the pressure determination below  $0.5$  GPa in the HDAC, the quantification of Br  
354 by mass balance in Bureau et al. and Cadoux et al. (i.e. salt precipitates), or artifacts of the  
355 quench method resulting in the loss of Br to the aqueous phase upon cooling in those *ex-situ*

356 studies. Furthermore, slight differences in the melt composition and structure could also result in  
357 different Br speciation (Louvel et al., 2020), favoring or not the incorporation of Br in the silicate  
358 melt. The relatively low Br partition coefficients ( $< 20$ ) compare favorably with those reported  
359 for Cl in experiments conducted under Cl-undersaturated conditions (*i.e.*, Webster., 1992 –  
360 experiments with less  $< 0.01$  wt% Cl in quenched glass, reported as solid grey circles in Figure  
361 3B). Nonetheless, comparison between these and our study underline that additional efforts are  
362 yet required to quantitatively assess the effect of halogens contents and density controls on Cl and  
363 Br fluid-melt partitioning (see Dolejs and Zajacz, 2018 and Webster et al., 2018 for reviews).

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### 365 **3.2 Speciation of bromine in aqueous fluids and silicate melts**

#### 366 **3.2.1 Aqueous solutions and silicate glasses at room conditions**

367 The XANES and EXAFS spectra collected at ambient conditions from the 3 wt% NaBr  
368 aqueous solution and Br-bearing silicate glasses are reported respectively in Figures 4 and 5,  
369 together with data for a KBr aqueous solution from Ferlat et al. (2002). These spectra were  
370 employed to validate the theoretical backscattering amplitude and phase shift functions for Br-O  
371 and Br-Na scattering paths used in EXAFS modeling. The XANES spectrum of the 3 wt% NaBr  
372 aqueous solution is characterized by an absorption edge at 13.474 keV and a white line that  
373 peaks at 13.478 keV (Fig. 4). It displays close similarities to that of the KBr aqueous solution  
374 from Ferlat et al. (2002) and overall resembles other alkali bromide aqueous solutions reported in  
375 the literature (Wallen et al., 1997; Ferlat et al., 2001; Evans et al., 2007). The EXAFS spectra  
376 from the KBr and NaBr aqueous solutions are accurately modeled with a hydration shell of  $5.7 \pm$   
377  $0.8$  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,  
378 respectively (Table 3). Note that multiple-scattering paths from the linear Br $\cdots$ H-O cluster are



379 needed to accurately reproduce the experimental data; when only Br-O interactions are  
380 considered, the model fails to reproduce the amplitude of the EXAFS oscillations unless an  
381 unrealistic hydration shell of  $\sim 12$  H<sub>2</sub>O molecules is adopted. The structural parameters fitted for  
382 the KBr aqueous solution from Ferlat et al. (2002) are, within errors, similar to those reported by  
383 the authors. Together with the EXAFS fits of the NaBr aqueous solution, they confirm that Br  
384 speciation in aqueous solution at room conditions is dominated by a six-fold coordinated  
385 hydration shell with the H-O bond of the water molecule radially aligned towards the Br ion  
386 (Ferlat et al., 2001; Ramos et al., 2000).

387 EXAFS spectra collected on NS2 and Hpg glasses at room conditions display distinct  
388 oscillations, with a new feature at  $2.2 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  in both glass samples and amplitudes nearly out of  
389 phase at  $> 2 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  in  $k$ -space compared to the NaBr and KBr aqueous solutions (Fig. 6). Different  
390 combinations of Br-Na and Br-O scattering paths were tested to constrain the local structural  
391 environment of Br in the silicate glasses. Models considering individually either the Br-Na or Br-  
392 O paths do not provide a reasonable fit of the EXAFS oscillations and the simultaneous  
393 contribution of Br-Na and Br-O bond is required to reproduce the experimental spectra. The  
394 EXAFS-derived parameters suggest that Br in NS2 and Hpg glasses is coordinated to an average  
395 of 6 Na cations in the first shell at an average distance of  $2.95 \text{ \AA}$ , and next-nearest 6 O neighbors  
396 located at  $3.4 \text{ \AA}$  (Table 3). The fitted Br-Na bond length is consistent, within errors, with  
397 theoretical Br-Na distances in crystalline NaBr ( $2.987 \text{ \AA}$ , Deshpande, 1961) and is close to that  
398 reported for aluminosilicate glasses in a previous study (Cochain et al., 2015), suggesting Br is  
399 incorporated in the silicate glasses in a “salt-like” structure, similar to NaBr. The similarities  
400 between the structural parameters fitted for anhydrous NS2 and hydrous Hpg (3.3 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O)  
401 glasses also suggest that the nearest environment of Br remains largely anhydrous in glasses

402 containing relatively low water contents and that the second O neighbors may be from the  
403 silicate network rather than more distant H<sub>2</sub>O or OH groups. Attempts to include the effect of  
404 Br···H-O bonds in the fitting model by taking into account multiple scattering Br···H-O paths  
405 instead of Br-O correlations only resulted in a systematic decrease in the fit quality (higher *R*-  
406 factor). The sole difference between the two glasses is the presence of a pre-edge feature at  
407 ~13.468 keV in the haplogranite glass (Fig. 5). Such features have been attributed to the 1s to 4p  
408 electronic transitions in Br (Burattini et al., 1991) and reported in several covalently bonded  
409 and/or reduced Br-bearing compounds, including HBr, Br<sub>2</sub>, and CHBr<sub>3</sub> (D'Angelo et al., 1993;  
410 Feiters et al., 2005). While Evans et al. (2007) suggested that this feature could arise from partial  
411 Br reduction in the presence of remaining carbon material in the sample from the synthesis,  
412 changes in the local site symmetry around Br could also contribute to the development of such  
413 feature. Recent HERFD-XAS measurements conducted on silicate glasses however demonstrate  
414 that this feature is absent in basaltic and andesitic glasses and hence, may be specific to the  
415 structure of granitic glass compositions (Louvel et al., 2020).

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### 417 **3.2.2 High *P-T* aqueous fluids and hydrous silicate melts**

418 Bromine K-edge XANES spectra of high *P-T* aqueous fluids (3 wt% NaBr solution,  
419 fluids at equilibrium with haplogranite melt and water-dominated fluids containing < 50 wt%  
420 dissolved NS2) all share a shape very similar to that of the NaBr aqueous solution at room  
421 conditions, suggesting a similar local structure of Br in H<sub>2</sub>O-dominated phases at elevated *P-T*  
422 (Fig. 4 and 5). Differences in the shape of the XANES spectra become more pronounced for the  
423 supercritical fluids with >50 wt% dissolved Si and Na and the hydrous NS2 melt (Fig. 4).  
424 Although the maximum of the white line remains at 13.478 keV, it broadens and decreases in

425 amplitude compared to the 3 wt% NaBr aqueous solution. Also, the first post-edge resonance is  
426 shifted toward either higher (13.504 keV) or lower (13.487 keV) energies compared to the  
427 aqueous fluids. These changes may be indicative of the progressive incorporation of Na in the  
428 local structure around Br. These modifications of Br coordination environment are also  
429 noticeable in the EXAFS oscillations (Fig. 5): while Br-bearing aqueous fluids mostly show a  
430 decrease of the amplitude of the oscillations with increasing  $P$ - $T$ , they are shifted to higher  
431 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.  
432 Moreover, the NS2 melt bears closer resemblance to the NS2 and Hpg glasses, sharing similar  
433 oscillations at 2.2 and 3.2 Å<sup>-1</sup>.

434         The structural parameters derived from the quantitative EXAFS analysis are reported in  
435 Table 4. Comparably to room conditions, the EXAFS spectra of the NaBr aqueous solution at  
436 high pressure-temperature conditions are well matched by an octahedral hydration shell  
437 including multiple-scattering contributions from the Br<sup>•••</sup>H-O cluster (Fig. 6). Br-O coordination  
438 numbers and distances are, respectively,  $6.4 \pm 1.1$  and  $3.40 \pm 0.07$  Å at 450 °C and 0.6 GPa,  
439 indicating the persistence of the 6-fold coordinated hydration shell up to high temperatures. This  
440 observation contrasts with results from a number of classical EXAFS studies performed at lower  
441 pressures (< 0.07 GPa at 450 °C) that reported significant reduction in the number of water  
442 molecules around Br at supercritical conditions (Wallen et al., 1997; Da Silva et al., 2009). These  
443 differences are likely to reflect the differences in pressure (or fluid density), with higher  
444 pressures stabilizing the hydration shell around Br due to the increase in the solvent dielectric  
445 constant (Pan et al., 2013; Sverjensky et al., 2014), as also predicted for other ions such as Li<sup>+</sup>  
446 (Jahn and Wunder, 2009) and Ti<sup>4+</sup> (van Sijl et al., 2010) by molecular dynamics simulations. An  
447 exception to this trend are the experimental results of Mayanovic et al. (2001), who reported a

448 decrease by > 60% of the number of water molecules in the solvation shell of both Br aqua ions  
449 and  $\text{ZnBr}_4^{2-}$  complexes in 1 m  $\text{ZnBr}_2$  - 6 m NaBr aqueous solution from ambient conditions to  
450 500 °C and 0.5 GPa. The reason for this discrepancy is unclear at this state of our knowledge and  
451 additional studies on the speciation of Br in aqueous electrolytes will be necessary to explain the  
452 disagreement.

453       There are no significant changes in Br speciation in the aqueous fluids equilibrated with  
454 haplogranitic melts, which contain only few wt% of dissolved silicate components, and in fluids  
455 containing up to 30 wt% dissolved NS2 (Fig. 6; Table 4). The first noticeable changes are only  
456 found for fluids containing at least 50 wt% dissolved NS2, with a small decrease of the average  
457 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  
458 value stays within errors from the other compositions, the reduction of the hydration shell might  
459 define the onset of Br-Na complexation with increasing amount of Na dissolved in the fluid. This  
460 hypothesis was tested by introducing a Br-Na contribution in the fitting model for the high  
461 temperature data, but this resulted in a decrease of the overall fit quality. The formation of Br-Na  
462 complexes and the partial dehydration of Br, however, becomes evident with further increase of  
463 the solute content to 60 wt% dissolved NS2 in the fluid (Table 4). For this composition, the best-  
464 fit model is consistent with the presence of  $\sim 3$  Na atoms and 4 to 5  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules (or OH  
465 groups) in the nearest environment of Br, at 480 °C and 1.5 GPa and 610 °C and 2.2 GPa. In the  
466 NS2 hydrous melt (10 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), the number of Na neighbors further increases to  $\sim 6$  whereas  
467 the number of oxygens remains similar to that of the 60 wt% NS2 fluid ( $\sim 3.4$ ). This increase in  
468 the number of Na neighbors compared to the 60 wt% NS2-bearing fluid suggests that the nearest  
469 environment of Br in silicate-rich fluids progressively approaches the local structure observed in  
470 the NS2 glass. Yet, the Br local environment remains hydrated, in contrast to the NS2 and Hpg

471 glasses. Based on results from FTIR and  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR studies showing that molecular  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is  
472 favored in aluminosilicate and sodium silicate glasses as the amount of dissolved water increases  
473 (Stolper, 1982; Uchino et al., 1992; Xue and Kanzaki, 2004; Behrens and Yamashita, 2008), we  
474 suggest that molecular  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , rather than OH groups, would be present around Br in the hydrous  
475 NS2 melt. Moreover, we cannot exclude that distinct “fluid-like”  $\text{Br}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6$  and “glass-like”  
476  $\text{BrNa}_6$  complexes coexist in the hydrous melt as  $[\text{yBr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6 + \text{xBrNa}_6]$  moieties, as the average  
477 signal of these structures could not be distinguished from  $[\text{BrNa}_y(\text{H}_2\text{O})_x]$  clusters by XANES or  
478 EXAFS. Although Br speciation could not be investigated in the hydrous haplogranite melt due  
479 to lower Br concentrations ( $< 0.2$  wt%), the similarities between both XANES and EXAFS  
480 spectra of the Hpg and NS2 glasses (Fig. 4 and 5) allow us to anticipate a similar Br local  
481 environment in the haplogranite melt, dominated by alkali complexation.

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

484 The new partitioning and speciation data derived for bromine in the present study provide  
485 direct insights on the transport mechanisms of halogens (Cl, Br and I) in subduction zones. Our  
486 results suggest that the mobilization of Br (and likely Cl, Br and I) in subduction zones is  
487 affected by the chemistry of the slab-derived mobile phases. These phases, in turn, are essentially  
488 controlled by the slab composition and the depth of fluid extraction and hence, by the  $P$ - $T$   
489 conditions (Schmidt and Poli, 1998; Manning, 2004; Schmidt et al., 2004; Hermann et al., 2006;  
490 Bebout, 2007; Keppler, 2017). Figure 6 illustrates a gradual transition of Br speciation from  
491 hydrated species  $[\text{Br}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^-$  to  $[\text{BrNa}_x(\text{H}_2\text{O})_y]$  clusters with various stoichiometries (or mixture  
492 of  $[\text{Br}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]$  and  $\text{BrNa}_6$  moieties) as the fluid composition evolves from diluted aqueous fluids  
493 such as those released by continuous metamorphic dehydration of the slab ( $< 15$  wt% dissolved

494 solutes, Manning, 2004; Rustioni et al., 2019) to Si/Na-rich supercritical fluids that form owing  
495 to enhanced solubility of silicate minerals at depth and/or granitic melts produced by fluid-  
496 assisted melting of subducted sediments (Hermann et al., 2006; Skora and Blundy, 2010). The  
497 increasing similarities in the local structure of Br in aqueous fluids containing large amounts of  
498 dissolved alkali-silica ( $> 12.5$  wt% Na) and the hydrous melts (Fig. 6) is consistent with the  
499 progressive decrease in the Br fluid-melt partition coefficients ( $D_{\text{Br}}^{f/m}$ ) with  $T$  increase observed  
500 in this study in each separated runs (Fig. 3). Sodium complexation with Br is thus an efficient  
501 mechanism that enables not only aqueous fluids but also supercritical fluids and hydrous melts to  
502 carry significant amounts of Br at depth.

503         General similarities between Cl, Br and I speciation in aqueous solutions and silicate  
504 glasses (Evans et al., 2008; McKeown et al., 2011,2015; Shermann et al., 2010) suggest that the  
505 speciation and partitioning trends found in our study for Br may extend to Cl and I. Therefore,  
506 while early dehydration fluids should release large amounts of halogens to the fore-arc and the  
507 mantle wedge (100 – 200 km depth), hydrous slab melts and supercritical fluids play a critical  
508 role in recycling the residual halogens dragged by the subducting slabs to greater depths. Such  
509 efficient recycling, where most of the Cl and Br subducted is transferred to the mantle wedge and  
510 ultimately returned to the surface through arc magmatism, is further supported by recent  
511 quantification of halogens in subducted sediments, serpentinites and altered oceanic crust. Mass  
512 balance calculations indeed show a close match, within errors, between worldwide influx to the  
513 mantle wedge,  $\sim 13\text{-}15 \times 10^3$  kt/yr Cl and 5-70 kt/yr Br, and calculated outflux as HCl and HBr at  
514 volcanic arcs,  $\sim 3\text{-}22 \times 10^3$  kt/yr Cl and 5-15 kt/yr Br (Barnes et al., 2018; Chavrit et al., 2016;  
515 Kendrick et al., 2013; Pyle and Mather, 2009). In comparison, iodine degassing at volcanic arcs  
516 is less well constrained, making it more difficult to assess its fate in the subduction factory (e.g.,

517 Bureau et al., 2016). The small imbalances remaining between Cl and Br input and output fluxes  
518 may arise from difficulties in quantifying halogen loss to the fore-arc and crustal hydrothermal  
519 systems. Recent reports of halogens enrichment in oceanic islands basalts (Barnes et al., 2018;  
520 Hanyu et al., 2019; Kendrick et al., 2017) also point to the subduction of a noticeable fraction of  
521 F, Cl, Br and I to greater depth, to an extent that is yet to be quantified. Additional in-situ  
522 experiments, like those presented here, may help better constrain the mechanisms of halogen  
523 transfert and partitioning at depth, which are inaccessible to direct observation.

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## 525 **5. Conclusions**

526 *In-situ* SXRF and XAS have been applied to quantify Br fluid-melt partition coefficients  
527 and speciation in aqueous fluids, supercritical fluids and hydrous silicate melts up to 840 °C and  
528 2.2 GPa. Above all, our experimental results demonstrate how changes in speciation, from  
529 hydrated ions in aqueous fluids to ‘salt-like’ structures in hydrous melts, may facilitate the  
530 uptake of high amounts of Cl, Br and, probably, I by subduction zone fluids, regardless of their  
531 composition. Significant efforts are, however, still needed to accurately quantify halogen cycling  
532 from the surface to the deep Earth and back. Especially, new experiments investigating the  
533 solubility of halogens in subduction zone fluids and the capacity of high-pressure minerals (e.g.,  
534 micas, Ti-clinohumite, apatite, and carbonates) to incorporate these elements are still necessary  
535 to evaluate the amounts of halogen that may be returned to the volcanic arc or retained in the  
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809 supercritical liquid (single fluid phase); D) NS2 glass and 3 wt% NaBr aqueous solution at room  
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814 aqueous fluid and haplogranite melt at different P-T conditions. The fluid:glass ratio refers to the wt

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816 dashed line delimits the edge of the Re gasket.

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

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826 symbols and colors account for separate experimental runs involving different glass proportions. The  
827 errors reported on  $D_{Br}^{f/m}$  take into account analytical uncertainties on the SXRF signal intensities in fluid  
828 and melt and an additional uncertainty of 10% on pressure determination. The Br and Cl fluid/melt  
829 partition coefficients from Bureau et al. (2000, 2010), Cadoux et al. (2018) and Webster (1992) are shown  
830 for comparison. For Cadoux et al., note that both average values from several experiments ( $D_{Br}^{f/m} = 20.2$   
831  $\pm 1.2$ ) and minimum value for a single experiment ( $D_{Br}^{f/m} = 8.6$ ) are reported. For Webster (1992), the  
832 solid and dotted symbols are for experiments were Cl in glass was  $< 0.01$  wt% and 0.01-0.03 wt%,  
833 respectively.

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836 and hydrous silicate melts at various pressure and temperature conditions. Spectra are offset for clarity.  
837 The vertical dashed line is a visual guide to appreciate phase shifts. The black arrow shows the pre-edge

838 feature in the haplogranite glass spectrum corresponding to the 1s to 4p transition in Br (Burattini et al.,  
839 1991).

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

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846 **Figure 6.** Evolution of bromine coordination numbers with oxygen (from H<sub>2</sub>O molecules) and sodium  
847 ( $N_{\text{Br}\cdots\text{H-O}}$  and  $N_{\text{Br-Na}}$ ) as a function of fluid composition (*i.e.*, the weight fraction of NS2 dissolved in the  
848 fluid) along the NaBr aqueous solution – NS2 join. The gray field shows the detection limit (DL) for Br-  
849 Na complexes, which corresponds to the maximum Br-Na coordination number ( $N_{\text{Br-Na}}$ ) determined for  
850 3wt% NaBr aqueous solution at ambient conditions and 450 °C (DL < 1.5 atoms).

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852 **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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**Notes:** EMPA = Electron Microprobe Analyses; LA-ICPMS = Laser-ablation Inductively Couple Plasma Mass Spectrometry; RBS = Rutherford Backscattering Spectroscopy.

<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.

<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 K<sub>2</sub>O and < 0.3 wt% for SiO<sub>2</sub>.

<sup>3</sup>Nominal H<sub>2</sub>O concentration (not analyzed).

<sup>4</sup>Aluminum Saturation Index  $ASI = \frac{Al_2O_3}{Na_2O+K_2O}$  (in moles).

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883 **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 ±1.6</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 ±0.4</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 ±0.2</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 ±2.0</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 ±1.0</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 ±0.6</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 ±0.6</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 ±0.8</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 ±0.6</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 ±1.2</b>
<i>Error (unless indicated)</i>		±0.1		±0.01	±0.07		±0.04	±0.01	±0.04-0.43	

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885 **Notes:**886 <sup>1</sup> Initial weight fraction of glass in the loading.887 <sup>2</sup> Maximum **estimated** uncertainty on pressure **for the calculations** were of 10%.888 <sup>3</sup> H<sub>2</sub>O solubility in the haplogranite melt calculated from the solubility data of Mysen and Wheeler (2000).889 <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).890 <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 of Anderson and Burnham (1983).892 <sup>6</sup> Silicate solubility in the aqueous fluid estimated from Wohlers et al. (2011) for P > 1.2 GPa.893 <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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896 **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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898 **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  
899 factor (Å<sup>2</sup>); *R-factor* = goodness of the fit;  $S_0^2 = 1$ ;

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

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

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

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904 **Table 4.**

Composition	T (°C)	P (GPa)	N <sub>Br...H-O</sub>	R <sub>Br...H-O</sub> (Å)	σ <sup>2</sup> (Å <sup>2</sup> )	N <sub>Br-Na</sub>	R <sub>Br-Na</sub> (Å)	σ <sup>2</sup> (Å <sup>2</sup> )	R-factor
<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

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906 **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-  
907 Waller factor (Å<sup>2</sup>); R-factor = goodness of the fit; S<sub>0</sub><sup>2</sup> = 1.

908 <sup>1</sup>bdl = below detection limit. Detection limit corresponds to the maximum Br-Na coordination number determined for 3 wt%  
909 NaBr aqueous solution at ambient conditions.

910 <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.

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

912 Errors in temperature and pressure are ±2 °C and 10%, respectively. Errors in the composition of the analyzed fluids are within  
913 5% (Table 2).

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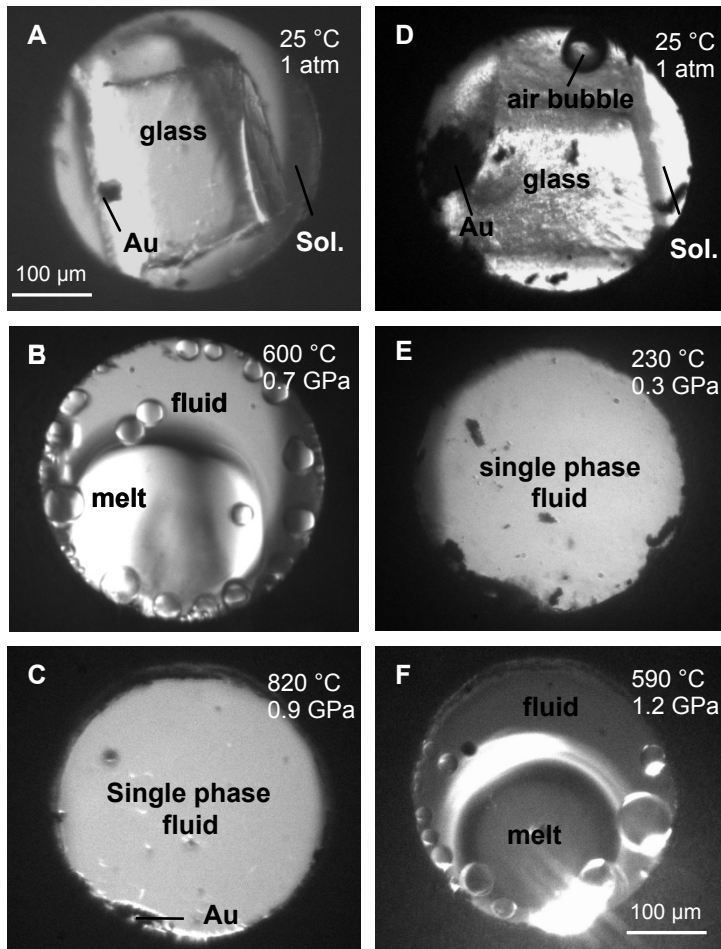
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925 **Figure 1**

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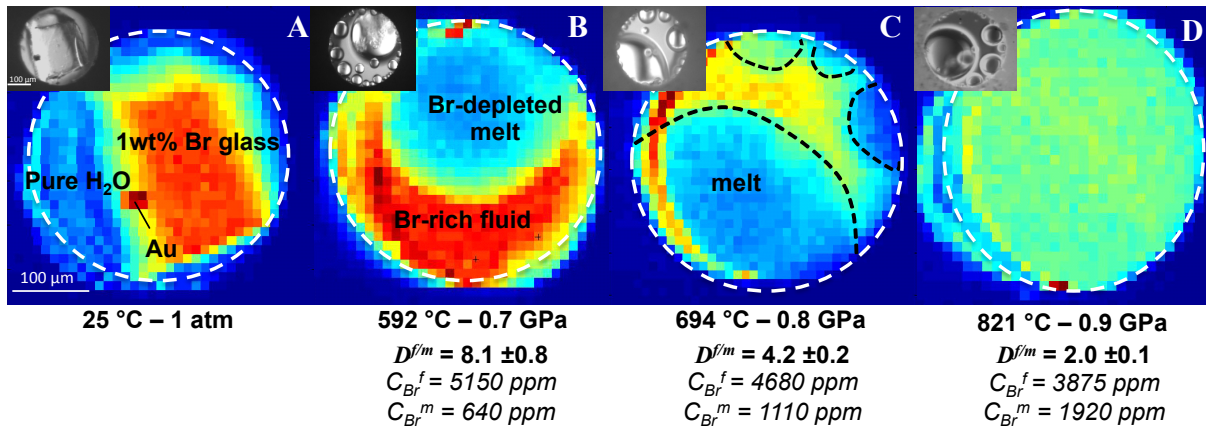
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Run 1 – Fluid:Glass ratio = 0.76



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935 **Figure 2**

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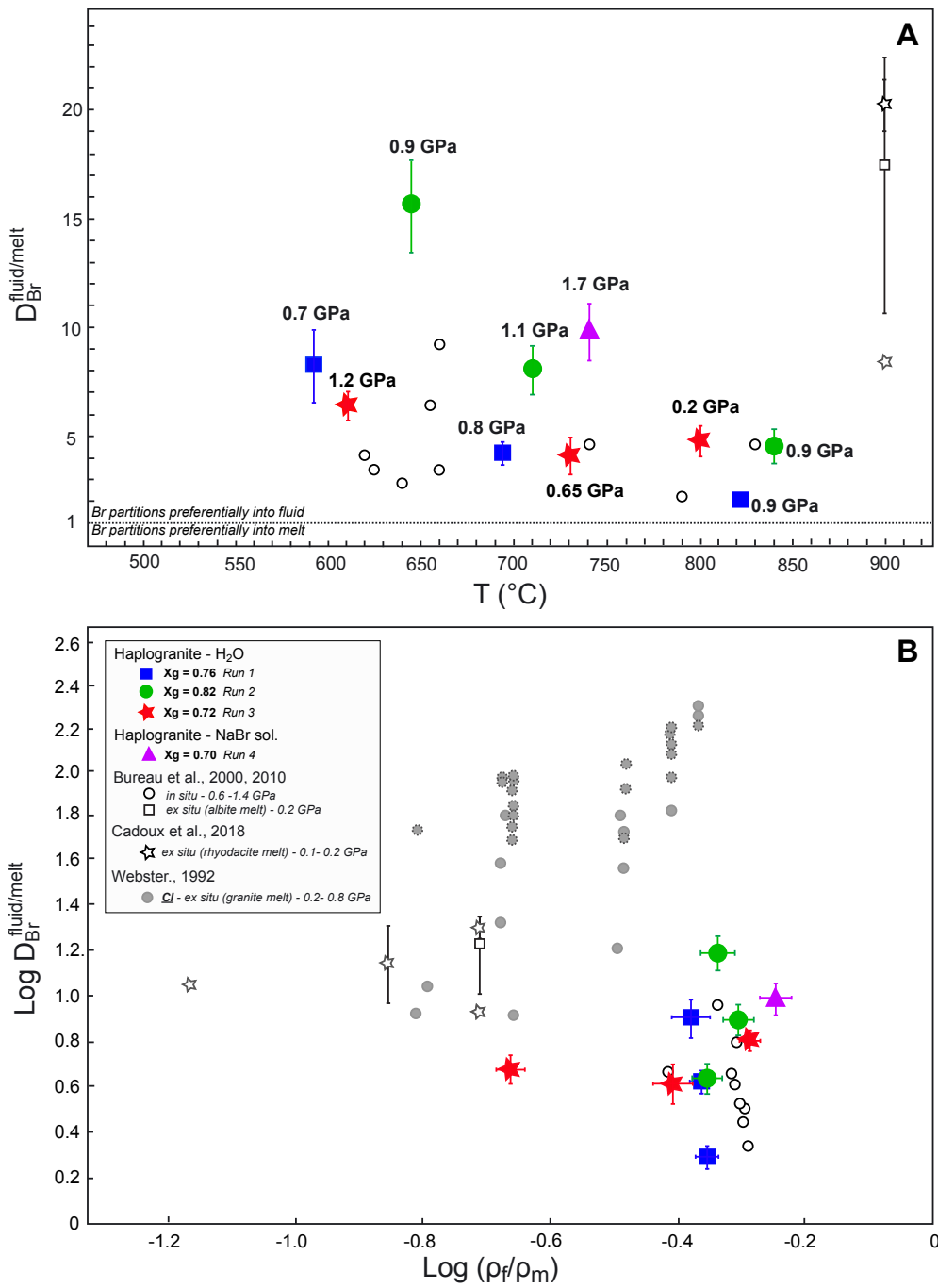
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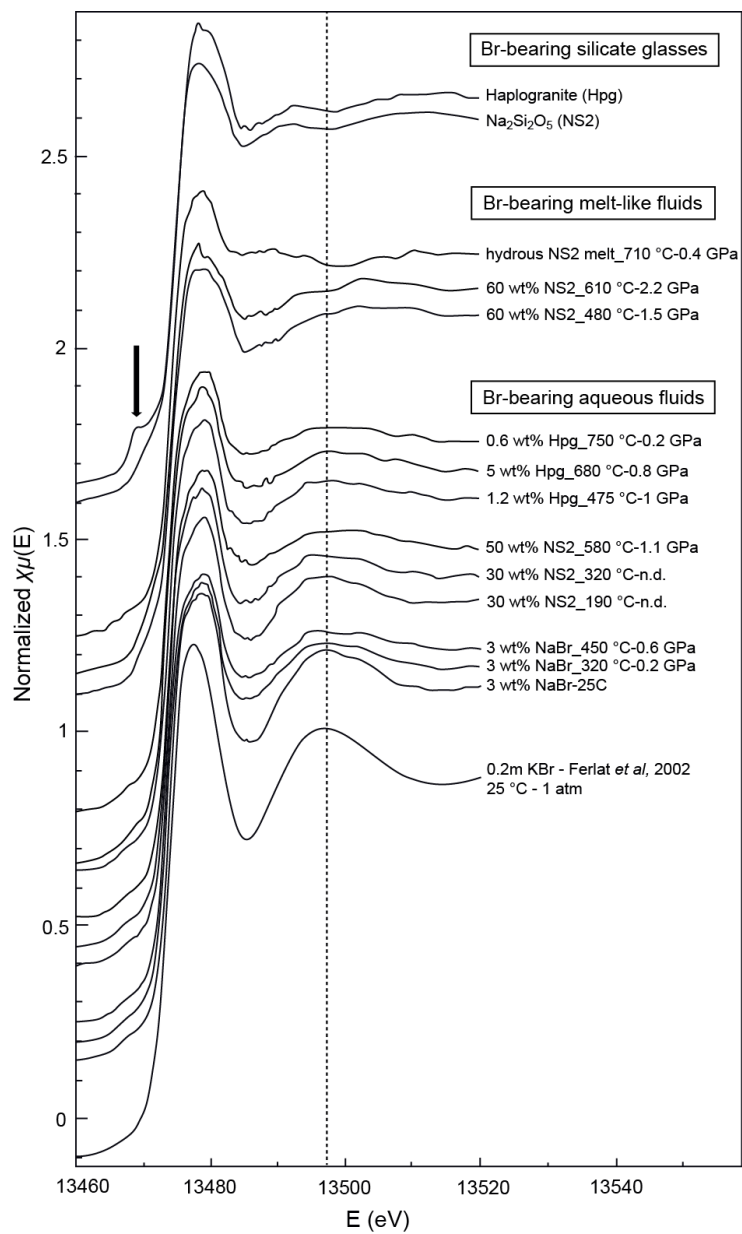
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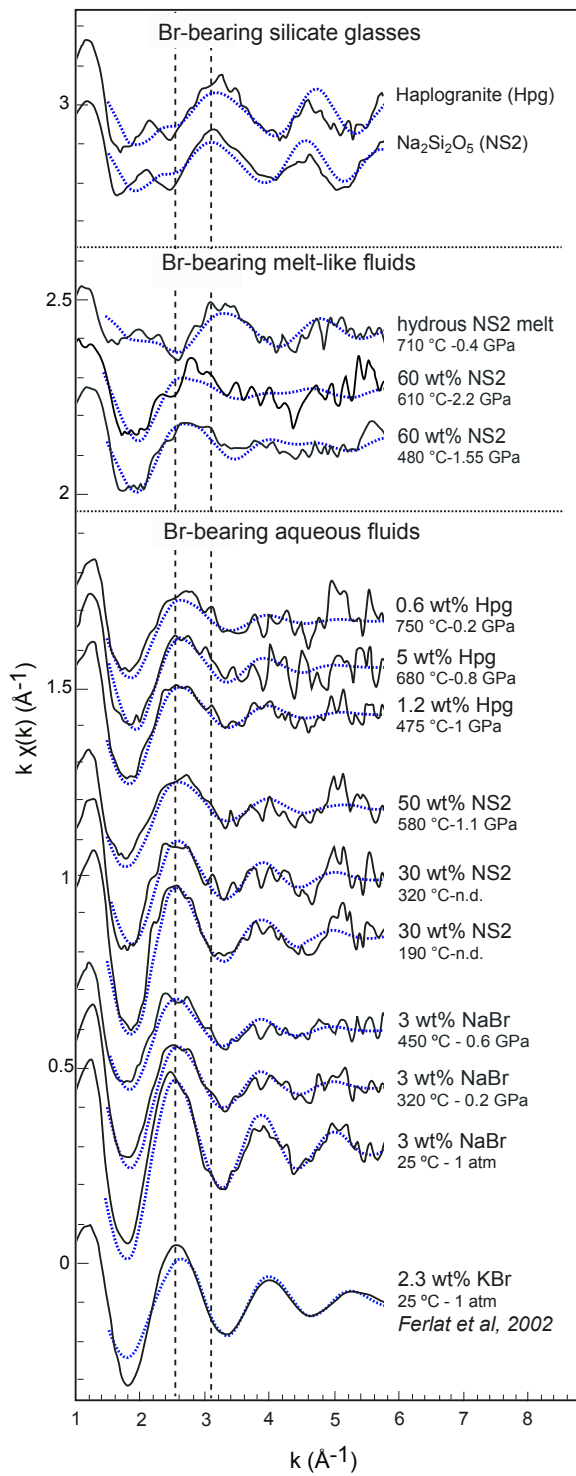
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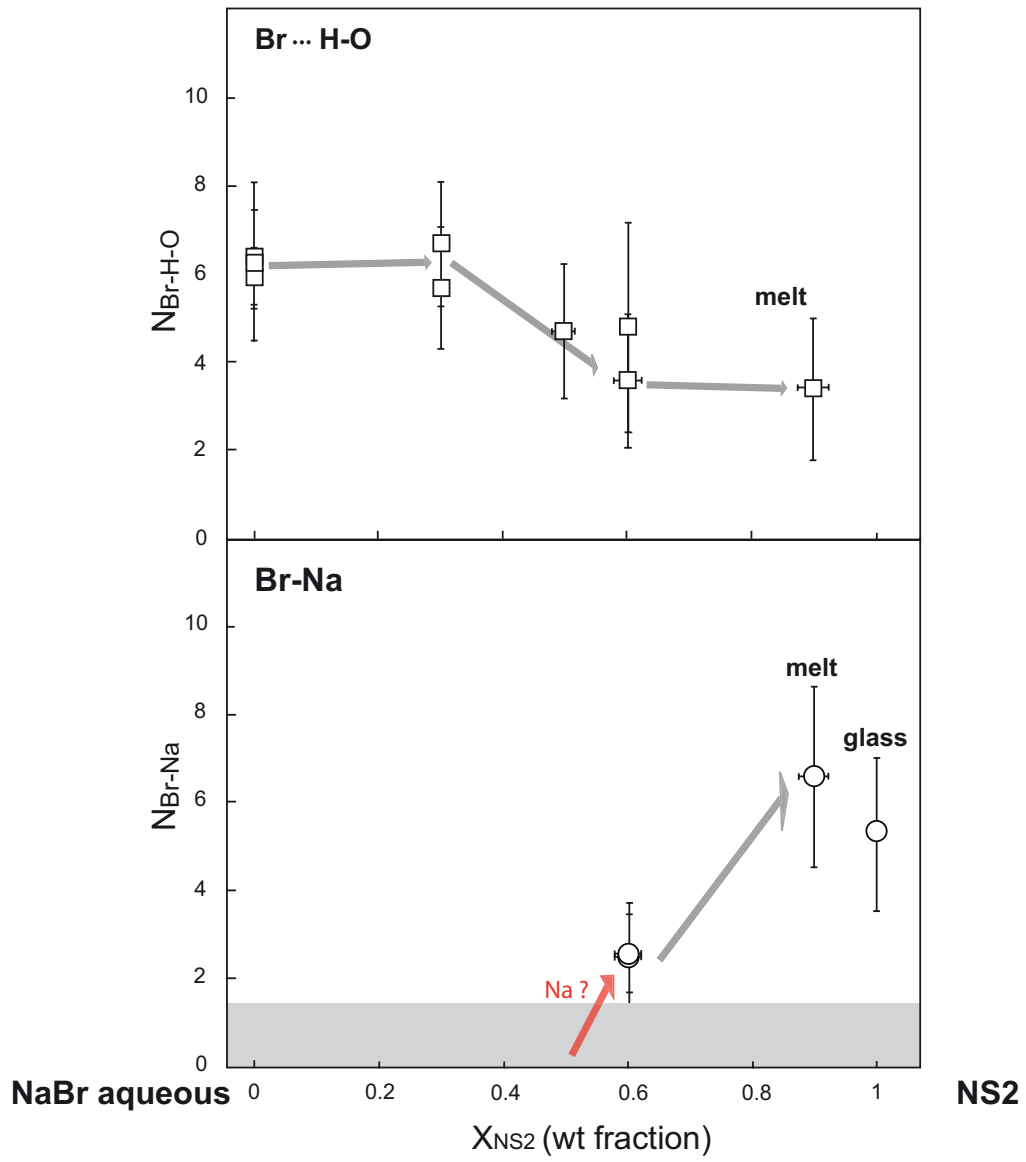
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976 **Figure 6**