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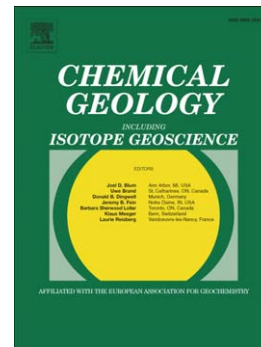
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THE EFFECT OF SULFUR ON THE GLASS TRANSITION TEMPERATURE IN
ANORTHITE-DIOPSIDE EUTECTIC GLASSES.

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Abstract:

The effect of sulfur dissolved in anorthite-diopside eutectic (AD) glasses on the glass transition temperature (T_g) has been investigated via Differential Scanning Calorimetric measurements (DSC) and Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA) under moderately reducing to oxidizing conditions.

In a series of AD glasses, we have measured the change in T_g as a function of S content present as SO_4^{2-} (HS^- is also identified to a lesser extent) and H_2O content. The AD glasses investigated have S contents ranging from 0 to 7519 ppm and H_2O contents ranging from 0 to 5.3 wt.%. In agreement with previous studies, increasing H_2O content induces a strong exponential decrease in T_g : volatile free AD glass has a T_g at $758 \pm 13^\circ\text{C}$ and AD glass with 5.18 ± 0.48 wt.% H_2O has a T_g at $450 \pm 11^\circ\text{C}$. The change in T_g as a function of H_2O is well-reproduced with a third-order polynomial function and has been used to constrain T_g at any H_2O content. The effect of S on T_g is almost inexistent or towards a decrease in T_g with increasing S content. For instance, at ~ 2.4 wt.% H_2O , the addition of S induces a change in T_g from $585 \pm 10^\circ\text{C}$ with 0 ppm S to $523 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$ with 2365 ± 138 ppm S; a further increase in S up to 7239 ± 90 ppm S does not induce a dramatic change in T_g measured at $529 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$.

The limited effect of S on the glass transition temperature contrasts with recent spectroscopic measurements suggesting that S dissolution as SO_4^{2-} groups provokes an increase in the polymerization degree. We propose an alternative view which reconciles the spectroscopic evidence with the T_g measurements. The dissolution of S as SO_4^{2-} does not induce the formation of Si-O-Si molecular bonding through consumption of available non-bridging oxygens (NBO) but instead we suggest that Si-O-S molecular bonds are formed which are not detectable by DSC measurements but mimic the increase in glass polymerization. Therefore,

spectroscopic measurements must be used with caution in order to extract melt physical properties.

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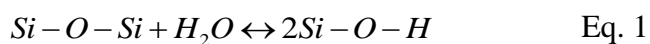
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1. Introduction:

Sulfur (S) is an important volatile element implied in volcanic system (Carroll and Webster, 1994; Paris et al., 2001; Scaillet et al., 2003; Clemente et al., 2004; Scaillet and Pichavant, 2005; Moune et al., 2009), playing a major role in degassing processes and related atmospheric changes (Carroll and Webster, 1994; Edmonds et al., 2003; Webster and Mandeville, 2007; Oppenheimer et al., 2011). The behaviour of S in magmas is complex owing to its variable oxidation state in silicate melts: under oxidising conditions S is present as sulfate groups (SO_4^{2-} where sulfur is S^{6+}), whilst under reducing conditions S is present as sulphide groups (where sulfur is S^{2-}) (e.g. Fincham and Richardson, 1954; Carroll and Rutherford, 1988; O'Neill and Mavrogenes, 2002; Jugo et al., 2005a,b; Moretti and Ottonello, 2005; Klimm and Botcharnikov, 2010; Baker and Moretti, 2011; Klimm et al., 2012).

The structure of a silicate glass can be described via a model involving Q-species (e.g. Grimmer et al., 1984; Brandiss and Stebbins, 1988; Merzbacher et al., 1990; Stebbins, 1995; Mysen and Richet, 2005). A Q^n unit represents a tetrahedral structural unit with n bridging oxygens (BO, $n = 0$ to 4). The abundance of each Q^n species is dependent on bulk composition (e.g. Maekawa et al., 1991; Mysen and Frantz, 1993; Frantz and Mysen, 1995; Malfait et al., 2007). The distribution of those individual Q-species can be related to the structure of melts, hence to their physical properties such as viscosity (e.g. Mysen et al., 1980; Mysen, 1998; Toplis and Dingwell, 2004; Neuville, 2006; Malfait et al., 2007).

The presence of volatile species influences the distribution of Q-species in silicate glasses. For instance, H_2O induces a strong melt depolymerisation when dissolving as OH groups (e.g. Farnan et al., 1987; Kummerlen et al., 1992; Zotov and Keppler, 1998; Zeng et al., 1999; Xue and Kanzaki, 2004, 2008; Mysen and Cody, 2005; Xue, 2009) according to the following general reaction:



In this dissolution mechanism, a water molecule breaks the bridge between two Q^n structural units changing, therefore, Q^n species into Q^{n-1} , less polymerised, species. Because molecular bonding is broken during this process, it impacts the melt physical properties such as viscosity. This common water dissolution mechanism is not the only one occurring in silicate melt and other dissolution mechanisms have been proposed. For instance, in highly depolymerized melt, water has been suggested to have an opposite effect, it induces an increase in the degree of polymerization (Romano et al., 2001; Xue and Kanzaki, 2004; Moretti and Ottonello, 2005; Giordano et al., 2009; Malfait and Xue, 2014).

Viscosimetric measurements on hydrous silicate melt (e.g. Scaillet et al., 1996; Richet et al., 1996; Whittington et al., 2000; Giordano and Dingwell, 2003; Robert et al., 2013) as well as glass transition temperature (T_g used as a proxy for viscosity) determination in hydrous silicate glasses (e.g. Deubener et al., 2003; Giordano et al., 2005; Morizet et al., 2007) confirm this fact. It is also consistent with the possible structural definition of glass transition temperature. The glass transition temperature is a temperature corresponding to a fixed relaxation time of the silicate melt structure which is thought to correspond to the exchange rate of the oxygens between tetrahedral units (Moynihan et al., 1976; Liu et al., 1988; Moynihan, 1995). As a result, there is a direct correlation between the change in the degree of polymerisation induced by H_2O dissolution and the diminution in T_g value observed with increasing H_2O content (Dingwell et al., 1996; 1998; Giordano et al., 2008a,b).

In contrast to water, the effect of sulfur on viscosity or T_g is currently unknown. Recent spectroscopic investigations by Morizet et al. (2013) lead to the proposition that the presence of SO_4^{2-} induces an apparent polymerisation of the melt which could therefore translate into an increase in melt viscosity or an increase in T_g . Whether this increase in polymerisation

corresponds to an increase in glass transition temperature involving the formation of Si-O-Si molecular bonding is yet not clear. Morizet et al. (2013) suggested that the dissolution of S as SO_4^{2-} is accompanied by the formation of Si-O-S (their equation 9) and hence might not be viewed as a true polymerization process.

In the present study, we investigated the change in T_g in anorthite-diopside eutectic glasses (AD) with known S and H_2O contents, similar to those investigated in Morizet et al. (2013). In the studied AD glasses S is dissolved mainly as SO_4^{2-} but also as HS^- , though in minor amounts. The choice for this composition is motivated by the fact that the obtained calorimetric results can be compared to both the spectroscopic of Morizet et al. (2013) and to viscosity and T_g data obtained by Giordano et al. (2008a) on the same anorthite-diopside eutectic composition with various H_2O content. The results are discussed in terms of the effect of S and H_2O on T_g and the way sulfur dissolves into the silicate melt structure is also discussed.

2. Experimental and analytical methods:

2.1. *Experimental method:*

In the present study, we used the quenched glass samples investigated in Morizet et al. (2013) and additional glass samples were also synthesised. The dataset produced by Morizet et al. (2013) consists in glasses of anorthite-diopside eutectic composition (50.2 SiO_2 , 15.7 Al_2O_3 , 23.4 CaO and 10.6 MgO in wt.%). From a theoretical standpoint, the investigated glass composition is slightly depolymerised with an NBO/T close to 0.9 (i.e. NBO/T can have values from 0 to 4) using the method of Mysen (1988, 1990). The detailed glass compositions are provided in the Supplementary material and in Table 1. The starting composition preparation method is fully described in Morizet et al. (2013) and in most of the case it

consists in mixing a starting volatile-free AD glass powder (ADVf in Table 1) with a known amount of elemental S (0 to ~5 wt.%, see Table 1). Prior to loading the obtained mixture into the Pt capsule a known amount of H₂O (up to 8.2 wt.% H₂O) is loaded at the bottom of the capsule using a micro syringe. For three samples (AD5M-2, AD2M-5 and AD10M-5) we adopted the method described in Zajacz (2015) who used a sulphuric acid solution with a known S concentration instead of elemental S as a source of S. For those samples, solutions with 2, 5 and 10 mol.L⁻¹ of H₂SO₄, corresponding to 0.25, 0.7 and 1.6 wt.% S, were loaded into the charge (~3.5 wt.% H₂O).

As shown in Table 1, the AD glasses were synthesised at 300 MPa using an Internally Heated Pressure Vessel (IHPV) at 1250°C with a quench rate above 150°C/s. (Di Carlo et al., 2006). Most of the glasses were synthesised under oxidizing conditions (using only Ar as pressurizing gas, which yields an intrinsic f_{H_2} of the IHPV of 1.0-1.4 bars); however, some AD glass samples were also synthesised under moderately reducing conditions: AD20 to AD24. Those experiments were conducted with an IHPV at 300 MPa and 1250°C with a f_{H_2} of either 3 bars (AD20 to AD22) or of 10 bars (AD23 and AD24), which were produced using an Ar-H₂ mixture. Five additional samples were synthesised using piston cylinder apparatus at 500 MPa and 1450°C. For these experiments we used a ¾ inch pressure plate with a special design (Morizet et al., 2015) which allows quench rate higher than usually observed with that kind of apparatus (on the order of 200°C/s.). Therefore, it can be considered that glasses synthesised using either IHPV or piston-cylinder apparatus have a comparable thermal history (i.e. quench rate) and that the small difference in quench rate is unlikely to produce any noticeable changes on T_g (Webb and Dingwell, 1990; Dingwell, 1995). The piston cylinder experiments run duration was kept short (2h) in order to avoid substantial H diffusion through the capsule walls which could lead to a possible reduction of the charge (Matjuschkin et al., 2015).

The fO_2 conditions during the IHPV experiments are calculated using the H_2O content measured in the glass and the prevailing fH_2 (fH_2 conditions in piston cylinder experiment is unknown). The calculated fO_2 for each sample is reported in Table 1 and is expressed relative to FMQ. ADVF sample was synthesised in air which corresponds to $\Delta FMQ+5$. The moderate fO_2 conditions applied ($\Delta FMQ+2.8$ to $+0.8$) did not induce a significant change in S speciation, as shown in Table 1. Only a few samples show the existence of reduced S species (HS^-) as identified with a peak located at $\sim 2575\text{ cm}^{-1}$ (Klimm and Botcharnikov, 2010; Klimm et al., 2012) from Micro-Raman spectroscopy. In sample AD-5-5, 3% of HS^- is identified and considered as negligible. Typical example of Raman spectra are provided in the Supplementary material. The small fraction of HS^- in spite of moderate reducing condition is consistent with Fe-free experimental work pioneered by Nagashima and Katsura (1973) showing that in Fe-free glass compositions, the HS^- species appears below $\Delta FMQ+2$.

2.2. Volatile content measurements:

The reader is referred to Morizet et al. (2013; their section 3.1 and 3.3) for a full description of the methods used to measure volatile content in the recovered glasses. The major element chemical composition and the S content have been determined by Electron Probe Micro Analysis (EPMA). More than 20 point analyses were acquired to obtain a representative standard deviation in the S content (see Table 1). One interesting point to notice is that the measured S content appears to be maximised when the experimental protocol uses H_2SO_4 aqueous solution as the initial source for S. For instance, AD2M-5 and AD5M-2 were synthesised with an initial S content of 0.25 and 0.7 wt.% S, respectively; the measured S content for those samples is 2365 ± 138 and 7239 ± 90 ppm, respectively. On the contrary, charges prepared with elemental S have a measured S content which is well-below the initial loaded S content (see Table 1). For example, AD12 has ~ 5 wt.% as an initial S content and

the measured S content in the glass is less than 1000 ppm. In the current, it is not clear if this behaviour is dependent on the initial H₂O content. The enhanced capability of S dissolution when S is loaded in the experimental charge as an aqueous sulphuric solution has been pointed out by Zajacz (2015).

We used FTIR spectroscopy and followed the method described in Morizet et al. (2013) to determine the total water content (H₂O^{tot}). For the newly synthesised glass samples, a 256 scans collection was done to obtain a good signal-to-noise ratio. We used an IR light source, a MCT-B detector and a CaF₂ beamsplitter as a spectrometer configuration. The water content was determined by summing up the contribution of OH⁻ and H₂O^{mol} vibrations peaks located at 4500 and 5200 cm⁻¹, respectively. The concentration of each water species was calculated with the Beer-Lambert approximation using the peak areas and the integrated molar absorption coefficients (ϵ). As explained in Morizet et al. (2013), the integrated extinction coefficients from Stolper (1982) (200 and 300 L.mol⁻¹.cm⁻² for OH⁻ and H₂O^{mol}) for a An-Di like composition need a correction factor (x1.6) in order to retrieve correct H₂O concentrations. Therefore, we used $\epsilon_{OH^-} = 125$ L.mol⁻¹.cm⁻² and $\epsilon_{H_2O^{mol}} = 187.5$ L.mol⁻¹.cm⁻². The H₂O^{tot} in the studied glasses ranges from 1.03 to 5.33 wt.% for AD1H-6 and AD23, respectively. The typical error on water measurement is better than 0.5 wt.% (see Table 1).

2.3. DSC-ATG measurements:

We used differential scanning calorimeter (DSC SETSYS EVO 2400) equipped with a thermogravimetric analyser (TGA). The glass transition temperature (T_g) for each recovered glass sample was determined using the variation of heat flow (in mW) with increasing temperature (Py et al., 2011). Prior to the sample analysis, the heat flow from two identical

empty Pt-Rh crucibles (6 mm in diameter) was measured to determine the baseline of the DSC apparatus, which was subtracted from the standard and sample measurements. The DSC was then calibrated by measuring the enthalpy of fusion of metal standards (gold, silver, aluminium and nickel) and the sensitivity is better than 0.5% in relative with respect to the temperature measurement. Additional TGA measurements were also conducted conjointly to DSC measurements in order to determine the possible volatile loss during the heating cycle for determining the glass transition temperature.

Prior to calorimetric measurements, the glass samples were crushed to avoid sample fragmentation during the DSC experiment. The crushed glass was placed in one of the crucibles and its heat flow was measured. All measurements were performed with the same two crucibles under a constant flow of Ar gas of $20 \text{ ml}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$. Each sample was heated from 40°C across the glass transition at a rate of 10 or 20 K/min (see Table 2). The glass transition temperature is characterised by a decrease in the heat flow (as shown in Figure 1). In the liquid state (above T_g) there is a constant decrease in the heat flow followed by a strong increase around 700°C . This change in the heat flow curve shape with increasing temperature may be attributed to crystallization of the sample. For these samples further repeated measurements (after controlled cooling) is not possible as the sample's aspect had clearly changed due to crystallization.

1. **Results:**

1.1. T_g determination from DSC curves:

The T_g value was determined by the in-built DSC software (Setsoft 2000) using the tangent definition as shown in Figure 1A for AD-5-3 sample DSC measurement. T_g is defined by the three points definition. Two tangents with the same slope coefficient are fitted before and after the glass transition region. A third tangent is fitted on the glass transition region curve.

The T_g value is represented by the mid-point of this last segment defined by the intersection obtained with the two tangents before and after the glass transition region. The used T_g value corresponds to the typical inflection point definition and is different to the T_g defined by the onset temperature (Mazurin, 2007). The T_g temperature defined by the onset point is lower in value as compared to the inflection point. We have estimated this difference using the heat flow curves obtained on our investigated samples. On average the T_g defined by the tangent method is higher by 20°C as compared to the T_g defined by the inflection point (see Supplementary material for both T_g values).

Based on the reproducibility of the T_g measurements, we suggest a large uncertainty (± 5 K) associated with the T_g determination. This error is larger than it is usually assumed for that kind of apparatus (± 2.5 K, Giordano et al., 2005; Morizet et al., 2007). The replicate measurements conducted on several samples (see Table 2, ADVF and AD-5-0) yield an uncertainty larger than the suggested ± 5 K and on the order of ± 10 K which is still a low error considering the observed large change in T_g values (more than 250 K). Replicated measurements were also conducted with different heating rates (10 or 20 K/min, see Table 2). For AD-5-3, changing the heating rate does not result in a change in the determined T_g as shown in Fig. 1B: changing the heating rate between 10 and 20 K/min results in a T_g variation of less than 5 K. This result is consistent with previous works suggesting that T_g is a function of thermal history (Giordano et al., 2005; Morizet et al., 2007). However, the change in T_g appears to be close to the asserted uncertainty in T_g measurements. We, therefore conclude that T_g determination can be readily compared regardless of the used heating rate.

The rapid rise in the heat flow, indicating possible crystallization or foaming, occurs at higher temperatures than T_g . Considering that T_g marks the beginning of the relaxation process, the

timescales of structural relaxation are too long for volatile escape at this point. This is supported by diffusion calculations using the equations of Freda et al. (2005). At such a low temperature ($<600^{\circ}\text{C}$) the S diffusive loss is insignificant and does not exceed the μm scale. Moreover, we have conducted combined TGA and DSC measurements to investigate the possibility for diffusive loss below the T_g . We represent the combined DSC and TGA for four samples in Figure 2. We observe clearly that any loss in mass occurs well-above the T_g value ($>600^{\circ}\text{C}$) supporting the view that the dissolved volatiles (S and H_2O) do not escape the glass sample below T_g .

An additional feature can be observed from typical DSC curves shown in Figure 3. The position of the T_g is indicated by the dot on the curve. There is an unambiguous change in the T_g value in between the samples (see also Table 2 for the whole set of determined T_g values). However, we observe an additional peak located well-below the determined T_g . This peak is also observed in Figure 1B in replicated measurements for AD-5-3 and also visible in Figure 2A for AD-5-0 DSC curve. For instance, this peak is located at $\sim 425^{\circ}\text{C}$ and 360°C for AD-5-3 and AD-4.5-1 (less visible), respectively. This peak is currently unexplained, however, it is observed in both S-free and S-rich samples. The characterization of the glass samples by Morizet et al. (2013) revealed that the glass samples contained $\text{H}_2\text{O}+\text{SO}_2+\text{H}_2\text{S}$ fluid inclusions. Thus, the $300\text{-}400^{\circ}\text{C}$ peak could arise from the burst of residual fluid inclusions in the glass powder whenever the glass samples were not finely crushed. Alternatively, it could correspond to an instrumental artefact. In any case, we believe that it does not influence the T_g position and determination owing to 1) the large interval between the T_g value and this feature (more than 100°C) and 2) the way T_g is defined by the two tangents method (the slope of the tangents is not affected by this feature).

1.2. Effect of volatiles content on glass transition temperature:

The determined T_g values as a function of volatile contents are shown in Figure 4: Figure 4A as a function H₂O content and Figure 4B as a function of S content. In both plots we added either the ppm S or wt.% H₂O next to each data point. As a function of H₂O, most of the determined T_g values define an exponential decay trend. The S- and H₂O-free sample (ADVF) exhibits the highest T_g value at 767°C whereas the sample with the highest H₂O content and S-free (AD-5-0) has the second lowest T_g value at 450°C. Such a negative trend for T_g with increasing H₂O is consistent with previous studies obtained on various types of glass compositions, based on either viscosimetric or T_g calorimetric measurements (e.g. Dingwell et al., 1996, 1998; Whittington et al., 2000, 2001; Deubener et al., 2003; Giordano et al., 2004, 2005; Di Genova et al., 2013; Robert et al., 2013, 2014). It also supports the model for water dissolution mechanism in silicate inducing a strong depolymerisation of the melt through Si-O-Si bond breaking (e.g. Farnan et al., 1987; Kummerlen et al., 1992; Zotov and Keppler, 1998; Zeng et al., 1999; Mysen and Cody, 2005) and therefore the decrease in T_g value.

We have tried to apply existing models which take into account the effect of H₂O and chemical composition. The change in T_g as a function of H₂O content for a theoretical anorthite-diopside eutectic composition has been calculated using the general model of Giordano et al. (2008b; dashed line in Figure 4A) and the model of Giordano et al. (2008a; dotted line in Figure 4B) applied to anorthite-diopside join. It should be mentioned that in both models, T_g is calculated at the onset which represents a lower value as compared to the T_g we derive from the tangent method. However, as explained earlier, the difference in between the value is not significant (~20°C). Both models seem to bracket the measured T_g values. However, considering the data point distribution as well as the repartition of the S-free H₂O-bearing points, Giordano et al. (2008a) is more adequate to reproduce our T_g data

than the Giordano et al. (2008b), in agreement with the fact that Giordano et al. (2008a) has been calibrated on identical glass compositions to the one studied here. Furthermore, considering a 20°C decrease in the measured T_g so as to correspond to the onset T_g will provide an even better agreement with the model of Giordano et al. (2008a).

In contrast, the change in T_g as a function of S content is more difficult to constrain. In Figure 4A, it appears that the measured T_g for almost all S-bearing glasses is very close to the T_g value predicted by the model of Giordano et al. (2008a) which only considers the effect H₂O which suggests that S does not affect significantly glass transition temperature. It should be emphasised that this is in sharp contrast with the spectroscopic interpretation from Morizet et al. (2013). This aspect will be further discussed in section 4.2. The absence of S effect on T_g can only be approached at a constant water content. For instance, S-free AD-3-0 exhibits a T_g value at 545°C with 3.01 wt.% H₂O while AD-4.5-1 exhibits a T_g value at 504°C with 3.1 wt.% H₂O and 4150 ppm S. This difference in T_g value ($\Delta T_g = 41^\circ\text{C}$) is largely beyond error in T_g determination. We note that at such a high H₂O content, a variation of 0.1 wt.% H₂O produces a change in T_g of about 10°C (see Giordano et al., 2005; Whittington et al., 2009). This observation points towards a negative effect of S dissolved as SO₄²⁻ on T_g which conflicts again with previous spectroscopic-based inferences by Morizet et al. (2013).

We also added in Figure 4B horizontal lines corresponding to the calculated T_g values at a fixed H₂O contents (2.0, 3.0 and 4.0 wt.%) using Giordano et al. (2008a) model. This approach suggests an absence of any strong S effect on T_g. At 2.0 wt.% H₂O, the model gives T_g = 551°C; AD10M-5 with 2.0 wt.% H₂O and 5481±324 ppm S has a measured T_g = 544±5°C. At 3.0 wt.% H₂O, the model gives T_g = 503°C; AD4 and AD-4.5-1 at 3.1 wt.% H₂O have a measured T_g = 507 and 504±5°C for 2718±598 and 4150±974 ppm S,

respectively. Within error the measured Tg values are almost identical to the predicted Tg value by the model therefore suggesting that S does not influence Tg.

2. Discussion:

2.1. Model for the effect of S on Tg:

We tested several mathematical functions in order to quantify the effect of both H₂O and S on Tg. The Tg data are reproduced as a function of both H₂O and S on a molar fraction basis with the following function:

$$Tg(H_2O, S) = 426 + 325 \times e^{(-14.2 \times H_2O)} - 2594 \times S + 286869 \times S^2 \quad \text{Eq. 2}$$

The measured Tg versus the calculated Tg values are reported in Figure 5: in Figure 5A Tg is calculated with the model of Giordano et al. (2008a) and in Figure 5B Tg is calculated with Eq. 2. The correlation factor (r^2) is 0.914 and 0.921 with the linear regression in Figure 5A and 5B, respectively. The error on the calculated Tg value using Eq. 2 is derived from linear regression and does not exceed $\pm 19^\circ\text{C}$. In Eq. 2, the negative value of the parameter associated with the XS witnesses a negative effect of S on Tg. This negative effect remains trivial considering 1) the exponential form of the Tg dependency as a function of H₂O content and 2) the range of volatile contents usually observed in natural volcanic glasses (i.e. wt.% H₂O versus x100 ppm S). For example, Métrich and Clochiatti (1996) reported up to 0.34 wt.% S dissolved in melt inclusions from Etna (Italy); De Hoog et al. (2001) reported up to 0.29 wt.% S dissolved in melt inclusions from Galunggung (Indonesia). In general, it appears unlikely that the S content could overwhelm that H₂O content in natural basaltic magmas (e.g. Spillaert et al., 2006). In any case, the presence of S does not induce a dramatic change in the glass transition temperature; hence, melt viscosity might not be strongly affected by the presence of S on the contrary to H₂O.

2.2. Implications for S dissolution mechanisms:

The observations reported here are a follow-up of the spectroscopic investigation of Morizet et al. (2013). In their work, Morizet et al. (2013) suggested that S dissolution as SO_4^{2-} groups in silicate melt induces a polymerization of the silicate melt network. The present results based on DSC calorimetric measurement do not support such an effect. The apparent contradiction between NMR and DSC results can be solved by considering the molecular configuration of the SO_4^{2-} groups when dissolving in silicate melt structure. As already stated in the introduction, Morizet et al. (2013) proposed that SO_2 dissolution mechanisms in silicate melts lead to the formation of Si-O-S molecular bonds. On the basis of the above results, we suggest that this cannot be considered as a polymerization process but instead the apparent polymerization observed by ^{29}Si NMR is an analytical artefact. In fact the formation of the Si-O-S is strong enough to change the ^{29}Si NMR spectral signature so as to mimic a polymerization effect of SO_2 dissolution onto the melt structure. In other words, the shift of -3 ppm in the ^{29}Si peak maximum witnessing the apparent increase in melt polymerization only reflects the consumption of non-bridging oxygen by SO_2 molecules to form SO_4^{2-} molecular groups (Manara et al., 2007; Machacek et al., 2010). Consequently, the dissolution of SO_2 molecules in silicate melts does not induce the formation of Si-O-Si bonds, which should be accompanied by an increase in glass transition temperature which is related to the kinetic rate of forming/breaking of Si-O-Si bonds (Liu et al., 1988; Moynihan, 1995).

The potential slight decrease in T_g with increasing S evidenced by fit parameters of Eq. 2 is more difficult to explain as it implies that Si-O-Si molecular bonding are broken upon S dissolution which is unlikely (Machacek et al., 2010). If S dissolution does induce major changes on the silicate network structure, an alternative explanation is that the dissolution of S as SO_4^{2-} induces slight geometrical changes (Si-O bond length and/or angle). Those

changes would be important enough to change the configurational entropy (S_{conf}) of the melt according to the Adam-Gibbs theory (Adam and Gibbs, 1965):

$$\ln \eta = A_e + \frac{B_e}{TS_{\text{conf}}} \quad \text{Eq. 3}$$

In Eq. 3, A_e and B_e are constants. At a constant viscosity value $\eta = 10^{12}$ Pa.s corresponding to the viscosity at T_g , a decrease in T_g value will be accompanied by an increase in S_{conf} .

This point has to be investigated in more details with additional spectroscopic investigation or viscosimetric measurements on S-bearing aluminosilicate glasses.

3. Summary:

In the present study, we have determined the glass transition temperature of anorthite – diopside eutectic glasses synthesised at high pressure and high temperature conditions and equilibrated with H_2O and S present as SO_4^{2-} groups. We have shown that 1) water induces an exponential decrease in T_g in agreement with previous studies and 2) S dissolved as SO_4^{2-} has a limited effect on T_g or slightly decrease T_g . The slight decrease in T_g with increasing S content is in contradiction with spectroscopic based interpretations which suggest that S would induce an increase in glass transition temperature. We explain this discrepancy through the Si-O-S molecular groups which are formed. Those molecular groups induce spectroscopic changes which mimic melt polymerization. The slight decrease in T_g is on the contrary thought to reflect structural geometrical changes inducing changes in thermodynamic configuration properties.

The present work is only preliminary and further work is required in order to obtain a broader picture on the effect of S on melt viscosity. In particular, the role of volatiles species relationship might also be important to look at. Recent work by Baasner et al. (2013) showed

that Cl induce an increase in peralkaline melt viscosity. Botcharnikov et al. (2004) showed that there is a strong relationship in between S and Cl in magmatic systems. It would therefore be interesting to address in greater details the possible interactions between different volatile species onto melt viscosity. Considering that it is currently assumed that H₂O produces two different effects on the silicate melt structure: 1) depolymerizing effect in relatively polymerized melt composition or 2) polymerizing effect highly depolymerized melt composition; it might be interesting to determine the change in T_g for various S-bearing melt compositions.

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Figure caption:

Figure 1: A) T_g determination from the three point tangent definition on AD-5-3. B) Replicated DSC measurements for AD-5-3 using different heating rate: 10 or 20 K/min. The determination of T_g appears easier for measurements with 20 K/min due to the more important decrease in the heat flow value across the glass transition region. Above T_g, heat flow curve is strongly affected by crystallization processes around 700°C.

Figure 2: Combined DSC and TGA measurements for AD-5-0 (A) and AD-5-1 (B). A significant weight loss (in %) occurs well above T_g suggesting that the T_g determination is not affected by potential diffusive loss of S or H₂O escaping the sample powder.

Figure 3: Typical DSC curves obtained for several samples. The curve are not placed as a function of volatile content but one can appreciate the change in T_g value with varying volatile content indicated in between brackets (ppm S, wt.% H₂O).

Figure 4: A) Change in T_g as a function of wt.% H₂O. The T_g value decreases with increasing water content following an exponential decay function (solid curve calculated with Eq. 3). We show the change in T_g as a function of wt.% H₂O for a theoretical anorthite-diopside eutectic glass composition calculated with the models of Giordano et al. (2008a,b) (dashed and dotted curves). B) Change in T_g value as a function of ppm S. The reported volatile content was determined with micro-FTIR for wt.% H₂O and EPMA for ppm S. There is no identifiable trend between T_g value and the ppm S suggesting that the effect of S on T_g is limited. We added the expected T_g value at a given H₂O content (2.0 to 4.0 wt.%). At a

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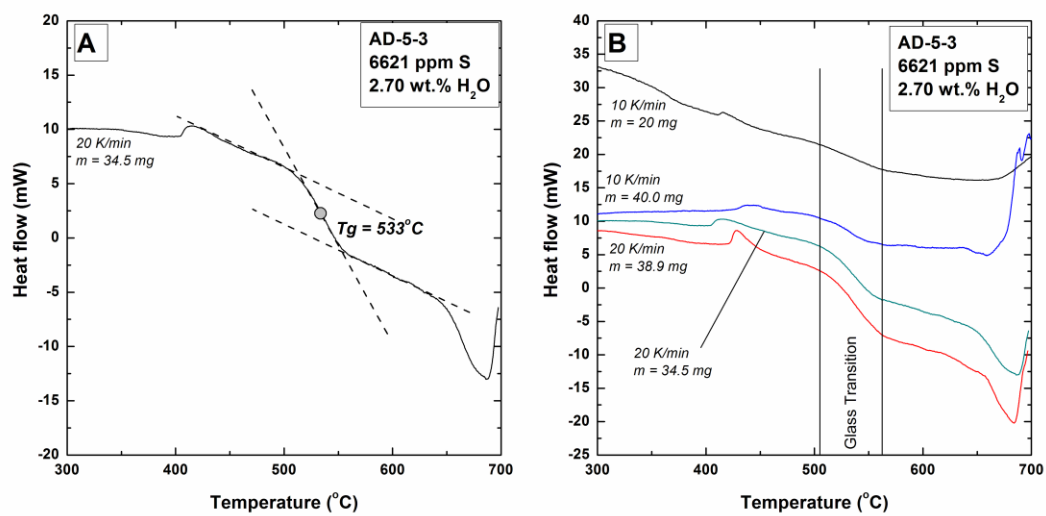
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Table 1: Sample dataset, experimental conditions, volatile content and speciation.

Table 2: Differential Scanning Calorimetry results.

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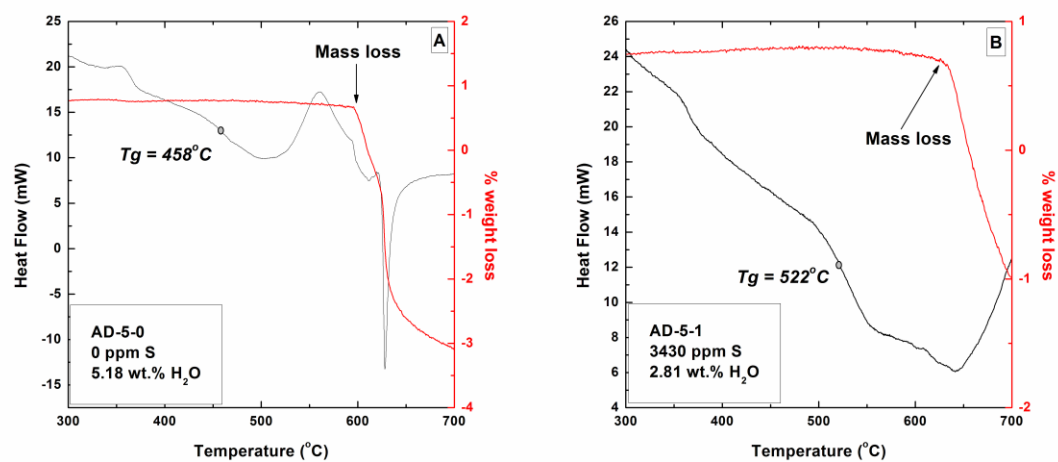


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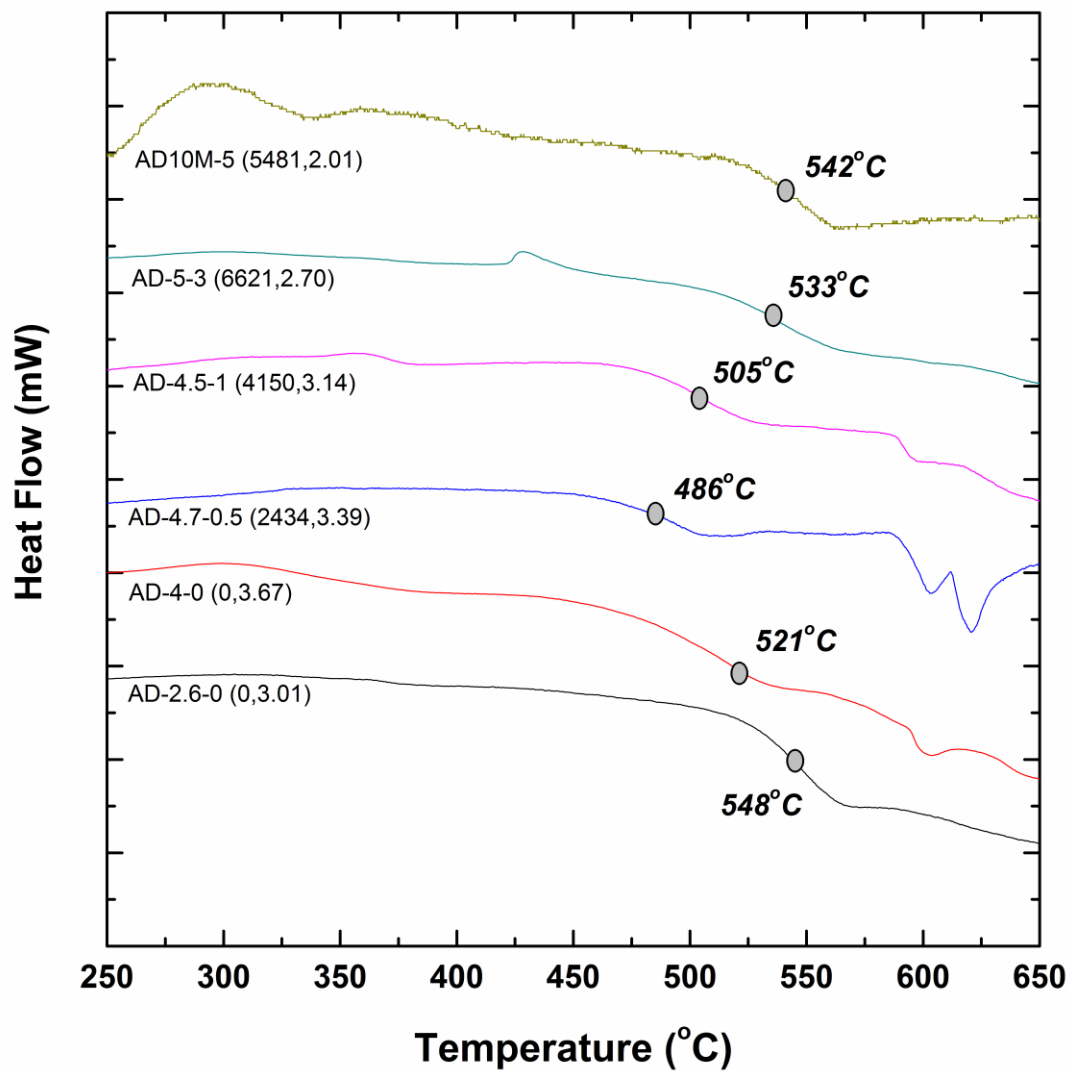


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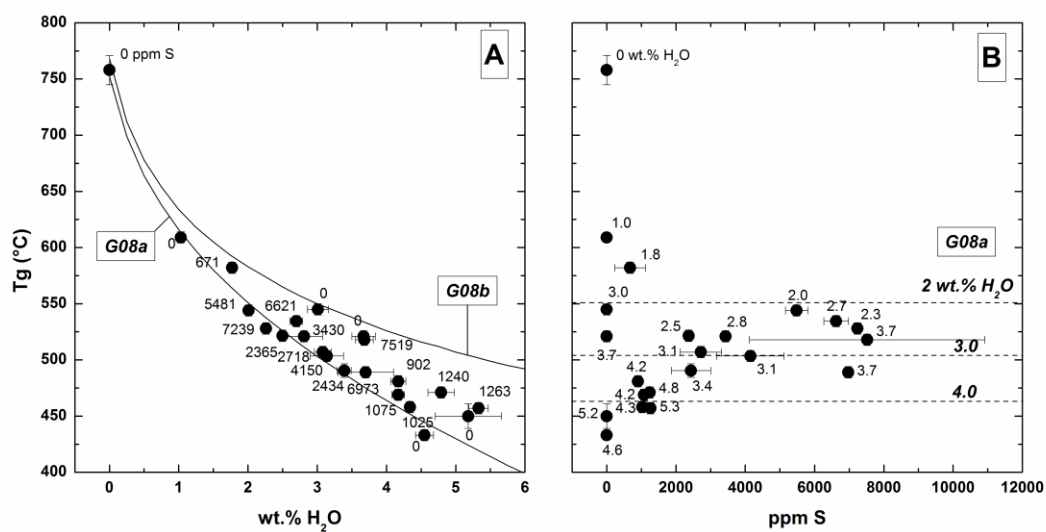


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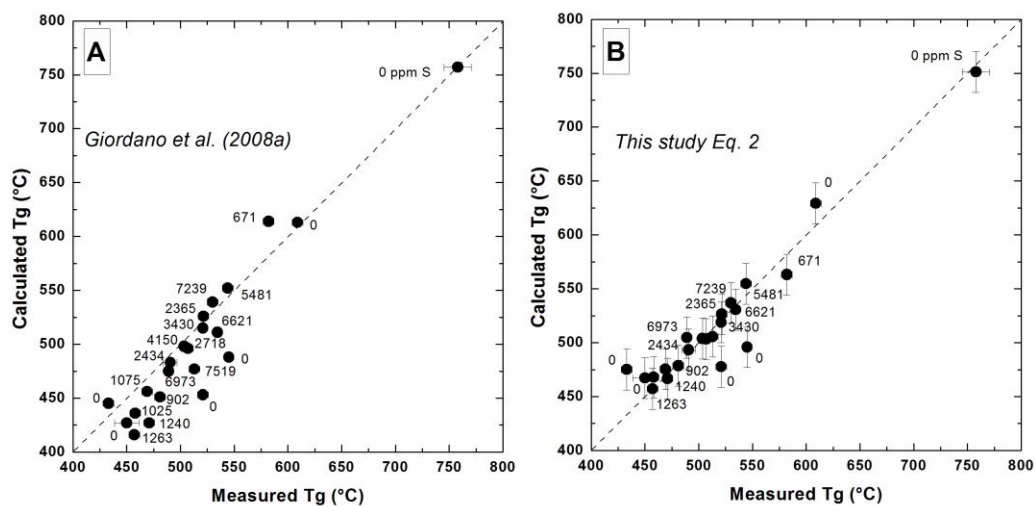


Table 1

Samples	Experimental conditions					ppm S ^a	S speciation ^c		wt.% H ₂ O ^b
	Pressure (MPa)	Temperature (°C)	Log <i>f</i> O ₂ (ΔFMQ) ^d	Loaded S (wt.%)	Loaded H ₂ O (wt.%)		XSO ₄ ²⁻	XHS ⁻	
ADVF	0.001	1400	+5	0	0	0	0	0	0
AD1H-6 ^e	500	1450	>+1	0	1.2	0	0	0	1.03 (0.03)
AD2H-6 ^e	500	1450	>+1	0	8.2	0	0	0	4.55 (0.13)
AD-5-0	300	1250	+2.8	0	4.9	0	0	0	5.18 (0.48)
AD-3-0	300	1250	+2.8	0	2.6	0	0	0	3.01 (0.15)
AD-4-0	300	1250	+2.8	0	3.9	0	0	0	3.67 (0.17)
AD-4.7-0.5	300	1250	+2.8	0.5	4.7	2434 (567)	1	0	3.39 (0.10)
AD-5-1	300	1250	+1.9	1.0	4.8	3430 (136)	1	0	2.81 (0.27)
AD-4.5-1	300	1250	+2.1	1.0	4.6	4150 (974)	1	0	3.14 (0.24)
AD-5-3	300	1250	+1.8	3.0	4.7	6621 (355)	1	0	2.70 (0.09)
AD-5-5	300	1250	+2.3	5.0	4.9	7519 (3397)	0.97	0.03	3.68 (0.13)
AD4	300	1250	+2.0	0.25	4.6	2718 (598)	1	0	3.08 (0.12)
AD10	300	1250	+2.3	4.9	7.2	6973 (73)	1	0	3.70 (0.43)
AD12	300	1250	+1.2	5.1	2.2	671 (441)	1	0	1.77 (0.04)
AD20	300	1250	+2.1	1.1	5.2	1240 (25)	0.99	0.01	4.79 (0.19)
AD21	300	1250	+1.9	0.5	4.4	902 (26)	0.99	0.01	4.17 (0.11)
AD22	300	1250	+1.9	0.2	5.0	1025 (20)	0.99	0.01	4.34 (0.04)
AD23	300	1250	+1.2	1.0	5.5	1263 (91)	0.98	0.02	5.33 (0.14)
AD24	300	1250	+0.8	0.6	4.8	1075 (59)	0.98	0.02	4.17 (0.09)
AD5M-2 ^e	500	1450	>+1	0.7	2.6	7239 (90)	1	0	2.26 (0.05)
AD2M-5 ^e	500	1450	>+1	0.25	3.5	2365 (138)	1	0	2.50 (0.04)
AD10M-5 ^e	500	1450	>+1	1.6	3.2	5481 (324)	1	0	2.01 (0.04)

^a The S content is reported in Morizet et al. (2013) and has been determined via EPMA measurements. More than 20 spots were taken on each glass sample to obtain the standard deviation (numbers between brackets).

^b The wt.% H₂O was determined with micro-FTIR measurements on doubly polished plate. Three to five spectra were taken for standard error determination.

^c The S speciation was determined with Raman spectroscopy (see Supplementary material for typical Raman spectra). The HS⁻ contribution (peak located at 2575 cm⁻¹) is small and does not exceed 3% of the total S.

^d The log *f*O₂ has been calculated using the total H₂O content and is reported relative Fayalite – Magnetite – Quartz (FMQ) buffer.

^e Those samples were synthesised using piston-cylinder apparatus at 500 MPa. In the S-bearing experiments, the S was loaded prior the experiment in the Pt capsule as H₂SO₄ aqueous solution of 2, 5 and 10 mol.L⁻¹ in concentration.

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Table 2

Samples	DSC analytical conditions				Tg from Giordano et al. (2008a): H ₂ O effect ^b	Tg from Eq. 2: H ₂ O and S effects
	m (mg)	heating rate (K/min)	Tg (°C)	Average Tg (°C) ^a		
ADVf	42.1	10	767	758 ±13	757 ±2.5	751 ±19
	82.2	10	749			
AD1H-6	23.9	10	609	609 ±5	613	629
AD2H-6	21.6	10	433	433 ±5	445	475
AD-5-0	43.8	10	458	450 ±11	427	467
	46.0	10	442			
AD-3-0	28.4	10	544	545 ±5	488	496
	41.3	20	548			
	27.4	10	543			
AD-4-0	82.5	20	521	521 ±5	453	478
AD-4.7-0.5	15.6	10	486	491 ±6	483	493
	21.3	10	495			
AD-5-1	41.0	10	522	521 ±5	515	519
	53.0	10	520			
AD-4.5-1	24.0	10	502	504 ±5	498	504
	39.0	20	505			
AD-5-3	20.0	10	538	535 ±5	511	506
	38.9	20	533			
	40.0	10	534			
	34.5	20	533			
AD-5-5	27.2	10	518	513 ±5	477	506
	36.5	10	510			
	44.7	10	511			
AD4	84.1	10	507	507 ±5	496	503
AD10	52.0	10	488	489 ±5	475	505
	32.6	10	490			
AD12	59.0	10	582	582 ±5	614	563
AD20	58.7	10	471	471 ±5	427	467
AD21	80.6	10	481	481 ±5	451	478
AD22	77.8	10	458	458 ±5	436	468
AD23	61.8	10	457	457 ±5	416	457
AD24	66.1	10	469	469 ±5	456	475
AD5M-2	39.4	10	528	530 ±5	539	537
	25.7	10	532			
AD2M-5	17.1	10	521	522 ±5	526	526
	9.0	10	522			
AD10M-5	16.3	10	542	544 ±5	552	555
	11.2	10	546			

^a Tg was determined from the two tangents, three points methods (see text for details). The error corresponds to the standard deviation of the obtained from the replicated Tg measurements. In the case the standard deviation is low; we still apply a ±5°C as a standard error.

^b The model of Giordano et al. (2008a) is used to calculate a T_g value which is a function of the water content and takes into account the chemical composition determined by EPMA analyses (see Supplementary material). The error on T_g is the one reported for the model (± 2.5).

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Highlight

- Sulfate groups (SO_4^{2-}) do not affect glass transition temperature.
- Discrepant with spectroscopic observation.
- Limited effect of S on melt viscosity.

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