

**The thermodynamic controls on sulfide saturation in silicate melts with application to Ocean Floor Basalts.**

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**Abstract**

A thermodynamic model to calculate the “Sulfide Content at Sulfide Saturation” or SCSS of basaltic and intermediate composition silicate melts has been built from four independently measurable thermodynamic entities, namely the standard state Gibbs free energy of the saturation reaction, the “sulfide capacity”, and the activities of FeO in the silicate melt and of FeS in the coexisting sulfide:

$$\ln [S^{2-}]_{SCSS} = \Delta G_{FeO-FeS}^o / RT + \ln C_{S^{2-}} - \ln a_{FeO}^{sil\ melt} + \ln a_{FeS}^{sulf}$$

The model was calibrated for silicate melts of basic and intermediate composition from published experimental results as a function of temperature, silicate melt composition, and sulfide matte composition in the system Fe-Ni-Cu-S-O at 1 bar. The likely effects of pressure and H<sub>2</sub>O content on SCSS were included in an exploratory way. The model was tuned against the large dataset of S

27 contents in OFB glasses of Jenner and O'Neill (2012), giving it a precision comparable to that of  
28 the S analyses themselves, which is  $\sim 5\%$ . All but 3% the OFB glasses were found to be sulfide  
29 saturated within uncertainty; these 3% have lost S by devolatilization, revealed by their low S/Se.  
30 Applying the model to other OFB datasets suggests sulfide saturation is ubiquitous, including  
31 olivine-hosted melt inclusions proposed previously to be sulfide undersaturated. The sulfur fugacity  
32 ( $fS_2$ ) of undegassed Ocean Floor Basalts varies proportionally to  $fO_2$ , with  $\log_{10}fS_2$  typically within  
33 the range -0.6 to +0.4.

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## 35 **1. Introduction**

36 In the Earth sciences, quantifying the thermochemistry of sulfur dissolved in magmatic silicate  
37 melts is needed for understanding the behaviour of chalcophile elements during partial melting and  
38 magmatic differentiation, sulfur degassing from volcanic eruptions, core formation in the early solar  
39 system, and for modelling the petrogenesis of many kinds of magmatic ore deposits. Meanwhile, in  
40 the technologically directed applied sciences, the thermochemical description of sulfur dissolved in  
41 the oxide-silicate melts found as slags or fluxes is needed wherever this element is present, one  
42 important application being the desulfurization of steel (e.g., Schrama et al. 2017). Accordingly, the  
43 thermochemistry of S in silicate melts has received considerable technological attention. While the  
44 fundamental principles are obviously of mutual interest, there are aspects to the understanding of S  
45 in silicate melts in the geological context that are irrelevant to technological applications, and vice  
46 versa. In the technological sector, the compositional space encompassing silicate melts of practical  
47 interest is vast, as well shown by the list assembled by Kang and Pelton (2009) of silicate (and  
48 aluminate) melts whose “sulfide capacity” (defined below) has been determined experimentally.  
49 Yet this dataset includes hardly any realistic magmatic silicate melt compositions. These tend to be  
50 richer in  $SiO_2$  ( $> 40$  wt%), with a limited range of alumina contents, and atomic Si/Al between 2.5  
51 and 4.5. Metallurgical slags are often either almost free of alumina, or alternatively have high Al/Si  
52 beyond the range found in nature. Natural magmas have modest but non-negligible alkali contents,

53 with most plotting on the standard total alkali-silica diagram used for rock classification  
54 ( $\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O}$  vs.  $\text{SiO}_2$ ) between 2 and 10 wt% ( $\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ), whereas metallurgical slags either have  
55 negligible alkalis (e.g., most steel-making slags), or, elsewhere,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  as the main or even sole  
56 basic-oxide constituent (e.g., Chan and Fruehan 1986, 1988). In terms of melt structure, most  
57 magmatic melt compositions have NBO/T, the ratio of non-bridging oxygens to tetrahedrally  
58 coordinated cations, between 0 and 1.5, whereas few of the compositions listed by Kang and Pelton  
59 (2009) have  $\text{NBO/T} < 2$ . “Water” (H as  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) is a major component in many magmas, but is almost  
60 absent in slags, because the dissolution of more than trace amounts of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in silicate melts requires  
61 geological pressures. And of course such pressures are not relevant to metallurgical processes,  
62 which generally occur not far from atmospheric pressure.

63 There is a further difference. The technologist needs to predict S solubility in a slag perhaps to a  
64 factor of two or so, but over the vast range of slag compositions mentioned above. For example,  
65 they may need to know how much lime should be added to a slag to reduce S in the steel by a factor  
66 of, say, five. To the petrologist, the precision with which sulfide solubilities need to be known is far  
67 greater, albeit only within a relatively narrow range of melt compositions. For example, among  
68 Ocean Floor Basalts, almost the entire range of recovered glass samples analysed for S fall within a  
69 factor of three (Jenner and O’Neill 2012), so predicting S solubilities to a factor of two would be  
70 useless. From the perspective of basalt petrology, the aspirational target is to predict the “Sulfide  
71 Content at Sulfide Saturation”, or SCSS, which is how much S dissolved as  $\text{S}^{2-}$  there is in a silicate  
72 melt in equilibrium with a sulfide phase, to somewhere approaching the analytical accuracy to  
73 which S contents can be measured. In basaltic glasses, this appears to be at about  $\pm 5\%$ . Formidable  
74 though this challenge may seem, the theme of this review is that it can now be met, thanks to the  
75 efforts of many experimental petrologists over the last few decades.

76 The equilibrium that describes SCSS is:



79 As emphasised by O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002), this equilibrium can be deconstructed into four  
80 thermodynamic entities: 1) the standard-state free energy of the reaction, which is a function of  
81 temperature and pressure alone; 2) the “sulfide capacity” of the melt; 3) the activity of FeO in the  
82 silicate melt; and 4) the activity of FeS in the coexisting sulfide (often molten, when it is  
83 appropriately called a matte). Entities 2), 3) and 4) are dependent on composition as well as  
84 temperature and pressure. In principle, each one of these entities can be measured experimentally,  
85 and independently of each other. In practice there are experimental limitations, but at least at  
86 atmospheric pressure all four items have indeed been measured independently of each other. The  
87 standard state free energy and activities of FeO in silicate melts and FeS in sulfide mattes are  
88 familiar thermodynamic quantities, but the “sulfide capacity” of a silicate melt is not, which has  
89 caused some confusion as to its nature, leading to uncertainty as to how it may depend on melt  
90 composition. Its relationship with other potentially useful thermodynamic properties of silicate  
91 melts, for example their “carbonate capacity” has also been underappreciated.

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### 93 **Sulfide Capacity**

94 One area in which the technological sciences provided guidance was in establishing the notion  
95 of the “sulfide capacity”, denoted  $C_{S^{2-}}$  (Fincham and Richardson 1954). These authors studied the  
96 solubility of S in some simple-system silicate melts (and one aluminate melt) in equilibrium with  
97  $SO_2$ - $H_2$ - $CO_2$ - $N_2$  gas mixtures, which were used to control the fugacities of sulfur and oxygen ( $f_{S_2}$   
98 and  $f_{O_2}$ ). While they mention steelmaking as an application of their work, they emphasized that  
99 their goal was a broader understanding of silicate melt thermochemistry. They noted that “Previous  
100 attempts to elucidate the chemistry of sulphur in molten silicates (e.g., Grant and Chipman 1946)  
101 have been based on the measurements of the equilibrium distribution of sulphur between complex  
102 slags and molten iron. Although a considerable amount of quantitative information has been  
103 amassed, the results are too complicated to permit the development of a clear picture from them.” If  
104 this is a reasonable view from within the restricted context of steelmaking, how much more so is it

105 for geological processes? Their call for some judicious reductionism has much influenced the  
 106 approach of this present review.

107 Fincham and Richardson (1954) found that, while keeping other compositional parameters and  
 108 temperature constant, the sulfur concentration in the melt changed proportionally to  $(fS_2)^{1/2}$ , when  
 109  $fO_2$  was low as well as constant. Likewise, when keeping  $fS_2$  constant, they found that S  
 110 concentrations changed proportionally to  $(fO_2)^{-1/2}$ . These observations implied that S was dissolving  
 111 only as the sulfide species,  $S^{2-}$ , and did so by replacing  $O^{2-}$ . This has sometimes been summarized  
 112 by writing the reaction:

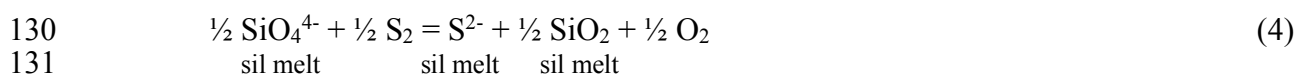


115 There is no implication that  $O^{2-}$  is an abundant species in the silicate melt, which it is not in the  
 116 compositional space of natural magmas (Mysen and Richet 2005). Rather,  $O^{2-}$  should be viewed as  
 117 a “structural element”, by analogy with vacancies or interstitials in the point-defect thermodynamics  
 118 of crystals (e.g., Schmalzried 1995). In this formalism, the “structural elements” are treated like  
 119 thermodynamic components, with chemical potentials that vary monotonically with the logarithms  
 120 of their concentrations. Whether structural elements can actually have definable chemical potentials  
 121 is a moot point, but this is the hypothesis. It follows from this hypothesis that a quantity resembling  
 122 an equilibrium constant may be written for reaction (2), namely  $[S^{2-}]/[O^{2-}](fO_2/fS_2)^{1/2}$ , where the  
 123 square brackets denote concentration. It is then assumed that  $[O^{2-}]$  is unaffected by  $[S^{2-}]$ , at least for  
 124 small amounts of  $S^{2-}$  to the melt, which motivates the definition of the sulfide capacity of the melt  
 125 ( $C_{S^{2-}}$ ) as the constant of proportionality between  $[S^{2-}]$  and  $(fO_2/fS_2)^{1/2}$ :

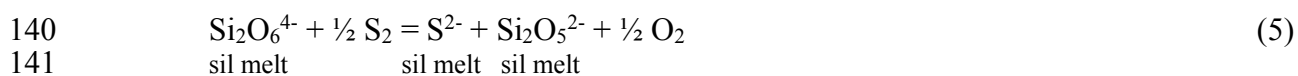
$$126 \quad C_{S^{2-}} = [S^{2-}](fO_2/fS_2)^{1/2} \quad (3)$$

127 where  $[S^{2-}]$  is the sulfur content of the melt in any convenient units, like parts per million by weight.

128 O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002) pointed out that an analogous reaction could be written using  
 129 orthosilicate and framework structural units of the type actually found in silicate melts:



132 This reaction has the same dependence on  $(fO_2/fS_2)^{1/2}$ , also has two “structural elements” ( $S^{2-}$  and  
 133  $SiO_4^{4-}$ ), and in addition one definable thermodynamic component ( $SiO_2$ ). In principle, reactions that  
 134 conform even more closely to silicate melt structure could be formulated. According to Mysen  
 135 (1983) “three-dimensional network units are the most common in natural magmatic liquids. These  
 136 units will also contain most of the aluminum. Consequently, the anionic structure of anhydrous  
 137 magmatic liquids at or near 1 atm pressure may be described as a combination of nearly pure  
 138  $Si_2O_6^{4-}$  (NBO/Si = 2) and  $Si_2O_5^{2-}$  (NBO/Si = 1) units, together with three-dimensional units in  
 139 which the aluminum is located”. This insight suggests the reaction:



142 All these ways of representing the relationship between  $fS_2$ ,  $fO_2$  and the  $S^{2-}$  concentration of the  
 143 silicate melt, denoted here as  $[S^{2-}]$ , come to the same thing, namely  $[S^{2-}]$  is proportional to  
 144  $(fS_2/fO_2)^{1/2}$ , provided that  $[S^{2-}]$  is sufficiently low that it does not noticeably perturb the  
 145 concentrations of the other structural elements in the reactions (i.e.,  $O^{2-}$ ,  $SiO_4^{2-}$ , etcetera). In the case  
 146 of reaction (4) this implies that  $[S^{2-}]$  is too low to affect the ratio  $[Si_2O_5^{2-}]/[Si_2O_6^{4-}]$ . The  
 147 proportionality between  $[S^{2-}]$  and  $(fS_2/fO_2)^{1/2}$  is critical; the concept of a sulfide capacity would not  
 148 be of much use if this proportionality did not hold.

149 Fincham and Richardson (1954) went on to show that at high oxygen fugacity (obtained with  
 150  $SO_2$ - $O_2$  gas mixes) the proportionality changed, from which they inferred that S was dissolving as  
 151 sulfate ( $SO_4^{2-}$ ), hence the definition of the sulfate capacity  $C_{SO_4^{2-}}$ :

$$152 \quad C_{SO_4^{2-}} = [SO_4^{2-}](fS_2)^{-1/2}(fO_2)^{-3/2} \quad (6)$$

153 At intermediate  $fO_2$  the levels of S dissolving in the silicate melts dropped below detection  
 154 limits, implying that S in oxidation states between 2- (in  $S^{2-}$ ) and 6+ (in  $SO_4^{2-}$ ) in the melt are  
 155 unimportant. This precludes a significant role for S dissolving as  $S^{4+}$ , or sulfite ( $SO_3^{2-}$ ) in silicate  
 156 melts at atmospheric pressure. Whether  $S^{4+}$  may play a role at higher pressure, where it is physically  
 157 possible for  $pSO_2$  to reach values very much greater than 1 bar, remains a grey area – see Métrich et  
 158 al. (2009) and the discussion on S X-ray spectroscopy below. The fact that their S solubility data

159 could be fitted to the two relationships (1) and (2) only also meant that experimentally detectable  
160 roles could be precluded for S dissolved in silicate melts as elemental S, other molecular S species  
161 (e.g., S<sub>2</sub>), polysulfide species (e.g., S<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>), or thiosulfite, thiosulfate, and so on.

162 The range of melt compositions investigated by Fincham and Richardson (1954) was limited,  
163 and they were unable to obtain reproducible results on their Fe-containing composition. They also  
164 only looked at a limited range of temperatures. The task of exploring the extent of the  
165 compositional space, T and fO<sub>2</sub> over which the Fincham-Richardson sulfide and sulfate solubility  
166 laws hold was left for subsequent experimental investigation.

167 The first attempt to test the Fincham-Richardson relationship on a geologically relevant  
168 composition (a komatiite) was by Shima and Naldrett (1975), using fS<sub>2</sub> from 10<sup>-4</sup> to 10<sup>-1.4</sup> bars and  
169 just two different fO<sub>2</sub>s at 1450°C. They confirmed that [S] ∝ (fS<sub>2</sub>)<sup>1/2</sup> at both fO<sub>2</sub>s, but the  
170 proportionality between the two fO<sub>2</sub>s was only to the power of 0.4, so the relationship looked to fail  
171 that part of the test. An even more emphatic lack of agreement was reported later (Buchanan et al.  
172 1983). O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002) then tested twelve Fe-free compositions in the system CaO-  
173 MgO-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub> over as wide a range of both fO<sub>2</sub> and fS<sub>2</sub> as their experimental method allowed,  
174 but only at one temperature, 1400°C. The low fO<sub>2</sub> and high fS<sub>2</sub> limits were set by the CO<sub>2</sub>-CO-SO<sub>2</sub>  
175 gas mixes that they used, and the requirement that the partial pressures of all three gases sum to 1  
176 bar. (This combination of input gases does not go to as low fO<sub>2</sub> as the CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub> mixes of  
177 Fincham and Richardson 1954, but has the experimental advantage that achieving the equilibrium  
178 gas-phase speciation from the input gas is faster, and there is less susceptibility to thermal  
179 segregation in the temperature gradients of conventional gas-mixing muffle furnaces). The high fO<sub>2</sub>  
180 and low fS<sub>2</sub> limits were set by the dissolved S falling below the limit of quantification feasible with  
181 the electron microprobe. Contrary to the earlier studies, it was found that the Fincham-Richardson  
182 relationship was followed within experimental uncertainty. O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002) also  
183 tested six Fe-containing compositions, and here again the results showed agreement with the  
184 Fincham-Richardson hypothesis within experimental uncertainty. The fO<sub>2</sub>-fS<sub>2</sub> range that could be

185 accessed experimentally while keeping melt composition constant was not as great as for the Fe-  
186 free compositions, because the melt compositions lost some of their FeO towards lower  $f\text{O}_2$  and/or  
187 higher  $f\text{S}_2$ , due to exsolution of FeS-rich sulfide melt. Provided the Fincham-Richardson relation  
188 can be assumed to hold, this is not disadvantageous, because it throws valuable experimental light  
189 on the relationship between  $C_{\text{S}^{2-}}$  and melt composition (see next section).

190 All the compositions examined by O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002) to test the Fincham-  
191 Richardson relationship were broadly similar in terms of melt descriptors like optical basicity or  
192 NBO/T (Non-Bridging Oxygens to Tetrahedral cations) to natural basalts, *sensu latissimo*, with  
193 NBO/T from just above 0 to less than 2. Quantifying solubilities of S as  $\text{S}^{2-}$  in “acidic” melts with  
194 NBO/T  $\sim 0$  was not possible because the solubilities of S in such melts are so low under the  
195 experimentally accessible conditions of  $f\text{O}_2$  and  $f\text{S}_2$  in gas-mixing experiments at atmospheric  
196 pressure that adequately precise results cannot be obtained with the electron microprobe. At present  
197 there are no unambiguous tests of the Fincham-Richardson relationship for such melts, but this  
198 would be feasible with the much better limits of detection afforded by SIMS ( $< 1$  ppm S according to  
199 Hauri et al. 2002).

200 There are currently few published experiments against which to test the Fincham-Richardson  
201 relationship for sulfate solubilities (Eqn. 2). An exception is the study of Holmquist (1966), who  
202 verified that the relationship of Eqn. (5) generally held well in  $\text{Na}_2\text{O-SiO}_2$  melts at  $1150 - 1250^\circ\text{C}$ ,  
203 except at very high concentrations, above several weight percent S. Results mentioned in abstract  
204 (O'Neill and Mavrogenes 2019) confirm the relationship for a wide variety of more magmatically  
205 relevant silicate melt compositions.

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#### 207 *The experimental sulfur solubility minimum*

208 One of the main ways that Fincham and Richardson (1954) chose to present their experimental  
209 results has subsequently proved unfortunate. The problem that Fincham and Richardson faced was  
210 how to display the way that the total amount of S dissolved in a silicate melt changes with  $f\text{O}_2$  in



211 going from the sulfide-dominated to the sulfate-dominated regions of  $fO_2$ . Clearly connecting the  
212 two variables of dissolved S and  $fO_2$  cannot be addressed without taking into account what a third  
213 variable, most lucidly  $fS_2$ , is doing (Eqns. 2 and 5). Illustrating their results under the specification  
214 that  $fS_2$  be kept constant was not a practical option for Fincham and Richardson, because to obtain  
215 measurable S as  $S^{2-}$  in the sulfide field they needed  $fS_2$  to be in the region of  $10^{-4}$  bars, whereas to  
216 get measurable S as  $SO_4^{2-}$  in the sulfate field,  $fS_2$  needed to be  $< 10^{-10}$  bars (depending on  
217 temperature). This low  $fS_2$  stems from the requirement for high  $fO_2$ . So the quantity that they kept  
218 constant for their plots of  $[\Sigma S]$  versus  $\log fO_2$  was the concentration of  $SO_2$  in their input gas mix,  
219 which was either 1% or 2%. Note, this is in the input gas mix, and is not the  $SO_2$  concentration in  
220 the gas at equilibrium in the experiments. The resulting plots showed a V-shaped dependence of  
221 dissolved S on  $\log fO_2$ . This same representation was subsequently used by Katsura and Nagashima  
222 (1974). Such a variable has no meaning outside the laboratory: for example, nature is not known to  
223 meter vapour composed of unequilibrated gas species into magma chambers. Nor is the input gas  
224 composition relevant to experiments that do not use gas mixing, such as those under pressure. But  
225 somehow the idea that there is a minimum in the solubility of sulfur in silicate melts as a function of  
226 oxygen fugacity crept into popular culture. This myth has no substance. Unless a third variable is  
227 specified, such as  $fS_2$  (or  $fSO_2$ ), or the presence and composition of a saturating phase (like a sulfide  
228 matte), nothing can be said about the relationship between the two variables of S content and  $fO_2$ . In  
229 nature, silicate melts with redox speciations towards the reduced end of the terrestrial spectrum, like  
230 Ocean Floor basalts, have FeS-rich sulfide matte as their saturating phase, whereas the relevant  
231 saturating phase under oxidizing conditions, as for some convergent margin magmatism, might be  
232 anhydrite (e.g., Luhr 2008). There is no continuity in the chemical potentials of sulfur-containing  
233 components between the two phases (that is, sulfide matte and anhydrite), hence S contents at phase  
234 saturation cannot be conceived as a continuous function of  $fO_2$  between such conditions.

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## 236 **The thermodynamic meaning of the sulfide capacity**

One way of interpreting the capacities  $C_{S^{2-}}$  and  $C_{SO_4^{2-}}$  is as the phenomenological constants of proportionality in the relationships of (2) and (5), as established by experiment. The experiments also show that the capacities vary with the major-element composition of the silicate melt, and temperature. To get a better understanding of these dependences, particularly the functional form of the dependence on melt composition, it is necessary to look beyond the phenomenology, into the thermodynamic foundations. The principle should be the same for both  $C_{S^{2-}}$  and  $C_{SO_4^{2-}}$  (and indeed for other similar possible “capacities”, see Wagner 1975); here they will be addressed for  $C_{S^{2-}}$ .

Haughton et al. (1974) suggested that the sulfide capacities measured in their experiments at 1200°C and atmospheric pressure using CO-CO<sub>2</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub> gas mixtures could be fitted to an equation with the form:

$$\ln C_{S^{2-}} = A_0^{S^{2-}} + \sum X_M A_M^{S^{2-}} \quad (7)$$

The justification for this for was supplied later by O’Neill and Mavrogenes (2002) from the theory of reciprocal solutions. The thermodynamics of such solutions with mixing on two (or more) sublattices is a well-trod path in physical chemistry (e.g., Flood et al. 1954), and has long been the common choice in the thermochemical modelling of slags (e.g., Hillert 1998, 2001). Indeed, it forms the basis of most currently used models for calculating  $C_{S^{2-}}$  in metallurgical contexts (e.g., Reddy and Blander 1987; Pelton et al. 1993; Kang and Pelton 2009).

In these multicomponent ionic solutions, cations mix on one sublattice, anions on the other. Consider the simplest case, the solution  $(A^{x+}, B^{x+})(X^{x-}, Y^{x-})$ . There exist four end-member compositions, AX, BX, AY and BY, which together define the limits of the free-energy surface in compositional space, to which all the other contributions to the free energy of the solution are additional, including that from the configurational entropy. The existence of such a free energy surface is not dependent on details of melt structure; it is more fundamental, depending only on the uncontested assumption of charge balance between electropositive elements forming cations (A and B) and electronegative elements forming anions (X and Y). With this assumption, individual ions

262 ( $A^{x+}$  etc.) and  $A^{x+}B^{x+}$  or  $X^{x-}Y^{x-}$  are disregarded as thermodynamic components, because they cannot  
 263 be independently varied.

264 The total free energy of the solution may be visualized as being built up from this surface in  
 265 multicomponent hyperspace by adding the other types of free energies, of which that contributed by  
 266 the configurational entropy of mixing on each sublattice is fundamental. The free energy of the  
 267 solution must consist of these two contributions at least; others may or may not be important. These  
 268 others, collated here under the term “the excess free energy of mixing” include heats of mixing and  
 269 deviations in the entropies of mixing from whatever model is used for the configurational entropy.  
 270 The total free energy is therefore given by  $G_{melt} = G_{end-members}^o + G_{config} + G_{excess}$ .

271 Assuming that a silicate melt consists of cation and anion sublattices, the three contributions are  
 272 evaluated as follows:

273 1)  $G_{end-members}^o$  is the sum of the free energies of the pure end-member components,  
 274 weighted according to the mole fractions of these components. When normalized to the  
 275 single-anion basis, these components have the general formula  $M_{x/z}X$ , where M is a cation  
 276 of valence z, and X are anions of valence x. The fundamental assumption of the reciprocal  
 277 solution theory is that all possible components that fulfill the criterion of charge balance  
 278 are present, such that:

$$279 \quad G_{end-members}^o = \sum_{M,X} X_M^{cat} X_X^{an} \mu_{M_{x/z}X}^o \quad (8)$$

280 Here  $X_M^{cat}$  is the mole fraction of  $M^{z+}$  cations on the cation sublattice, and likewise  $X_X^{an}$   
 281 is the mole fraction of  $X^{x-}$  anions on the anion sublattice. Note that  $\sum_M X_M^{cat} = \sum_X X_X^{an} =$   
 282  $\sum_{M,X} X_M^{cat} X_X^{an} = 1$ . The notation for chemical potential ( $\mu$ ) is used rather than Gibbs free  
 283 energies for convenience, including avoiding the need to define a reference state, but may  
 284 be understood to be equivalent in practice (the reference state always cancel out across a  
 285 balanced chemical reaction). The important point is that the standard state free energy,  
 286  $\mu_{M_{x/z}X}^o$ , of every possible stoichiometric component  $M^{z/2}X$  enters into the model. To take  
 287 an example relevant to the present discussion, the chemical potential of FeS in a

multicomponent silicate melt ( $\mu_{FeS}$ ) ineluctably implies something about the value of, say,  $\mu_{Na_2S}^o$ , unless there is no Na in the melt. The standard-state chemical potential of each possible end-member,  $\mu_{M_{x/z}X}^o$ , contributes to  $G_{end-members}^o$  proportionally to its statistical weight,  $X_M^{cat} X_X^{an}$ . The logic of this is best understood by noting that the chemical potential of each and every charge-balanced component  $M_{x/z}X$  can be in principle evaluated ( $\mu_{M_{x/z}X} \equiv \partial G_{melt} / \partial n_{M_{x/z}X}$ ), and by definition  $\mu_{M_{x/z}X} = \mu_{M_{x/z}X}^o + RT \ln a_{M_{x/z}X}$ , therefore the free energy of the solution contains information on  $\mu_{M_{x/z}X}^o$  for each and every  $M_{x/z}X$ , so long as some M and some X are present.

2)  $G_{config}$  is the ideal configurational entropy that accrues from mixing of cations and anions separately on each sublattice. The usual model is:

$$G_{config} = -RT[\sum_M n X_M^{cat} \ln(X_M^{cat}) + \sum_X X_X^{an} \ln(X_X^{an})] \quad (9)$$

here  $n_{cat}$  and  $n_{an}$  are the fraction of sites available for mixing of the cations and anions respectively.

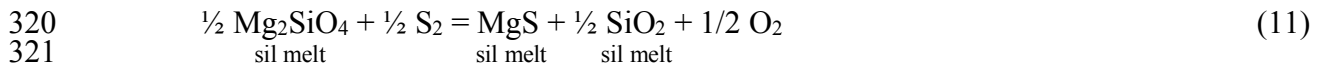
3)  $G_{excess}$  is the excess free energies of mixing, which accounts for heats of mixing, deviations from the ideal configurational free energy of mixing, and the free energy from any non-configurational entropy of mixing.  $G_{excess}$  is conventionally expressed using activity coefficients for cations and anions separately on each sublattice ( $\gamma_M^{cat}$  and  $\gamma_X^{an}$ ), by analogy with the configurational free energy:

$$G_{ex} = -RT[\sum_M X_M^{cat} \ln(\gamma_M^{cat}) + \sum_X X_X^{an} \ln(\gamma_X^{an})] \quad (10)$$

O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002) presented the next stage of the argument using oxide and sulfide components  $M_{z/2}O$  and  $M_{z/2}S$ , but, as they pointed out, a similar argument could be developed using silicate anion structural elements, such as, for example, orthosilicate units  $SiO_4^{2-}$  and polymerized  $SiO_2$  units, as for reactions (4) and (5) above. Given our present understanding of the structure of silicate melts (e.g., Mysen and Richet 2005), choosing such structural units might only yield a tractable model between the orthosilicate-equivalent composition at  $NBO/T = 4$ , and a fully polymerized melt at  $NBO/T \sim 0$ . In actuality, most of the experimental studies of  $S^{2-}$  solubility

314 in the geological literature are on melt compositions with NBO/T between 0.05 and 2, and, as noted  
 315 above, there are few if any precise measurements of  $C_{S^{2-}}$  on compositions with NBO/T at or about  
 316 0 because the low levels of  $S^{2-}$  in such melts are near to the analytical limits of quantification by  
 317 EMPA under experimentally accessible conditions.

318 With orthosilicate and silica components, the relationship between  $[S^{2-}]$  in the silicate melt and  
 319  $fO_2$  and  $fS_2$  is given by:



322 The selection of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  as the cation used to describe the equilibrium is arbitrary; for example,  
 323  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  or Ca would do as well. It is essential to acknowledge this point: the reciprocal theory of  
 324 mixing on sublattices is not merely an hypothesis, but is mandated by the requirement of internal  
 325 consistency. This internal consistency means that writing Eqn (11) using Ca or  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  (etc.) rather  
 326 than Mg should end up giving exactly the same result, which reciprocal solution theory ensures that  
 327 it does. Other attempts that try to define the activity of FeS in silicate melts without invoking  
 328 reciprocal solution theory do not meet the requirement of internal consistency and are accordingly  
 329 wrong. There may be some misconception in petrological thermodynamics, carried over from  
 330 pioneering days, that an astute choice of components in a multicomponent phase can circumvent  
 331 having to know the thermodynamic properties of other components in the phase. This has much  
 332 truth in simple crystalline solutions where there is mixing on only one crystallographic site, but in  
 333 more complex solutions with mixing on multiple sites, it is a fallacy. Because of the reciprocal  
 334 solution effect, one cannot choose to define, for example, the activity of FeS in a silicate melt,  
 335 without implying information about the activity of, say, MgS; this in turn means implying  
 336 information about the standard state properties of MgS. Hence it is inescapable that the standard  
 337 state properties of MgS and all other charge-balanced end members must be contained within the  
 338 model.

339 All the components in Eqn. (11) are valid thermodynamic components, because they can be  
 340 independently varied. In formal terms,  $(\partial G_{\text{melt}}/\partial n_i)_{T,P,n_j}$  ( $n_j \neq n_i$ ) is definable, and, moreover,

341 experimentally measurable. This is not the case for charged species, or “structural elements” in the  
 342 jargon of point-defect theory (Schmalzried 1995), like  $O^{2-}$  and  $S^{2-}$ , because  $(\partial G_{melt}/\partial n_{O^{2-}})_{T,P,n_j}$  is  
 343 not independently variable due to the charge-balance constraint, and is not definable in  
 344 conventional chemical thermodynamics where only temperature, pressure and composition are the  
 345 variables. There is no implication in Eqn. (11) that a gas phase need be present, as  $S_2$  and  $O_2$  refer to  
 346 the components of the system, which may be defined without specifying the phases in the system.

347 At equilibrium:

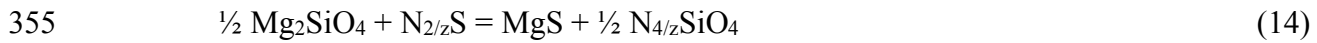
$$348 \quad \mu_{MgS} - \frac{1}{2} \mu_{Mg_2SiO_4} = \frac{1}{2} RT \ln(fS_2/fO_2) - \frac{1}{2} \mu_{SiO_2} \quad (12)$$

349 The evaluation of  $\mu_{MgS}$  and  $\mu_{Mg_2SiO_4}$  from Eqns. (7) to (9) gives:

$$350 \quad \mu_{MgS} = \mu_{MgS}^o + \sum_{N \neq Mg} (-X_N^{cat} X_{SiO_4}^{an} \Delta \mu_{rec}^o[S - SiO_4]) + RT \ln(X_{Mg}^{cat}) + RT \ln(X_S^{an})$$

$$351 \quad + RT \ln(\gamma_{Mg}) + RT \ln(\gamma_S) \quad (13)$$

352 This equation contains a term in  $X_S^{an}$ , which is the concentration of  $S^{2-}$  in the melt expressed as  
 353 a mole fraction. The term  $\Delta \mu_{rec}^o[S - SiO_4]$  is the change in free energy of the homogeneous  
 354 equilibrium in the melt; such equilibria are often known as reciprocal reactions:



$$356 \quad \Delta \mu_{rec}^o[S - SiO_4] = (\mu_{MgS}^o - \frac{1}{2} \mu_{Mg_2SiO_4}^o) - (\mu_{N_{2/z}S}^o - \frac{1}{2} \mu_{N_{4/z}SiO_4}^o) \quad (15)$$

357 Likewise for  $\mu_{Mg_2SiO_4}$ :

$$358 \quad \mu_{Mg_2SiO_4} = \mu_{Mg_2SiO_4}^o + \sum_{N \neq Mg} (X_N^{cat} X_S^{an} \Delta \mu_{rec}^o[S - SiO_4]) + 2 RT \ln(X_{Mg}^{cat}) + RT \ln(X_{SiO_4}^{an})$$

$$359 \quad + 2 RT \ln(\gamma_{Mg}) + RT \ln(\gamma_{SiO_4}) \quad (16)$$

360 Substituting (12) to (15) into (11), putting  $X_{SiO_4}^{an} = 1$  (that is,  $X_S^{an}$  is small, and the  $SiO_2$  units do  
 361 not mix with the charged species  $S^{2-}$  and  $SiO_4^{2-}$  on the anion sublattice) and rearranging gives:

$$362 \quad \ln X_S^{an} = \sum_M X_M^{cat} \left( \frac{1}{2} \mu_{M_{4/z}SiO_4}^o - \mu_{M_{2/x}S}^o \right) / RT - \frac{1}{2} \ln a_{SiO_2}$$

$$363 \quad - \ln \gamma_S + \frac{1}{2} \ln \gamma_{SiO_4} + \frac{1}{2} \ln (fS_2/fO_2) \quad (17)$$

364 This shows that the S content of the melt depends proportionally on  $(fS_2/fO_2)^{1/2}$ , as in the definition  
 365 of the sulfide capacity,  $C_{S^{2-}}$ , in Eqn. (2). Eliminating the term in  $(fS_2/fO_2)^{1/2}$  between (17) and (3)  
 366 gives:

$$367 \quad \ln C_{S^{2-}} = B_0^{S^{2-}} + c \ln a_{SiO_2} + \sum X_M B_M^{S^{2-}} \quad (18)$$

368 where the term  $B_0^{S^{2-}}$  also accounts for the conversion from mole fractions on the anion sublattice to  
 369 weight fractions (conveniently parts per million by weight, while  $B_M^{S^{2-}} = k(\frac{1}{2} \mu_{M_{4/z}SiO_4}^o -$   
 370  $\mu_{M_{2/x}S}^o)/RT$ , where  $k$  is a constant, the same for all M. The activity coefficients,  $\gamma_S$  and  $\gamma_{SiO_4}$ , will  
 371 for simplicity be assumed to vary only with the  $M^{x+}$  cation fractions in the melt composition, but  
 372 this is likely only within a limited range of melt compositions, say with NBO/T between 0.2 and 2,  
 373 which covers most silicate melt compositions apart from the granite/rhyolite extreme. The average  
 374 values of  $\gamma_S$  and  $\gamma_{SiO_4}$  within this range are implicitly incorporated in the  $B_0^{S^{2-}}$  term.

375 Equation (18) also contains a term in the activity of silica,  $a_{SiO_2}$ , which may be expected to be a  
 376 function of the cation mole fractions in the melt. Assume that over a reasonably limited range of  
 377 silicate melt compositions, it has the functional form  $\ln (a_{SiO_2})^n = C_0 + X_M C_M$ . This permits  
 378 simplification, to Eqn. (6):  $\ln C_{S^{2-}} = A_0^{S^{2-}} + \sum X_M A_M^{S^{2-}}$ , where  $A_0^{S^{2-}} = B_0^{S^{2-}} + C_0$ , and  $A_M^{S^{2-}} =$   
 379  $B_M^{S^{2-}} + C_M$ . In order to achieve a good fit to the data, the cations M include the usual ones that form  
 380 the basic oxide components important in natural-composition silicate melts ( $Na^{1+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$ ,  $K^{1+}$ ,  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  
 381  $Mn^{2+}$ , and  $Fe^{2+}$ ), but also  $Al^{3+}$  and  $Ti^{4+}$ , whose structural positions in the melts are thought to be  
 382 different, and in different ways (Mysen and Richet 2005). Si is not included in the sum of these M  
 383 cations explicitly, because it is implicitly included from the closure condition,  $\sum X_M = 1$ . The mole  
 384 fractions are defined on the single-cation basis ( $NaO_{0.05}$ ,  $MgO$ ,  $AlO_{1.5}$ ,  $SiO_2$ , etc.), despite Eqns.  
 385 (10) to (16) being developed with mole fractions on the single-anion basis; for some reason, this  
 386 way gives a noticeably better fit.

387 The importance of this derivation of  $C_{S^{2-}}$  from solution thermodynamics is that it establishes  
 388 that the logarithm of the sulfide capacity  $C_{S^{2-}}$  should vary linearly with the mole fractions. This

theoretical relationship was subjected to detailed experimental scrutiny by O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002), who investigated nearly 200 different melt compositions covering various proportions of the above cations, with NBO/T ranging from 0 to 2 (the mean NBO/T of the compositions they measured is 0.85, with a standard deviation of 0.3), at 1400°C. Such a high experimental temperature was necessary to access a wide range of melt compositions, and was not meant to mimic magmatic temperatures. The tests included experiments adding progressive amounts of one component to a base composition, the particularly important case being the addition of FeO to a CaO-MgO-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub> composition, with results shown in Fig. 13 of O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2012). The reason that this example is so important is that it refutes the notion that there are thermodynamically relevant Fe<sup>2+</sup> - S<sup>2-</sup> “complexes” in the silicate melts. Rather, the simple log-linear Eqn. (7) performs well, except at very high FeO contents where FeO loses some of its potency for dissolving S<sup>2-</sup> (the opposite trend to that which would come from complex formation). This interesting phenomenon will be addressed further below.

The model may be tested from a different perspective, namely the magnitudes of the different  $A_M^{S^{2-}}$  terms compared to those expected from standard thermodynamic data. An enabling assumption is that the  $C_M$  terms used to parameterize  $a_{SiO_2}$  are relatively small, such that neglecting them for the present exposition allows the approximation  $A_M^{S^{2-}} \propto (\frac{1}{2}\mu_{M_4/zSiO_4}^o - \mu_{M_2/xS}^o)/RT$ , where the latter is the difference between the free energies of the orthosilicates and the sulfides. This is an important insight, because if this relationship is valid, it would enable estimates of the effects of melt composition on other “capacities” – sulfate, carbonate, phosphate, etcetera, providing a thermodynamically based alternative to other concepts like NBO/T or “optical basicity” that have been invoked to predict melt thermodynamic properties. The relationship is tested in Fig. 1, using the values of  $A_M^{S^{2-}}$  from O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002) plus that for  $A_{Mn}^{S^{2-}}$  from Evans et al. (2008). For the free energies of formation of the orthosilicate and sulfide components, the data for the solid phases at 1400 K were used as a proxy for what is actually required, which is the free energies of the components in the liquid phase in silicate melts extrapolated to infinite dilution at the



415 temperature of interest (here 1673 K). At least this proxy has the merits of consistency for all  
416 components. These data are from the JANAF tables (Chase et al. 1998) or Robie and Hemingway  
417 (1995).

418 The reason for not trying to build a model from reaction (5), which may be a more realistic  
419 approximation to the structure of most silicate melts of geological interest, is that the analogous  
420 thermodynamic data for crystalline substances proxying for the  $M^{2/x}Si_2O_5$  units are mostly not  
421 available, and for the  $Si_2O_6^{4-}$  dimer units in the melt ( $NBO/Si = 2$ ), the equivalent crystalline  
422 stoichiometry corresponds to that of the chain silicates (e.g., pyroxenes), which seems dubiously  
423 appropriate as structural proxies. The orthosilicate stoichiometry has the same  $SiO_4^{4-}$  structural units  
424 in crystals as in melts.

425 There is a fair positive correlation ( $R = 0.80$ ) between  $A_M^{S^{2-}}$  and  $(\frac{1}{2}\mu_{M_{4/z}SiO_4}^o - \mu_{M_{2/x}S}^o)/1400R$ .  
426 O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002) pointed out that there was no such correlation between the values  
427 of  $A_M^{S^{2-}}$  and the analogous terms  $(\mu_{M_{2/z}O}^o - \mu_{M_{2/x}S}^o)/RT$ , indicating that the ability of a basic oxide  
428 component  $M_{x/2}O$  to contribute to the sulfide capacity of a silicate melt is lessened by the strength  
429 of the chemical bonding of the  $M^{x+}$  cation to the silicate units in the melt. Thus  $Ca^{2+}$  is less effective  
430 at enhancing  $C_{S^{2-}}$  than  $Fe^{2+}$  because  $Ca^{2+} - SiO_4^{4-}$  interactions are far stronger than  $Fe^{2+} - SiO_4^{4-}$   
431 interactions in silicate melts, well known from the thermodynamics of the simple binaries  $CaO$ -  
432  $SiO_2$  and  $FeO$ - $SiO_2$  (e.g., Mysen and Richet 2005).

433 This correlation also shows that the large magnitude of  $A_{Fe}^{S^{2-}}$  relative to the other  $A_M^{S^{2-}}$ , except  
434  $A_{Mn}^{S^{2-}}$ , is not an anomaly, but is that expected from the reciprocal solution theory, given the relative  
435 magnitudes of the free energies of formation of  $Fe_2SiO_4$  and  $FeS$ . There is no reason to postulate  
436 complexes between  $Fe^{2+}$  and  $S^{2-}$  in the silicate melts. The correlation predicts that the effects of  $Ni^{2+}$   
437 and  $Cu^{1+}$  on  $C_{S^{2-}}$  should be even larger than those of  $Fe^{2+}$  and  $Mn^{2+}$ . Evans et al. (2008) found that  
438  $A_{Ni}^{S^{2-}}$  and  $A_{Cu}^{S^{2-}}$  could not be measured experimentally with available methods, because at the  $fS_2$ -  
439  $fO_2$  conditions needed to achieve measurable  $S^{2-}$  in the silicate melt, the Ni and Cu were stripped  
440 out into immiscible sulfide melts. It is the same strength of the  $Ni^{2+}$ - $S^{2-}$  and  $Cu^{1+}$ - $S^{2-}$  chemical

441 bonding in the silicate melts compared to the rather feeble  $\text{Ni}^{2+}\text{-SiO}_4^{4-}$  and  $\text{Cu}^{1+}\text{-SiO}_4^{4-}$  bonding,  
 442 causing the large values of  $A_{\text{Ni}}^{S^{2-}}$  and  $A_{\text{Cu}}^{S^{2-}}$ , that also causes the immiscible sulfide melts to form;  
 443 two sides of the same coin. The correlation in Fig. 1 suggests  $A_{\text{Ni}}^{S^{2-}} \approx 30$  and  $A_{\text{Cu}}^{S^{2-}} \approx 60$ ; to estimate  
 444 the latter the free energy of formation of the non-existent orthosilicate  $\text{Cu}_4\text{SiO}_4$  from the oxides was  
 445 taken to be zero.

446 This information on the likely values of  $A_{\text{Ni}}^{S^{2-}}$  and  $A_{\text{Cu}}^{S^{2-}}$  is somewhat nugatory, as the stripping  
 447 out of Ni and Cu into a sulfide melt keeps Ni and Cu concentrations in the silicate melt to the  $10^2$   
 448 ppm level, at which they have no discernible effect on  $C_{S^{2-}}$  (Evans et al. 2008). Put another way,  
 449 the atomic ratios of Ni and Cu to Fe in terrestrial basalts are both about  $10^{-3}$ , therefore given these  
 450 values of  $A_{\text{Ni}}^{S^{2-}}$  and  $A_{\text{Cu}}^{S^{2-}}$ , neglecting Ni and Cu has an equivalent effect to decreasing the  
 451 concentration of FeO in the silicate melt by 0.1 and 0.2 % relative, well below the best analytical  
 452 precision. The effect of Ni and Cu on SCSS is entirely through their obvious influence on the  
 453 activity of FeS in the sulfide melt. If NiO in the silicate melt has negligible effect on  $S^{2-}$  solubility,  
 454 then the corollary is that  $S^{2-}$  has negligible effect on the activity of NiO in the silicate melt, for  
 455 example, in the context of the partitioning of Ni between olivine and silicate melt. This point is  
 456 addressed in Tuff and O'Neill (2010).

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#### 458 *The $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ problem*

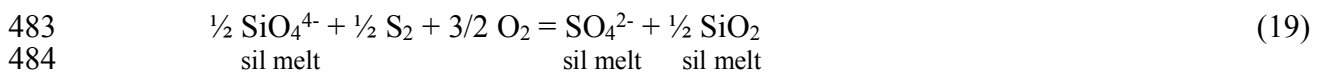
459 Given that the direct measurement of sulfide capacities requires knowing both  $f\text{O}_2$  and  $f\text{S}_2$ , it  
 460 can be done most easily and also precisely at atmospheric pressure in gas-mixing experiments,  
 461 where the sum of the partial pressures of all gas species are limited to 1 bar. Unfortunately,  
 462 increasing  $f\text{O}_2$  to where  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/(\text{Fe}^{3+}+\text{Fe}^{2+})$  in the silicate melt is more than a couple of percent enters  
 463 the regime of the experimental S solubility minimum, where S solubilities fall below the limit of  
 464 quantification of the electron microprobe. Thus only the effect of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  on  $C_{S^{2-}}$  is known, and the  
 465 influence of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  is currently completely mysterious. The correlation used to guestimate  $A_{\text{Ni}}^{S^{2-}}$  and  
 466  $A_{\text{Cu}}^{S^{2-}}$  (Fig. 1) is useless, because thermodynamic data for the non-existent sulfide  $\text{Fe}^{3+}\text{S}_{1.5}^{2-}$  are not

467 available, unsurprisingly. A couple of thoughts arise. One possibility is that the electron  
 468 configurations of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  is the same as that of  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  ( $\text{Ar}3d^5$ ), and size differences between cations are  
 469 less important in the environment of silicate melts where cation-anion interatomic distances are not  
 470 influenced by crystal symmetries, suggesting that  $A_{\text{Fe}^{3+}} \sim A_{\text{Mn}}$ . As the latter is similar to  $A_{\text{Fe}^{2+}}$   
 471 (Evans et al. 2008), changing  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/(\text{Fe}^{3+}+\text{Fe}^{2+})$  would have no effect on  $C_{\text{S}^{2-}}$ . Alternatively, on the  
 472 grounds that  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  may play a similar structural role to  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  in silicate melts,  $A_{\text{Fe}^{3+}}$  may be similar to  
 473  $A_{\text{Ti}}$ , and increasing  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/(\text{Fe}^{3+}+\text{Fe}^{2+})$  would decrease  $C_{\text{S}^{2-}}$  accordingly. That changing the oxidation  
 474 state of a key cationic component of a silicate melt may have a huge effect on  $C_{\text{S}^{2-}}$  has been  
 475 claimed for vanadium. Allertz et al. (2016) showed that increasing  $f\text{O}_2$  by six orders of magnitude  
 476 at 1600°C increased  $C_{\text{S}^{2-}}$  by over two orders of magnitude in CMAS-based melts with 3.6 to 9.5  
 477 wt% V; the increase is presumably due to the V changing from predominantly 2+ to predominantly  
 478 3+. Is V a trustworthy analogue for Fe?

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#### 480 *Sulfate capacities, $C_{\text{SO}_4^{2-}}$*

481 Following the same logic, the equilibrium between orthosilicate and framework structural units  
 482 that defines the sulfate capacity,  $C_{\text{SO}_4^{2-}}$ , would be:



485 This suggests that the dependence of  $C_{\text{SO}_4^{2-}}$  on silicate melt composition should take the same form  
 486 as that for  $C_{\text{S}^{2-}}$ , namely:

$$487 \quad \ln C_{\text{SO}_4^{2-}} = A_0^{\text{SO}_4^{2-}} + \sum X_M A_M^{\text{SO}_4^{2-}} + \quad (20)$$

488 where  $A_0^{\text{SO}_4^{2-}} = B_0^{\text{SO}_4^{2-}} + C_0$ ,  $A_M^{\text{SO}_4^{2-}} = B_M^{\text{SO}_4^{2-}} + C_M$ , with  $B_M^{\text{SO}_4^{2-}} = k(\frac{1}{2} \mu_{\text{M}_{4/2}\text{SiO}_4}^0 - \mu_{\text{M}_{2/x}\text{SO}_4}^0)/RT$ .

489 The difference between the coefficients for of each M cation for  $C_{\text{SO}_4^{2-}}$  and  $C_{\text{S}^{2-}}$  is therefore:

$$490 \quad A_M^{\text{SO}_4^{2-}} - A_M^{\text{S}^{2-}} = k(\mu_{\text{M}_{2/x}\text{S}}^0 - \mu_{\text{M}_{2/x}\text{SO}_4}^0)/RT \quad (21)$$

491 In taking the difference, most of the approximations used in deriving the individual values of  
 492  $A_M^{S^{2-}}$  and  $A_M^{SO_4^{2-}}$  would cancel out, like the effect of the activity of silica. This then further suggests  
 493 that the dependence of  $C_{SO_4^{2-}}$  on silicate melt composition could be predicted from the experimental  
 494 measurements on  $C_{S^{2-}}$ , together with the readily available standard-state thermodynamic data on  
 495 sulfates and sulfides.

496 The ratio of sulfide to sulfate dissolved in a silicate melt follows from the definitions of  $C_{S^{2-}}$   
 497 and  $C_{SO_4^{2-}}$  :

$$498 \quad [SO_4^{2-}] / [S^{2-}] = C_{SO_4^{2-}} / C_{S^{2-}} (fO_2)^2 \quad (22)$$

499 The  $fO_2$  at which  $[SO_4^{2-}] / [S^{2-}]$  is 1, denoted here as  $(fO_2)_{S_6+/S_2-}$ , is therefore  $(C_{S^{2-}} / C_{SO_4^{2-}})^{1/2}$ . For  
 500 present purposes, the anion complex  $SO_4^{2-}$  may be taken as equivalent to  $S^{6+}$ . Substituting Eqns. (7)  
 501 and (20) into (22) gives:

$$502 \quad \ln ([SO_4^{2-}] / [S^{2-}]) = + 2 \ln fO_2 + (A_0^{SO_4^{2-}} - A_0^{S^{2-}}) + \sum X_M (A_M^{SO_4^{2-}} - A_M^{S^{2-}}) \quad (23)$$

503 where the effect of silicate melt composition is contained in the last term on the right-hand side,  
 504 whose thermochemical significance is given by Eqn. (21).

505 From this, it may be predicted that, at a given T, P and  $fO_2$ , increasing FeO in the melt would  
 506 increase  $(fO_2)_{S_6+/S_2-}$ , while increasing CaO and Na<sub>2</sub>O would decrease  $(fO_2)_{S_6+/S_2-}$ .

507 The value of  $(fO_2)_{S_6+/S_2-}$  is not well constrained for anhydrous basaltic melts. The inescapable  
 508 experimental problem is that it falls in the region of the ambient-pressure experimental S solubility  
 509 minimum. It has been approximately located at about the  $fO_2$  of the quartz-fayalite-magnetite  
 510 equilibrium (QFM) by Fincham and Richardson (1954) and Katsura and Nagashima (1974) from  
 511 extrapolation of solubilities measured at higher and lower  $fO_2$ . (Oxygen fugacities are conveniently  
 512 discussed relative to some isobarically invariant “buffer” such as QFM because condensed-phase  
 513 redox equilibria all tend, to a first approximation, to have similar slopes in  $1/T$ -log  $fO_2$  space. For  
 514 reference, QFM is given by  $\log_{10} fO_{2(QFM)} = 8.58 - 25050/T$  at 1 bar (O'Neill 1987), and  $\Delta QFM =$   
 515  $\log_{10} (fO_2 / fO_{2(QFM)})$ ).

516 Recently this approach has been expanded upon by Nash et al. (2019), who exploited the lower  
 517 limits of detection afforded by SIMS to investigate the solubilities of S in the region of the  
 518 solubility minimum. Their experiments were at 1300°C, and used CO-CO<sub>2</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub> gas mixes. They  
 519 assumed that total S solubilities at higher fO<sub>2</sub> in excess of those predicted for S<sup>2-</sup> from the Fincham-  
 520 Richardson relation at low fO<sub>2</sub>, were due to additional S<sup>6+</sup>. This they corroborated by S K-edge  
 521 XANES spectroscopy. They found that values of (fO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>S<sup>6+</sup>/S<sup>2-</sup></sub> for six melt compositions lay in the  
 522 range ΔQFM 0 to +0.6, concordant with the earlier studies. Increasing (fO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>S<sup>6+</sup>/S<sup>2-</sup></sub> correlated  
 523 qualitatively with increasing FeO in the melt, although the effect was smaller than expected from  
 524 the sensitivity of C<sub>S<sup>2-</sup></sub> to FeO (O'Neill and Mavrogenes 2002).

525 Other information on where (fO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>S<sup>6+</sup>/S<sup>2-</sup></sub> lies in silicate melts comes from X-ray spectroscopic  
 526 characterization of S<sup>6+</sup>/S<sup>2-</sup> in quenched glasses prepared under pressure, and necessarily containing  
 527 H<sub>2</sub>O in order to control fO<sub>2</sub>. These measurements have been problematic because of beam-damage  
 528 issues, see Wilke et al. (2008, 2011), Métrich et al. (2009) and Jugo et al. (2010). The majority view  
 529 is that S<sup>4+</sup> (that is, sulfite, SO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>) found spectroscopically by XANES is caused by beam damage, at  
 530 least in glasses of low-pressure provenance (both natural and synthetic). The probability is that most  
 531 X-ray fluorescence measurements of S oxidation state obtained with the electron microprobe are  
 532 badly affected by beam damage (Wilke et al. 2008), but because this technique only gives the  
 533 average oxidation state of S, S<sup>4+</sup> is not itself distinguished (unlike with XANES), making it difficult  
 534 to judge exactly what is going on. Because of this knowledge gap, the test for beam damage is  
 535 whether the measured S<sup>6+</sup>/S<sup>2-</sup> follows the theoretical dependence on (fO<sub>2</sub>), which is that [S<sup>6+</sup>]/[S<sup>2-</sup>]  
 536 ∝ (fO<sub>2</sub>)<sup>2</sup> (Eqn. 22), provided that the assumption of negligible S<sup>4+</sup> is accepted. At present, among  
 537 studies that cover a sufficiently meaningful range of fO<sub>2</sub>, the only experiments to pass this test to  
 538 date are those of Jugo et al. (2010) and Botcharnikov et al. (2011), who used XANES to quantify  
 539 S<sup>6+</sup>/ΣS in a series of glasses quenched from hydrated basaltic and andesitic melts with about 5 wt%  
 540 H<sub>2</sub>O at 1050°C and 0.2 GPa, and those of Nash et al. (2019), described above. Jugo et al. (2010)

541 fitted their results to an equation with the stoichiometry of the speciation constrained at the  
542 theoretical value:

$$543 \quad S^{6+}/\sum S = 1/(1 + 10^{(2.1-2 \Delta QFM)}) \quad (24)$$

544 Hence  $(fO_2)_{S^{6+}/S^{2-}}$  is at  $\Delta QFM+1.05$ . Botcharnikov et al. (2011) then found that this equation  
545 described their results on their andesitic composition within uncertainty.

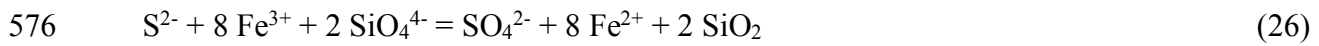
546 For comparison, the change in oxidation state of the main redox-variable element in basalts, Fe,  
547 given by Berry et al. (2018) is:

$$548 \quad Fe^{3+}/\sum Fe = 1/(1 + 10^{(1.0575-0.25 \Delta QFM)}) \quad (25)$$

549 The relationship between  $S^{6+}/\sum S$  and  $Fe^{3+}/\sum Fe$  from combining these two equations to eliminate  
550  $\Delta QFM$  is shown in Fig. 2. On the face of it, the range of  $Fe^{3+}/\sum Fe$  measured in MORB glasses  
551 coincides with  $S^{6+}/\sum S$  going from zero to as much as 30%, but this depends on the rather dubious  
552 equivalence between hydrated basalts at 1050°C and the natural MORB glasses, which are quenched  
553 from ~ 1200°C and contain little H<sub>2</sub>O (see below).

554 A different view emerges from the recent study of Nash et al. (2019), who calculated  $Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+}$   
555 for the experiments at 1300°C in which they had estimated  $S^{6+}/S^{2-}$  (as described above), and also for  
556 those of Jugo et al. (2010) and Botcharnikov et al. (2011) at 1050°C. They then fitted these data to  
557 an expression also constrained to the theoretical stoichiometry, which included a dependence on  
558 temperature. To constrain this latter variable better (given that the available data are from only two  
559 temperatures and those at 1050°C are hydrous melts) they invoked thermochemical data for  
560 crystalline-phase analogues of the melt components. As regards the effect of melt composition, their  
561 data were too scattered to resolve any (see their Fig. 6). The relationship between  $S^{6+}/\sum S$  and  
562  $Fe^{3+}/\sum Fe$  from their equation, calculated at 1190° (the average for anhydrous MORB glasses in  
563 equilibrium with olivine according to the magmathermometer of Putirka 2008), is also shown in  
564 Fig. 2. With their formulation, even the more oxidized MORB glasses would contain only a few  
565 percent  $S^{6+}/\sum S$ . As will be shown below, the evidence from the SCSS of MORB glasses is more  
566 concordant with this view.

567 The temperature-dependence of S speciation relative to QFM in silicate melts remains  
 568 somewhat contentious. Nash et al. (2019) inferred that decreasing temperature shifts  $(fO_2)_{S^{6+}/S^{2-}}$  to  
 569 higher  $\Delta QFM$  (i.e., decreasing temperature stabilizes  $S^{2-}$  relative to  $S^{6+}$  at a given  $\Delta QFM$ ), which is  
 570 in the opposite direction to that anticipated by Métrich et al. (2009). That  $S^{6+}$  forms an anionic  
 571 complex,  $SO_4^{2-}$ , may seem at first sight to endow this speciation with low configurational entropy,  
 572 but as the effects of entropy are always relative, the entropies of the alternative arrangements need  
 573 to be considered. Assuming the same orthosilicate and framework species as for modeling of  $C_{S^{2-}}$ ,  
 574 the two alternatives for redox speciation in a melt containing both Fe and S could be described by  
 575 the homogeneous equilibrium:



577 From the point of view of configurational entropy, both sides of this reaction contain the same  
 578 number of species, but two of the 11 species on the right-hand side (RHS) are polymerized  $SiO_2$   
 579 units in the melt, which might be expected to have lower entropy, implying that the speciation  
 580 might proceed towards the RHS with decreasing temperature.

581 The experiments of Luhr (1990) on sulfur solubilities in hydrous melts as a function of  
 582 temperature and  $fO_2$  (at 0.2 and 0.4 GPa) show that at 900°C and above, total S in the oxidized  
 583 experiments was higher than experiments at QFM (see Fig. 10 of Luhr 1990), whereas at 800 and  
 584 850°C it was the same in the oxidized experiments as in the pyrrhotite-saturated experiments at  
 585 QFM. This is suggestive that, contrary to the entropy argument, increasing temperature favours the  
 586 RHS of reaction (26), but it is not definitive as the oxidized experiments did not contain pyrrhotite.

587 The isochemical redistribution of species according to reaction (26) involves only electron  
 588 hopping between atoms with coordination changes on the scale of interatomic distances, and is  
 589 therefore likely very fast, arguably so fast as to be unquenchable from liquidus temperatures (cf.  
 590 Berry et al. 2003). If the right-hand side of (26) were favoured on cooling (the opposite to the  
 591 inference from the experiments of Luhr 1990), it might explain the small amounts of sulfate

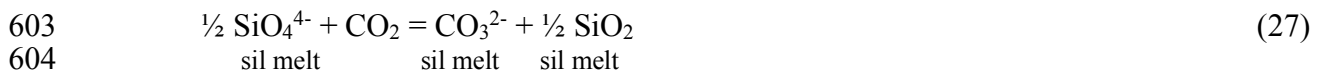
592 identified by XANES spectroscopy in some natural basaltic glasses (Métrich et al. 2009; Jugo et al.  
593 2010).

594 The only available indication of the effect of pressure on the  $S^{2-}/SO_4^{2-}$  transition is the study of  
595 Matjuschkin et al (2016), which indicates that increasing pressure may move  $(fO_2)_{6+/2}$  to higher  
596  $\Delta QFM$ . Measurements of  $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$  and  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  on the same melt compositions over a range of  $fO_2$   
597 (probably from QFM-1 to QFM+2) as a function of temperature and pressure are much needed. But  
598 this is a formidable experimental challenge.

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#### 600 *Other capacities for anions and anion complexes in silicate melts*

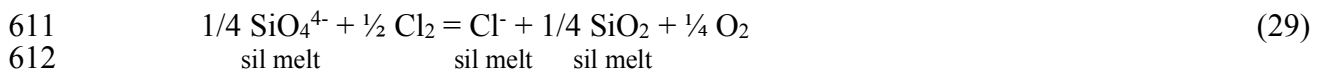
601 The “capacity” idea could be extended to other anionic substitutions in silicate melts, for  
602 example,  $CO_2$  dissolving as carbonate,  $CO_3^{2-}$ :



605 for which the carbonate capacity would be given by:

$$606 \quad C_{CO_3^{2-}} = [CO_3^{2-}]fCO_2 \quad (28)$$

607 with  $A_0^{CO_3^{2-}} - A_M^{S^{2-}} = k(\mu_{M_{2/x}S}^o - \mu_{M_{2/x}CO_3}^o)/RT$ . Likewise, to predict the effect of composition on  
608 chlorine in silicate melts, which is difficult to measure experimentally because  $Cl_2$  gas volatilizes  
609 most of the oxide components in one-atmosphere experiments, the chloride capacity would be  
610 defined as:



$$613 \quad C_{Cl^-} = [Cl^-](fCl_2)^{1/2}(fO_2)^{1/4} \quad (30)$$

$$614 \quad \text{and } A_0^{Cl^-} - A_M^{S^{2-}} = k(1/2\mu_{M_{2/x}S}^o - \mu_{M_{1/x}Cl}^o)/RT.$$

615 A suggestion to relate the various “capacities” of silicate melts to one another was made by Carl  
616 Wagner in one of his last contributions (Wagner 1975). Wagner, who has been called the “Father of  
617 Solid-state Chemistry” (Martin 2001), defined a “basicity” for a silicate melt of a specified  
618 composition using carbonate capacities:



$$B_{\text{carb}} = C_{\text{CO}_3^{2-}} / C_{\text{CO}_3^{2-}}^* \quad (31)$$

where  $C_{\text{CO}_3^{2-}}^*$  is the carbonate capacity of a reference melt (he suggested one with composition 0.4 CaO, 0.4 SiO<sub>2</sub> and 0.2 Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). Wagner (1975) also discusses how such a definition of “basicity” for a silicate melt provides a more rational measure than the “activity” of O<sup>2-</sup>, which, despite its appearance as a “structural element” in definitions of capacities like Eqn (2), is not, as Wagner pointed out, a usefully definable quantity, thermodynamically.

Wagner (1975) then proposed that the capacities of other anionic species Z<sup>n-</sup> (e.g., S<sup>2-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup> among many others) could be related to this basicity by:

$$C_{Z^{n-}} = C_{Z^{n-}}^* (B_{\text{carb}})^{2/n} \quad (32)$$

One of the benefits of deriving the thermochemical meaning of these “capacities” from reciprocal solution theory with mixing on sublattices is that it goes straight to the heart of the problem with Wagner’s suggestion (which he alluded to himself): it implicitly assumes that the quantities  $(\frac{1}{2} \mu_{\text{M}_{4/2}\text{SiO}_4}^0 - \mu_{\text{M}_{n/2}\text{Z}}^0)$  are the same for all anionic species Z, and for all relevant elements M. A few minutes perusing a thermochemical database would reveal that this is obviously not the case. The escape clause is that in a majority of basic slag compositions these M cations are dominated by only two, namely Mg and Ca, and it is possible to get away with taking the difference  $[(\mu_{\text{Ca}_{n/2}\text{Z}}^0 - \mu_{\text{Mg}_{n/2}\text{Z}}^0)]$  as being constant within limited horizons. Looking a bit further, it is the great stability of the FeS component in silicate melts compared to MgS or CaS (cf. FeCO<sub>3</sub> compared to CaCO<sub>3</sub> or MgCO<sub>3</sub>), with the consequence for sulfide capacities, that provides the exception disproving this rule handsomely – although MnS would do as well as FeS.

#### **A new parameterization of sulfide capacity for basaltic melts**

From the point of view of reproducing the experimental data, there are nevertheless a few ad-hoc “improvements” that can be made to the simple relationship of Eqn. (7), albeit at the cost of divorcing the parameters  $A_M^{S^{2-}}$  from their thermochemical roots. O’Neill and Mavrogenes (2002)

644 showed that adding a cross term in  $X_{\text{Fe}}X_{\text{Ti}}$  is needed to account for  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  - Ti interactions in the melt  
645 (see Fig. 14 of O'Neill and Mavrogenes 2002). Smythe et al. (2017) suggested a similar cross-term  
646 in  $X_{\text{Fe}}X_{\text{Si}}$ , and in the fitting to be described below, it was confirmed that this term was very  
647 effective at improving the fit of the experimental data.

648 A well known but hitherto unaddressed problem is that the linear relationship between  $\ln C_{\text{S}^{2-}}$   
649 and the cation mole fractions  $X_{\text{M}}$  breaks down at high FeO contents, between 15 and 20 wt% FeO  
650 according to O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002). This phenomenon has been confirmed by several  
651 studies on SCSS (see section below). The deviation is in the direction of lower  $\text{S}^{2-}$  in the silicate  
652 melt than the linear relationship established at  $< 15$  wt% FeO would predict, the opposite to that  
653 expected from formation of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  -  $\text{S}^{2-}$  complexes. The deviation becomes noticeable at  $\text{S}^{2-}$   
654 concentrations that are relatively low compared to those of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ , for example at  $\sim 3500$  ppm S in  
655 melt at 20 wt% FeO, which in molar proportions of S to FeO is still only less than 1 to 10 (see  
656 Table 13 of O'Neill and Mavrogenes 2002). Other experiments on Fe-free compositions with high  
657 CaO exceed this  $\text{S}^{2-}$  content with no such deviations apparent (e.g., nearly 6000 ppm dissolve in the  
658 AD+Wo composition run 17/2/97 in Table 2 of O'Neill and Mavrogenes 2002), indicating,  
659 importantly, that the Fe problem is not due to the assumption of constant “activities” of “structural  
660 elements” like  $\text{O}^{2-}$  breaking down in the derivation of Eqn. 3. Another curious feature is that the  
661 change of  $C_{\text{S}^{2-}}$  with  $X_{\text{Fe}}$  is linear within experimental uncertainty up to  $\sim 15$  wt% FeO, but then  
662 breaks sharply to a different linear trend of  $\ln C_{\text{S}^{2-}}$  vs  $X_{\text{Fe}}$  (see Fig. 15 of O'Neill and Mavrogenes  
663 2002).

664 This is a peculiar phenomenon, for which there is no explanation at present, and more  
665 experimental information would be useful. There seem to be no experiments that have tested the  
666 Fincham-Richardson relationship in high FeO melts; for example, it would be interesting to  
667 measure  $C_{\text{S}^{2-}}$  at various  $f\text{O}_2$  and  $f\text{S}_2$ , on a composition with, say, 30 wt% FeO in the melt. The  
668 propensity for high FeO, high  $\text{S}^{2-}$  melts to exsolve FeS-rich sulfide microblobs on quenching  
669 despite using the standard rapid-quenching techniques (Métrich et al., 2009; Wykes et al. 2015), has

so far prevented obtaining samples suitable for spectroscopy (Métrich et al, 2009). The departure from the simple theory at high FeO has hindered applying sulfide solubility models to many extraterrestrial basalts, which often have FeO > 15 wt%. In view of the lack of theoretical insight but the need for something to be done, it seems expedient to forgo a thermodynamically based model, and find a parameterization of  $C_{S^{2-}}$  as a function of melt composition that includes FeO-rich basaltic melts. The shape of the departure from linearity suggests the arctangent function or the error function; the latter was used here. With these three additions to the simple Eqn. (7), all the data from O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002), including the high FeO compositions, plus those at 1400°C from Tuff and O'Neill (2010), were fitted by weighted least squares regression. The function minimized was  $[(\ln(C_{S^{2-}})_{\text{obs}} - \ln(C_{S^{2-}})_{\text{calc}})/s(\ln C_{S^{2-}})]^2$ , where the weight  $s(\ln C_{S^{2-}})$  was obtained by propagating the uncertainty in measured S,  $s([S]_{\text{obs}})$  as observed, or 3%, whichever was larger, plus uncertainties in log fO<sub>2</sub> and log fS<sub>2</sub> of 0.05 each. Typically  $s(\ln C_{S^{2-}})$  is about 0.1 (that is, 10%), except for experiments with very low S contents (< 500 ppm), which may have substantially larger uncertainties, and the 12 CMAS and one CMAS+Ti compositions from Table 1 of O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002), in which the multiple measurements produce a lower uncertainty of 0.03 to 0.05. The regression gave:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln C_{S^{2-}}(1673\text{K}, 1 \text{ bar}) = & -5.330 + 6.7 (X_{\text{Na}}+X_{\text{K}}) + 1.8 X_{\text{Al}} + 4.9 X_{\text{Mg}} + 8.1 X_{\text{Ca}} \\ & + 5.0 X_{\text{Ti}} + 8.9 X_{\text{Fe}^*} - 22.2 X_{\text{Fe}^*}X_{\text{Ti}} + 7.2 X_{\text{Fe}^*}X_{\text{Si}} - 2.06 \text{erf}(-7.2 X_{\text{Fe}^*}) \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

where  $X_{\text{Fe}^*}$  is  $(X_{\text{Fe}} + X_{\text{Mn}})$ , and mole fractions are defined on the single cation basis (NaO<sub>0.05</sub>, MgO, AlO<sub>1.5</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, etcetera). The agreement between the parameterization and the input data (n = 228) is shown in Fig. 3a. The reduced chi-squared ( $\chi^2_{\nu}$ ) is 1.2, indicating a good fit to the data, apart from two CMAS compositions. One is the CMAS7E composition from Table 1 of O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002). It is a challenge to model the compositional dependence of  $C_{S^{2-}}$  for the twelve CMAS compositions from that Table, because of the small uncertainty in  $C_{S^{2-}}$  that comes from the multiple experiments (10 or 12 on each composition). Whilst this challenge is mostly met, the misfit to CMAS7E is a notable failure. The parameterization also fails to fit an anomalous datum from

696 Tuff and O'Neill (2010), N81B1, which was discussed in that paper. Due to the large number of  
 697 data, these two outliers have negligible effect, but they were removed from the fitting procedure  
 698 anyway.

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#### 700 *Temperature dependence of $C_{S^{2-}}$*

701 Because the compositional terms come from reciprocal reactions, they are likely to be  
 702 dominated by enthalpy changes, hence the form of the parameterization for other temperatures is  
 703 proposed to be:

$$704 \quad \ln C_{S^{2-}}(T, 1 \text{ bar}) = A^H/T + A^S + (1673/T) [6.7 (X_{Na}+X_K) + 1.8 X_{Al} + 4.9 X_{Mg} + 8.1 X_{Ca} \\ 705 \quad + 5.0 X_{Ti} + 8.9 X_{Fe^*} - 22.2 X_{Fe^*}X_{Ti} + 7.2 X_{Fe^*}X_{Si}] - 2.06 \text{erf}(-7.2 X_{Fe^*}) \quad (34)$$

706 where  $A_0 = A^H/T + A^S$ . With  $(A^H/1673 + A^S)$  constrained to -5.330 to meld with the 1400°C fit,  
 707 these parameters were evaluated to be  $A_H = -23590$  and  $A_S = 8.77$ , obtained as follows.

708 The experimental study of Haughton et al. (1974), being ambitious in scope, has had much  
 709 influence on previous petrologically focused reviews of the behavior of  $S^{2-}$  in silicate melts  
 710 (Poulson and Ohmoto 1990; Wallace and Carmichael 1992; Ariskin et al. 2013). The study  
 711 consisted of 100 experiments at 1200°C, divided into two groups: Series I experiments ( $n = 37$ )  
 712 investigated a single base composition at different  $fO_2$  and  $fS_2$ , with the composition varied in its  
 713 FeO from addition of  $Fe_2O_3$  and/or separation of immiscible sulfide. Their Series II experiments ( $n$   
 714  $= 63$ ) investigated different starting compositions at the same  $fO_2$  and  $fS_2$ , with all compositions  
 715 designed to be saturated FeS-rich melt. As pointed out in O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002), their  
 716 results show a lot of scatter. For example, replicate experiments agree poorly, and the results of the  
 717 Series I experiments are incommensurate with those of Series II. Two causes are likely,  
 718 equilibration problems and difficulties analyzing S at relatively low levels by electron microprobe.  
 719 The silicate melts were held in alumina crucibles, which results in continuous reaction with the  
 720 crucible during the experiment, because the original melt compositions are not saturated in alumina.  
 721 This effect also biases the melt compositions studied to high  $Al_2O_3$ . In addition, some precipitation

722 of FeS during the quenching might be anticipated, given the relatively slow quenching rates  
723 possible with the alumina crucibles. The S content in one experiment in Series I, 4F1, which was  
724 run at a higher  $fO_2$  than any other experiment in the study, was reported at 270 ppm, which,  
725 although low, is far higher than any value that would reasonably be expected for any extrapolation  
726 ( $< 50$  ppm), attesting to analytical difficulties. The scatter of the data has meant that attempts to  
727 parameterize the results of Haughton et al. (1974) have led to complicated scenarios involving  
728 hypothetical Fe-S species or complexes in the silicate melt (Poulson and Ohmoto 1990; Ariskin et  
729 al. 2013), or to the idea that SCSS varies with  $fO_2$  and  $fS_2$  at constant melt composition (Wallace  
730 and Carmichael 1992), which it does not, apart from second order effects like changing  $Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+}$   
731 (Mavrogenes and O'Neill 1999). These points are discussed further below. Here, the results of  
732 Haughton et al. (1974) were used only to obtain an estimate of  $A_0$  at 1200°C. To do this, both series  
733 were fitted to Eqn. (34), with the result shown in Fig. 3b. Together with some additional  
734 information from the author's own preliminary results at 1300°C and 1500°C, these results were  
735 used to estimate  $A_H = -23590$  and  $A_S = 8.77$ .

736 More data over a wider range of temperatures are needed to decrease the considerable  
737 uncertainty on these values. The effects of pressure and volatile contents (with  $H_2O$  of particular  
738 interest) on  $C_{S^{2-}}$  cannot at present be measured to useful accuracy by existing experimental  
739 methods directly, but their contributions to SCSS is accessible experimentally and will be reviewed  
740 below.

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#### 742 **Sulfide content at sulfide saturation (SCSS)**

743 The term “sulfur content at sulfide saturation”, meaning the amount of sulfur dissolved in a  
744 silicate melt in equilibrium with a sulfide phase (usually but not necessarily a FeS-rich sulfide  
745 melt), and acronymed as SCSS, was introduced by Shima and Naldrett (1975). Because some non-  
746 negligible proportion of the sulfur dissolved in silicate melts in equilibrium with some sulfides will  
747 be  $SO_4^{2-}$  towards the high end of the range of oxygen fugacities of natural magmas, and there are

possibly other S species present at high pressure or hydrous melts (for example HS<sup>-</sup>), the quantity is less ambiguously labelled “sulfide content at sulfide saturation”. This is the meaning of SCSS that will be used here.

The equilibrium between a silicate melt and a sulfide matte (Eqn. 1) gives the relationship:

$$-\Delta G_{FeO-FeS}^o/RT = -\ln a_{FeO}^{sil\ melt} + \ln a_{FeS}^{sulf} + \ln (fO_2/fS_2)^{1/2} \quad (35)$$

Substituting Eqn. (3), the definition of  $C_{S^{2-}}$ , into (35) to eliminate  $(fO_2/fS_2)$  gives:

$$\ln [S]_{SCSS} = \Delta G_{FeO-FeS}^o/RT + \ln C_{S^{2-}} - \ln a_{FeO}^{sil\ melt} + \ln a_{FeS}^{sulf} \quad (36)$$

Therefore, SCSS depends on four quantities:

1) the standard state free energy of the reaction (1),  $\Delta G_{FeO-FeS}^o$ , which is the difference between the two free energies of formation from the elements:



The free energy of reaction (37),  $\Delta G_{FeO}^{o,sil\ melt}$ , is taken from Holzheid et al. (1997), who combined the data for crystalline but non-stoichiometric “FeO” in equilibrium with Fe metal from O’Neill and Pownceby (1994) with those for the melting of FeO from Barin (1989), which gave:

$$\Delta G_{FeO}^{o,sil\ melt} \text{ (J mol}^{-1}\text{)} = -244118 + 115.559 T - 8.474 T \ln(T) \quad (39)$$

The data for  $\Delta G_{FeS}^{o,sulf\ melt}$  are less accurately known, with different assessments or tabulations of thermodynamic data differing by up to 10 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> at relevant temperatures, reflecting different measurements reported in the literature, see Waldner and Pelton (2005) for a review. Here it was assumed that  $\Delta G_{FeS}^{o,sulf\ melt} = \Delta H_{FeS}^o - T \Delta S_{FeS}^o$ , with the values of  $\Delta H_{FeS}^o$  and  $\Delta S_{FeS}^o$  to be optimized in the fitting. Whether these optimized values fall within the range of experimentally measured values provides a critical test of the modelling. The effect of pressure on  $\Delta G_{FeS}^{o,sulf\ melt}$  could in principle be evaluated from the partial molar volumes of FeO in silicate melts (Lange and Carmichael 1990) and of FeS in sulfide melts (e.g., Kress et al. 2008). However, for the purpose of calculating SCSS this information is insufficient because the effects of pressure on the other quantities in Eqn. (36) are not

775 known. Henceforward the effects of pressure will be regarded as having to be parameterized  
776 empirically from the SCSS data.

777 2) The sulfide capacity  $C_{S^{2-}}$  has been evaluated above as a function of composition and  
778 temperature, however, its pressure dependence, and the compositional effects of H<sub>2</sub>O and other  
779 volatile species, remain unknown. An hypothesis to explain the currently available experimental  
780 data on the effect of H<sub>2</sub>O on SCSS will be proposed later, but first only supposedly anhydrous  
781 experiments will be considered.

782 3) The activity of FeO in silicate melts is related to its mole fraction by  $a_{FeO}^{sil\ melt} = X_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$   
783  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$ . The activity coefficients,  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$ , have been measured by equilibration with Fe metal  
784 according to reaction (37) at atmospheric pressure, using gas-mixing methods, from 1150 to  
785 1500°C. The upper temperature limit is an experimental one, set by the melting point of Fe metal  
786 (1538°C). Achieving good accuracy is relatively easy in such measurements compared to most  
787 matters in the world of experimental petrology, and studies on silicate melts with compositions of  
788 geological relevance are available from Roeder (1974), Doyle and Naldrett (1986), Doyle (1988,  
789 1989), O'Neill and Eggins (2002), Borisov et al. (2004, 2006) and Borisov (2007). In addition,  
790 Holzheid et al. (1997) obtained measurements in equilibrium with Fe-Ni-Co alloys. These studies  
791 provide over 600 experimental observations, dominated by the Doyle datasets (512 data, all at  
792 1327°C), but the coverage of melt composition is not even. Although the Doyle opus is of great  
793 value, it does show a marked predilection for melts high in K, also in Ti, an aversion to Na, and  
794 almost a dismissal of Mg; in fact, high MgO compositions are generally lacking in all the studies,  
795 and high SiO<sub>2</sub> compositions, such as relevant to rhyolites (say,  $X_{SiO_2} > 0.65$ ), are not represented at  
796 all. On the plus side, there is good agreement among all these studies, as noted by O'Neill and  
797 Eggins (2002), and by Borisov (2007). When referenced to the standard state of Eqn. (37), the  
798 experimental data show that  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$  varies between 0.7 and 2 for most compositions (e.g., Fig. 4).  
799 Although this is a relatively small variation compared to activity coefficients of other oxide  
800 components in silicate melts (O'Neill and Eggins 2002; Wood and Wade 2013), this factor of three

maps on to a factor of three for  $[S]_{\text{scss}}$  (Eqn. 36). It therefore needs to be taken into account, by parameterizing  $\gamma_{\text{FeO}}^{\text{sil melt}}$  as a function of melt composition and temperature. The experimental observations show that  $\gamma_{\text{FeO}}^{\text{sil melt}}$  increases with alkali content (Na and K), and decreases with Ti, with a minimum in plots against  $X_{\text{SiO}_2}$  near 0.55 (O'Neill and Berry 2006; Borisov 2007). As well as reproducing these features, a parameterization needs to ensure that  $\gamma_{\text{FeO}}^{\text{sil melt}} \rightarrow 1$  as  $X_{\text{FeO}} \rightarrow 1$ . To take these factors into account, the experimental data were fitted to the equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RT ln } \gamma_{\text{FeO}}^{\text{sil melt}} = & (1-X_{\text{FeO}})^2 [W_0 + W_{\text{Mg}}X_{\text{MgO}} + W_{\text{Ca}}X_{\text{CaO}} + W_{\text{Na}}X_{\text{NaO}1.5} + W_{\text{K}}X_{\text{KO}1.5} + W_{\text{Ti}}X_{\text{TiO}_2}] \\ & + (1-X_{\text{FeO}}) [U_1X_{\text{SiO}_2} + U_2(X_{\text{SiO}_2})^2] \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

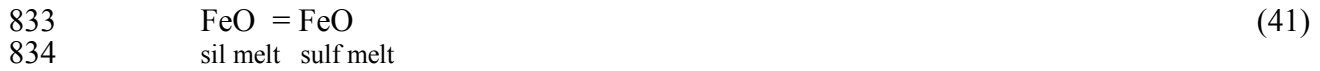
(the W terms are not Margules coefficients, just ad-hoc parameters). All the experimental data were recalculated to the same standard state using Eqn. (37), with all compositions converted to mole fractions on the single-cation basis. An initial best fit was obtained, but to aid internal consistency a further refinement was done in conjunction with the fitting of the SCSS data, see below.

4) The activity of FeS in sulfide melts presents a somewhat different problem to that of FeO in silicate melts, simply because FeS will be the dominant component in the envisaged applications of Eqn. (36). For example, in Ocean Floor Basalts,  $X_{\text{FeO}}$  is only about 0.1, whereas  $a_{\text{FeS}}^{\text{sulf}}$  varies from about 0.7 to 0.9 (see below). The contributing factors are dilution by O substituting for S, and, in part of the experimental database but ubiquitously in natural systems, dilution by other chalcophile elements, of which Ni and Cu are predominant in nature. There is continuous miscibility between liquid FeS and liquid Fe above the melting point of the latter (e.g., Waldner and Pelton 2005), such that with decreasing  $f\text{O}_2$ , and/or decreasing  $f\text{S}_2$ , Fe-S melts become increasingly metal-rich ( $\text{Fe/S} > 1$ ). However, below  $\text{Fe/S} = 1$ , the contours of  $f\text{S}_2$  vs. mole fraction of FeS on the join Fe-FeS are quite flat (Waldner and Pelton, their Fig. 5), indicating, incidentally, that liquid immiscibility would develop at lower temperatures, were it possible to undercool Fe-S melts. Hence  $a_{\text{FeS}}^{\text{sulf}}$  is rather insensitive to changes to composition in this range. For example, Mavrogenes and O'Neill (1999) calculated that  $a_{\text{FeS}}^{\text{sulf}}$  was  $\sim 0.5$  in sulfide melts in their experiments in the limiting case of equilibrium with solid Fe metal (see also Ballhaus et al. 2017). Sulfide melts with large metal



827 excesses ( $Fe/S \gg 1$ ) were not included in the experimental database considered here, so this aspect  
 828 of the  $a_{FeS}^{sulf}$  problem was ignored.

829 The amount of oxygen dissolved in liquid sulfide mattes is a function of  $fO_2$ ,  $fS_2$ , and both Ni  
 830 and Cu contents, and temperature (Fonseca et al. 2008), indicating considerable complexity.  
 831 However, switching from system variables ( $fO_2$ ,  $fS_2$ ) to focus on the composition of a coexisting  
 832 silicate melt suggests that the equilibrium between silicate and sulfide melts may be:



835 Hence the amount of the FeO component in the sulfide matte should vary with  $a_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$ . Kiseeva  
 836 and Wood (2013) showed that on a mole fraction basis,  $X_{FeO}^{sulf} \simeq X_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$ , which is confirmed  
 837 here, more-or-less, from the data used in the SCSS fitting that reported oxygen contents of the  
 838 sulfide melt, although there is considerable scatter (Fig. 5). Measuring the oxygen content of sulfide  
 839 melts is difficult, because of the complex textures produced on quenching (Kress 1997; Fonseca et  
 840 al. 2008), and the task is made harder when silicate melt is present, because this phase provides a  
 841 refuge for oxygen fleeing the sulfide melt during its crystallization on quenching.

842 For Ni and Cu, it has been proposed from available partitioning data that these elements may be  
 843 treated as inert diluents (Smythe et al. 2017). By this hypothesis,  $a_{FeS}^{sulf}$  may be approximated in  
 844 sulfide mattes that are not metal-rich (that is, their atomic  $M/(S+O)$  do not differ greatly from unity)  
 845 in equilibrium with silicate melts by:

$$846 \quad a_{FeS}^{sulf} = (1 - k_{Ox} X_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}) \left[ \frac{Fe}{Fe+Ni+Cu+\dots} \right]_{sulf} \quad (42)$$

847 Here  $k_{Ox}$  is an equilibrium constant for reaction (41), and  $\left[ \frac{Fe}{Fe+Ni+Cu+\dots} \right]_{sulf}$  is the atomic ratio of  
 848 Fe to other cationic diluents in the matte. In natural terrestrial basalts, only Ni and Cu are  
 849 significant, but other chalcophile elements are present in the sulfide of a few of the experimental  
 850 studies used as input to the model (Table 1), and all were treated similarly. Trials showed that using  
 851 the simpler  $X_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$  rather than the more logical  $a_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$  in the above expression returned a  
 852 slightly better result. A linear least-squares best fit found  $k_{Ox} = 1.20 \pm 0.04$  (Fig. 5), but given the

scatter in the data,  $k_{Ox}$  was put at 1 following the suggestion of Kiseeva and Wood (2013), which made no perceptible difference to the SCSS fitting.

By splitting the SCSS problem up in this four-fold way, a better understanding is achieved of how SCSS responds to the different variables (T, P, silicate and sulfide melt compositions). This will enable a quantitative sensitivity analysis. The four-fold way is also useful in divining where model inadequacies may lie, and what further work would be most beneficial.

#### *Fitting the experimental data on SCSS on anhydrous compositions*

The experimental studies from which the data used to model SCSS were taken are listed in Table 1. These experiments are all at relatively low  $fO_2$ , where  $SO_4^{2-}$  should be negligible. Only nominally anhydrous experiments were considered; the effect of  $H_2O$  will be addressed briefly below. Experiments at  $> 5$  GPa were also not considered, due to the large changes in silicate melt structure expected at higher pressures and high liquidus temperatures introducing extra experimental uncertainty. Given the lack of experimental information on  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$  at high  $SiO_2$ , so were compositions with  $X_{SiO_2} > 0.62$ . The limited information available hints at a large increase in  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$  with  $X_{SiO_2}$  at higher  $SiO_2$  (O'Neill and Berry 2006; Borisov 2007). Data on compositions with  $< 1$  wt% FeO were also excluded for reasons described later. To account for the effect of pressure in Eqn. (36), two terms were added, the usual one in P/T but modified by a second term in  $\text{erf}(P)/T$ , to allow for coordination changes in the silicate melt. This extra term will be discussed in detail below. The model to which the data were fitted was:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln [S]_{SCSS} = & [\Delta G_{FeO}^{o, sil\ melt} - \Delta H_{FeS}^o + T\Delta S_{FeS}^o]/RT + \ln C_{S^{2-}} - \ln X_{FeO}^{sil\ melt} - \ln \gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt} \\ & + (1 - X_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}) \left[ \frac{Fe}{Fe+Ni+Cu+\dots} \right]_{sulf} + (C_1P + C_2 \text{erf}(C_3P))/T \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

where the parameters to be determined are  $\Delta H_{FeS}^o$ ,  $\Delta S_{FeS}^o$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  from the SCSS experiments, plus the coefficients in Eqn. (40) for  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$  from the entirely separate  $a_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$  vs.  $X_{Fe}$  experiments.

878 The fitting was by weighted least squares, minimizing the objective function  $((\ln [S]_{SCSS(obs)} -$   
 879  $\ln[S]_{SCSS(calc)})/s(\ln[S]_{SCSS}))^2$ , subject to the constraint that a second objective function for the  
 880 optimization of  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil melt}$ , namely  $((RT\ln\gamma_{FeO}^{sil melt})_{obs} - (RT\ln\gamma_{FeO}^{sil melt})_{calc})/s(RT\ln\gamma_{FeO}^{sil melt})^2$ ,  
 881 did not increase by more than 2.5% above its best fit value obtained independently of the SCSS  
 882 data. The 2.5% limit corresponds to less than a percent change in the level of significance. This  
 883 procedure ensures internal consistency between the different parts of the model. It also has the  
 884 beneficial effect of bringing more of the relevant compositional space for silicate melts into the  
 885 parameterization of  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil melt}$ , and the fact that this can be done within the 2.5% limit chosen shows  
 886 that, despite the 600 experimental observations, more data are needed on a wider compositional  
 887 range (particularly towards high MgO, and as pointed out above, high SiO<sub>2</sub>). For the weighting,  
 888  $s(RT\ln\gamma_{FeO}^{sil melt})$  was taken as 800 J mol<sup>-1</sup> for every datum. This value corresponds approximately  
 889 to  $s(\log fO_2) = 0.03$  and 5% relative uncertainty in  $X_{FeO}^{sil melt}$ . The value of  $s([S]_{SCSS})$  was taken as  
 890 reported, or 5%, whichever was larger. This uncertainty dominates the other uncertainties in the  
 891 SCSS measurements, namely temperature, pressure, major-element composition, and the minor  
 892 amounts of H<sub>2</sub>O expected to contaminate most high-pressure experiments but which are usually not  
 893 measured. The exception is at very low  $X_{FeO}^{sil melt}$ , where  $s(X_{FeO}^{sil melt})$  becomes dominant as  $[S]_{SCSS}$   
 894 rises sharply (Wykes et al. 2015). For this reason, and because the composition of the sulfide liquid  
 895 in equilibrium with such compositions is somewhat uncertain (possibilities include M/S>>1 and the  
 896 presence of what are normally lithophile components in the sulfide matte), the data with < 1wt%  
 897 FeO were not used.

898 A major problem with combining experimental datasets from different experimental studies  
 899 performed in different laboratories and addressing different volumes of T-P-compositional space is  
 900 the way that systematic error can translate into misleading effects. For example, consider a study  
 901 that reports S contents that are systematically too high, perhaps due to instrument calibration. If that  
 902 study provided most of the data at, say, high pressure, then this systematic error in S analysis would  
 903 translate into the modeling as an erroneously enhanced effect of pressure. For analytical aspects, the

904 effects of this type of problem can be ameliorated by reporting analyses of widely available  
 905 standards. Many of the input studies listed in Table 1 have done this using the natural glass VG2  
 906 (USNM 111240/52; Jarosewich 1980) with c. 1400 ppm S, which provides a valuable point of  
 907 comparison (Table 2). The inter-laboratory differences are considerable in some cases. The  
 908 homogeneity of VG2 is unknown, and the amount of S, although typical of Ocean Floor Basalt  
 909 glasses, is well below that found in some reduced glasses let alone in oxidized ones with S as  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ .  
 910 It would be helpful to have inter-laboratory comparisons available for other standard glasses,  
 911 perhaps synthetic, with tested homogeneity and higher sulfur contents, one with S as  $\text{S}^{2-}$  and another  
 912 with S as  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ .

913 Of all the initially included studies, only the data of Holzheid and Grove (2002) could not be  
 914 well fitted, consistently returning calculated values of  $[\text{S}]_{\text{SCSS}}$  higher than observed. This may be  
 915 due to failure to account for  $\gamma_{\text{FeO}}^{\text{sil melt}}$  adequately in these high MgO compositions, alternatively the  
 916 effect of pressure on depressing  $[\text{S}]_{\text{SCSS}}$  appears higher in these experiments than in others.  
 917 Although there is no independent reason to do so, the data of Holzheid and Grove (2002) were  
 918 removed from the fitting, except for their four experiments with high Ni in the sulfide.

919 The numerical value of  $C_3$  was found to be insignificantly different from 1 (units in  $\text{GPa}^{-1}$ ), so it  
 920 was fixed at this value, which then gave  $C_1 = -291 \text{ K GPa}^{-1}$  and  $C_2 = 351 \text{ K}$ . For reaction (38), the  
 921 optimization produced:

$$922 \quad \Delta G_{\text{FeS}}^{o, \text{sulf melt}} (\text{J mol}^{-1}) = -106340 + 23.893 T \quad (44)$$

923 This gives  $-70.5 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  at 1500 K, in between the values tabulated by Barin (1989) and Robie  
 924 and Hemingway (1995), namely  $-70.0$  and  $-73.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ , respectively. This agreement is a notable  
 925 affirmation of the model, because the determination of  $G_{\text{FeS}}^{o, \text{sulf melt}}$  is independent of anything to do  
 926 with silicate melts. The free energy for reaction (35) is therefore:

$$927 \quad \Delta G_{\text{FeO-FeS}}^o (\text{J mol}^{-1}) = 137778 - 91.666 T + 8.474 T \ln(T) \quad (45)$$

928 The reduced chi-squared for the regression,  $\chi_v^2$ , was 3.7 ( $n = 407$ , four refined parameters).

929 Including the term for pressure in  $\text{erf}(P)/T$  decreased  $\chi_v^2$  from 4.8, a significant improvement since a

third of the experiments are at ambient pressure. The rather high value of  $\chi_v^2$  is explicable at least in part by inter-laboratory differences in determining S (cf. Table 2), pressure, temperature, oxidation state, unanalyzed H<sub>2</sub>O in high pressure experiments, and other factors that may differ between studies, and which were not included in the uncertainties used for weighting.

The parameterization of  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$  gave:

$$\begin{aligned} RT \ln \gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt} = & (1 - X_{FeO}^{sil\ melt})^2 [28870 - 14710 X_{MgO}^{sil\ melt} + 1960 X_{CaO}^{sil\ melt} \\ & + 43300 X_{NaO_{0.5}}^{sil\ melt} + 95380 X_{KO_{0.5}}^{sil\ melt} - 76880 X_{TiO_2}^{sil\ melt}] \\ & + (1 - X_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}) [-62190 X_{SiO_2}^{sil\ melt} + 31520 (X_{SiO_2}^{sil\ melt})^2] \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

with  $\chi_v^2 = 2.9$ . Note the large effect that the alkalis, Na and even more so K, have on increasing  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$ . The comparison between the measured values of  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$  and those calculated from this parameterization is shown in Fig. 4.

Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe in the silicate melts in the experiments that measured  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$  would be insignificantly different from zero, because all these experiments were in equilibrium with metallic Fe. No provision for Fe<sup>3+</sup> was made in the fitting of the SCSS experiments, either. Because of the constraints on how experiments are done, Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe in the silicate melts of the SCSS database are < 0.02 for atmospheric-pressure experiments (see Tuff and O'Neill 2010, their Table 5), but likely a little more in many of the higher-pressure experiments, which, because of the prevalence of graphite in the pressure assemblies if not the sample capsules, usually return redox conditions about a log unit in log fO<sub>2</sub> below the graphite-CO<sub>2</sub> buffer, hence two log units below the quartz-fayalite-magnetite equilibrium (Frost and Wood 1997), corresponding to approximately 0.03 in Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe at atmospheric pressure.

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#### 952 *The effect of pressure on SCSS*

Experimental studies have established that SCSS decreases substantially with increasing pressure at high pressures (Wendlandt 1982; Mavrogenes and O'Neill 1999; Holzheid and Grove 2002; Smythe et al. 2017), as shown in Fig. 6. The important consequence is that “primary”

956 magmas should erupt undersaturated in sulfide, if the temperature decrease during their ascent is no  
 957 more than adiabatic (Mavrogenes and O'Neill 1999). However, Liu et al. (2007) found no  
 958 difference in SCSS between 0.5 and 1 GPa in two pairs of experiments, although the uncertainty  
 959 was large (see their Fig. 2). The present fitting exercise showed that this view has merit. If only the  
 960 data in the interval from 0 to 1.5 GPa were considered, there would appear to be little or no effect of  
 961 pressure. The possibility exists that the effect of pressure changes with pressure. This is not  
 962 surprising; previously, it has been assumed in fitting experimental data that the relevant  $\int VdP$   
 963 terms in the four quantities in Eqn (36) could be approximated by a constant: that is,  $\ln [S]_{\text{SCSS}}$   
 964 varied linearly with  $P/T$  (Mavrogenes and O'Neill 1999). This simplification has long been  
 965 accepted as a viable first-order approximation in solid-state reactions, where, in essence, it assumes  
 966 that the effects of the thermal expansivities and bulk moduli of the individual crystalline phases in  
 967 the reaction cancels out across the reaction. But silicate melts have different P-V characteristics  
 968 from crystalline phases. With increasing pressure, the main aluminosilicate structural units change,  
 969 while the average coordinating number of the nearest-neighbour anions forming the coordination  
 970 polyhedra around the  $M^{x+}$  cations tends to increase. Possibly the coordination environment of the  
 971  $S^{2-}$  anions also change with pressure. Such changes are more akin to order-disorder phenomena or  
 972 even phase transitions than to the effects of compressibility on the  $\int VdP$  terms in crystals, so  
 973 carrying over an approximation from experience with crystals may not be such a good idea. Trials  
 974 fitting the data with polynomials, such that  $\ln [S]_{\text{SCSS}}$  varied with terms in  $C_n P^n/T$ , produced a  
 975 marked hump in  $[S]_{\text{SCSS}}$  vs.  $P$  in the range 0 to 1 GPa, where there are almost no data to constrain  
 976 reality. As a hump seems implausible, compared to no change in  $[S]_{\text{SCSS}}$  vs.  $P$  in this range, the  
 977 relationship was described using an error function in Eqn. (43), despite reservations about  
 978 employing this function twice in one paper. The form of the suggested pressure-dependence is  
 979 compared to the conventional views in Fig. 6. Above  $\sim 1$  GPa, there is little difference from the  
 980 conventional assumption.

981 With increasing pressure above  $\sim 5$  GPa, SCSS becomes very low (e.g., Li and Agee 2001),  
982 confirming the trend in Fig. 6, but precise experimental measurements are difficult because of the  
983 high silicate liquidus temperatures, and the fact that the melts do not quench to glasses, making it  
984 difficult to know if the tiny sulfide globules commonly encountered are exsolved on quenching or  
985 not.

986 Experimental studies to date have not been designed to cope with the possibility that the  
987 pressure dependence of SCSS may be non-linear. For example the classic study of Wendlandt  
988 (1982) investigated pressures only between 1.25 and 3 GPa, completely missing the hypothetical  
989 low-pressure inflection shown in Fig. 6. A more detailed look at the pressure-dependence of SCSS  
990 between 0 and 1 GPa is needed.

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#### 992 *The dependence of SCSS on FeO*

993 SCSS depends on the FeO content in the silicate melt mainly in two ways (Eqn. 36). The  $C_{S_2}$ -  
994 term causes a linear increase of SCSS with increasing  $X_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$ , except, as reviewed above, at high  
995 FeO ( $> 15$  wt%), whereas the  $a_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$  term causes a logarithmic decrease of SCSS with increasing  
996  $X_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$  (modulated somewhat by changes in  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$  with  $X_{FeO}$ ). These competing effects may  
997 conveniently be studied by measuring SCSS on a compositional pseudo-binary between a FeO-free  
998 “matrix” composition and FeO, with temperature and pressure kept constant. Such a series  
999 eventuates anyway in 1-atmosphere experiments conducted over a range of  $fO_2$  and  $fS_2$ , when FeO  
1000 is removed from an initial composition by exsolution of an FeS-rich matte in response to decreasing  
1001  $fO_2$  and/or increasing  $fS_2$  (Haughton et al. 1974; O'Neill and Mavrogenes 2002). The result is that  
1002 graphs of SCSS vs. FeO (wt%) for these pseudo-binaries should have an asymmetric U shape.  
1003 Demonstrating this with 1-atmosphere experiments has been unconvincing, because sufficiently  
1004 high  $fS_2$  cannot be imposed to access much of the left-hand side of the “U” (Haughton et al. 1974;  
1005 O'Neill and Mavrogenes 2002). To get around this, Wykes et al. (2015) performed a series of  
1006 experiments at 1400°C and 1.5 GPa. The results are compared to the present model in Fig. 7. The

fix of parameterizing  $C_{S^{2-}}$  at high FeO with an error-function term (Eqns. 33 and 34) works well in describing the data to the highest FeO measured (30 wt%). For a comparison of these data against previous models, see Wykes et al. (2015), their Fig. 9. The model also works well for the data at < 1 wt% FeO, which were not used in the SCSS fitting. Also plotted on this diagram are some previously unpublished data (Table 3), using the same starting composition and Re capsules as described in Wykes et al. (2015), but with water added. The Re capsules did not hold the H<sub>2</sub>O quantitatively, but some H<sub>2</sub>O was found in the recovered glasses, as determined by FTIR. The concentration of H<sub>2</sub>O actually increased from the added amount in one run (G76). The major elements and S analyses were obtained by EMPA, as described in O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002), but as the major elements were only determined by Energy Dispersive Spectrometry (EDS), they have been recalculated to 100% taking into account the analysed S and H<sub>2</sub>O contents. The latter were measured as described in Liu et al. (2005).

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#### 1020 *The effect of H<sub>2</sub>O*

Naldrett and Richardson (1967) showed that H<sub>2</sub>O had no perceptible effect on the melting point of pyrrhotite-magnetite assemblages at 0.2 GPa, implying that this component has negligibly small solubility in Fe-S-O melts at these conditions. This is supported by the experiments of Moune et al. (2009), who report pyrrhotite, not sulfide melt, at 1045°C, ~ 0.3 GPa. Thus the effect of H<sub>2</sub>O can be isolated to what happens in the silicate melt. In the context of the four-fold way, two variables,  $C_{S^{2-}}$  and  $\alpha_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$ , will be affected by adding H<sub>2</sub>O, but the presence of H in the system could perhaps also result in S dissolving as anionic species in addition to the species that predominate in dry systems (S<sup>2-</sup> and SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>), for example HS<sup>-</sup>, or perhaps, by analogy with OH<sup>-</sup>/H<sub>2</sub>O speciation, as molecular H<sub>2</sub>S in high-SiO<sub>2</sub> melts (Clemente et al. 2004). At present there is no compelling evidence for HS<sup>-</sup> in FeO-containing hydrous basic or intermediate melts (Wilke et al. 2011; Wykes et al. 2015), and the following discussion will assume that only S<sup>2-</sup> is present in the relevant fO<sub>2</sub> range.



Adding H<sub>2</sub>O to silicate melts is thought to break up framework silicate units, which decreases the activity of SiO<sub>2</sub>. From reaction (10), this should increase S<sup>2-</sup> in the silicate melt. However, potential additional anion units like OH<sup>-</sup> or SiO<sub>3</sub>OH<sup>3-</sup> (the hydroxylated orthosilicate unit), add complexity to the anion sublattice, with input into the reciprocal solution formalism that cannot be predicted at present. But there is a simpler effect that first needs to be addressed. It is dilution. Adding H<sub>2</sub>O to a silicate melt adds oxygen anions to the anion sublattice, and when converted into mole fractions, petrologically reasonable amounts can be seen to be large: for typical basaltic compositions, 5 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O correspond to about 0.25 in  $X_{HO_{0.5}}^{sil\ melt}$  (mole fraction on the single-cation basis). The mole fractions of all the other oxide components  $X_{MO_{x/2}}^{sil\ melt}$  are lowered, by a factor of (1 -  $X_{HO_{0.5}}^{sil\ melt}$ ). By itself, this dilution effect should influence SCSS in two ways: 1) by lowering  $a_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$ ; 2) by lowering all the  $X_{MO_{x/2}}^{sil\ melt}$  (M≠H) in the model for C<sub>S<sup>2-</sup></sub> (Eqn. 34).

Potentially, H<sub>2</sub>O could change  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$ . Not much is known about how H<sub>2</sub>O affects individual activity coefficients in silicate melts, but a qualitative judgment can be made from the observation that H<sub>2</sub>O has only a minimal influence on the partitioning of Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Mg between olivine and silicate melt (Toplis 2005). This indicates that any effect of H<sub>2</sub>O cancels out in the ratio  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt} / \gamma_{MgO}^{sil\ melt}$ , which would be unlikely if the effect of H<sub>2</sub>O on either activity coefficient were huge. Therefore, it is assumed that  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$  may be evaluated as per Eqn. (46), with no additional terms.

This “dilution” hypothesis was tested against the available experimental database for SCSS in H<sub>2</sub>O-containing silicate melts, as follows. Only experiments at sufficiently low fO<sub>2</sub> that S<sup>6+</sup>/S<sup>2-</sup> should be near zero were considered: Moune et al. (2009); Fortin et al. (2015); D’Souza and Canil (2018); and Table 3. The sulfide capacities of hydrous melts may conceptually be divided into two parts, that due to the anhydrous oxide components, taking account of their dilution by the factor of (1 -  $X_{HO_{0.5}}^{sil\ melt}$ ), called here C<sub>S<sup>2-</sup></sub><sup>dil</sup>, and that due to terms in  $X_{HO_{0.5}}^{sil\ melt}$ , called here C<sub>S<sup>2-</sup></sub><sup>H</sup>, such that C<sub>S<sup>2-</sup></sub> = C<sub>S<sup>2-</sup></sub><sup>dil</sup> - C<sub>S<sup>2-</sup></sub><sup>H</sup>. The calculated SCSS due only to dilution is then:

$$\ln [S]_{scss(dil)} = \Delta G_{FeO-FeS}^o / RT + \ln a_{FeS}^{sulf} + \ln C_{S^{2-}}^{dil} - \ln X_{FeO}^{sil\ melt} - \ln \gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt} \quad (47)$$

1058 and the difference between the measured S and this calculated  $[S]_{SCSS(dil)}$  is given by:

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$$\ln C_{S^{2-}}^H = \ln [S]_{obs} - \ln [S]_{SCSS(dil)} \quad (48)$$

1060 The calculated values of  $\ln C_{S^{2-}}^H$  from the input experiments are plotted against  $X_{HO_{0.5}}^{sil melt}$  in Fig.  
1061 8a, which shows that they scatter around a fairly well defined curve of somewhat parabolic shape.  
1062 Some scatter would be expected from the effect of H<sub>2</sub>O on the activity of SiO<sub>2</sub>. D'Souza and Canil  
1063 (2018) also proposed a strong effect of Na and K, from the difference between the two  
1064 compositions studied by them. With these considerations, the experimental data were fitted by non-  
1065 linear least-squares regression assuming uncertainties in both S and H<sub>2</sub>O contents, with  $s([S])$  taken  
1066 as 5% or as reported, whichever is larger, and  $s(H_2O)$  as 0.1 wt% + 0.05[H<sub>2</sub>O], to parameterize  $C_{S^{2-}}^H$   
1067 as:

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$$\ln C_{S^{2-}}^H = X_{HO_{0.5}}^{sil melt} (6.4 + 12.4 X_{HO_{0.5}}^{sil melt} - 20.3 X_{SiO_2}^{sil melt} + 73 (X_{NaO_{0.5}}^{sil melt} + X_{KO_{0.5}}^{sil melt})) \quad (49)$$

1069 The uncertainties in the reported H<sub>2</sub>O contents have almost as much influence on the regression as  
1070 those on the S contents, and cannot be neglected; they must also be propagated through the entire  
1071 model, because of their effect on calculating the mole fractions of the other components. The  
1072 reduced chi-squared for the fit was 5.0, indicating that the model is too simplistic, if the weighting  
1073 of the data is reasonable; but as the four experimental studies address different compositions at  
1074 different temperatures and pressure, to use more variables could be misleading. The experiments of  
1075 Moune et al. (2009), all at 1045°C, ~ 0.3 GPa, were saturated with pyrrhotite, not FeS-rich matte,  
1076 requiring calculation of the activity of FeS relative to the standard state of liquid FeS. This was  
1077 done using the enthalpy of melting and the melting temperature of pure FeS of 32.34 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> at  
1078 1468 K from Robie and Hemingway (1995), to give  $a_{FeS}^{sulf} = 1.35$ , with  $X_{FeO}^{sulf}$  taken to be zero (no  
1079 dissolved O in pyrrhotite). No correction was attempted for the stoichiometry of the pyrrhotite (i.e.,  
1080 deviations from atomic Fe/S = 1), as this was not reported. Pyrrhotite in comparable experiments is  
1081 only a little metal-deficient, with Fe/S ~ 0.96 (Lühr 1990). The concentrations of S calculated from  
1082 the model (Eqns. 47 to 49) are compared to the observed values in Fig. 8b. Most of the data are  
1083 reproduced to within ± 10%.

1084 The net effect of adding H<sub>2</sub>O to a silicate melt is a tradeoff between the dilution effect (where  
 1085 obviously  $C_{S^{2-}} > C_{S^{2-}}^{dil}$ ) and the increase in  $C_{S^{2-}}$  due to the addition of the  $C_{S^{2-}}^H$  term. The dilution  
 1086 effect depends to a large extent on the FeO content of the melt, hence there should be a substantial  
 1087 difference in the net effect of adding H<sub>2</sub>O between high and low FeO compositions. For low FeO  
 1088 compositions, adding H<sub>2</sub>O should increase  $C_{S^{2-}}$ , and vice versa. Presumably, for the effect of H<sub>2</sub>O  
 1089 on the sulfate capacity,  $C_{SO_4^{2-}}$ , the same principle would apply ( $C_{SO_4^{2-}} = C_{SO_4^{2-}}^{dil} - C_{SO_4^{2-}}^H$ ).

1090 At present, nothing seems to be known about the effects on the solubilities of either S<sup>2-</sup> or SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>  
 1091 of CO<sub>2</sub>, whose own solubility in silicate melts becomes considerable above ~ 2 GPa, nor of other  
 1092 volatile species.

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#### 1094 **Application to mid-ocean ridge and similar basalts**

1095 The geochemistry of ocean floor basaltic (OFB) magmatism has been intensively studied from  
 1096 the perspective of the glassy rinds on erupted pillows. These glasses typically contain ~10<sup>3</sup> ppm  
 1097 total sulfur (Mathez 1976; Czamanske and Moore 1977), which is in the range quantifiable by  
 1098 electron microprobe to about 5% precision with a bit of care. Métrich et al. (2009) used XANES  
 1099 spectroscopy to show that the oxidation state of nearly all the S in three representative glasses was  
 1100 S<sup>2-</sup>, with 4 to 8% as SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, which they proposed was produced on cooling. Many of the glasses  
 1101 contain globules of quenched sulfide mattes, often nearly spherical in shape, with diameters mostly  
 1102 in the range 10 to 100 μm, with an average of 27 μm according to Patten et al. (2012), although  
 1103 some up to 600 μm have been reported elsewhere (e.g., Czamanske and Moore 2007). The textures  
 1104 of the phase assemblages in the globules vary, at least in part due to differences in cooling rates  
 1105 (e.g., Patten et al. 2012). Bulk compositions of the globules are more reliably estimated for those  
 1106 with finer-grained textures, and are fairly rich in Ni and Cu. For example, the average Ni and Cu  
 1107 contents of 14 fine-grained globules from Patten et al. (2012) are  $6.1 \pm 2.9$  and  $8.5 \pm 4.0$  wt%  
 1108 respectively, with atomic Fe/(Fe+Ni+Cu) being  $0.78 \pm 0.05$ .

1109 The existence of these globules has been attributed to the erupted basalts being at sulfide  
1110 saturation (Mathez 1976; Czamanske and Moore 1977), hence the S contents of their host basalt  
1111 glasses should correspond to their SCSS at their eruption temperature and pressure. Several  
1112 attempts have been made to compare their measured S contents against models for the SCSS, but  
1113 this requires knowing the temperature of the basalt at the time the sulfide matte separated from the  
1114 silicate liquid, plus correction for its Ni and Cu contents. Only the recent work of Smythe et al.  
1115 (2017) has addressed this issue quantitatively, although Ariskin et al. (2013) did consider Ni.  
1116 Another issue is that the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  in OFB glasses is typically about 10% (Berry et al. 2018), which  
1117 must lower  $a_{\text{FeO}}^{\text{sil melt}}$  by about this amount compared to calculations that assume all Fe in the silicate  
1118 melt to be  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ .

1119 The model for SCSS derived from experimental data in this contribution may be tested against  
1120 the global dataset of Ocean Floor Basaltic glasses of Jenner and O'Neill (2012), for which S  
1121 concentrations in 329 samples were determined by EMPA. The advantages of this dataset for  
1122 present purposes is that it is eclectic in geographical locations and tectonic nuances, and that the  
1123 determination of S concentrations was standardized against the OFB glass VG2 (Table 2). The S  
1124 concentrations are the means of at least five individual analyses on each sample, with standard  
1125 deviations giving an indication of sample homogeneity. In order to apply the SCSS model, some  
1126 enabling assumptions need to be made, as follows.

- 1127 1) Sample temperatures were estimated using the magmathermometer of Putirka (2008), his  
1128 Eqn. (15), with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  put to zero. This thermometer assumes the presence of olivine, hence  
1129 is inappropriate for the most evolved OFB glasses, but with the necessary caveat it will be  
1130 used here in extrapolation for all OFB glasses with  $> 4 \text{ wt\% MgO}$ . The equilibrium  
1131 pressure was taken to be the pressure from which the samples were recovered, or 0.03  
1132 GPa if this was not known, but the effects of pressure are trivial with the present model.
- 1133 2) The  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  content of OFB glasses is generally  $< 0.5 \text{ wt\%}$  (e.g., Michael 1995; Le Voyer et  
1134 al. 2015; Shimizu et al. 2016), and in view of the absence of experimental data on the

effect of H<sub>2</sub>O at the relevant pressures and temperature, the low sensitivity of SCSS to H<sub>2</sub>O in this range (Fig. 8), and the lack of direct determination of H<sub>2</sub>O in the dataset of Jenner and O'Neill (2012), H<sub>2</sub>O has initially been assumed to be zero. This assumption will be examined subsequently (see below).

3) The approximation used in modelling the experimental data, that Fe<sup>3+</sup> in the silicate melts is low enough to be neglected, is not valid for OFB glasses. During OFB petrogenesis Fe<sup>3+</sup> behaves as a Lightly InCompatible trace Element (LICE), whose concentration as the oxide component in wt% is given by  $\ln[\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3] = 1.46 - 0.177 [\text{MgO}]$  (Berry et al. 2018; O'Neill et al. 2018). Because Fe<sup>3+</sup>/Fe<sup>2+</sup> has been measured in only a subset of the samples analysed for S by Jenner and O'Neill (2012), it was estimated from the above relationship against MgO. Potentially, Fe<sup>2+</sup>-Fe<sup>3+</sup> interactions in the melt could also affect  $\gamma_{\text{FeO}}^{\text{sil melt}}$ , so an extra term,  $W_{\text{Fe}^{3+}} X_{\text{Fe}^{3+}\text{O}_{1.5}}^{\text{sil melt}}$ , was added to Eqn. 46, with  $W_{\text{Fe}^{3+}}$  to be determined by fitting to the natural data, as described below. As discussed previously, there is no information at all on how Fe<sup>3+</sup> affects  $C_{\text{S}^{2-}}$ , so for the calculation of this quantity, Fe<sup>2+</sup>O was put equal to total FeO.

4) Although the composition of the sulfide is not known, it should be specified by the composition of the silicate melt, assuming equilibrium. As diluents of FeS, only Ni, Cu and O are present in sufficient amounts to affect  $a_{\text{FeS}}^{\text{sulf}}$ . For Ni, the equilibrium between sulfide and silicate melts is:



sil melt   sulf   sulf   sil melt

Hence the atomic ratio Ni/Fe in the sulfide is given by:

$$\text{Ni/Fe (atomic)} = K_{\text{Ni/Fe}}^* [\text{Ni}]/[\text{Fe}^{2+}\text{O}] \quad (51)$$

The concentrations of Ni and Fe<sup>2+</sup>O in the silicate melt are input in ppm and wt% respectively, where  $[\text{Fe}^{2+}\text{O}] = [\text{FeO}_{\text{tot}}] - 0.8998 [\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3]$ . The equilibrium constant  $K_{\text{Ni/Fe}}^*$  includes implicitly the ratio of the activity coefficients of NiO and Fe<sup>2+</sup>O in the silicate melt ( $\gamma_{\text{NiO}}^{\text{sil melt}}/\gamma_{\text{Fe}^{2+}\text{O}}^{\text{sil melt}}$ ). The

change of  $\gamma_{NiO}^{sil\ melt}$  with silicate melt composition parallels that of  $\gamma_{Fe^{2+}O}^{sil\ melt}$  (O'Neill and Eggins 2002), so that this ratio is relatively insensitive to composition and may be approximated as a constant. The stoichiometry of the equivalent Cu-Fe<sup>2+</sup> exchange reaction is not so convenient, because the oxidation state of Cu is 1+ in the silicate melt and potentially a mixture of CuS<sub>0.5</sub> and CuS components in the sulfide matte, depending on fS<sub>2</sub> (e.g., Ripley et al. 2002), but to keep things simple, it is proposed that Cu/Fe (atomic) may be approximated in the same way over the limited range of conditions appropriate to OFB. Hence:

$$a_{FeS}^{sulf} = (1 - X_{Fe^{2+}O}^{sil\ melt}) (1 / (1 + K_{Ni/Fe}^* [Ni]/[Fe^{2+}O] + K_{Cu/Fe}^* [Cu]/[Fe^{2+}O])) \quad (52)$$

These enabling assumptions require three unknown parameters,  $W_{Fe^{3+}}$ ,  $K_{Ni/Fe}^*$  and  $K_{Cu/Fe}^*$ , the values of which were estimated by “tuning” the model to fit the data of Jenner and O'Neill (2012) by least squares, minimizing  $(([S]_{obs} - [S]_{SCSS, calc}) / [S]_{obs})^2$ , where  $[S]_{obs}$  was taken as 5% or as given by Jenner and O'Neill (2012), whichever is larger. Because Ni and Cu decrease, and Fe<sup>3+</sup> increases monotonically with MgO in OFB glasses, these three parameters are highly correlated with each other.

Of the 329 OFB glasses, 11 were identified as possibly having lost S or being sulfide-undersaturated, and removed from consideration. These samples will be revisited below. Of the remaining 318 glasses, Jenner and O'Neill (2002) identified 17 in which the standard deviation of the S analyses was far above analytical precision, and this heterogeneity was confirmed by replicating the analyses in another session. Although these samples cannot be at equilibrium, their large standard deviations give them little weight in the regression, and they were retained. Initial fitting gave  $W_{Fe^{3+}}$  within uncertainty of zero, so it was fixed at this value, giving  $K_{Ni/Fe}^* = 0.013$ , and  $K_{Cu/Fe}^* = 0.025$ , with a reduced chi-squared,  $\chi_v^2$ , of 1.45.

The agreement between the measured S content,  $[S]_{obs}$ , and the calculated SCSS, is shown in Fig. 9a. Generally, OFB glasses not occurring as melt inclusions have degassed some CO<sub>2</sub>, with their remaining CO<sub>2</sub> often postulated to correspond to the CO<sub>2</sub> solubility at the water depth at which they erupted (e.g., Dixon and Stolper 1995). On the present evidence, this degassing does not

usually cause perceptible S loss. Exceptions are 11 data with low  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$ , which are independently distinguishable by their low S/Se ratio (Fig. 9b), implying that they have lost S by volatilization, since Se is less volatile than S (Jenner et al. 2010). None of these S-deficient samples (VG numbers 1672, 1673, 1674, 1677, 4750, 4751, 4754, 4755, 6822, 8550, 8555), were erupted at particularly shallow depths. Elsewhere, Nilsson and Peach (1993) demonstrated a correlation between S loss and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  determined by wet chemistry in back-arc basin glasses from the Lau Basin; see also Jenner et al. (2010). Here the only glass for which  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$  has been measured is VG6822 (Berry et al. 2018), whose oxidation state is unexceptional (Fig. 10), so in this particular case its S loss by degassing was not promoted by an unusually high oxidation state compared to other OFB glasses. Two of the samples (VG8550 and VG8555, from the Tuzo Wilson seamounts) have significantly lower S/Se than that expected from just S loss (Fig. 9b), which is intriguing. One possibility is if the devolatilizing magma contained abundant sulfide globules, which were resorbed back into the silicate melt during S loss.

The calculated compositions of the sulfide mattes that are assumed to be in equilibrium with each glass provide another test of the model. Observed compositions of bulk sulfide globules from OFB are available from Czamanske and Moore (1977) and Patten et al. (2012). As the former study does not give the compositions of the host basalts, only their  $\text{TiO}_2$  contents, this variable was used in Fig. 11 to compare Ni/Fe and Cu/Fe measured in the real sulfide globules with the calculated ratios in the hypothetical sulfide in equilibrium with each of the glasses from Jenner and O'Neill (2012). For both Ni/Fe and Cu/Fe, the calculated values fall within the range of those observed, indicating that the values of  $K_{\text{Ni/Fe}}^*$  and  $K_{\text{Cu/Fe}}^*$  from the model are reasonable. The large scatter in the Ni/Fe and Cu/Fe ratios in the natural sulfide globules evident in these figures reflects a lack of equilibrium between glass and sulfide and/or the difficulties of analyzing the bulk globules on account of their crystallization to polyphase assemblages.

The good agreement between  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$  and  $[S]_{\text{SCSS}}$  shown in Fig. 9a indicates that  $\text{S}^{6+}$  is no more than a few percent of total S in these glasses, a possible exception being VG 614, which has the

1213 highest  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$  of any glass in the dataset, and the lowest MgO (4.85 wt%). This finding is  
 1214 compatible with the model of Nash et al. (2019) for  $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$  as a function of  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  (Fig. 2). It is  
 1215 reinforced by comparing the values of  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  that were measured by XANES spectroscopy by  
 1216 Berry et al. (2108) in a subset of 35 of the OFB glasses of Jenner and O'Neill (2012) with the  
 1217 difference between  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$  and the calculated SCSS (Fig. 10). There is almost no correlation ( $R^2 =$   
 1218 0.16), which also implies that the  $fO_2$  of OFB glasses lies below the threshold at which  $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$   
 1219 becomes more than a few percent (see Fig. 2). That the model fits the data with the tuning  
 1220 parameter  $W_{Fe^{3+}} \sim 0$  is circumstantial evidence that the effect of changing  $Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+}$  on  $C_{S^{2-}}$  may  
 1221 be small. The way that  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  influences SCSS seems to be entirely through its lowering of  
 1222  $X_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$  from that which would be calculated assuming  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe = 0$ .

1223 An Excel spreadsheet called "SCSS\_Calculator.xlsx" for calculating SCSS according to the  
 1224 routine described above is included in Supporting Information.

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#### 1226 *Sensitivity analysis*

1227 For each variable X, the sensitivity may be defined as  $\partial[S]_{\text{scss}}/\partial n_X$ , where  $n_X$  is a convenient  
 1228 unit of the variable. The values of  $\partial[S]_{\text{scss}}/\partial n_X$  were calculated for representative glass with a  
 1229 typical composition (VG 390), and are given in Table 4.

1230 These sensitivities may be used to calculate a representative non-systematic uncertainty (i.e.,  
 1231 precision) in  $[S]_{\text{scss}}$ , under the approximation of the equation for the propagation of small errors:

$$1232 \quad s([S]_{\text{scss}}) = [\sum (s(X)/n_X)^2 (\partial[S]_{\text{scss}}/\partial n_X)^2]^{1/2} \quad (53)$$

1233 Taking  $s(MO_{x/2}) = 0.1$  wt% ( $M = \text{Na, Mg, Al, Ca, and Fe as FeO}_t$ ),  $s(\text{MnO})$  and  $s(\text{TiO}_2) = 0.03$

1234 wt%,  $s(\text{SiO}_2) = 0.2$  wt%,  $s(T) = 20$  K,  $s(\text{Ni})$  and  $s(\text{Cu}) = 10$  ppm, and  $s(Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe) = 0.03$ ,

1235 propagates to  $s([S]_{\text{scss}}) = 64$  ppm, or about 5.5% of the average S content of the undegassed OFB

1236 glasses of Jenner and O'Neill (2012), which is 1150 ppm. The largest contribution to the

1237 uncertainty comes from temperature, followed by  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$ , then  $FeO_t$ , but reasonably accurate

1238 knowledge of the Ni and Cu contents of the silicate glass are also needed. Easy to overlook would



1239 be the effect of MnO, which contributes to  $C_{S^{2-}}$  as much as does FeO on a proportional basis, but  
 1240 does not contribute to  $a_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$ . Consequently, ignoring the  $\sim 0.2$  wt% MnO typical of OFB would  
 1241 alone cause an error in SCSS of 3%. The sensitivity of the model to the effect of pressure is  
 1242 speculative only, given the present lack of constraints on the effects of pressure at less than 1 GPa  
 1243 (Fig. 6), and was therefore not included.

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1245 *Is neglecting H<sub>2</sub>O in OFB glasses justified?*

1246 Although H<sub>2</sub>O has not been directly measured in the OFB glasses analysed by Jenner and  
 1247 O'Neill (2012), their H<sub>2</sub>O contents may be estimated approximately, using the observation that  
 1248 H<sub>2</sub>O/Ce in OFB glasses is reasonably constant (e.g., Michael 1995). Assuming H<sub>2</sub>O/Ce = 200, the  
 1249 “tuning” procedure was repeated for the 318 undegassed glasses of Jenner and O'Neill (2012), with  
 1250 all mole fractions lowered by the factor  $(1 - X_{H_2O,0.5}^{sil\ melt})$  to calculate  $C_{S^{2-}}^{dil}$ , the addition of the term in  
 1251  $C_{S^{2-}}^H$ , the calculated temperature lowered by 12.83 K per wt% H<sub>2</sub>O as specified by the  
 1252 magmathermometer of Putirka (2015), his Eqn. 15, and  $W_{Fe^{3+}}$ ,  $K_{Ni/Fe}^*$  and  $K_{Cu/Fe}^*$  taken as tuning  
 1253 parameters. With this model, it is possible to achieve a statistically better fit ( $\chi_v^2 = 1.16$ ), but at the  
 1254 expense of a very large negative  $W_{Fe^{3+}}$ , which seems physically unreasonable (although it could be  
 1255 compensating for an effect of Fe<sup>3+</sup>/Fe<sup>2+</sup> on  $C_{S^{2-}}$ ), and a larger  $K_{Cu/Fe}^*$ , which translates into higher  
 1256 Cu/Fe ratio in the coexisting sulfide, contrary to the inference from the analysed sulfides (cf. Fig.  
 1257 11b). On the other hand, constraining  $W_{Fe^{3+}} = 0$  gives  $\chi_v^2 = 1.80$ , only a little less good than the  
 1258 model assuming zero H<sub>2</sub>O, but with lower  $K_{Ni/Fe}^*$  and  $K_{Cu/Fe}^*$ , which give Ni/Fe and Cu/Fe in good  
 1259 agreement with the available sulfide analyses.

1260 The conclusion is that while the effects of small amounts of H<sub>2</sub>O in OFB glasses on SCSS may  
 1261 not be negligible, they cannot be quantified at present. However, the zero-H<sub>2</sub>O assumption looks to  
 1262 be a good approximation, and will be used for the following discussions, even where H<sub>2</sub>O is known,  
 1263 to ensure unbiased comparisons.

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1265 *Comparison with previous models*

1266 With the exception of the recent study of Smythe et al. (2017), previous modeling of SCSS in  
1267 silicate liquids of geological interest has concentrated on reproducing the available experimental  
1268 data in systems without Ni and Cu (Moretti and Ottonello 2005; Moretti and Baker 2008), and are  
1269 therefore not directly applicable natural systems containing Fe-Ni-Cu-S-O sulfides.

1270 The model of Smythe et al. (2017) and that of this work are compared in Fig. 12a by applying  
1271 both to the dataset of Jenner and O'Neill (2012), with liquidus temperatures calculated the same  
1272 way, that is, with the magmathermometer of Putirka (2008). There is excellent agreement over  
1273 most of the range of  $[S]_{obs}$ , from 800 to 1500 ppm, but above 1500 ppm S, the model of Smythe et  
1274 al. returns higher values of SCSS, which would correspond to such samples being sulfide-  
1275 undersaturated. Figure 12b shows that the difference between the two models is largely due to the  
1276 different ways that the effects of  $FeO_l$  are handled. The model of Smythe et al. does not include the  
1277 ad-hoc adjustment made in this work for the non-linear decrease of  $\ln C_{S^{2-}}$  vs.  $X_{FeO}^{sil melt}$  (Eqns. 33  
1278 and 34), and does not parameterize  $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil melt}$  as a function of composition. On the other hand,  
1279 Smythe et al. (2017) use a more sophisticated treatment of  $a_{FeS}^{sulf}$ . Despite this, the calculated values  
1280 of Ni/Fe in the sulfide from the model of this work appear more realistic when compared to actual  
1281 sulfide globule analyses (Fig. 11a). The calculated Cu/Fe ratios are similar over the range of  $TiO_2$   
1282 contents of the glass for which there are actual sulfide globule analyses (Fig. 11b).

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1284 *Application to other OFB glass datasets.*

1285 Some recent studies have reported sulfur contents in OFB glasses determined by SIMS together  
1286 with the necessary compositional data including Ni and Cu (Le Voyer et al. 2015, 2017; Shimizu  
1287 2016). The latter study presents new analyses of a number of glasses from Macquarie Island  
1288 previously analysed for all relevant elements by Kamenetsky et al. (2000) and Kamenetsky and  
1289 Eggins (2012), including S by EMPA. This replication is a valuable resource for ground-truthing  
1290 analytical precision (not just for S), and also provides a test of accuracy, of the “necessary but not

1291 sufficient” kind. The average agreement between the S analyses by the two methods is very good  
1292 (Fig. 13a). Non-linear regression of the data assuming that the relative uncertainties are the same in  
1293 both methods, gives  $[S]_{\text{SIMS}} = 1.01 [S]_{\text{EMPA}}$ , and setting the reduced chi-squared to unity gives the  
1294 most probable value of this uncertainty as 5.8%. If the SIMS analyses were more precise then the  
1295 EMPA would be less precise, and vice versa, but 5.8% for EMPA seems reasonable based on the  
1296 VG2 analyses (Table 2). Kendrick et al. (2014) also report replicate measurements of S by both  
1297 SIMS and EMPA for some Ocean Island basaltic glasses, with fewer samples ( $n = 18$ ) but over a  
1298 wider range of S contents, because of variable S loss by degassing. There is less good agreement,  
1299 with  $[S]_{\text{SIMS}} = 1.07 [S]_{\text{EMPA}}$  (Fig. 13a), largely due to the samples with higher S contents, above the  
1300  $\sim 1400$  ppm of the VG2 standard. The most probable uncertainty assuming equal uncertainties is  
1301 similar, at 5.0%.

1302 In addition to their replication of the S analyses, Shimizu et al. (2016) also report analyses of the  
1303 major- and trace elements in the Macquarie Island glasses that replicate those of Kamenetsky and  
1304 co-workers, giving some information on the accuracy of calculated SCSS. The values of SCSS  
1305 calculated from the dataset of Shimizu et al. (2016) are displaced to higher SCSS (Fig. 13b).  
1306 Because of the way the model is assembled, it is easy to find the culprits: they are the Ni and Cu  
1307 analyses, which are on average 7% and 14% lower respectively in the dataset of Shimizu et al.  
1308 (2016). This 51ulphur51es just how important it is to know the Ni and Cu contents of a basalt liquid  
1309 to judge whether it was sulfide-saturated or not. The comparison of  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$  with the SCSS model is  
1310 shown for both datasets in Fig. 14. The analyses of Kamenetsky et al. (2000) and Kamenetsky and  
1311 Eggins (2012) scatter around the model SCSS, although a few are offset to considerably higher  
1312 SCSS than  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$ , indicating that they may be sulfide-undersaturated. The dataset of Shimizu et al.  
1313 (2016) is displaced to higher SCSS, as expected from Fig. 13b.

1314 Shimizu et al. (2016) report S and all the necessary data for the SCSS model for basaltic glasses  
1315 from two other geotectonic localities, Northern East Pacific Rise (NEPR) off-axis seamounts, and  
1316 the Quebrada-Discovery-GoFar (QDG) transform fault system. The comparison between  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$  and

SCSS is shown in Fig. 15. There is a systematic offset of 9% for both datasets, with  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$  being higher than the calculated SCSS. The SCSS models of Smythe et al. (2017) give the same result, almost exactly. Given the complexity of the SCSS models, the only reasonable explanation for why the offset is so systematic is that the calibration of the SIMS for S differs from what has been typically used for EMPA, on which the model is based. Evidence supporting this proposition is: 1) the reported value for VG2 by SIMS (Le Voyer et al. 2017) is higher than most EMPA values by ~5% (Table 2); and 2) the 7% offset of SIMS compared to EPMA analyses from Kendrick et al. (2014) shown in Fig. 13a. There is, however, the problem that the Macquarie Island glasses do not show the same offset (Fig. 13a). The offset is opposite to that expected of undersaturation in sulfide, and towards extra S as  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ . This seems unlikely, because if there was significant  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ , small but plausible variations  $f\text{O}_2$  (as monitored by  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$ ) should cause more scatter in  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$  (cf. Fig. 2). A small subset from the NEPR seamounts do seem to contain excess S beyond likely uncertainty (Fig. 15), implying non-negligible  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  and inviting further investigation by XANES.

For olivine-hosted melt inclusion glasses from OFB, there is fair agreement between analysed S and calculated SCSS for those samples in which the necessary Ni and Cu contents have been measured (Le Voyer et al. 2017), shown in Fig. 16a, but only if the original analyses, uncorrected for presumed post-entrapment crystallization, are used. The correction used by Le Voyer et al. (2017) hardly changes the Fe, Ni, Cu or S contents of the trapped melt from their measured values, but mainly affects MgO, hence the calculated temperature from the magmathermometer of Putirka (2008). The result is, the larger the *calculated* degree of post-entrapment crystallization, the greater the difference between  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$  and the *calculated* SCSS (Fig. 16b). This emphasizes the sensitivity of SCSS to temperature. Intriguingly, here is also a correlation between the calculated percentage of post-entrapment crystallization and the uncorrected SCSS (Fig. 16b), which can be interpreted as showing that the degree of disequilibrium between the melt inclusion and its olivine host is correlated with undercooling as monitored by the difference between  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$  and calculated SCSS. Olivine phenocrysts in OFB are often (perhaps mostly) not in Mg-Fe equilibrium with their host

1343 melts at any temperature (see, for example, Fig. 6 of Coogan 2014), and the very existence of a melt  
1344 inclusion is evidence of rapid crystallization of its host crystal, plausibly caused by undercooling.  
1345 Melt inclusions have sometimes been regarded as magic bullets to understand basalt petrogenesis,  
1346 whereas the reality is that a better understanding of basalt petrogenesis is needed to understand melt  
1347 inclusions.

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#### 1349 *Siqueiros OFB olivine-hosted melt inclusions*

1350 Saal et al. (2002) studied olivine-hosted melt inclusions in OFB from the Siqueiros Fracture  
1351 Zone, however they did not measure Ni and Cu, so their claim that some of these melt inclusions  
1352 were sulfide-undersaturated needs scrutiny. To a first approximation this may be done if it is  
1353 assumed that these melt inclusions had the typical Ni and Cu contents for Ocean Floor Basaltic  
1354 glasses as a function of [MgO]. To implement this idea, the datasets of Jenner and O'Neill (2012)  
1355 and Gale et al. (2013) were combined, to give, for glasses with [MgO] > 5 wt% (n = 1060):

$$1356 \quad \log_{10} [\text{Ni}] (\pm 0.115) = 0.692 + 0.169 [\text{MgO}] \quad (54)$$

$$1357 \quad \log_{10} [\text{Cu}] (\pm 0.103) = 1.620 + 0.037 [\text{MgO}] \quad (55)$$

1358 as shown in Fig. 17. The scatter, which is far outside analytical uncertainty, reflects real  
1359 geochemical variability, which needs to be taken into account for the SCSS calculation. This may  
1360 be done using the sensitivities in Table 4. The relationship between [S]<sub>obs</sub> and calculated SCSS  
1361 enabled by these estimates for Ni and Cu abundances for the Siqueiros inclusions is shown in Fig.  
1362 18 for both the uncorrected analyses, and with their correction for post-entrapment crystallization.  
1363 With the exception of four inclusions (out of 107) that have lower [S]<sub>obs</sub> than calculated SCSS, the  
1364 inclusions appear to be sulfide-saturated within likely uncertainty. It cannot at present be excluded  
1365 that the low S in the four anomalous inclusions are due to high Ni and/or Cu or disequilibrium  
1366 during trapping as inferred for other melt inclusions (Fig. 16).

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#### 1368 **The sulfur fugacity (fS<sub>2</sub>) of Ocean Floor Basalts**

1369 Given T, P and  $f\text{O}_2$ , the sulfur fugacity ( $f\text{S}_2$ ) of a basalt at ambient pressure may be calculated  
 1370 from Eqn. (35) if it is sulfide-saturated, but this requires knowing  $a_{\text{FeO}}^{\text{sil melt}}$  and  $a_{\text{FeS}}^{\text{sulf}}$ . More  
 1371 generally, at ambient pressure, given T and  $f\text{O}_2$ ,  $f\text{S}_2$  may also be calculated from its model  $C_{\text{S}^{2-}}$  and  
 1372 observed S content, sulfide-saturated or not (Eqn. 3). There is insufficient information to calculate  
 1373  $f\text{S}_2$  at higher pressures by this latter route, because the effect of pressure has been constrained  
 1374 experimentally only on SCSS, and not separately on the four entities that make up SCSS, including  
 1375  $C_{\text{S}^{2-}}$ . Ambient-pressure values for  $f\text{S}_2$  calculated from the  $C_{\text{S}^{2-}}$  route are plotted against the relative  
 1376 oxygen fugacity  $\Delta\text{QFM}$  in Fig. 19a for 35 OFB glasses whose  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  has been determined by  
 1377 Berry et al. (2018) by XANES, and whose S contents were measured by Jenner and O'Neill (2012).  
 1378 The parameterization of O'Neill et al. (2018) was used to convert  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  into  $\Delta\text{QFM}$ . The slope  
 1379 of the correlation between  $\log_{10} f\text{S}_2$  and  $\Delta\text{QFM}$  is  $0.82 \pm 0.08$ , somewhat less than the naïve value  
 1380 of 1 implied by Eqn. (3), due to the effects of silicate melt composition and temperature. This  
 1381 correlation flows on to one of  $f\text{SO}_2$  with  $\Delta\text{QFM}$ , since  $1/2\text{S}_2 + \text{O}_2 = \text{SO}_2$  (Fig. 19b). The large  
 1382 increase in  $f\text{SO}_2$  (hence  $p\text{SO}_2$ ) with  $\Delta\text{QFM}$  raises the possibility that some of the rare S-degassed  
 1383 OFB glasses (Fig. 9) may have been unusually oxidized (high  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ). A high oxidation state has  
 1384 been postulated elsewhere to lead to S degassing during submarine eruptions (Nilsson and Peach  
 1385 1993; Jenner et al. 2010). Perversely, degassing of  $\text{S}^{2-}$  as  $\text{SO}_2$  would then reduce  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$   
 1386 (Moussallam et al. 2016). The one glass with low S due to presumed degassing for which  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$   
 1387 was measured, VG6822, shows no evidence of this hypothetical behavior (Fig. 10).

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## 1389 **Conclusions**

1390 The “capacity” approach to understanding the thermodynamics of anion species in silicate melts  
 1391 leads to a thermodynamically based model for the “Sulfide Content at Sulfide Saturation” (SCSS)  
 1392 of basic to intermediate magmas. The model has a precision for calculating SCSS of better than  
 1393 10%, if the composition of the sulfide can be adequately constrained. Application of this model to  
 1394 undegassed basaltic glasses from deep submarine eruptions show that nearly all have S contents

1395 consistent with being saturated in a Fe-Ni-Cu-S-O sulfide matte on eruption. The agreement  
1396 between analysed S and SCSS indicates that such magmas contained no more than a few percent of  
1397 S as  $S^{6+}$ , which is supported by the results of XANES spectroscopy on their quenched glasses (e.g.,  
1398 Métrich et al. 2009). However, several uncertainties remain. There is a need to better constrain the  
1399 effects of pressure relevant to the range over which many common basalts are generated and evolve  
1400 (i.e., 0 to 1.5 GPa). More experimental information is needed on the effects of  $H_2O$ , especially  
1401 confirmation that H-S species (e.g.,  $HS^-$ ,  $H_2S$ ) are negligible, as assumed here. Nothing is known  
1402 about the effects of  $CO_2$  or other volatile species. A fascinating problem in physical chemistry yet  
1403 to be addressed is the kinetics of the electron-exchange interaction between  $Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+}$  and  $S^{6+}/S^{2-}$  in  
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Table 1. Experimental studies used in parameterizing the sulfide content at sulfide saturation (SCSS) in silicate melts.

Reference	T range (°C)	P range (Gpa)	No. data used	Chalcophile elements
<i>Anhydrous</i>				
Haughton et al. (1974)	1200	10 <sup>-4</sup>	C <sub>S</sub> <sup>2-</sup> only	-
Danckwerth et al. (1979)	1200 -1260	10 <sup>-4</sup>	14	-
Peach and Mathez (1993)	1450	0.8	10	Ni
Peach et al. (1994)	1450	0.8	24	-
Gaetani and Grove (1997)	1350	10 <sup>-4</sup>	22	Ni & Cu
Mavrogenes and O'Neill (1999)	1400-1800	0.5 – 5.5	16	-
Baker et al. (2001)	1225-1450	1.0	6	-
O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002)	1400	10 <sup>-4</sup>	34	-
Holzheid and Grove (2002)	1350 – 1600	0.9 – 2.7	4	Ni
Ripley et al. (2002)	1245	10 <sup>-4</sup>	22	Cu
Sattari et al. (2002)	1330	1.0	5	-
Jugo et al. (2005)	1355	1.6	7	-
Liu et al. (2007)	1150 – 1450	0.5 – 1.0	41	-
Brenan (2008)	1200 – 1300	10 <sup>-4</sup> , 0.9 – 1.6	21	Ni & Cu
Righter et al. (2009)	1200 – 1500	10 <sup>-4</sup> , 0.8	16	-
Tuff and O'Neill (2010)	1370	10 <sup>-4</sup>	15	minor Ni
Kiseeva and Wood (2013)	1400	1.5	14	Ni & Cu
Ding et al. (2014)	1500 – 1700	1 – 4	25	-
Kiseeva and Wood (2015)	1300 – 1700	1.5	29	Ni & Cu
Wood and Kiseeva (2015)	1400 - 1460	1 – 1.5	9	minor Ni
Wykes et al. (2015)	1400	1.5	12	-
Fortin et al. (2015)	1250	1.0	3	-
Smythe et al. (2017)	1400 - 1800	1.5 – 5.5	36	Ni & Cu
O'Neill and Mavrogenes (in prep.)	1300	10 <sup>-4</sup>	22	-
<i>Hydrous</i>				
Moune et al. (2009)	1045	0.2 – 0.3	16	-
Fortin et al. (2015)	1250	1.0	10	-
D'Souza and Canil (2018)	1270	1.0	13	-
This study (Table 3)	1400	1.5	6	-

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1752 Table 2. Sulfur analyses in natural OFB glass VG2 (USNM 111240/52) by electron microprobe,  
 1753 unless identified otherwise (*italics*). Also listed are analyses of JD2 (USNM 117354/46), which  
 1754 has often been presumed to be the same sample. The identification of JD2 as a different glass  
 1755 (VG7432) is based on the information in Cottrell and Kelley (2011).  
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S (ppm)	s(S) (ppm)	No. analyses	Reference
1340	80	19	Dixon et al. (1991)
1420	40	6	Wallace and Carmichael (1991) <sup>a</sup>
<i>1320</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Wallace and Carmichael (1991)</i> <sup>a,b</sup>
1400	40	?	Nilsson and Peach (1993) <sup>a</sup>
1348	62	135	Thordarson et al. (1996) <sup>c</sup>
1365	29	139	Thordarson et al. (1996) <sup>c</sup>
1450	30	?	Métrich et al. (1999)
1416	36	10	De Hoog et al. (2001)
1403	31	?	O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002)
1305	35	203	Thornber et al. (2002)
1310	130	57	Stolper et al. (2004)
1380	60	?	De Hoog et al. (2004)
1549	166	?	Roberge et al. (2004)
1490	60	38	Gurenko et al. (2005)
1414	30	38	Liu et al. (2007)
1405	39	?	Baker (2008)
1362	160	48	Davis et al. (2008)
1410	60	23	Self et al. (2008)
1300	44	?	Bell et al. (2009)
1400	115	37	Kamenetsky et al. (2010)
1415	68	247 <sup>d</sup>	Jenner and O'Neill (2012)
1440	30	?	Laurenz et al. (2013)
1610	30	?	Jégo and Dasgupta (2014)
1422	11	17 x 5	Fougeroux (2014) <sup>a</sup>
1392	61	21	Wykes et al. (2015)
1402	28	4	Fortin et al. (2015)
1435	40	43	Vidal et al. (2016)
<i>1486</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>LeVoyer et al. (2017)<sup>e</sup></i>
1521	41	18	D'Souza and Canil (2018)

1757 <sup>a</sup> glass identified as JD2 rather than VG2; <sup>b</sup> wet chemistry; <sup>c</sup> Two different EMPA routines;  
 1758 <sup>d</sup> in 19 sessions, spanning two years; <sup>e</sup> SIMS  
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1761 Table 3. SCSS experiments in Re capsules at 1400°C, 1.5 GPa using the starting composition and  
 1762 experimental methods described in Wykes et al. (2015).  
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run number	G60*	G61	G70	G76*	G93	G94*
added H <sub>2</sub> O	1.4	1.8	4	0.2	0.2	5
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.64	2.61	2.46	2.59	2.48	2.41
MgO	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.7	9.3	9.4
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	19.6	19.5	19.3	19.5	19.1	19.2
SiO <sub>2</sub>	50.4	50.5	49.8	50.2	49.1	50.1
CaO	10.7	10.7	10.1	10.5	10.3	10.2
TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.27	1.28	1.21	1.19	1.23	1.14
FeO(t)	5.2	5.3	7.3	5.6	8.2	7.3
H <sub>2</sub> O	0.44	0.43	0.21	0.60	0.17	0.15
S	1176	1193	1332	1434	1268	1256
s(S)	82	90	69	79	169	24

1764 \* Sulfur K-edge XANES spectra for these samples were obtained by Métrich et al. (2009)  
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1766 Table 4. SCSS model sensitivities (anhydrous model)  
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Variable (X)	Unit (n <sub>X</sub> )	$\partial[S]_{\text{SCSS}}/\partial n_X$ (ppm n <sub>X</sub> <sup>-1</sup> )
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1 wt%	7
MgO	1 wt%	60
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1 wt%	-37
SiO <sub>2</sub>	1 wt%	-19
CaO	1 wt%	45
TiO <sub>2</sub>	1 wt%	31
MnO	0.1 wt%	17.9
FeO <sub>t</sub>	1 wt%	106
Ni	1 ppm	-1.1
Cu	1 ppm	-1.9
Fe <sup>3+</sup> /ΣFe	0.01	-12
T	1 K	2.25
P	0.01 GPa	1.5

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1770 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

1771 Figure 1. Comparison between values of  $A_M^{S^{2-}}$  from O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002) and Evans et  
1772 al. (2008) with thermodynamic data for the difference in the free energies of the orthosilicate and  
1773 sulfide solid phases,  $(\frac{1}{2}\mu_{M_4SiO_4}^o - \mu_{M_2S}^o)/1400R$ . The correlation suggests how approximate values  
1774 of  $A_{Ni}^{S^{2-}}$  and  $A_{Cu}^{S^{2-}}$ , which are difficult to measure experimentally (Evans et al. 2008), may be  
1775 estimated.

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1777 Figure 2. The relationship between  $S^{6+}/\sum S$  and  $Fe^{3+}/\sum Fe$ , estimated by combining the results of  
1778 Jugo et al. (2010) on hydrated basalt at 1050°C and 0.2 GPa, with those of Berry et al. (2018) on  
1779 MORB glasses (dashed curve), compared to the model of Nash et al. (2019) calculated at 1190°C  
1780 (solid curve). The  $\pm 2s$  range of measured  $Fe^{3+}/\sum Fe$  in MORB glasses from Berry et al. (2018),  
1781 taken here to correspond to 95% of the population by assuming a normal distribution of  $Fe^{3+}/\sum Fe$ ,  
1782 is indicated by the shaded region. The model of Nash et al. (2019) predicts only a few percent  
1783  $S^{6+}/\sum S$  even in the more oxidized MORB glasses.

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1785 Figure 3. a) Observed values of the sulfide capacity,  $C_{S^{2-}}$ , at 1400°C of silicate melts at with  
1786 NBO/T from 0.05 to 2, compared to the parameterization of this work (Eqn. 33). The experimental  
1787 data are from O'Neill and Mavrogenes (2002) and Tuff and O'Neill (2010). Only the data with  $\ln$   
1788  $C_{S^{2-}} > -4$  are plotted, as the few data at lower  $C_{S^{2-}}$  have NBO/T  $\sim 0$ , and furthermore are imprecise  
1789 due to low S. b) Calculated values of  $C_{S^{2-}}$  from Eqn. (34) versus the measured values of Haughton  
1790 et al. (1974) at 1200°C.

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1792 Figure 4. Comparison between measured values of the activity coefficient of FeO in silicate melts  
1793 ( $\gamma_{FeO}^{sil\ melt}$ ) with the parameterization of Equation (46).

1794 a) Data of Doyle and Naldrett (1986), and Doyle (1987, 1988), all at 1327°C. b) Data of Roeder  
1795 (1974), O'Neill and Eggins (2002), Borisov et al. (2004, 2006), and Borisov (2007), temperatures

1796 between 1150 and 1500°C. All experiments equilibrated silicate melt with Fe metal at imposed  
1797 oxygen fugacity. The grey areas on either side of the 1:1 lines indicates  $\pm 10\%$  relative error.  
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1799 Figure 5. The oxygen contents as the component FeO in sulfide mattes coexisting with silicate melt.  
1800 Data from Brenan (2008), Kiseeva and Wood (2013, 2015), Wood and Kiseeva (2015) and Smythe  
1801 et al. (2017). The dashed line is the least-squares best fit,  $[\text{FeO}]_{\text{sulf}} = 1.20 (\pm 0.04) [\text{FeO}]_{\text{sil melt}}$ , with  
1802  $R^2 = 0.81$ . The solid line is  $[\text{FeO}]_{\text{sulf}} = [\text{FeO}]_{\text{sil melt}}$ , which was used in the SCSS modeling for  
1803 simplicity.  
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1805 Figure 6. The effect of pressure on the SCSS, comparing Eqn. (43) of this study, calculated starting  
1806 from  $[\text{S}]_{\text{SCSS}} = 1400$  ppm at ambient pressure, with the equations for SCSS from Mavrogenes and  
1807 O'Neill (1999), Holzheid and Grove (2002) and Smythe et al. (2017), all at 1400°C. The different  
1808 calculated values of  $[\text{S}]_{\text{SCSS}}$  at  $P = 0$  are due in part to the different compositions studied. The effect  
1809 of pressure found by Wendlandt (1982) is similar to that of Mavrogenes and O'Neill (1999) and  
1810 Holzheid and Grove (2002), and is not shown for clarity. The effect of pressure from Smythe et al.  
1811 (2017) is smaller than those from Mavrogenes and O'Neill (1997) or Holzheid and Grove (2002),  
1812 but is similar to the hypothetical parameterization postulated in this study at  $> 1$  GPa. This  
1813 comparison shows the desirability of integrating experiments at high pressure with those at 1 bar, to  
1814 constrain the effect of pressure more precisely in the range 1 bar to 1.5 GPa.  
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1816 Figure 7. SCSS for a binary compositional join between FeO-free “matrix” and FeO. Experimental  
1817 data from Wykes et al. (2015) and this study (Table 3) compared to the SCSS model. The model  
1818 gives a good fit to the data at  $< 1$  wt% FeO, which were not used as input, and also to the data at  
1819 high FeO, which have not been well fitted by previous models, see Fig. 9 of Wykes et al. (2015).  
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Figure 8. The effect of H<sub>2</sub>O on SCSS. Data from Moune et al. (2009) at 1045°C, ~ 0.3 GPa, in equilibrium with pyrrhotite; Fortin et al. (2015), 1250°C, 1 GPa; D’Souza and Canil (2018), 1270°C, 1 GPa; and this work, Table 3, 1400°C, 1.5 GPa. a) The difference  $\ln [S]_{\text{obs}} - \ln [S]_{\text{SCSS(dil)}}$ , which is equivalent to  $\ln C_{S^{2-}}^H$ , see text for further explanation. b)  $[S]_{\text{SCSS}}$  calculated from the model vs.  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$ . The shaded area around the 1:1 line indicates  $\pm 10\%$ .

Figure 9. Sulfur saturation in Ocean Floor Basaltic (OFB) glasses from Jenner and O’Neill (2012). a) Calculated SCSS versus S contents analysed by electron microprobe. Of the 329 glasses, only 11 (3%) were identified as probably having lost S. (Two samples with very low S plot off the diagram). b) This S loss is correlated with decreasing S/Se. The vector for this loss is calculated assuming 1000 ppm S and 0.33 ppm Se, with Se contents of the melt assumed to be conserved (Jenner et al. 2010).

Figure 10. The difference between  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$  and the calculated SCSS from the model for 35 OFB glasses from Jenner and O’Neill (2012) compared against their  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  determined from XANES by Berry et al. (2018). There is almost no correlation ( $R^2 = 0.16$ ). One glass, VG6822, not used in the regression, has low S due to loss by volatility, but retains typical  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$ .

Figure 11. Calculated atomic Ni/Fe (a) and Cu/Fe (b) in sulfide liquid in equilibrium with the OFB glasses analysed by Jenner and O’Neill (2012), compared to observed Ni/Fe and Cu/Fe in sulfide globules from basalts analysed by electron microprobe, by Czamanske and Moore (1977) and Patten et al. (2012). Also plotted are calculated Ni/Fe and Cu/Fe for the same OFB glasses from the model of Smythe et al. (2017).

Figure 12. Comparison with the SCSS model of Smythe et al. (2017). a) Calculated  $[S]_{\text{SCSS}}$  for the OFB glasses of Jenner and O’Neill (2012) from the model of Smythe et al. (2017) vs.  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$ ,

1847 compared to the model of this work. b) The difference between the models is a function of the FeO  
1848 content of the glasses.

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1850 Figure 13. a) Reproducibility of S analyses in basaltic glasses: a comparison of SIMS vs. EMPA.  
1851 SIMS analyses of Macquarie Island glasses from Shimizu et al. (2016) are compared against EMPA  
1852 analyses of the same glasses from Kamenetsky et al. (2000), and SIMS and EMPA analyses of  
1853 some Ocean Island Basalt glasses from Kendrick et al. (2014). b) Comparison of model  $[S]_{SCSS}$   
1854 calculated from the analyses of Shimizu et al. (2016) with those calculated for the same glasses  
1855 from the analyses of Kamenetsky et al. (2000) and Kamenetsky and Eggins (2012).

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1857 Figure 14. Comparison of model  $[S]_{SCSS}$  with  $[S]_{obs}$  for Macquarie Island basaltic glasses, using the  
1858 analyses of Shimizu et al. (2016) and those of Kamenetsky et al. (2000) and Kamenetsky and  
1859 Eggins (2012). The latter scatter around the 1:1 line, the former are displaced to higher model  
1860  $[S]_{SCSS}$ , which, if accurate could be interpreted as indicating sulfide-undersaturation. The shaded  
1861 area surrounding the 1:1 line indicates  $\pm 10\%$  uncertainty

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1863 Figure 15. Comparison between model  $[S]_{SCSS}$  and  $[S]_{obs}$  for two sets of glasses from Shimizu et al.  
1864 (2016) analysed by SIMS. Most glasses are displaced to high  $[S]_{obs}$  by 9% (dashed line) from the  
1865 1:1 line, which could be a systematic analytical artifact. However, a few glasses have even higher  
1866  $[S]_{obs}$ , suggesting excess S as  $SO_4^{2-}$ . These glasses could be checked for  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  and  $S^{6+}/\Sigma S$  by  
1867 XANES.

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1869 Figure 16. Olivine-hosted melt inclusions from Le Voyer et al. (2017). a) model  $[S]_{SCSS}$  compared  
1870 to  $[S]_{obs}$ , both uncorrected (i.e., as analysed), and with silicate melt compositions corrected for post-  
1871 entrapment crystallization. The agreement for the uncorrected compositions is mostly within  $\pm 10\%$   
1872 (shaded area). B) shows that the larger the correction for post-entrapment crystallization, the worse

1873 the discrepancy between  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$  and calculated  $[S]_{\text{SCSS}}$ . However, there is also a significant  
1874 correlation ( $R^2 = 0.43$ ) between  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$  and calculated  $[S]_{\text{SCSS}}$  for the uncorrected data, indicating that  
1875 the perceived need for correction may be a sign of disequilibrium between olivine and melt at the  
1876 time of entrapment.

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1878 Figure 17. Ni and Cu abundances in Ocean Floor Basaltic (OFB) glasses versus MgO. Data from  
1879 Jenner and O'Neill (2012) and Gale et al. (2013).

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1881 Figure 18. Calculated  $[S]_{\text{SCSS}}$  vs.  $[S]_{\text{obs}}$  for olivine-hosted melt inclusions from the Siqueiros  
1882 Fracture Zone (Saal et al. 2002), with Ni and Cu contents estimated using the correlations with  
1883 MgO shown in Fig. 17. Both the uncorrected melt compositions and those corrected for post-  
1884 entrapment crystallization plot around the 1:1 line, indicating that most inclusions are likely sulfide-  
1885 saturated. Only four inclusions have significantly lower  $[S]$  than expected for saturation.

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1887 Figure 19. a)  $\log_{10} fS_2$  and b)  $\log_{10} fSO_2$  calculated for 35 sulfide-saturated OFB glasses. S analyses  
1888 from Jenner and O'Neill (2012),  $Fe^{3+}/\Sigma Fe$  from Berry et al. (2018), calculated  $\Delta QFM$  from O'Neill  
1889 et al. (2018).

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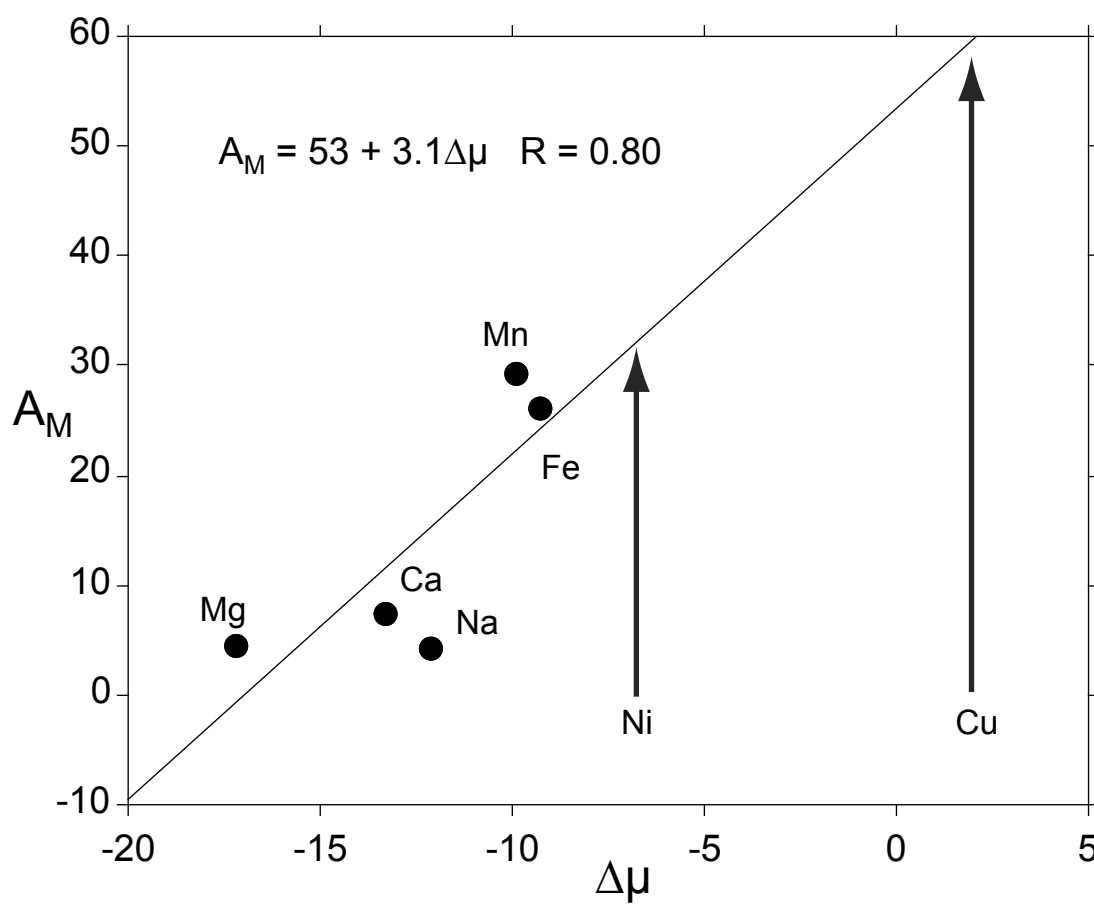


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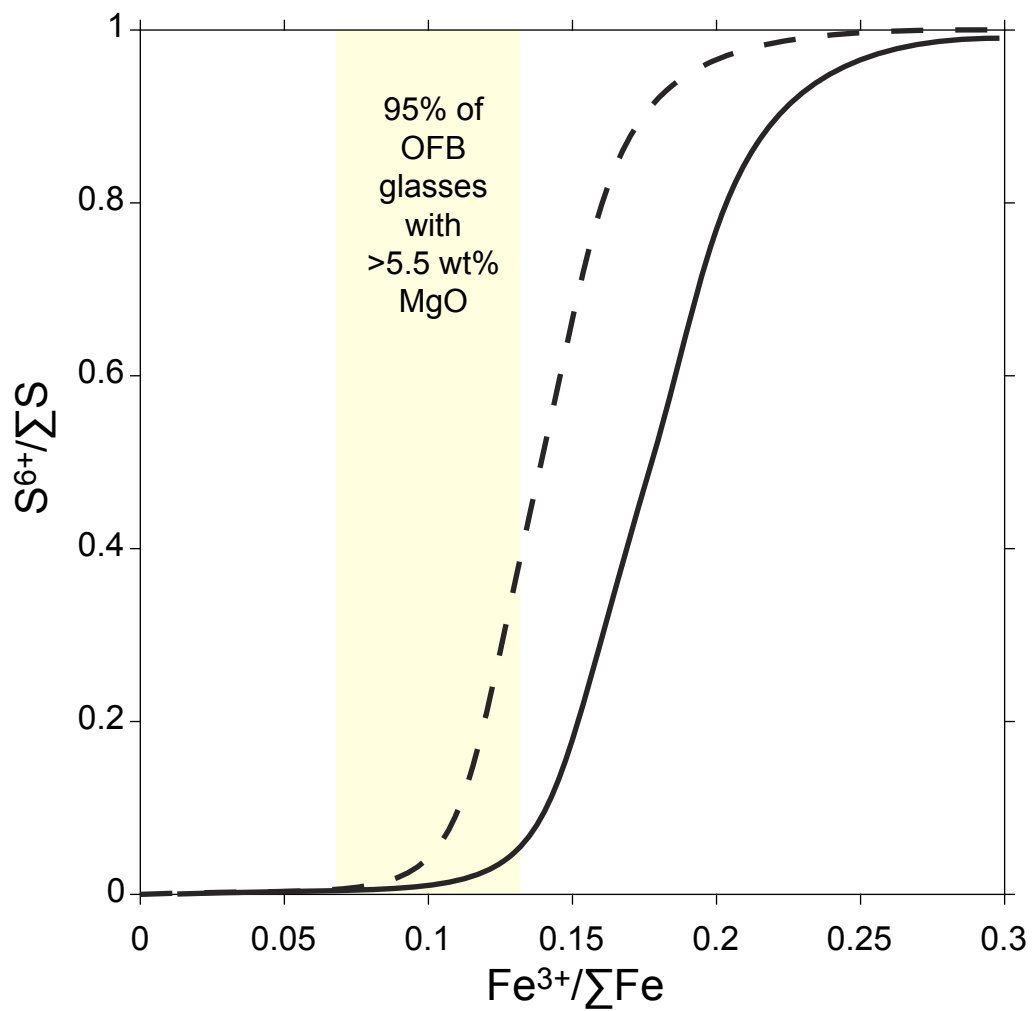


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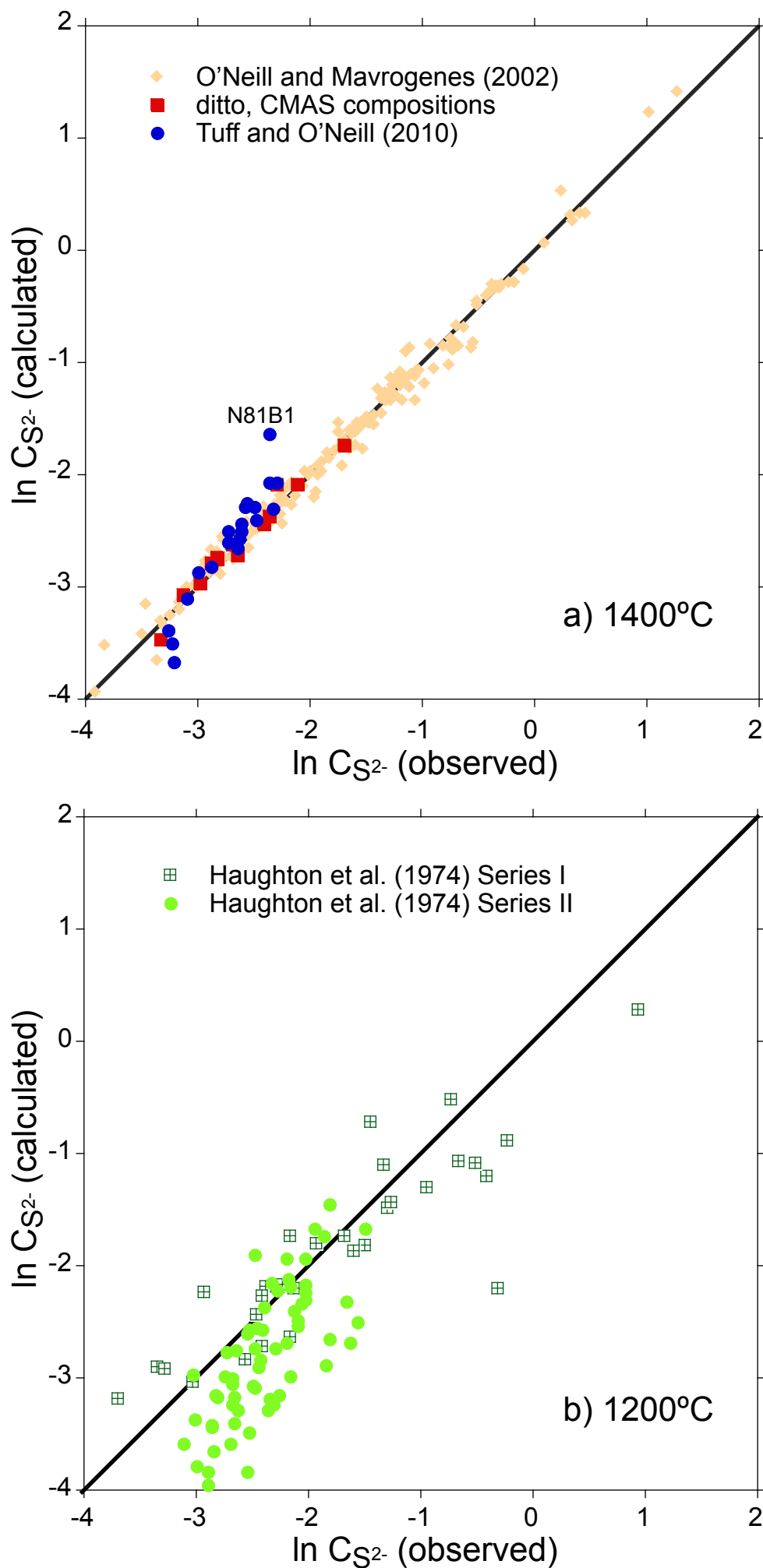




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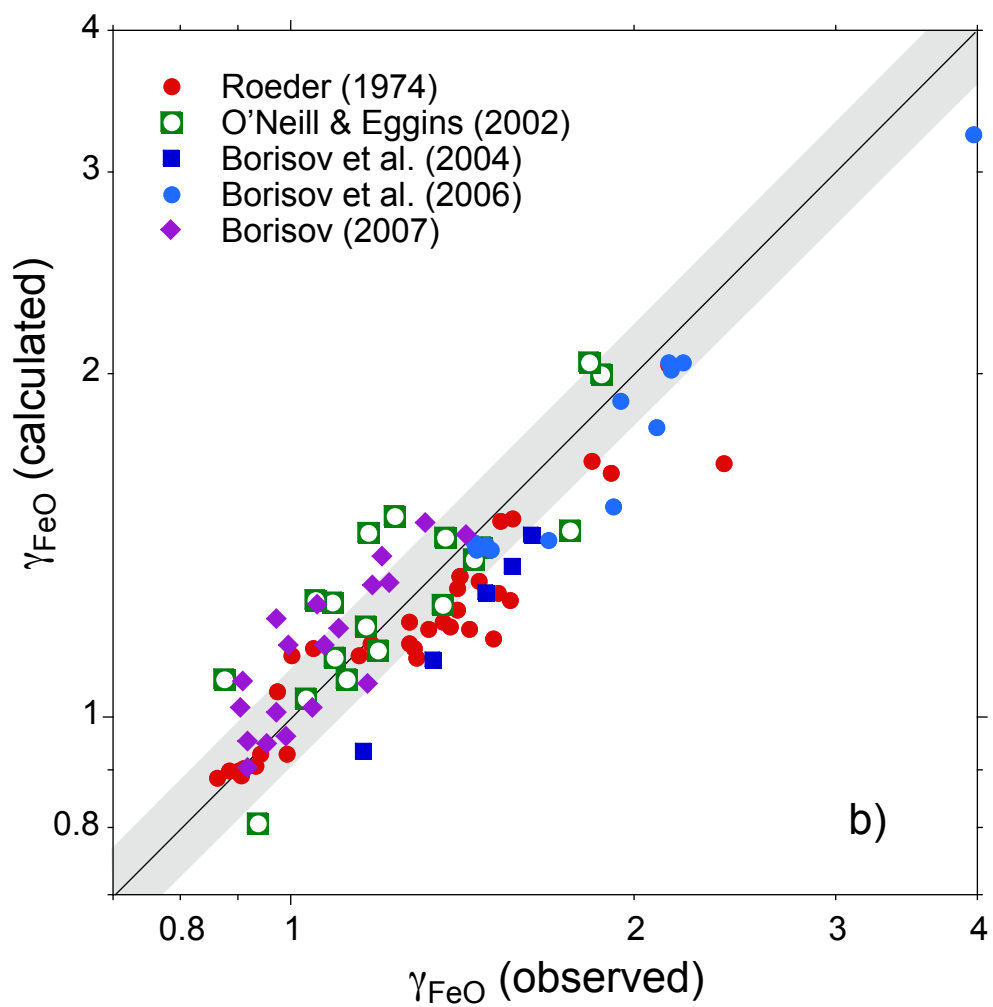
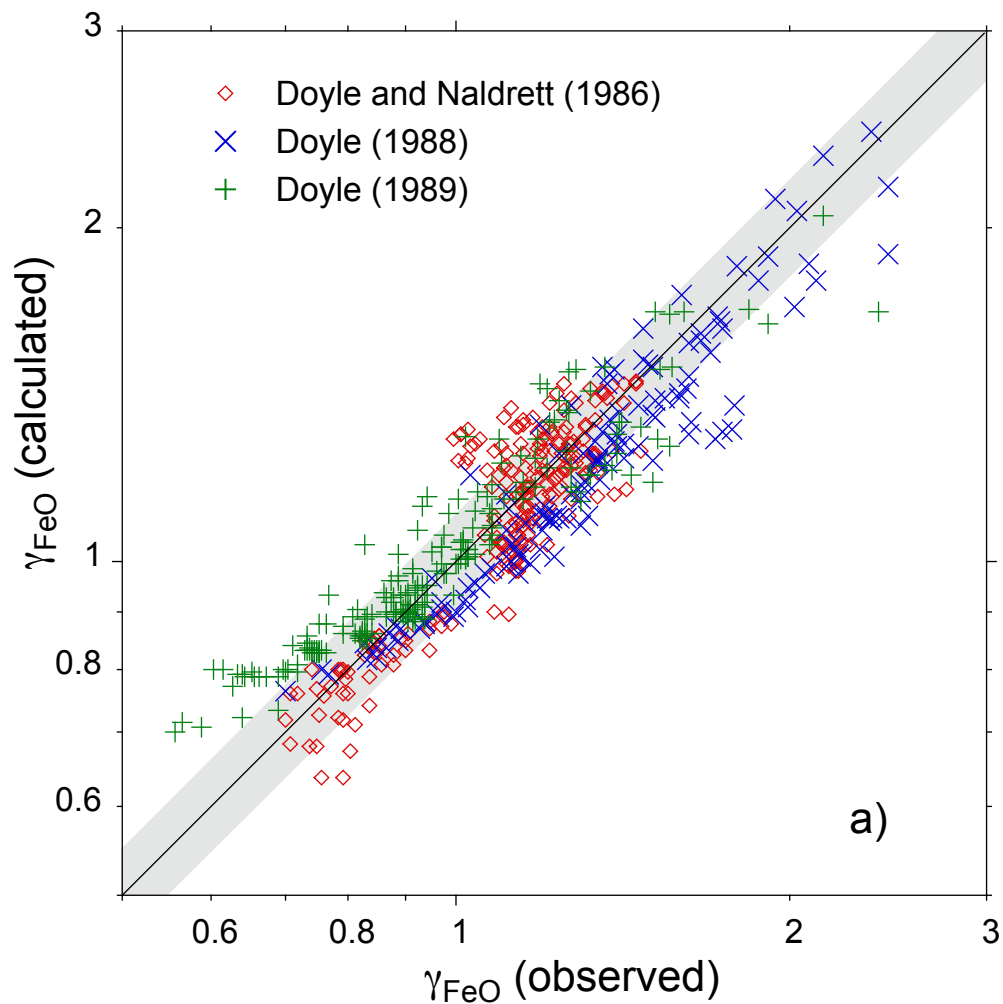


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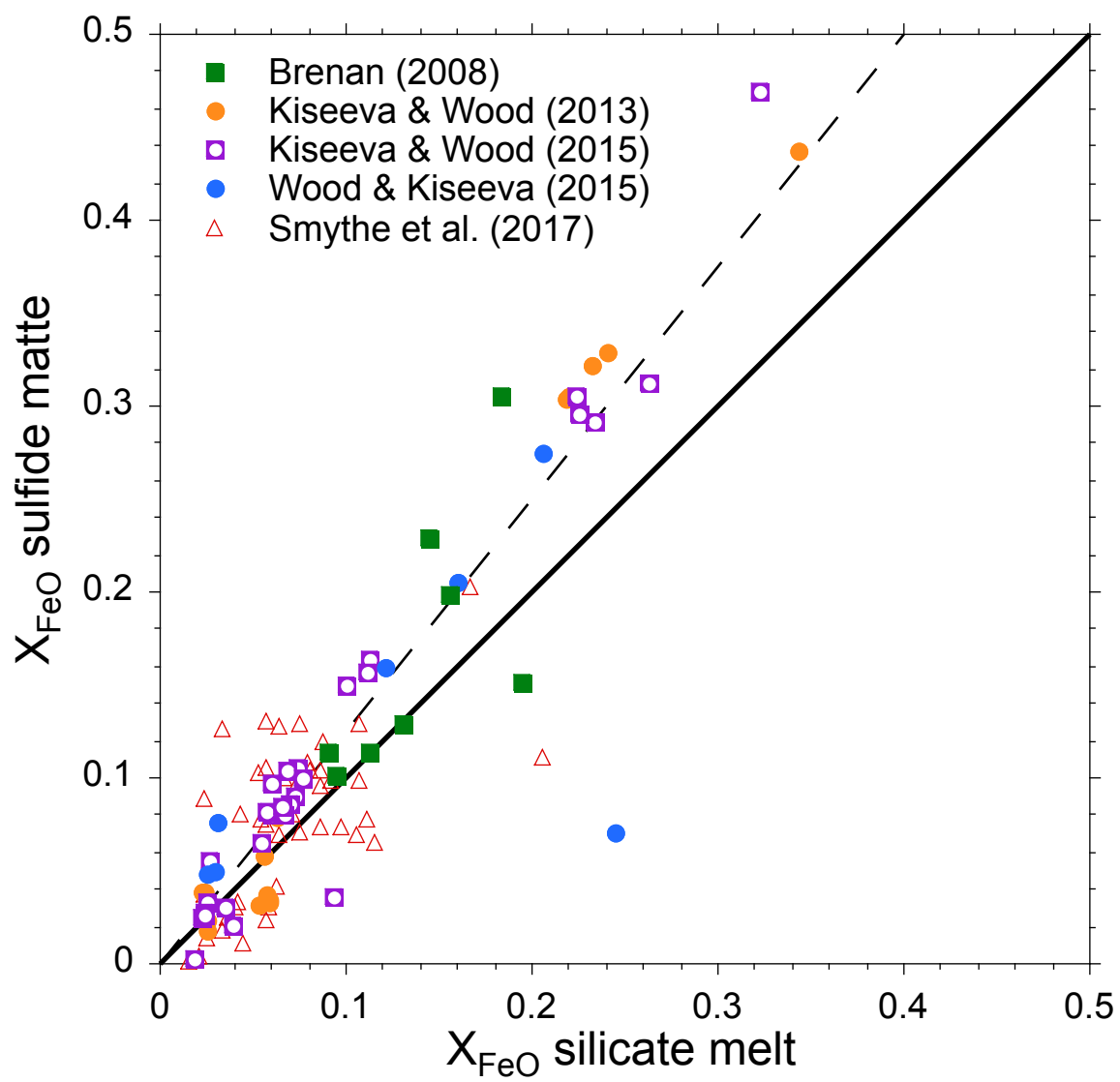


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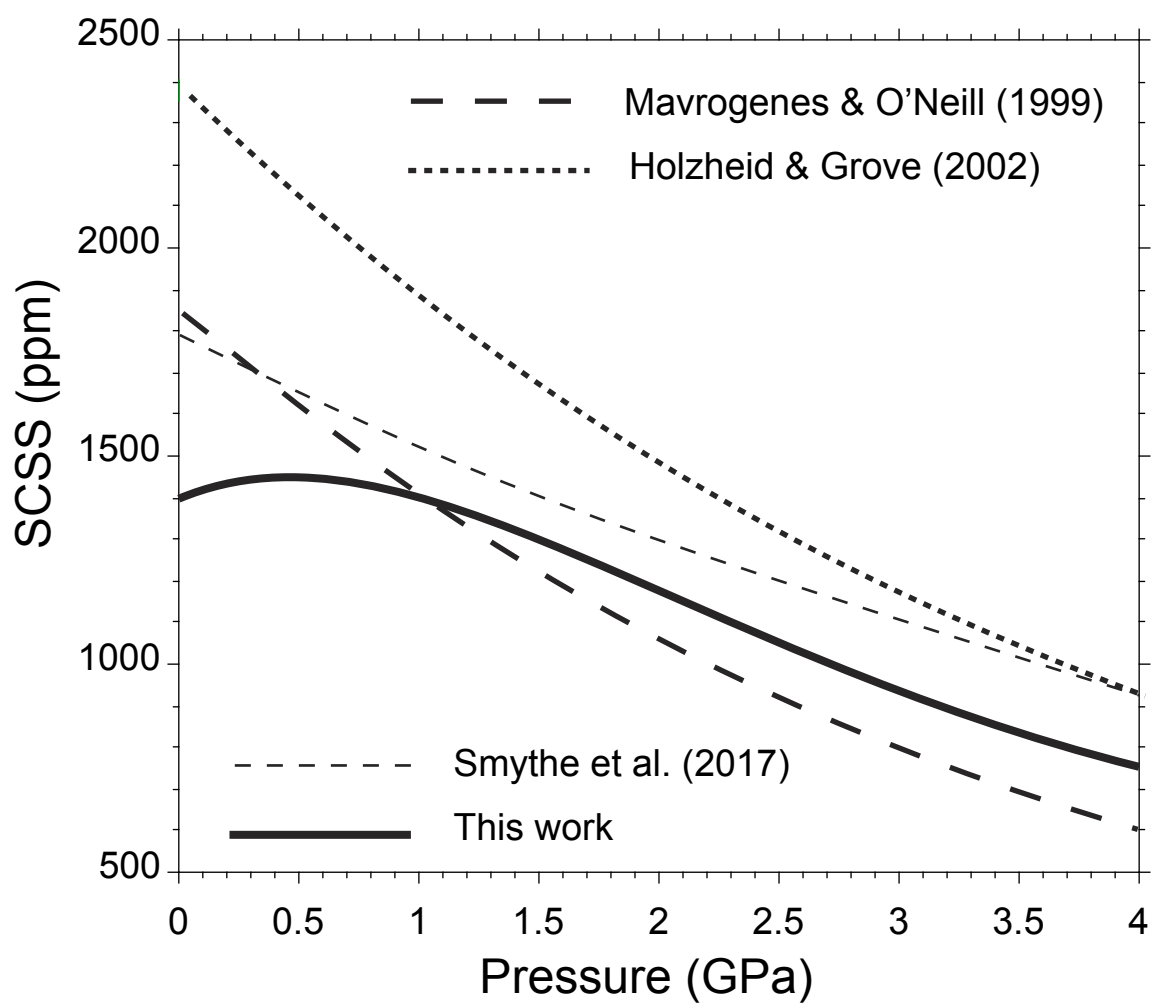


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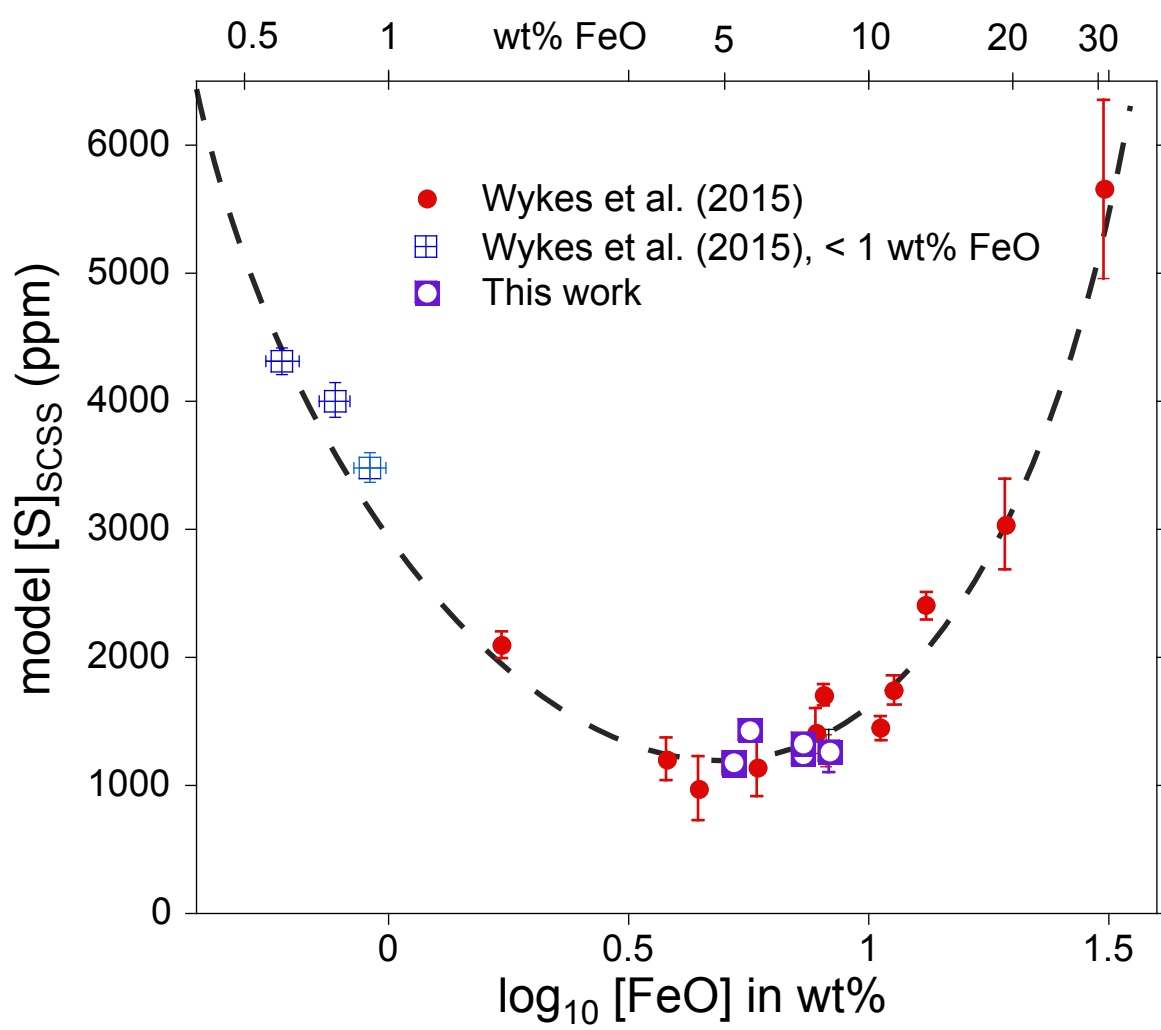


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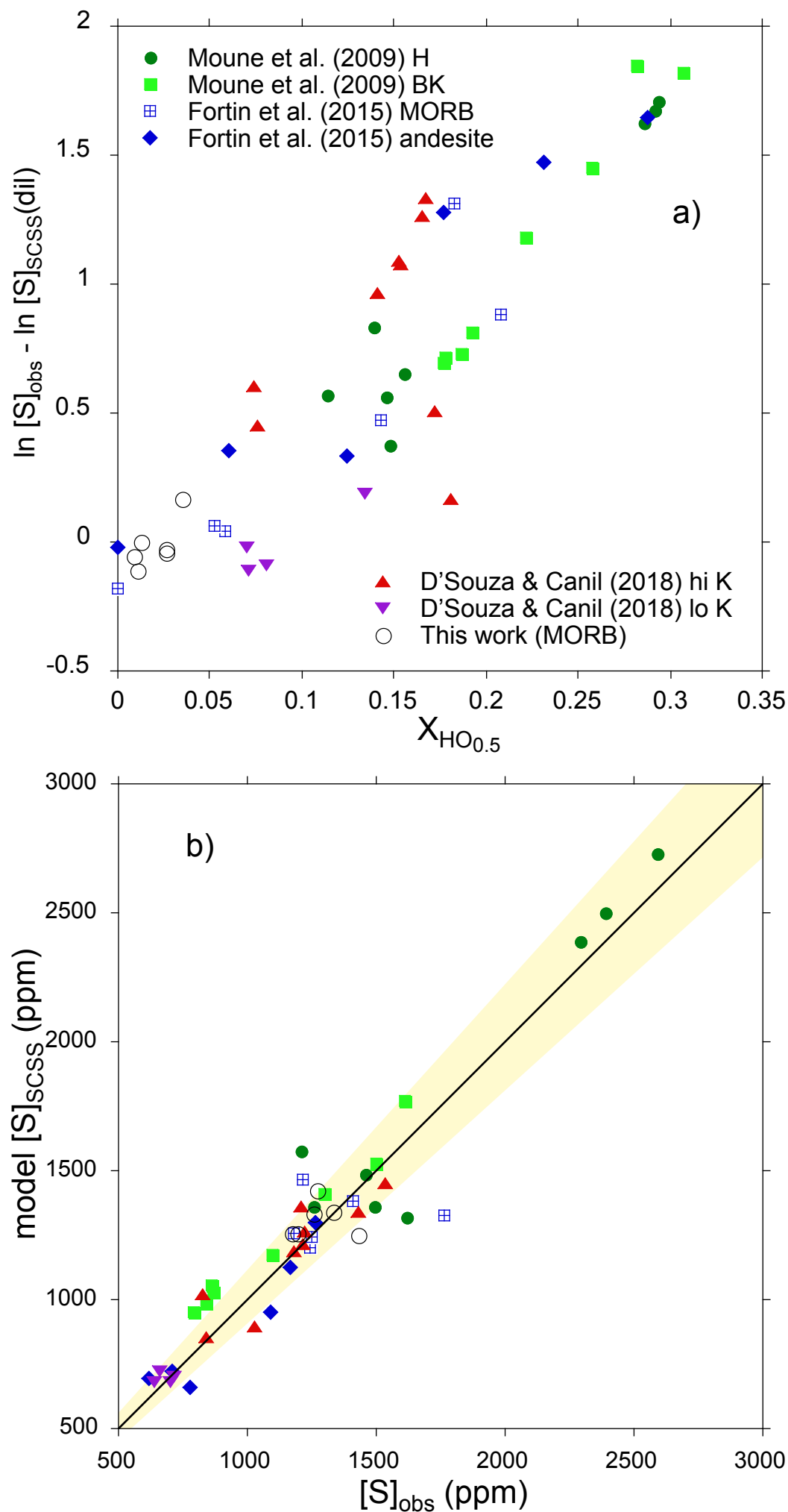


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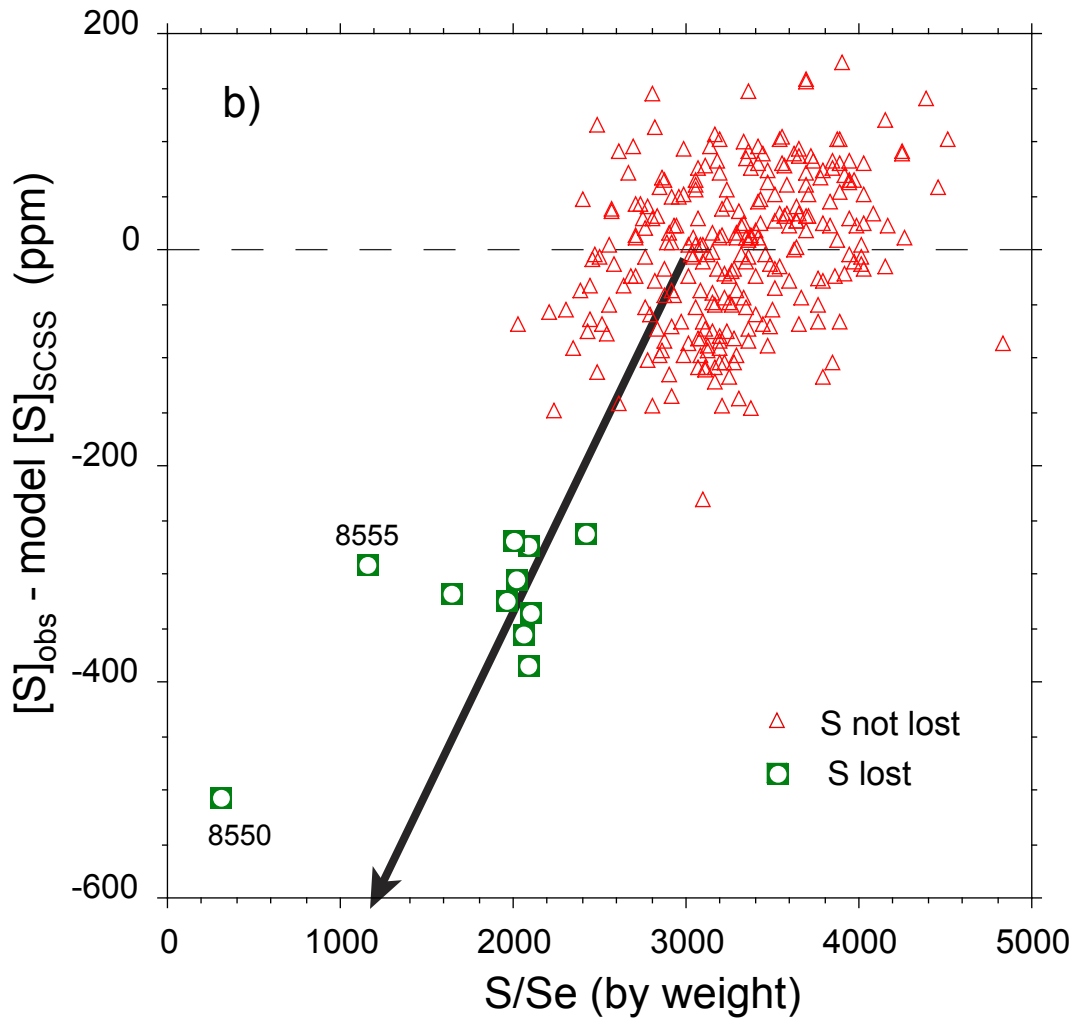
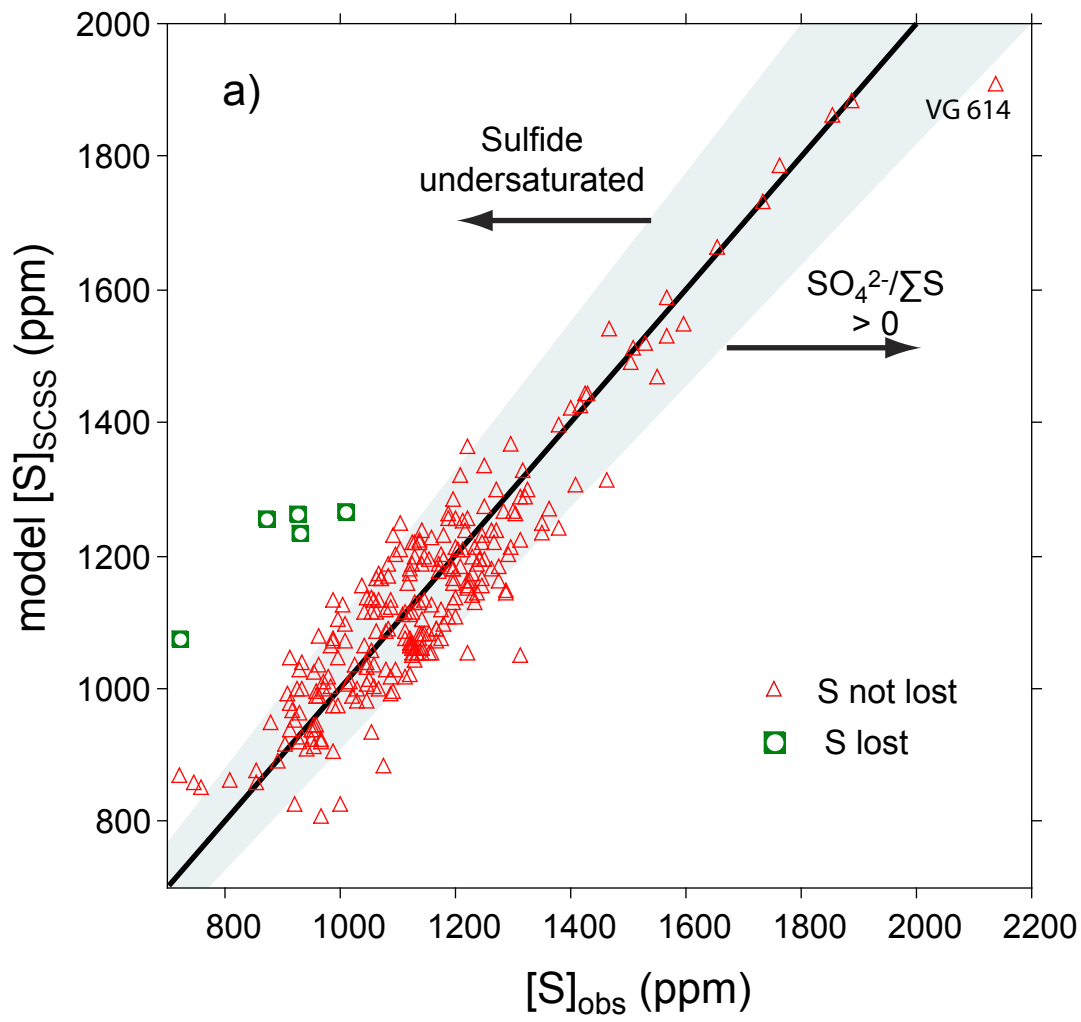


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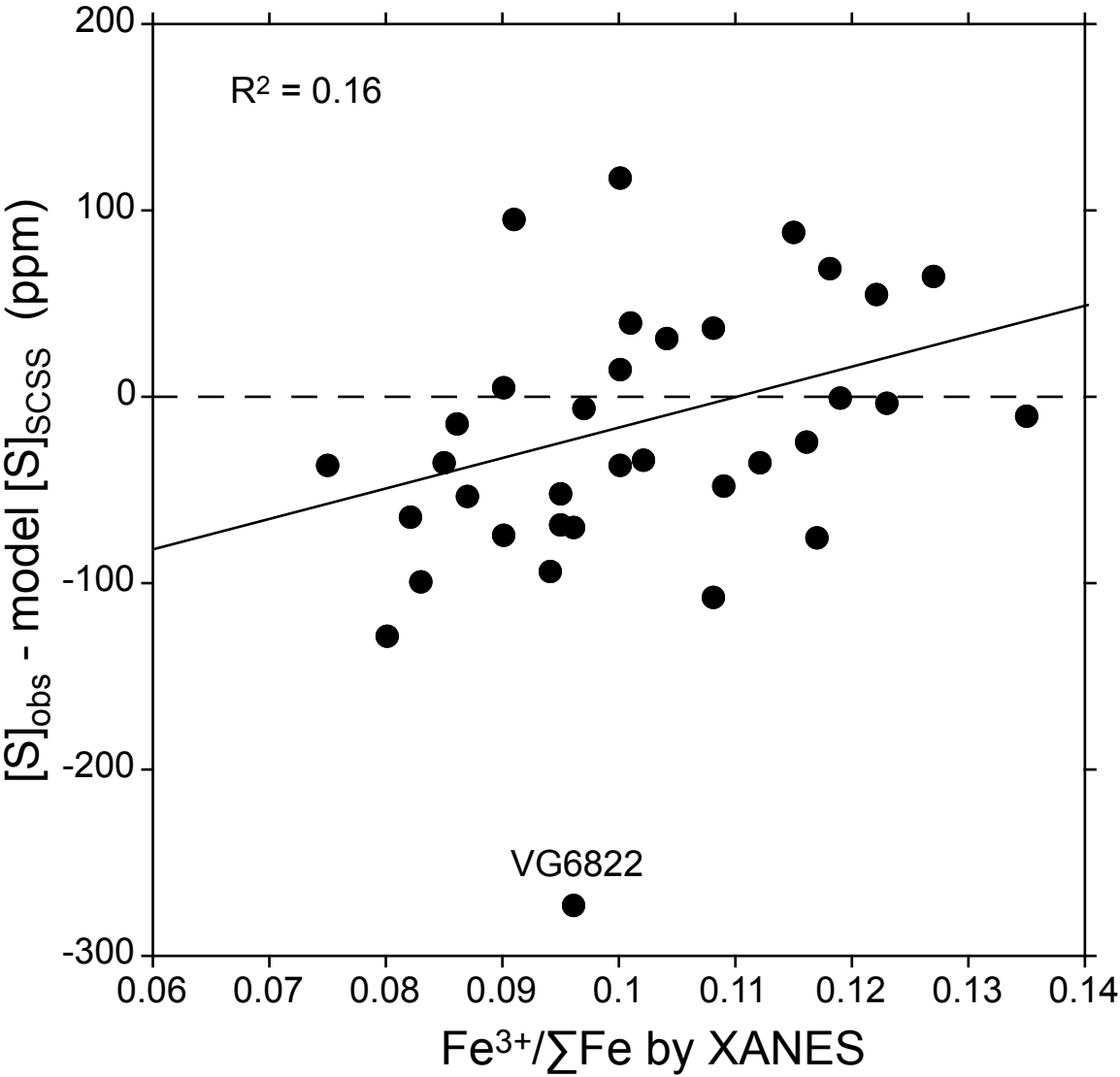


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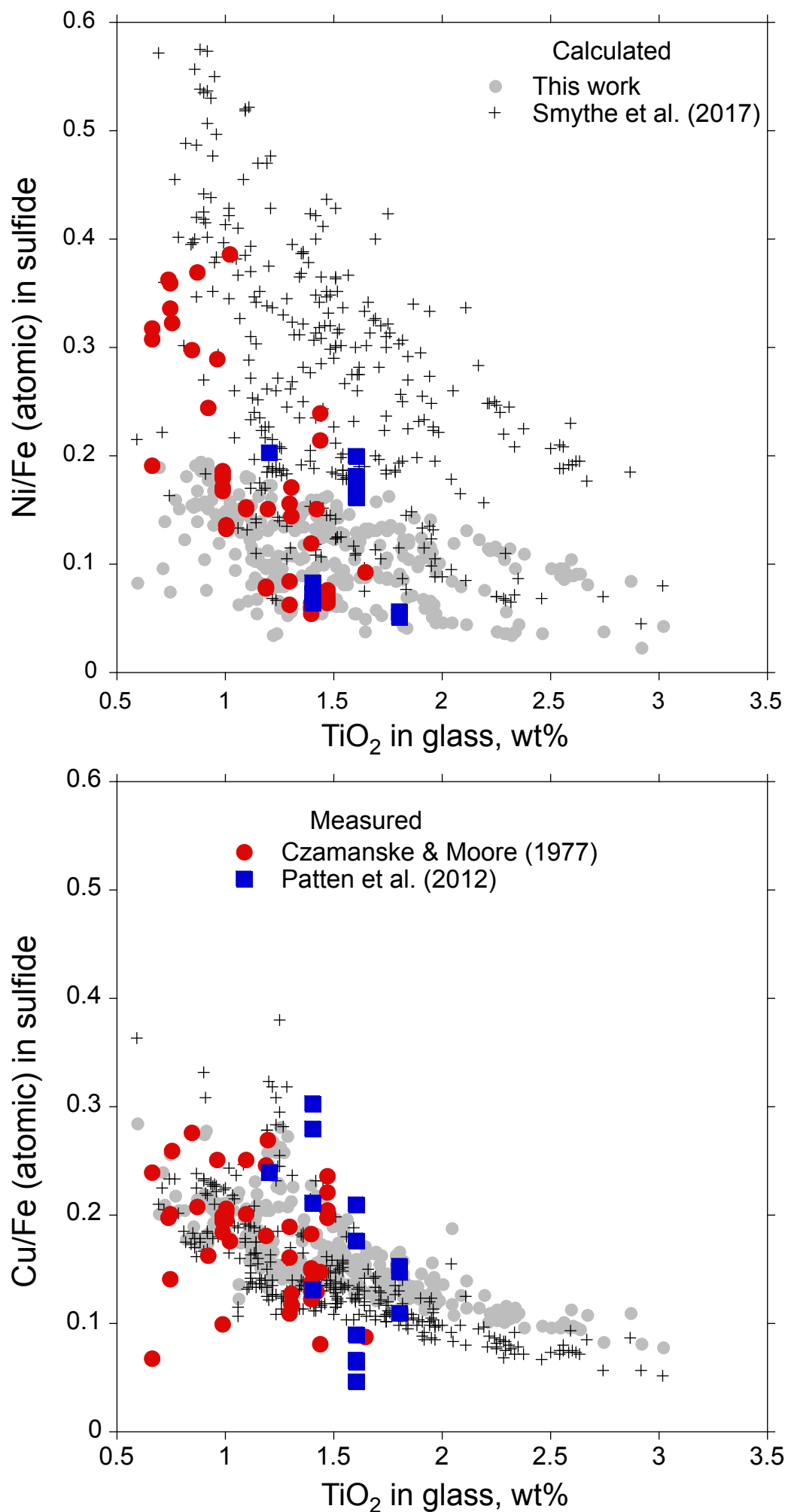




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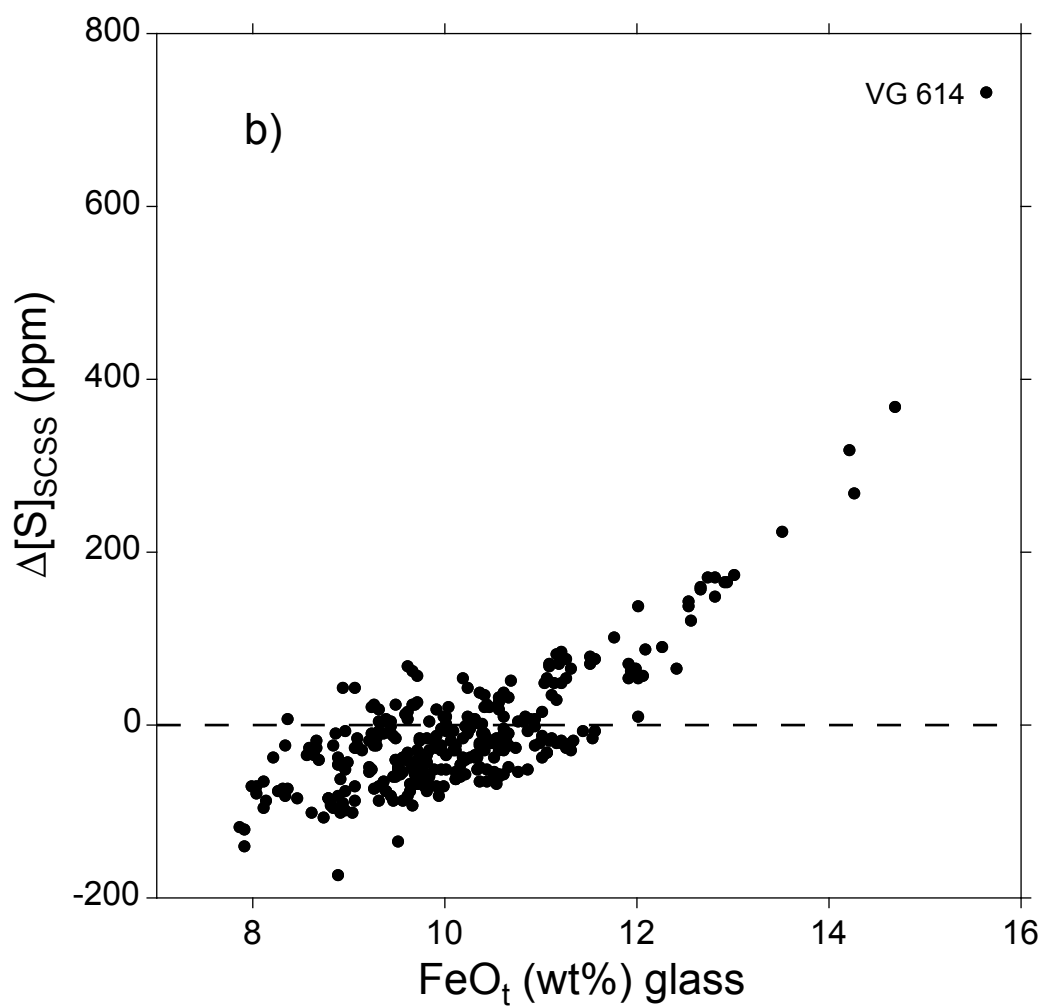
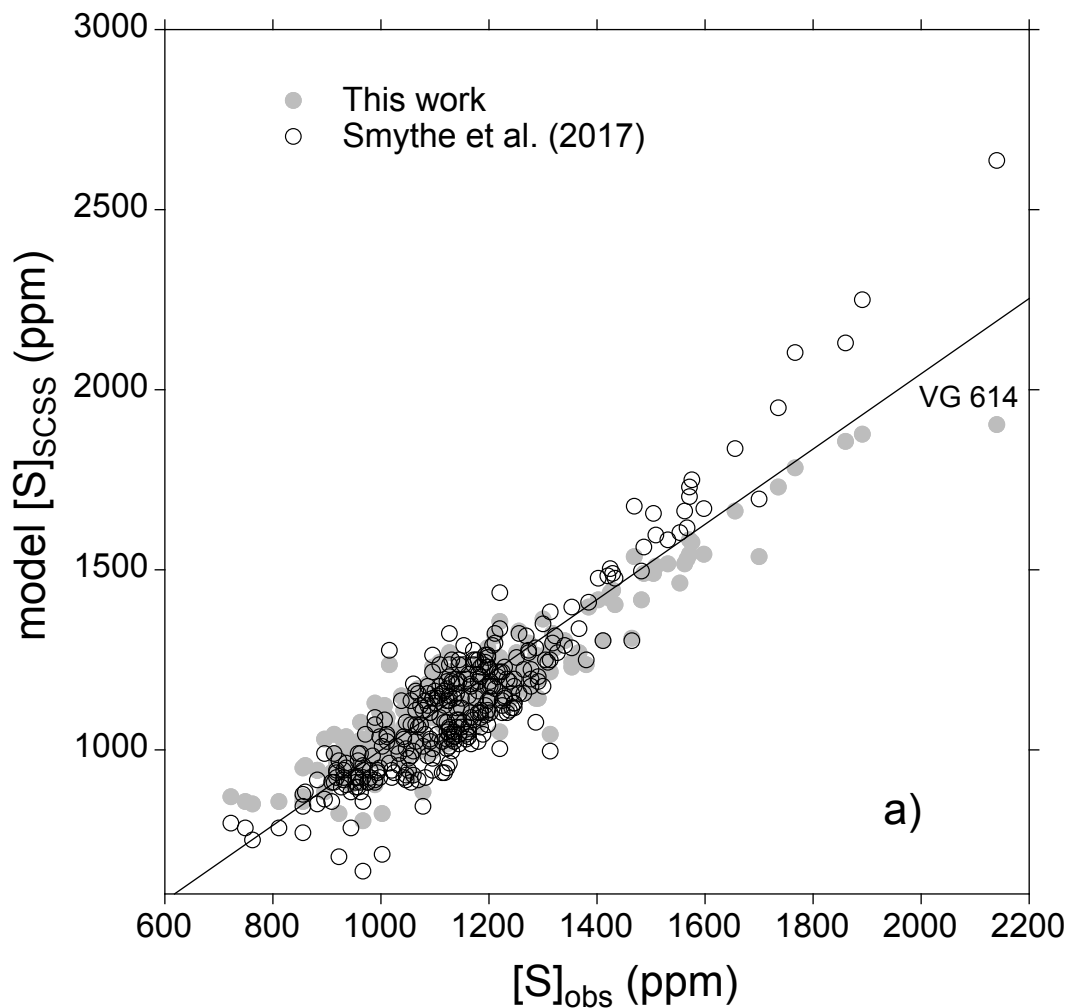


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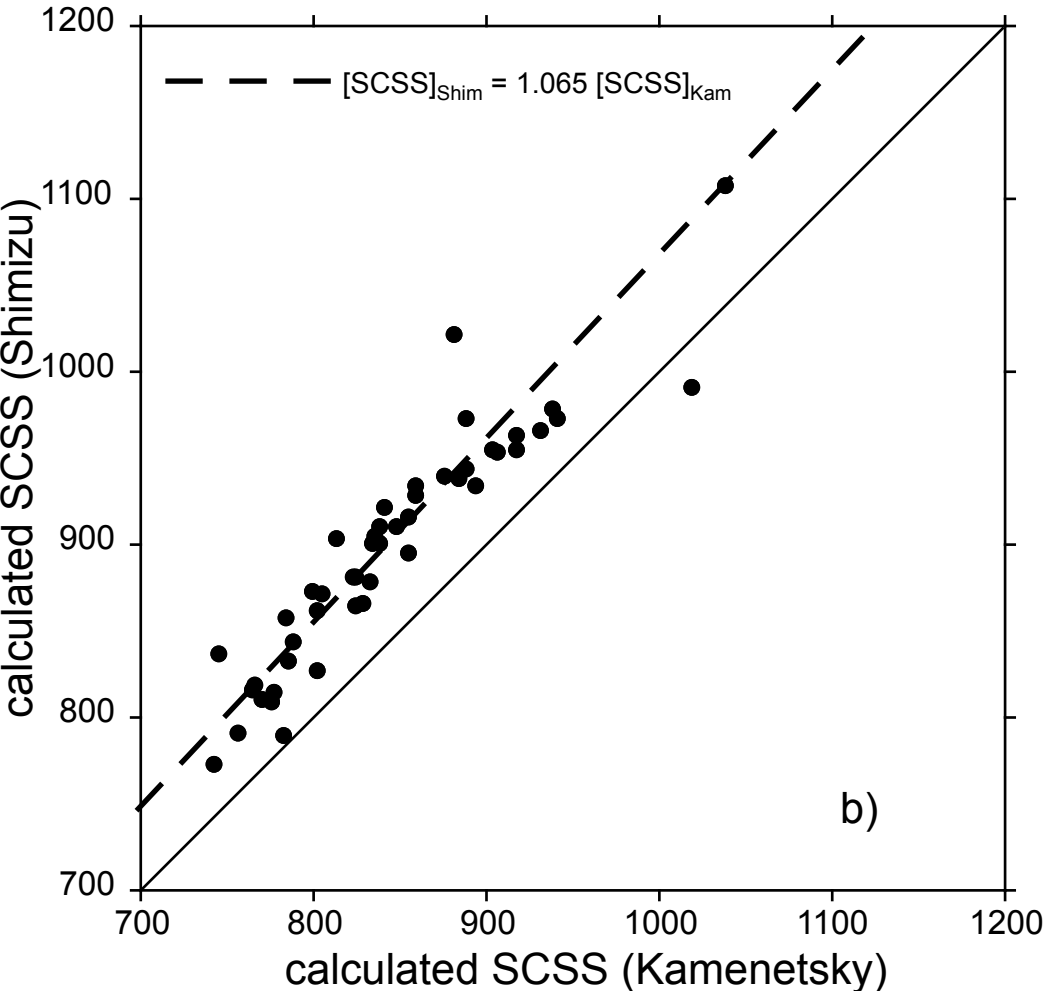
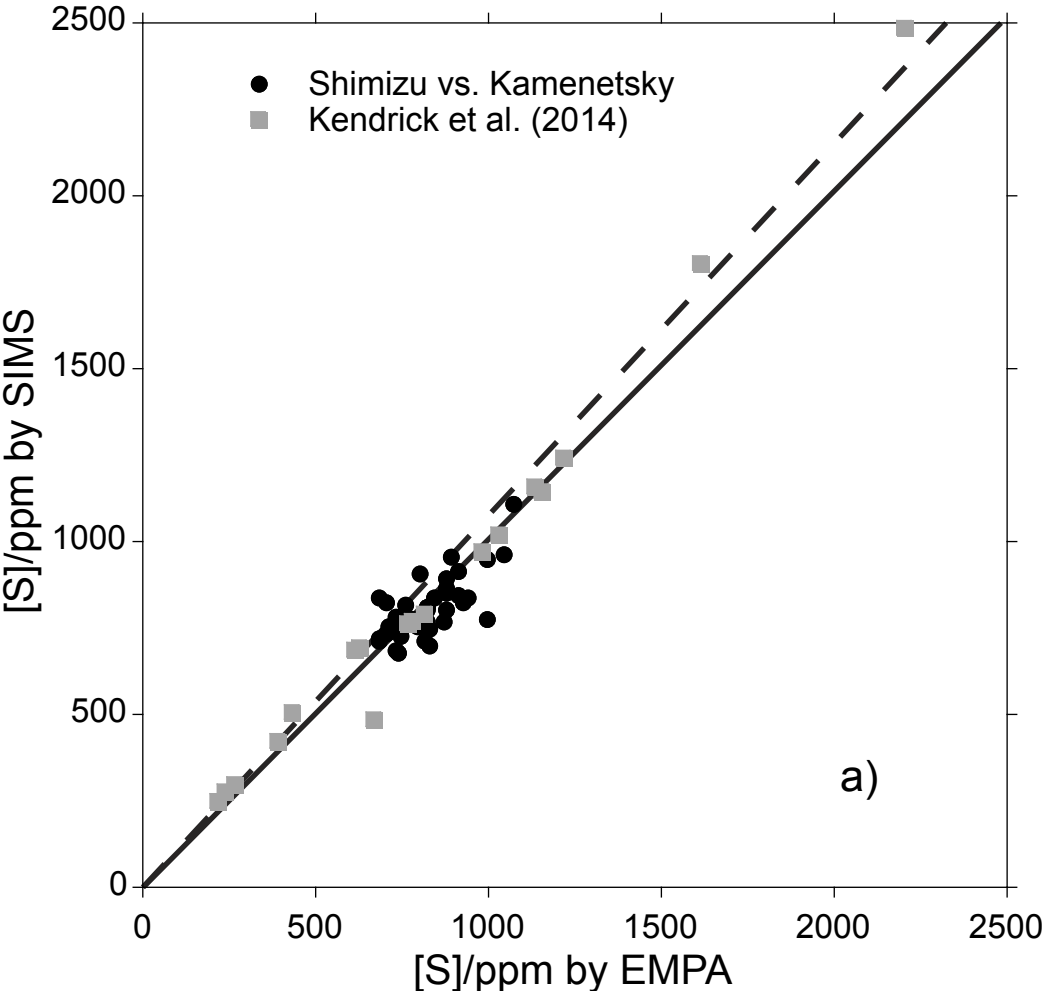


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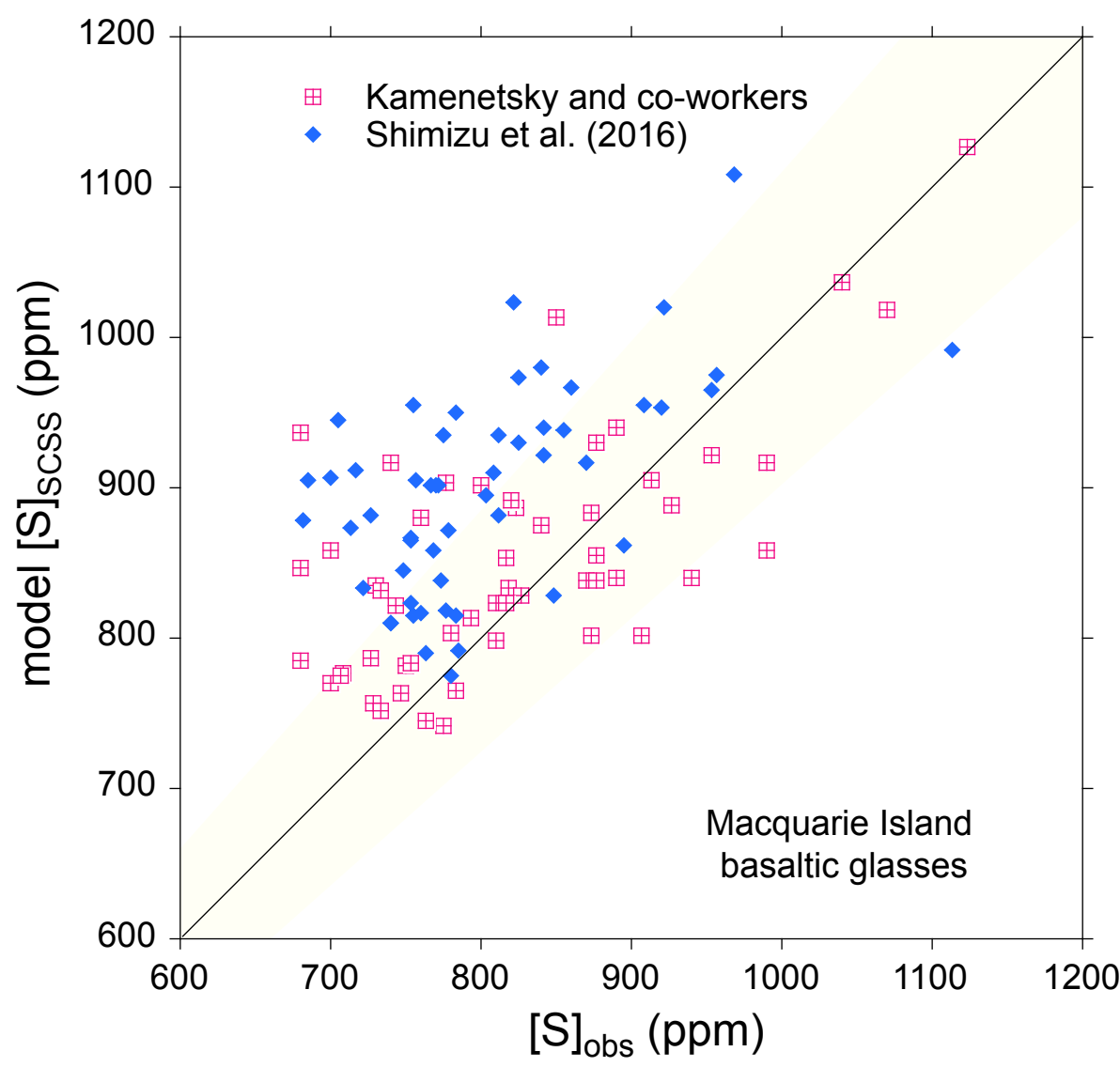


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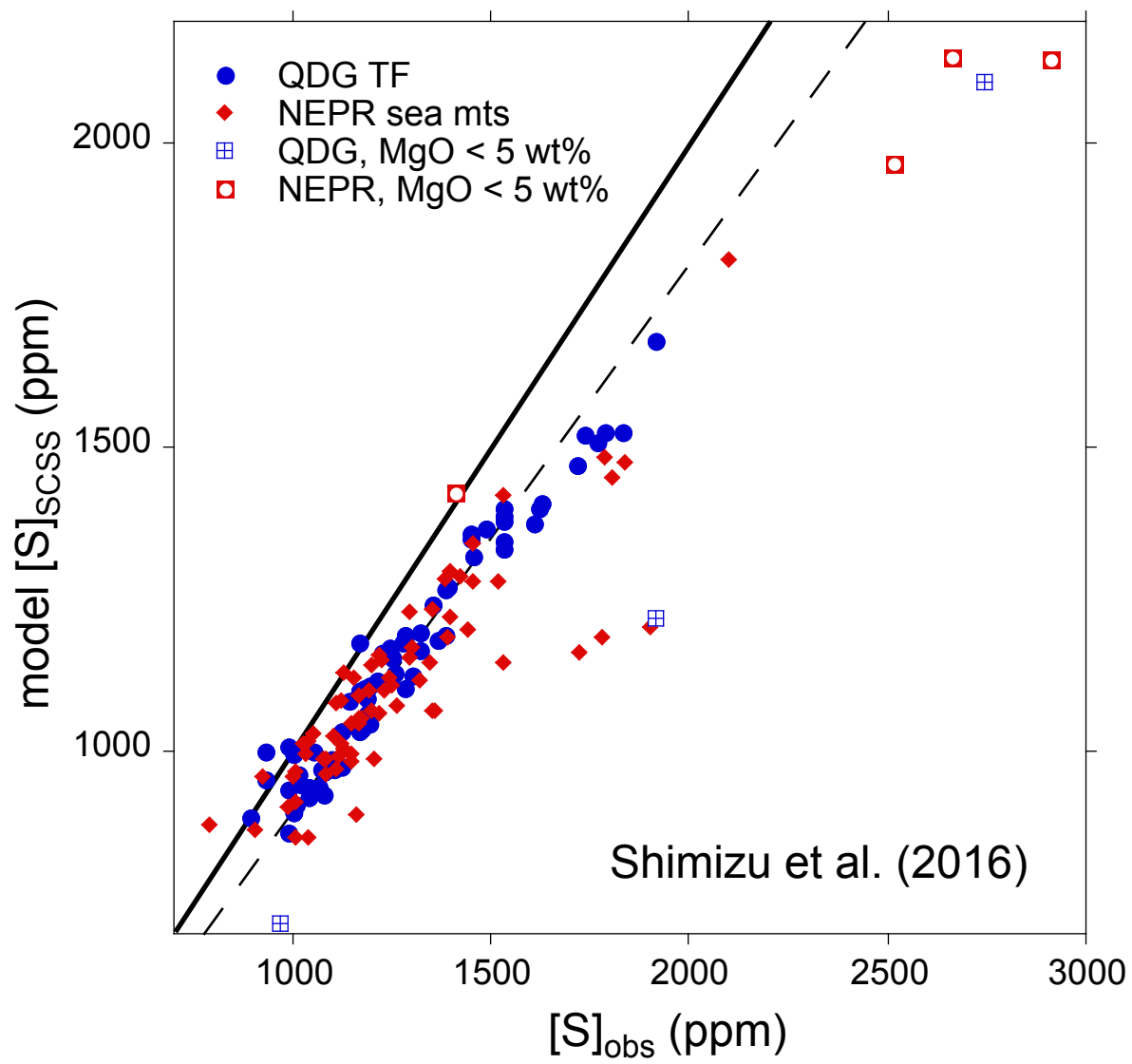


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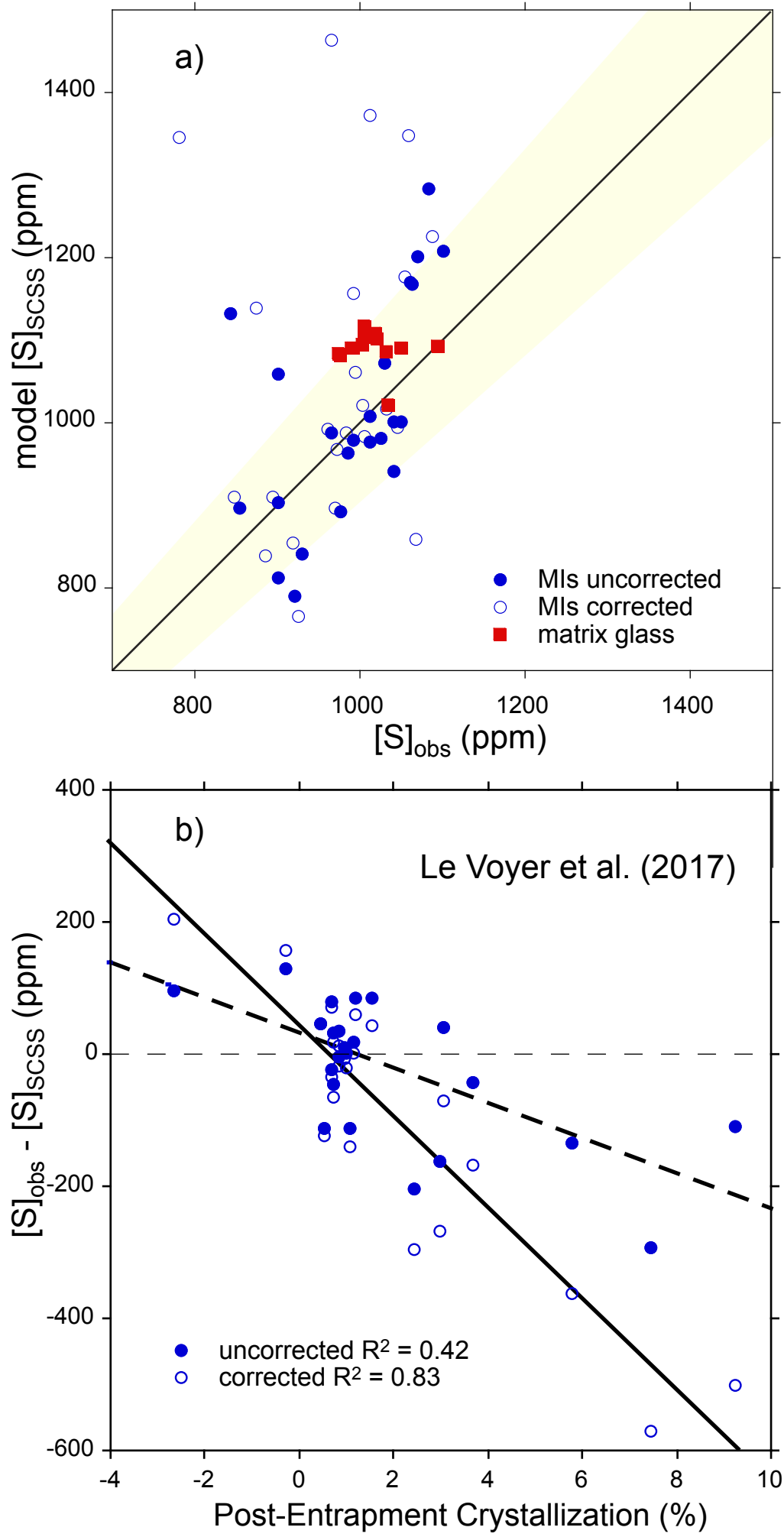


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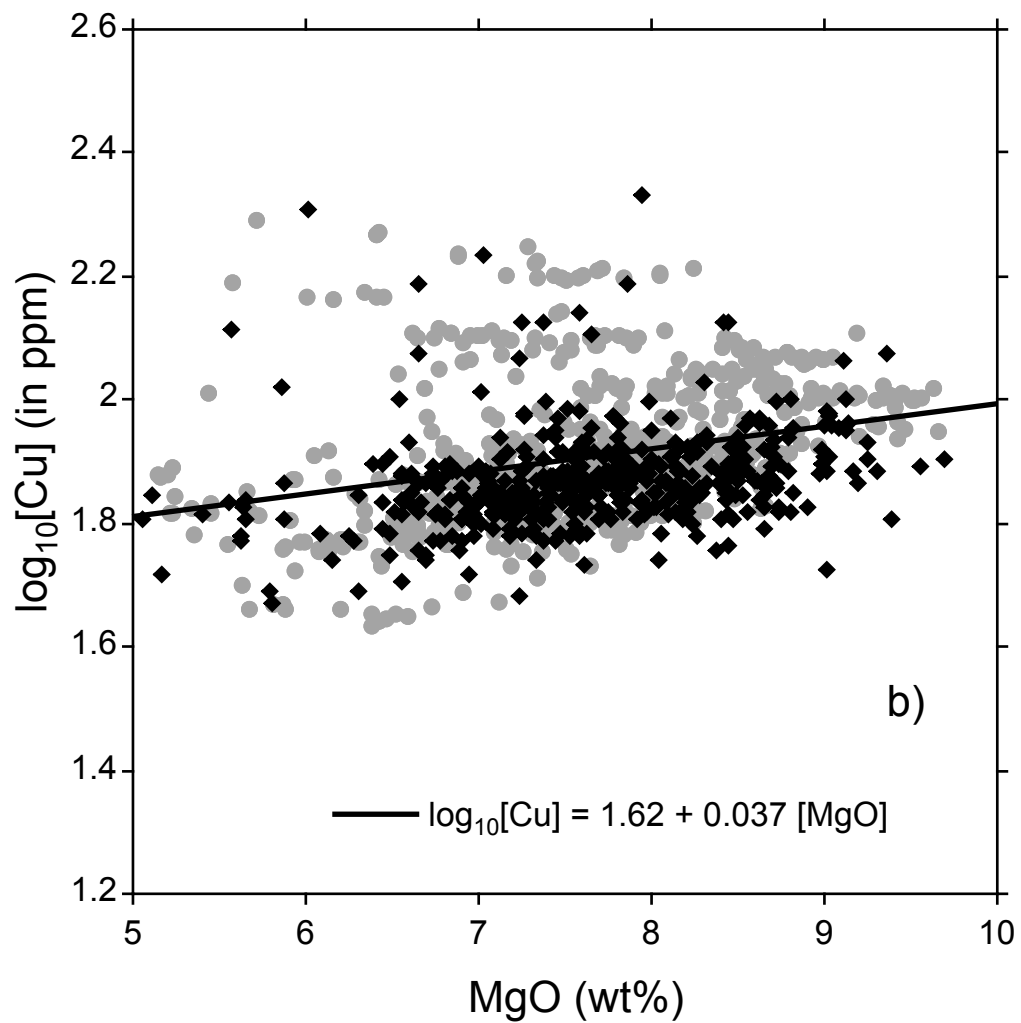
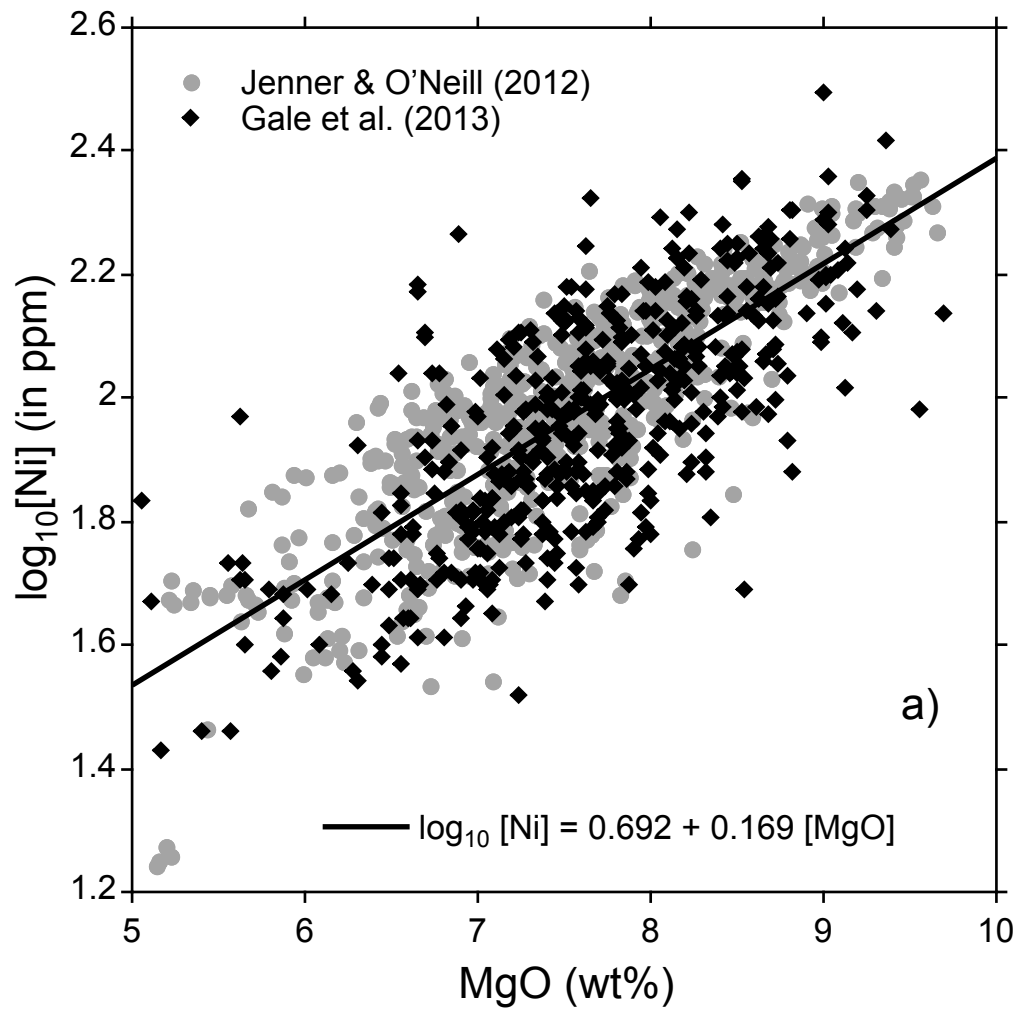


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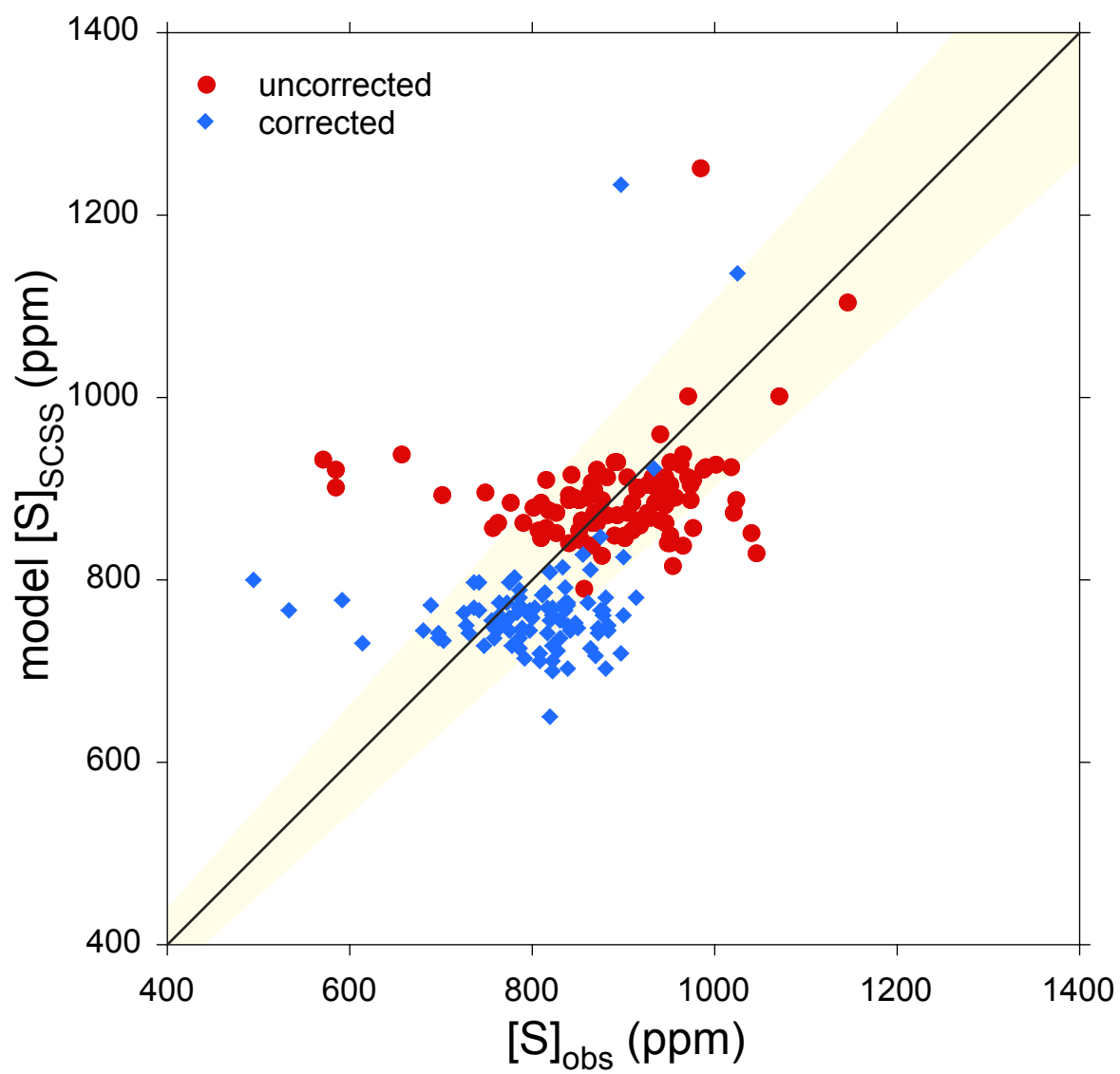


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