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3 **Br diffusion in phonolitic melts. Comparison with Fluorine and Chlorine diffusion**

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20 **ABSTRACT**
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22 Bromine diffusion was measured in two natural phonolitic melts: a K₂O-rich (~10 wt%) one
23 synthesized from the white pumice phase of the 79 AD eruption of Vesuvius (Italy) and a Na₂O-
24 rich (~10 wt%) one corresponding to the most differentiated melt of the 12 000 BC eruption of
25 the Laacher See (Germany). Experiments were performed at 0.5 and 1.0 GPa, 1250 to 1450 °C, at
26 anhydrous and hydrous (2.65 +/-0.35 wt% of dissolved water) conditions. Experiments conducted
27 with the diffusion-couple technique in the piston cylinder were performed with only bromine
28 diffusing and with the simultaneous diffusion of a halogen mixture (F, Cl, Br) in order to evaluate
29 the interactions between the halogens during diffusion. The diffusion profiles of Br were
30 measured by X-Ray fluorescence using synchrotron radiation microprobe (SYXRF), ID18F, at
31 the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF, France). Bromine diffusion displays
32 Arrhenian behaviour under anhydrous conditions that is similar when it diffuses alone and when
33 it diffuses with F and Cl. The Br diffusion coefficients range between 2×10^{-12} m²/s at 1250 °C
34 and 1.5×10^{-11} m²/s at 1450 °C for the Na-rich melt and between 3×10^{-12} m²/s at 1250 °C and
35 2.5×10^{-11} m²/s at 1450 °C for the K-rich melt, at 1.0 GPa. Although Br mobility is independent
36 of F and Cl in anhydrous phonolitic melts, its behaviour may be dependent on the dominant alkali
37 in the melt, as previously observed for Cl, but not F. For hydrous experiments, although the data
38 are scattered, the Br diffusivity increases a slightly with water and the Na/K ratio seems to
39 influence Br diffusivity. Similarly to noble gases, halogen diffusivity at a given temperature in
40 the phonolitic melts appears related to the ionic porosity of the silicate structure. Compared to
41 basaltic melt, Br diffusivities are approximately one order of magnitude lower in the Na-

42 phonolite melt, because of the difference of the pre-exponential factor. Considering the results
43 here, Br mobility appears to be decoupled from melt viscosity.

44 Keywords: Bromine, phonolite, diffusivity, ionic porosity, alkali

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INTRODUCTION

47 Volatiles play a significant role in igneous processes; they not only affect magma
48 properties (e.g., viscosity) and therefore transport in magmatic conduits, but also influence
49 diffusion and bubble growth rates, possibly leading to dramatic explosive eruptions. Among the
50 volatiles, halogens (F, Cl, Br, I) have received increasing attention in recent years, despite their
51 low abundances on Earth (e.g., [Aiuppa et al. 2009](#)). In addition, determination of halogen
52 distributions and the geochemical processes controlling their mass transfer between solid and
53 fluid reservoirs on Earth are relevant since they can be used to address many significant questions
54 in various geoscience fields of research ([Hanley and Koga 2018](#)), such as the source and
55 evolution of hydrothermal fluids and the role they play in ore deposit formation, metamorphic
56 processes, the reconstruction of marine sedimentary paleo-environments, and the tracking of
57 mantle-to-crust mass transfer associated with subduction ([Shinohara et al. 1989](#); [Carroll and
58 Webster 1994](#); [Aiuppa et al. 2009](#); [Baker and Balcone-Boissard 2009](#); [Webster et al. 2009](#);
59 [Vigneresse 2009](#); [Lecumberri-Sanchez and Bodnar 2018](#)). Moreover, halogens exert a significant
60 influence on the physico-chemical properties and the structure of silicate melts ([Manning 1981](#);
61 [Mysen and Virgo 1985](#); [Webster et al. 1989](#); [Webster and Holloway 1990](#); [Mysen et al. 2004](#);
62 [Dalou et al. 2015](#); [Grousset et al. 2015](#); [Webster et al. 2018](#)).

63 Halogens are incompatible (lithophile) elements during mineral-melt partitioning and
64 behave as volatile elements. With decreasing ionic size from I- to F-, halogen anions describe an

65 increasing energy of formation for NaX (where X is a halogen) salts, increasing short-range order
66 in glasses with modifier cations such as Na, K and Ca ([Luth 1988](#); [Zeng and Stebbins 2000](#);
67 [Louvel et al. 2020](#)), and increasing volatility and solubility. Halogen diffusivity in silicate melts
68 is of particular interest because the differences between the diffusivity of water, halogens, and
69 sulfur appear to be significant enough on the basis of the published data ([Alletti et al. 2007](#);
70 [Balcone-Boissard et al. 2009](#); [Feisel et al. 2019](#)) that during melt inclusion entrapment ([Baker](#)
71 [2008](#)), or during rapid bubble or crystal growth, diffusive fractionation between water and the
72 halogens, and between halogens and sulfur, are expected to occur. The diffusive fractionation
73 between halogens in melts has further bearing on the monitoring of volcanic activity, and may
74 especially be used as a volcanic eruption precursor supported by the development of routine
75 halogen measurements in volcanic gases and plumes. ([Bobrowski et al. 2003](#); [Gutman et al. 2018](#)
76 [for a review](#)). Though diffusive processes operate at a limited, local scale, they can modify the
77 composition of gases, melts and even crystals ([Smith et al. 1955](#)). Although Br is less abundant
78 than Cl in silicate melt, it is known to be about two orders of magnitude more efficient than
79 chlorine in destroying stratospheric ozone ([Daniel et al. 1999](#); [McElroy et al. 1986](#)). Thus, we
80 need to fill the gap in our knowledge concerning the diffusivities of halogens in silicate melts and
81 better understand the link between Br concentrations in melts and the amount released in
82 atmosphere, because Br is an ozone-destroying agent ([Bobrowski et al. 2003](#)).

83 Little is known about halogen diffusion in magmatic melts. The few published studies
84 ([Bai and Koster van Groos 1994](#); [Alletti et al. 2007](#); [Balcone-Boissard et al. 2009](#); [Böhm and](#)
85 [Schmidt 2013](#); [Yoshimura 2018](#); [Feisel et al. 2019](#)) demonstrated that the diffusion of halogens
86 display Arrhenian behaviour at magmatic temperatures and found no influence of halogen
87 concentration on their diffusivity. However, currently no data exists on iodine diffusion. Little is

88 known about Br behaviour in silicate melt in general ([Bureau and Métrich, 1992, 2003](#); [Bureau et](#)
89 [al., 2000](#); [Cadoux et al., 2018](#); [Balcone-Boissard et al., 2010](#); [Villemant et al., 2017](#); [Fusswinkel](#)
90 [et al., 2018](#)).

91 We performed a series of bromine diffusion experiments using the diffusion couple
92 technique, on dry and hydrous phonolitic melts of the K-rich, 79 AD Vesuvius eruption, as well
93 as similar experiments on a Na-rich phonolite from the 12 000 BC Laacher See eruption
94 (Germany). The diffusion profiles of Br were measured by X-Ray fluorescence using synchrotron
95 radiation microprobe (SYXRF), ID18F, at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF),
96 France. These compositions are not only important because of these two classic eruptions, but
97 also because they represent some of the most halogen-rich magmas known ([Balcone-Boissard,](#)
98 [2008](#)). The experimental temperatures ranged between 1250 and 1450 °C, at 1.0 GPa under
99 anhydrous and hydrous (~2.65 wt.% water) conditions; we also performed anhydrous experiments
100 at 1200 and 1250 °C, and 0.5 GPa, to investigate the effect of pressure on diffusion. These
101 experimental conditions allow us to apply our bromine diffusion results to temperatures and
102 pressures of crustal magma chambers and expand our understanding of volatile transport in
103 magmatic systems.

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105 **EXPERIMENTAL AND ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES**

106 Experiments were performed to determine Br diffusivity in the two natural phonolitic
107 melts (Vesuvius 79 AD and Laacher See 12000 BC) previously used for F and Cl diffusion
108 measurements in [Balcone-Boissard et al. \(2009\)](#). Nearly volatile-free and chemically
109 homogeneous starting materials were obtained by fusing ground powders of the natural glasses at
110 1400 °C and 1 atm; ion microprobe analysis yielded Br concentrations below 5 ppm in these

111 glasses (Table 1) and water concentrations in these glasses are expected to be approximately
112 1000 ppm based upon the work of [Dixon et al. \(1995\)](#) on basaltic melts. Fused glasses were then
113 ground for 40 minutes in an agate mortar to obtain a powder with grains below 50 μm in size.

114 To produce Br-enriched starting glass powders we chose two aliquots of the volatile-free
115 powdered glass and added 8000 ppm of Br as a NaBr salt. A second starting material consisted of
116 volatile-free powdered glass with a mixture of NaF-NaCl-NaBr in the same concentrations (i.e. \sim
117 5000 ppm of each salt). In order to homogenize each mixture, the powders were ground under
118 ethanol in an agate mortar for 1 h, before being dried at 400 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for at least 2 h. We then fused an
119 aliquot of each mixture at 1.0 GPa, 1400 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 2 h in a graphite capsule in a piston-cylinder
120 apparatus, using an NaCl-pyrex-crushable alumina assembly ([Baker 2004](#)). Br concentrations
121 were determined by secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS) following the method described in
122 [Cadoux et al. \(2017\)](#): the Br-only and halogens mixture glasses contain 8000 and 5000 ppm Br,
123 respectively..

124 In order to study the role of dissolved water we produced hydrous glasses by adding either
125 ~ 2 or ~ 5 wt% distilled water to the glasses and fused them again in graphite capsules inside
126 welded Pt capsules at 1250 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ – 1.0 GPa for 4 h. To minimize H_2O loss, the free space between
127 the Pt capsule and the crushable alumina cylinder of the piston-cylinder assembly was filled with
128 packed pyrophyllite powder. The final hydrated glass has 2.3 ± 0.02 wt% for Laacher See
129 composition and 3 ± 0.1 wt% for Vesuvius composition (analysed by SIMS). The homogeneity
130 of the water concentration in the diffusion couple is demonstrated by traverses performed along
131 the diffusion-couple by SIMS ([Supplementary material S1](#)).

132 The anhydrous diffusion experiments were conducted simultaneously for Br and for the F-
133 Cl-Br mixture, with an experimental design similar to [Baker \(2004\)](#). The diffusion couple was

134 constructed by drilling 4 cylindrical holes (1.6 mm diameter, 5mm long) in a 6 mm diameter
135 graphite cylinder. The Br-enriched phonolitic glass (i.e. NaBr or the NaF-NaCl-NaBr mixture)
136 was first packed into the lower halves (2 mm) of each hole and the top halves (2 mm) were filled
137 with the corresponding Br-free phonolitic glass. The last 1 mm was backfilled with graphite
138 powder. The graphite cylinder was then capped by a graphite plug (1 mm thick).

139 The hydrous diffusion experiments used graphite capsules (1 mm inner diameter, 4 mm
140 long) inside welded Pt capsules; Br-bearing and Br-free materials used in the diffusion couple
141 were both hydrated and the graphite capsules filled the same way as for the anhydrous
142 experiments. Two capsules were placed in each assembly in order to simultaneously perform
143 diffusion experiments for the two different phonolitic compositions at the same water
144 concentrations and identical temperature and pressure conditions.

145 Diffusion experiments were performed in a piston-cylinder apparatus with 19.1 mm NaCl-
146 pyrex-crushable alumina assemblies. A summary of experimental conditions can be found in
147 Table 2. Temperatures were measured with Type C thermocouples. The run procedure consisted
148 of simultaneously pressurizing and heating the assembly. For the synthesis experiments two
149 heating rates of 100 °C/min until 100 degrees below the run temperature and 50 °C/min for the
150 final 100 °C up to the run temperature were used. For diffusion experiments, a single heating rate
151 of 100 °C/min was preferred and resulted in less than 5 °C overshoot of the run temperature. All
152 experimental durations (between 400 and 4500 s) are calculated based upon the time the
153 experiment reached the desired run temperature. At the end of each experiment the samples were
154 quenched isobarically at 100 °C/s down to 600 °C. After quenching, the samples were embedded
155 in epoxy, ground open, and polished for Br analyses.

156 The SEM system used to investigate the run products here was a Zeiss Supra 55 VP
157 (ISTeP – Sorbonne Université – Paris), with a Bruker-Quad EDS detector. The resolution was
158 125 eV for a current of 35-40 nA, a voltage of 15 keV for the chemical mapping of 1024x2048
159 pixels (256 μ s/point of resolution with 15 frames). The SEM images using backscattered electron
160 (BSE) were obtained at 15 keV and with a current of 10 nA.

161 The diffusion profiles of Br were measured by X-Ray fluorescence using synchrotron
162 radiation microprobe (SYXRF), ID18F, at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF),
163 France. A double crystal monochromator using Si (111) crystals was set to produce a beam of 28
164 keV X-rays and the secondary X-rays detected by a Si(Li) detector (Somogyi et al. 2001) placed
165 at 90° to the incident beam in the polarization plane to minimize scattering. The beam was
166 focused with Compound Refractive Lenses onto the sample in a rectangular spot of 2 x 8 μ m.
167 The spot size was determined by the knife-edge technique using a thin gold test-object. We
168 analyzed between 120 and 160 points per profile, with a 10 s counting time for each point and a
169 step between 20 and 30 μ m depending the run. We also analyzed profiles with a 30 s counting
170 time for each point but there was no improvement in the sensitivity. The Br diffusivity was
171 calculated from the diffusion profile obtained after extraction of the intensity of the Br peaks
172 using PyMca software for peak fitting. No absolute calibration of the Br concentration was
173 necessary for this study because the SYXRF data were collected on an homogeneous sample (no
174 change of density) with a fixed geometry from the source to the fluorescence detector. All
175 measurements are given as the integrated area under the bromine peak (Fig. 1). In some cases,
176 two traverses were performed along the same diffusion profile to estimate the diffusion
177 coefficient (Table 2). The data allow us to estimate the activation energy that represents the
178 energy required to activate atoms to a condition in which they can undergo diffusive transport.

179 The activation energy is usually represented by the symbol E_a in Arrhenius equations for the
180 diffusion coefficient, $D = D_0 \exp(-E_a/RT)$, with D_0 being the pre-exponential factor deduced
181 from Arrhenius law, commonly associated with the jump distance of an ion during diffusion
182 (Shewmon 1963).

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RESULTS

Br diffusivity in phonolitic melt

186 After polishing, the run products were analyzed optically in reflected light and using the
187 scanning electron microscope. No microlites (<1 vol.-%) were found in the run products and no
188 vesicles were found within the glass using both optical microscopy and the scanning electron
189 microscope.

190 Although Br might be lost from the graphite capsules used in the anhydrous experiments,
191 there is no evidence that this occurred, as based upon three observations. The first observation is
192 that the high-concentration ends of the diffusion profiles are flat and are similar in anhydrous
193 experiments in graphite capsules and hydrous experiments in graphite-lined, sealed Pt capsules
194 (Fig. 1); such an observation is inconsistent with loss of Br from the graphite capsules. The
195 second observation is that the diffusion profiles were well fit by interdiffusion of Br between the
196 Br-enriched and Br-depleted halves of the experiments. If additional diffusive loss would have
197 occurred, then such good fits would not be expected. The third observation is that multiple
198 analytical traverses yielded the same calculated diffusion coefficients; such a similarity would not
199 be expected if Br loss occurred along the circumference of the graphite capsules.

200 In order to investigate the possibility of convection at the interface between the two
201 glasses, some chemical maps using the scanning electron microscope were performed on the

202 zero-time experiment with Laacher See and an anhydrous experiment (at 1450 °C) for Vesuvius
203 (See supplementary material S3). No evidence of convection was found.

204 For the hydrous experiments, we investigated the possibility that water diffusion occurred
205 during halogen diffusion.–A water concentration profile was performed on the 4 experiments at
206 1450 °C to ensure that no H₂O diffusion occurred. The flat, nearly homogeneous profiles for
207 total water in two experiments demonstrates that Br diffusion occurred in melts of constant water
208 concentration (see supplementary material S1).

209 One «zerotime» experiment was performed at 1350 °C for the mixture with 2.3 ± 0.02
210 wt% of water for Laacher See composition and 3 ± 0.1 wt% for Vesuvius composition in order to
211 investigate the extent of diffusion during heating to the highest experimental temperature.
212 Although diffusion occurred during heating, its extent was minor and does not affect the
213 diffusivities measured in the experiments.

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215 **Calculation of bromine diffusion coefficients from concentration profiles**

216 We applied the procedure for calculating Br diffusion previously used for F and Cl
217 diffusivity measurements (Balcone-Boissard et al. 2009). We fit the measured diffusion profiles
218 (e.g., Fig. 1) using a non-linear curve-fitting program developed to fit diffusion between two
219 semi-infinite media (Crank 1975):

$$220 \quad C(x, t) = (C_{\text{low}} + C_{\text{high}})/2 + (C_{\text{low}} - C_{\text{high}})/2 \times \text{erf}((x - x_0) / (2\sqrt{Dt})) ,$$

221 where C(x, t) is the concentration along the diffusion profile plotted in a concentration vs.
222 distance diagram, x is the distance along the profile (in meters) and t is the experimental duration
223 (in seconds). C_{low} and C_{high} are respectively the halogen concentrations in the depleted and the
224 enriched semi-infinite media that make up the diffusion couple, expressed here as the mean Br

225 values of the plateaus; x_0 represents the centre of the diffusion profile, at the interface between
226 the two melts along the diffusion profile, and D is the diffusion coefficient or diffusivity.

227 All diffusion profiles were well fit by the above equation. The fit of the diffusion profiles
228 using a single diffusivity confirms that the diffusion coefficient of bromine is independent of the
229 bromine concentration over the range investigated, as already highlighted for F and Cl (Baker and
230 Balcone-Boissard 2009), although we note that the Br concentrations used here largely exceed
231 that found in nature. The comparison of the diffusion coefficients measured in two experiments
232 that only differ by experimental duration demonstrate that the measured diffusion coefficients of
233 Br were not affected by experimental duration, which indicates that diffusion was the sole
234 transport mechanism in these experiments (Fig. 1; Table 2).

235 The diffusion coefficients for both K-rich and Na-rich phonolitic melt compositions are
236 summarized in Table 2, with maximum uncertainties estimated at $\pm 20\%$. This estimate is based
237 upon experiments of different durations at the same conditions, modelling of duplicate diffusion
238 profiles from the same experiment, and Monte Carlo uncertainty analysis simulations (Alletti et
239 al. 2007). As previously observed for F and Cl in the same melt compositions, the bromine
240 diffusion coefficients increase with increasing temperature (Figs. 2, 3; Table 2, 3).

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242 **Effect of temperature, pressure and mixed halogens on diffusion**

243 At anhydrous conditions, diffusion coefficients for Br range between $1.9 - 2.3 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$
244 at $1250 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $1.5 \times 10^{-11} - 9.2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ at $1450 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for the Na-rich melt and between $2.8 - 3.2$
245 $\times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ at $1250 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $2.5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ at $1450 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for the K-rich melt. Bromine displays
246 Arrhenian behaviour under anhydrous conditions (Fig. 2). Diffusion experiments using a halogen
247 mixture of F, Cl and Br were performed at dry conditions over the same range of temperatures

248 (1250 to 1450 °C) and at the same pressure (1.0 GPa) as the Br-only diffusion experiments
249 (results for F and Cl in these experiments were previously reported in [Balcone-Boissard et al.](#)
250 [2009](#)). For the studied melt compositions, there was no significant difference in the diffusion
251 coefficient measured in experiments involving only Br or containing the F-Cl-Br mixture ([Fig. 2](#),
252 [Table 2a](#)). Br diffusivities in both types of experiments (with only Br and with the mixture) were
253 combined to calculate the Arrhenius parameters. Best fit parameters values for the Arrhenius
254 equations are reported in [Table 3](#). At anhydrous conditions the activation energy for Br diffusion
255 is 118 kJ/mol in the K-phonolite and 161 kJ/mol in the Na-phonolite ([Table 3](#)).

256 In order to investigate the effect of pressure on halogen diffusion in anhydrous melts,
257 anhydrous experiments at 0.5 GPa, 1250 °C were performed for melts with the halogen mixture
258 ([Table 2a](#)). No significant effect of pressure on Br diffusivity was observed in the pressure range
259 investigated for both compositions (D^{Br} at 1250 °C is $\sim 3 \times 10^{-12}$ m²/s at 0.5 or 1.0 GPa for the Na-
260 rich melt, and D^{Br} at 1250 °C is $\sim 2.9 \times 10^{-12}$ m²/s at 0.5 or 1.0 GPa for the K-rich melt).

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262 **The effect of water on Br diffusion**

263 Br diffusivity under hydrous conditions (with 2.65 +/- 0.35 wt% H₂O) was only
264 investigated using the F-Cl-Br mixture. The diffusion coefficients of both K-rich and Na-rich
265 phonolitic melts for hydrous experiments are compiled in [Table 2b](#). For these hydrous
266 experiments only 3 temperatures were investigated. These few experiments are not well-enough
267 constrained to claim robust findings, but provide a general tendency that needs to be confirmed
268 in order to have more precise diffusion coefficients and Arrhenius equations.

269 The addition of water was expected to enhance Br diffusivity in all phonolitic melts, as
270 previously seen for F and Cl in both melts studied. Here the first results suggest that water has a

271 small, enhancing effect on Br diffusion in phonolitic melts. The effect of adding water to the K-
272 phonolitic melt results in only a modest decrease in Br diffusion activation energy to 99 kJ/mol
273 and an apparent increase in activation energy in the Na-phonolitic melt to 189 kJ/mol (Table 3).
274 However in both cases the activation energies are within uncertainty of those for Br diffusion in
275 the respective anhydrous melts, as are the D_0 values.

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DISCUSSION

279 **Br diffusion mechanisms in anhydrous melts**

280 One aim of this study was to investigate the influence of the dominant alkali cation (Na or
281 K) on Br diffusivity in phonolitic melts, following previous results for F and Cl that demonstrated
282 that the dominant alkali affect Cl but not F diffusivity (ie., Cl diffusivity is higher in K-rich
283 phonolites) (Balcone-Boissard et al. 2009). We attributed this observation to strong K-Cl
284 interactions in the melt (Balcone-Boissard et al. 2009). Br diffusivity in both anhydrous
285 phonolitic melts is similar over the temperature range investigated (Fig. 2), however the
286 activation energy for Br in the K-phonolite is significantly lower than in the Na-phonolite. This
287 would lead to higher Br diffusivity in the K-phonolite relative to the Na-phonolite at lower
288 temperatures. This behaviour suggests that Br mobility may be dependent on the dominant alkali
289 in the melt, as observed for Cl, but not F, in the same melts (Balcone-Boissard et al. 2009).

290 The bromine diffusivity measured in the phonolites of this study can be compared against
291 that measured in an Etna basalt by Alletti et al. (2007) (See supplementary material S4).
292 Interestingly, the activation energy for Br diffusion in the Na-phonolitic melt and in the basaltic
293 melt of Alletti et al. (2007) are similar, both approximately 180 kJ/mol. (Note that we

294 recalculated the activation energy in the anhydrous basalt by combining all of the anhydrous Br
295 diffusion measurements in the run table of [Alletti et al. 2007.](#)) However, the Br diffusivities in
296 the basaltic melt are approximately one order of magnitude higher than in the Na-phonolite due to
297 its higher pre-exponential factor. On the other hand, the activation energy for Br diffusion in the
298 K-phonolite is much lower, ~ 122 kJ/mol.

299 The comparable activation energies for Br diffusion in the Na-phonolite and basalt (whose
300 dominant alkali is also Na) melts imply that the energetics of breaking and reforming of bonds
301 ([Henderson et al. 1985](#)), and possibly the average atomic coordination of Br are similar in both
302 melts, but different from that in the K-phonolite melt. These energetic differences are consistent
303 with a shorter, stronger bond between Na-Br than between K-Br and provide evidence that
304 bromine is complexed with alkalis in the melt structure, not randomly substituted for oxygen
305 ([Widdifield et al. 2009](#); [Louvel et al. 2020](#)), except for some data at high pressure (up to 7.6 GPa,
306 [Cochain et al. 2015](#)) that suggest bonding between Br and cations in the melt, in particular with
307 Na and less with O. This mechanism is expected to be dependent on silicate melt composition
308 ([Mysen and Richet, 2019](#)).

309 The Br diffusivity appears to be decoupled from melt viscosity, which has been
310 demonstrated to couple with Si-Al interdiffusion in intermediate to silicic melts through the
311 Eyring equation ([Baker 1990](#)). For example, the viscosity of the anhydrous Na-phonolite and the
312 K-phonolite were calculated at 1350 °C to be 720 and 1350 Pa s following [Giordano et al.](#)
313 [\(2008\)](#); these viscosities combined with the Eyring equation would lead to a factor two difference
314 in diffusivity, which is not seen in the measurements. The low viscosity of the basalt used by
315 [Alletti et al. \(2007\)](#), 6 Pa s, would lead to a 100-fold increase in the Br diffusivity when
316 compared to the Na-phonolite, but only a 10-fold increase is seen. This decoupling of Br

317 diffusion with viscosity is similar to the decoupling of alkali diffusion and viscosity ([Jambon and](#)
318 [Semet 1978](#); [Lowry et al. 1982](#); [Henderson et al. 1985](#); [Baker 1990](#)) and would be consistent with
319 alkali-Br complexes in the melt that link the Br diffusivity to that of alkalies, although the former
320 is orders of magnitude lower than the latter.

321 The mobility of halogens at a given temperature in the phonolitic melts is related to their
322 ionic properties (radius and charge). The ionic radii of halogens increase with increasing atomic
323 number: 133, 181 and 198 pm for F, Cl and Br respectively. [Figure 4](#) demonstrates that halogen
324 diffusivity in phonolitic compositions is a function of the ionic radius and describes a continuous
325 negative correlation with ionic radius when Br is added to the previous data obtained on F and Cl
326 ([Balcone-Boissard et al. \(2009\)](#)). Comparison of Br, F, and Cl diffusion in these two phonolitic
327 melts demonstrates similar behaviors. Fluorine always displays the highest diffusivity,
328 approximately 1 order of magnitude above Cl and Br.

329 The correlation between ionic radius and diffusivity is similar to that seen for the
330 neighbouring noble gases in the periodic table, but contrasts with diffusion seen for halogens in
331 basaltic melts, which are independent of the ionic radius ([Alletti et al., 2007](#)). For noble gases,
332 the accepted mechanism for their diffusion in silicate melt is dependent upon the ionic porosity
333 ([Lux, 1987](#)), that is the difference between the unit cell volume of a silicate structure and the
334 calculated volume of the anions and cations, which means that it is a measure of the integrated
335 “free” space in the silicate melt ([Carroll and Stolper 1993](#)). Following this definition, lower
336 density, polymerized melts (such as phonolitic melts) exhibit a high ionic porosity, in contrast to
337 higher density, depolymerized melts (such as basaltic melts). Similarly to what is observed for
338 noble gases, we expect that the ionic porosity influences halogen mobility within phonolitic

339 melts; Br, the largest halogen here studied, should be the halogen most sensitive to ionic porosity
340 changes.

341 We hypothesize that as melt compositions change from silicic to basaltic and the ionic
342 porosity decreases, the larger free space (“holes”) in the melt structure suitable for Br diffusion
343 become less common, and therefore separated by greater distances, than smaller “holes”. This
344 hypothesis is consistent with the larger D_0 value, commonly associated with the jump distance of
345 an ion during diffusion (Shewmon, 1963), in the Arrhenius equation for Br diffusion in a basaltic
346 melt, $\sim 2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ (Alletti et al., 2007) than in the Na-phonolite, $\sim 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$. Even though
347 the Br activation energies are similar in both melts (basaltic and Na-phonolitic), because the D_0
348 value of basalt is higher than Na-phonolite each diffusive “jump” of a Br ion is greater, and the
349 net result is that Br diffusivity in the basaltic melt is higher than in Na-phonolitic melt at typical
350 magmatic temperatures. This hypothesis also implies that the K-phonolite, with a D_0 value 3
351 orders of magnitude below that of the Na-phonolite should have even more, closely spaced
352 “holes” in the melt structure suitable for Br diffusion.

353 Investigations of the Br environment in silicate melts of magmatic interest are still few In
354 addition, the lack of any viscosity-diffusivity relation and the failure of Eyring equation in
355 phonolitic and basaltic melts implies no significant link of Br with the silicate network of silicon
356 and oxygen atoms. Br may consequently display multiple behaviours and bonding to Na, K and
357 Ca ions (Louvel et al., 2020).

358 **Influence of H₂O**

359 Our preliminary Br diffusion results on hydrous melts demonstrate little effect of water on Br
360 diffusivity. The activation energies of Br diffusion in hydrous and anhydrous phonolitic melts
361 are within uncertainty of each other and the D_0 values change by less than an order of magnitude.

362 These D_0 values for the hydrous melts are poorly constrained and may be the same as in
363 anhydrous melts. Such small changes in Br diffusivity with addition of water further underscore
364 the lack of correlation between Br diffusion and melt viscosity because the phonolitic melts with
365 2.65 wt% water are expected to have viscosities of only ~ 20 Pa s (calculated following [Giordano](#)
366 [et al. 2008](#)). As discussed above for anhydrous melts, the decoupling of alkali diffusion from
367 melt viscosity has also been observed, leading us to hypothesize that large alkali ions and large
368 halogen anions diffuse by similar mechanisms in the melts studied. This result implies that we
369 can use the anhydrous diffusivities to model melts with up to ~ 2.65 wt% water with reliability.

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IMPLICATIONS

372 Our study demonstrates different effects of Na and K on Br diffusion in phonolitic melts.
373 By comparison to halogen diffusion in silicic melts (rhyodacitic melt, [Feisel et al. \(2019\)](#), without
374 Br) and in basaltic melts ([Alletti et al. \(2007\)](#)-including Br), the diffusion measurements for Br
375 confirm the influence of melt composition on diffusivity. Also importantly, Br diffusivity appears
376 to be decoupled from melt viscosity. Similarly to noble gases, halogen diffusivity at a given
377 temperature in the phonolitic melts seems to be related to the ionic porosity (radius and charge)
378 of the silicate structure. Those results highlight that more effort is needed on halogen solubility
379 mechanisms.

380 Combined with our previous one ([Balcone-Boissard et al. 2009](#)), this study provides the
381 fundamental measurements needed to better characterize halogen (F, Cl, Br) behaviour in silicate
382 melts, which is of prime importance to understand halogen content and mobility in igneous
383 processes. Diffusive fraction during rapid growth of crystals or bubbles has previously been
384 modeled to evaluate its effect on the modification of halogen ratios in exsolved fluids and

385 minerals (e.g., [Alletti et al. 2007](#); [Balcone-Boissard et al. 2009, 2010](#)). The extent of any possible
386 diffusive fractionation between elements is a function of their partition coefficients and diffusion
387 coefficients, which can lead to significant variations in the ratios of elements at the interfaces and
388 therefore influence the compositions of the growing phases. Modeling can be used to evaluate
389 the extent of possible diffusive fractionation in phonolitic melts and compared with studies of
390 rock and gas samples in order to better understand the storage and transport of halogens in
391 magmatic systems.

392 As an example of possible diffusive fractionation, we consider the study of [Wang et al. \(2014\)](#)
393 who investigated the halogen variations in volcanics of the Upper Rhine Graben and demonstrate
394 that Cl/Br ratios remain relatively constant (371 ± 120), whereas the F/Cl ratios vary from < 0.1
395 in the evolved (low Mg-number) phonolitic samples to ~ 100 in the primitive (high Mg-number)
396 mafic ones. Although much of the variation in the F/Cl ratio is probably due to their differing
397 partitioning between melts and fluids or crystals ([Wang et al. 2014](#)), some could be due to
398 diffusive fractionation during volatile exsolution and degassing. Complete understanding of
399 halogen behavior in magmatic systems requires that we understand the relative roles of
400 equilibrium partitioning and diffusive fractionation in producing the final concentrations in rocks
401 and modeling their outgassing into the atmosphere.

402 The experimental diffusivities of Br, Cl and F in hydrous Laacher See melts studied here and in
403 [Balcone-Boissard et al. \(2009\)](#), which was collected from the Upper Rhine Graben, ([Fig. 5](#))
404 demonstrate that at magmatic temperatures between 1000 to 1200 °C the diffusivities of Br and
405 Cl are similar and little diffusive fractionation should occur, whereas the diffusivity of F is
406 significantly higher than Cl. At these conditions, diffusive fractionation could be partially
407 responsible for variations in the F/Cl ratio while little-affecting the Br/Cl ratio. At temperatures

408 below 1000 °C the diffusivities and Cl and Br begin to diverge significantly because of their
409 differing activation energies and diffusive fractionation between these elements becomes possible
410 in vesiculating, or rapidly crystallizing, phonolitic melts. Thus, any diffusive fractionation
411 between halogens will be greater at low temperature. Diffusive fractionation between halogens on
412 active volcanic system may thus be interesting to monitor as potential volcanic eruption
413 precursors for volcanic hazard forecasting (e.g. [Aiuppa et al. 2009](#)). In addition, multi-species
414 volatile diffusion in melt embayments or zoned melt inclusions may also serve as a chronometer
415 to retrieve timescales that reflect magma ascent on the order of minutes to days prior to eruption.

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620 **Figure captions**

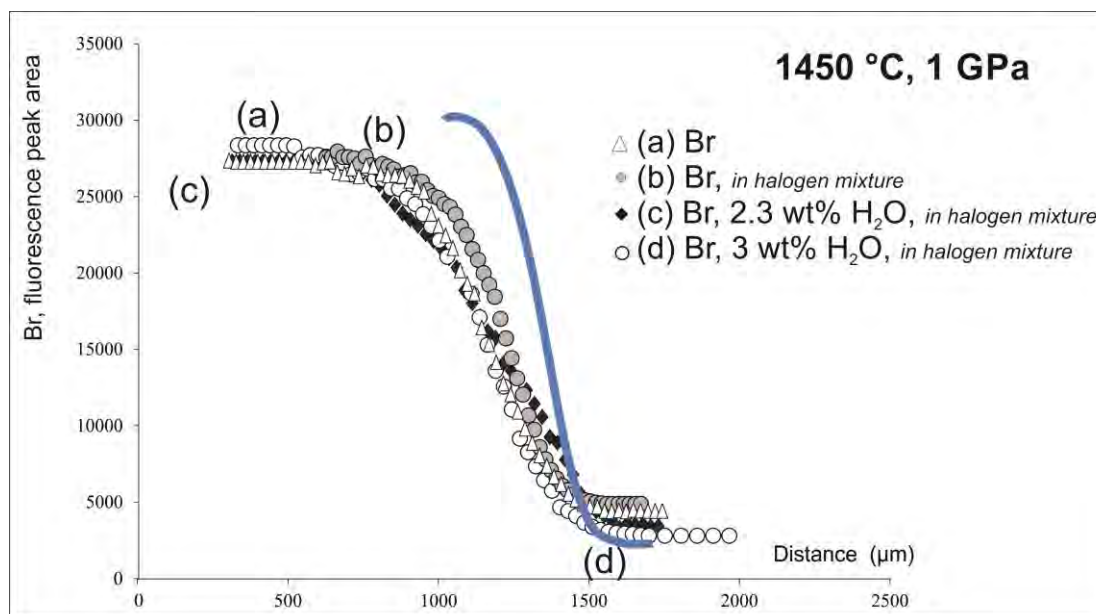


Figure 1

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622 **Figure 1: Br concentration profiles in halogen mixture obtained for K-rich phonolitic melts,**
623 **at 1450°C and 1 GPa.** The diffusion profiles of Br were measured using the SYXRF
624 microprobe, ID18F, at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF, France) with a beam
625 of 28 keV. In y axis, the Br concentrations is reported as florescence peak area. In the abscissa,
626 the distance represents the distance along the diffusion profile, from the base of the Br-enriched
627 half to the Br-poor half of the diffusion couple. Note that not all profiles begin at the base of the
628 diffusion couple; the profile for the F-Cl-Br mixture was shortened to obtain the minimum
629 number of points in the minimum analytical time. The calculated diffusion coefficients are

630 reported in Table 2. The zero-time experiment at 1350 °C is represented in solid blue line and
631 was obtained by SIMS measurement (CRPG, Nancy, France; Cadoux et al., 2017), with the Br-
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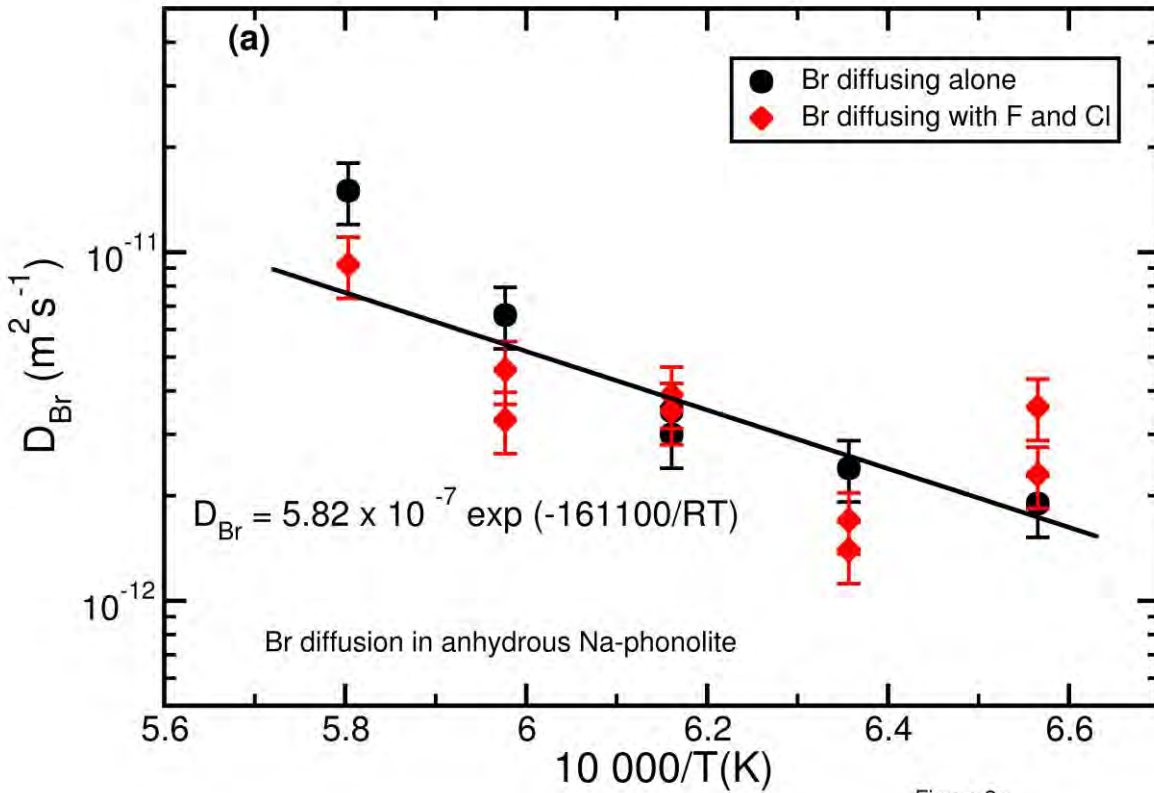


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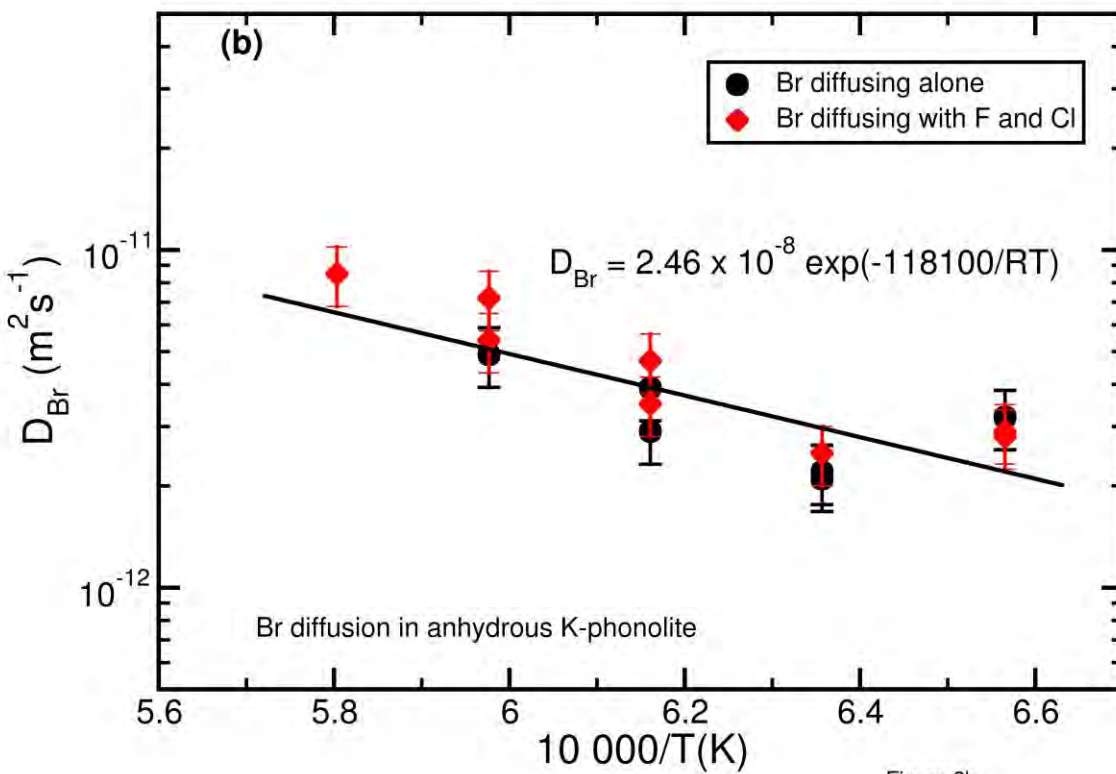


Figure 2b

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635 **Figure 2:** Arrhenius diagrams of Br diffusion coefficients for anhydrous Na- and K-rich
636 **phonolitic melts.** (a) Data for Na-phonolite, (b) Data for K-phonolite. Anhydrous data are
637 obtained with Br as the only diffusing halogen (in black) and with mixed halogen (F, Cl, Br)
638 diffusion (in red). Experiments were performed at 1.0 GPa, under dry conditions, between 1250
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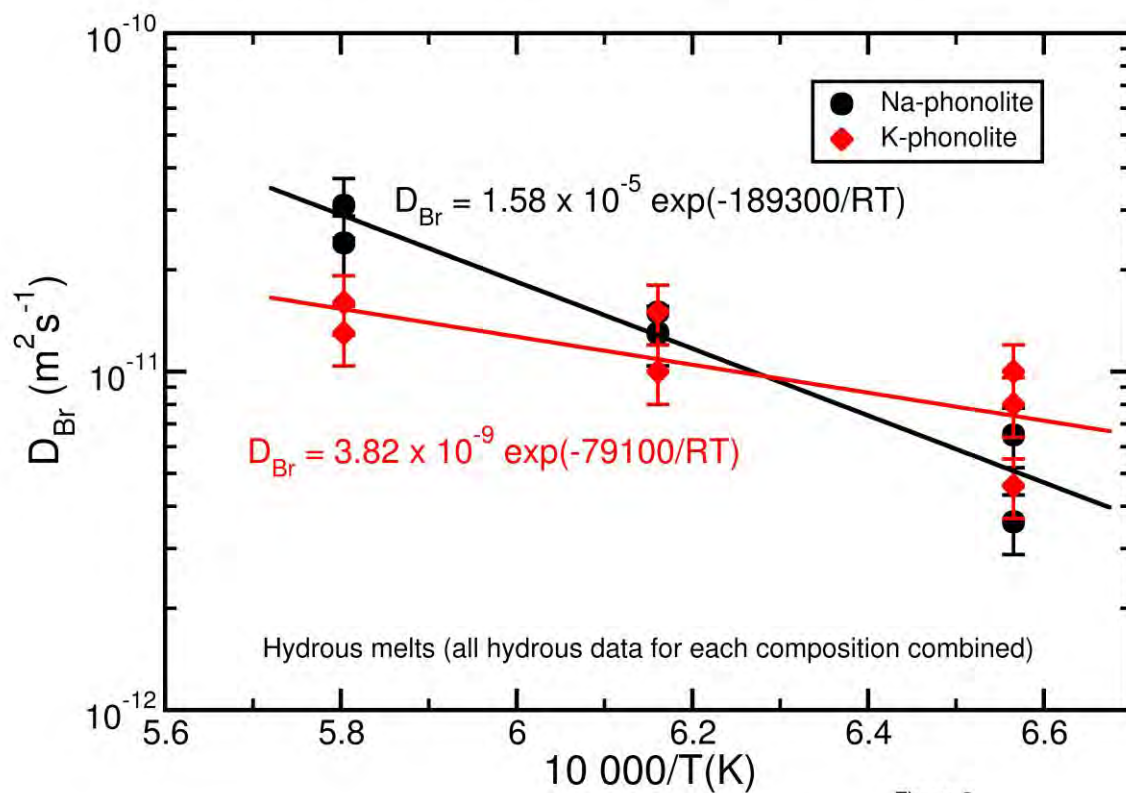
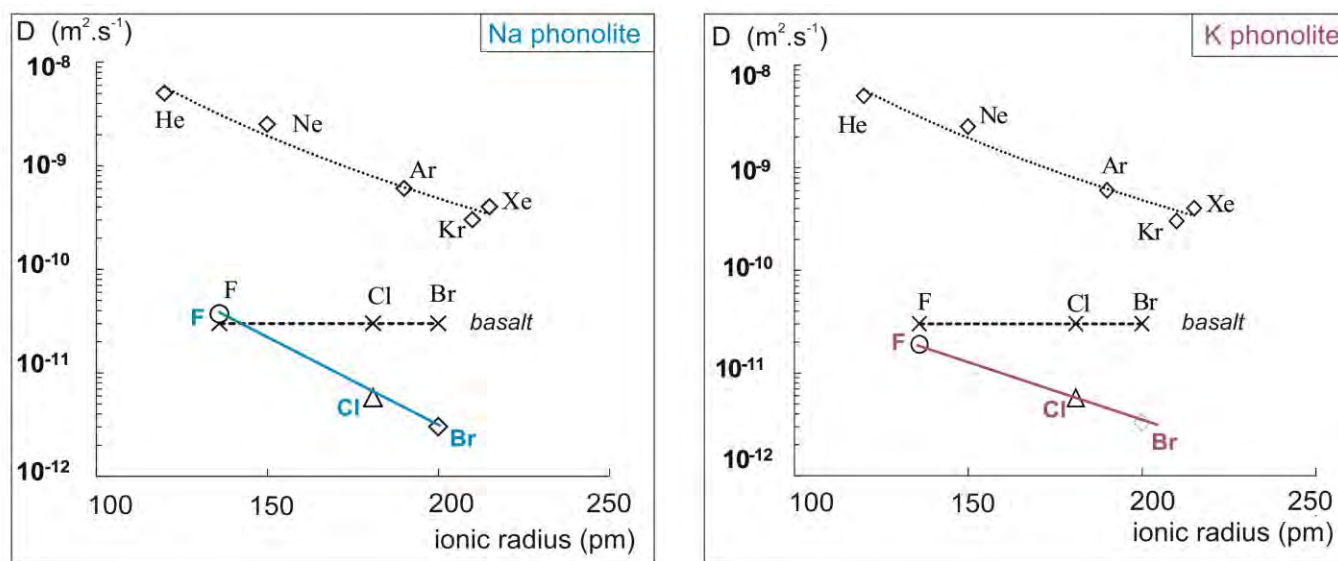
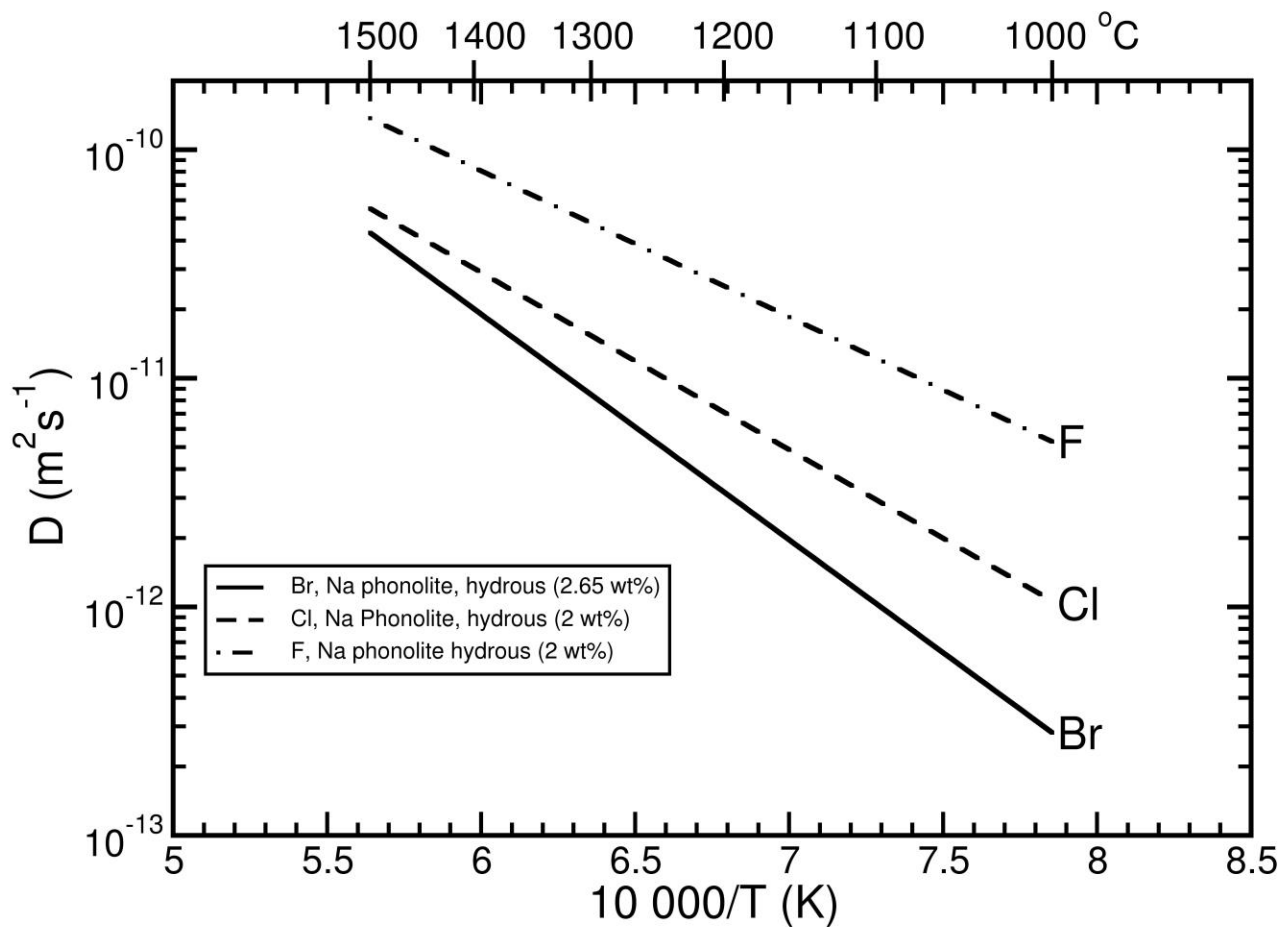


Figure 3

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642 **Figure 3:** Arrhenius diagram for Br diffusion coefficients in Na- and K-rich phonolitic
643 melts for hydrous conditions.
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646 **Figure 4: Halogen diffusion coefficient in phonolitic melts (Na on the left and K on the**
647 **right) compared to noble gases in function of the ionic radius.** The data for halogens are at
648 1350 °C and under anhydrous conditions for comparison to the data for basalt ([Alletti et al.](#)
649 [2007](#)).
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652 **Figure 5:** Comparative halogen diffusion coefficient in Na-phonolitic hydrous melts.

653 **Table captions**

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655 **Table 1: Chemical compositions of the starting materials (“Anhydrous” composition).**

656 Average of 10 glass analyses by E.P.M.A.; in brackets: number of analyses. SD: standard

657 deviation of the oxide or halogen analyzed. LS: Laacher See, Na-rich Phonolite with LLST

658 corresponding to the first eruptive phase referred as “Lower Laacher See Tephra”. Ves: Vesuvius,

659 K-rich Phonolite, with WP corresponding to the first eruptive phase referred as “White Pumice”.

660 The LS and Ves starting materials display very similar Si/Al ratios (~2.2) but differ significantly

661 in their alkali ratio, by near a factor 4. The starting material is identical to previous experiments

662 for F and Cl diffusion ([Balcone-Boissard et al. 2009](#)). Br was measured after extraction by

663 pyrohydrolysis by ICP-MS following the analytical conditions described in [Balcone-Boissard et](#)

664 [al. \(2010\)](#). The Br-rich starting glass was measured by SIMS (See text for details)

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666 **Table 2: Experimental conditions and diffusion coefficients.** 2a: Anhydrous conditions. 2b:

667 Hydrous conditions

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669 **Table 3: Best fit parameters for the Arrhenius equation describing Br diffusion in Na- and**

670 **K- phonolitic melts.** The errors in the activation energy were calculated using the least squares

671 method.

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Table 1

	LS LLST		Ves WP	
wt%	Avg (10)	SD	Avg (10)	SD
SiO ₂	56.68	0.34	55.55	0.39
TiO ₂	0.17	0.07	0.25	0.08
Al ₂ O ₃	22.59	0.21	22.41	0.2
FeO	1.98	0.11	2.35	0.22
MnO	0.51	0.08	0.12	0.11
MgO	0.07	0.02	0.20	0.02
CaO	0.48	0.06	2.56	0.09
Na ₂ O	12.66	0.17	6.66	0.07
K ₂ O	4.86	0.12	9.88	0.13
Total	100		100	
F	0.42	0.02	0.27	0.03
Cl	0.19	0.01	0.33	0.05
Br	0.22	0.3	0.32	0.2
Na / K	2.3		0.6	
Si/Al	2.2		2.2	

Table 2a: Experimental conditions and diffusion coefficients for anhydrous phonolitic compositions

	T (°C)	P (GPa)	Time (s)	Counting time (s) ESRF	Nb traverses	D (m ² s ⁻¹)	D (m ² s ⁻¹)
Na-rich phonolitic composition							
<i>Br diffusing alone</i>							
HB-2007-20	1250	1	3600	10	1	1.9 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-22	1300	1	2400	10	1	2.4 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-19	1350	1	2400	10	1	3 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-25	1350	1	4800	10	1	3.5 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-24	1400	1	1200	10	1	6.6 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-21	1450	1	1200	10	1	1.5 × 10 ⁻¹¹	
<i>Br diffusing with F and Cl</i>							
HB-2007-20	1250	1	3600	10	1	2.3 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-43	1250	0.5	3600	10	1	3.6 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-22	1300	1	2400	10	2	1.7 × 10 ⁻¹²	1.4 × 10 ⁻¹²
HB-2007-19	1350	1	2400	10	1	3.9 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-25	1350	1	4800	10	1	3.5 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-24	1400	1	1200	10	1	4.6 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-24	1400	1	1200	30	1	3.3 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-21	1450	1	1200	10	1	9.2 × 10 ⁻¹²	
K-rich phonolitic composition							
<i>Br diffusing alone</i>							
HB-2007-20	1250	1	3600	10	1	3.2 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-22	1300	1	2400	10	2	2.1 × 10 ⁻¹²	2.2 × 10 ⁻¹²
HB-2007-19	1350	1	2400	10	1	2.9 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-25	1350	1	4800	10	1	3.9 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-24	1400	1	1200	10	1	4.9 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-21	1450	1	1200	10	1	nd	
<i>Br diffusing with F and Cl</i>							
HB-2007-19	1250	1	3600	10	1	2.8 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-45	1250	0.5	3600	10	1	2.9 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-22	1300	1	2400	10	1	2.5 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-19	1350	1	2400	10	1	4.7 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-25	1350	1	4800	10	1	3.5 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-24	1400	1	1200	10	1	5.4 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-23	1400	1	1200	30	1	7.2 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-21	1450	1	1200	10	1	8.5 × 10 ⁻¹²	

Table 2b: Experimental conditions and diffusion coefficients for hydrous phonolitic compositions

	T (°C)	P (GPa)	Time (s)		Nb traverses	D (m ² s ⁻¹) Br	D (m ² s ⁻¹)
Na-rich phonolitic composition with 2.3 wt%H₂O							
HB-2007-42	1250	1	1500	10	1	3.6 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-41	1350	1	1200	10	1	1.5 × 10 ⁻¹¹	
HB-2007-40	1450	1	800	10	1	2.4 × 10 ⁻¹¹	
Na-rich phonolitic composition with 3 wt%E₂O							
HB-2007-34	1250	1	1200	10	1	6.5 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-38	1350	1	800	10	1	1.3 × 10 ⁻¹¹	
HB-2007-39	1450	1	400	10	1	3.1 × 10 ⁻¹¹	
K-rich phonolitic composition with ~2.3 wt%E₂O							
HB-2007-42	1250	1	1500	10	1	4.6 × 10 ⁻¹²	
HB-2007-41	1350	1	1200	10	1	1 × 10 ⁻¹¹	
HB-2007-40	1450	1	800	10	2	1.6 × 10 ⁻¹¹	1.3 × 10 ⁻¹¹
K-rich phonolitic composition with 3 wt%E₂O							
HB-2007-34	1250	1	1200	10	2	1 × 10 ⁻¹¹	8 × 10 ⁻¹²
HB-2007-38	1350	1	800	10	1	1.5 × 10 ⁻¹¹	
HB-2007-39	1450	1	400	10	1	nd	

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Table 3

Na-rich phonolitic melt	D_0 (m^2s^{-1})	Uncertainty+	Uncertainty-	E_a (kJ mol^{-1})	Uncertainty	%H ₂ O
Br anhydrous melt	5.8×10^{-7}	1.6×10^{-5}	1.9×10^{-6}	161	38.6	0
Br hydrous melt	1.6×10^{-5}	1.0×10^{-4}	1.4×10^{-5}	189	27.0	2.65
K-rich phonolitic melt	D_0 (m^2s^{-1})	Uncertainty+	Uncertainty-	E_a (kJ mol^{-1})	Uncertainty	%H ₂ O
Br anhydrous melt	2.5×10^{-8}	2.2×10^{-7}	3.0×10^{-8}	118	26.9	0
Br hydrous melt	3.8×10^{-9}	5.8×10^{-7}	1.6×10^{-8}	79	27.0	2.65