

## Solution mechanisms of H<sub>2</sub>O in depolymerized peralkaline melts

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**Abstract**—Solubility mechanisms of water in depolymerized silicate melts quenched from high temperature (1000°–1300°C) at high pressure (0.8–2.0 GPa) have been examined in peralkaline melts in the system Na<sub>2</sub>O-SiO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O with Raman and NMR spectroscopy. The Na/Si ratio of the melts ranged from 0.25 to 1. Water contents were varied from ~3 mol% and ~40 mol% (based on O = 1). Solution of water results in melt depolymerization where the rate of depolymerization with water content,  $\partial(\text{NBO/Si})/\partial X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ , decreases with increasing total water content. At low water contents, the influence of H<sub>2</sub>O on the melt structure resembles that of adding alkali oxide. In water-rich melts, alkali oxides are more efficient melt depolymerizers than water. In highly polymerized melts, Si-OH bonds are formed by water reacting with bridging oxygen in Q<sup>4</sup>-species to form Q<sup>3</sup> and Q<sup>2</sup> species. In less polymerized melts, Si-OH bonds are formed when bridging oxygen in Q<sup>3</sup>-species react with water to form Q<sup>2</sup>-species. In addition, the presence of Na-OH complexes is inferred. Their importance appears to increase with Na/Si. This apparent increase in importance of Na-OH complexes with increasing Na/Si (which causes increasing degree of depolymerization of the anhydrous silicate melt) suggests that water is a less efficient depolymerizer of silicate melts, the more depolymerized the melt. This conclusion is consistent with recently published <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>29</sup>Si cross polarization NMR data. Copyright © 2005 Elsevier Ltd

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Characterization of solution mechanisms of water in silicate melts is central to modeling the physics and chemistry of rock-forming processes in the interior of the Earth and terrestrial planets because of the strong effects of water on properties of silicate melts at high pressures and temperatures. Not all effects of water on melt properties and structure are, however, known. These include the extent to which melt properties of hydrous systems depend on silicate melt composition (e. g., Watson, 1994) and water content (e. g., Chekhmir et al., 1988; Zhang et al., 1991; Hess and Dingwell, 1996).

Experimental data on water solution mechanisms, which are needed to describe property behavior, are for the most part limited to highly polymerized melts where most solution models suggests that water breaks up the structure (e.g., Wasserburg, 1957; Burnham, 1975; Farnan et al., 1987). This break-up may be accomplished, for example, by reacting bridging oxygen with H<sub>2</sub>O to form Si-OH complexes as in a simple melt system such as SiO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O (Moulson and Roberts, 1961; Stolen and Walrafen, 1976; McMillan and Remmele, 1986; Farnan et al., 1987). In aluminosilicate melts, interaction between water, metals, and alumina can create charge-imbalance of Al<sup>3+</sup> in tetrahedral coordination. That charge-imbalance may lead to formation of nonbridging oxygen (e.g., Mysen and Virgo, 1986), although such a structural model is not universally accepted (Kohn et al., 1992; Schmidt et al., 2001; Padro et al., 2003).

For depolymerized melts, there is the potential for additional complexity with competing water solution mechanisms that may include both the silicate network and network-modifying cations. Results from <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR and CP MAS NMR

spectroscopy of Na<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>4</sub>O<sub>9</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O glasses indicate silicate depolymerization (Kümmerlen et al., 1992; Schaller and Sebal, 1995; Zotov and Keppler, 1998; Cody et al., 2005). Recent NMR data of Ca,Mg-silicate melts suggest, however, that Ca-OH and Mg-OH complexing are formed (Xue and Kanzaki, 2004). This conclusion is consistent with an earlier Raman spectroscopic study of melts in the Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub> and NaOH-SiO<sub>2</sub> systems where Mysen and Virgo (1986) proposed that Ca-OH and Na-OH complexing could be important. Such a mechanism could induce the silicate structure to polymerize because in this process network-modifying alkali metals or alkaline earths are scavenged from the silicate to form OH-complexes.

The question is, therefore, even for hydrous binary metal oxide-silica melts (i) how important is the formation of OH-groups with alkalis or alkaline earths relative to Si-OH complexing, and (ii) how are individual Q<sup>n</sup>-species in the melts involved in the water solution processes? To answer these questions, we have conducted a series of Raman- and NMR-based structural studies of H<sub>2</sub>O solubility mechanisms in sodium silicate melts as a function of degree of polymerization of the silicate (sodium/silicon ratio) and water content. Some of the NMR results can be found in Cody et al. (2005). Those data will be used in conjunction with additional NMR and Raman data to shed new light on these issues.

### 2. EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

Starting compositions were on the join Na<sub>2</sub>O-SiO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O with H<sub>2</sub>O contents ranging from ~3 to ~40 mol% [based on number of oxygen (O) = 1]. Six compositions were used with nominal NBO/Si of the anhydrous glasses and melts between 0.25 and 1 (Fig. 1). Some of these samples are the same as those used by Mysen and Cody (2004) for H<sub>2</sub>O solubility measurements in the 0.8–2.0 GPa and 1000°–1400°C pressure and temperature range, respectively.

Anhydrous Na-bearing starting glasses were made by mixing spectroscopically pure Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and SiO<sub>2</sub>, ground under alcohol for ~1 h,

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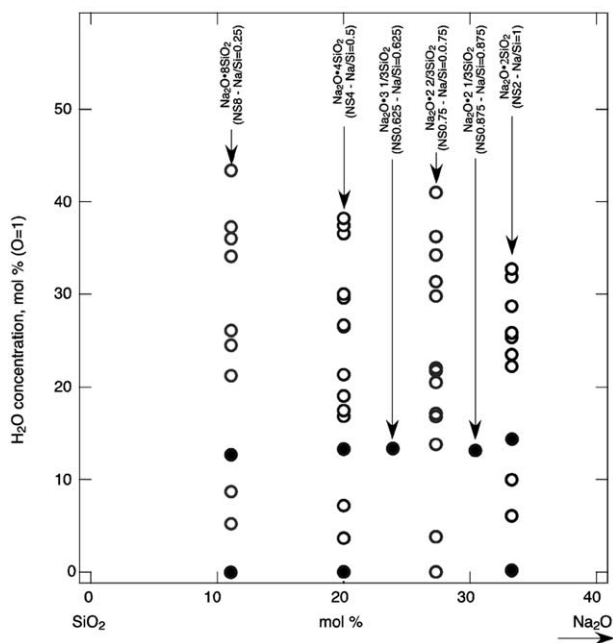


Fig. 1. Composition of starting materials and water contents of samples analyzed with Raman and NMR studies. Solid symbols: sample used for  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR and Raman spectroscopy. Open symbols: sample used for Raman spectroscopy.

decarbonated during slow heating ( $\sim 1.5^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ ), and then melted at  $\sim 100^\circ\text{C}$  above their liquidus temperatures at 0.1 MPa (liquidus data from Osborn and Muan, 1960) for 60 min. The samples were then quenched to glass by cooling the outside of the sample container in liquid  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . This glass starting was crushed to  $\sim 20\ \mu\text{m}$  grain size and stored at  $\sim 250^\circ\text{C}$  when not in use to avoid reaction between the glass starting material and moisture from ambient air.

Hydrous glasses were prepared at high pressure (0.8–2.0 GPa) and high temperature ( $1000^\circ\text{--}1300^\circ\text{C}$ ) in the solid-media, high-pressure apparatus (Boyd and England, 1960). The samples were contained in Pt capsules that were welded shut and subjected to experimental conditions in 0.75"-diameter furnace assemblies based on the design of Kushiro (1976). Temperatures were measured with Pt-Pt90Rh10 thermocouples with no correction for pressure on their emf, which may be as much as  $\pm 10^\circ\text{C}$  (Mao et al., 1971). Pressure was calibrated against the melting point of NaCl and the calcite-aragonite transformation (Bohlen, 1984). Estimated uncertainties are  $\pm 10^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\pm 0.1$  GPa, respectively.

The powdered starting glasses were loaded together with double-distilled, deionized  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.0–2.5  $\mu\text{L}$  depending on desired  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  content) into 3 mm outside diameter (OD) by 7 mm long or 5 mm OD by 10 mm long Pt containers and welded shut. Water was injected using a microsyringe with 0.1  $\mu\text{L}$  precision. The exact amount of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  added was, however, determined by weighing. The weighing accuracy is  $\pm 0.02$  mg. Reported  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  contents of the experimental charges are accurate to  $\pm 2\%$  or better (2% for the lowest  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  contents).

The hydrous glasses could not analyzed with instrumental methods because the glasses in many of these samples, in particular those from experiments with high water contents ( $>10$  wt%), contained finely distributed bubbles that probably exsolved during quenching (see also Mysen and Wheeler, 2000, for additional detail). Therefore, analysis of the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  contents of the glasses by instrumental techniques was unreliable because it is not possible to account for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  lost by exsolution of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  from the melt during temperature-quenching of the hydrous melt to a hydrous glass. Instead, the water solubility in the samples examined here was determined by chemographic techniques as reported by Mysen and Cody (2004).

The  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solubility behavior in the melts was examined with Raman and NMR spectroscopy. Spectroscopic measurements were conducted

on glasses that were temperature-quenched under isobaric conditions (quenching rate  $\sim 100^\circ\text{C}/\text{s}$ ). Because of the hygroscopic nature of these glasses as well as the tendency of, in particular, the most sodic glass to exsolve  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and to undergo incipient crystallization within days after formation, spectroscopic measurements were carried out immediately following quenching of a high-pressure experiment. For Raman spectroscopy, spectra were recorded within  $\sim 10$  min after opening the sample containers. For NMR measurements,  $\sim 30$  min elapsed between extracting the samples from the containers and having the crushed powder spinning in dry air in the NMR rotor.

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) experiments were conducted only on samples where there was no evidence of exsolution of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  upon quenching and before incipient crystallization begun. We found that samples with  $\sim 7.5$  wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  or less met these requirements. Raman measurements, using micro-Raman techniques, were also conducted with samples with higher water contents. This was accomplished by positioning the  $\sim 1\ \mu\text{m}$  diameter laser beam on areas of glass away from bubbles.

Raman spectra were recorded with a Dilor XY confocal micro-Raman spectrometer using the 514 nm line of an  $\text{Ar}^+$  ion laser for sample excitation. The laser power was several hundred mW at the sample. The Raman system was equipped with a cryogenic Thompson Model 4000 CCD (charge-coupled detector) for signal detection. Acquisition time was typically 60 s/CCD window, and two windows were needed to record the frequency region of first-order Si-O Raman scattering.

Most of the solid state nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy data were reported by Cody et al. (2005). Those data include single pulse  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR and  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  cross polarization experiments. Here, we will address only  $^{29}\text{Si}$  single pulse data as these pertain to  $\text{Q}^n$ -speciation in hydrous glasses and otherwise refer to Cody et al. (2005) for other relevant information.

The NMR data were obtained with a Chemagnetics CMX Infinity 300 Solid State NMR. The static field strength of the magnet is 7.05 T. The Larmor frequency of  $^{29}\text{Si}$  at this field is 59 MHz. Single-pulse  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR spectra (SPMAS) ( $\omega_r/2\pi = 4$  kHz) were obtained by employing  $^{29}\text{Si}$  pulse widths corresponding to  $30^\circ$  tip angles, a recycle delay of 100 s, and 1000 acquisitions.

### 3. RESULTS

#### 3.1. $^{29}\text{Si}$ -NMR

The single-pulse  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR (SPMAS) spectra of hydrous (7.6–7.7 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) and anhydrous glasses were used to extract information on  $\text{Q}^n$ -speciation. These spectra were fitted to gaussian lines (Fig. 2) with the relative areas of the absorption bands given in Table 1.

The SPMAS  $^{29}\text{Si}$  spectra of the anhydrous glasses are nearly identical to existing spectra of similar compositions (e. g., Maekawa et al., 1991; Buckermann et al., 1992) with resonances near  $-80$ ,  $-90$ , and  $-110$  ppm assigned to  $\text{Q}^2$ ,  $\text{Q}^3$ , and  $\text{Q}^4$  structural units. The absorption near  $-80$  ppm is not observed in the spectra of the most polymerized, anhydrous samples, NS4 and NS8. These spectra will not discussed further here as these have been described and discussed in detail in existing literature (Maekawa et al., 1991; Buckermann et al., 1992).

The spectra of the  $\text{Na}_2\text{O-SiO}_2 + 7.6\text{--}7.7$  wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  glasses comprise the same peaks, but with different intensities. The peak near  $-94$  ppm generally becomes more intense and that near  $-107$  ppm diminishes in intensity in the spectra of hydrous glass (Fig. 2; Table 1). These two peaks are assigned to  $\text{Q}^4$  and  $\text{Q}^3$  structural units, respectively (e.g., Engelhardt and Michel, 1987; Stebbins, 1987; Maekawa et al., 1991; Kümmerlen et al., 1992).

In contrast to the NMR spectra of anhydrous NS4 and NS8

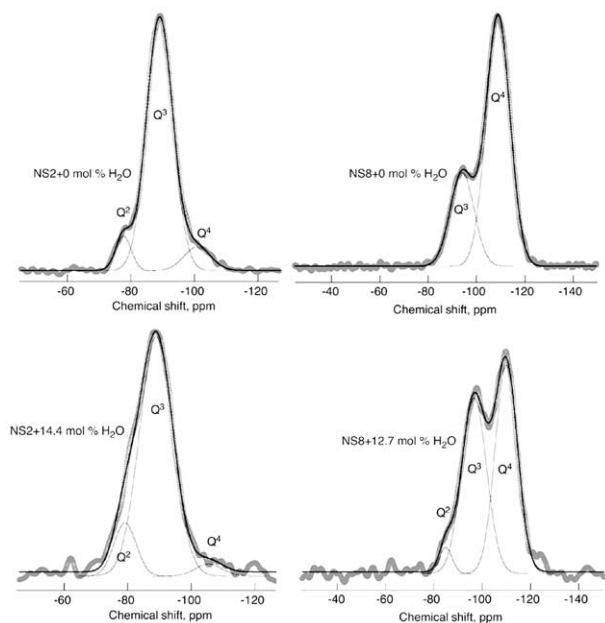


Fig. 2. Examples of curve-fitted  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR spectra of compositions indicated.

glass, the  $^{29}\text{Si}$ -NMR spectra of the hydrous NS4 and NS8 glasses also show intensity near  $-80$  ppm, consistent with  $\text{Q}^2$  species in the hydrous glasses (e.g., Engelhardt and Michel, 1987; Stebbins, 1987; Maekawa et al., 1991; Kümmerlen et al., 1992). For the less polymerized glasses, peaks assigned to  $\text{Q}^2$ ,  $\text{Q}^3$ , and  $\text{Q}^4$  occur in spectra of both anhydrous and hydrous glasses. Their relative intensities depend on the water content (Table 1). With the exception of NS2 + 7.7 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the integrated intensity of the band assigned to  $\text{Q}^4$  in the spectra of hydrous glasses decreases relative to the intensity in the spectrum of the anhydrous equivalent glass. In NS2 + 7.7 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the integrated intensity of this band actually increases (Table 1). The intensity of the absorption band assigned to  $\text{Q}^2$  is positively correlated with water content, whereas the intensity of the absorption assigned to  $\text{Q}^3$  is relatively insensitive to water content in NS2 and NS2 2/3 glasses and increases in hydrous (7.6 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) NS4 and NS8 glass relative to their anhydrous equivalents at least to 7.6–7.7 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

The  $\text{Q}^n$ -species abundance evolution as a function of bulk

melt NBO/Si of the anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{SiO}_2$  and hydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{SiO}_2$  with 7.6–7.7 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  glasses resembles one another with a  $\text{Q}^3$ -abundance maximum for bulk melt NBO/Si near 1 (Fig. 3).<sup>1</sup> There is a decay in  $\text{Q}^4$  and an increase in  $\text{Q}^2$  abundance with increasing NBO/Si. In other words, the overall topology of the  $\text{Q}^n$  abundance trends with NBO/Si of anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{SiO}_2$  and hydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{SiO}_2$ - $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  glasses with approximately the same  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  content resemble one another. This observation leads to the suggestion that dissolved  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  affects the  $\text{Q}^n$  abundance population in a manner that is qualitatively similar to the effect of  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ .

The  $\text{Q}^n$  abundance from the  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR spectra of anhydrous and hydrous (7.6–7.7 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) glasses differs in detail, however, in that the  $\text{Q}^3$  concentration in the  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{SiO}_2$ - $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  glasses is lower (Fig. 3). The  $\text{Q}^4$  and  $\text{Q}^2$  concentrations are shifted to slightly higher values compared with the anhydrous glasses (Fig. 3). These relations may suggest that  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{H}^+$  bond preferentially to different nonbridging oxygen in the melts. Sodium probably is bonded predominantly to nonbridging oxygen in  $\text{Q}^3$  species, whereas  $\text{H}^+$  shows a preference for nonbridging oxygen in  $\text{Q}^2$  species. Thus, increasing  $\text{H}^+/\text{Na}^+$  results in a decrease in the  $\text{Q}^3/\text{Q}^2$  abundance ratio. Mass-balance requires an increase in  $\text{Q}^4$  abundance as well.

An examination of the  $\text{Q}^n$ -abundance population as a function of melt NBO/Si in the binary systems  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{SiO}_2$ , and  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{SiO}_2$  (Maekawa et al., 1991) may shed further light on preference of metal cations for nonbridging oxygen in different  $\text{Q}^n$  species. In the latter three systems, the  $\text{Q}^n$  abundance variations with the NBO/Si of the melt resemble one another (Fig. 3). However, as the ionic radius of the alkali metal decreases, the  $\text{Q}^3/\text{Q}^2$  abundance ratio decreases. This is because the smaller the ionic radius of the alkali, the greater is its tendency to form bonding with nonbridging oxygen in  $\text{Q}^2$ -species relative to bonding with nonbridging oxygen in  $\text{Q}^3$ -species (Mysen, 2003). Mass-balance requires an increased abundance of  $\text{Q}^4$  species as that of  $\text{Q}^2$  species increases as observed. This trend is analogous to seen when  $\text{H}^+$  is added to Na-silicate melts.

Addition of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{SiO}_2$  melts results in  $\text{Q}^n$ -abundance trends with bulk melt NBO/Si between those observed in the anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{SiO}_2$  systems (Fig. 3).

<sup>1</sup> The NBO/Si-values are calculated from the  $\text{Q}^n$ -species abundance data in Table 1.

Table 1. Species abundance (mol %) in hydrous and anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{SiO}_2$ - $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  glasses from  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR (data for hydrous glasses from Cody et al., 2005).

Composition	Na/Si	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (wt %)	$\text{Q}^4$	$\text{Q}^3$	$\text{Q}^2$	$\text{Q}^1$
NS2	1.00	0.0	$6.8 \pm 0.3$	$85.2 \pm 0.2$	$8.0 \pm 0.1$	0.0
NS2	1.00	7.7	$13.1 \pm 0.6$	$68.7 \pm 0.5$	$16.5 \pm 0.4$	$1.7 \pm 1.0$
NS0.875	0.87	7.7	$10.4 \pm 0.7$	$67.9 \pm 0.5$	$17.8 \pm 0.5$	$3.9 \pm 0.9$
NS2 2/3	0.74	0.0	$27.4 \pm 0.9$	$69.8 \pm 0.7$	$2.9 \pm 0.5$	0.0
NS2 2/3	0.74	7.6	$12.9 \pm 1.0$	$68.2 \pm 0.7$	$15.6 \pm 0.7$	$3.4 \pm 1.0$
NS0.625	0.62	7.6	$23.7 \pm 0.9$	$63.7 \pm 0.8$	$10.0 \pm 0.6$	$2.5 \pm 1.0$
NS4	0.5	0.0	$51.9 \pm 0.1$	$48.1 \pm 0.1$	0.0	0.0
NS4	0.5	7.6	$28.5 \pm 1.3$	$59.3 \pm 1.0$	$11.7 \pm 0.6$	$0.6 \pm 0.6$
NS8	0.25	0.0	$73.8 \pm 0.7$	$26.2 \pm 0.7$	0.0	0.0
NS8	0.25	7.6	$54.6 \pm 0.3$	$37.6 \pm 0.3$	$7.8 \pm 0.6$	0.0

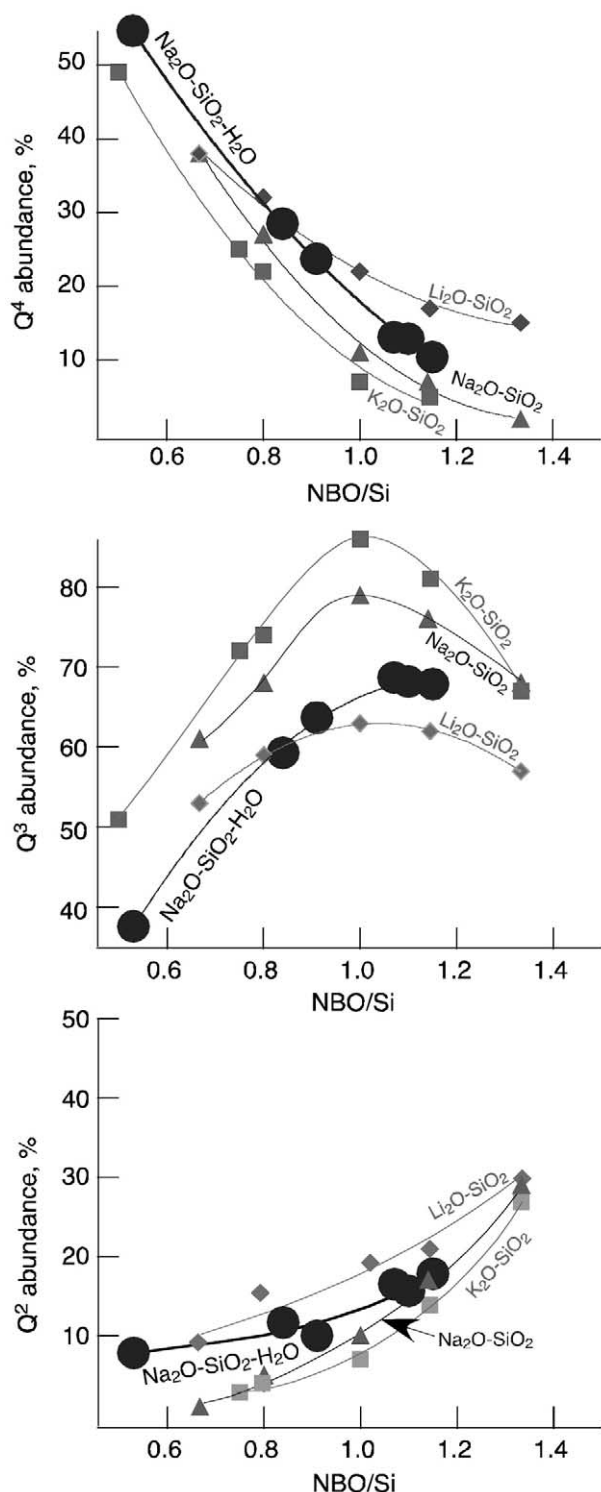


Fig. 3.  $Q^4$ ,  $Q^3$ , and  $Q^2$  abundance in  $\text{Na}_2\text{O-SiO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$  glasses with 7.6–7.7 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (see Table 1). Also shown is the  $Q^4$ ,  $Q^3$ , and  $Q^2$  abundance in anhydrous  $\text{Li}_2\text{O-SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O-SiO}_2$  and  $\text{K}_2\text{O-SiO}_2$  glasses from Maekawa et al. (1991). The lines through the data points are drawn to guide the eye.

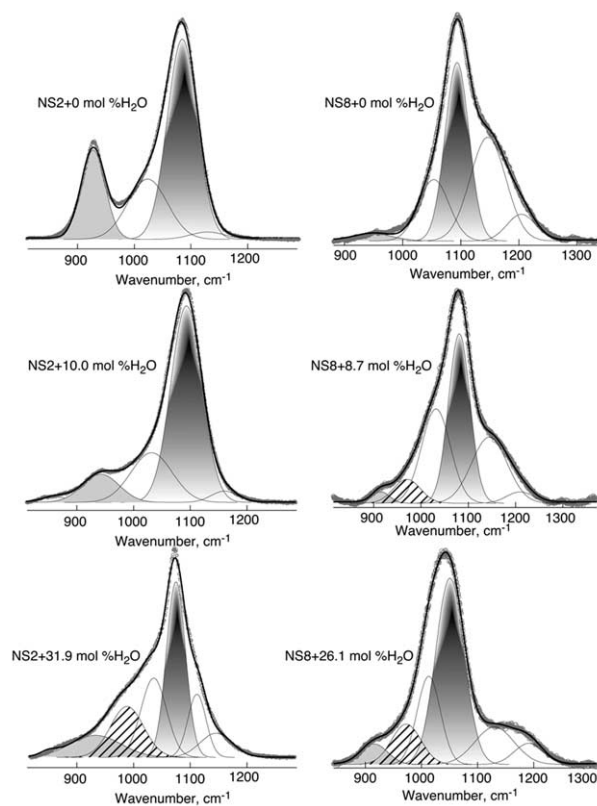


Fig. 4. Examples of curve-fitted Raman spectra. Mol%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  calculated on the basis of  $\text{O} = 1$ .

When considering these relationships, it should be remembered that in the  $\text{Na}_2\text{O-SiO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$  system, as in other melts, most likely water is dissolved both in the form of molecular  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (which will have no effect on the  $Q^n$ -distribution) and as OH (e.g., Stolper, 1982; Silver et al., 1990; Nowak and Behrens, 1995; Zotov and Keppler, 1998; Sowerby and Keppler, 1999). In the system  $\text{Na}_2\text{O-SiO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$ , this  $\text{H}^+$  (the proportion forming OH groups in the melt) and  $\text{Na}^+$  compete for nonbridging oxygen and the  $Q^n$ -population evolution with bulk melt  $\text{NBO/Si}$  reflects this competition.

### 3.2. Raman Spectroscopy

The portion of the Raman spectra most relevant to  $Q^n$ -abundance is the high-frequency regime between  $\sim 850$  and  $1250\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Brawer and White, 1975; McMillan and Wolf, 1995; Mysen, 1995). Only this portion of the spectra will be discussed because melt polymerization and  $Q^n$ -abundance populations are the focus of this study.

Examples of spectra in this frequency regime for NS2 and NS8 samples are shown in Figure 4.<sup>2</sup> The spectra were fitted to 4–6 gaussian bands after correction for instrumental background and temperature-dependent Raman scattering intensity (in this case,  $25^\circ\text{C}$ ) (Long, 1977). The curve-fitting was carried out with the IGOR software package from Wavemetrics. In

<sup>2</sup> The line parameters from deconvolution of all the Raman spectra are available from the author upon request.



these fits, position (Raman shift), bandwidth, and band intensity were treated as independent variables and minimum  $\chi^2$  was used as the principal convergence criterion.

The band near  $950\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (marked with grey in Fig. 4) is assigned to Si-O<sup>-</sup> stretch vibrations in Q<sup>2</sup>-species, an interpretation consistent with Raman spectra of other metal oxide silicate glasses (e.g., Brawer and White, 1975; Furukawa et al., 1981; Mysen et al., 1982; McMillan, 1984) and also consistent with the <sup>29</sup>Si-NMR spectra of these glasses (Fig. 2, Table 1). The band near  $1100\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (gradient-filled grey) is assigned to Si-O<sup>-</sup> stretch vibrations in Q<sup>3</sup>-species consistent with Raman spectra of other metal oxide silicate glasses (e.g., Brawer and White, 1975; Furukawa et al., 1981; Mysen et al., 1982; McMillan, 1984) and also with the <sup>29</sup>Si-NMR spectra (Fig. 2, Table 1). The two bands near  $1150$  and  $1200\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively, in the spectra of anhydrous and hydrous NS8 in Figure 4 are both assigned to Si-O stretching in fully polymerized Q<sup>4</sup> units. With increasing Na/Si these two bands merge into a single band centered near  $1150\text{ cm}^{-1}$  as seen, for example, in the spectra of anhydrous and hydrous NS2 in Figure 4. This latter spectral evolution with metal/silicon ratio is the same as that seen in Raman spectra of other alkali and alkaline earth silicate glasses and melts (Mysen et al., 1982; Mysen and Frantz, 1994).

The  $1050\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band fitted to all the spectra also has been reported in Raman spectra of vitreous silica as well as in Raman spectra of other alkali and alkaline earth silicate and aluminosilicate melts and glasses (e.g., Bell and Dean, 1972; Brawer and White, 1975, 1977; Furukawa et al., 1981; Mysen et al., 1982; Fukumi et al., 1990; McMillan et al., 1992). This band remains in spectra of glasses with compositions ranging from less polymerized than pyrosilicate (NBO/Si  $\geq 3$ ) to pure SiO<sub>2</sub> (Mysen et al., 1982). This band has been assigned to Si-O<sup>o</sup> vibrations in any structural unit that contains bridging oxygen, but does not need by itself be fully polymerized (Lasaga, 1982) or to Si-O vibrations in Q<sup>3</sup>-species associated with alkali metals or alkaline earths (Fukumi et al., 1990; McMillan et al., 1992). If this latter assignment were correct, spectra of CaO-SiO<sub>2</sub> and (Ca,Mg)O-SiO<sub>2</sub> glasses in the bulk NBO/Si-range between  $\sim 1$  and  $3.95$ , which all have the  $1050\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band (Mysen et al., 1982), would suggest that Q<sup>3</sup> species is important in all of these glasses. Silicon-29 MAS NMR spectra of alkali silicate glasses indicate, however, that Q<sup>3</sup>-abundance is below the detection limits in glasses whose bulk NBO/Si is between 1 and 2 (Maekawa et al., 1991). The Q<sup>n</sup>-speciation in alkali and alkaline earth silicate glasses resemble each other with the main difference being that for glasses with fixed bulk NBO/Si, the Q<sup>3</sup> abundance is less in alkaline earth than in alkali silicate glasses (see also Stebbins, 1995, and references therein). Thus, it is quite unlikely that the  $1050\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band in any of these glasses can be assigned to Q<sup>3</sup> species. Finally, we also note that there is no evidence for a second Q<sup>3</sup> structural unit in the <sup>29</sup>Si-NMR spectra of anhydrous glasses reported here or existing in the literature (e.g., Maekawa et al., 1991; Buckermann et al., 1992). The former assignment (Si-O<sup>o</sup> vibration) is, therefore, the more likely of the two alternatives.

Finally, nearly all the spectra of hydrous glasses have a band between  $970$  and  $1000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (hatched in the examples in Fig. 4). As illustrated with the relationship between  $\chi^2$  and whether or not

Table 2. Comparison of  $\chi^2$  from fits to hydrous NS4 glasses.

H <sub>2</sub> O (wt%)	$\chi^2$ w/970 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ band	$\chi^2$ wo/970 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ band
2	1026	1859
4	1661	2224
5	166	2225
7.7	846	8697

a band in the  $970$ – $1000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is included in the fit (Table 2), from a statistical point of view, the fits are better when this band is included. In light of the <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR spectra suggesting Q<sup>2</sup>-species in the hydrous glass (Fig. 2), the interpretation of the <sup>1</sup>H MAS NMR data suggesting the presence of Si-OH bonds (Cody et al., 2005), and the commonly reported band near  $970\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the Raman spectra of SiO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O glasses where it has been assigned to Si-OH vibrations (e. g., Revesz and Walrafen, 1983; McMillan and Remmele, 1986; Mysen and Virgo, 1986), we assign the band in the  $970$ – $1000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  range to Si-OH vibrations. This band cannot, however, be fitted with any confidence to spectra of hydrous NS2 glass with the lowest H<sub>2</sub>O contents. Whether this is because it does not exist or whether it is within the precision of the deconvolution procedure cannot be determined.

### 3.3. Water Solution Mechanisms

The Raman and NMR data are consistent with depolymerization of alkali silicate melts upon solution of water at high pressure and temperature. The <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR data, furthermore, suggest that the extent to which water causes silicate melt depolymerization diminishes as the Na/Si increases (Table 1). The extent of depolymerization also depends on the total H<sub>2</sub>O content in the melts, which is at least in part because the H<sub>2</sub>O/OH-ratio of hydrous melts increases with increasing water content (e.g., Stolper, 1982; Zotov and Keppler, 1998).

Additional details of the effect of melt polymerization (composition) and water content on melt speciation was addressed by calibrating band intensity from Raman spectra of the hydrous glass with <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR data from some of the samples. Calibration was carried out with hydrous NS8, NS4, NS2 2/3, and NS2 glasses with  $\sim 14\text{ mol}\%$  H<sub>2</sub>O ( $7.6$ – $7.7\text{ wt}\%$ ). This is less than the water solubility in these melts under the conditions of these experiments (Mysen and Cody, 2004).

The integrated Raman intensities of the Raman bands assigned to Si-O<sup>-</sup> vibrations in Q<sup>2</sup> and Q<sup>3</sup> species were calibrated in terms of mol fractions of these species via the simple expression

$$A_i / \sum A \cdot C = X_i \quad (1)$$

Here,  $A_i$  is the integrated intensity of Raman bands assigned to Si-O<sup>-</sup> vibrations in species,  $i$ . For Q<sup>2</sup> and Q<sup>3</sup> species, these are the bands in  $930$ – $990$  and  $1060$ – $1100\text{ cm}^{-1}$  frequency regimes as discussed above. The  $\sum A$  is sum of the integrated Raman bands assigned to the Si-O<sup>-</sup> vibrations in Q<sup>2</sup> and Q<sup>3</sup> structural units plus that assigned to Si-O<sup>o</sup> in Q<sup>4</sup> units (see above). The  $X_i$  is the mol fractions of the same species from the <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR spectra, and  $C$  is a calibration factor.

By applying this calibration to the Raman spectra of glasses with different water contents, the Q<sup>n</sup>-abundance and degree of

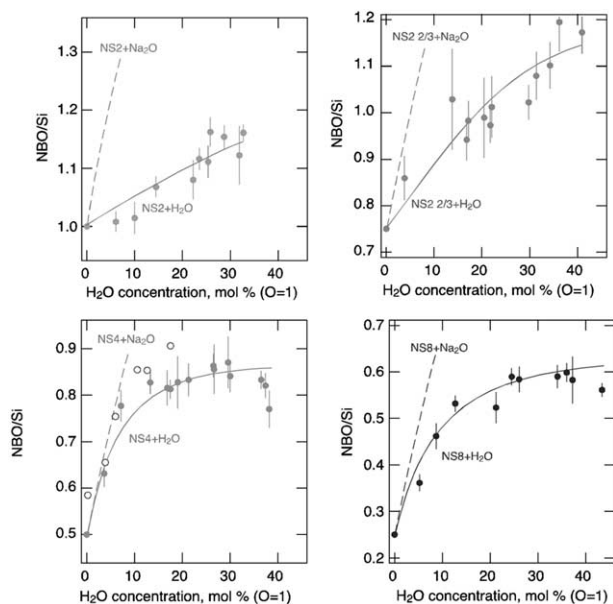


Fig. 5. Degree of polymerization, NBO/Si, of hydrous glasses as a function of total H<sub>2</sub>O content. Open symbols: data from Zotov and Keppler (1998). Dashed lines: Degree of polymerization in anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>O-SiO<sub>2</sub> glasses as a function of Na<sub>2</sub>O contents. Mol% calculated on the basis of O = 1. Data are from samples formed at 0.8–2.0 GPa and 1000°–1300°C. Error bars are calculated by progression of errors from the deconvolution of the Raman spectra and the error in the calibration factor, C (Eqn. 1). The latter error is obtained by progression of errors from deconvolution of the <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR spectra.

polymerization, NBO/Si, were calculated as a function of water content and Na/Si of the materials. In this calculation, it is assumed that for each of the silicate compositions, the calibration factor, C, is independent on water content. This assumption is considered reasonable because there is no evidence from the Raman spectra that the types of the Q<sup>n</sup> species depend on total water content. The sum of the mol fractions of Q<sup>n</sup> species containing nonbridging oxygen multiplied by the NBO/Si of the individual Q<sup>n</sup> species, equals the degree of polymerization of the silicate, NBO/Si,

$$2 \times X_{Q_2} + X_{Q_3} = \text{NBO/Si}, \quad (2)$$

where X<sub>Q<sub>2</sub></sub> and X<sub>Q<sub>3</sub></sub> are the mol fractions of Q<sup>2</sup> and Q<sup>3</sup>, respectively.

The extent of depolymerization, expressed as their bulk NBO/Si, of all the quenched hydrous melts increases with increasing total water (Fig. 5). The 3. order polynomials fitted to the data points, constrained to pass through the NBO/Si of the anhydrous end member, do not have a physicochemical meaning. They are used simply to emphasize the trends in Figure 5.

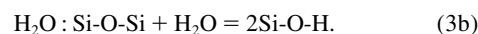
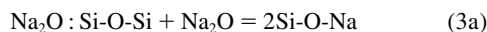
The rate of NBO/Si-increase with water content is nonlinear and decreases with increasing total water. These relationships do not seem affected by the pressure and temperature at which the melts were formed.

The effect on bulk NBO/Si of adding equivalent concentrations of Na<sub>2</sub>O to each of the Na<sub>2</sub>O-SiO<sub>2</sub> glasses (dashed lines in Fig. 5) is greater than the effect of dissolved water. The

difference between the two NBO/Si trajectories increases with increasing oxide (Na<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>O) concentration.

This difference between Na<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>O on their effect on NBO/Si of the melts, which suggests that Na<sub>2</sub>O is a more effective depolymerizing agent than water, is in part because water most likely is dissolved both in molecular form (H<sub>2</sub>O) and as OH-groups (e.g., Stolper, 1982; Silver et al., 1990; Zotov and Keppler, 1998; Sowerby and Keppler, 1999). Solution of molecular H<sub>2</sub>O has no effect on the NBO/Si of the melt. When water is dissolved as OH groups, these may be either in the form of Si-OH or Na-OH complexes. Their existence and relative importance may affect the extent to which NBO/Si changes (Mysen and Virgo, 1986). Si-OH bonding is consistent with both <sup>29</sup>Si SPMAS NMR and Raman data. Furthermore, Cody et al. (2005) concluded that the resonance near 4 ppm in the <sup>1</sup>H SPMAS NMR spectra was consistent with protons in Na-OH complexes. Cody et al. (2005) noted that such complexes becomes more important the more sodic the glass.

The type of OH-complexing governs the extent of silicate melt polymerization resulting from dissolved water. Formation of Si-OH bonds may be viewed a simple depolymerization reaction conceptually similar to forming nonbridging oxygen upon solution of Na<sub>2</sub>O:



In other words, in reactions 3a and 3b, one bridging oxygen, Si-O-Si, is converted to two nonbridging oxygen per Na<sup>+</sup> (Na-O-Si) or H<sup>+</sup> (H-O-Si).

Formation of Na-OH complexes may, however, affect the melt structure quite differently. Here, the Na<sup>+</sup> may be scavenged from its network-modifying role in anhydrous melts to form Na-OH complexes in hydrous melts. Schematically, such a mechanism would cause polymerization of the silicate network



In Eqn. 3c, two nonbridging oxygen, Na-O-Si, are converted to one bridging oxygen, Si-O-Si, and 2 Na-OH bonds.

The relative importance of reactions 3a–c controls the extent to which dissolved water causes silicate polymerization. If the interpretation of the <sup>1</sup>H MAS NMR spectra by Cody et al. (2005) is correct, as the Na/Si increases, reaction 3c becomes increasingly important. This implies that the greater the Na/Si (the more depolymerized the anhydrous melt) the less effective is water as a melt depolymerizer.

The NBO/Si trajectory of hydrous NS4 glass as a function of total water content by Zotov and Keppler (1998) is also shown in Figure 5 (open circles). Their trend resembles that determined here for nominally the same composition (although the NBO/Si-value of their anhydrous NS4 melt is ~0.58 compared with ~0.5 for anhydrous NS4 melt in the present study; see Table 1). The present data suggest, however, a slightly smaller effect on NBO/Si for a given total water content (Fig. 5). One possible explanation for this difference is a different quenching rates of the Zotov and Keppler (1998) compared with our experiments. In our experiments, the quenching rate is ~100°C/s from experimental temperature to near the glass

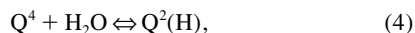
transition. Zotov and Keppler (1998) reported that their samples quenched from experimental temperature (1100°C) to room temperature in 1–2 s. There may also be an effect of pressure although we did not observe any pressure effect on the NBO/Si trajectory from samples quenched in the 0.8–2 GPa range. All the Zotov and Keppler (1998) samples were quenched from 0.2 GPa.

The differences between the NBO/Si trajectories for H<sub>2</sub>O and Na<sub>2</sub>O in Figure 5 most likely results from combinations of the three types of water interactions with silicate illustrated with the formalized expressions in Eqns. 3a–c. The relative importance of these reactions depends on both Na/Si and on the total water content. In addition, increasing water content results in increasing proportion of molecular H<sub>2</sub>O (Stolper, 1982; Zotov and Keppler, 1998), which is also qualitatively consistent with the decreasing rate of depolymerization with increasing water content seen in Figure 5.

Increasing proportion of molecular H<sub>2</sub>O in the melt structure is not, however, a likely explanation for the observation that the effect of dissolved water on the NBO/Si also decreases with increasing Na/Si of the melts (Fig. 5) because existing data do not suggest a strong effect of silicate composition on OH/H<sub>2</sub>O ratios in silicate melts (Scholze, 1956; Orlova, 1962; Bartholomew et al., 1980; Takata et al., 1981; Stolper, 1982; Silver et al., 1990). It is possible, however, that this difference could be related to competition between the two principal OH-forming reactions in Eqns. 3b and 3c.

Increasing water contents causes the abundance of the individual Q<sup>n</sup>-species to vary in a way somewhat similar to the effect of adding Na<sub>2</sub>O to the same compositions (Figs. 6–8). In detail there are, however, differences in Q<sup>n</sup>-species abundance evolution with oxide content (Na<sub>2</sub>O or H<sub>2</sub>O) depending on the Na/Si of the melts. For the most polymerized starting materials (NS8, NS4, and NS2 2/3) solution of water results in a decrease in Q<sup>4</sup> abundance and an increase in Q<sup>3</sup> and Q<sup>2</sup>. However, the rate of Q<sup>4</sup> decrease is less pronounced the less polymerized the anhydrous melt. For the most depolymerized composition, NS2, the concentration of Q<sup>4</sup> units actually increases as the water content increases. This trend differs from that of adding Na<sub>2</sub>O to NS2, where the Q<sup>4</sup> abundance decreases (Fig. 6). All these trends are, however, also consistent with the <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR data (Table 1).

One possible depolymerization reaction that can explain the trends in Figure 5 involves consumption of Q<sup>4</sup> and formation of Q<sup>2</sup>. This reaction may be illustrated with the expression



where Q<sup>2</sup>(H) denotes Q<sup>2</sup> species formed by breaking Si-O-Si bridges originally in Q<sup>4</sup>-species.

Eqn. 4 describes the general evolution of Q<sup>2</sup>-abundance in the water-bearing Na<sub>2</sub>O-SiO<sub>2</sub> melts (Fig. 7). For most of the water concentration range, the mol fraction of Q<sup>2</sup>, X<sub>Q2</sub>, increases with water content although there may be a maximum or a plateau for NS4 and NS8 composition melts somewhere between 20 and 40 mol% H<sub>2</sub>O. This feature leads to the suggestion that there may be additional solution mechanisms involved at high water contents although the data are insufficient to identify this mechanism(s).

The Q<sup>3</sup> abundance with water content is more complex than

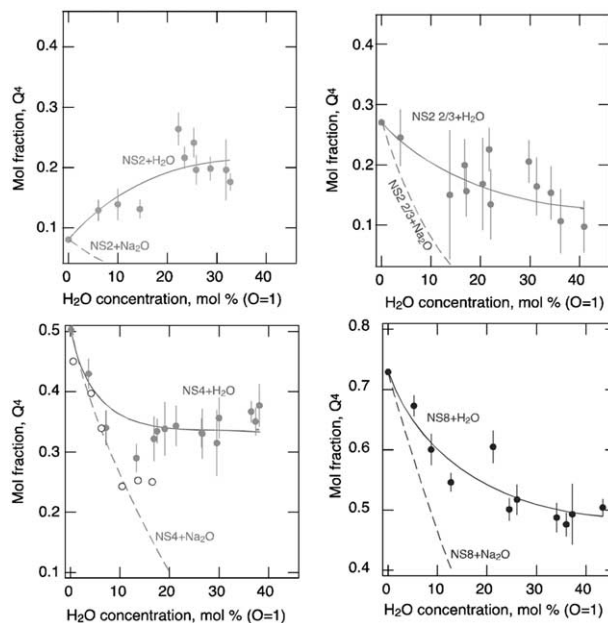
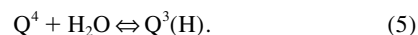
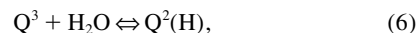


Fig. 6. Abundance of Q<sup>4</sup> species hydrous glasses a function of total H<sub>2</sub>O content. Open symbols: data from Zotov and Keppler (1998). Dashed lines: Abundance of Q<sup>4</sup> species in anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>O-SiO<sub>2</sub> glasses as a function of Na<sub>2</sub>O contents (data from Maekawa et al., 1991). Mol% calculated on the basis of O = 1. Data are from samples formed at 0.8–2.0 GPa and 1000<sup>o</sup>–1300<sup>o</sup>C. Error bars are calculated by progression of errors from the deconvolution of the Raman spectra and the error in the calibration factor, C (Eqn. 1). The latter error is obtained by progression of errors from deconvolution of the <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR spectra.

for the other two species, Q<sup>4</sup> and Q<sup>2</sup> (Fig. 8). In the most polymerized melt composition, NS8, the X<sub>Q3</sub> increases monotonously with water content. This behavior is most likely because both Q<sup>3</sup> and Q<sup>2</sup> species are formed as the result of interaction of H<sub>2</sub>O with Si-O-Si bridges in Q<sup>4</sup> species as illustrated with Eqn. 4 and the equation



For the less polymerized melt composition, NS4, the X<sub>Q3</sub> passes through a maximum at a water concentration relatively similar to the Na<sub>2</sub>O content corresponding to the X<sub>Q3</sub> maximum of anhydrous melts on the join NS4-Na<sub>2</sub>O (Fig. 8; see also Maekawa et al., 1991). The data by Zotov and Keppler (1998) for the join NS4-H<sub>2</sub>O also show such a maximum (Fig. 8). This maximum most likely occurs because of at least two competing solution mechanisms for H<sub>2</sub>O in the melt. One is the formation of Q<sup>3</sup>(H) species according to Eqn. 5. The other, which appears to dominate at higher water contents, probably involves interaction of dissolved water with Si-O-Si bridges in Q<sup>3</sup> species to form Q<sup>2</sup>. This second mechanism,



becomes increasingly important at decreasing water content the less polymerized (higher Na/Si) the melt (Fig. 8). In fact, for the two least polymerized melt composition, NS2 2/3 (NBO/Si = 0.75) and NS2 (NBO/Si = 1), the X<sub>Q3</sub> always decreases. For NS2 2/3, the decrease is slight, whereas for NS2, the X<sub>Q3</sub>

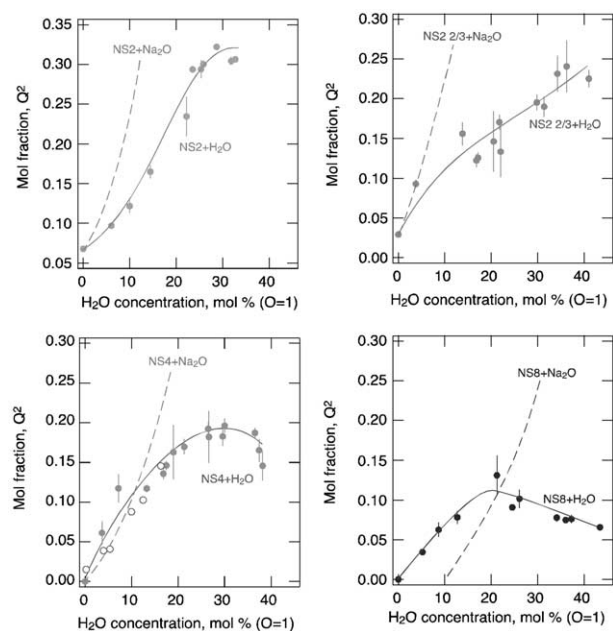


Fig. 7. Abundance of  $Q^2$  species hydrous glasses a function of total  $H_2O$  content. Open symbols: data from Zotov and Keppler (1998). Dashed lines: Abundance of  $Q^2$  species in anhydrous  $Na_2O$ - $SiO_2$  glasses as a function of  $Na_2O$  contents (data from Maekawa et al., 1991). Mol% calculated on the basis of  $O = 1$ . Data are from samples formed at 0.8–2.0 GPa and 1000°–1300°C. Error bars are calculated by progression of errors from the deconvolution of the Raman spectra and the error in the calibration factor,  $C$  (Eqn. 1). The latter error is obtained by progression of errors from deconvolution of the  $^{29}Si$  MAS NMR spectra.

decreases rapidly with increasing water content in the entire water concentration range investigated. This is because the mol fraction of  $Q^4$ ,  $X_{Q4}$  is decreasingly important and  $X_{Q3}$  increasingly important as the melts become less polymerized (Table 1). Therefore, this interaction between dissolved water and Si-O-Si bridges in  $Q^4$  species (Eqn. 5) becomes less important and interaction with Si-O-Si bridges in  $Q^3$  species more important (Eqn. 6) the less polymerized the silicate melt.

Interestingly, regardless of  $Na/Si$ , the rate by which  $Q^4$  is consumed and  $Q^3$  and  $Q^2$  species are formed, is not as pronounced as in melts to which is added equivalent proportions of a network-modifier such as  $Na^+$  (Figs. 6–8). This difference is at least in part because some of the water in these melts most likely exists in molecular form.

However, those solution mechanisms alone cannot be reconciled with all aspects of  $Q^n$  abundance evolution,  $Na/Si$ , and water content of the melts. This conclusion brings up the possibility that Na-OH complexes may also be formed. The  $^1H$  MAS NMR data of Cody et al. (2005) suggest that some  $Na^+$  may also interact with water to form Na-OH complexes. There is also evidence for metal-OH complexing in other binary and ternary metal oxide silicate melts as reported recently by Xue and Kanzaki (2004).

Sodium-OH complexing is likely to become increasingly important as the  $Na/Si$  of the melts increases. Because Na-OH formation scavenges network-modifying  $Na^+$  from the melt, this is, therefore, a reaction that causes polymerization of the

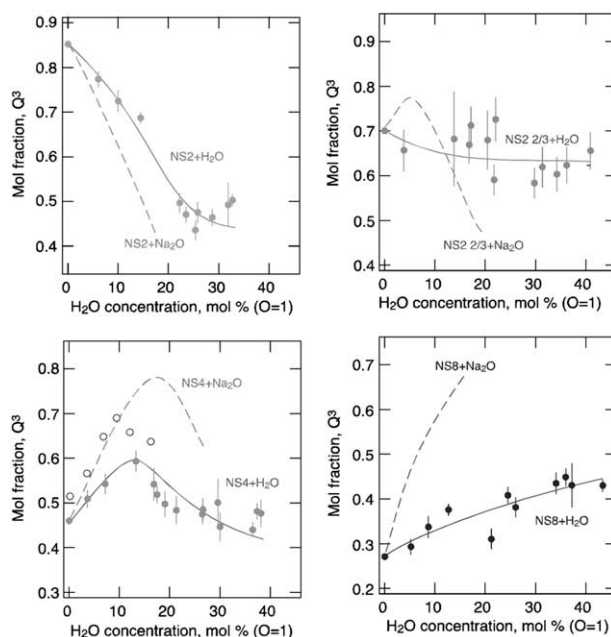
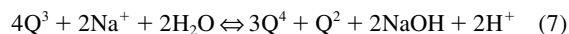


Fig. 8. Abundance of  $Q^3$  species hydrous glasses a function of total  $H_2O$  content. Open symbols: data from Zotov and Keppler (1998). Dashed lines: Abundance of  $Q^3$  species in anhydrous  $Na_2O$ - $SiO_2$  glasses as a function of  $Na_2O$  contents (data from Maekawa et al., 1991). Mol% calculated on the basis of  $O = 1$ . Data are from samples formed at 0.8–2.0 GPa and 1000°–1300°C. Error bars are calculated by progression of errors from the deconvolution of the Raman spectra and the error in the calibration factor,  $C$  (Eqn. 1). The latter error is obtained by progression of errors from deconvolution of the  $^{29}Si$  MAS NMR spectra.

silicate melt. Expressed in terms of changes in  $Q^n$ -speciation, we can in principle write an expression for this process as



Reaction 7 becomes increasingly dominant with increasing  $Na/Si$  so that in the system  $NS2+H_2O$  the  $NBO/Si$  of the melt hardly changes with water content (Fig. 5, Table 1).

If this trend continues to even less polymerized melts than  $NS2$  ( $NBO/Si > 1$ ), it is possible that there exists a metal/silicon ratio above which solution of water actually results in polymerization of silicate melt. In addition, because the stability of metal-OH complexes is enhanced with increasing ionization potential of the metal cation (Xue and Kanzaki, 2004), one might speculate that the value of the metal/silicon ratio where silicate polymerization occurs decreases in the same direction. In this scenario, transition from depolymerization to polymerization of the silicate melt may occur at lower metal oxide/silicon ratio for alkaline earth than for alkali silicate melts.

From these relations, one might infer that water does not always cause depolymerization of partial melts in the interior of the Earth. In the deep upper mantle and below, partial melts formed under anhydrous conditions are ultramafic (e.g., Herzberg et al., 1990; Presnall and Gasparik, 1990; Herzberg and Zhang, 1997) with alkaline earths as the dominant network-modifying cations (Mysen, 1988). These melts are highly depolymerized with  $NBO/Si$  near 2 (e.g., Mysen, 1988). In light of the relationship between anhydrous melt polymerization and



rate of depolymerization with water discussed above, it is indeed possible that in the presence of water during partial melting in the upper mantle such partial melts might be more polymerized than melts formed under anhydrous conditions at similar conditions.

Increasing melt polymerization normally is also associated with increased silicate activity (e. g., Kushiro, 1975). Therefore, provided that the mineral assemblage in equilibrium with anhydrous and hydrous melts at the same depth in the mantle is the same, melts formed by wet partial melting is likely less silica-rich than those which may have formed under anhydrous conditions.

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