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3 **Ultrasonic Studies of alkali-rich hydrous silicate glasses: elasticity, density, and**
4 **implications for water dissolution mechanisms**

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Abstract

20 The acoustic velocities of three series of alkali-rich hydrous silicate glasses were
21 determined at ambient conditions using ultrasonic interferometry. The sound velocities
22 and calculated elastic properties are nearly linear functions of dissolved water content.
23 The water content derivatives of both compressional ($\partial(V_P)/\partial(X_{H_2O})$) and shear wave
24 velocity ($\partial(V_S)/\partial(X_{H_2O})$) decrease with increasing Na₂O content, which suggests that
25 increasing sodium content might weaken the effect of water on acoustic velocities. For
26 each glass series, the shear modulus decreases with increasing water content, whereas the
27 adiabatic bulk modulus (K_S) varies little with water content. By comparing our results of
28 K_S to previously published data on hydrous felsic alkalic (rhyolite, phonolite, and trachyte)
29 glasses, we speculate that H₂O may have a negligible effect on the compressibility of
30 felsic alkalic glasses/melts. The measured densities of each series of glasses were
31 converted to molar volumes and extrapolated to the hypothetical pure water to derive the
32 partial molar volume of water (\bar{V}_{H_2O}). The resulting \bar{V}_{H_2O} was found to be independent
33 of composition, with a value of 10.4 ± 0.5 cm³/mol at room temperature. Whereas the
34 partial molar bulk modulus (K_S) of water is composition-dependent. Furthermore, the
35 Poisson's ratio (ν) increases with increasing water content for all three composition series.
36 Therefore, the similar behavior of Al-free and Al-bearing glasses implies that water
37 depolymerizes melts in both systems. The decrease of water content derivative of the
38 Poisson's ratio ($\partial(\nu)/\partial(X_{H_2O})$) with increasing Al/(Al + Si) ($Q^4(4Al)$ accordingly)

39 indicates that water interaction with Al-O bonds to produce Al-OH depolymerizes
40 peralkaline silicate melts less effectively than with Si-O bonds to form Si-OH. Hence, we
41 speculate that water prefers to interact with Si-O bonds rather than Al-O bonds in
42 peralkaline silicate systems. The dissolution mechanisms of water between peraluminous
43 and peralkaline melts might be different, which merits further research.

44 **Keywords:** ultrasonic interferometry, hydrous silicate glasses, alkali-rich, the partial
45 molar volume of water, elastic properties, water speciation; dissolution mechanisms

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Introduction

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49 The presence of water in magmas has long been considered an important control of
50 igneous activities. Water is the most dominant volatile constituent of natural magmas and
51 plays a dramatic role in the physicochemical properties of silicate melts and glasses. For
52 instance, the density and the partial molar volume of water (\bar{V}_{H_2O}) of hydrous silicate
53 melts have been studied *in-situ* using various methods, including the *P-V-T* cell in two
54 interconnected internally heated pressure vessels (Burnham and Davis 1971), X-ray
55 absorption (Malfait et al. 2014a, 2014b; Sakamaki et al. 2009; Seifert et al. 2013), and the
56 sink-float method (Agee 2008; Jing and Karato, 2012; Matsukage et al. 2005; Sakamaki
57 et al. 2006). The investigations of hydrous supercooled liquids have provided further
58 constraints on the volumetric characteristics of water dissolved in silicate melts (Ochs
59 and Lange 1997, 1999; Bouhifd et al. 2001, 2015). Furthermore, a review of available
60 density data of hydrous silicate glasses shows that \bar{V}_{H_2O} is independent of composition
61 by the intercept method (Richet et al. 2000). It was further investigated for a range of
62 glasses under ambient conditions using the same method (Ardia et al. 2014; Balzer et al.
63 2020; Wu et al. 2017).

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Due to the technical difficulties in measurements of melts at crustal or mantle conditions, several ambient condition investigations have focused on silicate glasses to deduce the structure and behavior of silicate melts. The pronounced effects of H₂O on

67 silicate glasses could provide some insights into the hydrous melts. Recently, Le Losq et
68 al. (2017) reported that strong hydrogen bonds (H-bonds) are present in Na-bearing
69 glasses below glass transition temperature (T_g) in an *in-situ* Raman spectroscopic study,
70 which indicates glasses are inadequate to describe the structure of the corresponding
71 melts. However, the missing of strong H-bonds in the Ca-bearing glasses indicates that
72 the formation of H-bonds in glasses depends on glass composition. Therefore, further
73 studies on the structure and properties of glasses are needed to understand the similarities
74 and differences between glasses and melts.

75 Understanding the high compressibility for hydrous melts can aid in predicting
76 density increase with depth. Sound velocities are the prime data to provide direct
77 information on the elastic moduli and compressibility. Nevertheless, the effect of
78 dissolved water on the acoustic velocities and elastic behaviors of silicate glasses are still
79 poorly constrained. A few experiments on geological relevant compositions have been
80 conducted by Brillouin spectroscopy at ambient conditions. According to Richet and
81 Polian (1998), the partial molar bulk modulus (K_S) of water in andesite glasses (18 ± 3
82 GPa) is similar to that of Ice VII (23.7 ± 0.9 GPa) (Hemley et al. 1987), suggesting that
83 water behaves as the densest form of ice. The partial molar compressibility of water is
84 shown to be strongly dependent on composition over a range of hydrous silicate glasses
85 (Malfait et al. 2011; Whittington et al. 2012), implying \bar{V}_{H_2O} may be affected by
86 composition at elevated pressures. Wu et al. (2017) showed that the effect of dissolved

87 water on the sound velocities of basalt glasses has tremendous discrepancies with
88 previous studies. Recently, Gu et al. (2021) found that reductions in velocities due to
89 hydration are larger in shear velocity than those in compressional velocity.

90 To better constrain the role of water on acoustic velocity and elasticity, the range of
91 glass compositions needs to be expanded. Many models of water dissolution in silicate
92 systems assume that water ruptures T-O-T links and behaves as a network modifier, much
93 like alkali oxides such as Na₂O (Whittington et al. 2001). In addition, it was
94 demonstrated that alkali oxides and water have similar effects on volume (Richet and
95 Polian 1998; Richet et al. 2000) and viscosity of silicate glasses (Dingwell et al. 1996).
96 However, relationships between the effects of water and alkali oxides have not been
97 revealed by elasticity measurements. Systematic investigations of the elastic behavior are
98 required to clarify the effect of alkali oxides and water on silicate glasses.

99 The main purpose of this study is to constrain the effect of water content on the
100 sound velocities and elastic behaviors of three series of alkali-rich silicate glasses with up
101 to 5.25 wt% H₂O by ultrasonic interferometry at ambient conditions. The feasibility of
102 using this method for the first successful determinations of acoustic velocities on hydrous
103 silicate glasses is presented. Another goal of this study is to investigate whether \bar{V}_{H_2O} in
104 silicate glasses depends on composition at room temperature. The dependence of the
105 partial molar K_S and volume of water on compositions in silicate glasses and melts are
106 compared and the causes for their contrasting behaviors are explained. Moreover, two

107 possible interpretations are proposed for linear functions of physical properties with
108 water content based on water speciation. Finally, the Poisson's ratio and its water content
109 derivative ($\partial(v)/\partial(X_{H_2O})$) are used to infer the dissolution mechanisms of water.

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111 **Experimental methods**

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113 **Synthesis of hydrous glasses**

114 Three anhydrous alkali-rich multicomponent silicate glasses (Nelson9, Nelson15,
115 and NAS15) were selected as the starting materials, which were originally synthesized by
116 Nelson and Carmichael (1979) and Riebling (1966) (please refer to the two papers for
117 details). We only give a brief description of synthesis procedures here. Reagent grade
118 oxide and carbonate powders were weighed in the proportions required and then fused in
119 Pt crucibles at 1500-1700°C in a box furnace. After a few hours, the melts were poured
120 on graphite plates and quenched to glasses. Repeated cycles of grinding and fusion were
121 implemented to ensure homogeneity of the glasses. The nominal compositions of three
122 anhydrous glasses are listed in Table 1. All the starting materials used in this work were
123 remelted to drive off the adsorbed water and ground into powder.

124 For each starting material, 3-5 hydrous specimens containing different amounts
125 (0-5.45 wt%) of water were synthesized (See Behrens et al. 1996 for a detailed
126 description). Briefly, the samples were hydrated by sealing powdered glasses and

127 distilled water in platinum capsules, which were welded shut and isostatically hot pressed
128 under hyperliquidus conditions at 5 kbar and 1507-1673 K for a few hours in
129 internally-heated gas pressure vessels. The power supply was turned off at the end of the
130 experiments, and the glasses were quenched isobarically to prevent the formation of
131 bubbles and water exsolution. The recovered run products used in this study were
132 quenched to homogeneous glasses, free of crystals and bubbles, at least to the resolution
133 of optical microscopy.

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135 **Characterization of hydrous glasses**

136 The water contents were determined by Karl Fischer Titration (KFT) analysis (Table
137 1), with the apparatus and procedures described by Behrens (1995) and Holtz et al.
138 (1992). The hydrous glasses were rapidly heated up in a Pt sample holder using a
139 high-frequency generator. The released H₂O was transported with a pre-dried argon
140 stream to the titration cell, where the water content was quantified based on the reaction
141 with coulometrically generated iodine and chemically bound sulfur dioxide already
142 present. To check the homogeneity of dissolved water distribution within silicate glasses,
143 thin slices cut from both ends of several recovered sample cylinders were analyzed. The
144 uncertainty on the reported water content is typically smaller than 0.1 wt%. Although the
145 amounts of dissolved water were not measured after sound velocity experiments, there is
146 no reason to believe that water was lost during the measurements at ambient conditions.

147 The chemical compositions of samples were determined by electron microprobe
148 analyses (EMPA), and the reported values are averages of at least 10-point analysis
149 (Table 1). Morgan and London (1996, 2005) proposed that sodium (Na) migration is
150 more evident in hydrous alkali aluminosilicate glasses than in anhydrous ones. To
151 minimize alkali mobilization, the EMPA was performed on a Jeol JXA-8230 with 15 kV
152 acceleration voltage, 5 nA beam current, and 30 μm diameter defocused beam.

153 The densities (ρ) of samples were further characterized by the Archimedean method
154 at room temperature (298 K). Each glass was weighed 5–15 times with an electronic
155 analytical balance (METTLER TOLEDO XS204) in air and while immersed in toluene.
156 The density is expressed as $\rho = \frac{m_1}{m_1 - m_2} \rho_0$, where ρ_0 is the known density of toluene;
157 m_1 and m_2 are the measured weights of investigated silicate glasses in air and toluene.

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159 **Ultrasonic interferometry: transfer function method**

160 The ultrasonic experiments were conducted using the ultrasonic interferometry
161 system at Peking University. Ultrasonic interferometry combined with the transfer
162 function method was used to determine the round-trip travel times of ultrasonic waves
163 through the specimens. A detailed description of the transfer function technique can be
164 found elsewhere (Li et al. 2002, 2004). The pure-mode longitudinal (Z-cut) and shear (41°
165 X-cut) LiNbO₃ piezoelectric transducers were used to measure travel times ($t_{(P,S)}$),
166 respectively. The longitudinal (V_P) and transverse sound velocity (V_S) can be calculated

167 with measured travel time ($t_{(P,S)}$) and specimen lengths (L) at ambient conditions:

$$168 \quad V_{(P,S)} = 2L/t_{(P,S)}.$$

169 The experimental setup for ultrasonic interferometry travel time measurements is
170 shown in Fig. 1. The piezoelectric transducer transmits and receives a broadband
171 radio-frequency (RF) pulse. The propagation time within the specimen is determined by
172 the time delay between two consecutive echoes reflected from the front and back surfaces
173 of the specimen (Fig. 1). With sandpaper and diamond paste, the two surfaces along the
174 acoustic path of each glass were polished to be optically flat and parallel. The transfer
175 function method of ultrasonic interferometry allows rapid collection of real-time acoustic
176 data (Fig. 2a) and subsequent analysis offline ([Li and Liebermann 2007](#)). After that, sine
177 wave tone bursts (30 MHz, 10 cycles for longitudinal wave and 20 MHz, 5 cycles for
178 transverse wave) are used to convolute with the transfer function to simulate pulse-echo
179 overlap (PEO) measurement. Finally, the travel time is determined by shifting the second
180 copy relative to the initial echo pattern until the specimen echo and buffer rod echo
181 overlap (Fig. 2b).

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183 **Experimental precision and accuracy**

184 Measurements were first carried out on a working standard (fused silica), whose
185 sound velocity and density have been determined previously by other techniques, to
186 check the accuracy of all facilities before measuring samples (Table 2). Our results are

187 consistent with available data ([Andreatch and McSkimin 1976](#); [Meister et al. 1980](#);
188 [Manghnani et al. 2020](#)) and the average error in the velocity and density measurements
189 are about 0.34% and 0.07%, respectively. In addition, the measurements of water-free
190 andesite glass (chemical composition presented in Table 1) compare well with data from
191 the literature with similar compositions (Table 2). The excellent agreement enables us to
192 provide a well-defined constraint on the role of H₂O on the elastic properties of
193 alkali-rich silicate glasses. The reported precisions of measured values are obtained as the
194 mean standards deviation from repetitive measurements, while errors of derived values
195 are calculated by propagating experimental uncertainties (Table 3).

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Results

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199 The measured densities, lengths, travel times of alkali-rich hydrous silicate glasses
200 are reported in Table 3. Within experimental uncertainty, the density of each glass series
201 shows a linear dependence on the water content (Fig. 3). The decrease in glass density
202 with the addition of H₂O can be attributed to the low atomic mass of hydrogen, which
203 causes the H₂O component dissolved in glass to be much less dense than other oxide
204 components. Density is reduced by 0.3%, 0.43%, and 0.53% for Nelson9, Nelson15, and
205 NAS15 respectively when H₂O is increased by 1 wt%. In addition, the density decreases

206 with increasing SiO₂ content over the composition range investigated ($\rho_{Nelson9} <$
207 $\rho_{Nelson15} < \rho_{NAS15}$, Fig. 3).

208 The acoustic velocities are plotted against water content in Fig. 4. For Nelson9
209 glasses, V_P and V_S decrease at the rate of 8.2 and 12.3 m/s per mol% dissolved H₂O,
210 respectively. For Nelson15 glasses (0-9.89 mol% H₂O), V_P decreases from 5813 to 5781
211 m/s and V_S decreases from 3484 to 3423 m/s. For NAS15 glasses, the data suggest that V_S
212 decreases slightly with increasing dissolved H₂O, whereas V_P is virtually independent of
213 dissolved H₂O. An important feature of Fig. 4 is the lack of a systematic behavior of the
214 variation of V_P and V_S with water content in various compositions.

215 The adiabatic bulk modulus (K_S) is derived from the measured density and sound
216 velocities: $K_S = \rho \cdot (V_P^2 - 4/3 V_S^2)$. According to the equation: $G = \rho \cdot V_S^2$, the shear
217 modulus (G) magnifies the variations of the shear velocity. As shown in Fig. 5, the shear
218 moduli for all three series decrease with increasing dissolved H₂O. However, dissolved
219 water has no discernible effect on the bulk modulus of alkali-rich silicate glasses. The
220 effect of chemical composition on K_S is more obvious than on G . For instance, the bulk
221 and shear modulus increase from 39 to 48 (23.1%) and 26 to 30 (15.4%) GPa for
222 anhydrous glasses, respectively.

223 The molar volume (V) was calculated from the gram formula weight (*g.f.w.*) and
224 density: $V = g.f.w./\rho$ (Table 3). The dependence of the molar volume on dissolved
225 H₂O is found to be linear with a low degree of scattering (Fig. 6a).

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Discussion

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229 **The effect of water on wave velocities and elastic moduli**

230 The different trend in wave velocities is likely attributed to the different Na₂O
231 content. For instance, it appears that the water content derivatives of the shear
232 ($\partial(V_S)/\partial(X_{H_2O})$) and compressional wave velocity ($\partial(V_P)/\partial(X_{H_2O})$) decrease with
233 increasing Na₂O content (Fig. 4, Table 4). This implies that the increase in sodium
234 content might diminish the influence of water on acoustic velocities. For each
235 composition, the effect of increasing water content on acoustic velocities was weaker for
236 V_P than for V_S (Fig. 4, Table 4). The larger decreases in V_S can be ascribed to
237 depolymerization of the silicate network by hydroxyl groups, which reduces its shear
238 resistance (Deschamps et al. 2011). V_P is not affected as much because the
239 compressibility of the glass structure is not influenced as much by H₂O_{mol} in interstitial
240 voids or depolymerization by hydroxyl groups (Gu et al. 2021). The wave velocities of
241 basalt glasses, on the other hand, suggest that dissolved water has a smaller effect on V_S
242 than on V_P (Malfait et al. 2011; Whittington et al. 2012; Wu et al. 2017). This contrasting
243 behavior might be due to water speciation in glasses, which is affected by chemical
244 composition (the degree of polymerization), cooling history (T_g), and temperature
245 (Behrens 2020; Behrens and Yamashita 2008; Le Losq et al. 2015; Nowak and Behrens

246 [1995; Romano et al. 1995](#)).

247 The elastic moduli of basalt and andesite glasses systematically decrease as the
248 water content increases ([Malfait et al. 2011](#); [Richet and Polian 1998](#); [Whittington et al.](#)
249 [2012](#); [Wu et al. 2017](#)). The adiabatic compressibility (β_s) was determined from the
250 relation: $\beta_s = 1/K_S$. Therefore, the addition of water increases compressibility. This
251 suggested that H₂O reacts with the bridging oxygen of tetrahedra in basalt and andesite
252 glasses, resulting in more compressible silicate structures. However, for each series of
253 glasses in this study, the bulk modulus is nearly constant with the addition of H₂O, which
254 is broadly consistent with the elastic behaviors of rhyolite ([Malfait et al. 2011](#)), phonolite,
255 and trachyte ([Whittington et al. 2012](#)) glasses (Fig. 5a). Likewise, the compressibility is
256 also nearly constant, coinciding with the viewpoint that the H₂O component becomes less
257 compressible with increasing alkalinity ([Whittington et al. 2012](#)). The minimal effect of
258 dissolved H₂O on K_S observed in rhyolite glasses was interpreted that V_S decreases more
259 strongly than V_P , which counterbalances the concomitant decrease in density upon
260 hydration ([Malfait et al. 2011](#)).

261 According to a prior study, both K_S and G of silicate glasses slightly decrease with
262 increasing SiO₂ concentrations ([Malfait et al. 2011](#)). Our observations report the decrease
263 in K_S as silica content increases (Fig. 5a). Nonetheless, the fitted line from the shear
264 moduli of the NAS15 glass series, which have the lowest SiO₂ content, is located in the
265 middle (instead of the upper) range of the three series of glasses (Fig. 5b). This abnormal

266 behavior is most likely attributed to the high Na₂O content (up to 29 wt%) in NAS15
267 glasses. Malfait and Sanchez-valle (2013) demonstrated that bulk modulus is almost
268 independent of Na₂O content, while shear modulus decreases systematically with
269 increasing Na₂O content. Thus, the high Na₂O content in NAS15 glasses might cause the
270 anomaly in shear moduli, but not in bulk moduli.

271 The number of non-bridging oxygens per tetrahedrally coordinated cation (NBO/T)
272 provides a measurement of the degree of polymerization, which is one of the most critical
273 characteristics for controlling magmatic processes in the Earth's interior. Whittington et
274 al. (2012) proposed that acoustic velocity and elastic modulus increase with decreasing
275 degrees of polymerization. This trend obtained from aluminosilicate glasses with a broad
276 range of polymerization does not apply to our samples. For instance, Fig. 4b and Fig. 5b
277 display the opposite trend that shear wave velocity and shear modulus decrease with
278 decreasing polymerization (NBO/T value for anhydrous samples are shown in Table 4).
279 The reason for this may be due in part to the compositions of our samples falling outside
280 the composition range of previous studies, for example, Nelson15 and NAS15 are
281 alkaline-earth-elements-free and Nelson9 is alumina-free. These behaviors appear to be
282 more complex than the previous conclusion. Thus, the trends of sound velocity and
283 elastic modulus on silicate glasses are not independently determined by the SiO₂ content
284 or the degree of polymerization, both or even more factors should be considered. For
285 instance, it is demonstrated that the temperature at which the glass transition takes place

286 (T_g) affects the densities (hence the elastic properties) of glasses (Richet et al. 2000).

287 Notably, the elastic moduli of the felsic alkalic (phonolite, trachyte, and rhyolite)
288 glasses derived from Brillouin scattering spectroscopy (Malfait et al. 2011; Whittington et
289 al. 2012) show a similar trend to our results (Fig. 5), with all glasses sharing the common
290 feature of being alkali-rich. These felsic alkalic rocks are a relatively small component of
291 ocean island volcanic suites (Thompson et al. 2001). The role of water in the
292 physicochemical properties of those melts is critical for modeling the magmatic activities
293 at crustal depths (Ardia et al. 2014). If the investigated multicomponent compositions are
294 extrapolated to natural compositions, the observations of this study suggest that water has
295 a negligible effect on bulk modulus and compressibility in felsic alkalic glasses/melts.

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297 **The room-temperature partial molar volume of water (\bar{V}_{H_2O}) in glasses**

298 By linearly extrapolating molar volume to the hypothetical pure water component,
299 the room-temperature \bar{V}_{H_2O} in glasses can be derived to be 10.0 ± 0.5 , 10.6 ± 0.3 , and
300 10.6 ± 0.4 cm³/mol for Nelson9, Nelson15, and NAS15 glasses, respectively (Table 5).
301 This extrapolation method to obtain \bar{V}_{H_2O} is based on the assumption of ideal mixing
302 between water and the silicate components (Richet et al. 2000). As shown in Fig. 6b, the
303 linear dependence of molar volume on the dissolved water demonstrates that \bar{V}_{H_2O} is
304 independent of composition, which is consistent with the ideal mixing model.

305 Table 5 displays \bar{V}_{H_2O} and synthesis P - T conditions in various studies. It appears

306 that \bar{V}_{H_2O} varies with the synthesis pressure. For example, the \bar{V}_{H_2O} values obtained at 2
307 GPa (~ 9 cm³/mol) are remarkably lower than those obtained from 1 GPa runs (~ 10 - 11
308 cm³/mol) (Wu et al. 2017). In contrast, Ardia et al. (2014) showed that the \bar{V}_{H_2O}
309 increases to ~ 14 cm³/mol at the highest synthesis pressure (2.5 GPa). For the three
310 composition series in this study, \bar{V}_{H_2O} is almost constant at 10.4 ± 0.5 cm³/mol, which
311 might be attributed to the same synthesis pressure, eliminating the potential effect of
312 synthesis pressure. Due to the large extrapolation to 100 mol% H₂O, the data obtained in
313 this study are considered to be broadly consistent with the constant value of 12.0 ± 0.5
314 cm³/mol by Richet et al. (2000).

315 From density and thermal expansion measurements on hydrous silicate glasses, it
316 has been reported that \bar{V}_{H_2O} is nearly independent of composition in supercooled liquids
317 near T_g (Ochs and Lange 1997, 1999; Bouhifd et al. 2001, 2015). Malfait et al. (2014a)
318 have combined literature data to conclude that \bar{V}_{H_2O} is independent of composition for
319 silicate melts at simultaneous high P - T conditions, at least within experimental
320 uncertainties. The constant \bar{V}_{H_2O} in glasses, supercooled liquids, and melts will simplify
321 the construction of a volumetric model for hydrous magmas under geologically relevant
322 conditions.

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324 **The partial molar bulk modulus of water in glasses and melts**

325 The partial molar volume of water appears to be insensitive to the anhydrous

326 composition for melts as well as glasses, but this is not the case for the partial molar
327 elastic modulus of water. The partial molar bulk modulus of water for each glass series
328 derived by extrapolation does depend on the anhydrous composition (Table 4), which is
329 also reported by previous studies (Malfait et al. 2011; Whingttington et al. 2012). As a
330 result, density models that assume ideal mixing of the water component
331 (composition-independent \bar{V}_{H_2O}) may result in larger uncertainties for the density of
332 hydrous melts at higher pressures. Under the assumption of an ideal mixing model, it is
333 now well established that the partial molar volumes of major oxide components are
334 independent of composition in anhydrous silicate melts (Lange and Carmichael 1987).
335 Schilling et al. (2001) suggested that the ideal mixing model is also applicable to elastic
336 properties and acoustic velocities of anhydrous glasses in the anorthite-diopside-forsterite
337 (An-Di-Fo) system. However, they cautioned that extrapolating molar elastic moduli to
338 drastically different compositions can lead to significant errors due to the different
339 structures. The reasoning behind this was further illustrated by the fact that the measured
340 elastic moduli for silica glass ($K_S = 36.5$ GPa, Bass 1995) are markedly different from the
341 inferred molar K_S (47.4 GPa) of a virtual SiO_2 component in the An-Di-Fo glasses
342 (Schilling et al. 2001). We speculate that the ideal mixing model may not apply to the
343 bulk modulus of hydrous glasses. Therefore, it seems that the partial molar K_S of water
344 depends on the anhydrous composition of the glasses, which is in contrast to \bar{V}_{H_2O} .

345 Nevertheless, the partial molar K_S of water for andesite and rhyolite melts (2.5 and

346 2.7 GPa, respectively) are independent of silicate composition at 1273 K (Malfait et al.
347 2014). This suggests that the behavior of water in melts and glasses may differ
348 significantly. This discrepancy is likely related to configurational contributions (unique to
349 melts) to the physical properties of melts (Richet and Neuville, 1992). In particular,
350 Stebbins et al. (1984) indicated that the ideal mixing model can be used to reproduce the
351 heat capacities of silicate glasses within error, but is less appropriate for that of silicate
352 melts due to the development of new structural configurations at temperatures above T_g .
353 Moreover, the effect of water speciation with temperature cannot be excluded. For
354 instance, the concentration of OH groups in the melt varies strongly with temperature and
355 is far greater than predicted by spectroscopic studies on glasses at ambient conditions
356 (Nowak and Behrens 1995). Consequently, there is a fundamental difference in the effect
357 of water on silicate melts versus glasses, systematic investigations are necessary to
358 understand the volumetric and elastic properties both in glasses and melts in the future.

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360 **Water speciation**

361 The role of water in silicate glasses is directly linked to its speciation. It has long
362 been recognized that water dissolves in silicate glasses as hydroxyl groups (OH) and
363 molecular water (H_2O_{mol}) (Newman et al. 1986; Stolper 1982). As a traditional view,
364 hydroxyl groups predominate in silicate glasses at lower water content, while the fraction
365 of H_2O_{mol} increases with water content (Schmidt et al. 2001; Stolper 1982). The strongly

366 nonlinear role of water on the melt viscosity has been interpreted as the structural
367 consequences of the decreasing proportion of water dissolved as OH groups within the
368 melt with increasing water content (Stolper 1982). It appears that H_2O_{mol} does not affect
369 melt viscosity, and the amount of OH groups in the melt structure solely determines the
370 viscosity (Dingwell et al. 1996). Additionally, Richet and Polian (1998) found that the
371 variations of the shear modulus of hydrous andesite glasses are discontinuous with
372 increasing water content and ascribed it to rapidly increasing H_2O_{mol} concentration when
373 the total water content is above 1 wt%.

374 However, the molar volume, sound velocities, and elastic properties of the hydrous
375 silicate glasses from this study are all linear functions of water content. The same trends
376 were observed in a variety of glasses in previous studies (Malfait et al. 2011; Whittington
377 et al. 2012; Wu et al. 2017). Because we did not carry out spectroscopic measurements,
378 two possible interpretations can be proposed for the observations: (1) Water affects these
379 properties in the same manner regardless of its speciation because the linear trend was
380 observed in ranges where either OH groups or H_2O_{mol} predominate. The hydroxyl groups
381 dominate at low water contents before being overtaken by H_2O_{mol} , which occurs in
382 quenched glasses at water contents of 3-4 wt% (Stolper 1982). Therefore, the speciation
383 change of water has little effect on the volume or K_S , implying that the volume change of
384 the reaction between bridging oxygen and H_2O_{mol} to form OH is small in all glass series.
385 It further indicates that the changes in water speciation are driven by the entropy rather

386 than the volume of the system (Richet and Polian 1998). Moreover, Whittington et al.
387 (2012) proposed that the effects of water on compression mechanisms are determined by
388 water-silicate interactions, but not the interconversion of water speciation. (2) Like
389 viscosity, the molar volume and elastic properties are sensitive to water speciation.
390 Recently, Cody et al. (2020) used ^1H MAS nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR)
391 spectroscopy to measure water speciation in aluminosilicate glasses. They suggested that
392 $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{mol}}$ species are predominant over OH initially, while OH becomes dominant at very
393 high total water content (>20 mol%). This recent finding is dramatically different from
394 the traditional view of the water speciation trend. Thus, based on the new speciation trend,
395 the linear correlation of the molar volume, wave velocities, and elastic properties with
396 water content can be attributed to the relatively constant ratio of OH to $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{mol}}$ with no
397 interconversion between the two water species in the range of water content (up to 5.45
398 wt% H_2O) in our glasses.

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Implications for the dissolution mechanisms of water

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403 The OH and $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{mol}}$ species behave in distinct ways within the silicate network of
404 glasses and melts (Behrens et al. 2007). Consequently, not only the quantification of
405 water speciation but also the understanding of the water dissolution mechanisms in the

406 silicate structure is important. The composition of the silicate system affects the water
407 dissolution mechanism. Water prefers to be present as H_2O_{mol} that interacts with the
408 bridging oxygens to produce OH linked to tetrahedral cation (T-OH) in highly
409 polymerized melts and free hydroxyl groups (M-OH, OH species bonded only to
410 network-modifying cations) may also be present in strongly depolymerized melts (Cody
411 et al. 2005; Le Losq et al. 2015; Moretti et al. 2014; Mysen and Cody 2005; Xue and
412 Kanzaki 2004). In addition, NMR studies for silicate glasses demonstrated the dissolution
413 mechanisms of water in Al-bearing silicate networks are essentially similar to those in
414 Al-free systems, and multiple dissolution mechanisms for water are present
415 simultaneously (Malfait and Xue 2010; Xue and Kanzaki 2008).

416 Indirect evidence, such as the reduction in viscosity (Friedman et al. 1963; Giordano
417 et al. 2004; Hess and Dingwell 1996; Richet et al. 1996) and T_g (Giordano et al. 2005) as
418 water is incorporated into the melts, may reflect the structural change in the silicate
419 network. In particular, water is much more effective at reducing the viscosity of
420 polymerized melts than depolymerized ones (Whittington et al. 2000), which indicates
421 that the water dissolution mechanism may depend on composition. The Poisson's ratio (ν)
422 is a direct proxy for melt structure that correlates with network connectivity and is
423 expressed as $\nu = 1/2 \cdot [(V_p/V_s)^2 - 2]/[(V_p/V_s)^2 - 1]$. According to experimental
424 evidence, ν increases with rising atomic packing density (C_g) and decreases with
425 increasing average coordination number $\langle n \rangle$ or the number of bridging oxygen n_{BO}

426 (Greaves et al. 2011; Rouxel 2007). Hence, the increase in Poisson's ratio could be used
427 to qualitatively predict the network depolymerization. As might be expected, within
428 experimental errors, the Poisson's ratio for each glass series is a linear function of water
429 content (Fig. 7a). The increase of ν with the addition of H₂O together with the NMR
430 spectroscopic evidence for the formation of T-OH (T = Si, Al) through the rupture of
431 oxygen bridges: T-O-T + H₂O = 2T-OH (Farnan et al. 1987; Malfait and Xue 2010; Xue
432 2009; Xue and Kanzaki 2006), supports the hypothesis that dissolved water
433 depolymerizes melts in both Al-free (Nelson9) and Al-bearing (Nelson15 and NAS15)
434 silicate melts.

435 The Al/(Al + Si) ratio is one of the most important compositional variables of
436 natural magmatic systems. It has been proposed that the distribution of Al³⁺ among the
437 structural unit (Qⁿ, n = number of bridging oxygens to other tetrahedral) depends on the
438 Al/(Al + Si) of hydrous aluminosilicate systems (Mysen 2007). The Al³⁺ preferentially
439 occupies Q⁴-species and the abundance of Q⁴(4Al, i.e. the number of next-nearest Al to Si
440 is 4) increases rapidly with Al/(Al + Si), which plays a dominant role in raising the
441 fraction of Q⁴-species with increasing bulk Al/(Al + Si) in peralkaline glasses and melts
442 (Mysen et al. 2003). In addition, dissolved water appears to exhibit preferences for
443 interaction with bridging oxygen bonds in Q⁴-species (Mysen and Cody 2005; Zotov and
444 Keppler 1998).

445 The Poisson's ratio increases with H₂O at a higher rate in the Al-free Nelson9 series

446 than in the other two Al-bearing systems (Fig. 7a, Table 4). Based on this behavior, we
447 speculate that the water concentration derivative of Poisson's ratio ($\partial(v)/\partial(X_{H_2O})$) are
448 possibly sensitive to the Al/(Al + Si) ratio. Fig. 7b shows that the $\partial(v)/\partial(X_{H_2O})$ is
449 negatively correlated with Al/(Al + Si) when our data are plotted with previous data for
450 rhyolite, phonolite, and trachyte glasses. The observation that $\partial(v)/\partial(X_{H_2O})$ decreases
451 with increasing Al/(Al + Si) ratio may be explained by assuming that water prefers to
452 interact with Si-O bonds to form Si-OH rather than Al-O bonds to produce Al-OH in
453 peralkaline systems. This is a reasonable assumption because the rate of v -increase with
454 water content ($\partial(v)/\partial(X_{H_2O})$), which represents the rate of depolymerization, decreases
455 with increasing Al/(Al + Si) (therefore $Q^4(4Al)$ abundance). This implies that water
456 interaction with Al-O bonds depolymerizes peralkaline silicate melts less effectively than
457 with Si-O bonds. A recent NMR investigation revealed that the Al-OH/(Al-OH + Si-OH)
458 proportion is smaller than the Al/(Al + Si) ratio in rhyolite and phonolite melts at lower
459 temperatures (Malfait and Xue 2014). This also supports the idea that water prefers to
460 form Si-OH rather than Al-OH in peralkaline silicate melts. Nevertheless, from the
461 increased water solubility with Al/(Al + Si) observed by Holtz et al. (2000), Mysen and
462 Richet (2019) hypothesized that water prefers to generate Al-OH rather than Si-OH for
463 alkali meta-aluminosilicates. Moreover, the dependence of water solubility on
464 composition has also been observed, particularly for peralkaline and peraluminous
465 silicate composition (Behrens and Jantos 2001; Mysen and Armstrong 2002). Hence, the

466 dissolution mechanisms of water between peraluminous and peralkaline magma systems
467 might be different.

468 In summary, the decrease of water content derivative of the Poisson's ratio
469 ($\partial(v)/\partial(X_{H_2O})$) with increasing Al/(Al + Si) ($Q^4(4Al)$ accordingly) indicates that water
470 interaction with Al-O bonds depolymerizes peralkaline silicate melts less effectively than
471 with Si-O bonds. Hence, we speculate that water prefers to interact with Si-O bonds
472 rather than Al-O bonds in peralkaline silicate systems. Further spectroscopic analyses are
473 required to obtain more detailed information on the speciation and dissolution
474 mechanisms of water. This study on the density, elastic properties of alkali-rich hydrous
475 silicate glasses could be the beginning of more comprehensive investigations on other
476 physical properties. Additional constraints at elevated P - T conditions are needed to
477 explore the effect of pressure and temperature on the structure and properties of hydrous
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730 **Figure captions:**

731 **Figure 1.** A schematic diagram shows the principle of travel time measurements
732 using the ultrasonic interferometric technique (modified after [Li and Liebermann 2014](#)).

733 **Figure 2.** (a) Received signals for andesite glass on the buffer rod; (b) Simulation of
734 the pulse-echo overlap (PEO) method.

735 **Figure 3.** The density of the three series of hydrous silicate glasses against water
736 content. The dashed lines are linear fits to our data.

737 **Figure 4.** The variation of (a) compressional and (b) shear wave velocities of the
738 three series of hydrous silicate glasses against water content. The dashed lines are linear
739 fits to our data.

740 **Figure 5.** (a) Adiabatic bulk and (b) shear modulus of silicate glasses against water
741 content. The data from this study are shown as solid symbols, the data of rhyolite glass
742 from Malfait et al. (2011) are shown as open circles, the data of phonolite and trachyte
743 from Whittington et al. (2012) are shown as open squares and triangles, respectively. The
744 dashed lines are linear fits to our data.

745 **Figure 6.** (a) Room-temperature molar volume of hydrous silicate glasses against
746 water content. The dashed lines are linear fits to our data. (b) The fitted dashed lines yield
747 the partial molar volume of water (\bar{V}_{H_2O}) as they intercept with the y-axis at 100% H₂O.
748 The constant \bar{V}_{H_2O} (12 ± 0.5 cm³/mol, Richet et al. 2000) is shown for a comparison.
749 Errors of measurements are smaller than the symbol size.

750 **Figure 7.** (a) Variation of the Poisson's ratio with water content; (b) The relationship
751 between the water content derivative of Poisson's ratio ($\partial(\nu)/\partial(X_{H_2O})$) and Al/(Al + Si)
752 ratio; data taken from M11 ([Malfait et al. 2011](#)) and W12 ([Whittington et al. 2012](#)) are
753 also plotted as open symbols. The dashed line(s) in (a) are linear fits to our data and in (b)
754 is a linear fit to all the data.
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Table 1. Compositions (wt %) of the silicate glasses

Sample	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	H ₂ O	Total	<i>g.f.w.</i> [‡]
Nelson9*	72.74		8.2			18.42		99.36	61.730
Nelson9-1	73.72		8.09			18.33	0.00 [†]	100.14	61.731
Nelson9-2	71.24		7.92			18.26	2.02 (4)	99.44	58.904
Nelson9-3	71.15		7.69			18.18	2.92 (5)	99.94	57.767
Nelson9-4	70.53		7.53			17.72	4.05 (4)	99.83	56.287
Nelson9-6	69.30		7.79			17.35	5.45 (6)	99.89	54.445
Nelson15*	60.36	21.47			11.25	6.44		99.52	67.936
Nelson15-1	61.58	21.21			10.17	6.70	0.00 [†]	99.66	67.882
Nelson15-2	60.98	21.06			10.14	6.36	1.12 (4)	99.65	65.800
Nelson15-3	60.53	20.84			9.94	6.21	2.22 (4)	99.74	63.880
Nelson15-4	59.83	20.52			9.75	6.73	2.82 (8)	99.66	62.978
NAS15*	46.89	23.06			29.88			99.83	67.060
NAS15-1	46.22	24.01			28.81		0.00 [†]	99.05	67.394
NAS15-2	47.55	23.58			26.09		2.57 (6)	99.79	62.908
NAS15-3	46.34	23.21			26.44		3.39 (10)	99.38	61.586
Andesite	59.47	20.91	5.24	9.69	2.92	1.72	0.00 [†]	99.96	63.954

757 † Nominal water content of dry samples, other H₂O contents were determined by KFT
 758 analysis.

759 ‡ Gram formula weight calculated as $g.f.w. = \sum X_i M_i$, where X_i is the mole fraction
 760 of each oxide component, and M_i is the molecular weight of each oxide component

761 * Nominal composition of the anhydrous starting materials

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763 **Table 2.** Densities and sound velocities of fused silica and anhydrous andesite glasses

ρ (g/cm ³)	V_P (m/s)	V_S (m/s)	V_P Diff.% [§]	V_S Diff.% [§]	Reference
fused silica					
2.203 (5)	5955 (13)	3746 (5)			This study [*]
2.202	5933	3764	-0.37	0.47	Andreatch and McSkimin (1976) [§]
2.204	5955 (5)	3763 (5)	0.00	0.44	Meister et al. (1980) [†]
2.2007	5947 (6)	3769 (4)	-0.14	0.60	Manghnani et al. (2020) [§]
Andesite					
2.589 (13)	6344 (4)	3696 (5)			This study [*]
2.571	6152 (5)	3616 (5)	-3.03	-2.16	Meister et al. (1980) [†]
2.513	6240	3700	-1.64	0.11	Richet and Polian (1998) [‡]
2.536	6213 (10)	3689 (12)	-2.07	-0.19	Malfait et al. (2011) [‡]

764 Sound velocities were measured using different methods: ^{*} ultrasonic interferometry;

765 [§] pulse superposition; [†] ultrasonic phase comparison; [‡] Brillouin scattering.

766 [§] $V_{(P,S)}$ Diff.% corresponds to $(V_{(P,S)}(\text{literature data}) - V_{(P,S)}(\text{this study})) \times 100 / V_{(P,S)}$

767 (this study).

Table 3. Densities, acoustic velocities, and elastic properties of the investigated silicate glasses

Sample	ρ (g/cm ³)	H ₂ O (mol)	molar V (cm ³ /mo)	L (mm)	t_P (μ s)	t_S (μ s)	V_P (m/s)	V_S (m/s)	K_S (GPa)	β_S (10 ⁻² GPa ⁻¹)	G (GPa)	ν
Nelson9-1	2.417 (13)	0.00	25.54 (4)	3.791 (8)	1.3694 (3)	2.2940 (7)	5537 (12)	3305 (7)	38.9 (2)	2.57 (2)	26.4 (2)	0.223 (4)
Nelson9-2	2.409 (10)	6.64	24.45 (5)	6.622 (4)	2.4042 (5)	4.0788 (12)	5509 (4)	3247 (2)	39.2 (2)	2.55 (1)	25.4 (1)	0.234 (1)
Nelson9-3	2.396 (9)	9.37	24.11 (3)	4.018 (6)	1.4684 (10)	2.5114 (8)	5473 (9)	3200 (5)	39.1 (2)	2.56 (1)	24.5 (1)	0.240 (3)
Nelson9-4	2.380 (3)	12.68	23.65 (1)	5.128 (8)	1.8814 (5)	3.2348 (13)	5451 (9)	3171 (5)	38.8 (1)	2.58 (1)	23.9 (1)	0.244 (3)
Nelson9-6	2.377 (7)	16.58	22.9 (2)	2.219 (4)	0.8218 (10)	1.4310 (11)	5400 (12)	3101 (6)	38.8 (2)	2.58 (1)	22.9 (1)	0.254 (4)
Nelson15-1	2.459 (4)	0.00	27.61 (1)	3.33 (2)	1.1457 (9)	1.9117 (12)	5813 (6)	3484 (3)	43.3 (1)	2.31 (1)	29.8 (1)	0.220 (2)
Nelson15-2	2.448 (7)	4.09	26.88 (2)	1.086 (2)	0.3758 (11)	0.6302 (15)	5806 (20)	3462 (10)	43.4 (3)	2.30 (1)	29.4 (2)	0.224 (7)
Nelson15-3	2.436 (6)	7.89	26.22 (2)	3.515 (6)	1.2120 (7)	2.0417 (7)	5800 (10)	3443 (6)	43.4 (2)	2.30 (1)	28.9 (1)	0.228 (4)
Nelson15-4	2.429 (12)	9.89	25.92 (4)	3.245 (2)	1.1226 (10)	1.8958 (7)	5781 (6)	3423 (2)	43.2 (2)	2.31 (1)	28.5 (2)	0.230 (2)
NAS15-1	2.546 (12)	0.00	26.47 (4)	2.505 (12)	0.8644 (30)	1.5002 (28)	5796 (34)	3340 (17)	47.7 (4)	2.10 (2)	28.4 (3)	0.252 (12)
NAS15-2	2.516 (7)	8.99	25.00 (2)	3.996 (4)	1.375 (15)	2.4078 (15)	5812 (9)	3319 (4)	48.0 (1)	2.08 (1)	27.7 (1)	0.258 (3)
NAS15-3	2.500 (12)	11.66	24.63 (4)	1.784 (2)	0.6178 (18)	1.0912 (1)	5775 (18)	3270 (4)	47.8 (2)	2.10 (1)	26.7 (1)	0.264 (6)

769 Table 4. The water content derivatives of wave velocities and Poisson's ratio, the partial
770 molar bulk modulus of water, and NBO/T of the investigated glass series

Sample	NBO/T*	$\partial(V_P)/\partial(X_{H_2O})$	$\partial(V_S)/\partial(X_{H_2O})$	$\bar{K}_{S_{H_2O}}$	$\partial(v)/\partial(X_{H_2O}) \times 10^{-3}$
Nelson9	0.64	-8.2 (11)	-12.2 (10)	38.9 (3)	1.83 (1)
Nelson15	0.04	-2.8 (10)	-5.8 (6)	43.3 (1)	1.03 (9)
NAS15	0.37	-0.9 (29)	-5.0 (30)	47.7 (15)	0.99 (29)

771 * Calculated by $NBO/T = (Na + K + 2Mg - Al)/(Si + Al)$ for the anhydrous compositions.

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773 Table 5. The partial molar volume of water and synthesis conditions of hydrous silicate
774 glasses

Sample	H ₂ O (wt%)	Pressure (GPa)	Temperature (°C)	\bar{V}_{H_2O} (cm ³ /mol) #
This study				
Nelson9	0-5.45	0.5	1234-1240	10.0 ± 0.5
Nelson15	0-2.82	0.5	1240-1250	10.6 ± 0.3
NAS15	0-3.39	0.5	1250	10.6 ± 0.4
Ardia et al. (2014)				
Haplogranite	0.15-5.24	0.5	1000	11.23 ± 1.00
Haplogranite	0.15-5.24	1.0	1000	12.17 ± 1.00
Haplogranite	0.15-5.24	1.5	1000	12.82 ± 1.00
Haplogranite	0.15-5.24	2.5	1000	13.74 ± 1.00
Balzer et al. (2020)				
NAS	0.02-7.90	0.5	1250-1600	11.8 ± 0.1
NKAS(2:1)	0.02-8.00	0.5	1250-1600	12.0 ± 0.1
NKAS(1:1)	0.01-7.96	0.5	1250-1600	12.1 ± 0.2
Bouhifd et al. (2001, 2015)				
Albite [#]	0-5.2	0.2	1200	10.2 ± 0.5*
Tephrite [#]	0-3	0.2-0.3	1300	10.4 ± 0.5*
Trachyte [#]	0-5	0.2-0.3	1300	11.2 ± 0.8*
Foidite [#]	0.7-2.3	0.3	1300	10.3 ± 1.0*
Phonolite	0-4.72	0.2-0.3	1200-1300	11.0 ± 0.5*
Malfait et al. (2011)				
Andesite	0-3.01	0.7	1400	13.9 ± 0.4
Basalt	0.05-4.40	0-0.20	1170-1290	12.0 ± 0.3
Wu et al. (2017)				
Basalt (FX) ^S	0-4.01	1.0	1400	11.4 ± 0.5 (11.6 ± 0.8*)
Basalt (FW) ^S	0-5.23	1.0	1400	11.2 ± 0.4 (10.9 ± 0.6*)
Basalt (SHT) ^S	0-3.45	1.0	1400	10.3 ± 0.6 (11.5 ± 0.5*)
Basalt (FX)	0-5.48	2.0	1400	9.2 ± 1.2
Basalt (FW)	0-6.82	2.0	1400	9.3 ± 1.0
Basalt (SHT)	0-4.48	2.0	1400	8.9 ± 1.5

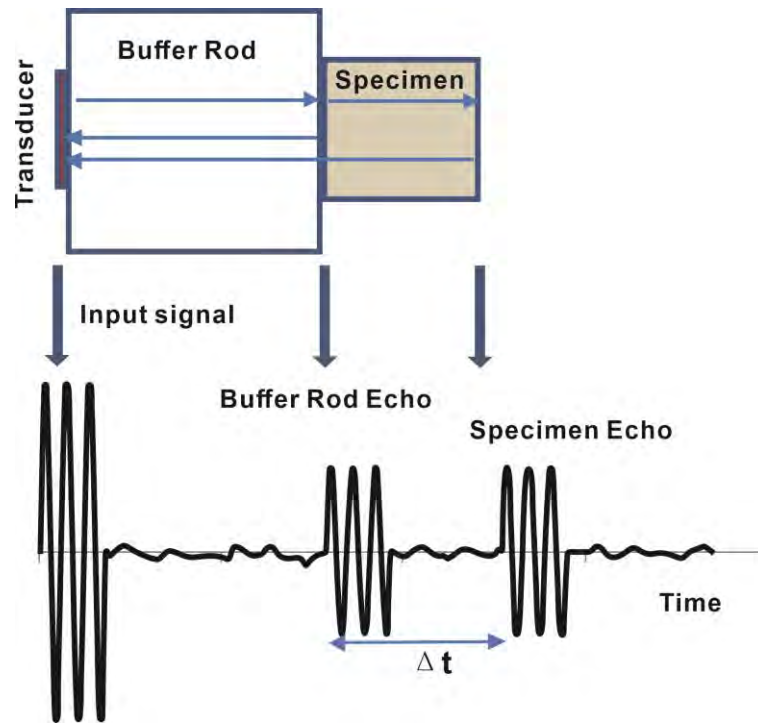
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776 hydrous silicate glasses collected after Richet et al. (2000).

777 * \bar{V}_{H_2O} of relaxed glasses after relaxation during dilatometry measurements up to T_g

778 ^s FX(Feixian), FW(Fuxin), and SHT(Sihetun) are three kinds of basaltic glasses from the North China
779 Craton (NCC).

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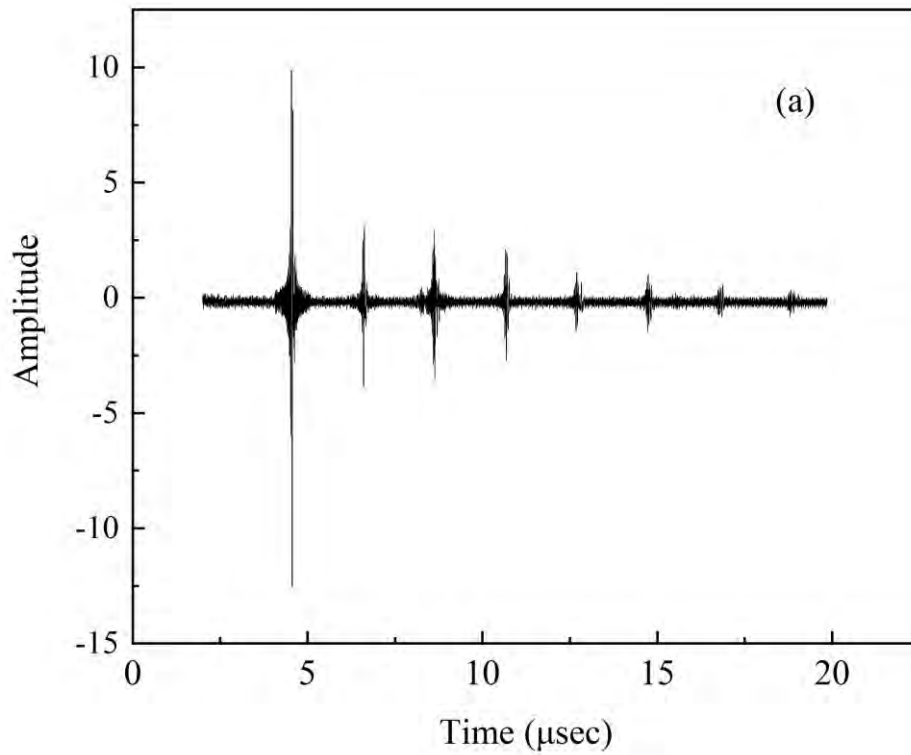
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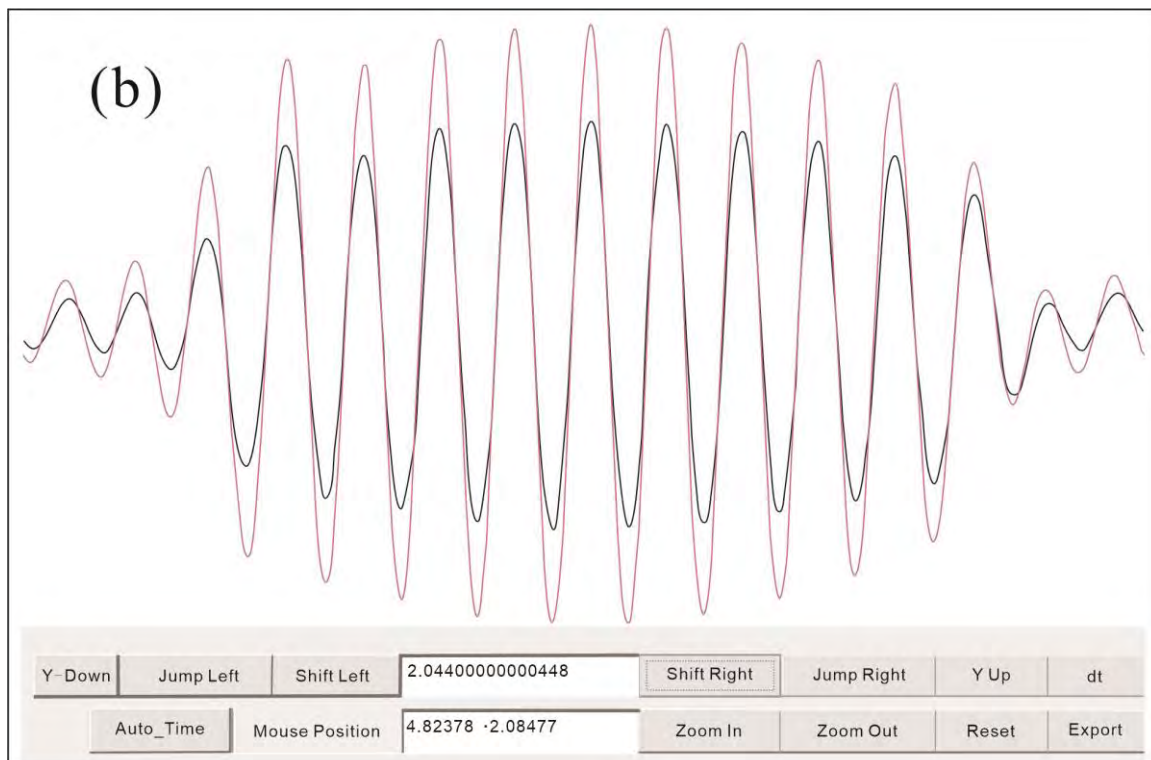
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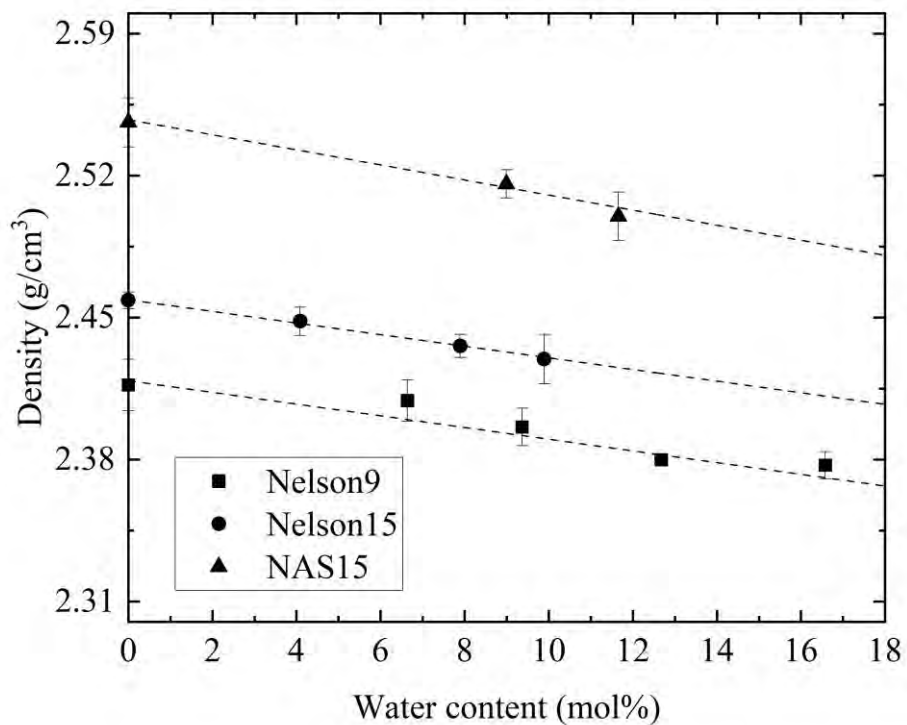
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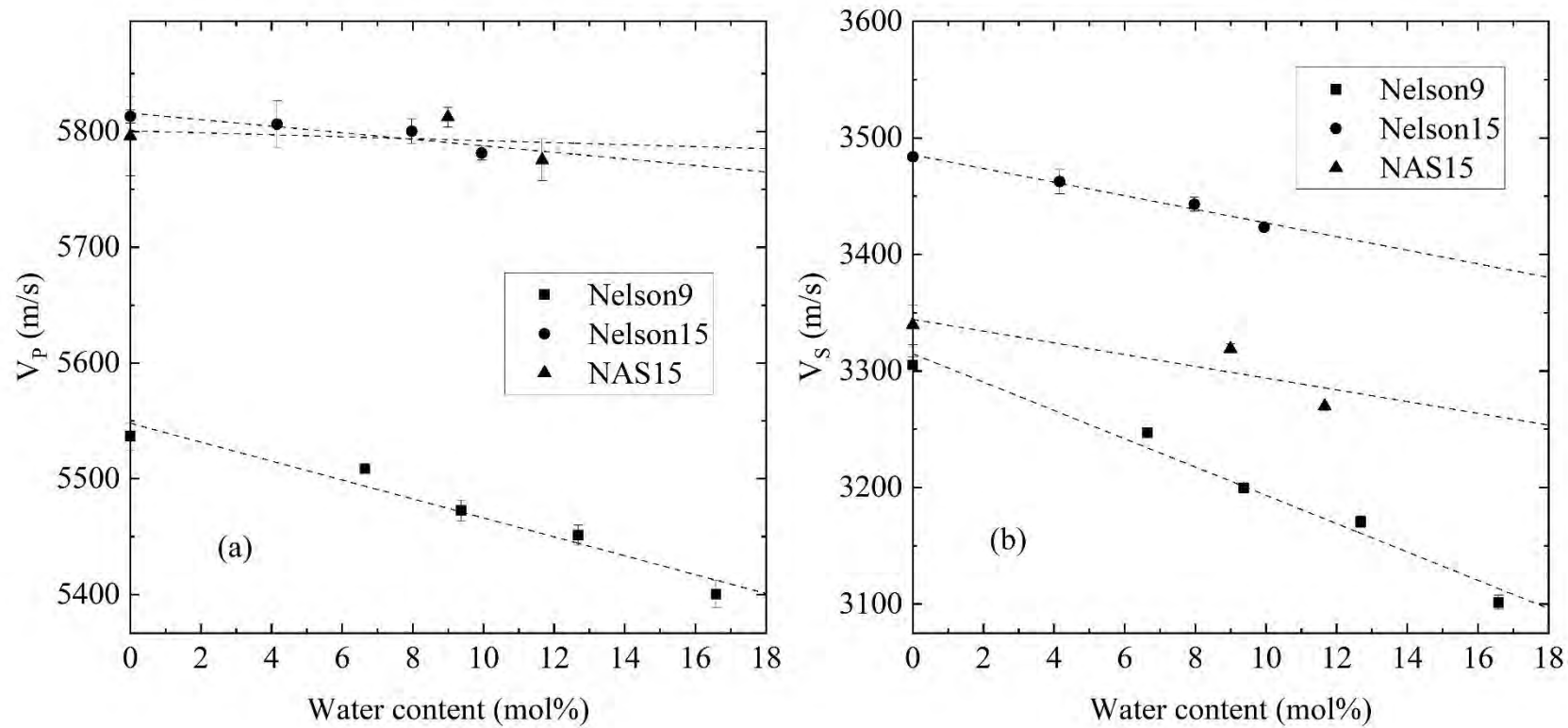
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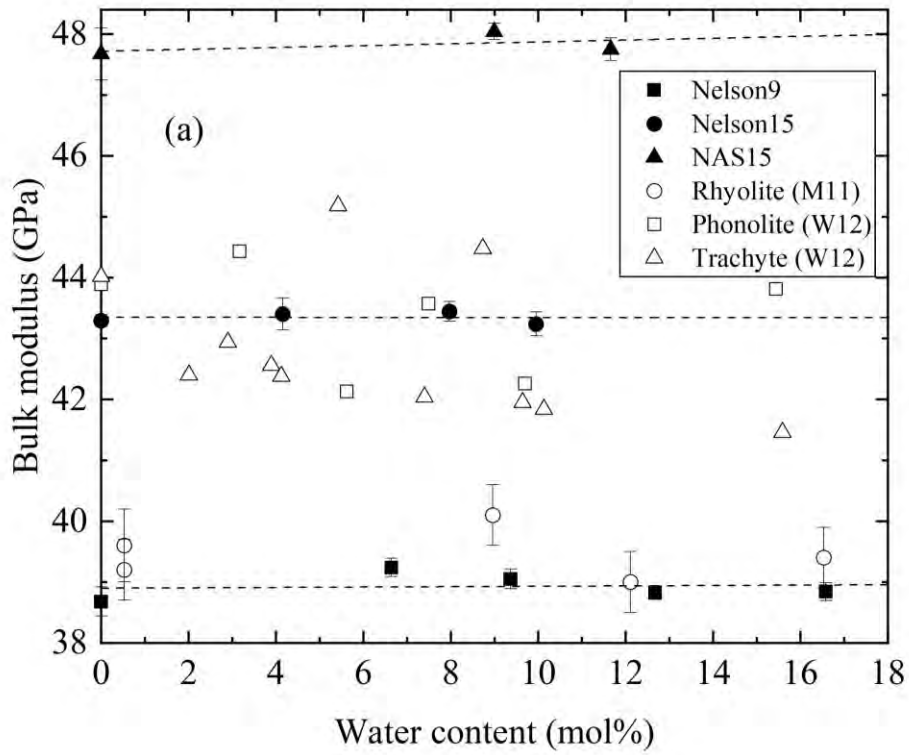
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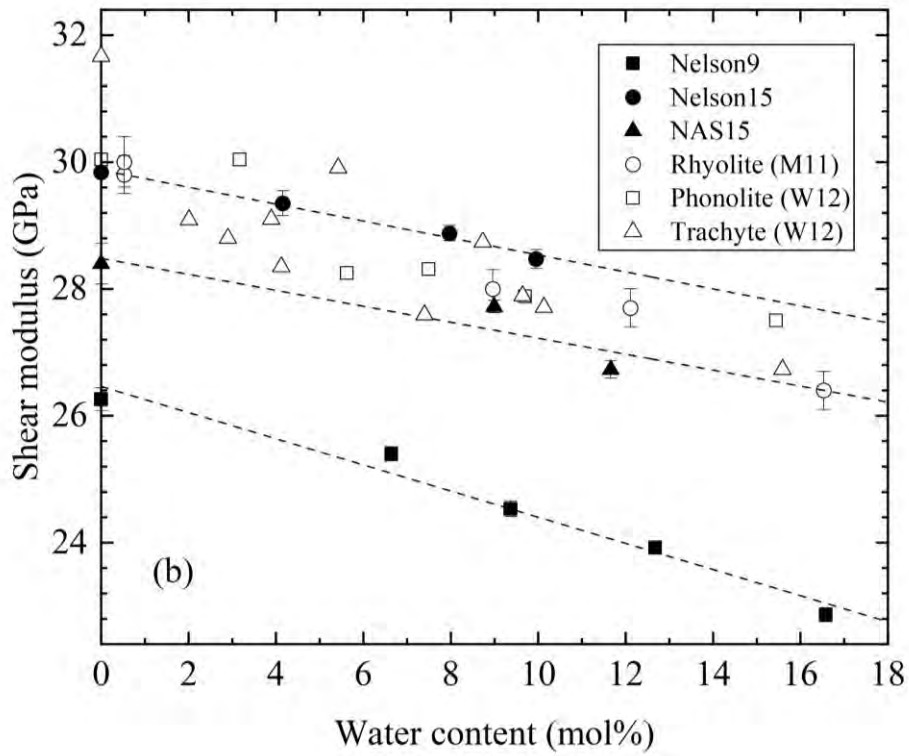


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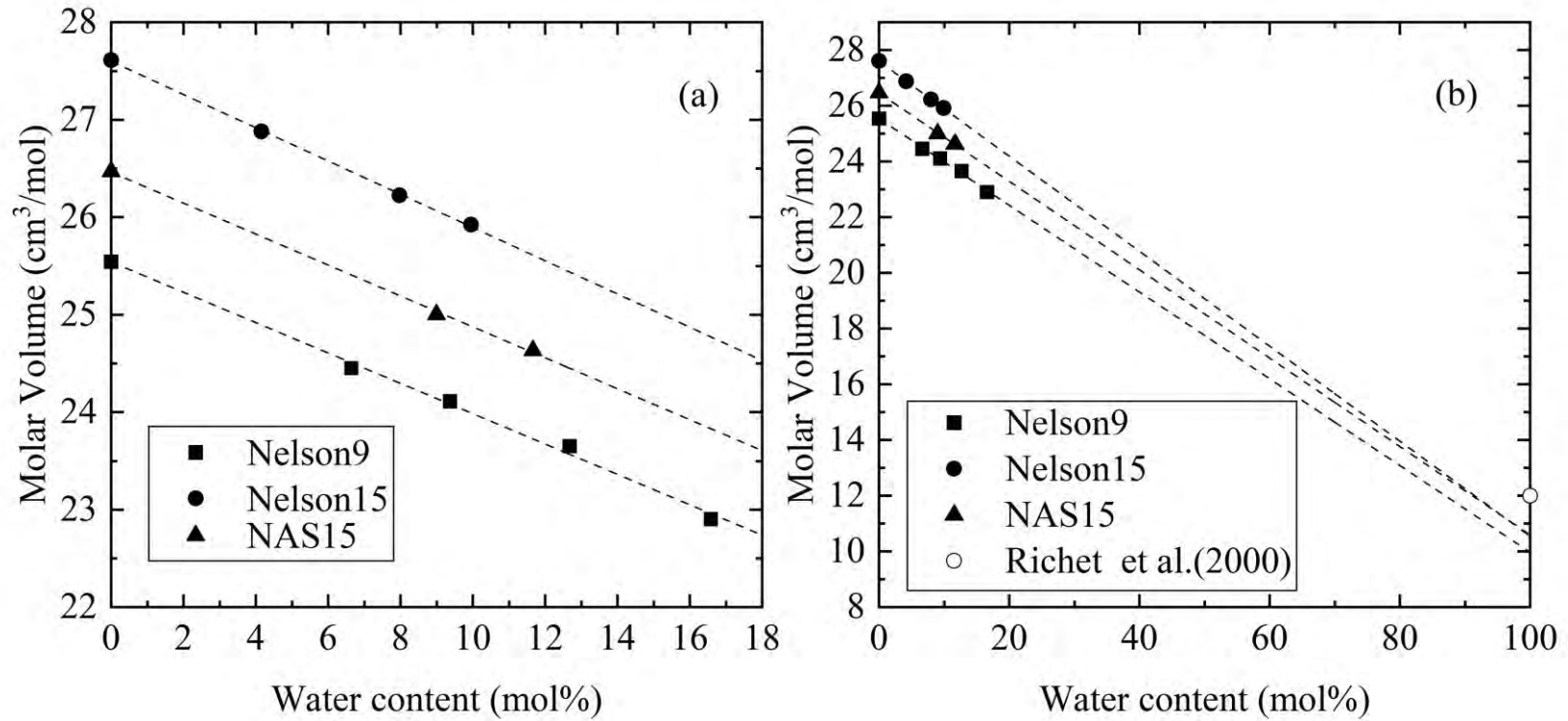


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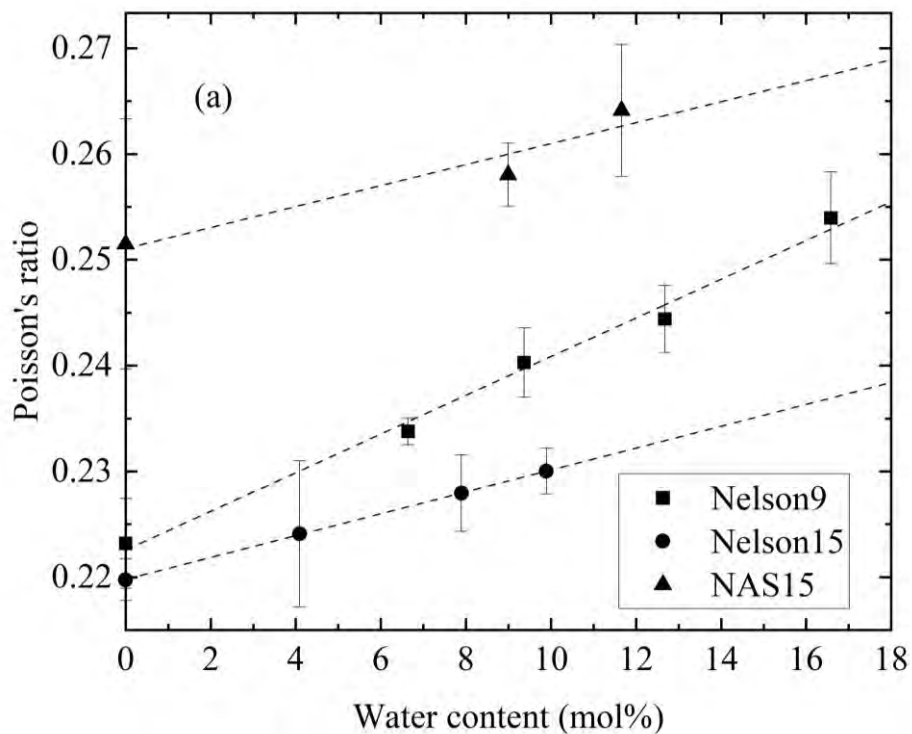
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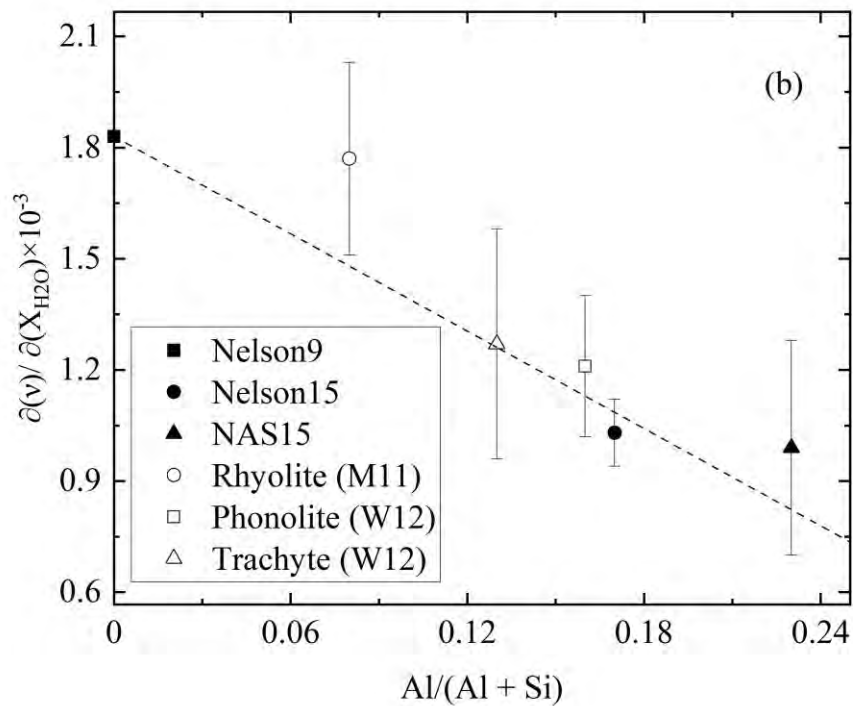


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797 **Figure 7.**



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