

# Geochemical signatures of volatile elements of the Earth's mantle = source or processes?

## Insights from F and Cl in arc magmas

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# Volcanic degassing

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*Photo diffusée le 29 novembre 2020 par l'agence indonésienne de géologie du mont Lewotolo en éruption, à Lembata, en Indonésie*



*Volcanic eruption at the Pu'u Huluhulu volcanic vent on Mount Kilauea, Hawaii. Photograph by James I. Amos, National Geographic*

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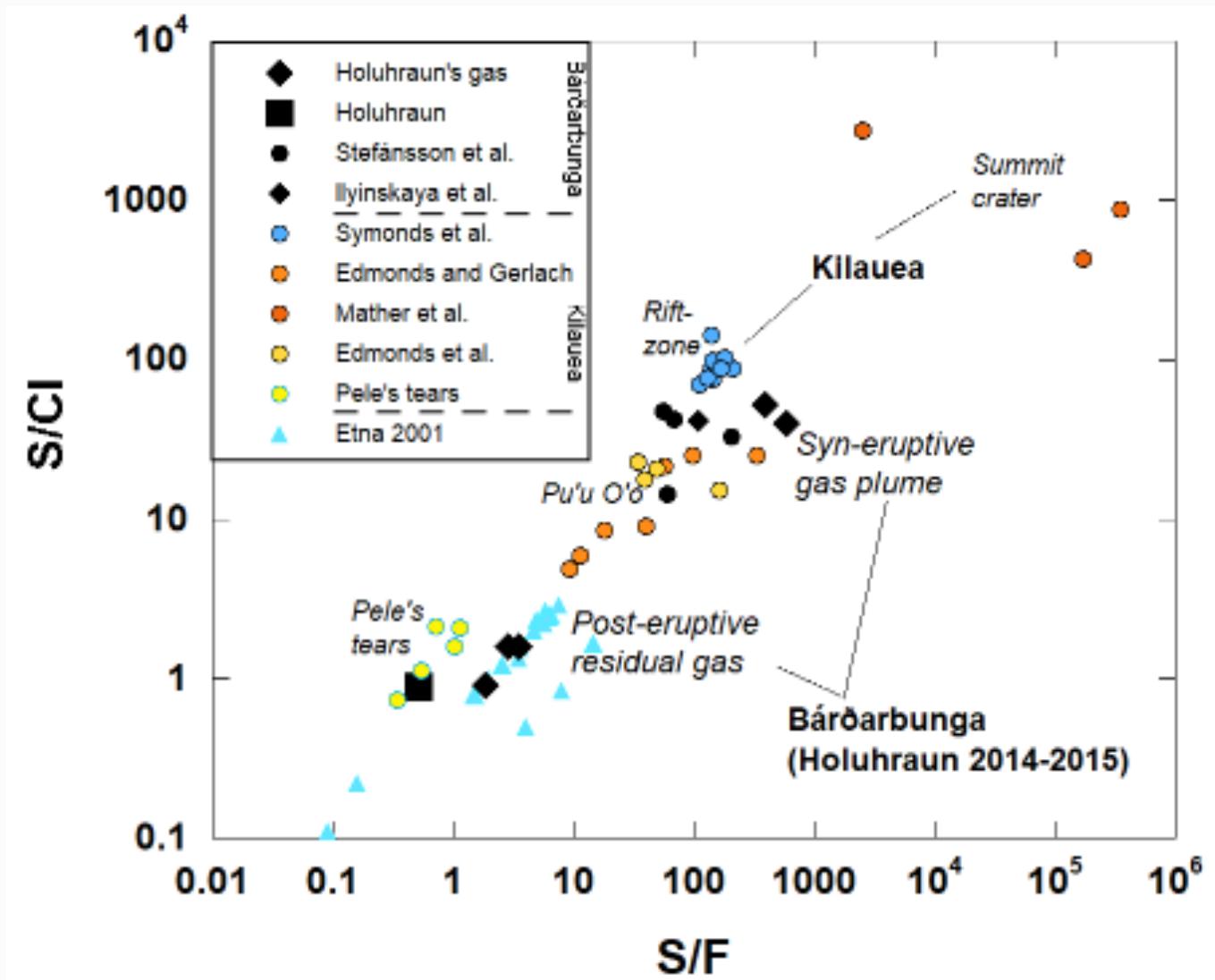
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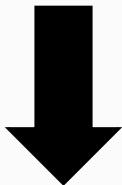
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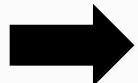
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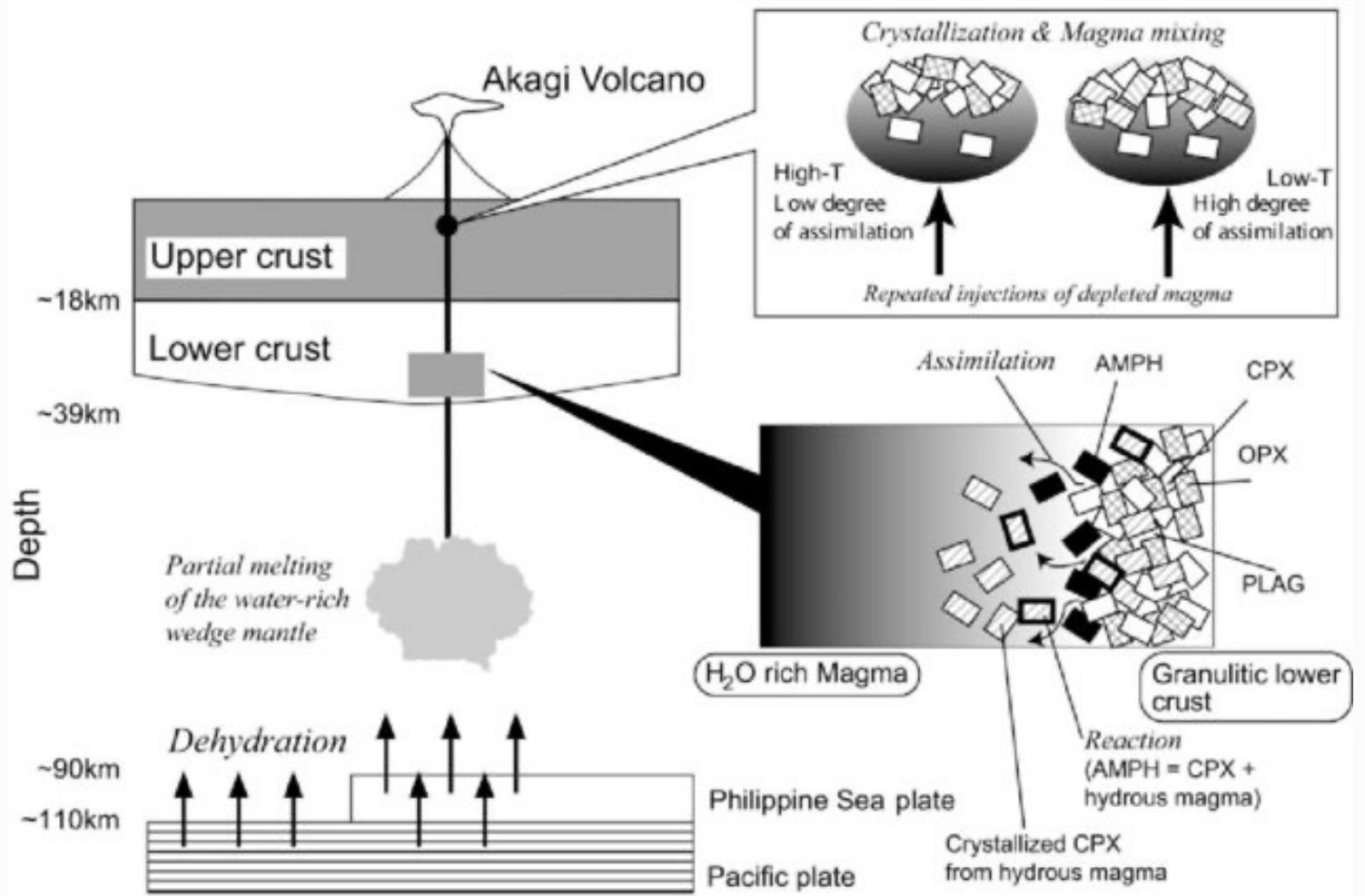
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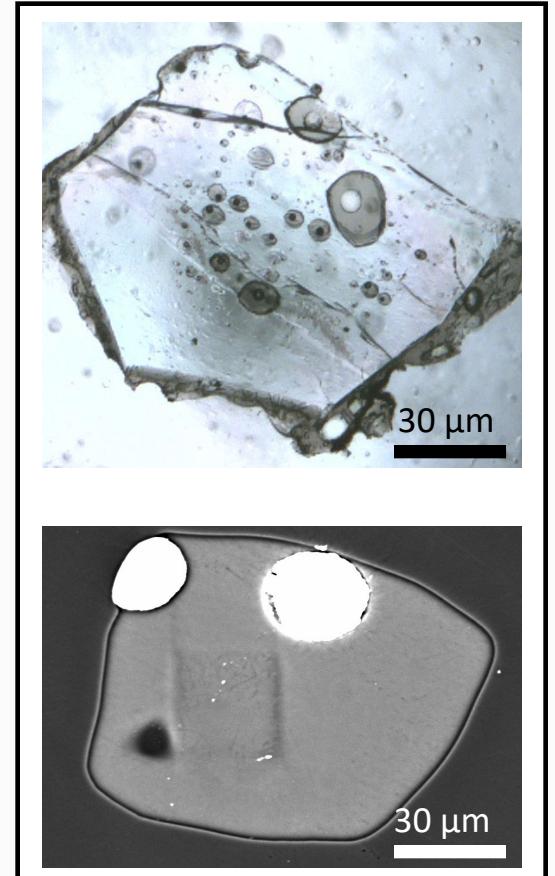


From Kobayashi and Nakamura, 2001

# Volatile signatures in arc melt inclusions

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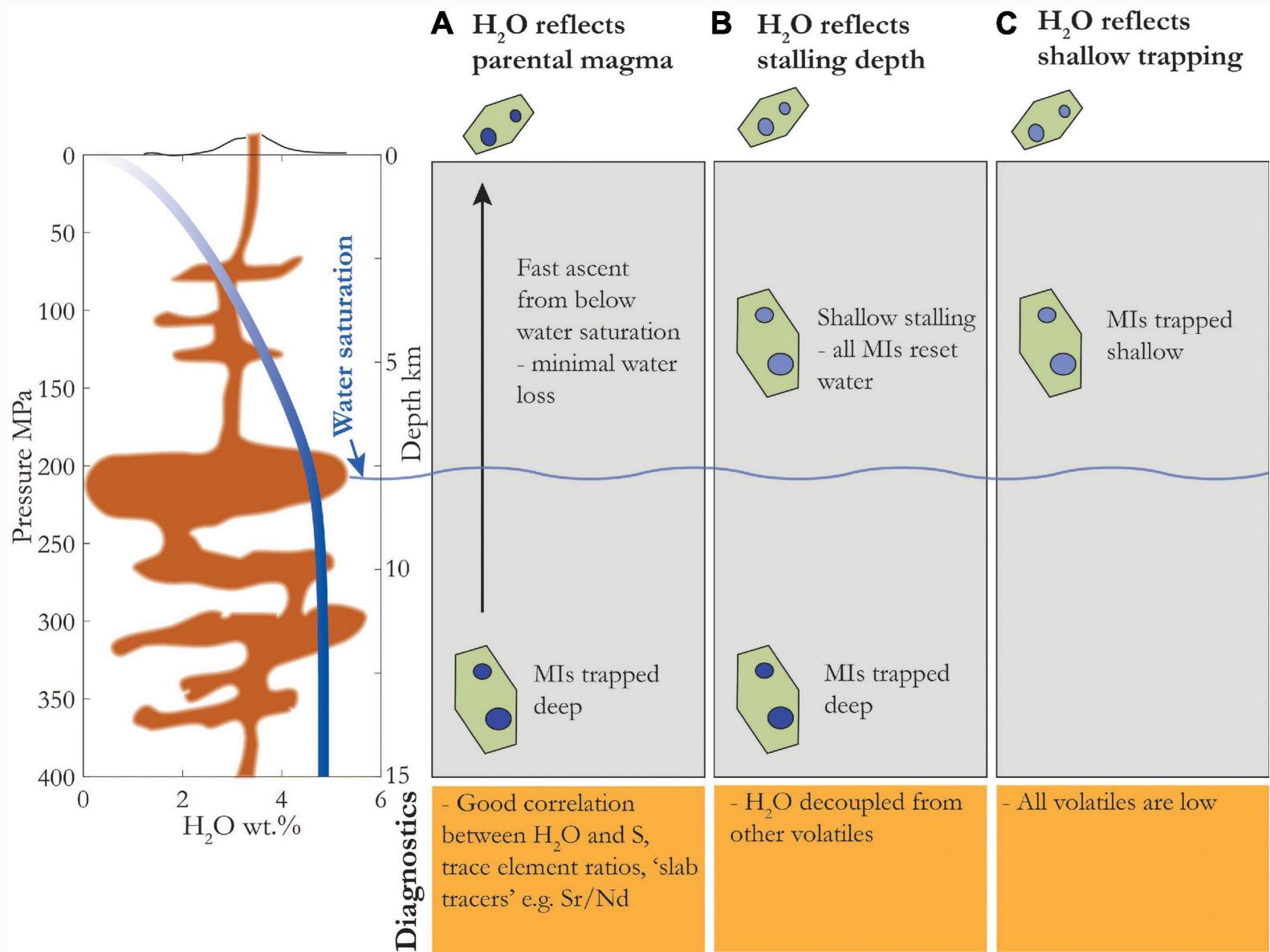
Measured in mineral-hosted melt inclusions  
from arcs  $\Rightarrow$  Primitive signature of arc magmas



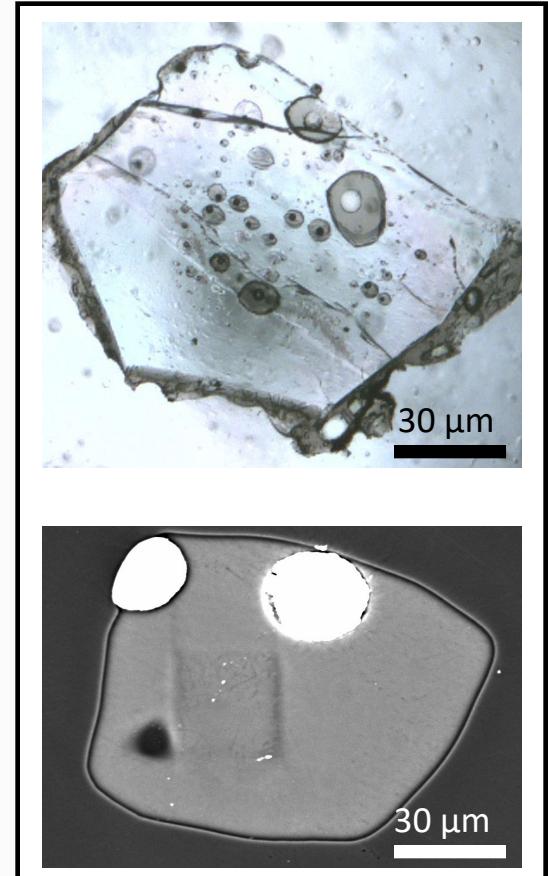
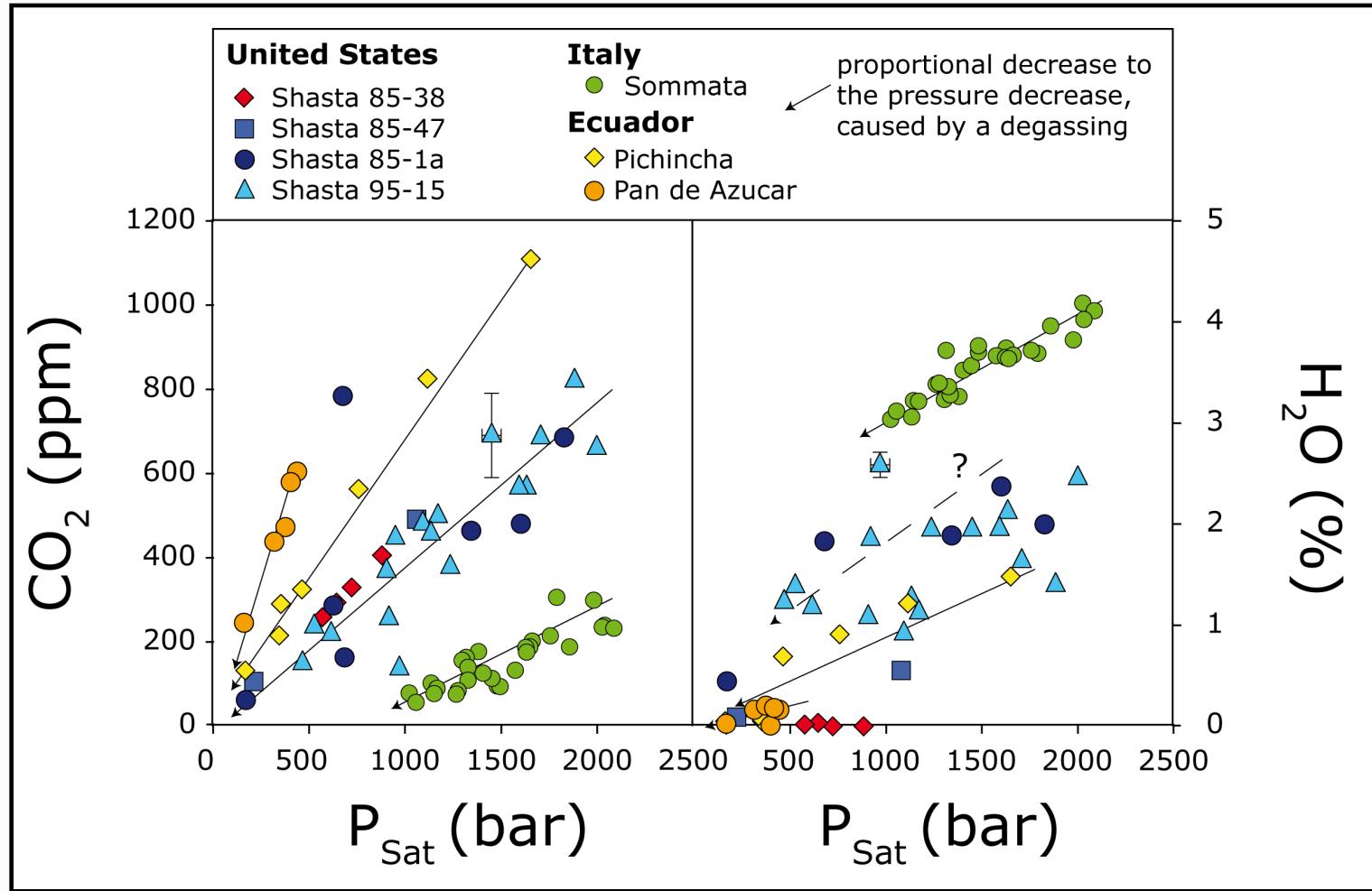
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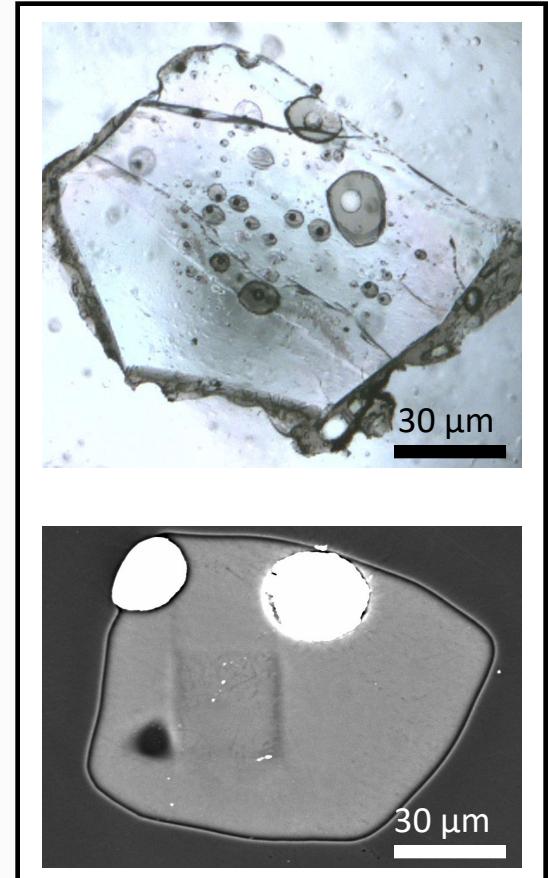
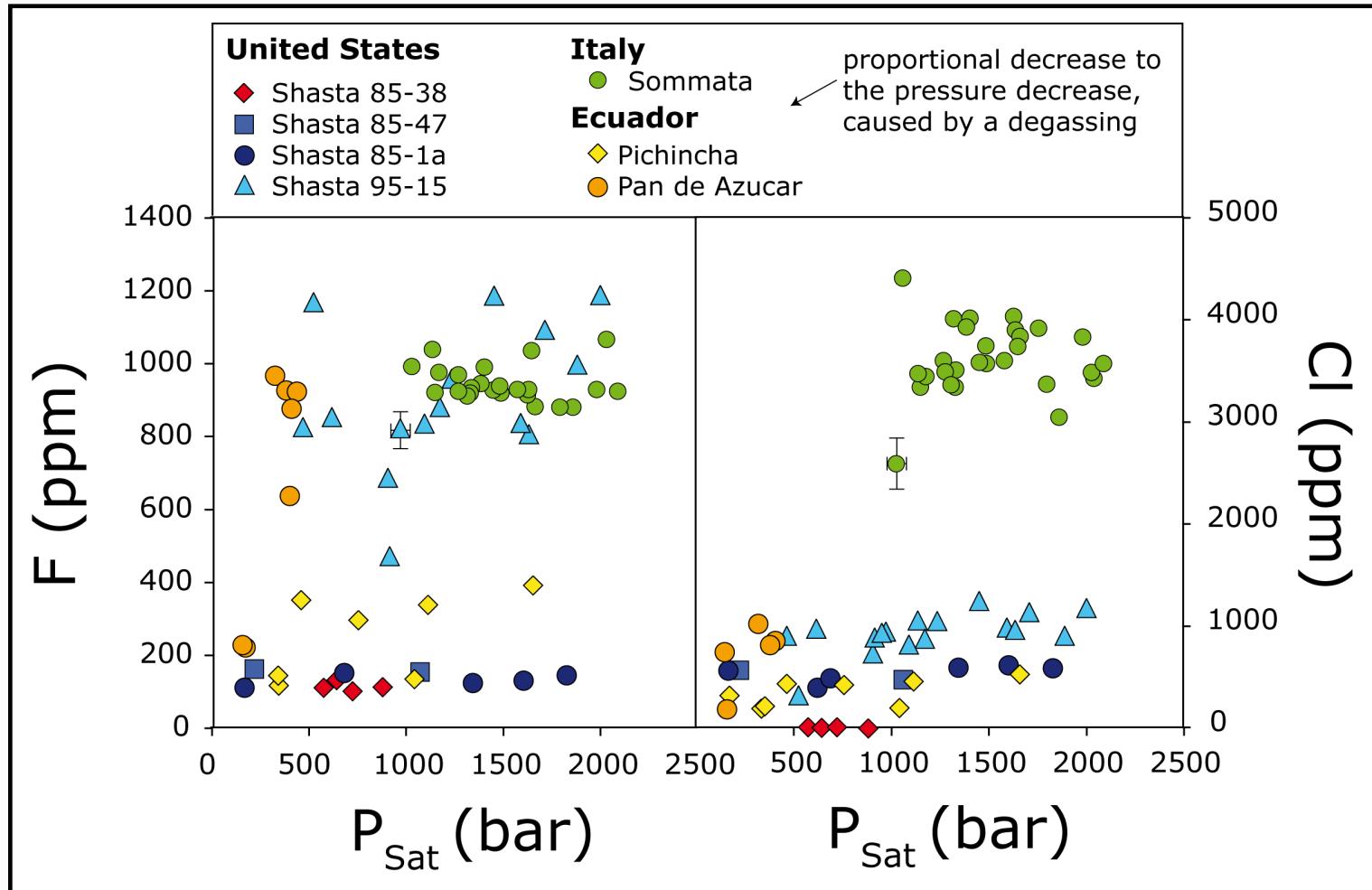


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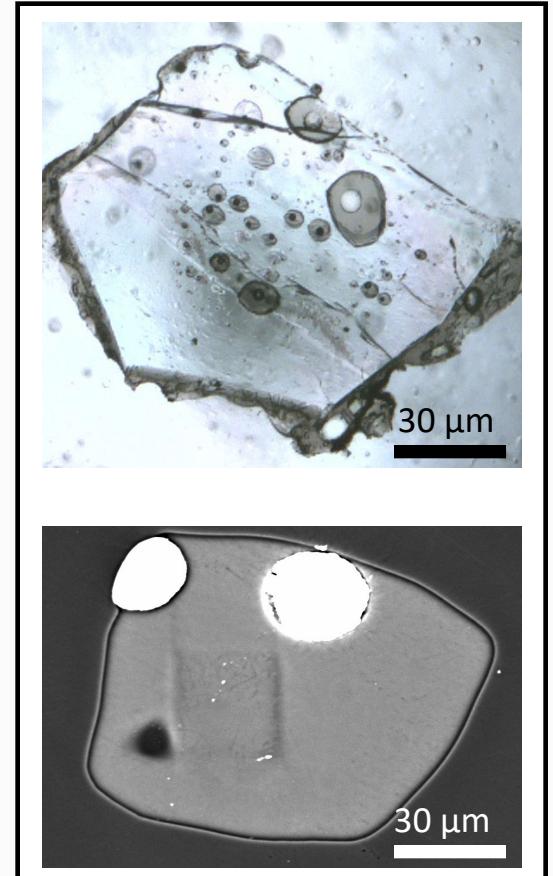
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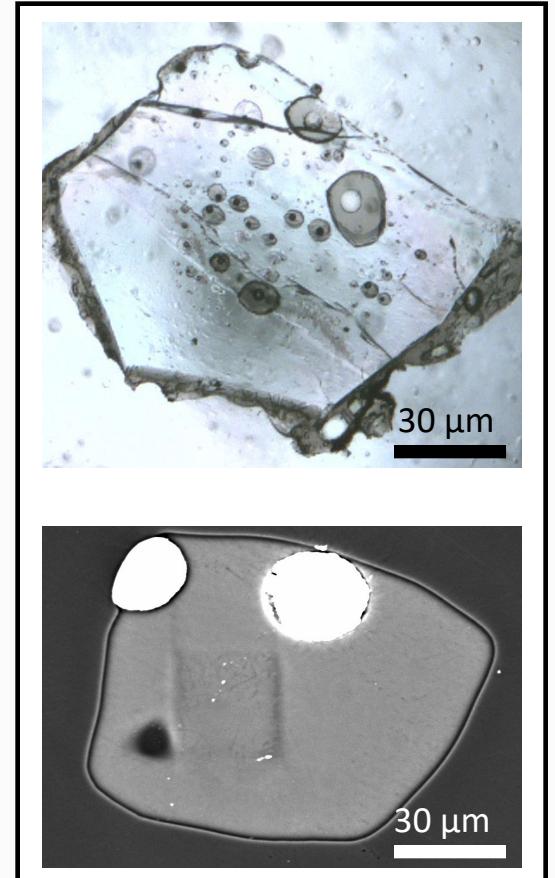
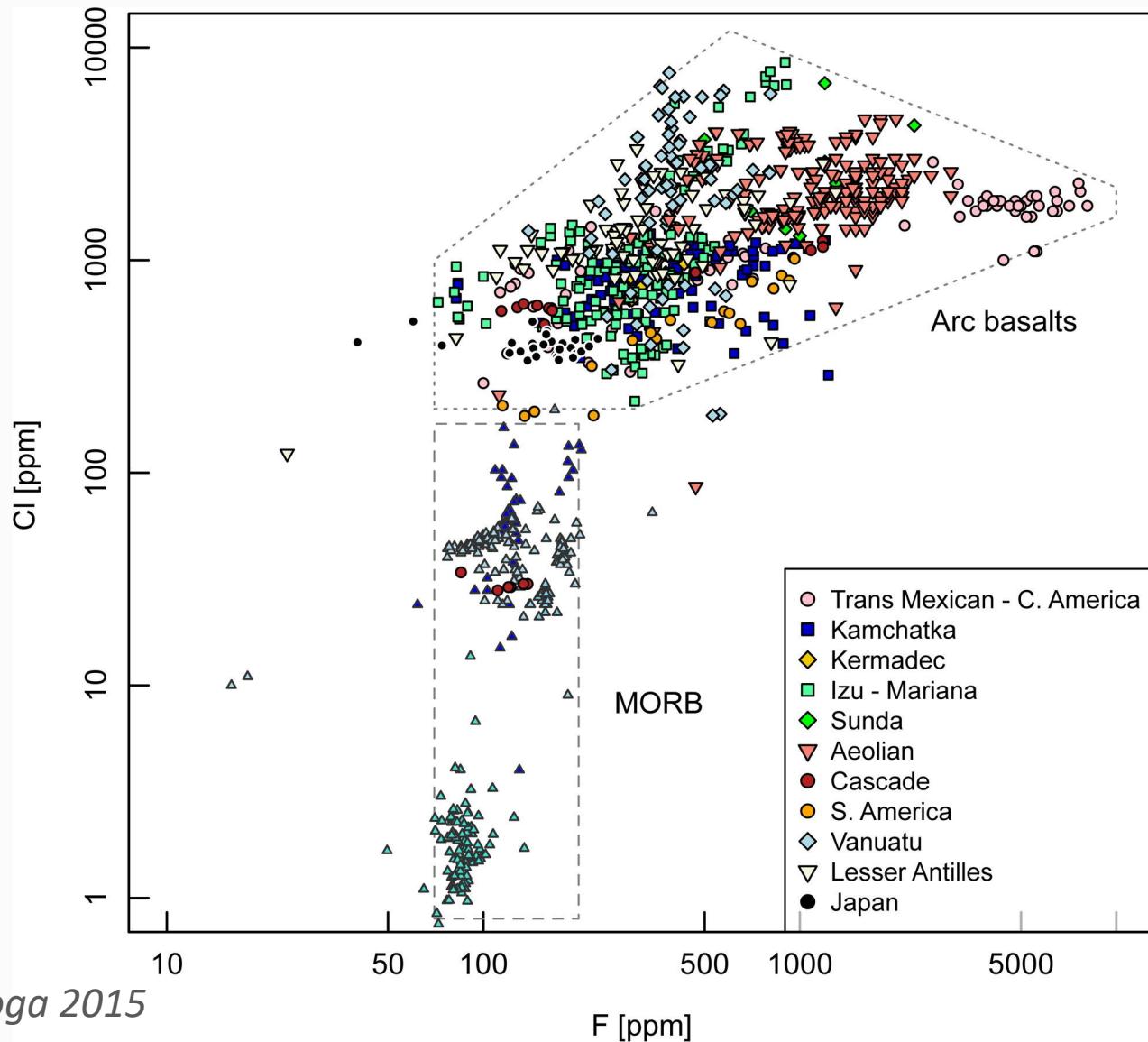
→ Contrary to H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub> and S,  
F and Cl remain undegassed or poorly  
degassed in melt inclusions.

Their concentration in melt inclusions is  
most likely **primitive**.



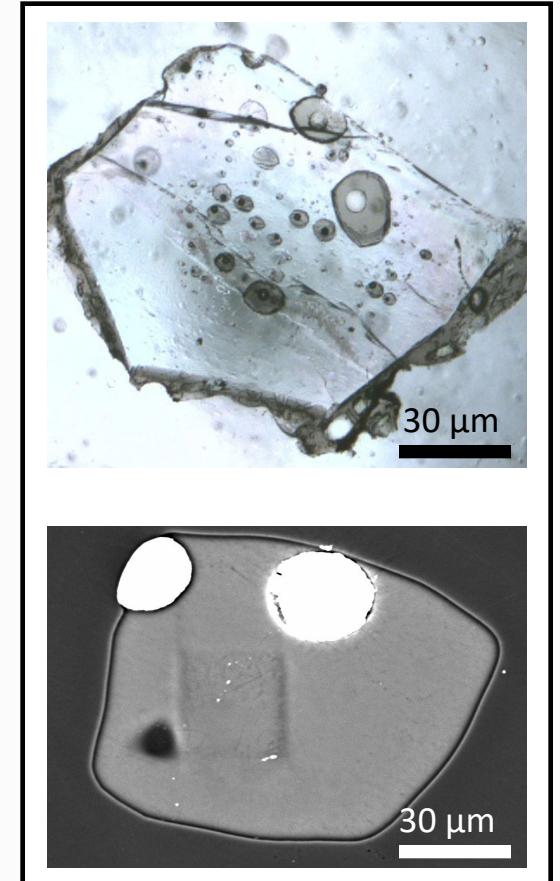
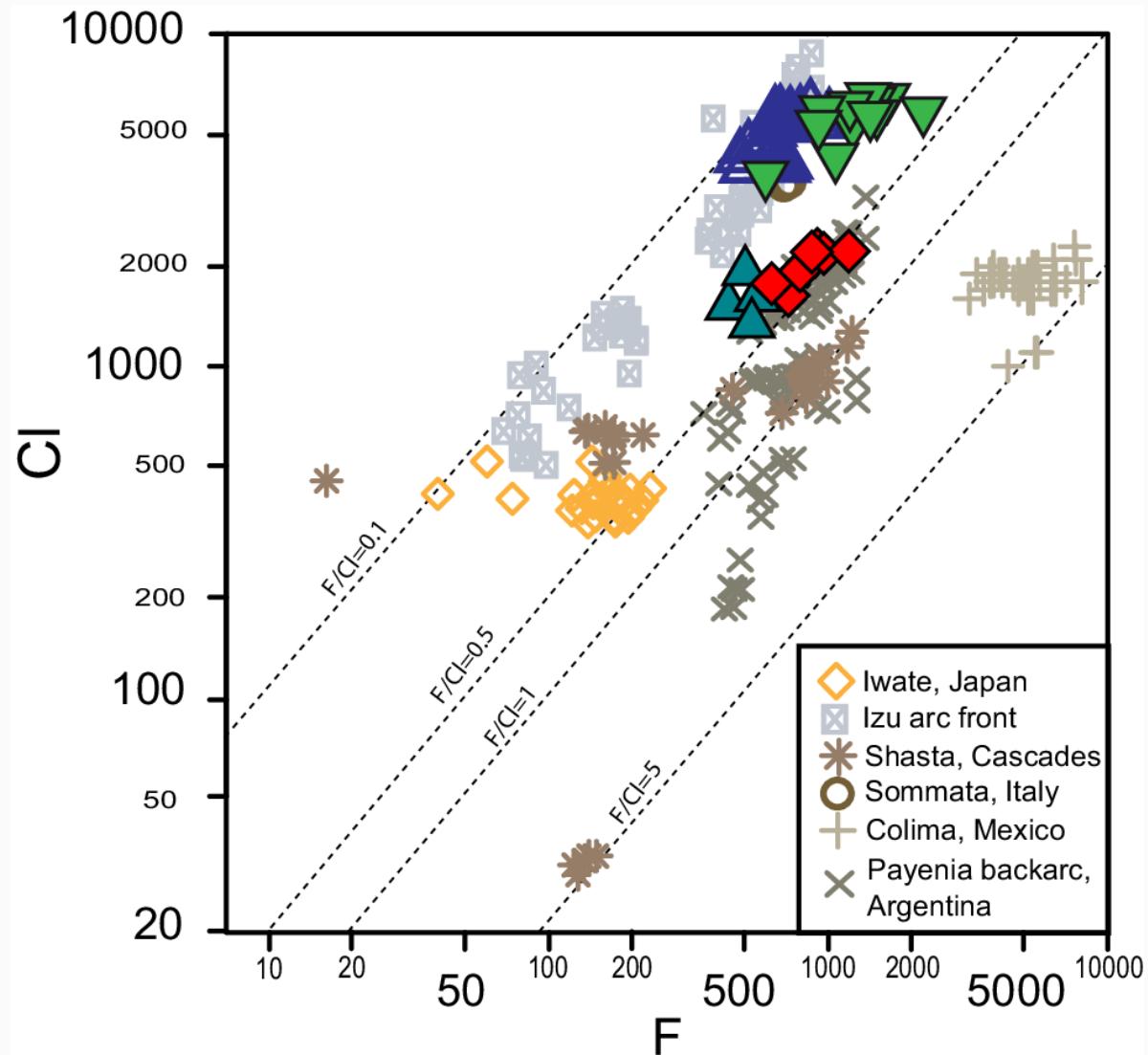
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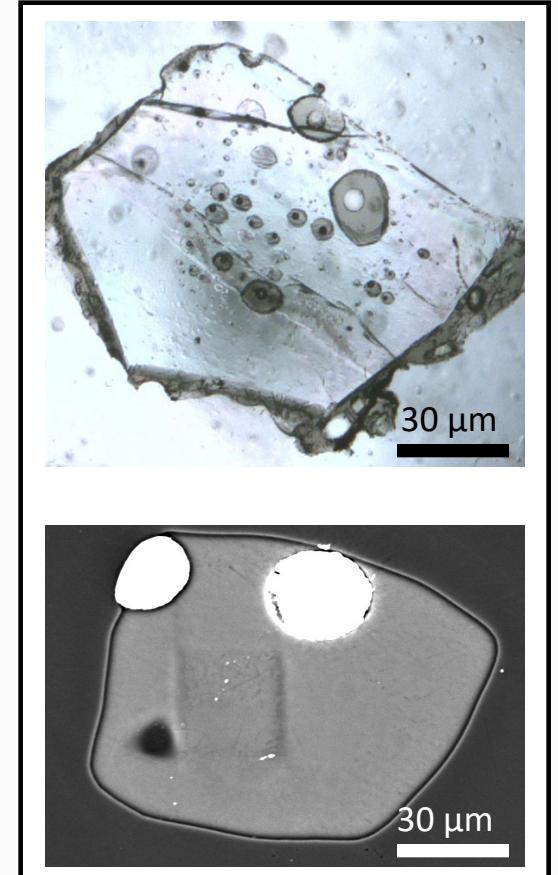
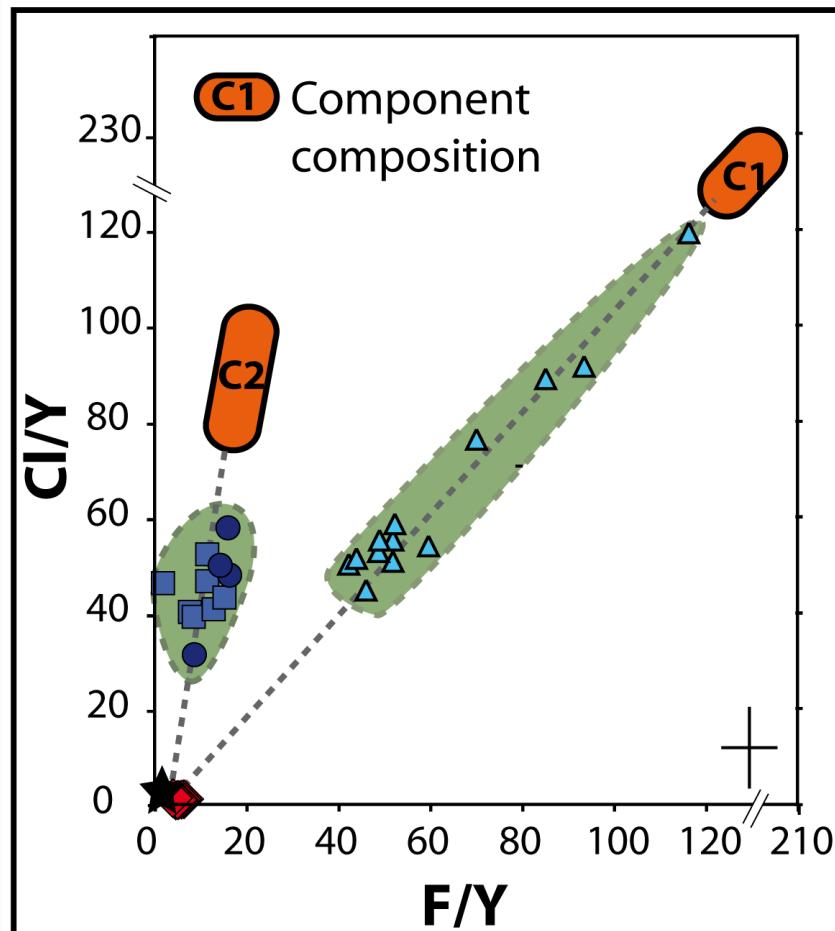
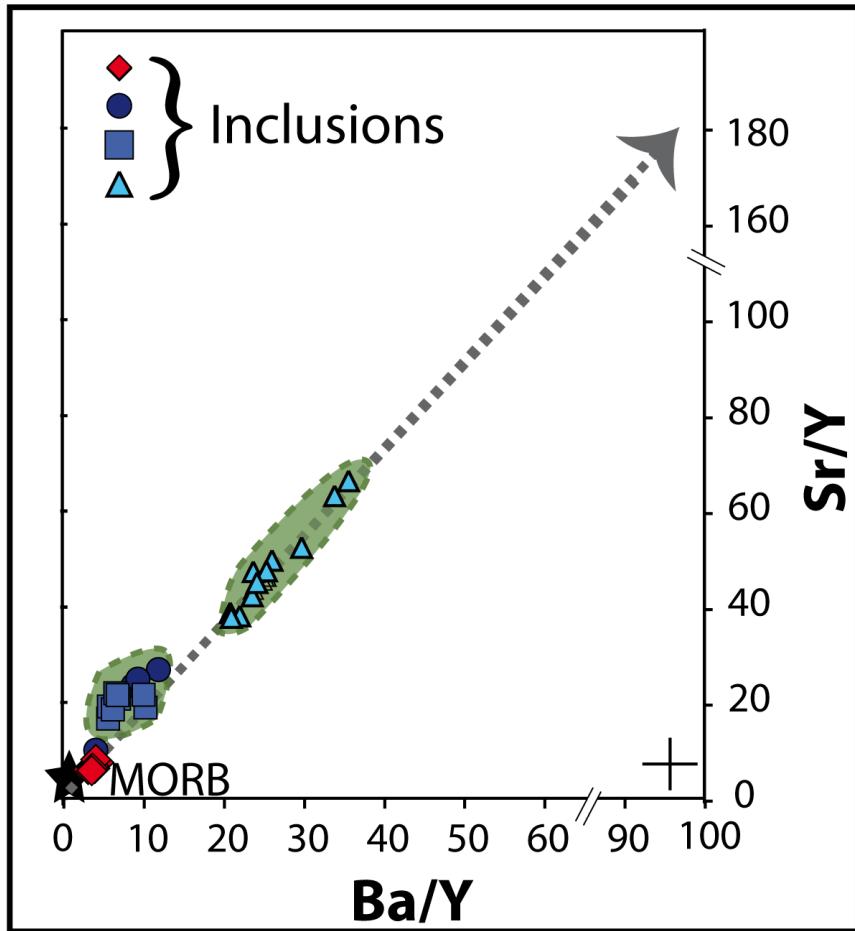
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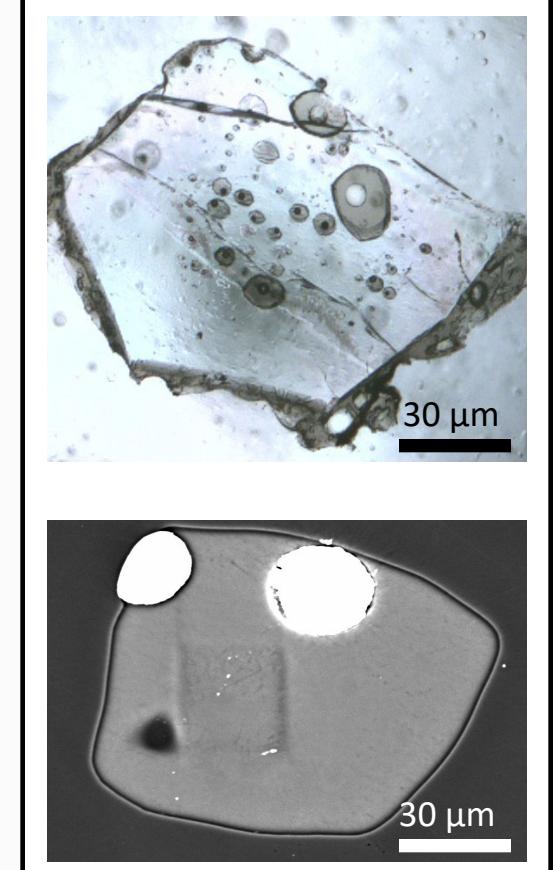
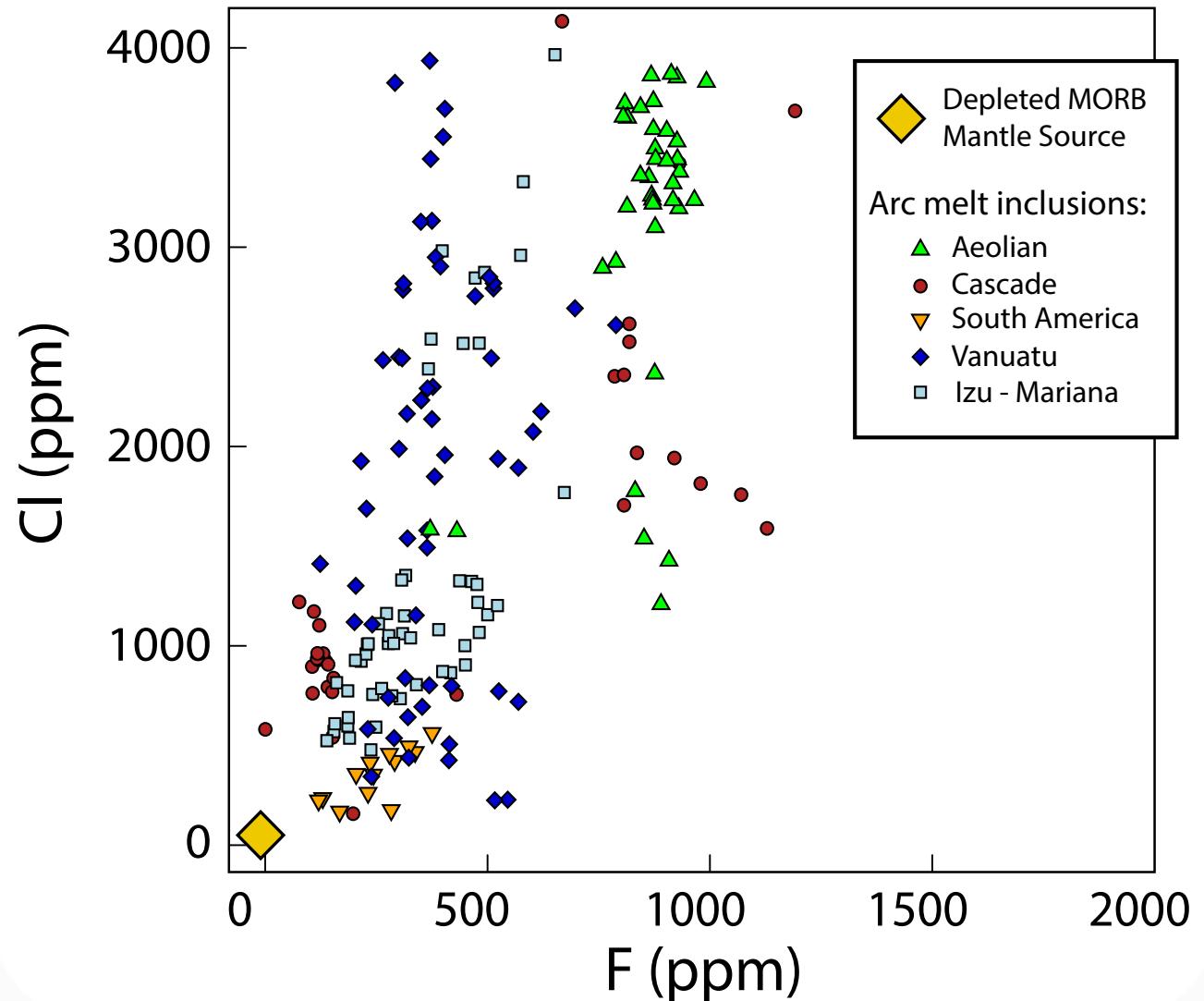
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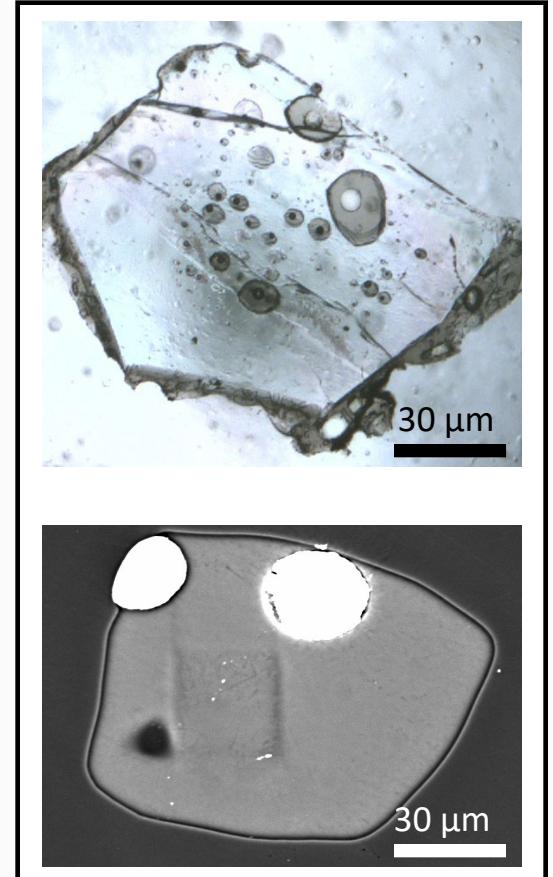
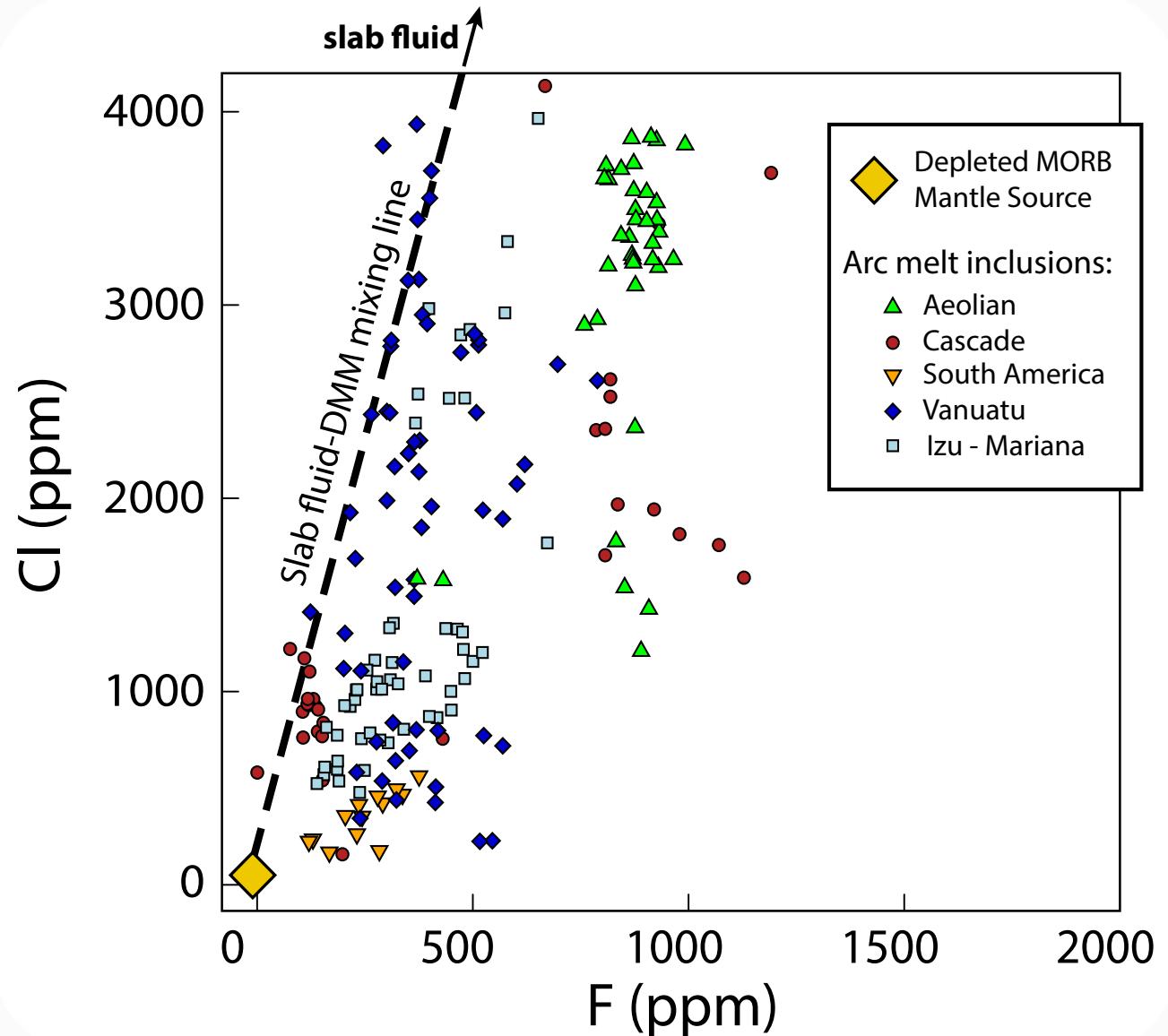
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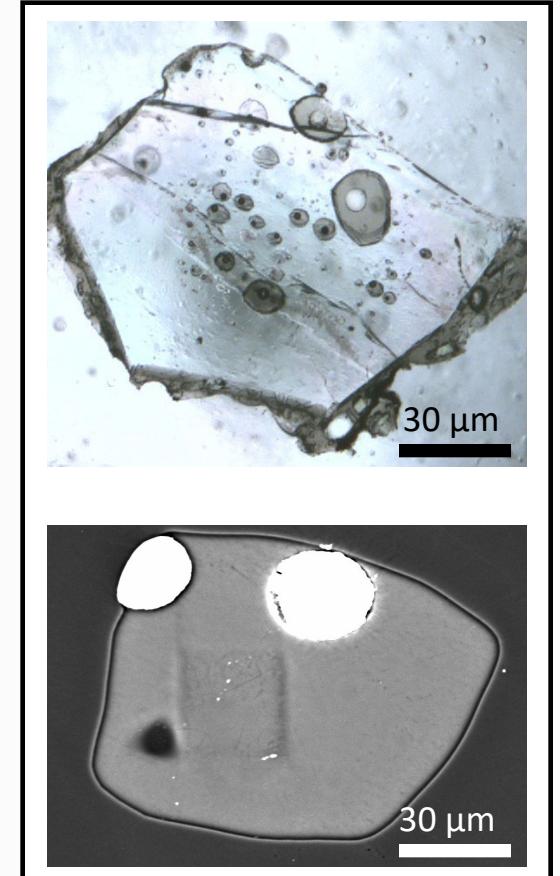
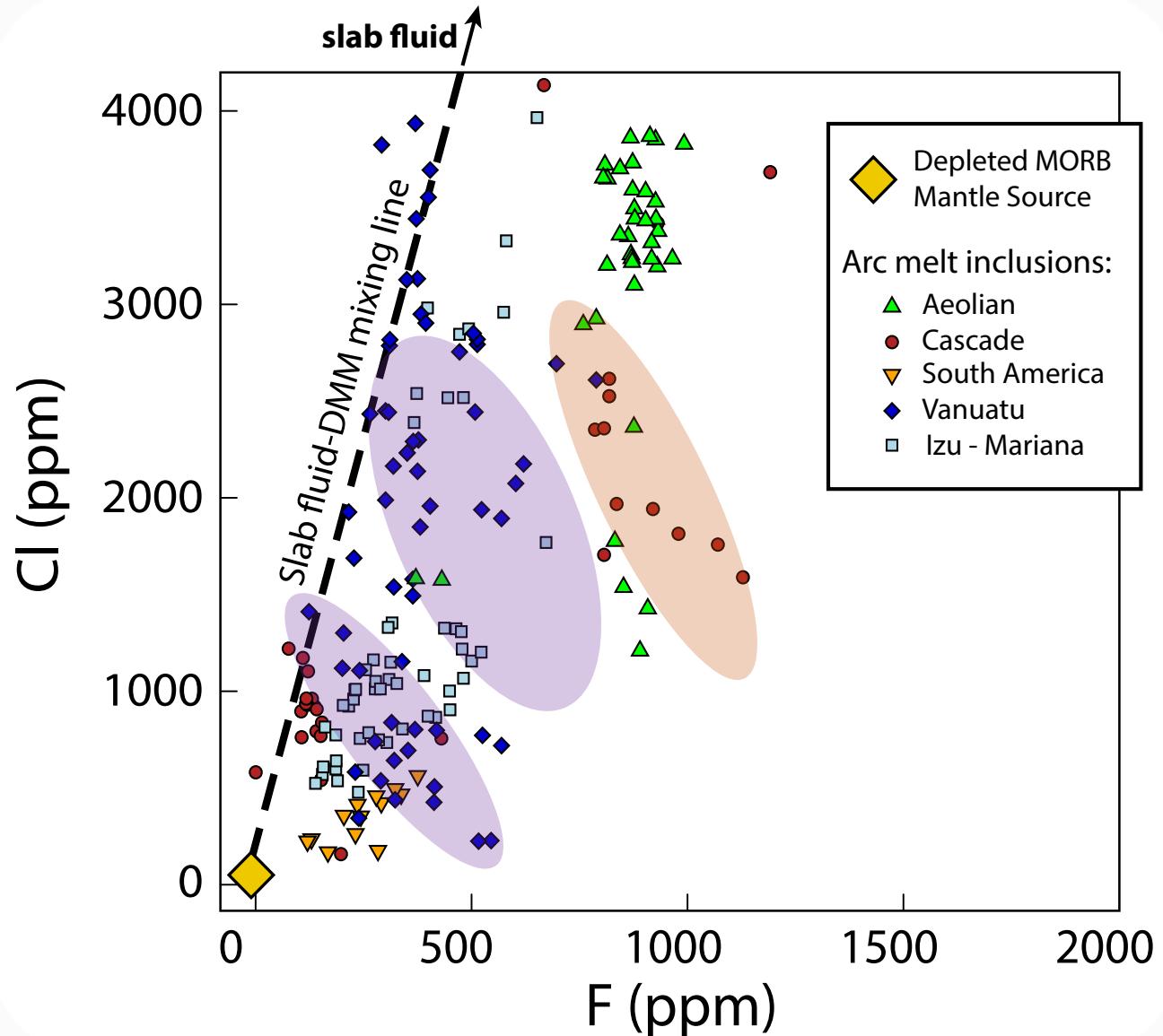
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  - Are they tracing the **source or a melting processes** in SZ ?

# How to study volatile elements behavior ?

## Starting materials

- 30:70 mixture of peridotite and basalt compositions (after Gaetani and Grove, 1998) between 0.2 to 5.9 wt% of water (dissolved in the melt)

➤ **Olivine, Opx, Cpx**      |    + basalt  
➤ **Amphibole, Opx**

- synthetic shoshonite (after Holbig and Grove, 2008)

➤ **Phlogopite, Olivine**      |    + hydrous shoshonite  
➤ **Phlogopite, Amphibole**

All doped with trace elements including Cl and F.

## Experimental conditions

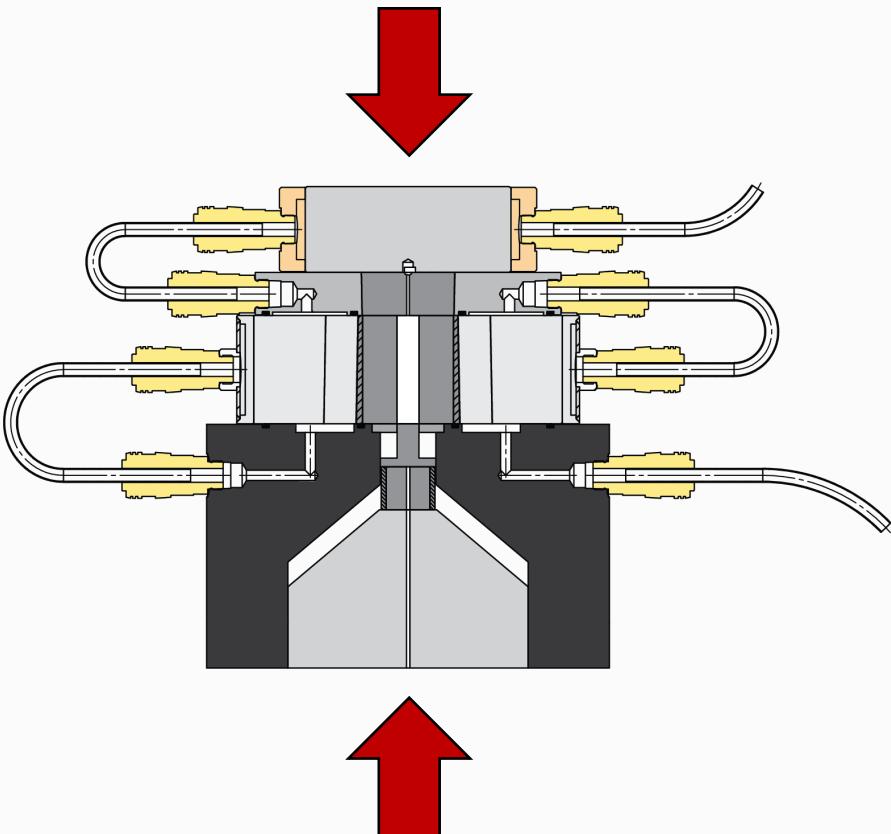
*Conditions of the mantle wedge:*

**0.8 GPa - 2.5 GPa      &      1040°C - 1430°C**

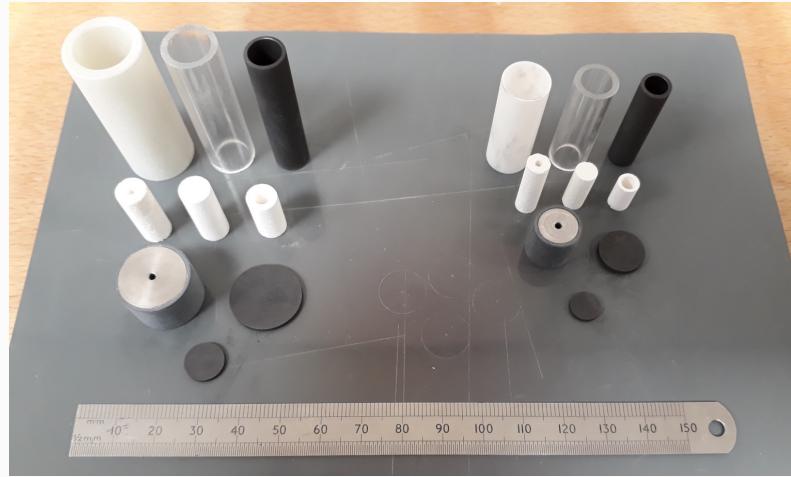


# Piston-cylinder principles

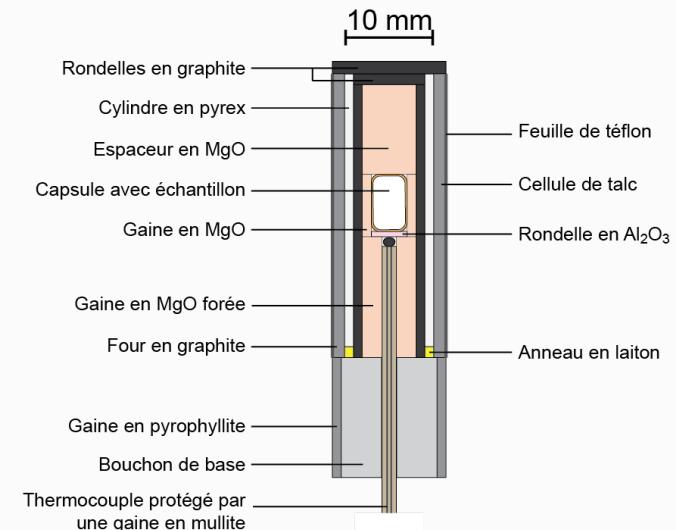
Counter pressure



Pressure



Assemblage 1/2"

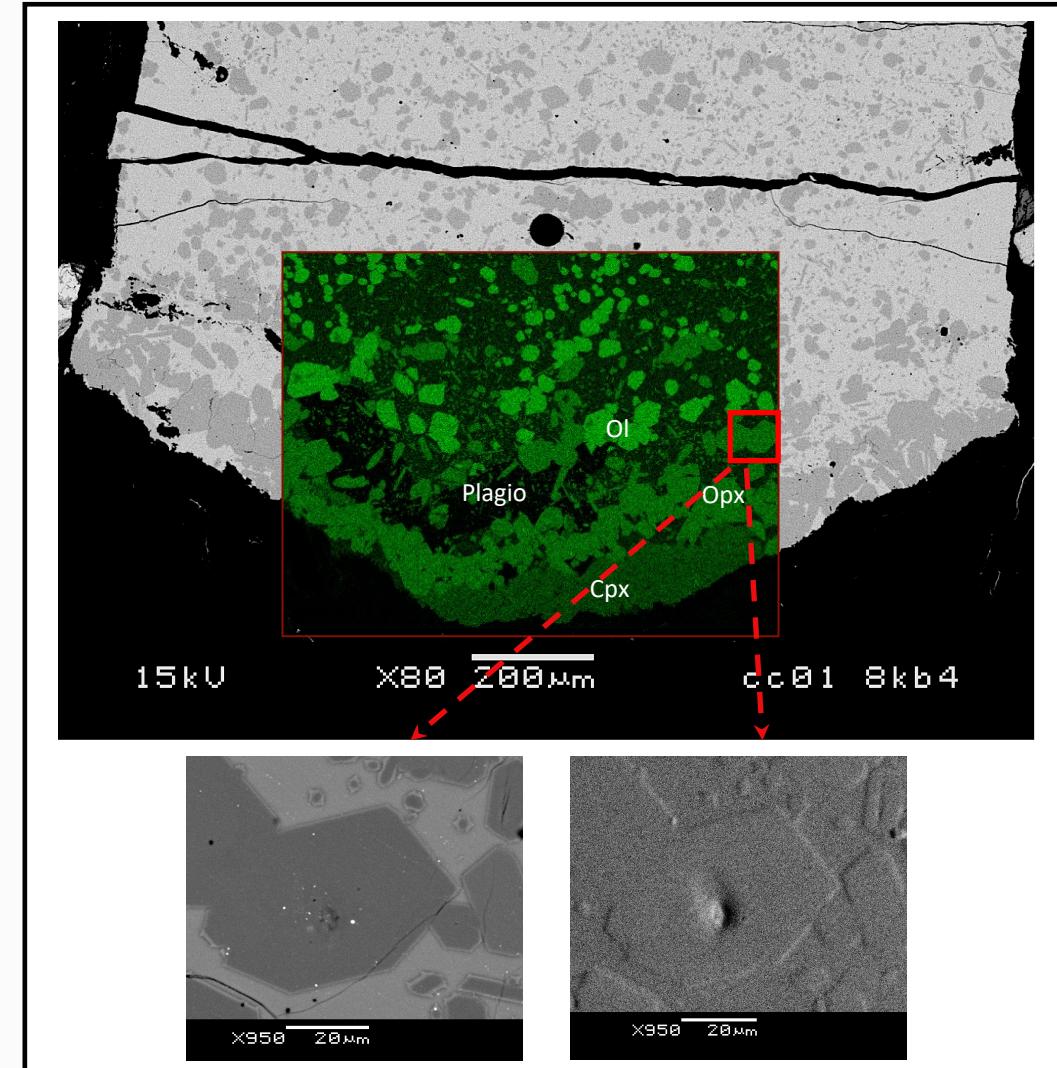


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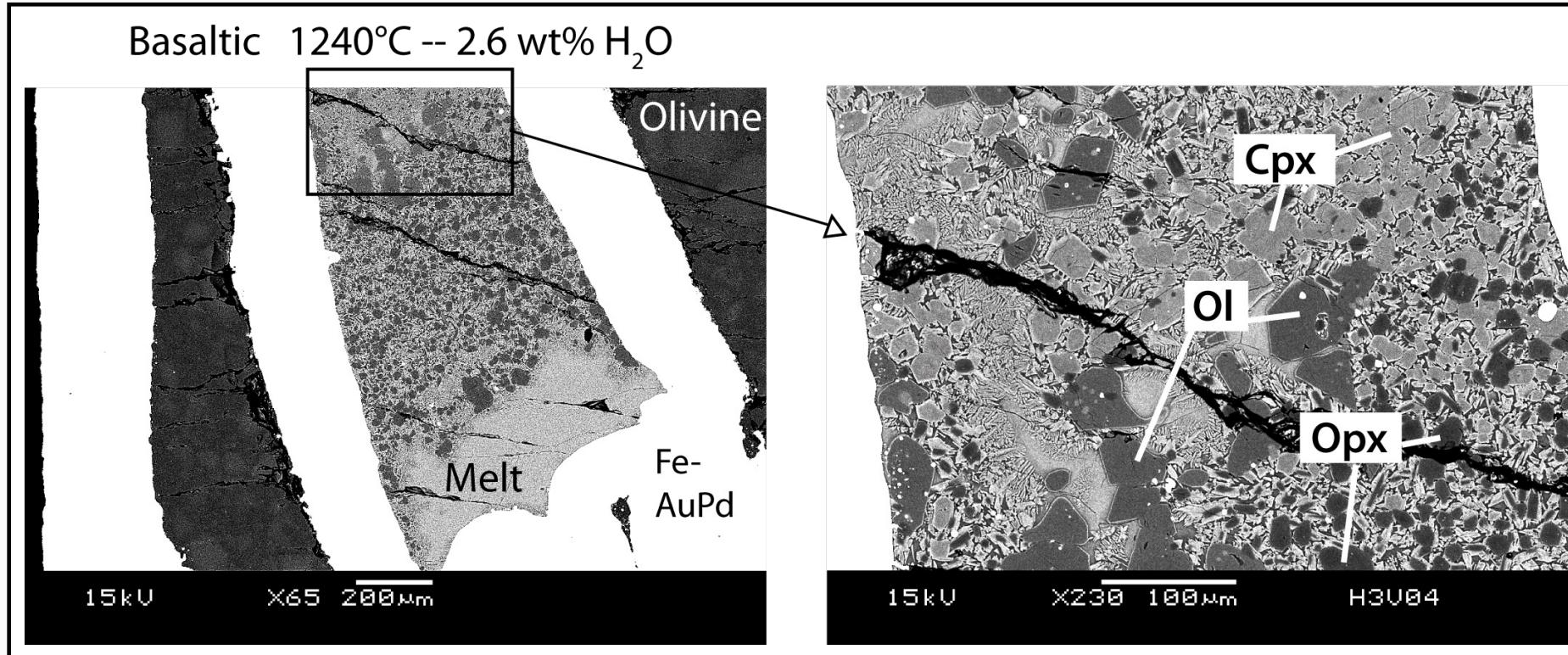


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Hydrous experiments with variable H<sub>2</sub>O doping.

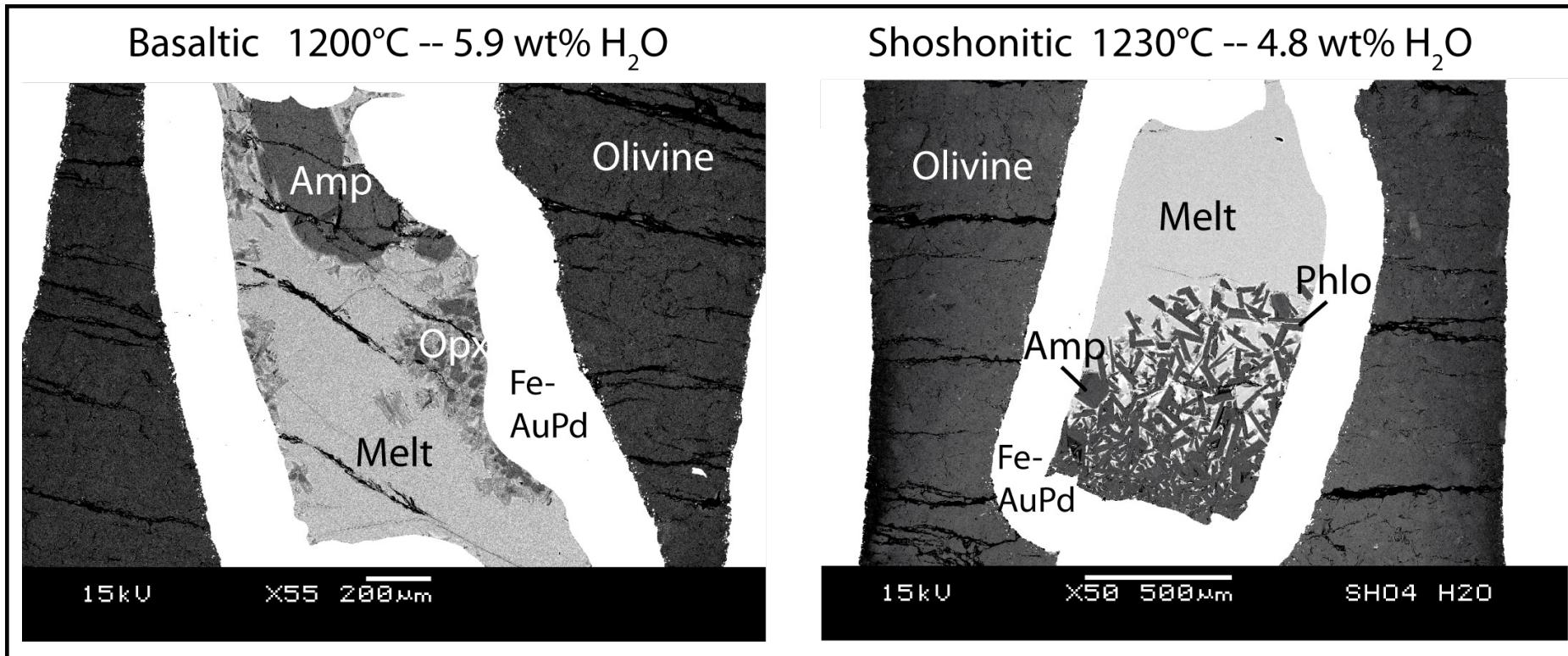


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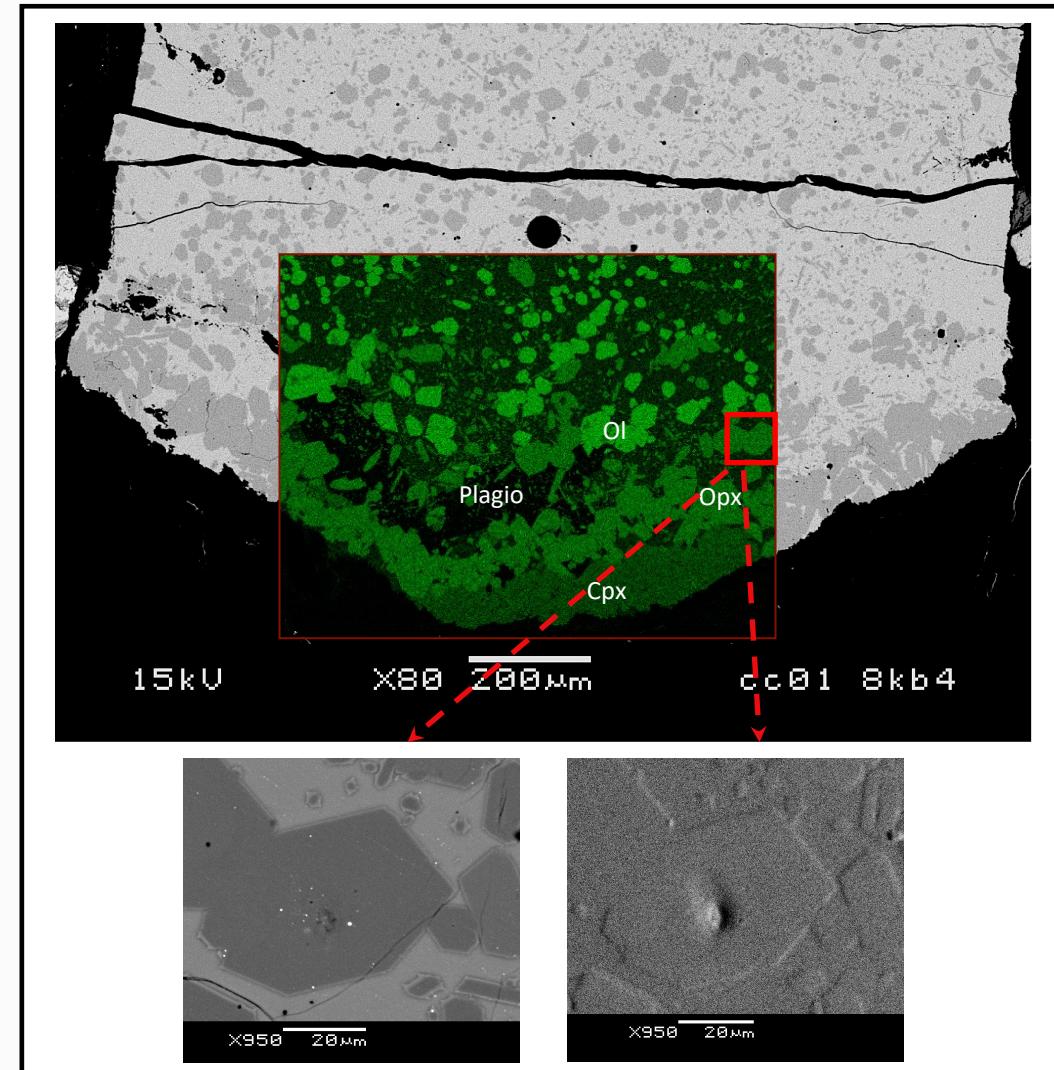
### Experiments with hydrous minerals



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Determination of F and Cl partition coefficients between minerals and silicate melt :

$$D_F \text{ mineral-melt} = \frac{C_F \text{ mineral}}{C_F \text{ melt}}$$



# Modelling

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- Fluid induced melting

$$C_i^{\text{arc magmas}} = \frac{C_i^{\text{DMM}}(1-X_f) + X_f * C_i^{\text{slab flux}}}{\bar{D}_i^{\text{lherzolite/arc magma}} + \chi(1 - \bar{P}_i^{\text{lherzolite/arc magma}})}$$

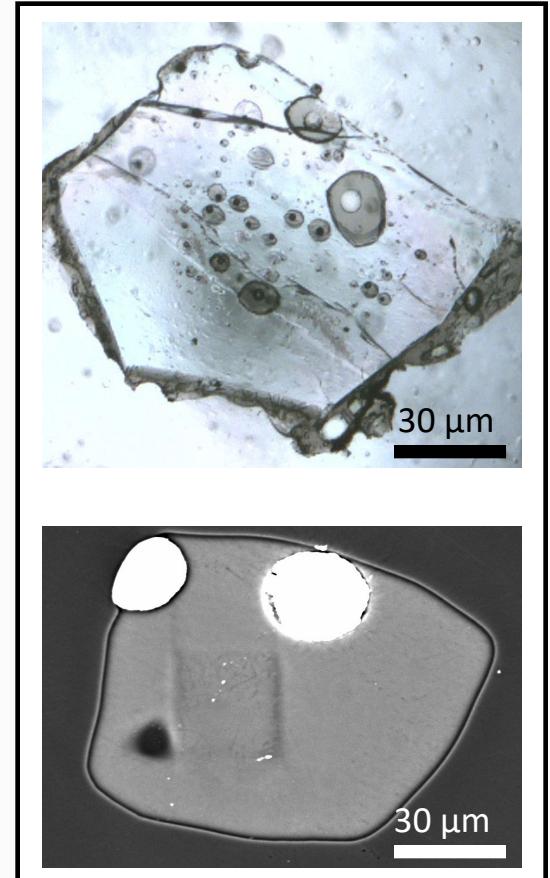
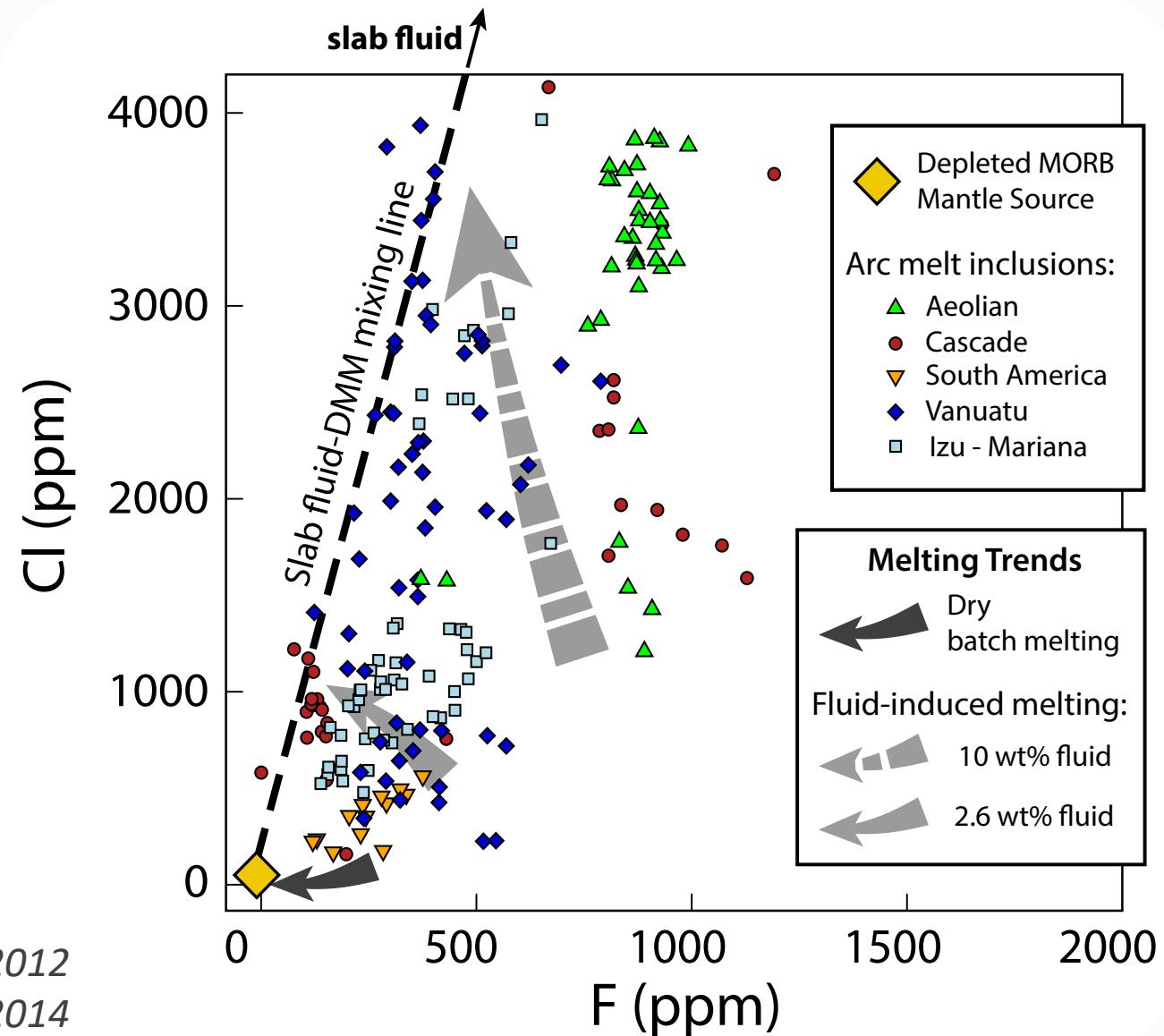
$X_f$  = amount of fluid released by the slab

$\chi$  = degree of melting

$\bar{D}_i^{\text{lherzolite/arc magma}}$  = mineral proportion weighted partition coefficients

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( $0.62 \text{ Cpx} + 0.51 \text{ Opx} + 0.12 \text{ Sp} = 1 \text{ Melt} + 0.25 \text{ Ol}$ )

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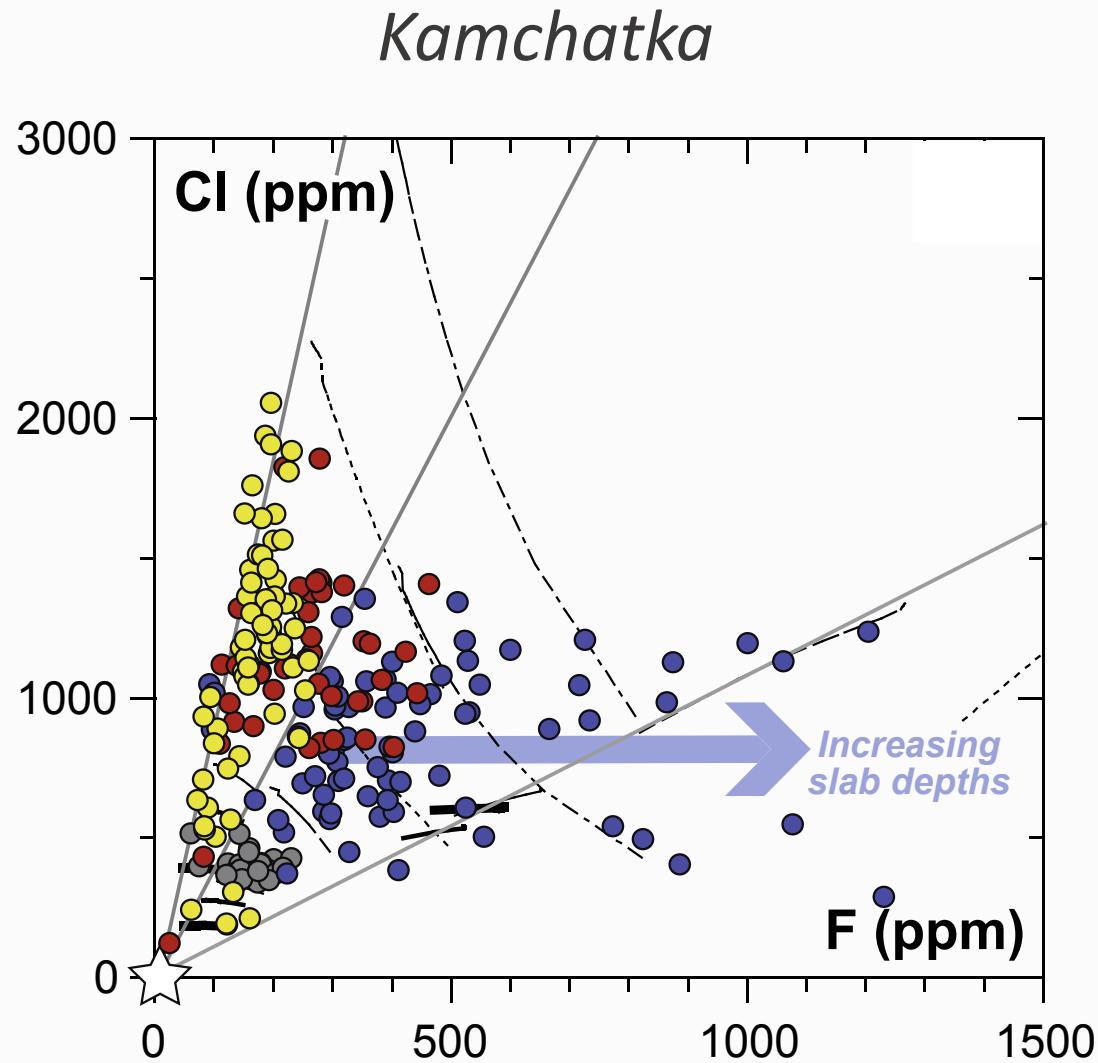


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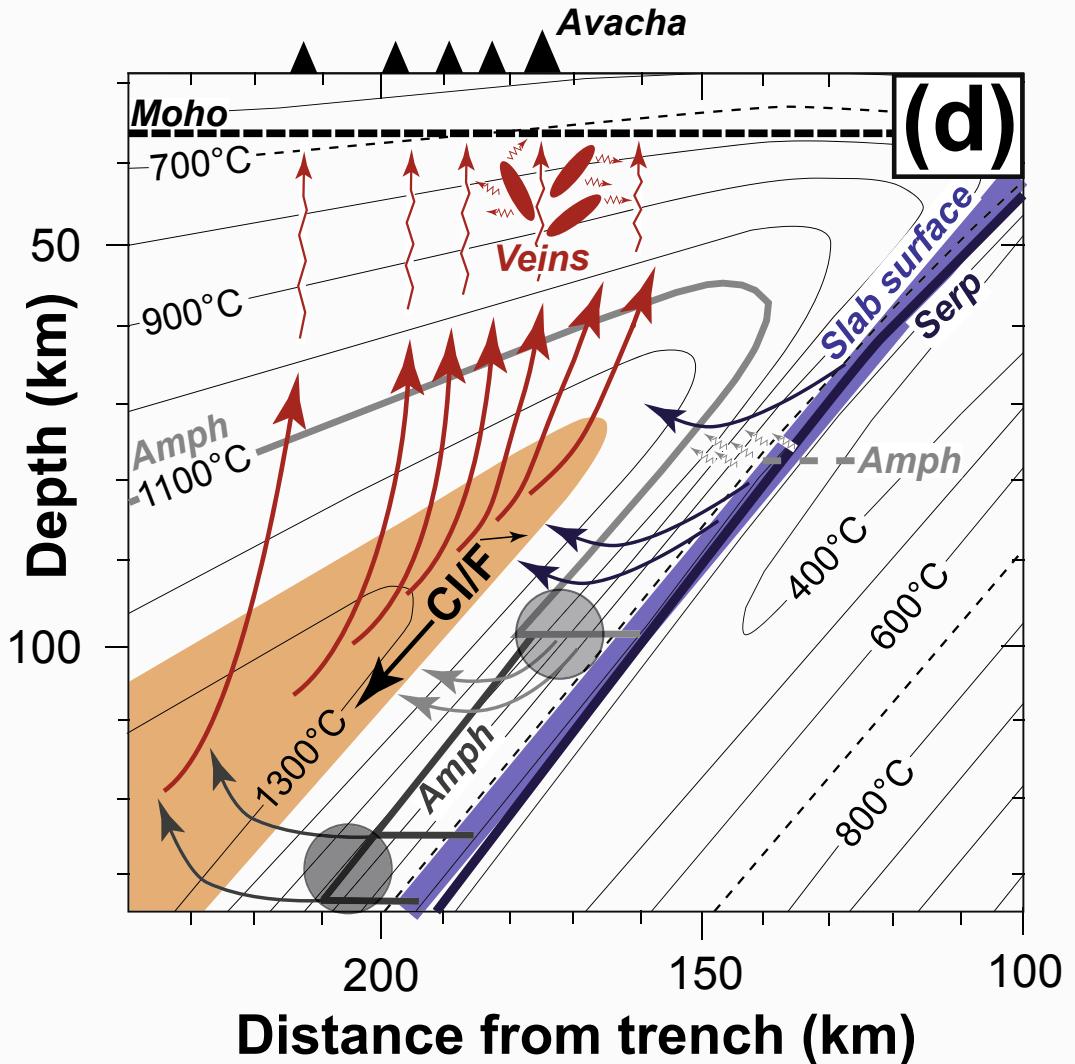
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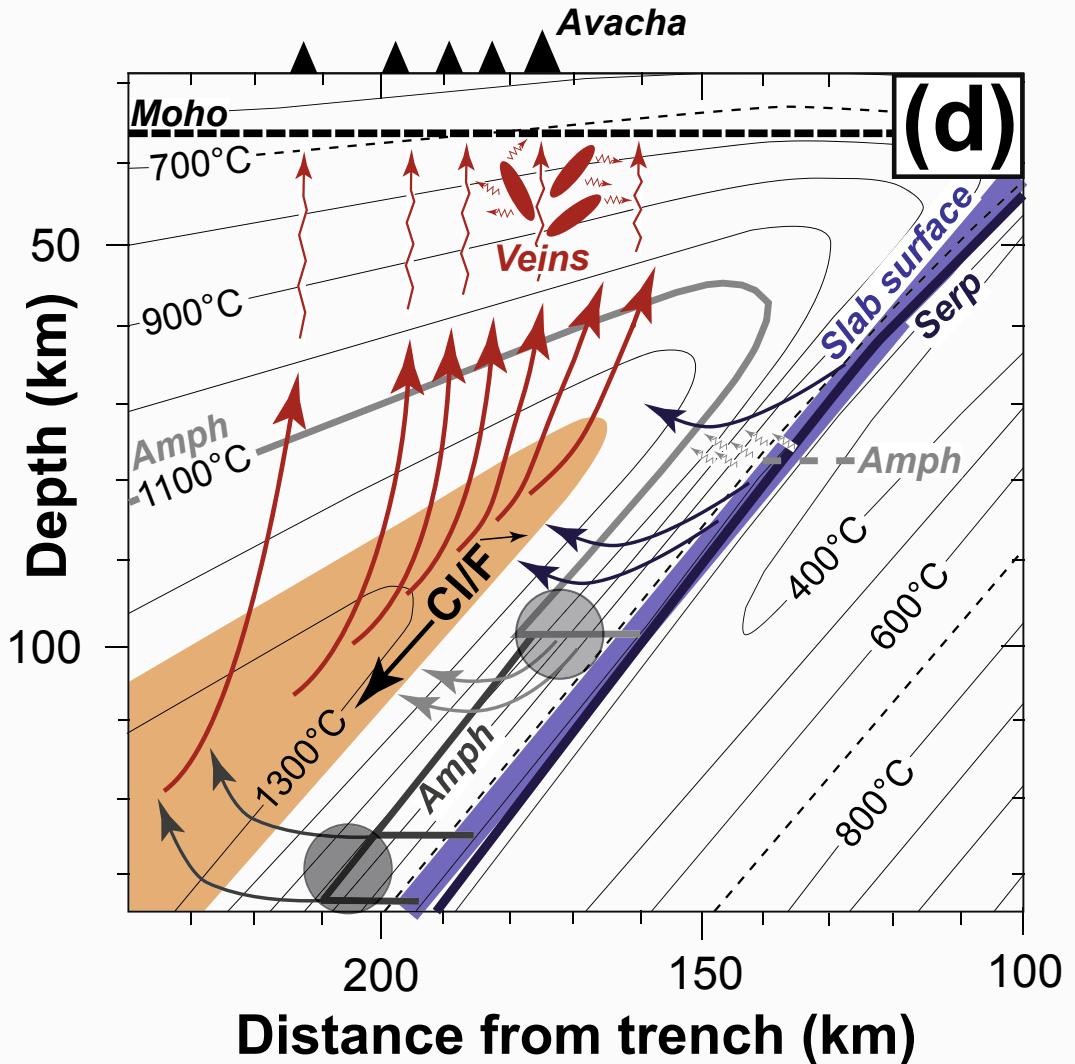
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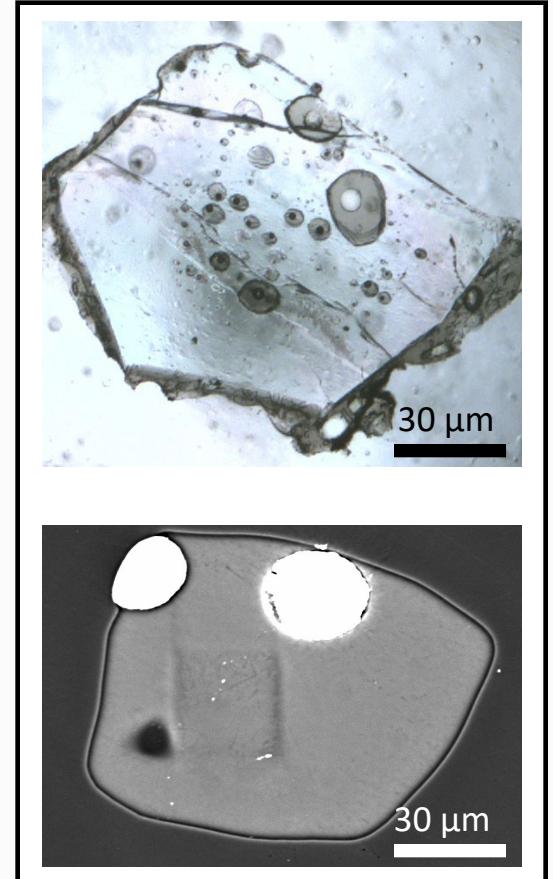
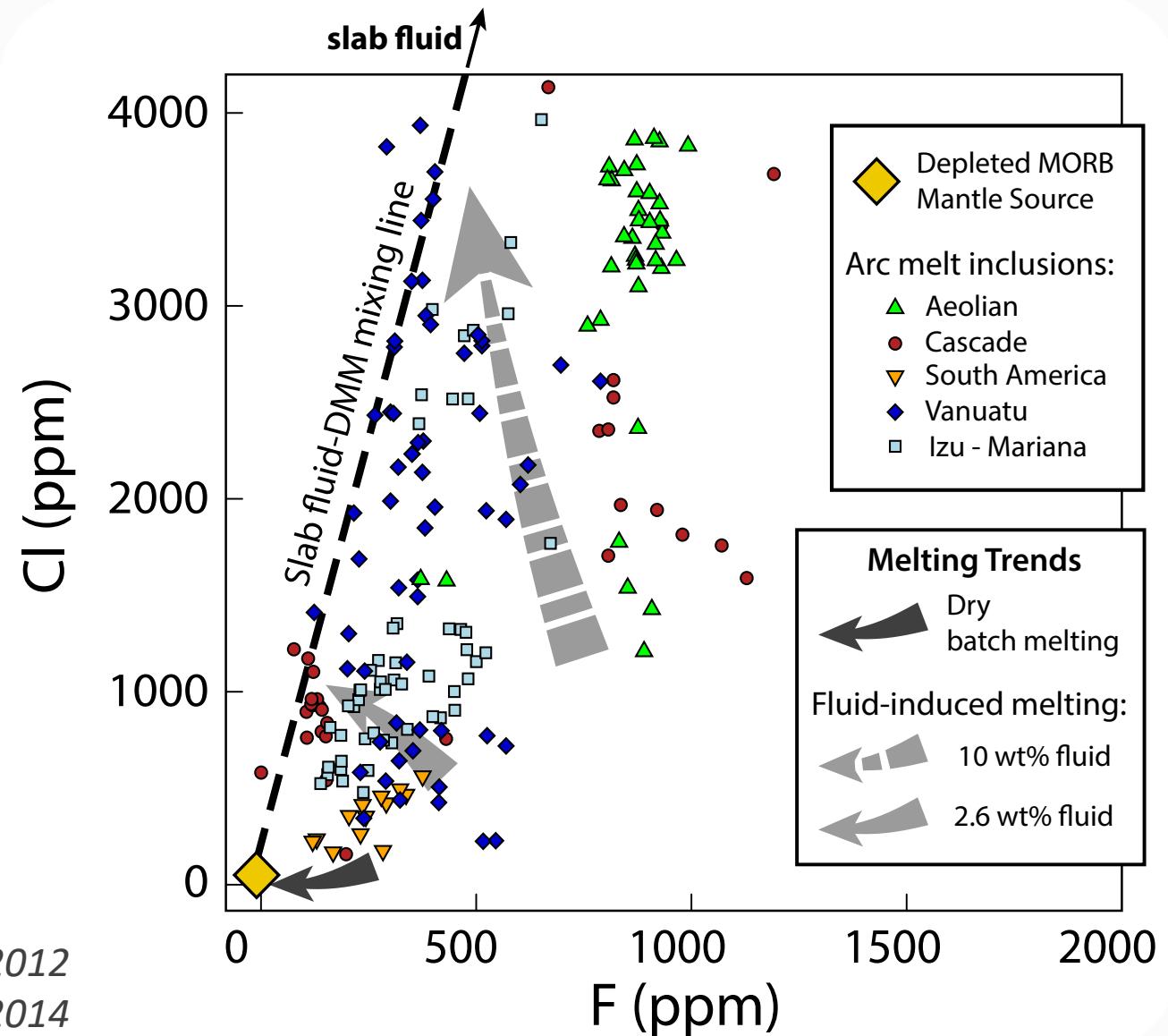


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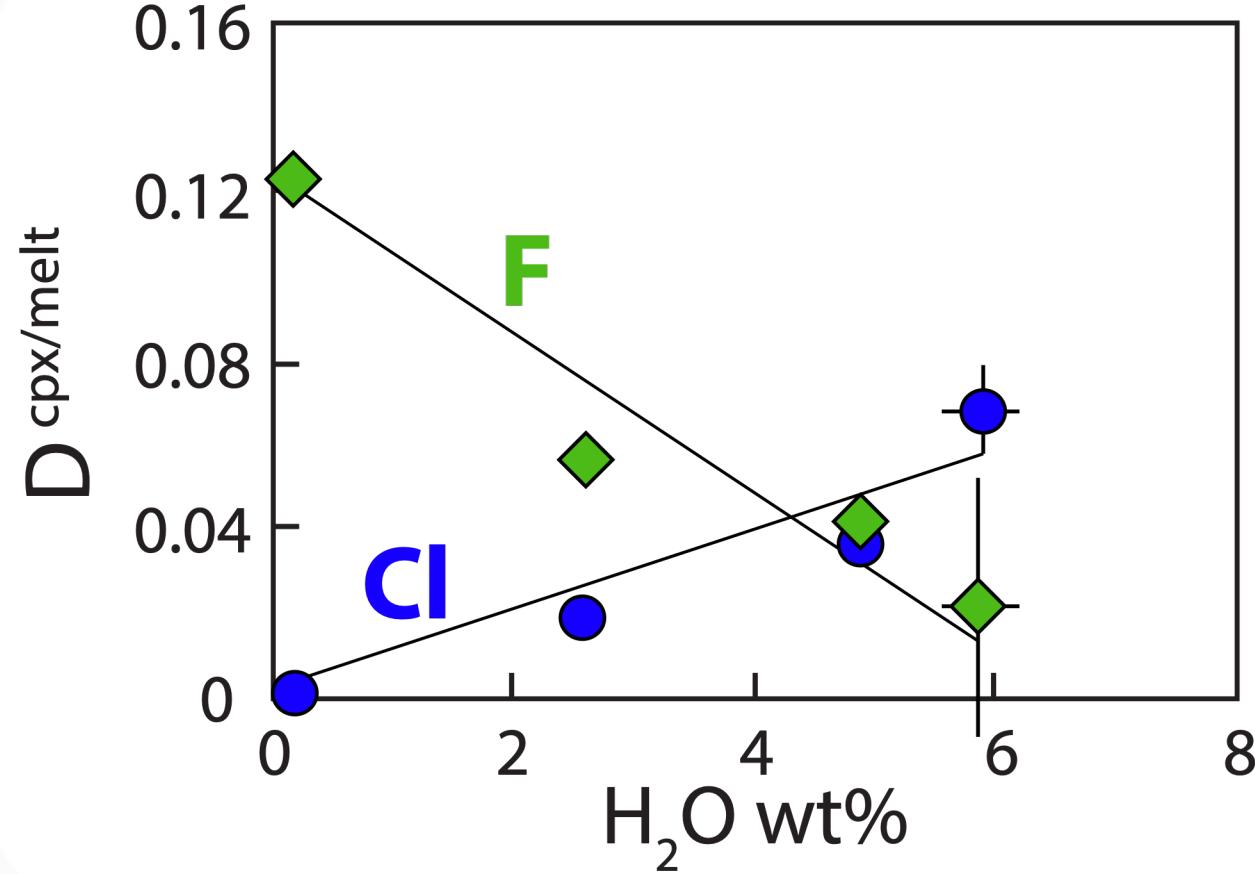


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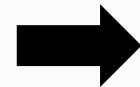
# F and Cl fractionation



F and Cl partition coefficients with H<sub>2</sub>O



F and Cl fractionate  
differently with H<sub>2</sub>O



Why ?

# Why F and Cl behave differently with H<sub>2</sub>O?

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variation D<sub>Cl</sub> and D<sub>F</sub> with H<sub>2</sub>O

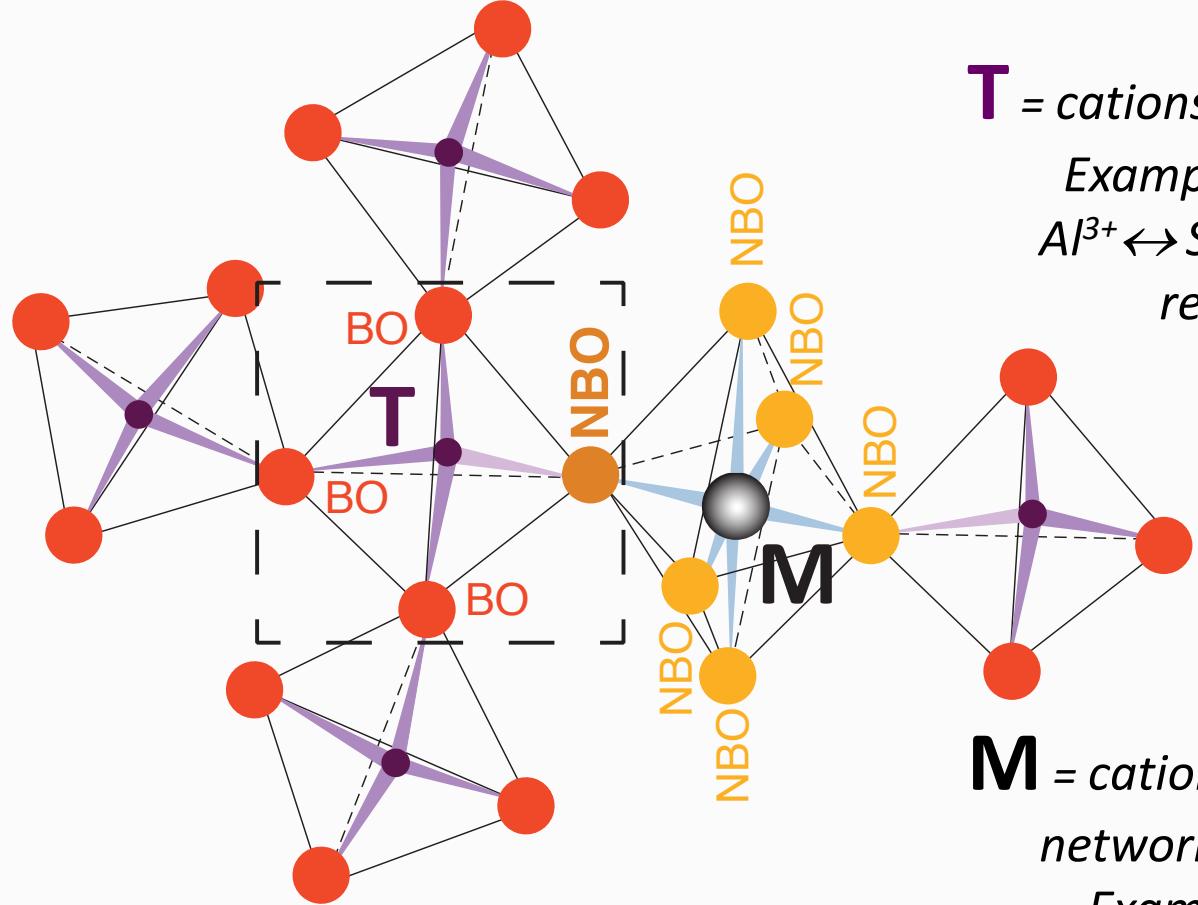
Crystal chemistry  
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Melt structure  
variation with H<sub>2</sub>O  
=  
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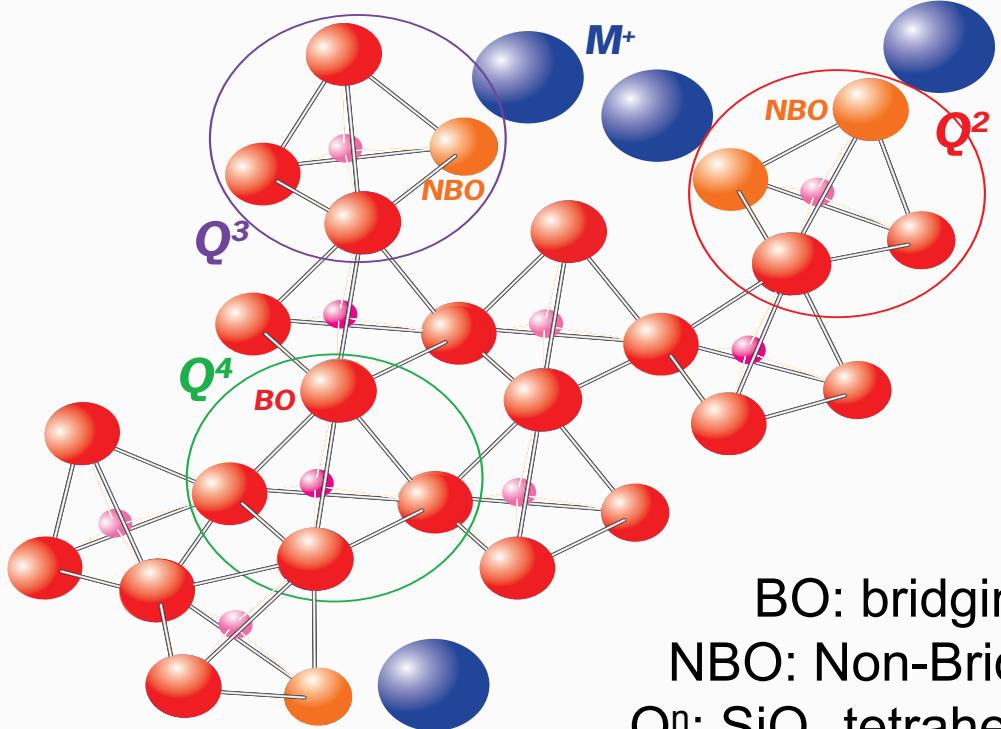
$Al^{3+} \leftrightarrow Si^{4+}$  substitution

requires charge balance

**M** = cations in octahedral coordination  
network-modifiers or charge balance

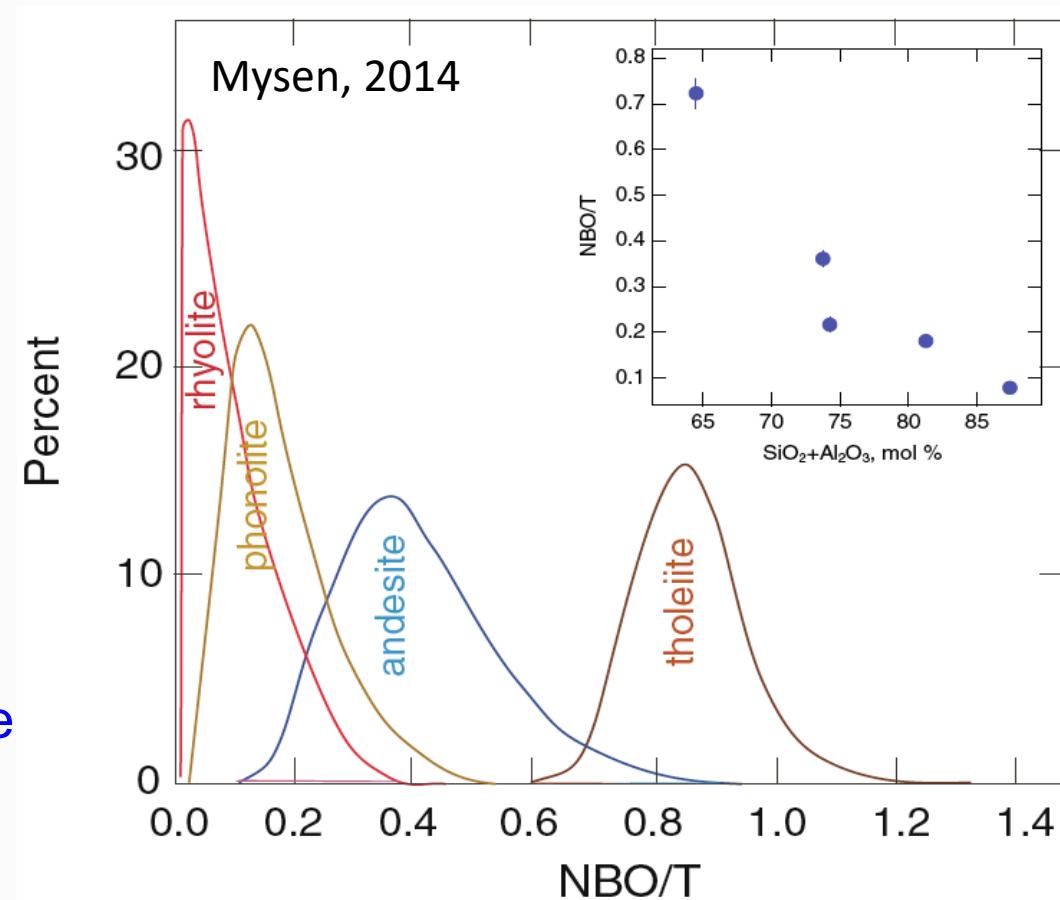
Example:  $Na^+$ ,  $K^+$ ,  $Ca^{2+}$ ...

# Melt structure



BO: bridging oxygen  
NBO: Non-Bridging Oxygen  
 $Q^n$ :  $\text{SiO}_2$  tetrahedron with  $n$  BO

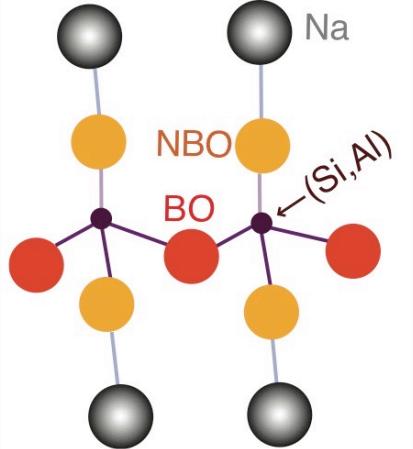
NBO/T: number of NBO per tetrahedron, a quantification of the polymerization of silicate melts...



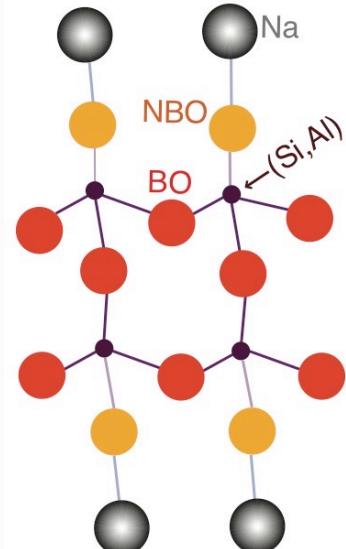
# Qs species present in a melt



**Q2**



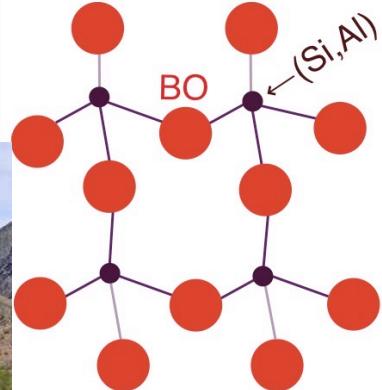
**Q3**



Depolymerization  
= increase of NBO/T  
= melt becomes less viscous



**Q4**



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Simple system along the join

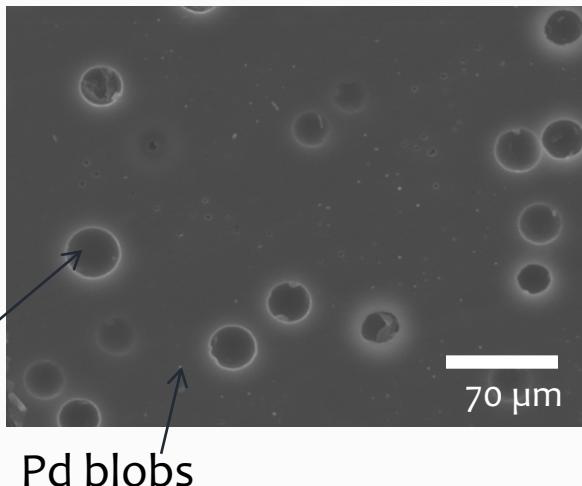
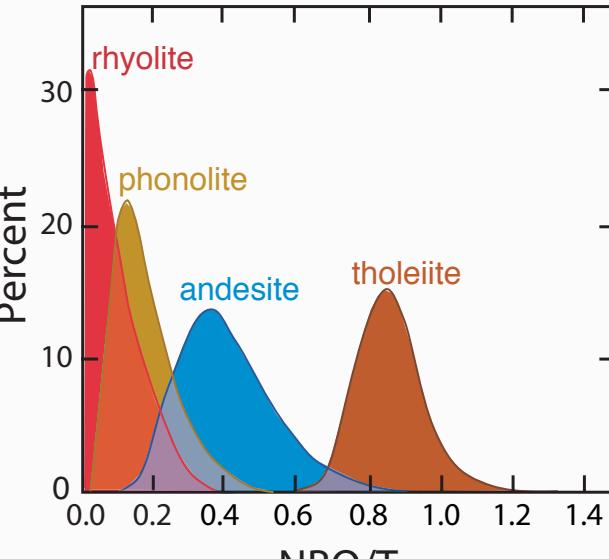


F and Cl as  $\text{PdF}_2$  &  $\text{AgCl}_2$

10 wt% of F & 5 wt% of Cl

Saturation of F and Cl  
= presence of bubbles in the glass

$\text{Cl}_2$  bubbles

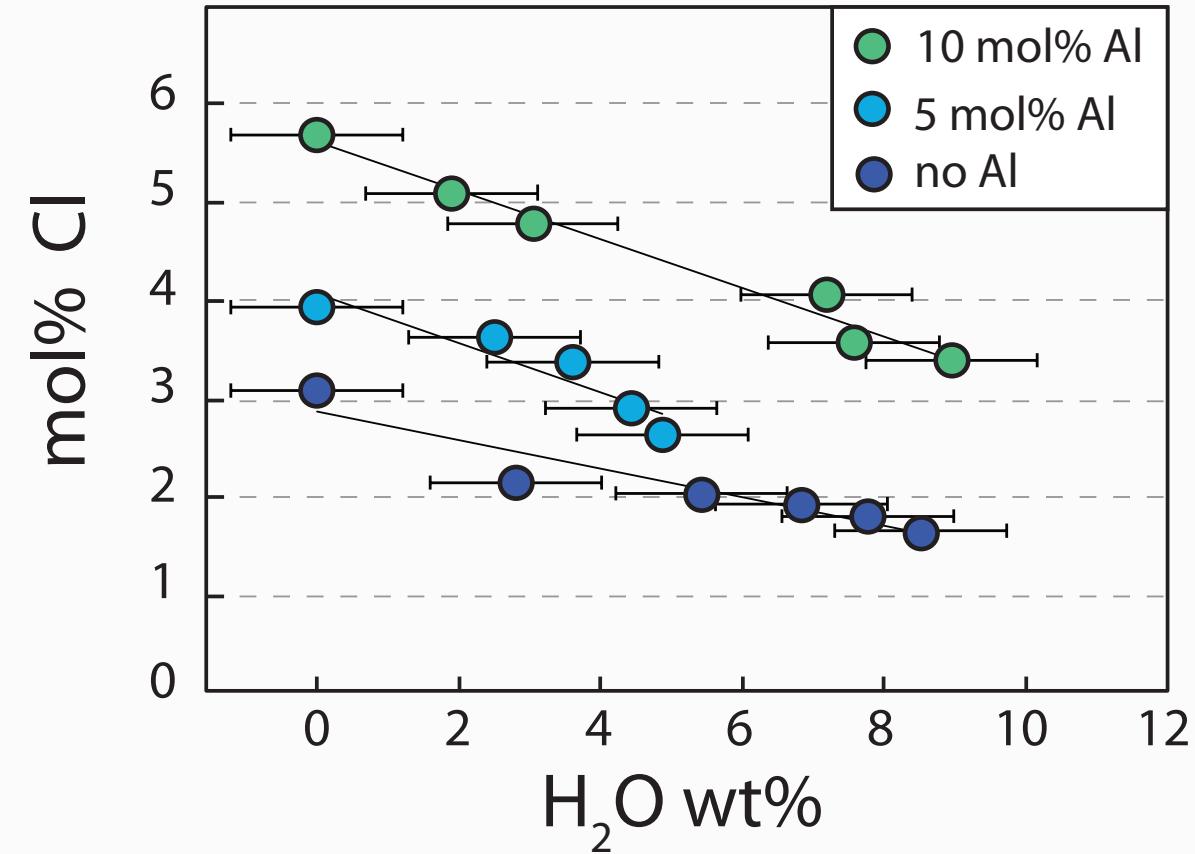
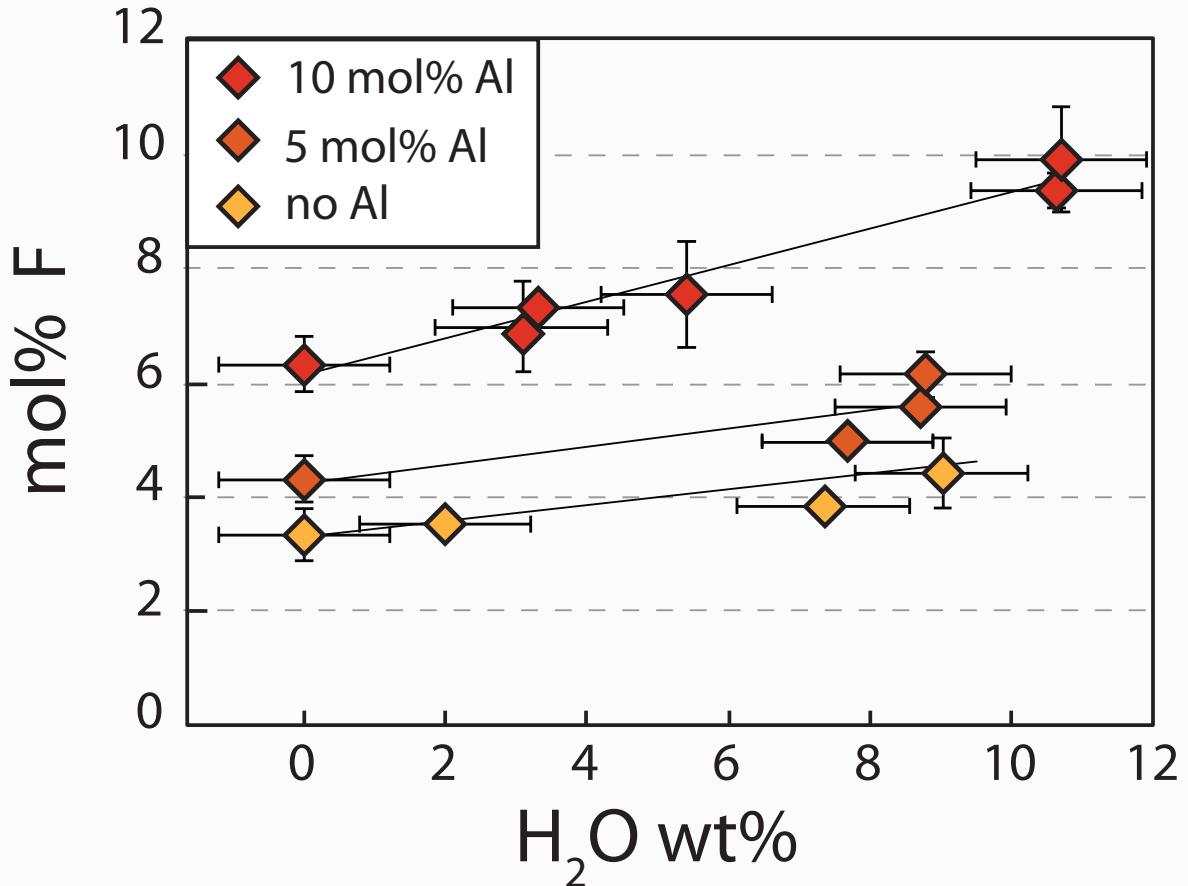


Hydrous experiments:

Up to 10 wt%  
(undersaturated in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )  
as liquid  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

At 1.5 GPa – 1400°C on  
piston-cylinder

# The effect of H<sub>2</sub>O on F and Cl solubility

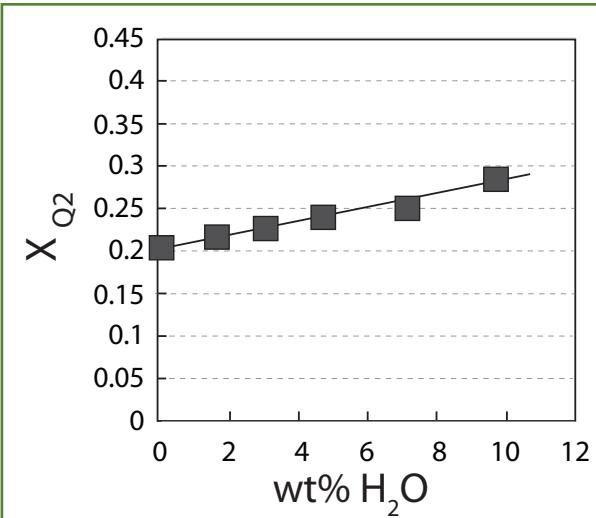


H<sub>2</sub>O enhances F dissolution in silicate melt, while decreases Cl solubility.

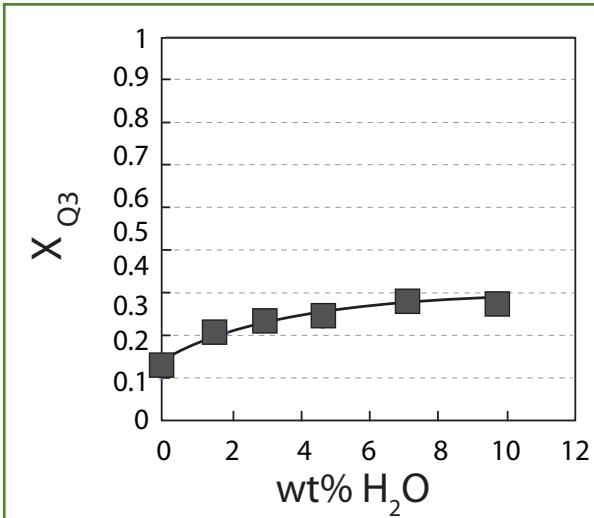
# In hydrous melts: variation of Qs

Effect of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  without F and Cl in Al-bearing melts:

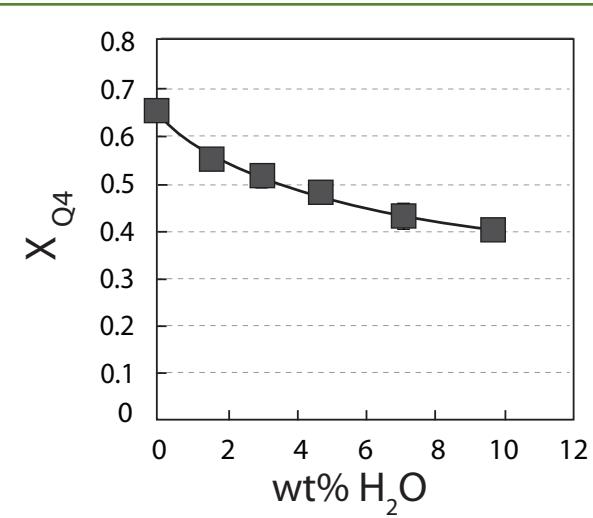
**Q2**



**Q3**



**Q4**



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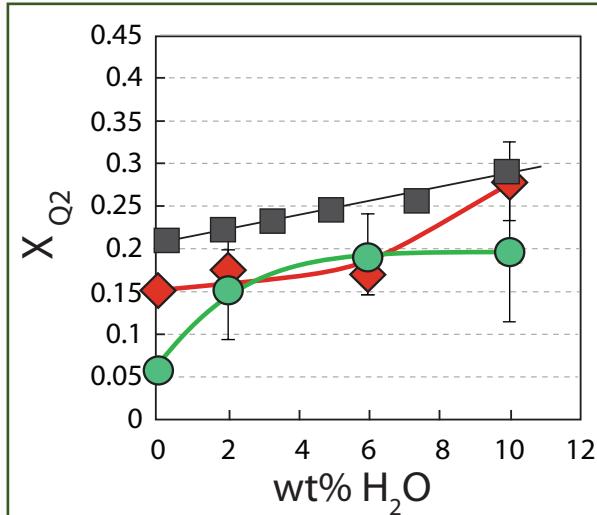


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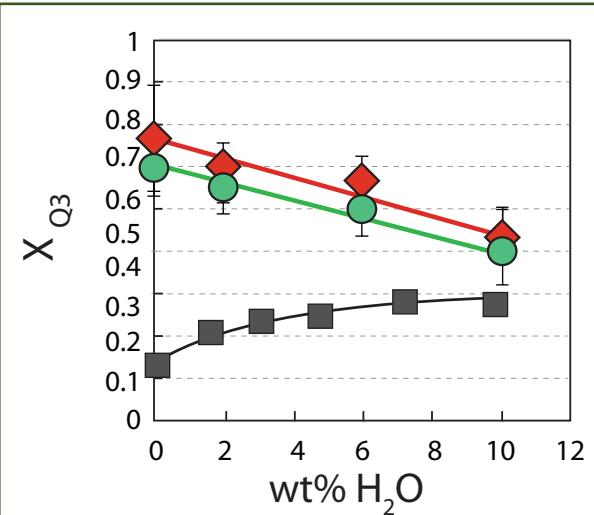
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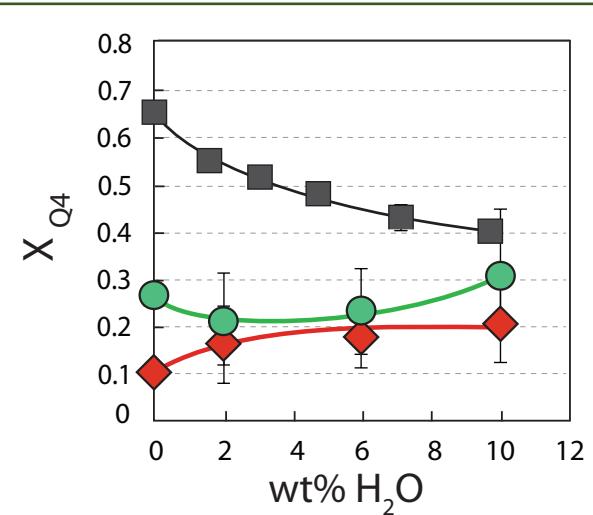
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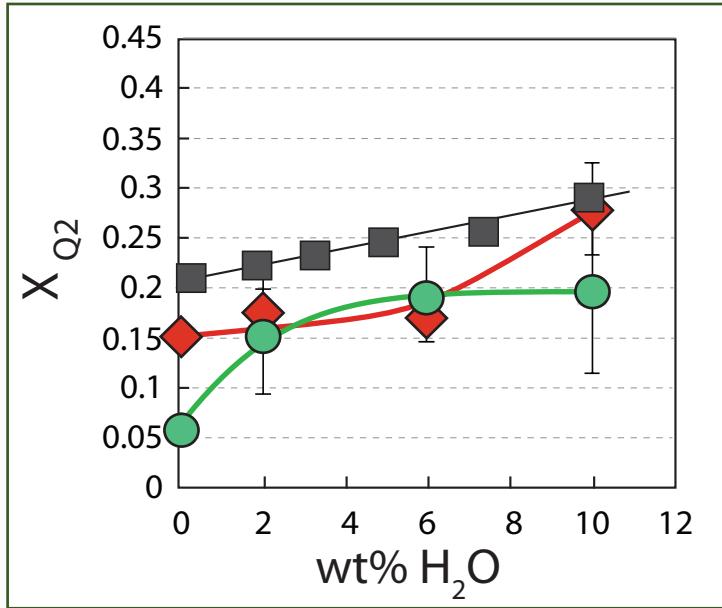
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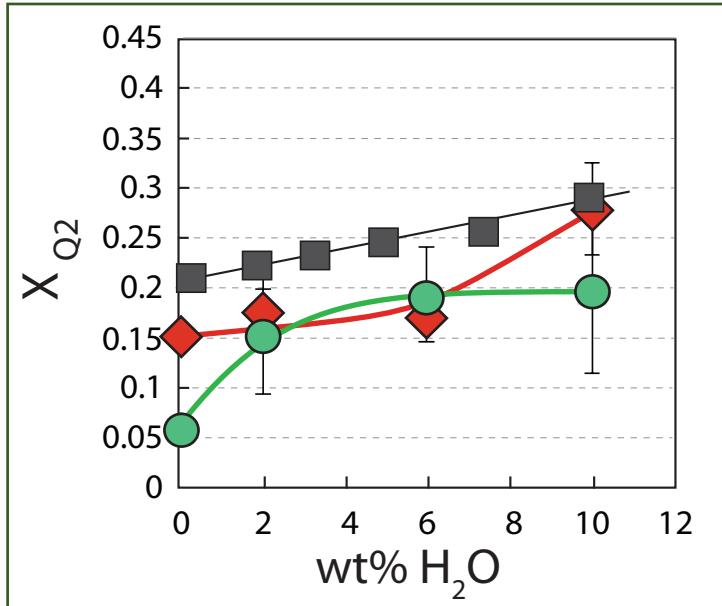
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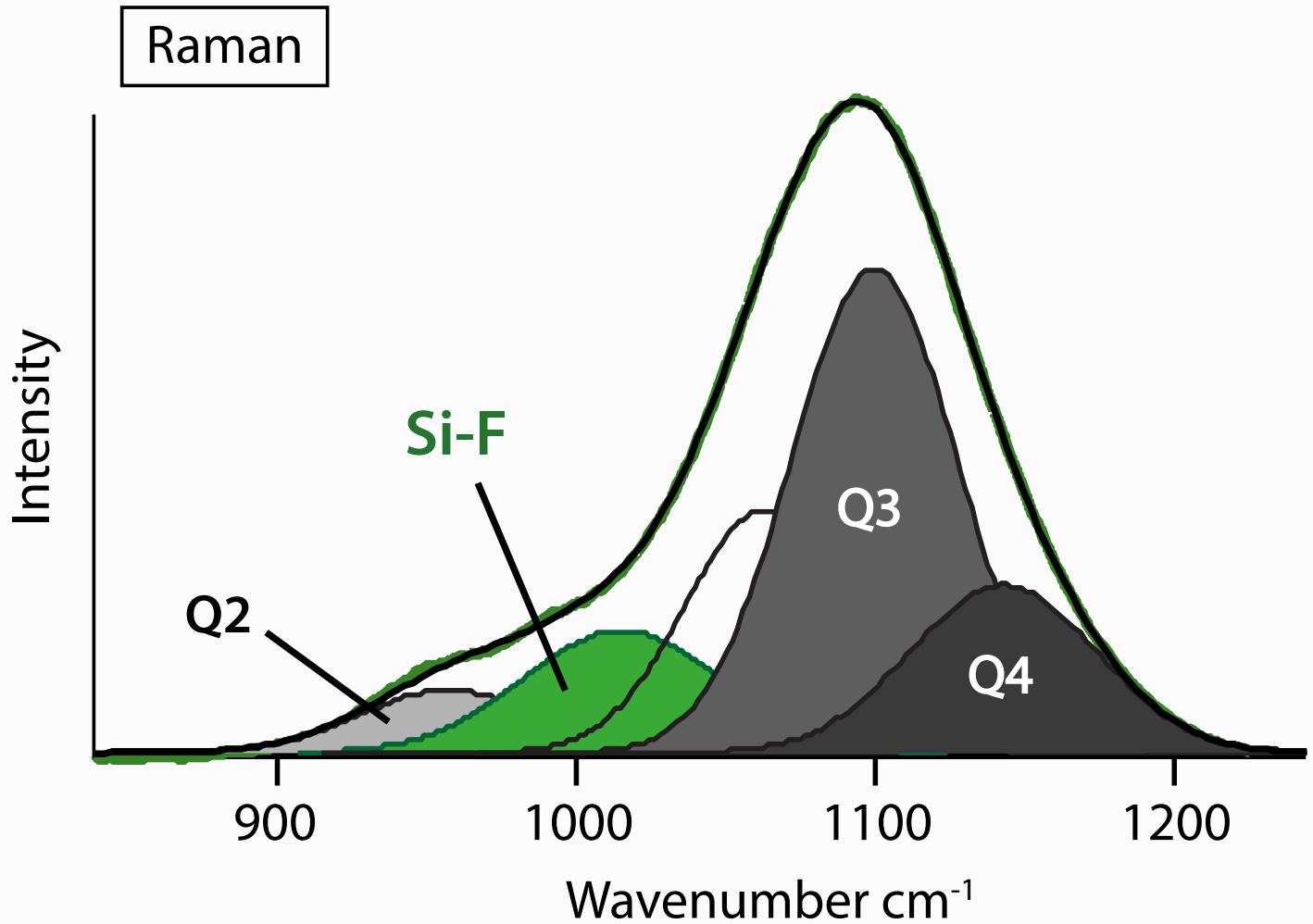


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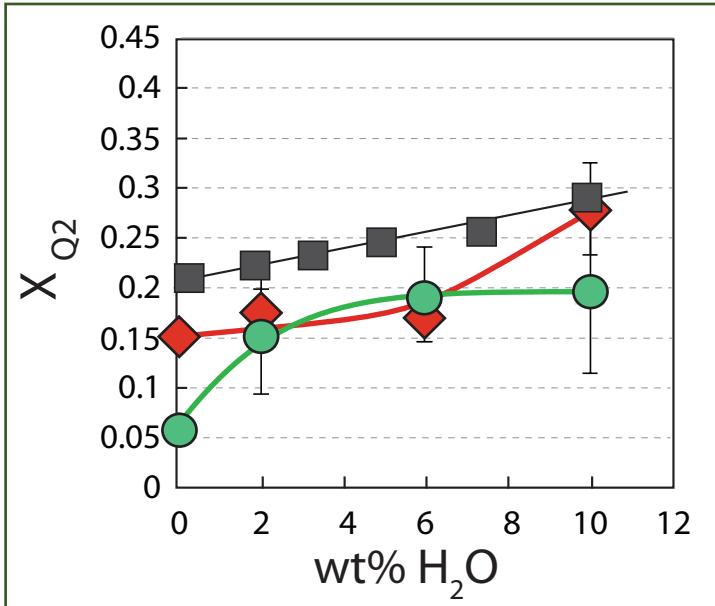
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# In magmas

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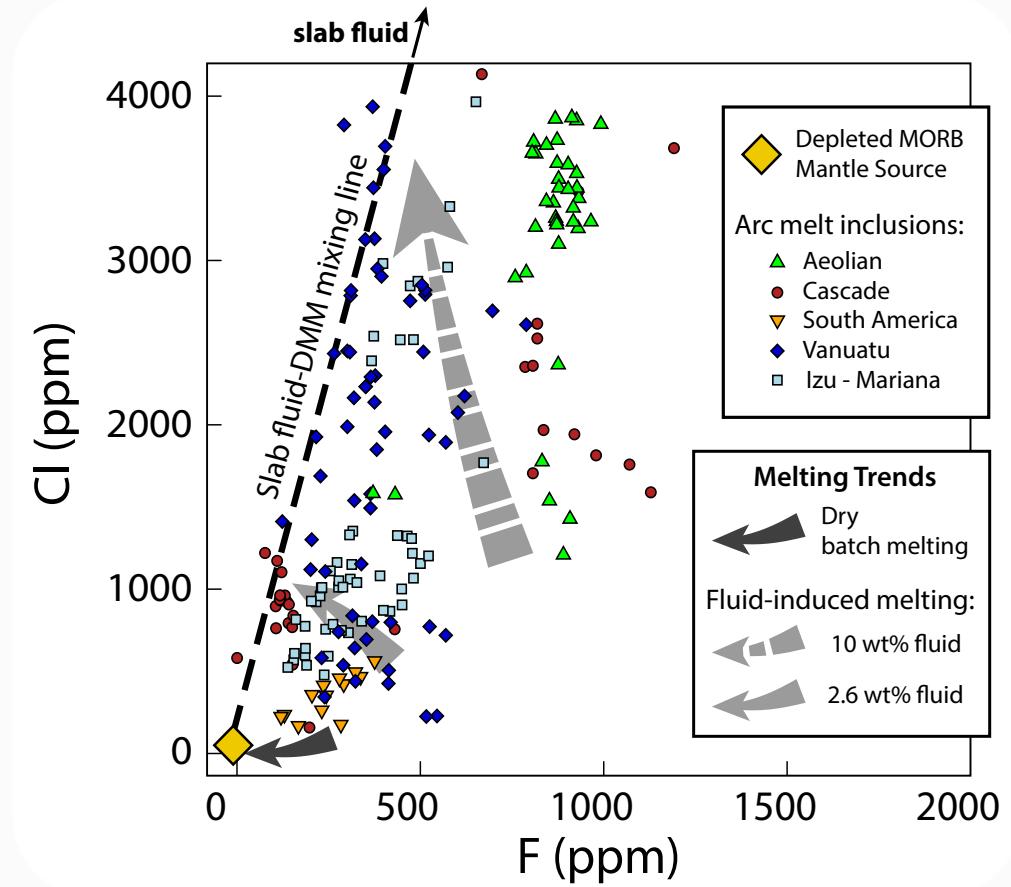
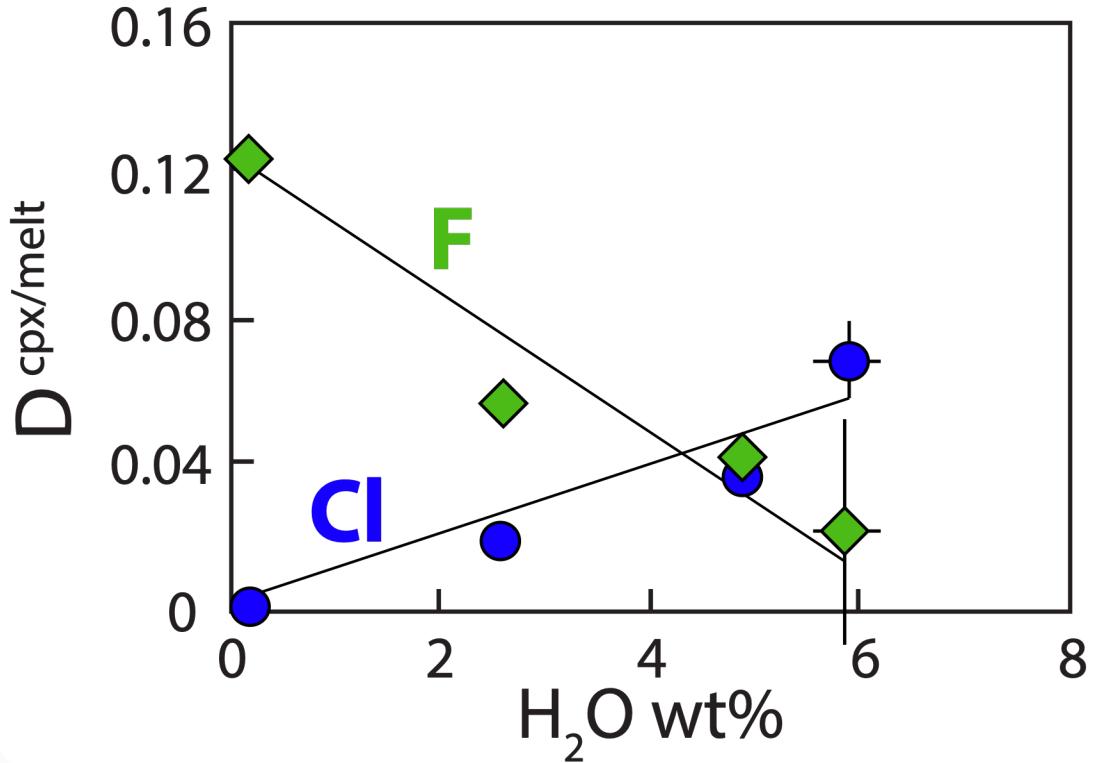
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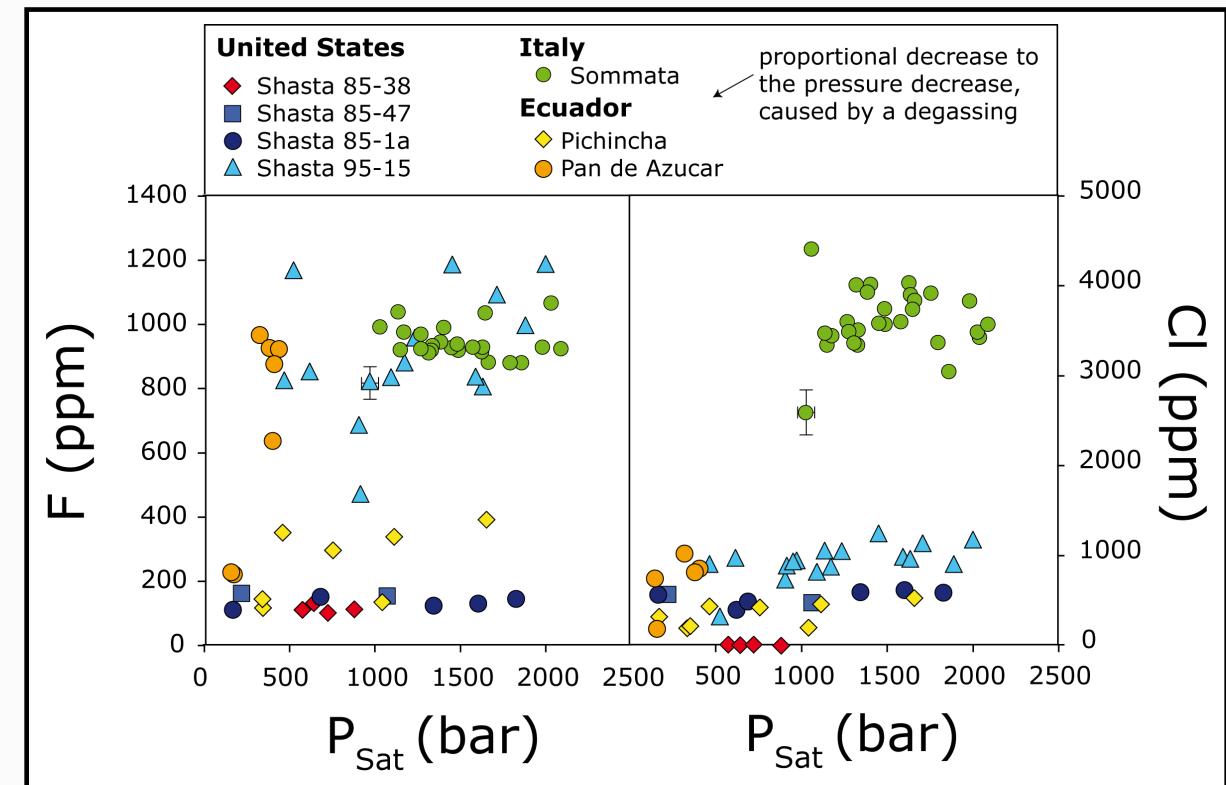
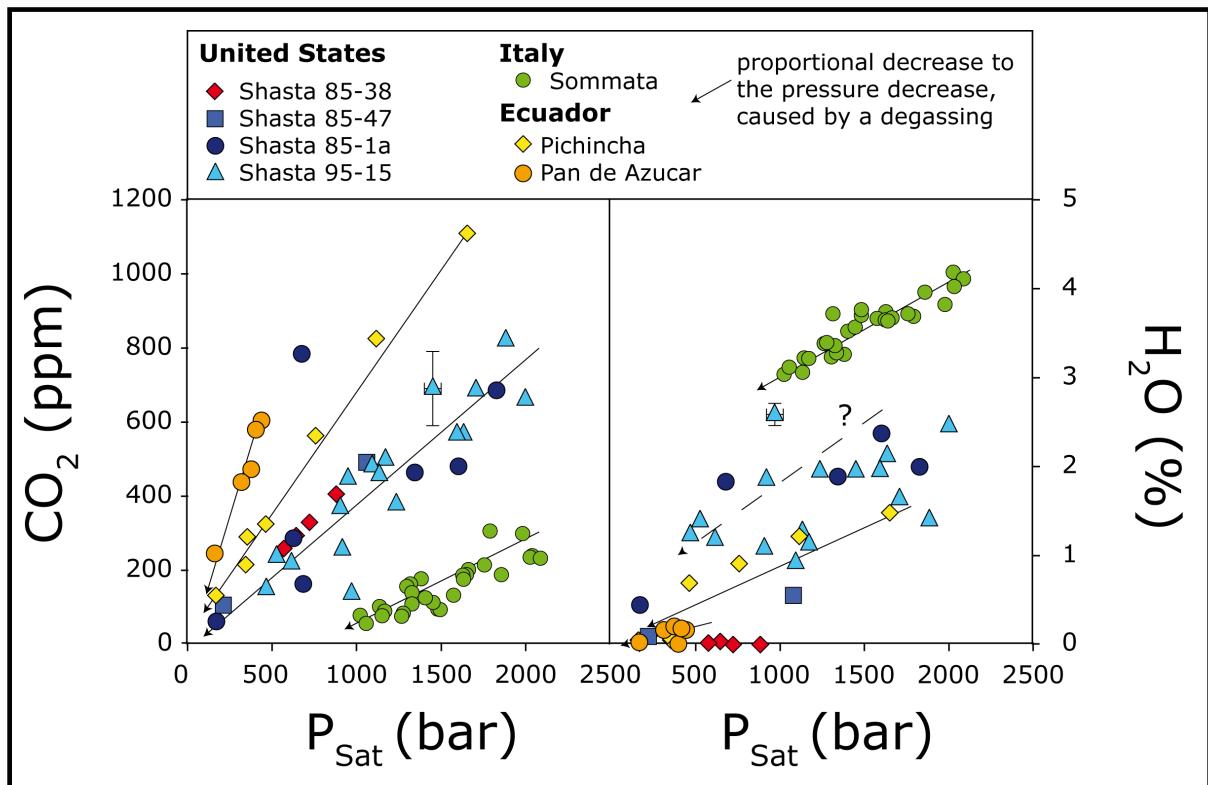
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H <sub>2</sub>	0.5	1.59	0.95
H <sub>2</sub> S	0.67	1.01	0.16
SO <sub>2</sub>	1.44	7.84	19.4
HCl	0.76	0.42	0.17
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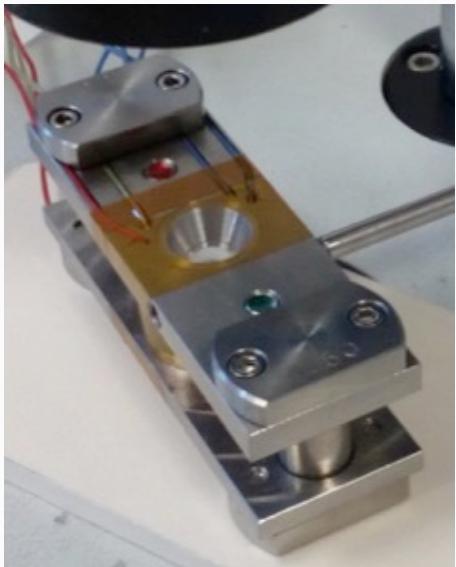
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50% of initial Cl in magmas is degassed, compared to only 15% of initial F.

⇒ WHY ?

To circumvent barriers raised by examining melts and fluids quenched to ambient *P-T* conditions, *in situ* experimental characterization at *HP-HT* is key.

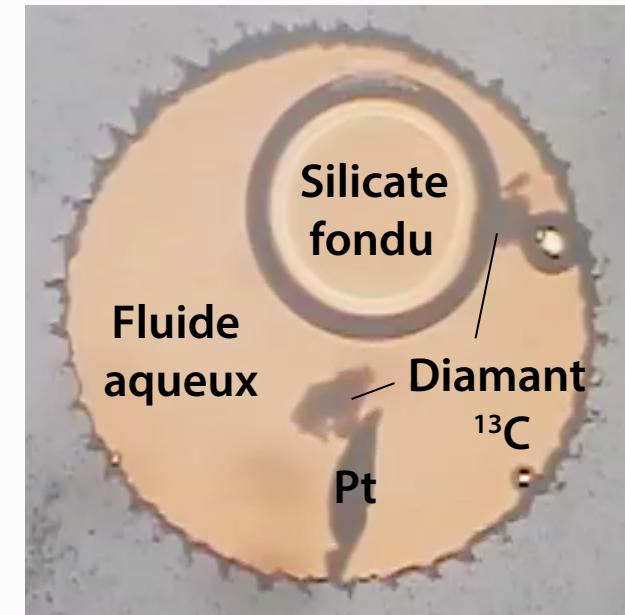
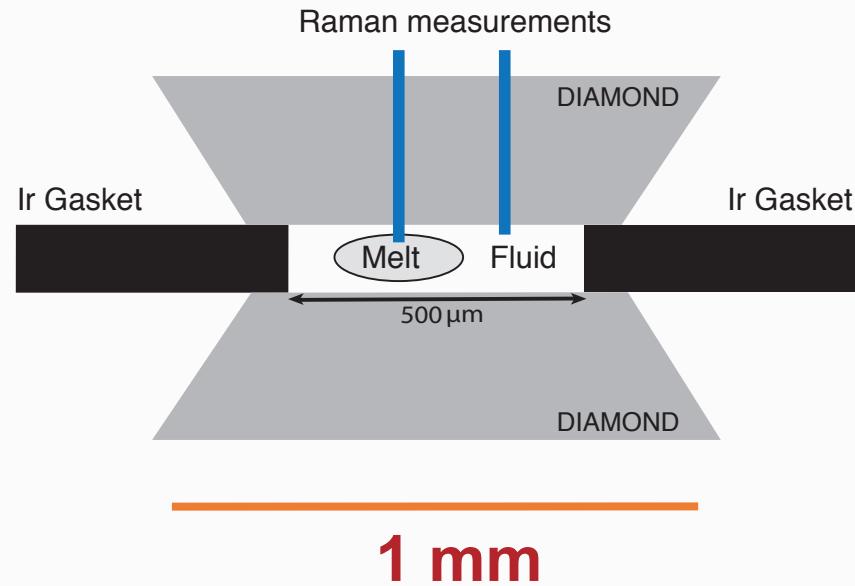
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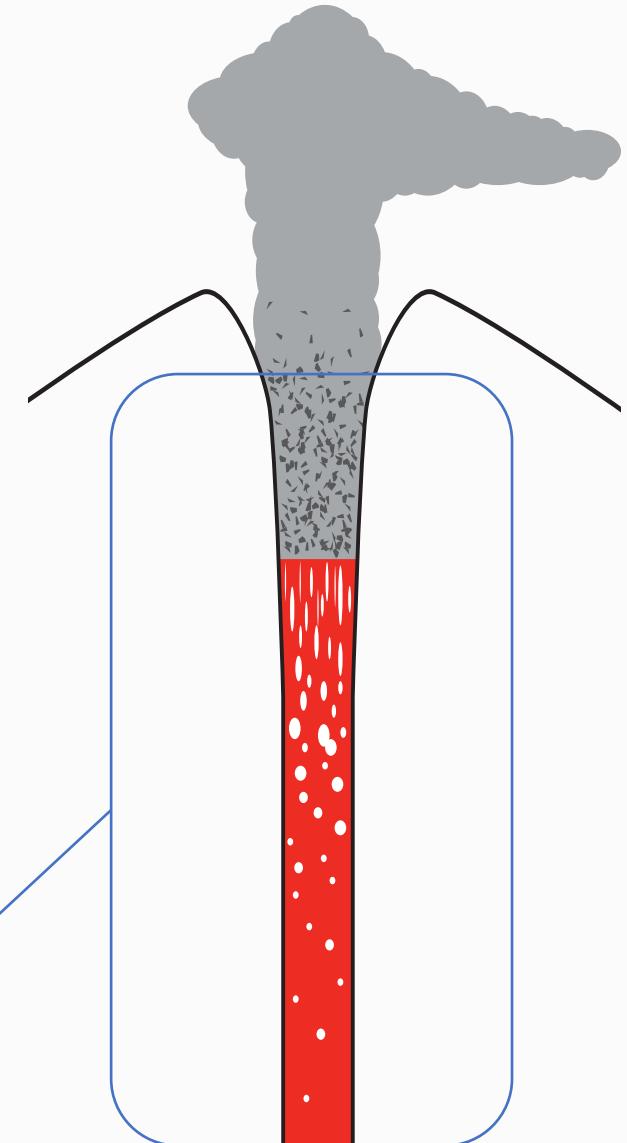


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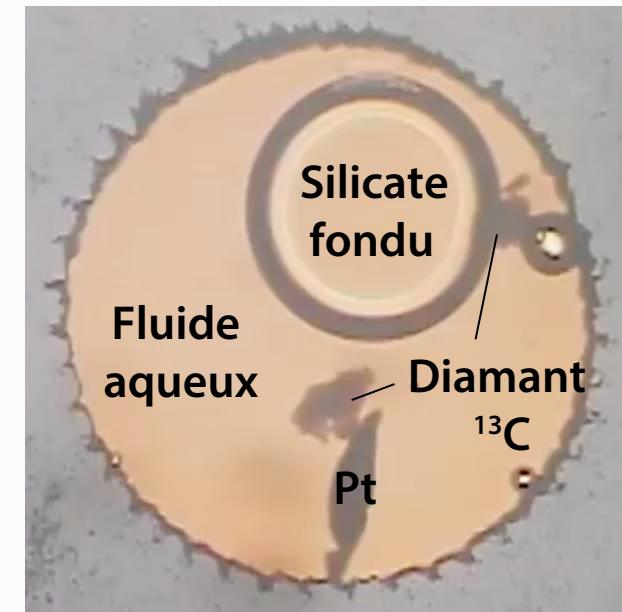
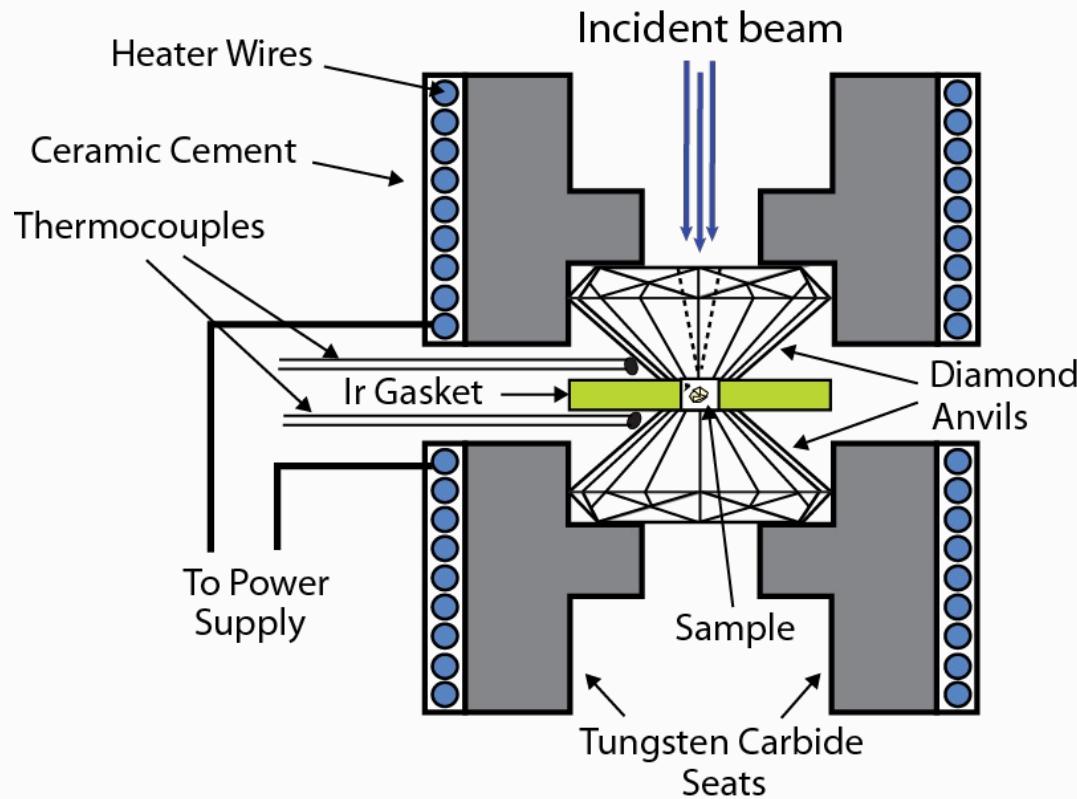


*P-T range :*

0,1 à 2 GPa – 300 à 950°C

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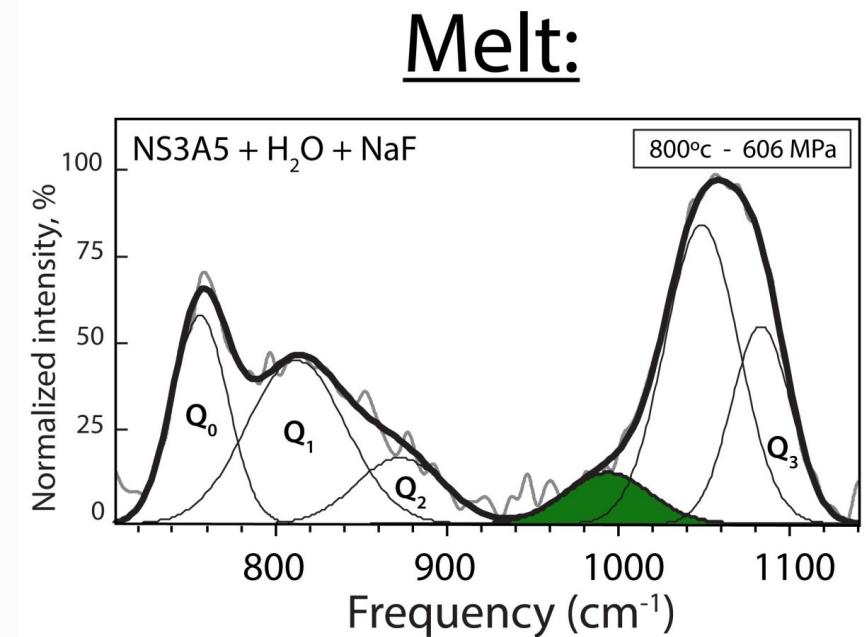
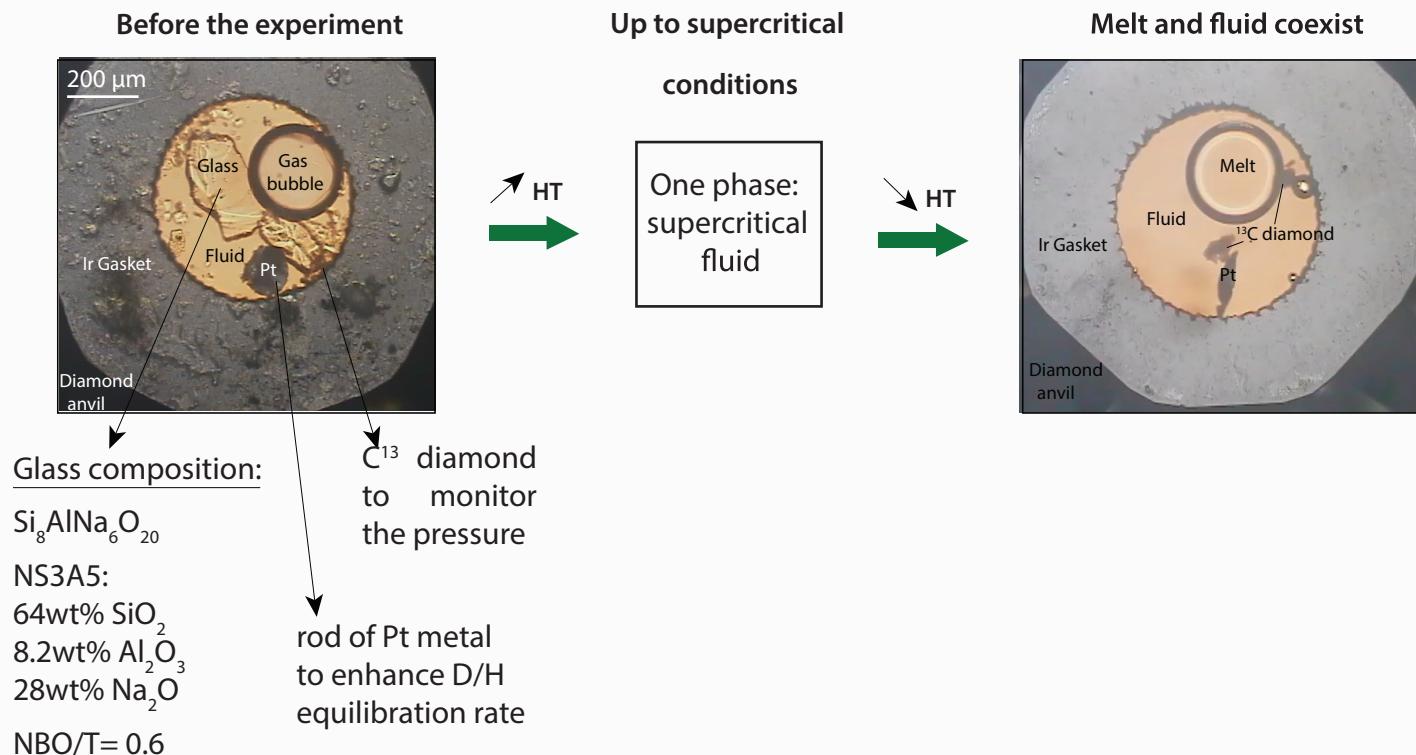
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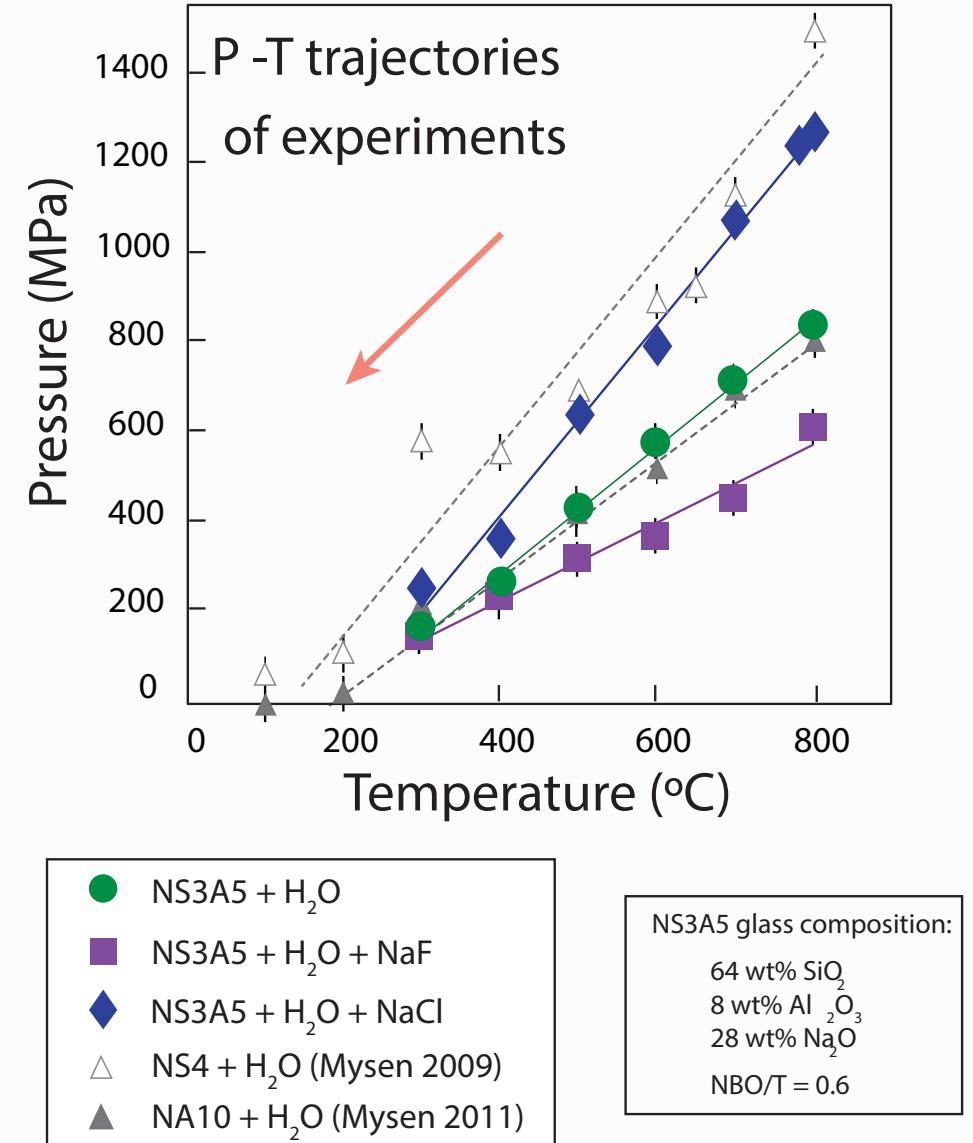
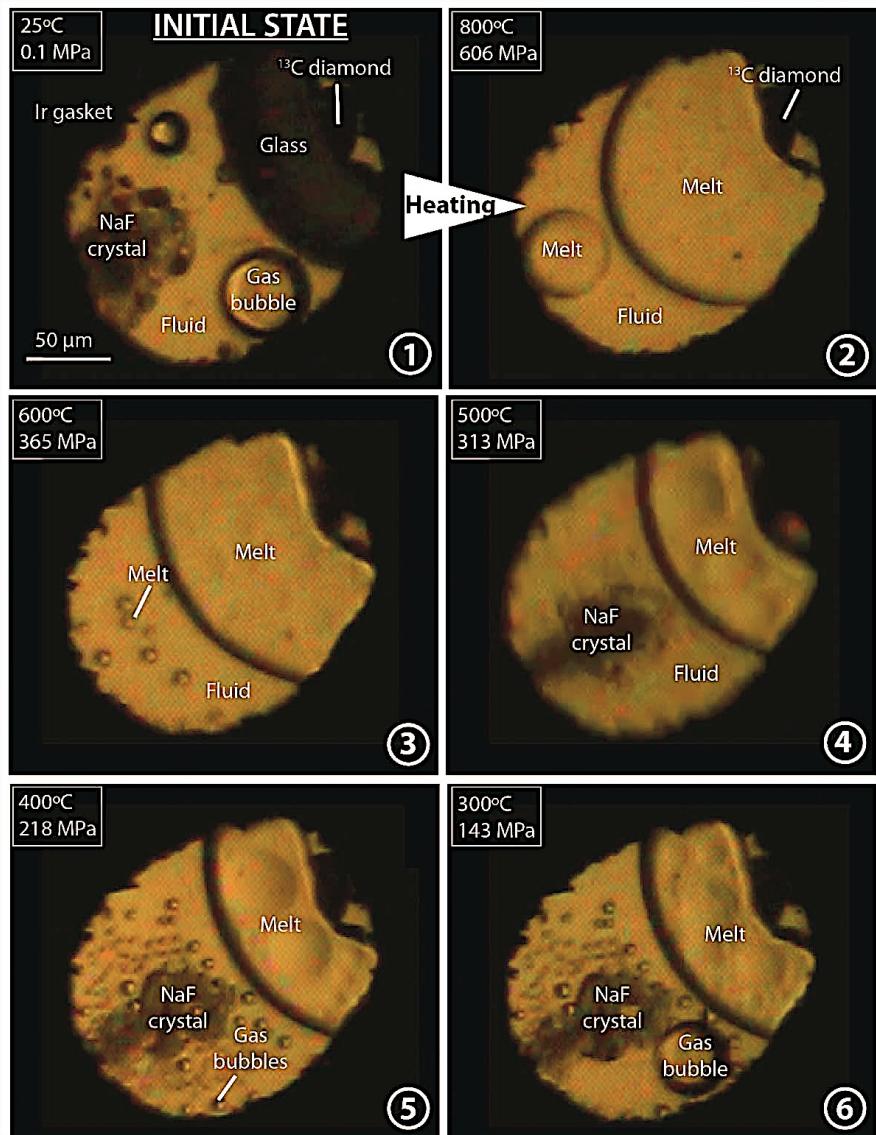
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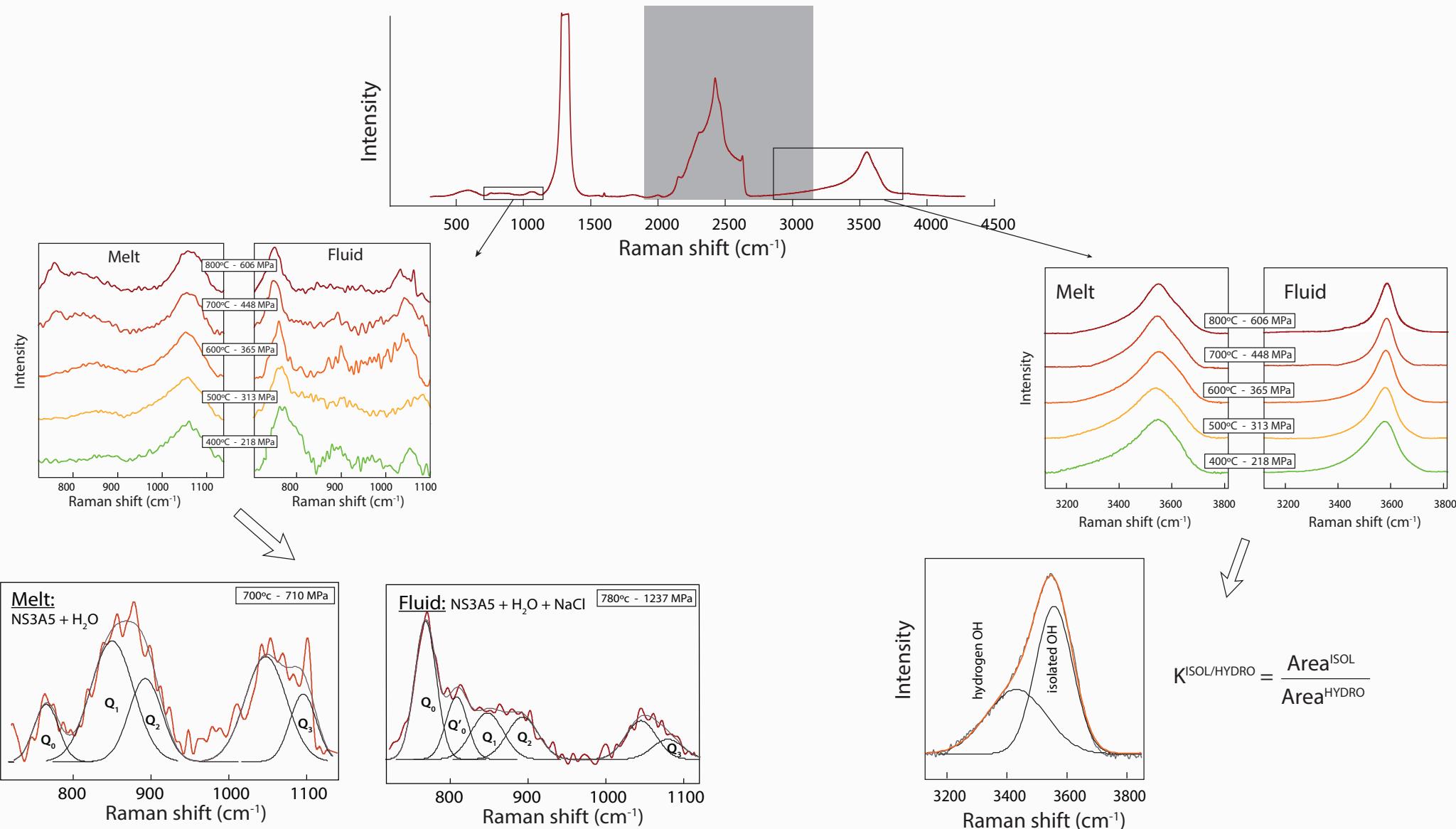
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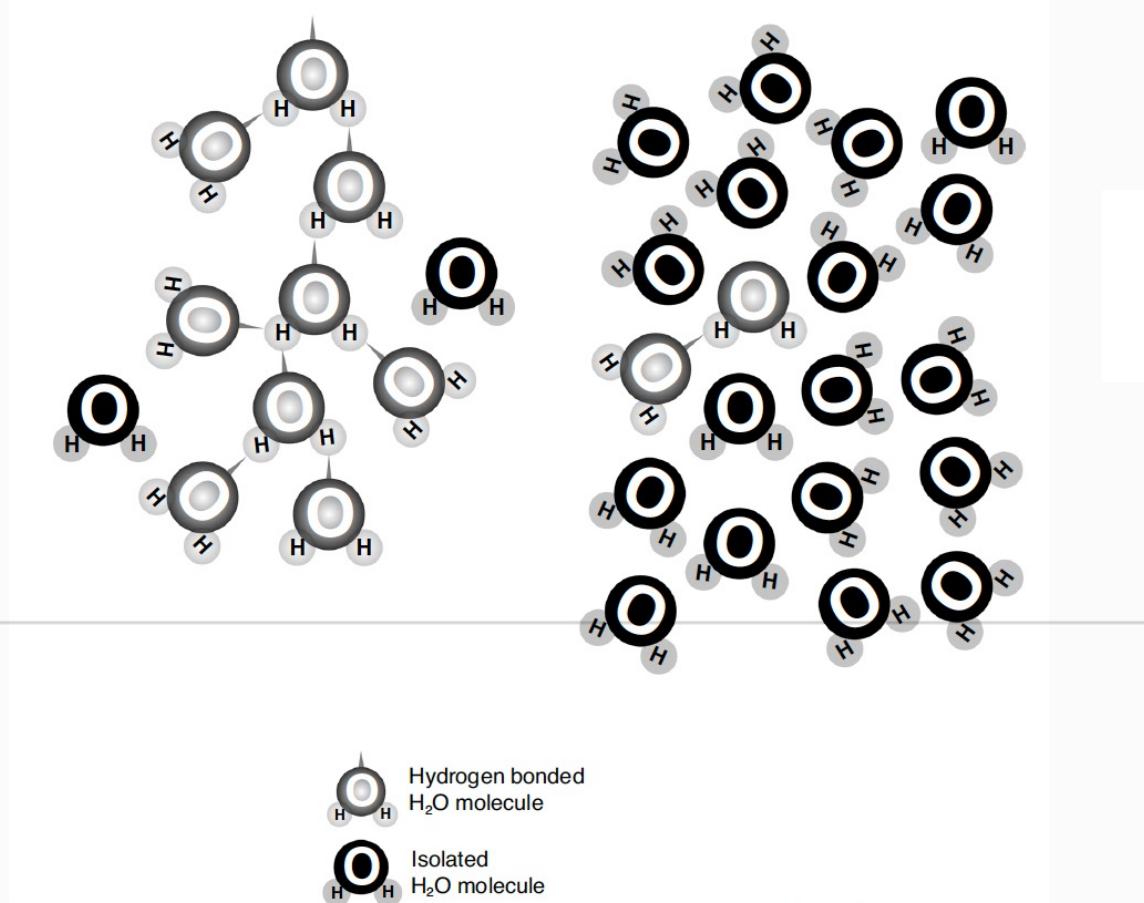
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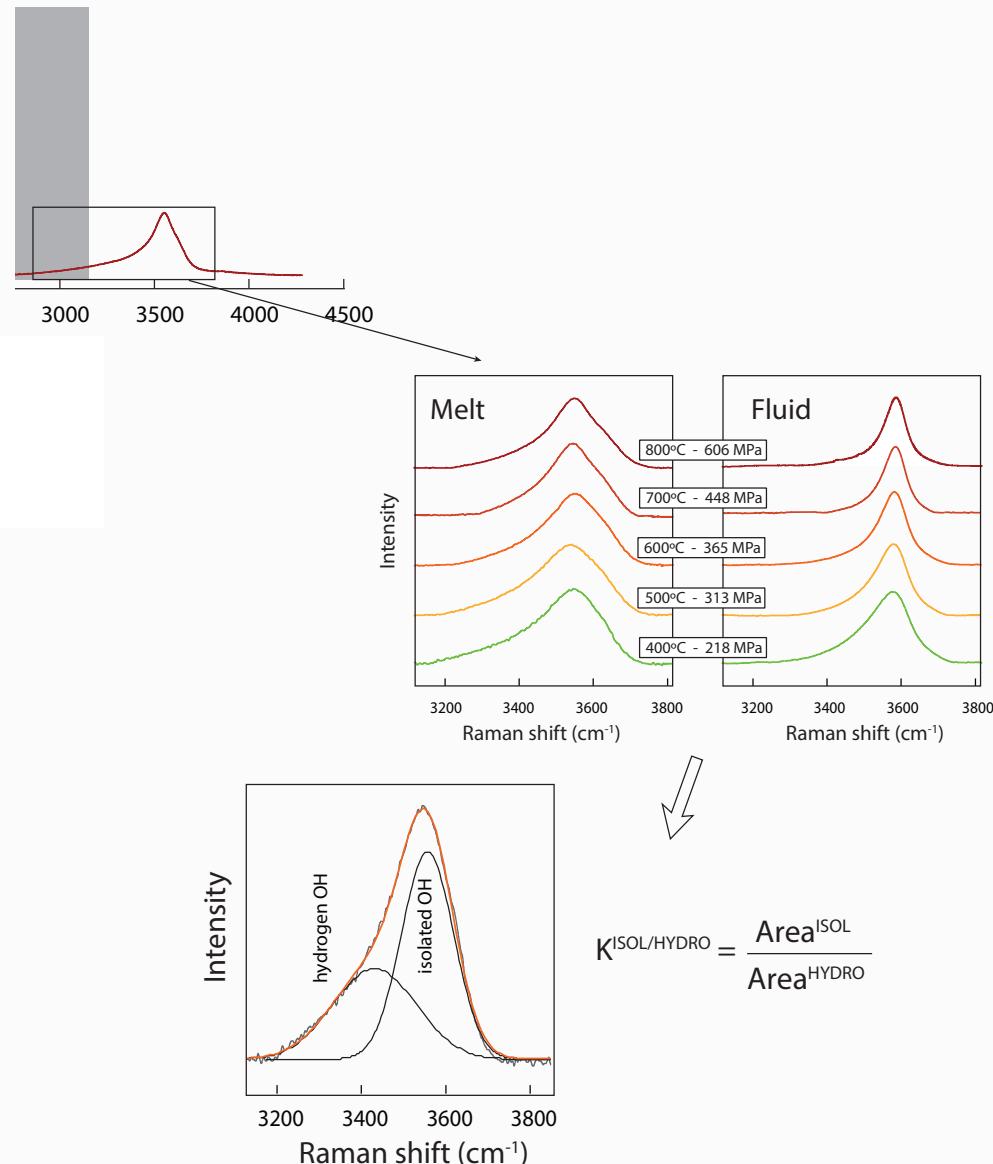
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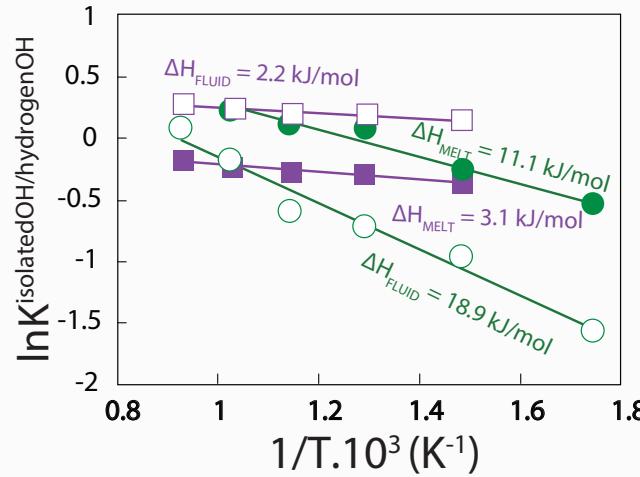


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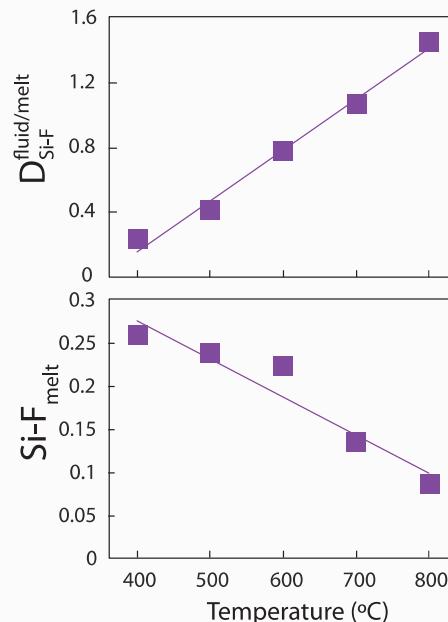
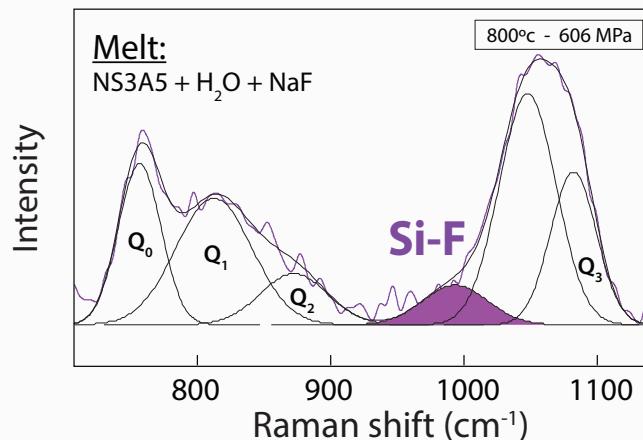


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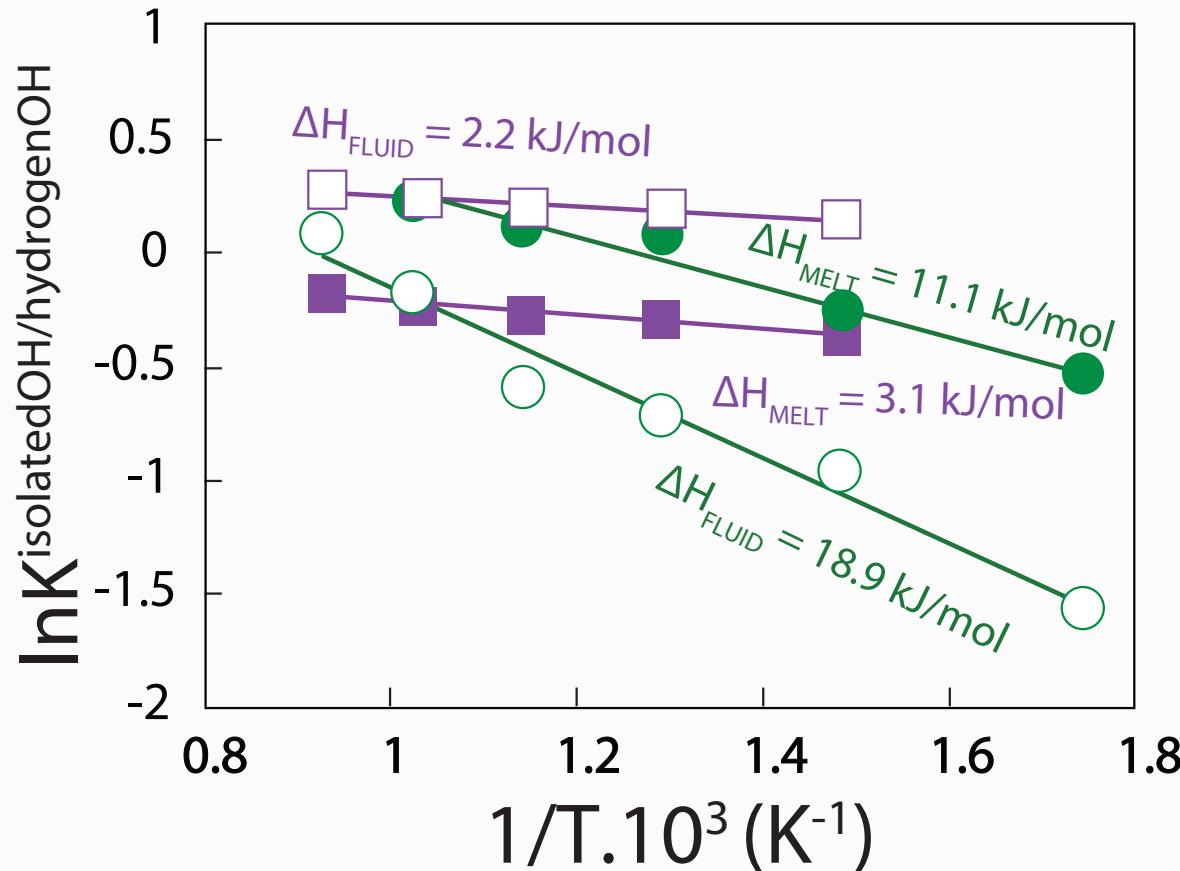
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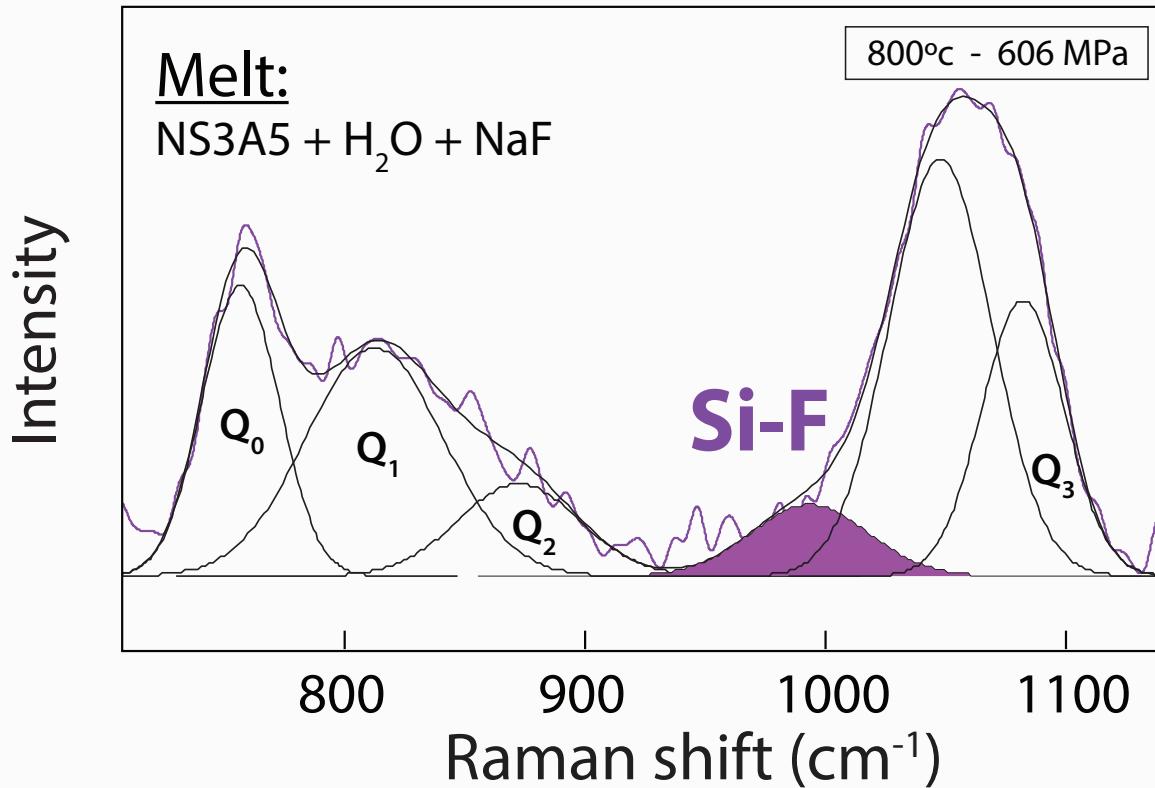


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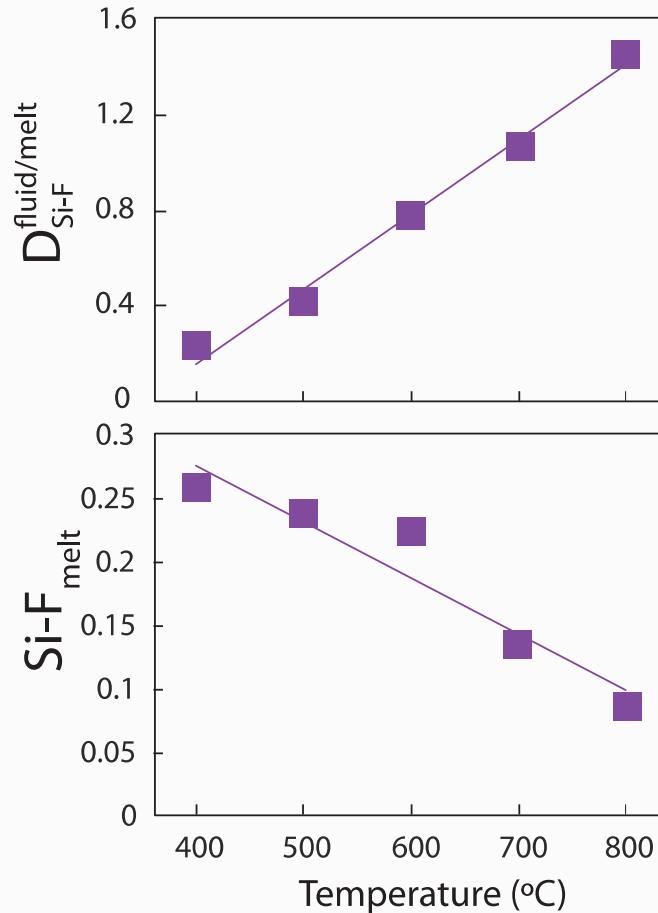
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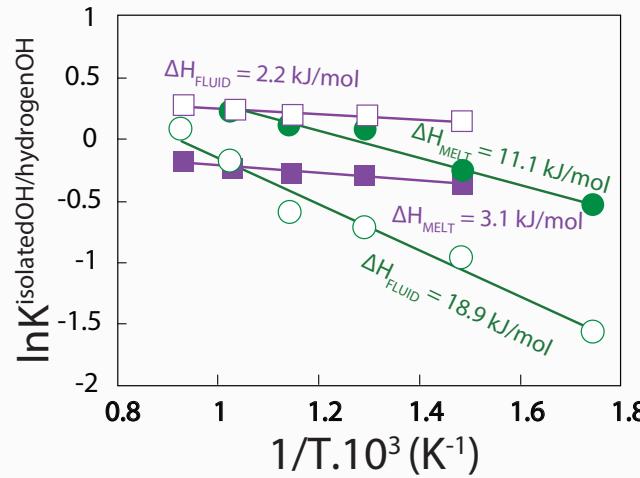
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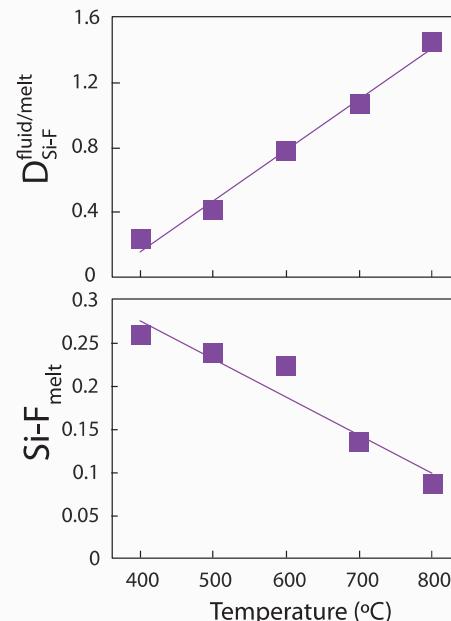
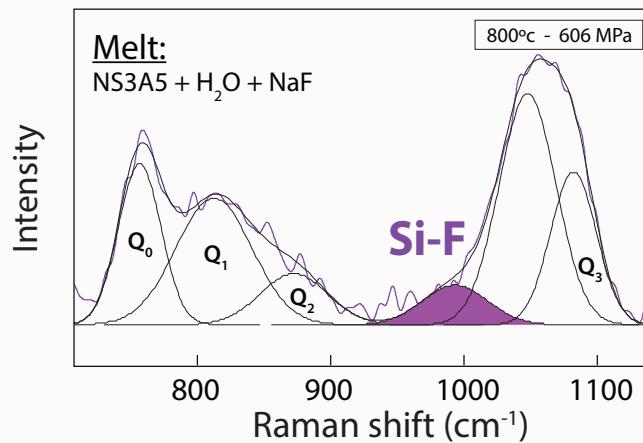
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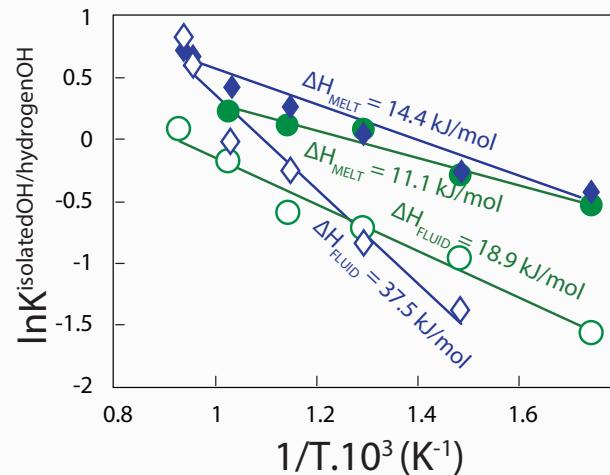


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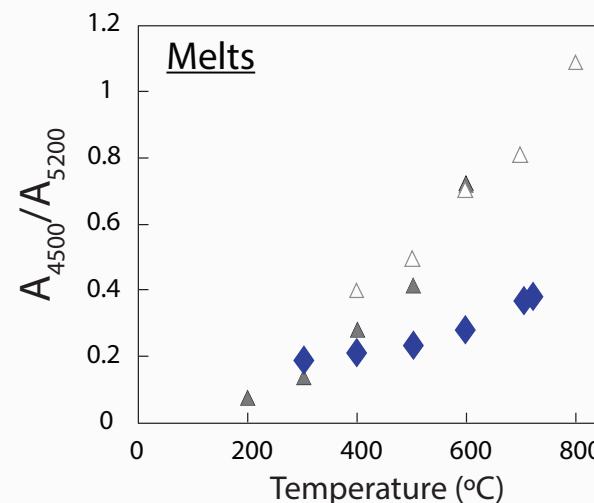
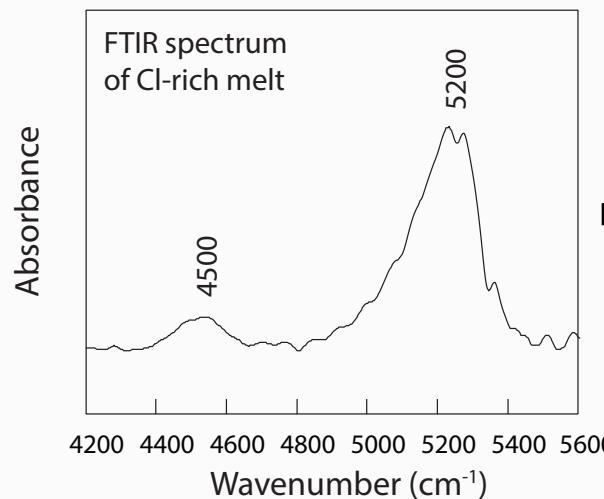
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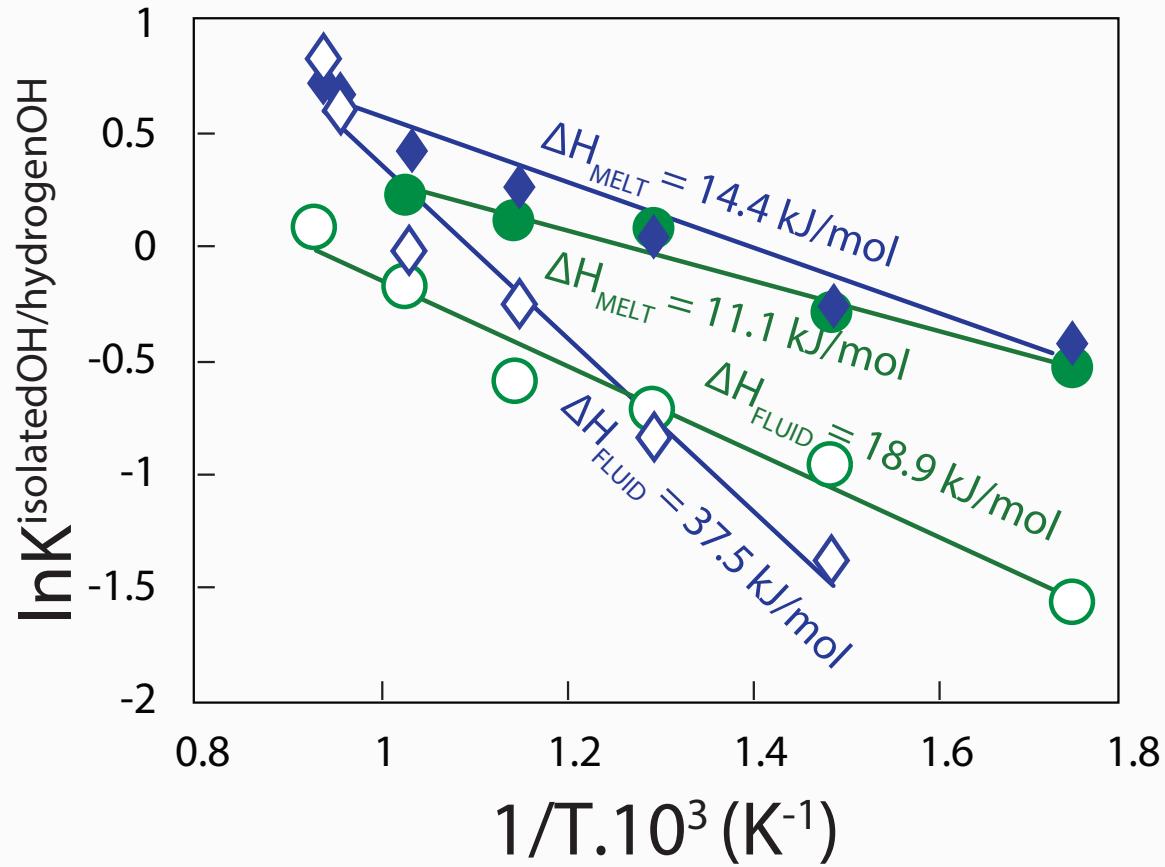
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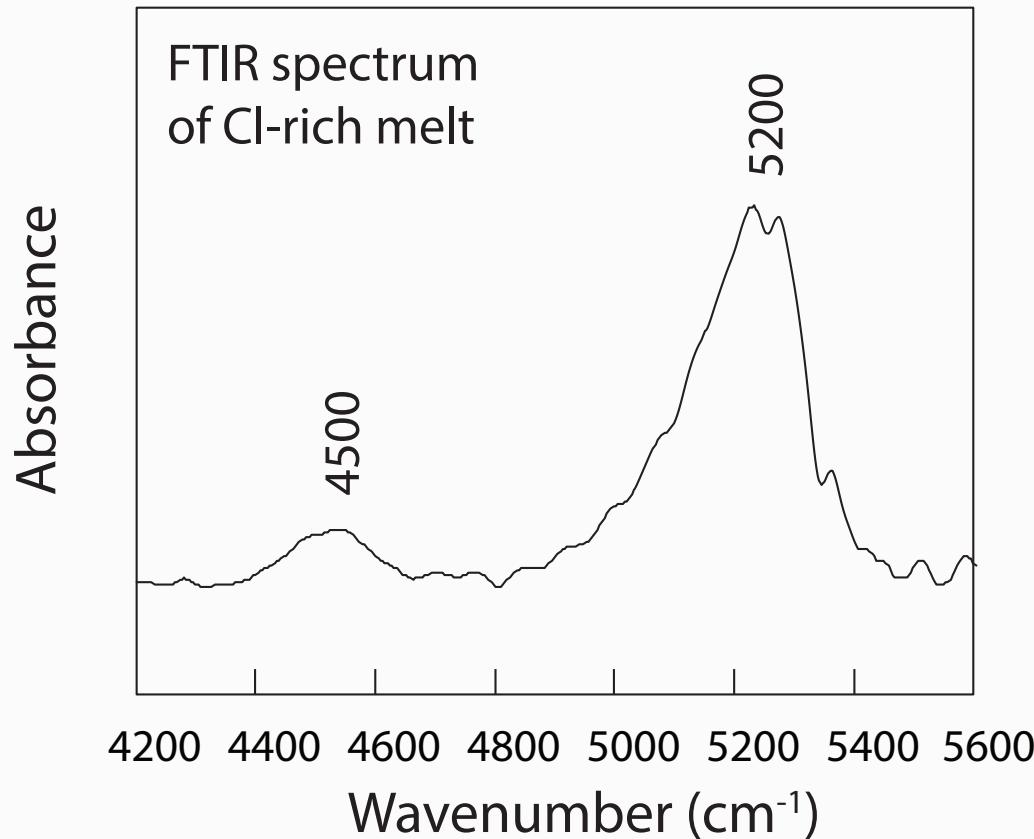
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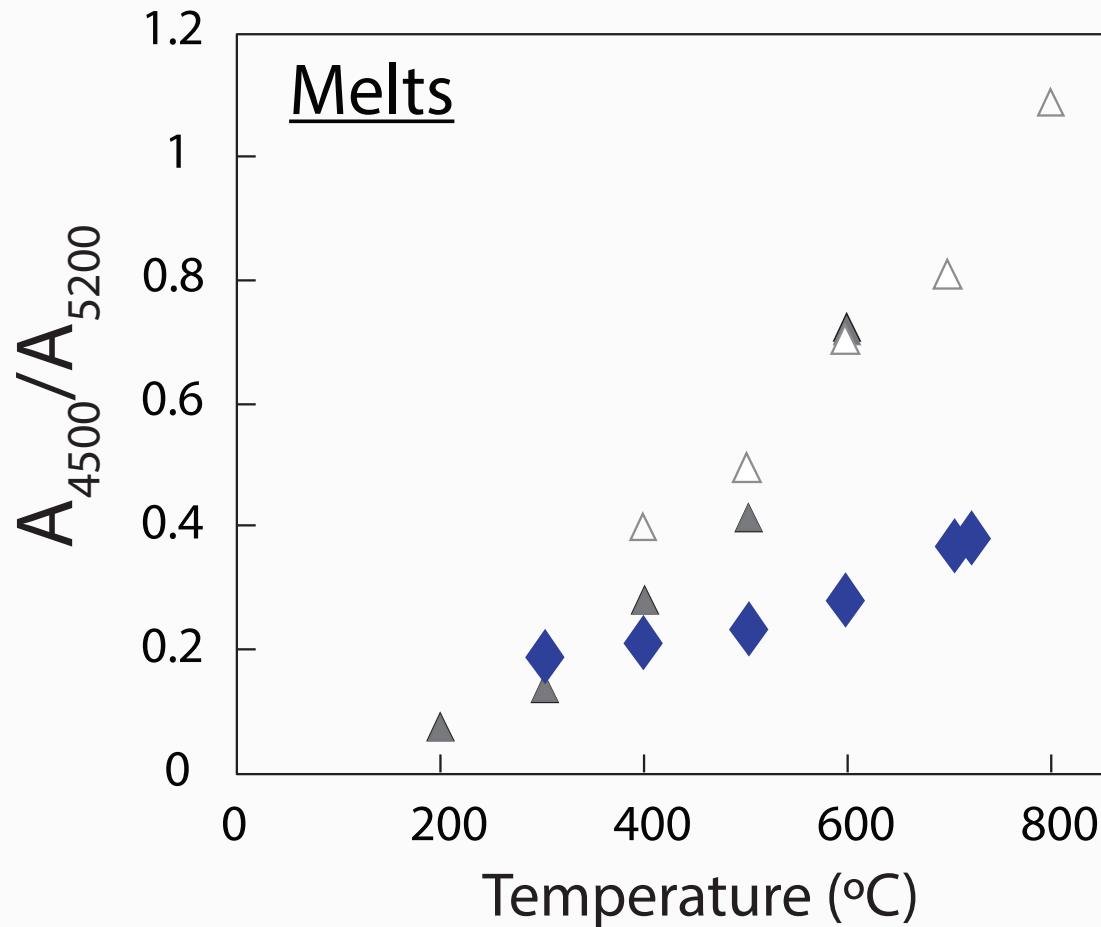
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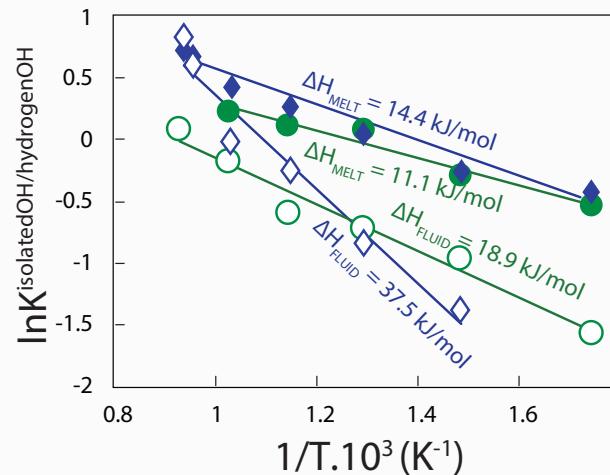
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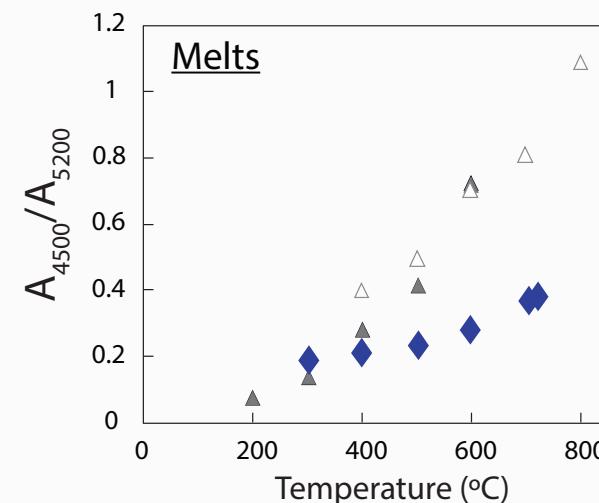
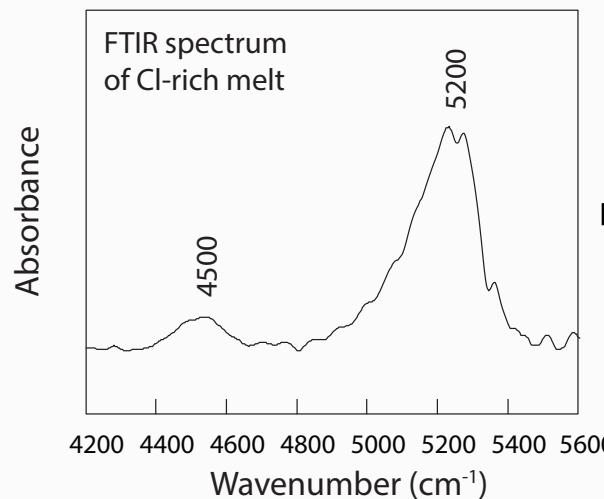


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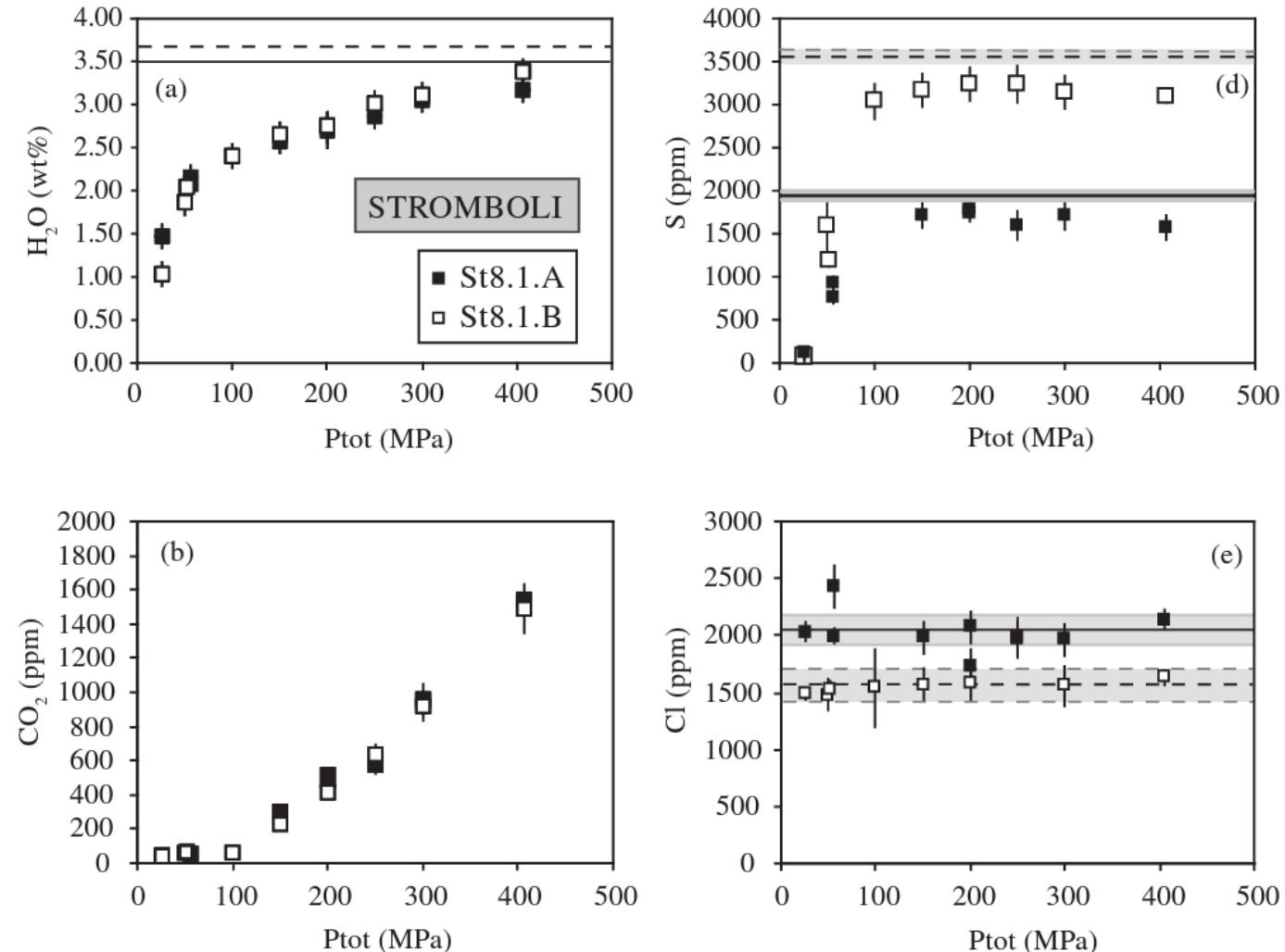
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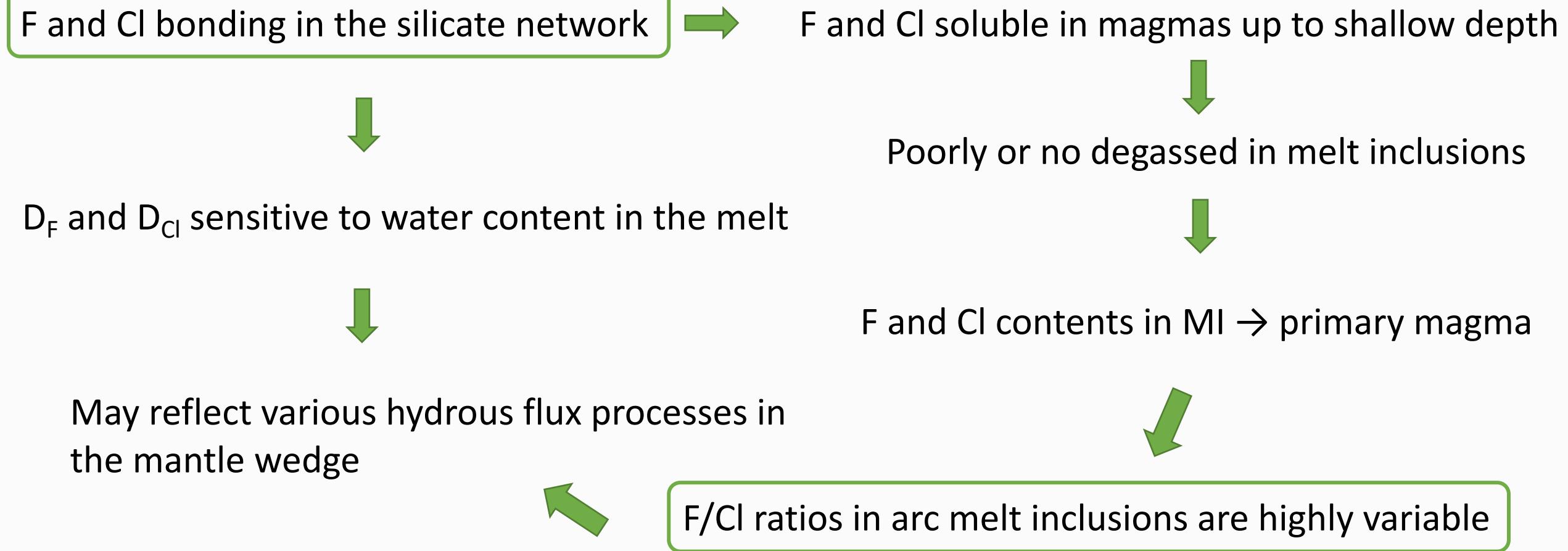
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# Take home message

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A grayscale microscopic image showing a field of plant tissue. The most prominent features are several large, dark, circular structures, likely pollen grains or spores, scattered throughout the field. These larger structures have a distinct central bright spot. The surrounding tissue appears more granular and less dense.

**THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

# Back up slides

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