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3 **Densified glasses as structural proxies for high-pressure melts:**
4 **configurational compressibility of silicate melts retained in quenched and**
5 **decompressed glasses**

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14 **ABSTRACT**

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16 The structures of high-pressure magmatic liquids have often been inferred from spectroscopic
17 studies on quenched and decompressed glasses. However, it has not been completely verified
18 whether the structures of quenched and decompressed glasses are representative of the
19 structure of their corresponding liquids at the glass transition temperature and synthesis
20 pressure. Here, we provide quantitative evidence for the retention of pressure-induced
21 configurational changes upon isobaric quench and isothermal decompression for synthesis
22 pressures up to 3.5 GPa. We use the degree of densification and elastic compressibility of
23 permanently densified glasses, together with thermo-elastic data from the literature, to
24 calculate the density of the melt at the glass transition temperature and synthesis pressure. The
25 derived densities agree with those derived directly from the thermal equations of state of the

26 melts. This observation indicates that, at least up to 3.5 GPa, the densified structure of the
27 melt is preserved in the glass upon quenching and decompression; this validates past and
28 future structural studies of high-pressure melts based on studies of quenched and
29 decompressed glasses.

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34 INTRODUCTION

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36 The structure of high-pressure magmatic liquids has often been inferred from
37 spectroscopic and diffraction studies on quenched and decompressed glasses (Allwardt et al.
38 2005a, 2005b, 2007; Davoli et al. 1992; Du et al. 2004; Fleet et al. 1984; Fuss et al. 2006;
39 Gaudio et al. 2008; Hochella and Brown 1985; Kelsey et al. 2009a, 2009b; Lee 2004, 2010,
40 2011; Lee et al. 2004, 2012; Li et al. 1995; Malfait et al. 2012; O'Neill et al. 2006; Paris et al.
41 1994; Stebbins and McMillan 1989; Stebbins and Poe 1999; Stebbins and Sykes 1990; Sykes
42 et al. 1993; Velde and Kushiro 1978; Xue et al. 1989, 1991, 1994; Yamada et al. 2010; Yarger
43 et al. 1995). The main advantage of using quenched glasses is that more numerous and more
44 informative structural probes are available at ambient conditions than at *in situ* high pressure
45 and temperature conditions. However, pressure-induced structural changes are not necessarily
46 retained upon decompression, and studies on quenched and decompressed glasses may
47 underestimate the effect of pressure on melt structure (Farber and Williams 1996; Shim and
48 Catalli 2009). Until now, it has not been fully tested how representative the structures of
49 quenched and decompressed glasses are of the structures of the corresponding melts.

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51 Glasses differ fundamentally from melts. Liquids and glasses are commonly described
52 in terms of equilibrium (relaxed) and non-equilibrium (unrelaxed) states, respectively
53 (Dingwell and Webb 1990; Moynihan et al. 1976). The short lifetimes of the Si-O bonds
54 allow for rapid re-equilibration in liquid silicates, but are too long for re-equilibration in the
55 glassy state (Farnan and Stebbins 1990,1994; Malfait and Halter 2008). The glass transition
56 temperature, T_g , the boundary between the liquid and glassy states, defines the temperature at
57 which the structure is frozen in because the material is no longer able to re-equilibrate to the
58 change in temperature during cooling. This transition typically occurs over a few tens of
59 degrees (Mysen and Richet 2005). The temperature for which the frozen structure corresponds
60 to the equilibrium state is called the fictive temperature, T_f (Moynihan et al. 1976; Tool
61 1946). Experimental studies on quenched glasses, combined with in situ studies of the
62 corresponding liquids, have confirmed that the structure of the glass is indeed representative
63 of the melt at the fictive temperature, at least with respect to the Al coordination number
64 (Stebbins et al. 2008), water speciation (Behrens and Nowak 2003) and silica speciation
65 (Brandriss and Stebbins 1988; Malfait et al. 2008; McMillan et al. 1992; Mysen and Frantz
66 1994).

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68 Liquids and glasses also show notable differences in the compression mechanisms, with
69 both elastic and configurational compression in liquids, but only elastic compression in
70 glasses (Dingwell and Webb 1990). As a result, liquids are more compressible than their
71 analog glasses. Richet and Neuville (1992) reported that the greater compressibility of liquids
72 reflects configurational contributions. In other words, liquids are more compressible because a
73 large number of densified configurational states are available through pressure-induced
74 structural changes. For a frozen structure, the effects of pressure are elastic only and mostly
75 related to variations in the interatomic bond lengths (Richet and Neuville 1992). The relative
76 importance of the vibrational and configurational contributions to the compressibility depends

77 strongly on melt composition and structure (Askarpour et al. 1993). When a glass that was
78 isobarically quenched from the liquid is decompressed to ambient pressure, the elastic
79 contribution to the compressibility is released, but the configurational contribution is at least
80 partially retained (Maurer 1957). However, the degree to which the configurational
81 compression is retained upon decompression has not been quantified. Thus, it is not clear in
82 how far the structure of quenched and decompressed glasses is representative of that of the
83 melt at synthesis pressure.

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85 The distinction between glass- and melt-like compressional behaviors becomes blurred
86 when glasses are compressed to very high pressures. Indeed, glasses compressed to lower
87 mantle pressures often display pressure-induced structural changes (Benmore et al. 2010;
88 Champagnon et al. 2008; Hemley et al. 1986; Kubicki et al. 1992; Lee et al. 2008; Lin et al.
89 2007; Meade et al. 1992; Sato and Funamori 2008; Shim and Catalli 2009; Williams and
90 Jeanloz 1988) and some irreversible, hence non-elastic, densification (Champagnon et al.
91 2008; Gaudio et al. 2008; Sanchez-Valle and Bass 2010; Zha et al. 1994).

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93 In this study, we demonstrate that quenched and decompressed glasses represent the
94 structure of the melt at high pressure and T_g , at least for subduction zone conditions. In
95 particular, we use the degree of densification and elastic compressibility of permanently
96 densified glasses, together with thermo-elastic data from the literature, to calculate the density
97 of the melt at T_g and synthesis pressure. Within uncertainty, the obtained densities agree with
98 those derived from the equations of state of the corresponding melts. This observation implies
99 that the configurational compressibility is fully retained upon decompression for synthesis
100 pressures up to at least 3.5 GPa.

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DATA SOURCE

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104 Three glass compositions were considered in this study: haplo-rhyolitic, haplo-
105 phonolitic and haplo-basaltic. All samples are part of a set of well-characterized samples
106 prepared for a previous study on the partial molar properties of dissolved CO₂, and a full
107 description of their synthesis and characterization can be found there (Seifert et al. 2013a).
108 For the current study, only the data for the CO₂-free glasses are considered. Briefly,
109 permanently densified glasses were synthesized from 2 to 3.5 GPa and 1400-1750 °C in a
110 piston cylinder apparatus using Pt capsules and a talc-MgO-silica assembly. The samples
111 were quenched with an estimated quench rate of 100-200 K/s and decompressed at a rate of
112 ~10 MPa/s. The major element composition and volatile contents were analyzed by electron
113 microprobe and by Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), respectively (Table 1).
114 The density of the glasses was determined with the sink/float method in a diiodomethane
115 (CH₂I₂)-acetone (C₃H₆O) mixture. Relaxation experiments were performed on a fraction of
116 each sample in order to remove the residual densification of the samples synthesized at high
117 pressure. In this process, the samples undergo a structural reconfiguration by annealing them
118 at ambient pressure near T_g , at 898, 879 and 913 K for the basaltic, phonolitic and rhyolitic
119 glasses, respectively (Seifert et al. 2013a). Microscopic observation with crossed polarizers
120 indicated that the annealed samples were free of crystals. Brillouin scattering spectroscopy
121 has been used to measure the acoustic velocities and to derive the elastic properties of both
122 permanently densified and relaxed glasses (Table 2) (Seifert et al. 2013a). All measurements
123 were carried out in a 90° symmetric/platelet scattering geometry using the experimental setup
124 described in Sanchez-Valle et al. (2010). The acoustic velocities were employed to calculate
125 the adiabatic bulk modulus, K_s , of each sample using the relationship:

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$$K_s = \rho \left(v_p^2 - \frac{4}{3} v_s^2 \right) \quad (1)$$

127 where ρ is the density, v_P and v_S are the compressional and shear wave velocities,
128 respectively.

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130 **RESULTS & DISCUSSION**

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132 The density of the melt at the synthesis pressure and T_g (Giordano et al. 2008) was
133 calculated based on the properties of the quenched glasses (Table 2) and the results compared
134 with the density predicted by *in situ* measurements conducted in the corresponding haplo-
135 rhyolitic and haplo-phonolitic melts (Malfait et al. 2014; Seifert et al. 2013b). No *in situ* data
136 are available for this particular haplo-basaltic glass composition, and the density of the melt,
137 calculated from the quenched glasses, was compared to that predicted by a multi-component
138 model for silicate melt density. This model predicts melt density based on the available
139 density and compressibility data at ambient pressure and *in situ* density data for a range of
140 melt compositions (Malfait et al., (subm.)).

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142 The procedure to calculate the density of the high-pressure melt from the data on the
143 ambient pressure glasses is illustrated in Figure 1. The configurational contribution to the
144 pressure-induced densification of melts ($\beta_{\text{configurational}}$), $\Delta(\rho_0-\rho_1)$, was determined from density
145 measurements on relaxed (ρ_0) and permanently densified (ρ_1) glasses. The elastic contribution
146 (β_{elastic}), $\Delta(\rho_2-\rho_1)$, was calculated from K_S determined by Brillouin scattering data and a 3rd-
147 order Birch-Murnaghan equation of state. In the absence of data for the pressure derivatives of
148 the bulk modulus, K' , of the investigated glasses, calculations of the elastic compressibility
149 were performed for K' values of 2, 4, 6 and 8. The lower bound of this range was selected
150 based on results from high-pressure Brillouin studies on glasses with soda-lime or enstatite
151 ($K'= 2.7\pm 0.1$) compositions that show a relatively small increase of K_s upon compression up
152 to 5-8 GPa (Sanchez-Valle and Bass 2010; Tkachev et al. 2005). The upper bound was set

153 based on values obtained from compressibility data on liquids (Malfait et al. 2014; Sakamaki
154 et al. 2010; Seifert et al. 2013b). The possible variation of K' between 2 and 8 was found to
155 affect the calculated densities by less than 0.6, 0.2 and 0.3 % for the rhyolitic, phonolitic and
156 basaltic glasses, respectively. This variation was included in the uncertainty calculation on ρ_2 .
157 The small dependence of the calculated densities on K' is related to the rather limited range of
158 compression of the present study (Table 2). In the last step, the temperature dependence of the
159 density, $\Delta(\rho_2-\rho_3)$, was estimated from the ambient pressure thermal expansion coefficient, α
160 (Bouhifd et al. 2001; Ochs and Lange 1999; Richter and Simmons 1974). This step assumes
161 that the temperature dependence of α is not significant, consistent with the small pressure-
162 temperature cross terms in the equations of state of silicate melts (Malfait et al. 2014;
163 Sakamaki et al. 2010; Seifert et al. 2013b).

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165 The derived densities for the high-pressure melt at T_g , ρ_3 , appear to be slightly lower
166 than those predicted by the equations of state of the analog melts, ρ_4 , but are the same within
167 the estimated uncertainties (Table 2, Fig. 1). This implies that, within uncertainty, the
168 configurational compression is fully retained in the glasses during the isobaric quench and
169 isothermal decompression at the end of the piston cylinder experiments. Thus, no significant
170 configurational changes occurred during decompression. Hence, the glasses quantitatively
171 probe the configurations of the melt at the synthesis pressure and T_g , at least for the
172 investigated pressure range up to 3.5 GPa, and structural studies on quenched glasses can
173 provide valuable insights into the structure of high pressure melts at crustal and subduction
174 zone conditions.

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176 There are some indications that some of the configurational changes during
177 compression may not be fully retained during decompression from higher pressures than those
178 investigated in this study. For example, the degree of densification and Al coordination

179 number decrease with decreasing decompression rate for glasses quenched and decompressed
180 from 5 GPa, although the changes are relatively small: V/V_0 increases from 0.88 to 0.90 and
181 the average Al coordination decreases from 4.95 to 4.75 for a decrease in decompression rate
182 by over four orders of magnitude (Allwardt et al. 2005b). In addition, cold-compressed
183 glasses display partly reversible pressure-induced structural changes (Hemley et al. 1986; Lin
184 et al. 2007; Williams and Jeanloz 1988), although annealing glasses at high pressure makes
185 the densification less reversible (Gaudio et al. 2008) and quenching from the melt at high
186 pressure, rather than after cold compression of the glass, may result in a better retention of the
187 pressure induced densification.

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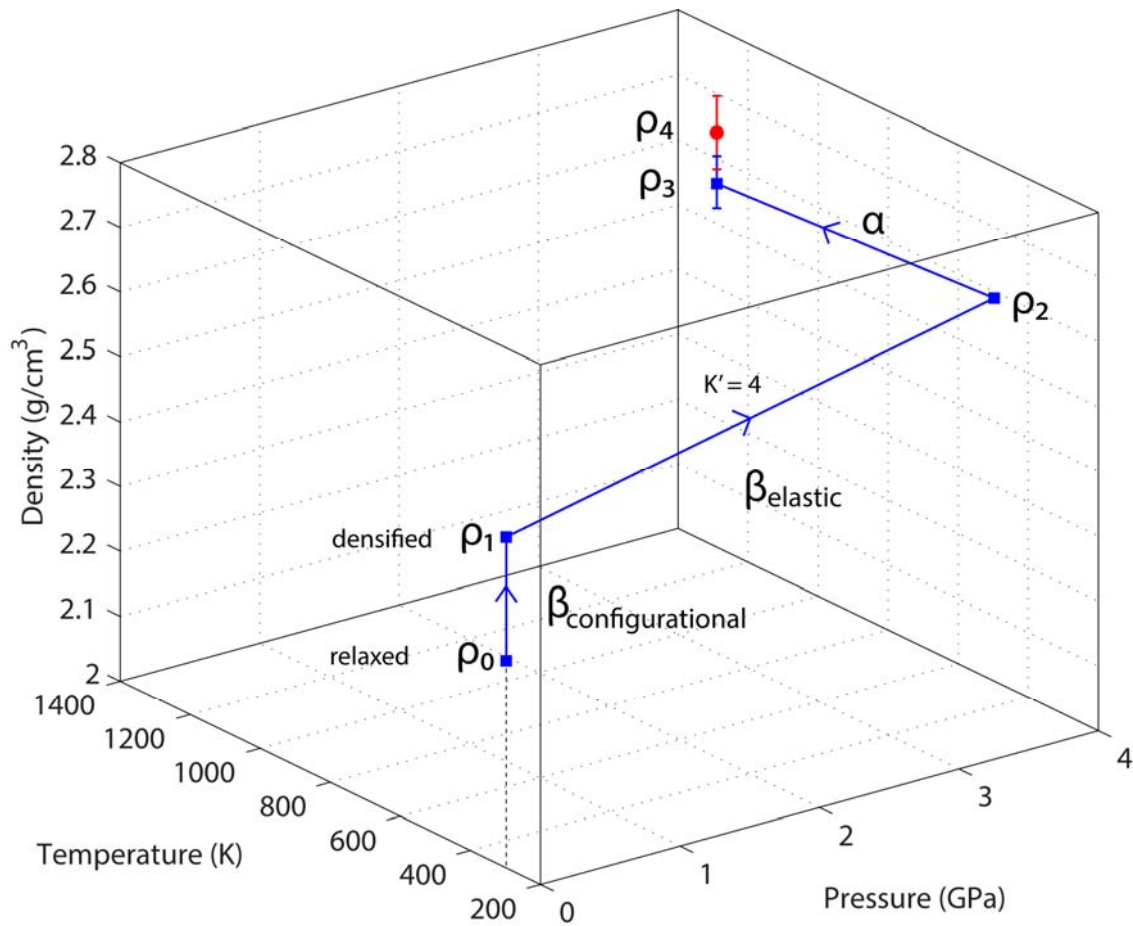
189 In summary, we provide quantitative evidence for the preservation of the pressure-
190 induced densification and configurations of silicate melts upon quenching and decompression
191 from subduction zone pressures. This observation validates past and future structural studies
192 of high pressure melts based on quenched and decompressed glasses, for which more, and
193 often more informative, analytical techniques are available, compared to liquids that require
194 challenging *in situ* measurements.

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203 Fig. 1. Elastic and configurational contributions to the compression of rhyolitic glasses and
204 melts. ρ_3 is the density of the melt at T_g and synthesis pressure (3.5 GPa) calculated from
205 thermo-elastic data for glasses measured at ambient conditions: the configurational
206 compression is estimated from the permanent densification ($\rho_1 - \rho_0$); the elastic compression
207 ($\rho_2 - \rho_1$) from Brillouin scattering on densified glasses (Seifert et al. 2013a) and a 3rd order
208 Birch-Murnaghan equation of state; and the thermal expansion ($\rho_3 - \rho_2$) from the literature
209 (Ochs and Lange 1999). ρ_4 is the density derived from the equation of state of the melt at T_g
210 (Malfait et al. 2014). Within uncertainty, ρ_3 and ρ_4 are the same, implying that the
211 configurational compressibility of silicate liquids is preserved upon quenching and
212 decompression.

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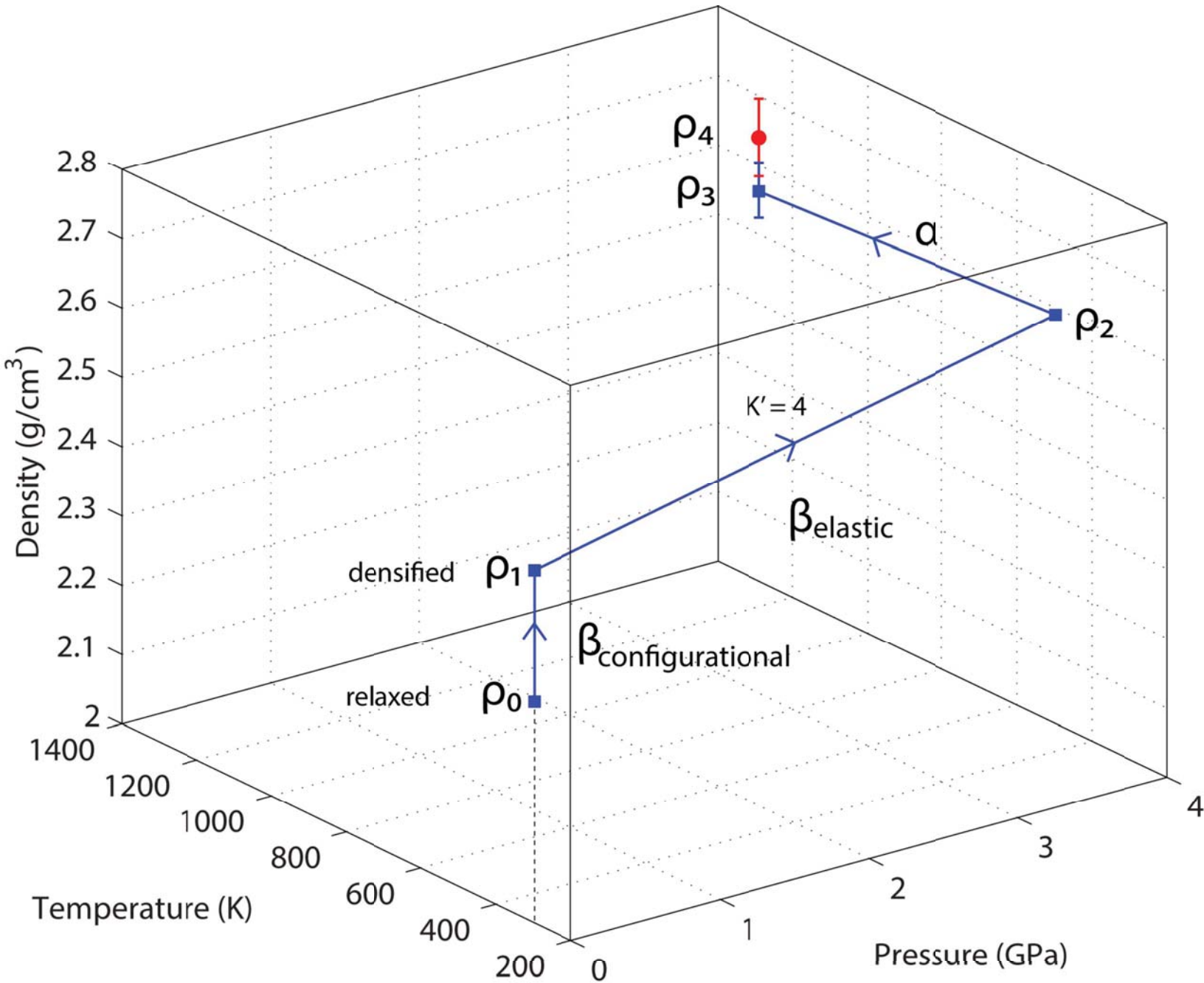


Table 1. Compositions (wt%) and synthesis conditions.

	Rhyolite	Phonolite	Basalt
SiO ₂	78.5 (4)	56.5 (5)	52.0 (2)
TiO ₂	-	0.53 (4)	0.65 (5)
Al ₂ O ₃	12.0 (2)	23.3 (4)	20.2 (2)
FeO	-	-	-
MgO	-	4.0 (1)	11.4 (2)
CaO	-	1.6 (1)	13.2 (1)
Na ₂ O	4.6 (1)	7.9 (1)	2.3 (1)
K ₂ O	4.7 (1)	6.1 (1)	-
H ₂ O ¹	0.32	0.02	0.16
CO ₂ ¹	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	100.12	99.95	99.91
P (GPa)	3.5	2.0	3.5
T (K)	2023	1673	1973
Duration (hrs)	5	2	0.42

¹ FTIR, uncertainty on H₂O and CO₂ is 10% relative, related to uncertainties in the molar absorption coefficients.

Table 2. Volumetric properties.

	Rhyolite	Phonolite	Basalt
<i>Relaxed glasses</i>			
T (K)	298	298	298
P (GPa)	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
v_P (m/s)	5773 (9)	6040 (15)	6704 (15)
v_S (m/s)	3606 (6)	3594 (10)	3796 (9)
K_S (GPa)	37.1 (5)	47.8 (7)	69.9 (1.1)
ρ_0 (g/cm ³)	2.318 (12)	2.482 (12)	2.717 (14)
V_0/V_0	1	1	1
<i>Permanently densified glasses</i>			
T (K)	298	298	298
P (GPa)	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
v_P (m/s)	6194 (9)	6220 (11)	6885 (33)
v_S (m/s)	3756 (10)	3664 (6)	3892 (20)
K_S (GPa)	49.1 (6)	53.5 (7)	78.7 (1.1)
ρ_1 (g/cm ³)	2.508 (13)	2.574 (13)	2.892 (14)
V_1/V_0	0.924 (7)	0.964 (7)	0.940 (7)
<i>Densification due to elastic compressibility ($K' = 4$)^a</i>			
T (K)	298	298	298
P (GPa)	3.5	2	3.5
ρ_2 (g/cm ³)	2.671 (18)	2.665 (14)	3.013 (16)
V_2/V_0	0.868 (7)	0.931 (7)	0.9018 (7)
<i>Thermal expansion</i>			
T_a (K) ^b	1090	951	947
P (GPa)	3.5	2	3.5
α (10 ⁻⁶ /K) ^c	13.3	25.3	15.9
ρ_3 (g/cm ³)	2.643 (30)	2.622 (30)	2.982 (34)
V_3/V_0	0.877 (10)	0.947 (12)	0.911 (11)
<i>Equations of state for silicate melts</i>			
T_a (K) ^b	1090	951	947

	3.5	2	3.5
P (GPa)			
ρ_4 (g/cm ³)	2.721 (54) ^d	2.692 (54) ^e	3.011 (50) ^f
V_4/V_0	0.852 (18)	0.922 (19)	0.902 (17)

^a Uncertainties include the results for calculations for K' ranging from 2 to 8.

^b Giordano et al. (2008).

^c Ochs and Lange (1999), Bouhifd et al. (2001), Richter and Simmons (1974).

^d EoS for rhyolitic melts from Malfait et al. (2014).

^e EoS for phonolitic melts from Seifert et al. (2013).

^f Multi-component model from Malfait et al. (submitted).