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2	Water diffusion in silica glass through pathways formed by hydroxyls
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### Abstract

16	Water diffusion in silicate melts is a fundamental process controlling physical and
17	chemical consequences for magmatism, but mechanisms of diffusion in silicate glasses and melts
18	are not fully understood. In this study, water diffusion experiments in silica glass were performed
19	at temperatures of 650°C-850°C and water vapor pressure of 50 bar, with the aim of improving
20	our understanding of the mechanism of water diffusion in a simple SiO <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O system, and to
21	construct a general water diffusion model for multi-component silicate glasses. Hydrogen
22	diffusion profiles in silica glass were measured by SIMS (Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry)
23	down to a water concentration of $\sim 10$ ppm. Water diffusion profiles indicate that water diffusion
24	becomes slower with decreasing water concentration in silica glass, with the water concentration
25	dependence being greater than in multi-component silicate glasses, particularly at low
26	concentrations (e.g., Doremus 1969, 2000; Zhang and Behrens 2000). A new water diffusion
27	model is proposed for silica glass, where the greater concentration dependence is attributed to the
28	limited number of diffusion pathways in silica glass, formed by breaking Si-O-Si bonds through
29	hydroxyl formation. The model was applied to multi-component silicate glasses, taking into
30	account the effects of metal cations that act as network modifiers by providing additional

31	diffusion pathways for water molecules. The lower water concentration dependence in
32	multi-component silicate glasses and melts is explained by little dependence of the number of
33	diffusion pathways on water concentration because it is controlled extrinsically by network
34	modifier cations. It is concluded that the number of diffusion pathways is an essential controlling
35	factor for water diffusion in silica and silicate glasses.
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### Introduction

38	Water is the most abundant volatile component of magmas. It changes various properties
39	of silicate melts, for example, lowering the viscosity and melting temperature. In volcanic
40	systems, water affects the eruption style through degassing and magma fragmentation due to
41	bubble nucleation and growth in over-saturated ascending magma (e.g., Sparks, 1978). Bubble
42	growth in magma is controlled by viscous relaxation and water diffusion, the relative influences
43	of which depend on magma properties such as temperature, pressure, and chemical composition.
44	Water diffusion in silicate melts is thus one of the important basic parameters controlling the
45	physical and chemical aspects of magmatism.
46	The diffusion of water in silicate glasses, as a potential analog of silicate melts, has been
47	studied mainly in silica-rich glasses (e.g. Zhang et al., 2007, and references therein). Doremus
48	(1969, 1995) concluded that water diffusivity in silica glass depends linearly on water
49	concentration at 650°C–1000°C, based on published data (Drury et al., 1962; Drury and Roberts,
50	1963; Roberts and Roberts, 1964, 1966; Burn and Roberts, 1970). This dependence is consistent
51	with that reported by Behrens (2010) for silica glass at 521°C-1097°C at a total pressure of 2
52	kbar. Tomozawa and co-workers studied water diffusion in silica glass at relatively low water

53	vapor pressures (e.g., Wakabayashi and Tomozawa, 1989; Tomozawa et al., 1994, 2001; Davis
54	and Tomozawa, 1996; Oehler and Tomozawa, 2004), and Wakabayashi and Tomozawa (1989)
55	reported that water diffusion is independent of water concentration in silica glass at 400°C-
56	600°C and 0.5 bar. Regarding silica-rich glasses and melts, Doremus (2000) used literature data
57	(Delaney and Karsten, 1981; Karsten et al., 1982; Laphan et al., 1984) to show a linear
58	concentration dependence of water diffusion in rhyolite melts at 650°C-1000°C and a water
59	vapor pressure of 0.7-5.0 kbar. Zhang and Behrens (2000) showed empirically that water
60	diffusion depends exponentially on water concentration in rhyolite glasses and melts over wide
61	ranges of both temperature and pressure (400°C-1200°C and 0.01-8.1 kbar). Water diffusivities
62	in rhyolite melts and silica glass exhibit a single Arrhenius relationship (Ni et al., 2015) even
63	though their properties (e.g., structural relaxation) differ, implying that data on water diffusion in
64	silicate glasses could potentially be applied to silicate melts with caution.
65	Many diffusion models have been proposed for water diffusion in silicate glasses and
66	melts, but no universal model exists to describe the water diffusion in silicate glasses with
67	various water concentrations and compositions. To elucidate the water concentration dependence
68	of water diffusion in silicate glasses, the present study performed water diffusion experiments in

silica glass consisting only of network-forming SiO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra. The absence of network
modifier cations meant that compositional effects could be ignored.

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## Experimental and analytical methods

73	An optical-quality silica glass plate containing ~10 ppm (~0.0017 mol%) water
74	(SIGMAKOKI Co.), cut into parallelepipeds ( $5 \times 3 \times 2$ mm), was used as a starting material for
75	water diffusion experiments. In each experiment a silica glass sample and ultrapure water (9.7-
76	11.8 $\mu$ L) were sealed in a silica glass tube (with 4 mm and 6 mm inner and outer diameters, and
77	80 mm length) in air, and heated in a box furnace at temperatures of 850°C, 800°C, 750°C, and
78	650°C for different periods (Table 1). The amount of water in the sealed tube was adjusted to
79	provide a 50-bar water vapor atmosphere at the set temperatures with complete evaporation of all
80	added water. Experiments were duplicated to confirm results.
81	Concentration profiles of <sup>1</sup> H and <sup>30</sup> Si were measured using a secondary ion mass
82	spectrometer (SIMS; Cameca ims-6f) at Hokkaido University. The silica glass sample was

- 83 mounted in Bi–Sn alloy, and the polished cross section was coated with a 70 nm gold layer. A 20
- 84 nA primary Cs<sup>+</sup> beam was focused to form a 20–30 μm diameter spot on the sample. A field

85	aperture was used to enable the transmission of ions from the central area (10 $\mu$ m in diameter) of
86	the sputtered region to minimize the hydrogen signal from absorbed water on the polished
87	sample surface. A normal electron flood gun was used for charge compensation in the sputtered
88	area. Profiles were obtained by moving the sample stage in 5 $\mu$ m steps across the sample surface.
89	Spatial resolution under this analytical setup was 15–20 $\mu$ m, corresponding to 3–4 sequential
90	steps of the diffusion profile. Several profiles (usually three) were measured for each sample to
91	assess analytical reproducibility. The position of the diffusion surface was determined as being
92	the point from which <sup>30</sup> Si counts became constant. In each analytical session, a calibration curve
93	was made to convert the secondary ion count ratio of ${}^{1}\text{H}/{}^{30}\text{Si}$ to the total water content in the
94	glass using synthetic basalt glasses with known water contents (0, 0.98, and 1.26 mol%),
95	synthesized from natural scoria in a piston cylinder apparatus by S. Yoshimura, Hokkaido
96	University. Hauri et al. (2006) reported that calibration lines for SIMS analysis of water content
97	in silicate glasses do not depend on glass compositions. Hydrogen profiles in the silica glass tube
98	used as the capsule were also determined to evaluate the amount of dissolved water in the tube.
99	Secondary ion images of <sup>1</sup> H and <sup>30</sup> Si along the diffusion profile were obtained using an
100	isotope microscope (SCAPS; Stacked CMOS Active Pixel Sensor ion-imaging detector attached

101	to Cameca ims-1270 instrument) at Hokkaido University (Yurimoto et al., 2003). A 1-nA Cs <sup>+</sup>
102	primary beam was used for homogeneous irradiation of a sample surface of 50 $\times$ 75 $\mu m$ to
103	extract secondary ions.
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105	Results
106	A typical diffusion profile for a sample heated at 850°C for 25 hours is shown in Fig. 1.
107	The intensity of secondary <sup>1</sup> H decreases from rim to core of the sample, especially rapidly in
108	deeper regions (depth > 180 $\mu$ m). This rapid decrease is confirmed by secondary ion imaging
109	(Fig. 1, inset). The ${}^{1}\text{H}/{}^{30}\text{Si}$ ratio profiles obtained from point analyses and isotopic imaging
110	deeper than 180 $\mu$ m from the surface are consistent (Fig. 1). The rapid decrease in secondary <sup>1</sup> H
111	is therefore not an artefact, but is a feature of diffusive behavior of water in silica glass. No glass
112	crystallization was observed by optical microscopy after the experiments.
113	The <sup>1</sup> H/ <sup>30</sup> Si secondary ion intensity ratios were converted to total water concentration in
114	glass using calibration curves produced for each analytical session. Examples of water
115	concentration profiles are given in Fig. 2. A similar degree of water diffusion was observed in
116	the silica glass tube. The total amount of water dissolved in the tube during the diffusion

- 117 experiments is estimated to be <1% of the initial water in the system, so dissolution in the tube is
- 118 negligible in the context of this study.
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### Discussion

121 Water diffusion model for silica glass

122The measured water diffusion profiles do not fit a one-dimensional, semi-infinite 123 diffusion model with fixed surface concentration and constant diffusion coefficient (Crank, 1241975), which are shown with curve (i) in Fig.2. The curve (i) (Fig. 2) was obtained for water 125concentrations above certain values (0.2-0.3 wt%) and does not represent diffusion profiles at 126 lower water concentrations. Water diffusivity in silica glass thus depends on the water 127concentration at 650°C–850°C, with diffusion being slower at lower concentrations. 128Models with diffusion coefficients having linear or exponential dependence on water 129 concentration (Doremus 1969; Zhang and Behrens 2000s) were applied to silica glass under the 130same boundary conditions (i.e., one-dimensional, semi-infinite diffusion with a fixed surface 131 concentration; curves (ii) and (iii), Fig. 2), but again these models do not explain the profiles in 132 the low water concentration region. It appears, therefore, that there is a greater concentration

- 133dependence for water diffusion in silica glass than accounted for in previous models proposed for 134silica and silicate glasses. Water dissolves in silicate glass as two species, namely molecular water (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>m</sub>) and 135136 hydroxyls (OH). These interconvert through the following reaction:  $H_2O_m + 0 \leftrightarrow 20H$ , 137 (1)where O represents anhydrous oxygen in the glass. The equilibrium constant (K) of reaction (1) 138 139is given by  $K = \frac{X_{\rm OH}^2}{X_{\rm H2Om}X_{\rm O}} ,$ 140(2)141where  $X_i$  represents the mole fraction of a single oxygen atom in the species *i*. 142The diffusion coefficient of total H<sub>2</sub>O is expressed by the sum of diffusion terms of 143molecular water and OH (e.g. Ni et al., 2013):  $\boldsymbol{D}_{\mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{t}}} = \boldsymbol{D}_{\mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{m}}} \frac{\partial X_{\mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{m}}}}{\partial X_{\mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{t}}}} + \boldsymbol{D}_{\mathrm{OH}} \frac{\partial X_{\mathrm{OH}}}{2\partial X_{\mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{t}}}}$ 144(3) 145The main diffusive species in silicate glasses is considered to be molecular water (e.g., 146 Doremus 1969; Zhang and Behrens 2000) because hydroxyls are less mobile due to chemical 147bonding with silicon atoms. Doremus (1999) concluded that the inter-conversion reaction (1) can
- 148 be at equilibrium in silica glass at temperatures of >650°C. When at equilibrium, with molecular

149 water as the main diffusive species, the diffusion coefficient of total water  $(D_{H_2O_t})$  is given by 150 the first term in the product of Equation (3), expressed as a function of the equilibrium constant 151 for the inter-conversion reaction, the total water concentration  $(X_{H_2O_t})$ , and the diffusion 152 coefficient of molecular water  $(D_{H_2O_m})$ :

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$$D_{H_2O_t} = D_{H_2O_m} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \frac{16X_{H_2O_t}}{K} \right)^{-1/2} \right).$$
 (4)

154 It is proposed here that the diffusivity of molecular water  $(\boldsymbol{D}_{H_2 \mathbf{0}_m})$  is controlled not only

by jump frequency and distance, but also by the number of diffusion pathways. Molecular water cannot move easily through a polymerized silica glass network, but if a water molecule reacts with silica glass to form two hydroxyls by breaking a Si–O–Si bond (Equation (1)), the hydroxyls can provide a diffusion pathway as shown in Fig. 3. In this case, the number of diffusion pathways would be proportional to half the hydroxyl concentration and  $D_{H_2O_m}$  as follows:

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$$D_{H_2O_m} =$$

162 [Jump frequency of 
$$H_2 O_m$$
][Jump distance]<sup>2</sup>[Number of diffusion pathways] =  
163  $vd^2 exp\left(-\frac{E}{RT}\right)\frac{X_{0H}}{2}$ , (5)

164 where v is the molecular vibration frequency that is assumed to be constant, d is the jump

165 distance, E is the activation energy for the jump of molecular water, R is the gas constant, and T

- 166 is absolute temperature. The jump distance is expected to be constant in the present experiments
- 167 because the thermal expansion of silica glass is expected to be <0.01% at 650°C-850°C
- 168 (Narottam and Doremus 1986). In vacancy diffusion in crystals, the number of diffusion
- 169 pathways should be replaced with the concentration of point defects (Shewmon, 1989).
- 170 By combining all concentration-independent factors into  $D^*$ , the diffusion coefficient of
- 171 molecular water can be given by:

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$$\boldsymbol{D}_{\mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{m}}} = \boldsymbol{D}^{*} \frac{X_{\mathrm{OH}}}{2}$$
(6)

173 The concentration of hydroxyls ( $X_{OH}$ ) is a function of the total water content (Equation

174 (2)), so  $D_{H_2O_t}$  can be written as a function of K and total water content:

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$$\boldsymbol{D}_{\mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{t}}} = \frac{D^{*}K}{8} \left( \left( \mathbf{1} + \frac{\mathbf{16}X_{\mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{t}}}}{K} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \mathbf{1} \right) \left( \mathbf{1} - \left( \mathbf{1} + \frac{\mathbf{16}X_{\mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{t}}}}{K} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right).$$
(7)

176 In the low water concentration case,  $D_{H_2O_t}$  can be approximated as

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$$\boldsymbol{D}_{\mathbf{H}_{2}\mathbf{0}_{t}} \approx \frac{8D^{*}}{K} \boldsymbol{X}_{\mathbf{H}_{2}\mathbf{0}_{t}}^{2}.$$
 (8)

178 Equation (8) clearly shows that there should be greater water concentration dependence

179 for  $D_{H_2O_t}$  in silica glass than in models proposed for other silicate glasses and melts, where the

180	water diffusion coefficient increases linearly or exponentially with concentration (e.g., Doremus,
181	1969; Zhang and Behrens, 2000). As indicated in the approximation for $D_{H_2O_t}$ , appropriate
182	values for $D^*$ and K cannot be found independently through least squares fitting of experimental
183	diffusion profiles. $D^*$ was estimated using K values from Zhang and Ni (2010), where K was
184	reported for rhyolite glass in the temperature range used in the present study, because there is no
185	reported K value for silica glass, and it could not be determined by spectroscopy here due to the
186	very low abundance of molecular water. The K values (Zhang and Ni, 2010) give a concentration
187	ratio of molecular water to hydroxyls of <0.01 in silica glass samples, which is consistent with
188	the lack of molecular water detected in the present study.
189	The resulting diffusion profiles, fitted with the diffusion coefficient given by Equation (7)
190	in a one-dimensional, semi-infinite diffusion model with a fixed surface concentration, are
191	shown in Fig. 2. This model for total water diffusion better explains the diffusion profiles over a
192	wider range of water concentration than previous models.
193	Mean values of $D^*$ , obtained from multiple line analyses of a single sample, are
194	summarized in Table 1. The Arrhenius plot (Fig. 4) of $D^*$ at 850°C–750°C indicates that $D^*$
195	satisfies the Arrhenius relationship with an activation energy of $110 \pm 27$ kJ/mol, consistent with

- 196 the activation energy of 60–120 kJ/mol for water diffusion in silicate glasses reported in previous
- 197 studies (Zhang et al., 2007, and references therein).
- 198 The  $D^*$  value at 650°C was not included in the determination of activation energy
- 199 because the diffusion profile at 650°C was less well-defined by the present diffusion model, and
- 200 the diffusion coefficient at that temperature had a larger uncertainty than those at higher
- 201 temperatures. This is most likely because equilibrium is not achieved in the inter-conversion
- 202 reaction (Equation (1)) at 650°C (Doremus, 1999).

## 204 Application to water diffusion in silicate glasses

The water diffusion model for silica glass was applied to diffusion in silicate glasses. Metal cations such as Na, K, Mg, and Ca are present in multi-component silicate glasses. Some of these cations act as "network-modifiers" and some act as "compensating ions" along with Al depending on the concentration of Al and metal cations (Greaves and Ngai, 1995). The network-modifier cations break Si–O–Si bonds to form non-bridging oxygen atoms, resulting in the formation of diffusion pathways for molecular water (Fig. 3). Considering the number of diffusion pathways formed by network-modifier cations, the diffusivity of molecular water insilicate glasses is given by

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$$\boldsymbol{D}_{\mathbf{H}_{2}\mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{m}}} = \boldsymbol{\nu}\boldsymbol{d}^{2}\boldsymbol{e}\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{p}\left(-\frac{\boldsymbol{E}}{\boldsymbol{R}\boldsymbol{T}}\right)\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{X}_{\mathbf{O}\mathbf{H}}}{2} + \boldsymbol{k}\boldsymbol{X}_{\boldsymbol{N}\boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{O}}\right),\tag{9}$$

214	where $X_{NBO}$ represents the molar fraction of non-bridging oxygen atoms generated by metal
215	cations and k is the factor to relate the fraction of diffusion pathway to $X_{\text{NBO}}$ . Equation (9)
216	explains the weaker water-concentration dependence of water diffusion observed in
217	multi-component silicate glasses and melts (e.g., Doremus, 1969; Zhang and Behrens, 2000) than
218	in silica glass. At low water concentrations $(\frac{X_{OH}}{2} \ll X_{metal})$ the number of diffusion pathways in
219	silicate glasses $(\frac{X_{OH}}{2} + kX_{NBO})$ is determined primarily by network modifiers, irrespective of
220	water concentration (Fig. 5a). This makes $D_{H_2O_m}$ constant in silicate glasses at low water
221	concentrations (Equation (9); Fig. 5b) and results in an almost linear water concentration
222	dependence of $D_{H_2O_t}$ (Equation (4); Fig. 5c). On the other hand, diffusion pathways in silica
223	glass are formed only by water molecules, as discussed above, and they decreases with
224	decreasing the water concentration (Fig. 5a). Thus, water diffusion in silica glass has greater
225	water concentration dependence because the number of diffusion pathways is intrinsically
226	determined by H <sub>2</sub> O itself (Equation (7); Fig. 5c).

227	At higher water concentrations $(\frac{X_{OH}}{2} \gtrsim X_{metal})$ , OH also contributes to the formation of
228	diffusion pathways in silicate glasses (Fig. 5a) and $D_{H_2O_m}$ becomes dependent on water
229	concentration (Fig. 5b). The water concentration dependence of $D_{H_2O_t}$ becomes stronger than a
230	simple linear dependence (Fig. 5c), possibly explaining the exponential concentration
231	dependence of water diffusion observed in rhyolite glasses and melts (e.g. Zhang and Behrens,
232	2000).
233	Wakabayashi and Tomozawa (1989) reported concentration-independent water diffusion
234	in silica glass at 400°C-600°C and 0.5 bar. They observed diffusion behavior that seems
235	inconsistent with the strong water-concentration dependence found in the present study, but can
236	be explained by OH diffusion in the glass. Equations (7) and (8) indicate that under extremely
237	low $X_{H_2O_t}$ conditions, the contribution of hydroxyl diffusion may not be negligibly small.
238	Equation (7) can be rewritten as follows when including the OH diffusion term:

$$D_{H_2O_t} = \frac{D^*K}{8} \left( \left( 1 + \frac{16X_{H_2O_t}}{K} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1 \right) \left( 1 - \left( 1 + \frac{16X_{H_2O_t}}{K} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) + D_{0H}^* (1 - 2X_{H_2O_t}) \left( 4X_{H_2O_t} (X_{H_2O_t} - 1) \left( 1 - \frac{4}{K} \right) + 1 \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}},$$
(11)

240	where $D_{OH}^*$ represents water concentration independent OH diffusion. The second product term
241	in Equation (11) is the same as that in Ni et al. (2013). When $X_{H_2O_t}$ is extremely low, Equation
242	(11) indicates that $D_{H_2O_t}$ can be approximated by $D_{OH}^*$ . The experiments by Wakabayashi and
243	Tomozawa (1989) were performed at an $H_2O$ pressure of 0.5 bar, much lower than the present
244	and previous experiments, and they therefore observed OH diffusion in silica glass rather than
245	molecular water diffusion, as they supposed. Their small water diffusion coefficients are also
246	consistent with OH diffusion.
247	It is therefore concluded that the water diffusion model proposed here, where diffusivity
248	depends on the number of diffusion pathways, explains the concentration dependence of water
249	diffusion in multi-component silicate glasses.
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251	Implications
252	This study has demonstrated that diffusion of molecular water in silicate glasses is
253	controlled by the number of diffusion pathways, which in turn is controlled by the concentrations
254	of water and network modifier cations. The structural effect should also be inevitable for
255	diffusion of other molecular species in silicate glasses such as CO <sub>2</sub> and Ar, which also control

256	physical and chemical properties of ascending magma and are used as an indicator of magma
257	degassing. The diffusion model presented in this study should be applicable to the water
258	concentration dependence of CO <sub>2</sub> and Ar diffusion in silicate glasses (e.g., Behrens and Zhang,
259	2001; Zhang et al., 2007).
260	It has been empirically shown that the water diffusion coefficient in silicate glasses
261	increases with decreasing glass viscosity (Persikov et al., 2010). As the number of diffusion
262	pathways formed by hydroxyls and network modifier cations affects the structural properties of
263	silicate glass, the diffusion model proposed here may improve our understanding of the effect of
264	viscosity on water diffusion.
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- 342 **Table 1.** Experimental conditions and water-concentration independent term  $(D^*)$  of water
- 343 diffusion coefficients in silica glass
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Run #	T (°C)	Time (h)	$D^{*}(2\sigma) (m^{2} s^{-1})$
850-1	850	25	1.38 (±0.20) ×10 <sup>-9</sup>
850-2	850	25	1.35 (±0.10) ×10 <sup>-9</sup>
850_05-1	850	12.5	1.43 (±0.08) ×10 <sup>-9</sup>
850_05-2	850	12.5	1.45 (±0.24) ×10 <sup>-9</sup>
800-1	800	25	7.15 (±0.70) ×10 <sup>-10</sup>
800-2	800	25	7.28 (±0.64) ×10 <sup>-10</sup>
750-1	750	40	4.78 (±0.50) ×10 <sup>-10</sup>
750-2	750	40	4.73 (±0.50) ×10 <sup>-10</sup>
750_05-1	750	20	4.33 (±0.16) ×10 <sup>-10</sup>
750_05-2	750	20	4.72 (±0.50) ×10 <sup>-10</sup>
650-1	650	40	1.48 (±0.04)×10 <sup>-10</sup>
650-2	650	40	1.58 (±0.22) ×10 <sup>-10</sup>
650_05-1	650	20	1.22 (±0.48) ×10 <sup>-10</sup>
650_05-2	650	20	6.78 (±0.25) ×10 <sup>-11</sup>

**Figure 1.** Typical water diffusion profile (#850-2; 850°C for 25 h). (a) Secondary ion intensity profiles of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>30</sup>Si. <sup>1</sup>H signals in the region deeper than ~220  $\mu$ m from the surface correspond to background signals. (b) <sup>1</sup>H/<sup>30</sup>Si profile (triangles) calculated from the profiles shown in (a), normalized to <sup>1</sup>H/<sup>30</sup>Si = 1 at the diffusion surface. The inset shows a secondary ion image of <sup>1</sup>H obtained by isotope microscope from the region deeper than ~170  $\mu$ m from the surface, and the <sup>1</sup>H/<sup>30</sup>Si profile (thick line) obtained from the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>30</sup>Si images along the depth scale. The <sup>1</sup>H/<sup>30</sup>Si ratios of the image analysis are adjusted by the ratio of <sup>1</sup>H/<sup>30</sup>Si for the image

- and point analyses at 180  $\mu$ m for comparison.
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**Figure 2.** Water diffusion profiles in silica glass at 850, 800, 750 and 650 °C, at a water pressure

357 of 50 bar. The profiles are fitted with water diffusion models proposed in previous studies

358 (dashed curves) (see details in the text): (i) concentration-independent water diffusion

359 (Wakabayashi and Tomozawa, 1989), (ii) water diffusion linearly proportional to water

360 concentration (Doremus, 1969), and (iii) water diffusion exponentially proportional to water

361 concentration (*Zhang and Behrens*, 2000). Fitted curves with the present water diffusion model

are shown as solid curves. Water concentrations near the surface of glasses seem to increase with

363 decreasing temperature, which is likely due to the temperature dependence of water solubility in

364 silica glass (Wakabayashi and Tomozawa, 1989)

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366 Figure 3. Schematic illustrations of the diffusion mechanism of molecular water in (a) silica

367 glass and (b) multi-component silicate glass. Diffusion pathways for molecular water are

368 generated by a hydroxyl formation reaction or network modifier cations

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Figure 4. Arrhenius plot of  $D^*$  for silica glass. Error bars represent two standard deviations of  $D^*$ 

evaluated from several diffusion profiles in samples heated for different periods. The  $D^*$  shows

372 the Arrhenius relation with the activation energy of  $110 \pm 27$  kJ/mol. The  $D^*$  at 650 °C (open

diamond) was not included to determine the activation energy because the error is much larger

compared to those of other plots.

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Figure 5. Application of the present diffusion model to water diffusion in silicate glasses, where some metal cations act as network modifiers to form non-bridging oxygen atoms (NBOs). The diagrams show changes in (a) the molar fraction of diffusion pathways normalized to that of

NBO (X<sub>NBO</sub>), (b) the diffusion coefficient of molecular water ( $D_{H_20_m}$ ), and (c) the diffusion 379 380 coefficient of total water  $(D_{H_2O_t})$  (solid curves) as a function of the concentration ratio of total water relative to NBO  $(X_{H_2O_t}/X_{NBO})$ .  $D_{H_2O_m}$  and  $D_{H_2O_t}$  are normalized to  $D_{H_2O_m}$  solely 381 determined by NBOs and  $D_{H_2O_t}$  at  $X_{H_2O_t}/X_{NBO} = 1$ , respectively. The pathway fraction, 382  $D_{H_2O_m}$ , and  $D_{H_2O_t}$  determined solely by NBOs and OH are shown as dashed and double-dotted 383 curves, respectively.  $D_{H_2O_t}$  determined by OH is equivalent to the water diffusion coefficient in 384 385 silica glass in this study. K=0.41 (850°C for rhyolite glass (Zhang and Ni, 2010)) and X<sub>NBO</sub>=0.01 386 were used for calculation. We confirmed that the values of K and  $X_{\text{NBO}}$  do not change the plots 387 significantly. *k* in Equation (9) is assumed to be 1 in this calculation.



Figure 1.



Figure 2.



## Figure 3.



Figure 4.

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Figure 5.