



# Experimental investigation of hydrogen isotope fractionation during hydration of olivine-hosted melt inclusions: Implications for D/H in Baffin Island picrites

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## ABSTRACT

Olivine-hosted melt inclusions are used to investigate the hydrogen isotope compositions (D/H) of Earth's mantle reservoirs. Studies have shown, however, that hydrogen in melt inclusion can equilibrate rapidly in response to changes to the external environment via the diffusion of protons (H<sup>+</sup>) and deuterons (D<sup>+</sup>) through the host olivine. Given that protons diffuse faster than deuterons, a kinetic fractionation of hydrogen isotopes is expected to accompany both the hydration and dehydration of melt inclusions. Other volatile species in the melt inclusion may also be affected by changes to the internal pressure and/or oxygen fugacity (*f*O<sub>2</sub>). Here we report results from experiments designed to investigate the behaviors of volatiles and hydrogen isotopes during the hydration of olivine-hosted melt inclusions. We show that the concentration of H<sub>2</sub>O in initially H<sub>2</sub>O-poor inclusions increases rapidly (up to ~4 wt.% within 24 h) when the host olivine is in contact with aqueous fluid at 1200 °C and 300 MPa. The extent of hydration is controlled by time, temperature, melt inclusion volume, and H<sup>+</sup> diffusion distance. Hydrogen isotopes initially become lighter (i.e., D/H decreases) as hydration proceeds, defining a negative correlation with H<sub>2</sub>O concentration. This trend reverses with increasing hydration as the inclusions must eventually equilibrate with the external fluid. These experimental results agree well with diffusion calculations carried out using a spherical geometry and a lattice diffusivity of 10<sup>-11.2±0.2</sup> m<sup>2</sup>/s for H<sup>+</sup> at 1200 °C. Therefore, anomalously light hydrogen isotopes in olivine-hosted melt inclusions from Baffin Island may not be taken as representative of the composition of the mantle source unless post-entrapment hydration can be excluded as a possibility. An increase in CO<sub>2</sub> concentration and a significant drop in sulfur concentration accompany hydration of the melt inclusions in our experiments. The former is consistent with an observed decrease in vapor bubble size and results from a hydration-induced internal pressure increase. The latter is ascribed to the exsolution of molten sulfide from the silicate melt, which might be related to a lower *f*O<sub>2</sub> in the experiments as compared to the starting materials. We find no evidence for exchange of F or Cl between the melt inclusion and external fluid.

## 1. Introduction

The isotopic composition of hydrogen [deuterium (D)/hydrogen (H)] has been used as a tool to investigate the origin of H<sub>2</sub>O on Earth and H<sub>2</sub>O exchange between Earth's surface and interior (e.g., Hallis et al., 2015; Poreda et al., 1986; Robert, 2001; Shaw et al., 2012). The origin of

H<sub>2</sub>O on Earth is still debated, where candidate sources have vastly different D/H, like protosolar nebular particulates (δD<sub>VSMOW</sub> = −870‰; δD<sub>VSMOW</sub> = 1000 × [(D/H)<sub>Sample</sub> / (D/H)<sub>VSMOW</sub> − 1], where VSMOW is Vienna Standard Mean Ocean Water), comets (very high δD<sub>VSMOW</sub>, up to +2400‰), and chondrites (intermediate δD<sub>VSMOW</sub>) (Hallis et al., 2015; Piani et al., 2020). Determining Earth's original D/H signature is not

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only crucial to constrain the source of H<sub>2</sub>O but can have important implications for the timing of H<sub>2</sub>O accretion on our planet. Hallis et al. (2015) reported anomalously light hydrogen isotopes ( $\delta D_{VSMOW} = -218\text{‰}$ ) in olivine-hosted melt inclusions from Baffin Island picrites, which was considered to have been sourced from an undegassed deep mantle that preserves Earth's initial D/H. Thus, they suggested this low D/H is evidence for the incorporation of protosolar-like H<sub>2</sub>O during early Earth accretion.

Because the D/H of basaltic magma can be significantly modified during ascent from its mantle source region to the surface by processes such as degassing, magma mixing, and crustal assimilation, olivine-hosted melt inclusions are thought to preserve a more reliable record of the D/H signature of the mantle reservoir than do matrix glasses (e.g., Hallis et al., 2015; Kuritani et al., 2021; Shaw et al., 2008; Sobolev et al., 2019). Many studies, however, have demonstrated that olivine-hosted melt inclusions exhibit open system behavior with respect to protons (H<sup>+</sup>), colloquially referred to as H<sub>2</sub>O (e.g., Bucholz et al., 2013; Danyushevsky et al., 2002; Gaetani et al., 2012; Hartley et al., 2015; Hauri, 2002; Massare et al., 2002; Portnyagin et al., 2008). It is now well established that H<sub>2</sub>O in olivine-hosted melt inclusions can rapidly equilibrate with the environment external to the host crystal via lattice diffusion of H<sup>+</sup> (Bucholz et al., 2013; Chen et al., 2011; Gaetani et al., 2012; Lloyd et al., 2013; Mironov et al., 2015; Portnyagin et al., 2008, 2019). Experimental studies have shown that D/H in olivine-hosted melt inclusions can significantly increase during dehydration, given that H<sup>+</sup> diffuses through olivine faster than deuterons (D<sup>+</sup>) (Bucholz et al., 2013; Gaetani et al., 2012; Hauri, 2002).

Although in nature melt inclusion hydration is likely to be less common than dehydration, it could occur when the host melt gets mixed with a more hydrous melt (Hartley et al., 2015). Similar to the H isotope fractionation that occurs during dehydration, D/H is expected to fractionate during hydration, decreasing as the melt inclusion gains H<sub>2</sub>O, which may produce anomalously low  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$ . In this case, light hydrogen isotopes found in the olivine-hosted melt inclusions would not reflect the composition of the mantle source. However, experimental constraints on the hydrogen isotope fractionation during the hydration of olivine-hosted melt inclusions are lacking. In addition, the behaviors of other volatile species (e.g., F, Cl, S, CO<sub>2</sub>) during melt inclusion hydration remain unclear.

In this study, we report results from hydration experiments performed on olivine-hosted melt inclusions that elucidate the behaviors of volatiles and H isotopes during hydration ranging from 30 min to 24 h. Our results demonstrate significant H isotope fractionation as the melt inclusions diffusively gain H<sub>2</sub>O from the external fluid. Extremely low  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  was produced after short duration hydration. Thus, the low D/H in olivine-hosted melt inclusions from Baffin Island does not necessarily represent the source composition in deep Earth. The relative amount of H<sub>2</sub>O gain is controlled by a combination of time, temperature (T), and the geometries of the melt inclusions and host olivines. Experimental hydration also influences the concentrations of some of the other volatile (e.g., CO<sub>2</sub>) in the olivine-hosted melt inclusions.

## 2. Materials and methods

### 2.1. Starting materials

Hydration experiments were performed on natural olivine grains from Puu Mahana, south of Mauna Loa, Hawaii. These crystals were collected from an olivine-rich green sand beach that formed during erosion of nearby volcanic ash deposits (Walker, 1992). The olivine crystals contain abundant large, glassy melt inclusions, most of which contain a vapor bubble (Fig. S1). Analyses of twenty representative melt inclusions from the starting material that were not used in the experiments have consistently low H<sub>2</sub>O contents (0.26 – 0.38 wt.%) but a range of  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  values (−106.4 – −44.5‰), as well as CO<sub>2</sub> (in glass; 18 – 239  $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ ), S (467 – 1268  $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ ), F (247 – 339  $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ ), and Cl (46 –

79  $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ ) concentrations, after correction for post-entrapment crystallization (PEC) (Fig. S2). The PEC correction was performed using the olivine-melt equilibrium model of Beattie (1993) as implemented in the Petrolog3 software package (Danyushevsky and Plechov, 2011), which yields an equilibrium T (after PEC correction) of  $1171 \pm 30\text{ °C}$  (1 sd,  $N = 15$ ) after correction for H<sub>2</sub>O using the method of Médard and Grove (2008) (Table S1); this T is in agreement with the pre-eruptive T inferred for olivine-hosted MIs from the same location based on their MgO profiles (Saper and Stolper, 2020). Although we found that these melt inclusions have variable  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  values, they are suitable as starting material for hydration experiments because the expected H isotope fractionation due to experimental hydration is so large (i.e., ~200 per mil variation). Additionally, the initial range of H<sub>2</sub>O concentrations in the melt inclusions is small (variation ~0.1 wt.%) compared to that expected after hydration (up to ~4 wt.%; this study). This, in combination with the variable sizes of olivine crystals and melt inclusions, allows us to investigate the influences of the geometries of melt inclusions and their host crystals on the extent of diffusive hydration and the resulting time-varying changes in D/H.

### 2.2. Experimental methods

Experiments of various durations (30 min, 60 min, 90 min, and 24 h) were conducted at 1200 °C and 300 MPa. We used an end-loaded piston cylinder device (Boyd and England, 1960) with a 1.91 cm diameter assembly (Fig. S3) at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI). Twenty to twenty-five olivine grains containing melt inclusions were loaded into a thick-walled nickel capsule; ~80  $\mu\text{l}$  of distilled H<sub>2</sub>O ( $\delta D_{VSMOW} = 0.9 \pm 0.5\text{‰}$ ) (Mitchell et al., 2017) was added to the capsule using a microsyringe, and a nickel lid was placed on top. For the longest duration experiment (24 h), some powdered San Carlos olivine (<150  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter) was added to the capsule to minimize dissolution of olivine grains. The loaded nickel capsule was placed into concentric pyrophyllite and graphite sleeves, which were then centered in the hot spot of a straight-walled graphite furnace using crushable MgO spacers. Inclusion of the graphite sleeve produces a “stepped” furnace, minimizing the thermal gradient across the sample (Watson et al., 2002). The pressure medium for all experiments consisted of NaCl sleeves surrounding a Pyrex tube (e.g., Baker, 2004; Masotta et al., 2012; Mitchell et al., 2017; Moore et al., 2008). Pressure was calibrated using NaCl melting (Baker, 2004; Mitchell et al., 2017). Temperature was measured and controlled using a W<sub>3</sub>Re<sub>97</sub>/W<sub>25</sub>Re<sub>75</sub> thermocouple. The reported T was not corrected for the effect of pressure (P) on thermocouple EMF. Temperature and P are estimated to be accurate to within  $\pm 10\text{ °C}$  and  $\pm 50\text{ MPa}$ , respectively. A stainless-steel base plug with a small extrusion was placed on top of the assembly (Fig. S3). During pressurization, the extrusion collapses, holding the thermocouple in place. The experiments were pressurized at room T and then heated at a rate of 60 °C/min. All experiments were terminated by shutting off the power. After each experiment, a hole was drilled through the nickel capsule to verify the presence of free water. Nickel oxide was not unambiguously identified inside the capsule after each experiment, indicating that the prevailing experimental oxygen fugacity ( $f_{\text{O}_2}$ ) might be lower than the nickel-nickel oxide (NNO) buffer (Faul et al., 2018).

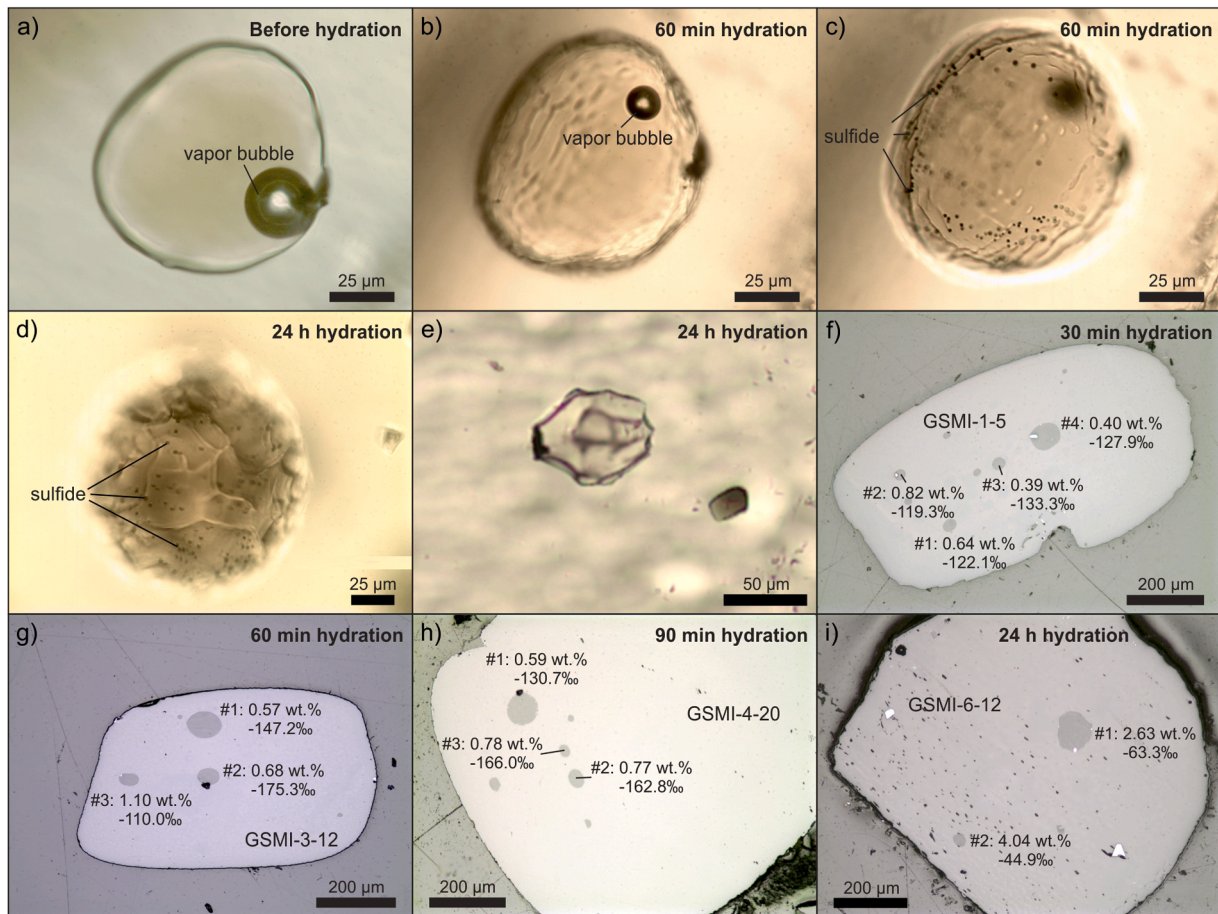
### 2.3. Analytical methods

The radius of each recovered olivine grain was measured in three orthogonal directions along with the minimum distance from melt inclusion to olivine outer boundary using a SPOT Insight camera and imaging software, on a Nikon petrographic microscope, prior to mounting in epoxy. The radius of each melt inclusion was also measured in two orthogonal directions before it was exposed. Typical measurement errors for the olivine and inclusion radii are <10  $\mu\text{m}$  (1 sd) and <1  $\mu\text{m}$  (1 sd), respectively, which were estimated by repeating the measurements five times on each of five distinct crystals. After the melt

inclusions were exposed and polished, the olivine grains were removed from the epoxy mount and transferred into an indium metal mount to minimize volatile backgrounds during secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS) analyses. Volatile concentrations ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ , F, Cl, and S) and hydrogen isotopic compositions of the melt inclusions were determined by SIMS using the Cameca IMS 1280 ion microprobe at the Northeast National Ion Microprobe Facility at WHOI. The concentrations of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the rims of the host olivine grains (as close to the edge as possible) from some 24 h hydration experiments were also measured to constrain the solubility of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in olivine at our experimental conditions. The SIMS analytical method followed that reported by Bucholz et al. (2013) and Gaetani et al. (2014). A  $^{133}\text{Cs}^+$  beam, with a primary current of  $10 \pm 0.5$  nA (15 nA for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in olivine) and an accelerating voltage of 10 kV, were used for SIMS analyses of both D/H and volatile concentrations. H and D were measured first. The mounts were then re-polished before measuring volatile concentrations on the same melt inclusions. The beam was rastered over a  $30 \times 30 \mu\text{m}$  area. The field aperture was set to be  $406 \times 406 \mu\text{m}$  for volatiles and  $501 \times 501 \mu\text{m}$  for D/H, blocking ions from beyond the innermost 5–6  $\mu\text{m}^2$  of the sputtering crater. This minimizes the contribution of “background” volatiles from the sample surface and within the sample chamber during analysis. Each measurement comprised a 240 s pre-sputtering period followed by 5 cycles of collection of  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{16}\text{OH}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$ ,  $^{30}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{32}\text{S}$ , and  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  with a mass resolving power (MRP) of  $\sim 6700$  for volatiles or 20 cycles of collection of  $^{16}\text{OD}$  and  $^{16}\text{OH}$  with a MRP of  $\sim 9900$  for D/H. Calibration for volatiles in melt

inclusions was done using a series of basaltic glass standards (519–4–1, 46D, D52–5, D51–3, 1649–3, D20–3, JD17H, 6001, 1654–3, NS-1) and basaltic glass standard D52–5 for D/H (1 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\delta\text{D}_{\text{VSMOW}} = -51\text{‰}$ ). Olivine standards SCO14 ( $15.8 \mu\text{g g}^{-1} \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), SCO4 ( $39.2 \mu\text{g g}^{-1} \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), SCO11 ( $55.6 \mu\text{g g}^{-1} \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), and SCO7 ( $86.7 \mu\text{g g}^{-1} \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) (Gaetani et al., 2014) were used to calibrate the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in olivine. Background corrections were done using analyses of nominally volatile-free materials (Suprasil  $\text{SiO}_2$  glass and Synfo synthetic forsterite). The volatile concentrations and D/H of the standards and calibration curves for volatiles are given in Tables S2 to S4. Analytical precision on individual volatile concentration measurements is  $< 3\%$  for  $\text{CO}_2$  (2 sd) and  $< 2\%$  (2 sd) for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , F, S, and Cl. Uncertainties on calibration slopes, determined by bootstrap regression of standard measurement data, range from 2%–6% (2 sd) among the volatiles for each session.  $^{16}\text{OD}/^{16}\text{OH}$  was measured with a precision of 4‰–6‰ (2 rse). Standard reproducibility was  $\sim 7\%$ – $10\%$  (2 sd) during an analytical day.

After the SIMS measurements, the major element compositions of the melt inclusions and host olivine crystals were determined by electron microprobe (JEOL JXA-8200) at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). An accelerating voltage of 15 kV was used. For melt inclusion analyses, a 10  $\mu\text{m}$  spot and a 10 nA beam current were adopted to reduce the migration of alkalis; counting times were 5 s for Na and 40 s for all other elements. A 1  $\mu\text{m}$  spot size and a 30 nA beam current were used for olivine analyses; counting times were 300 s for Fe and 40 s for all other elements. Two to three measurements were done near the centers of



**Fig. 1.** Photomicrographs of Puu Mahana melt inclusions before (a) and after (b–i) hydration experiments conducted at 300 MPa and 1200 °C. (a) Olivine-hosted melt inclusion prior to hydration experiment. Note the large vapor bubble and smooth wall. (b, c) Melt inclusion in (a) after 60-min hydration experiment. Note that the vapor bubble is smaller, the inclusion wall is mottled, and sulfide globules (radius  $< 1 \mu\text{m}$ ) exsolved from the melt. (d, e) Melt inclusions after 24-h hydration. The vapor bubble dissolved into the melt and the inclusion shapes became irregular; sulfide globules are present. (f–i) Reflected light photomicrographs showing  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  concentrations (wt.%) and  $\delta\text{D}_{\text{VSMOW}}$  values (‰) of the inclusions hydrated for 30 min, 60 min, 90 min, and 24 h, respectively. For a single olivine, the inclusions that are smaller and/or closer to olivine outer boundary have higher  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  contents.



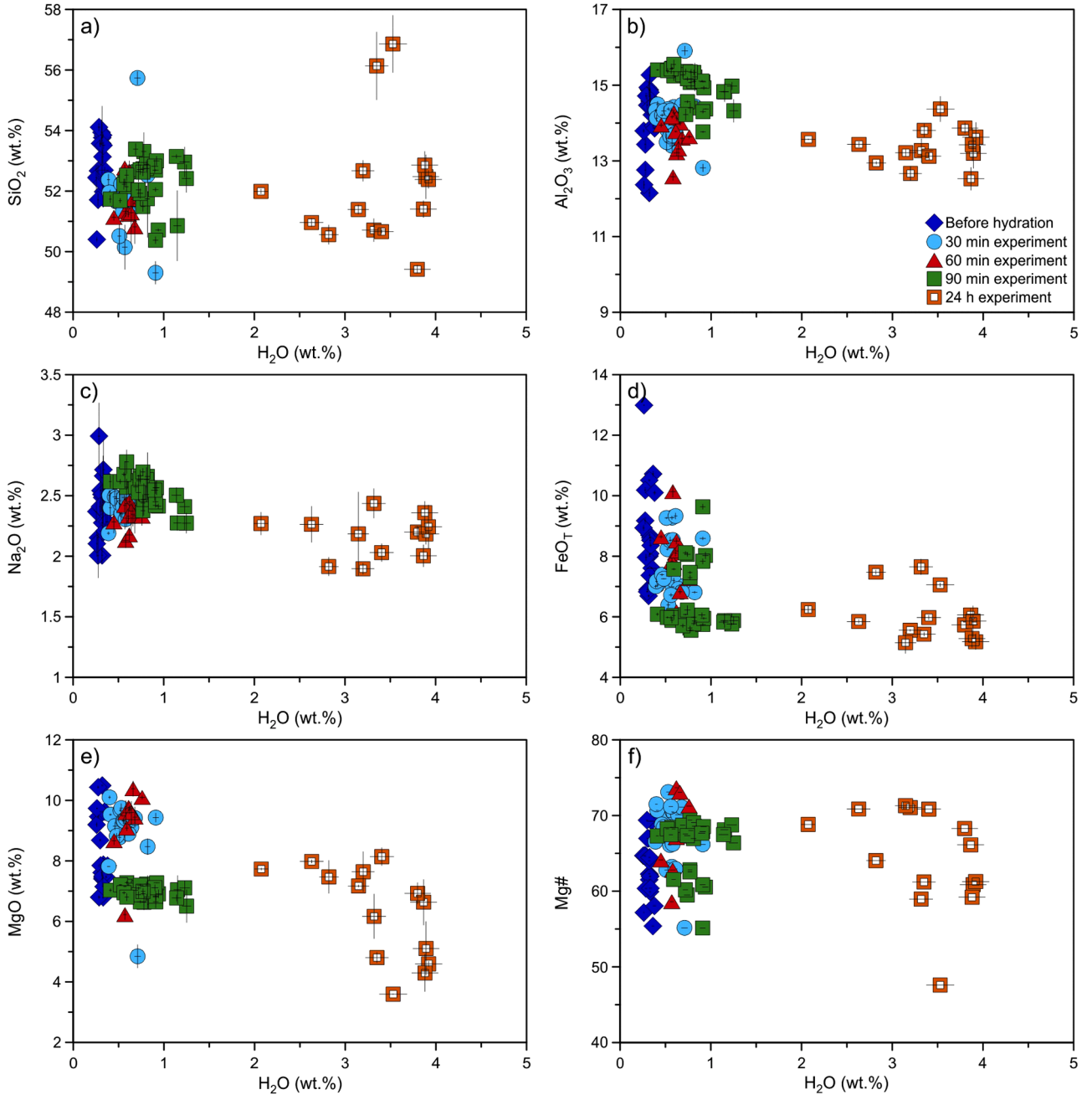
each melt inclusion and five measurements were done for each host olivine. MORB glass Alvin1690–20 and olivine P140 were used as secondary standards.

### 3. Results

Compared with the unheated melt inclusions, the hydrated ones developed several new features. Firstly, inclusion walls became mottled (a “raisin” texture; Rose-Koga et al., 2021) after short hydration times (e.g., 60 min; Fig. 1b and c) and all the inclusion shapes became irregular after 24-h hydration (Fig. 1d and e). Secondly, the vapor bubbles decreased in size (Fig. 1b) and, following 24 h of hydration, disappeared (e.g., Figs. 1d and S1). In addition, the hydrated melt inclusions mostly contain abundant opaque globules (> 90% of them have radii smaller

than 1  $\mu\text{m}$ ; Fig. 1c and d). Larger opaque globules enriched in S, Fe, and Ni are present in melt inclusions from the 24-h hydration experiment (Fig. S4). Thus, we conclude that opaque globules are quenched molten Fe-sulfide. In addition to sulfide globules, many melt inclusions in the 90-min and 24-h experiments contain daughter pyroxene crystals (< 2  $\mu\text{m}$  to  $\sim 30 \mu\text{m}$ ) (Figs. S5 and S6).

The hydrated melt inclusions in the four experimental groups (hydrated for 30 min, 60 min, 90 min, and 24 h) have similar size ranges, with the radii (average of two dimensions for each inclusion) in each group ranging from 15  $\mu\text{m}$  to 60  $\mu\text{m}$ . The radii of olivine crystals (average of three orthogonal directions for each crystal) in each group range from 200  $\mu\text{m}$  to 700  $\mu\text{m}$ , and the minimum distance from the edge of the inclusion to the outer surface of the olivine range from  $\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$  to  $\sim 350 \mu\text{m}$ . The size data are given in Table S1 and Fig. S7.

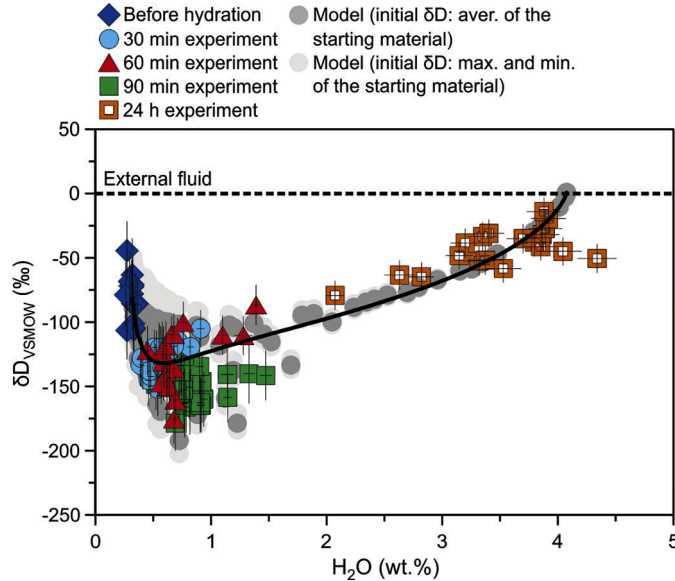


**Fig. 2.** Harker diagrams showing the variation of major element compositions of Puu Mahana melt inclusions before and after hydration. Error bars indicate  $2\sigma$  uncertainties. The compositions of the melt inclusions before hydration were corrected for post-entrapment crystallization (PEC). No correction was done on the hydrated melt inclusions.



Volatile concentrations, major element concentrations, and  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  values of the melt inclusions and host olivines are also reported in Tables S1 and S5. The concentrations of the major oxides (except for  $FeO_T$  and  $MgO$ ) are similar to the starting compositions. The 90-min and 24-h experiments have lower  $FeO_T$  and  $MgO$  concentrations on average than the short duration experiments and the starting materials (Fig. 2). This is likely due to crystallization of olivine on the inclusion walls and/or the daughter crystals in the melt inclusions (Fig. S5) in the longer duration runs, which is also reflected by the positive correlation between the concentration of  $H_2O$  and CIPW normative quartz (Fig. S8a) and the trend of increasing normative quartz with increasing hydration in the pseudoternary projection from plagioclase onto the clinopyroxene-olivine-quartz plane (Fig. S8b). Despite this, the range of  $Mg\#$  seen in the hydrated groups is similar to that of the starting materials (Fig. 2f) and the  $FeO$  concentrations of the melt inclusions and their host crystals show positive linear correlations (Fig. S9), suggesting that the melt inclusions are in equilibrium with the host olivine during the crystallization differentiation.

The  $H_2O$  concentrations of the melt inclusions increase with experiment duration, reaching a maximum of  $\sim 4$  wt.% after 24 h at 1200 °C and 300 MPa (Fig. 3). For each experiment, the  $H_2O$  concentrations span a range [30 min:  $0.6 \pm 0.1$  wt.% (1 sd); 60 min:  $0.7 \pm 0.3$  wt.%; 90 min:  $0.8 \pm 0.3$  wt.%; 24 h:  $3.5 \pm 0.6$  wt.%]; the inclusions with smaller volumes and/or shorter distances to the external olivine boundary tend to have higher  $H_2O$  concentrations (Figs. 1f-i and 4); this trend was not obvious for the small melt inclusions (radius  $< 30$   $\mu m$ ) from the 24 h



**Fig. 3.**  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  values versus  $H_2O$  concentrations for the experimentally hydrated olivine-hosted melt inclusions showing the changes to  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  values with increasing  $H_2O$  concentration for the melt inclusions in olivine in contact with aqueous fluid for 30 min, 60 min, 90 min, and 24 h. Error bars indicate  $2\sigma$  uncertainties for SIMS analyses. The model was formulated for a spherical geometry (Bucholz et al., 2013). The  $D^+$  diffusivity was derived from Graham's law ( $\beta = 0.2$ ) and a bulk  $H^+$  diffusivity of  $10^{-11.2}$   $m^2/s$  at 1200 °C. The external boundary was set to aqueous fluid saturation in olivine ( $49 \mu g g^{-1}$ ; this study) and the  $H_2O$  partition coefficient between olivine and silicate melt was set to be 0.0012 (Towbin et al., 2023 and this study). The black curve shows the variation of  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  and  $H_2O$  concentration with time (0 to 100 h) for a single melt inclusion (inclusion radius = 25  $\mu m$ ; diffusion distance = 200  $\mu m$ ). The gray circles represent models that adopted the same geometries of inclusion and host olivine as those in the hydration experiments (inclusion radius = 15 to 60  $\mu m$ ; diffusion distance = 50 to 350  $\mu m$ ;  $t$  = 30 min, 60 min, 90 min, and 24 h). Each circle represents a specific melt inclusion radius and diffusion distance. A comparison between diffusion models with our experimental results for each run is shown in Fig. S12.

experiment, which may be close to equilibrium with the external fluid. The measured  $H_2O$  concentrations of the olivine rims range from  $39 \mu g g^{-1}$  to  $58 \mu g g^{-1}$ , with an average value of  $49 \mu g g^{-1}$  (Table S5). The  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  values of the hydrated melt inclusions also show a bit of variation [30 min:  $-129 \pm 11\text{‰}$  (1 sd); 60 min:  $-128 \pm 23\text{‰}$ ; 90 min:  $-149 \pm 15\text{‰}$ ; 24 h:  $-43 \pm 16\text{‰}$ ], but they tend to decrease progressively during the early stages of hydration ( $H_2O < 1$  wt.%), eventually reaching an inflection point and then increasing with increasing  $H_2O$  concentrations, defining an asymmetric U-shaped curve, which projects towards the  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  of the external fluid (Fig. 3).

The concentration of  $CO_2$  in the melt inclusion glass generally increases with increasing  $H_2O$  concentration. This results from resorption of the vapor bubbles as P within the melt inclusions increases as hydration proceeds [starting materials:  $74.6 \pm 58.8 \mu g g^{-1}$  (1 sd); 30 min:  $131 \pm 45 \mu g g^{-1}$ ; 60 min:  $207 \pm 98 \mu g g^{-1}$ ; 90 min:  $150 \pm 78 \mu g g^{-1}$ ; 24 h:  $198 \pm 83 \mu g g^{-1}$ ] (Fig. 5a). Conversely, the S concentrations of the hydrated inclusions are systematically lower than those of the majority of the original melt inclusions [starting materials:  $978 \pm 242 \mu g g^{-1}$  (1 sd); 30 min:  $546 \pm 199 \mu g g^{-1}$ ; 60 min:  $568 \pm 219 \mu g g^{-1}$ ; 90 min:  $536 \pm 90 \mu g g^{-1}$ ; 24 h:  $625 \pm 109 \mu g g^{-1}$ ] (Fig. 6a). No significant difference in S content was observed among the four experimental runs (Fig. 6a). The concentrations of F [30 min:  $283 \pm 34 \mu g g^{-1}$  (1 sd); 60 min:  $271 \pm 27 \mu g g^{-1}$ ; 90 min:  $310 \pm 61 \mu g g^{-1}$ ; 24 h:  $328 \pm 40 \mu g g^{-1}$ ] and Cl [30 min:  $56.1 \pm 7.4 \mu g g^{-1}$  (1 sd); 60 min:  $63.5 \pm 21.3 \mu g g^{-1}$ ; 90 min:  $68.4 \pm 9.3 \mu g g^{-1}$ ; 24 h:  $63.2 \pm 10.9 \mu g g^{-1}$ ] in the hydrated melt inclusions overlap with the distribution in the starting materials [F =  $288 \pm 25 \mu g g^{-1}$ ; Cl =  $61.5 \pm 9.5 \mu g g^{-1}$ ] (Fig. 7).

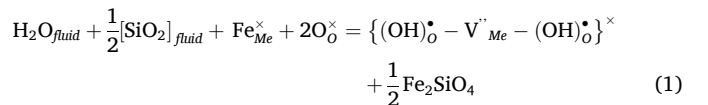
## 4. Discussion

### 4.1. Diffusive hydration of olivine-hosted melt inclusions

#### 4.1.1. $H^+$ diffusivity in olivine equilibrating with aqueous fluid

Numerous studies have demonstrated that  $H_2O$  can be lost from olivine-hosted melt inclusions via the diffusion of  $H^+$  (e.g., Barth et al., 2019; Bucholz et al., 2013; Chen et al., 2011, 2013; Gaetani et al., 2012; Hauri, 2002; Lloyd et al., 2013), which is evidenced by a negative correlation between  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  and  $H_2O$  concentration resulting from  $H^+$  diffusing faster than  $D^+$  (Bucholz et al., 2013; Gaetani et al., 2012; Hauri, 2002). Other studies have shown that olivine-hosted melt inclusions can also rapidly gain  $H_2O$  from the external melt (e.g., Gaetani et al., 2012; Hartley et al., 2015; Mironov et al., 2015; Portnyagin et al., 2008, 2019). Portnyagin et al. (2008) suggested that the included melt gains  $H_2O$  via a combination of lattice diffusion of  $H^+$  and transport of molecular  $H_2O$  along dislocation cores. However, Gaetani et al. (2012) used isotopically labelled water ( $D_2^{18}O$ ) as the external fluid and found no elevated  $^{18}O$  in either the hydrated melt inclusions or the interiors of host olivine grains but found increases in D, indicating that the included melt gains  $H_2O$  through the diffusion of D only.

The  $H^+$  diffusion through olivine is largely controlled by the point defect population (e.g., Ferriss et al., 2018; Padrón-Navarta et al., 2014). While  $H_2O$  dissolves in silicate melt as a combination of hydroxyl groups and molecular  $H_2O$ , it is incorporated into – and diffuses through – olivine as  $H^+$  and  $D^+$  associated with metal vacancies, apparently leaving oxygen behind in the melt (Danyushevsky et al., 2002). However, Gaetani et al. (2012) showed that  $H_2O$  can be stoichiometrically (i. e., leaving no oxygen behind) incorporated into olivine according to the reaction:



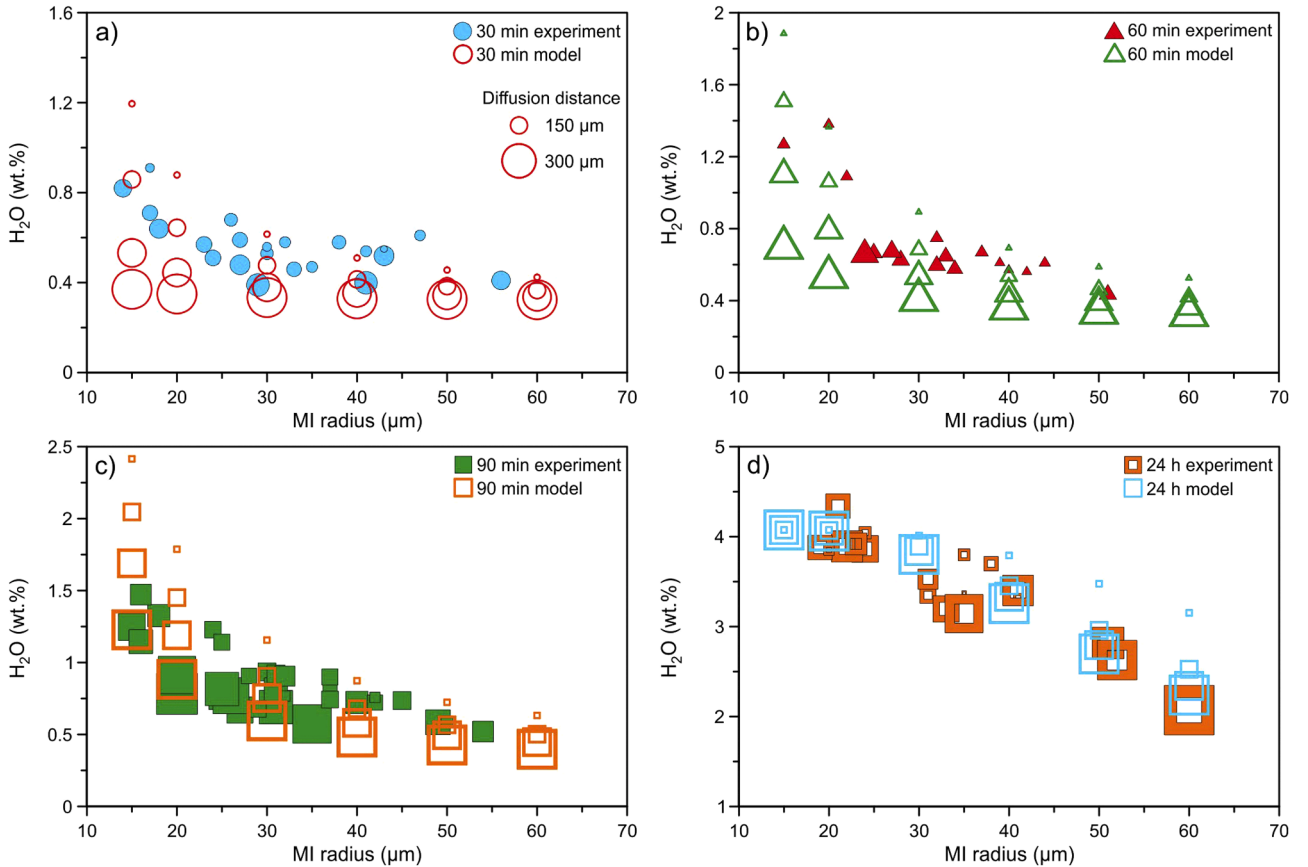
where, in Kröger-Vink notation,  $Fe_{Me}^x$  is  $Fe^{2+}$ , occupying octahedral lattice sites,  $O_O^x$  and  $(OH)_O^\bullet$  are  $O^{2-}$  and  $OH^-$ , respectively, occupying

oxygen sites,  $V_{Me}^{\bullet}$  is an octahedral site metal vacancy, and curly brackets indicate associated point defects (Kohlstedt and Mackwell, 1998). This equation can also be written for the  $Mg_2SiO_4$  endmember of olivine.

We investigated the kinetics of melt inclusion hydration by comparing results from diffusion calculations with those from our experiments. The diffusion model of Bucholz et al. (2013), which is formulated using a spherical geometry with the melt inclusion located in the center of the olivine crystal, was used to estimate lattice diffusivity of  $H^+$  and investigate relationships among diffusive gain of  $H_2O$  and the geometries of the melt inclusion and the host olivine during melt inclusion hydration. The sizes of the melt inclusions and the diffusion distances of  $H^+$  (olivine radius minus melt inclusion radius) were informed by the hydration experiments (melt inclusion radius = 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60  $\mu m$ ; diffusion distance = 50, 150, 250, and 350  $\mu m$ ; we used the minimum distance from the edge of the inclusion to the outer olivine surface to represent the diffusion distance in the modeling, because most of the melt inclusions are not centered in the host olivine). The average  $H_2O$  concentration of the starting melt inclusions ( $\sim 0.3$  wt. %) was used as the initial value. The outer boundary of the olivine grain was held at a constant  $H_2O$  concentration of  $49 \mu g g^{-1}$  (the average value of the  $H_2O$  concentrations measured in the rim of hydrated olivine grains). Based on the updated  $H^+$  partition coefficient between olivine and silicate melt ( $0.0009 \pm 0.0003$ ) (Towbin et al., 2023) and the measured values from olivine measurements close to the inclusions in our experiment (0.00112 to 0.00148; Fig. S10), the partition coefficient in the modeling was set to be 0.0012. For bulk  $H^+$  diffusivities, we set a range of values ( $10^{-11.0}$ ,  $10^{-11.1}$ ,  $10^{-11.2}$ ,  $10^{-11.3}$ ,  $10^{-11.4}$   $m^2/s$  at  $1200^\circ C$ ) to determine the best match for our experimental results. Calculations were carried out using the MATLAB code of Bucholz et al. (2013). The

results are shown in Fig. 4. For the inclusions with the same minimum diffusion distance, the  $H_2O$  concentrations in the inclusions increase progressively with decreasing inclusion radius (i.e., smaller inclusions have higher  $H_2O$  concentrations). For inclusions of similar size, those closer to the external olivine boundary tended to gain more  $H_2O$ . For all four groups of hydrated melt inclusions, the modeling results are most consistent with our experimental results using a bulk  $H^+$  diffusivity of  $\sim 10^{-11.2}$   $m^2/s$  (at  $1200^\circ C$ ) (Fig. 4). The modeling results using other  $H^+$  diffusivities ( $10^{-11.1}$  and  $10^{-11.3}$   $m^2/s$  at  $1200^\circ C$ ) are not fully coincident with all four groups of experimental results (Fig. S11). Taking account of the variation of measured  $H_2O$  concentration in the olivine outer boundary ( $39 - 57 \mu g g^{-1}$ ), the best estimated  $H^+$  diffusivities at  $1200^\circ C$  are between  $10^{-11.0}$  and  $10^{-11.4}$   $m^2/s$ .

Our estimated bulk  $H^+$  diffusivity ( $\sim 10^{-11.2 \pm 0.2}$   $m^2/s$  at  $1200^\circ C$ ) is within the range of those previously estimated for randomly oriented olivines ( $\sim 10^{-11.5} - 10^{-10.5}$   $m^2/s$  at  $1200^\circ C$ ) (Chen et al., 2011; Ferriss et al., 2018; Gaetani et al., 2012; Mironov et al., 2015; Portnyagin et al., 2008). In the hydration experiments of Portnyagin et al. (2019), a lower hydration efficiency for olivine-hosted melt inclusions (i.e., gaining less  $H_2O$  for the same experimental duration) was observed when the host olivine is in contact with aqueous fluid compared to that for silicate melt. They attributed this difference to a lower  $H^+$  diffusivity in olivine in contact with a fluid ( $\sim 10^{-11.7}$   $m^2/s$  at  $1200^\circ C$ ) relative to those in silicate melt ( $\sim 10^{-11}$   $m^2/s$  at  $1200^\circ C$ ). However, our estimated  $H^+$  diffusivity is similar to the values when the olivine is in contact with silicate melt. This suggests that the difference in hydration efficiency of olivine-hosted melt inclusions between aqueous fluid and silicate melt is not a result of different  $H^+$  diffusivity in olivine and requires further investigation.



**Fig. 4.** Bubble diagrams showing the relationships among  $H_2O$  concentrations of melt inclusion, melt inclusion radius, and  $H^+$  diffusion distance during the hydration of olivine-hosted melt inclusions, which were calculated from the  $H^+$  diffusion model using the same parameters as in Fig. 3. The diffusion distance is reflected in the symbol size. The models best match our hydration experimental results using a bulk  $H^+$  diffusivity of  $\sim 10^{-11.2}$   $m^2/s$  (at  $1200^\circ C$ ). The comparisons of our experimental results with diffusion models using other  $H^+$  diffusivities ( $10^{-11.1}$  and  $10^{-11.3}$   $m^2/s$  at  $1200^\circ C$ ) are shown in Fig. S11.

#### 4.1.2. Hydrogen isotope fractionation

The variation of  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  with  $H_2O$  concentration in our hydrated melt inclusions is consistent with the diffusive transport of  $H^+$  from the external fluid into the inclusion. We used the diffusion model of Bucholz et al. (2013) to quantify the H isotope fractionation that develops during hydration. We assumed that the diffusivities ( $D_i$ ) of protons and deuterons in olivine follow Graham's law of diffusion ( $D_D^+/D_H^+ = (m_H/m_D)^\beta$ , where  $m$  represents the mass number). We adopted a  $\beta$  value of 0.2 from Gaetani et al. (2012). The  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  value of the external fluid was set at 0.9‰ (i.e., the  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  value of our distilled water). The average (−81.1‰), maximum (−44.5‰), and minimum (−106.4‰) hydrogen isotope compositions of the starting melt inclusions were used as the initial  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  values respectively to constrain the effect of variation of initial  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  on the modeling results. Other parameters are the same as above, which consider the melt inclusion size and diffusion distance in the experiments. A forward model was calculated to show the variation of  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  with increasing hydration for a single melt inclusion (inclusion radius = 25  $\mu m$ ; diffusion distance = 200  $\mu m$ ), using the average  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  of the starting melt inclusions as the initial value.

Results from diffusion calculations for durations ranging from 30 min to 24 h are compared with our experimental results in Figs. 3 and S12. The results indicate that  $H_2O$  concentration increases monotonically with time, while the  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  values initially decrease and then increase (Fig. 3). This pattern reflects the transient nature of the kinetic hydrogen isotope fractionation: the initial decrease of  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  values is due to the faster diffusivity of  $H^+$  than that of  $D^+$ . After the initial transient towards low  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  values, as the bulk  $H_2O$  of the inclusion continues to equilibrate with the external melt, the D/H monotonically increases approaching the value in the external fluid.

Our experimental data plot mostly within the area defined by the modeling results (Figs. 3 and S12). In principle, the H isotope fractionation is also influenced by the size of the melt inclusion and the diffusion distance: for a given diffusion distance, smaller inclusions show larger isotopic fractionation during short hydration times (e.g., < 90 min) and equilibrate with the external melt faster. However, the relationships among H isotope fractionation, the melt inclusion size, and  $H^+$  diffusion distance are difficult to define in our experiments because the  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  values of the starting materials were not homogeneous (Fig. 3).

#### 4.2. Implications for D/H in Baffin Island picrites

Hallis et al. (2015) reported anomalously light H isotopic compositions ( $\delta D_{VSMOW} = -218‰$  to  $-97‰$ ) for olivine-hosted melt inclusions in picritic basalts from Baffin Island, Canada. These picrites were erupted subaqueously and are naturally glassy. The  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  values define a negative correlation with  $H_2O$  concentrations ( $H_2O = 576$  to  $1964 \mu g g^{-1}$ ) in the melt inclusions. They concluded that the lightest H isotopic composition they measured ( $\delta D_{VSMOW} = -218‰$ ) is the most indicative of the H isotope composition of the mantle source, which they inferred to be a mixture of protosolar-like deep mantle and mid-ocean ridge basalt (MORB) type upper mantle. They interpreted the negative correlation between the  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  and  $H_2O$  concentration to be a result of melt inclusion dehydration during degassing (Bucholz et al., 2013; Gaetani et al., 2012). At these low  $H_2O$  contents (< 0.2 wt.%), however, an ascending magma would be expected to degas a vapor that is dominantly  $CO_2$ , although we cannot state that definitively because  $CO_2$  was not measured. Nonetheless, if the Baffin picrites degas similarly to other  $H_2O$ -poor magmas, such as mid-ocean ridge basalts, they would have lost almost no  $H_2O$  and there would have been little-to-no driving force for dehydrating the Baffin Island melt inclusions (Dixon and Stolper, 1995; Dixon et al., 1995). Alternatively, if the eruption of the picrites was preceded by mixing with magma containing higher  $H_2O$  contents, the  $H_2O$  from the external melt would rapidly diffuse through the host olivine, hydrating the included melt and fractionating the hydrogen isotopes (Gaetani et al., 2012; Hartley et al., 2015; Mironov et al., 2015; Portnyagin et al., 2008).

The low  $H_2O$  concentrations (< 0.2 wt.%) that characterize the Baffin Island melt inclusions make them especially susceptible to modification by diffusive hydration (Hartley et al., 2015). Our results demonstrate that kinetic H isotope fractionation occurs during the initial stages of hydration of olivine-hosted melt inclusions, producing a negative correlation between  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  and  $H_2O$  concentration and can produce anomalously low  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  values (Fig. 3). This suggests that the low  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  value (−218‰) reported by Hallis et al. (2015) may not represent the hydrogen isotopic composition of the mantle source. Alternatively, it can be an artifact of the inclusion-bearing olivine having been in contact with more  $H_2O$ -rich melt (e.g., ~0.8 wt.%  $H_2O$ ) for >1–1.5 h prior to eruption and quenching (Fig. 8; the time estimate is a minimum based on a melt T of 1200 °C). Although such a relatively  $H_2O$ -rich melt has not yet been identified on Baffin Island, magmas containing ~1 wt.%  $H_2O$  have been reported elsewhere in the North Atlantic Igneous Province (e.g., Greenland) (Jamtveit et al., 2001).

We recognize that the mixing scenario proposed above requires a short timescale to preserve the observed hydrogen isotope fractionation (Fig. 8). Such a timescale could be achieved if the mixing occurred just prior to magma ascent and eruption. However, further work to better estimate the magma mixing timescale and magma ascent rate is needed to understand if hydration did affect the H isotope signature of the Baffin Island melt inclusions. Ultimately, we argue that our results imply that the low D/H in the Baffin Island olivine-hosted melt inclusions cannot be uniquely interpreted as representative of their mantle source unless diffusive hydration can be eliminated as a possibility.

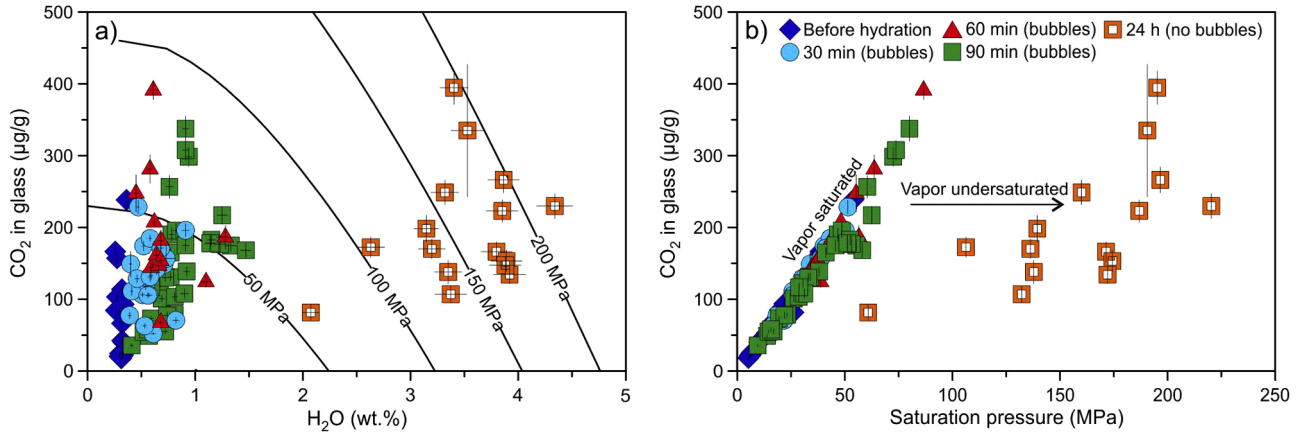
#### 4.3. Behaviors of other volatile species ( $CO_2$ , S, F, and Cl)

##### 4.3.1. $CO_2$ dissolution

Determining the  $CO_2$  concentrations in mineral-hosted melt inclusions is critical for understanding the flux of carbon from the mantle to the surface (e.g., Mironov et al., 2015; Shaw et al., 2010) as well as the depth of crystallization and melt inclusion entrapment (e.g., Hartley et al., 2014; Rasmussen et al., 2017; Wallace et al., 2015). However, most olivine-hosted melt inclusions contain a vapor bubble that sequesters a significant fraction of the total  $CO_2$ , in which case  $CO_2$  estimates based only on glass measurements are always underestimates (as are the associated calculations of the P of vapor saturation) (Moore et al., 2015; Rasmussen et al., 2020; Wallace et al., 2015). Two methods have been developed to estimate the bulk  $CO_2$  concentrations in bubble-bearing melt inclusions: (1) a mass balance method, which is a summation of  $CO_2$  contents in glass and bubble; the latter is estimated using the volumes of the glass and the vapor bubble and the density of  $CO_2$  in the bubble measured by Raman spectroscopy (e.g., Hartley et al., 2014; Moore et al., 2015); (2) a homogenization method, which attempts to dissolve the vapor bubbles back into the melt using high-pressure heating experiments (e.g., Hauri, 2002; Tuohy et al., 2016; Wallace et al., 2015). Mironov et al. (2015) used hydration experiments to homogenize melt inclusions in olivine crystals by completely dissolving vapor bubbles back into the melt, quenching it to a homogeneous glass, then analyzing the glass using SIMS or Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR).

While the concentration of  $CO_2$  in the hydrated melt inclusions is variable within each group of hydrated melt inclusions, there is a general increase as the melt inclusions gain  $H_2O$  during short duration hydration (< 90 min) (Fig. 5a). This is opposite to the direction observed in melt inclusion dehydration experiments (i.e.,  $CO_2$  decreases in the melt with increasing dehydration). The latter result has been ascribed to exsolution of  $CO_2$  into vapor bubbles as a result of decreasing internal P during dehydration (Bucholz et al., 2013). Conversely, diffusive  $H_2O$  gain will increase the internal P due to an increase in the melt inclusion mass with essentially unchanged inclusion volume. As a result of the increased P due to  $H_2O$  gain, the  $CO_2$  concentration increases with progressive hydration (Mironov et al., 2015). This is consistent with the shrinkage of vapor bubbles observed in the short duration hydrated melt



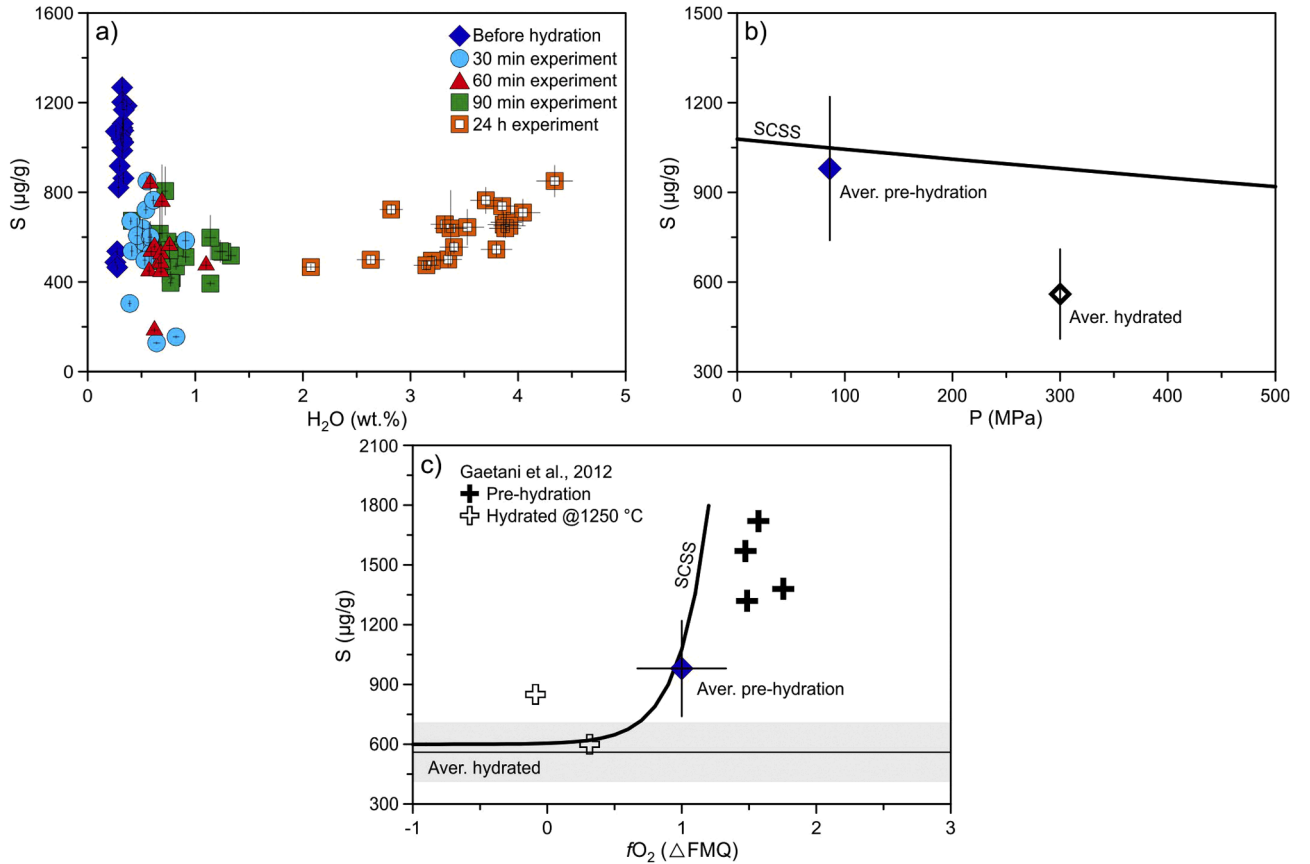


**Fig. 5.** Concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in glass versus H<sub>2</sub>O (a) and saturation P (b) in Puu Mahana olivine-hosted melt inclusions. Error bars indicate 2  $\sigma$  uncertainties for SIMS analyses. The CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations of the melt inclusions before hydration were corrected for post-entrapment crystallization (PEC). The saturation P were calculated using VolatileCalc (Newman and Lowenstern, 2002). The CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in the 24-h hydrated melt inclusions are not significantly increasing with increasing H<sub>2</sub>O concentrations and saturation P, which is because these melt inclusions are vapor undersaturated, consistent with the absence of vapor bubbles.

inclusions (Fig. 1).

Note that the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the 24-h hydrated melt inclusions was not significantly increasing with hydration (Fig. 5a). This may be in part due to the H<sub>2</sub>O-suppression effect on CO<sub>2</sub> during SIMS

analysis (Moussallam et al., 2024). However, we note that bubbles were not unambiguously identified in the 24-h hydrated melt inclusions (Fig. 1d and e; Table S1), indicating that the melt inclusions reached vapor undersaturation in < 24 h. Under these conditions, all the CO<sub>2</sub> was



**Fig. 6.** (a) Plot of S versus H<sub>2</sub>O in Puu Mahana olivine-hosted melt inclusions. (b) Comparison of sulfur in Puu Mahana melt inclusions with sulfide solubility. Vapor saturation pressures were calculated using VolatileCalc (Newman and Lowenstern, 2002) based on the concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> measured in melt inclusion glass. Pressures calculated for the 24 h experiments (vapor undersaturated) are minimum values. The black curve represents the S concentrations at sulfide solubility (SCSS) as a function of P calculated using the equation (10) of Mavrogenes and O'Neill (1999) for basalts without considering fO<sub>2</sub>. (c) Influence of fO<sub>2</sub> on sulfide solubility. Hydration experimental data (1250 °C and 1 GPa) of Gaetani et al. (2012) are also presented. The fO<sub>2</sub> of the starting material in this study is according to Saper et al. (2024). The fO<sub>2</sub> relative to FMQ was calculated from Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe using the methods of Borisov et al. (2018) and Frost (1991). The black curve represents the influence of fO<sub>2</sub> on SCSS calculated using the equation (10) of Jugo et al. (2010). The SCSS<sup>2</sup> at low fO<sub>2</sub> was set to be 600 μg g<sup>-1</sup>. The error bars indicate 2  $\sigma$  uncertainty in (a, b) and 1  $\sigma$  uncertainty in (c).

dissolved in the melt (vapor bubbles were gone). The vapor-undersaturated group can be clearly distinguished from vapor-saturated groups in the plots of  $\text{CO}_2$  in glass versus calculated vapor saturation P (Fig. 5b). While the  $\text{CO}_2$  concentrations in the 24-h hydrated melt inclusions may have been slightly affected by dilution (increasing  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  concentration), they are comparable to those of Mauna Loa melt inclusions after homogenization ( $224 - 505 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ ) (Wallace et al., 2015). Therefore, our experimental results confirm that hydration is an effective way to homogenize melt inclusions hosted in olivine (Mironov et al., 2015; Rasmussen et al., 2020).

#### 4.3.2. Sulfide saturation

The concentrations of S in our experimentally hydrated melt inclusions ( $560 \pm 150 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ ) are systematically lower than those in melt inclusions from the starting material ( $980 \pm 240 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ ) (Fig. 6a). Three pristine melt inclusions from the starting material have low S concentrations ( $\sim 500 - 600 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ ), which reflects the heterogeneous S concentrations of the Mauna Loa magmas (Davis et al., 2003). However, these low-S melt inclusions only account for  $\sim 15\%$  of the pristine inclusions we analyzed. Therefore, we suggest the S concentrations in the melt inclusions decreased significantly during hydration. We interpret this decrease to reflect exsolution of molten sulfide from the silicate melt, which is supported by the presence of sulfide globules in our experiments (Fig. 1c and d).

The sulfur concentration at sulfide saturation (SCSS) in silicate melt is influenced by T, P, oxygen fugacity ( $f\text{O}_2$ ),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  content, and melt composition (specifically Fe concentration) (e.g., Baker and Moretti, 2011; Fortin et al., 2015; Holzheid and Grove, 2002; Jugo et al., 2005; Li and Ripley, 2009; Liu et al., 2007; Mavrogenes and O'Neill, 1999; Nash et al., 2019). In our case, a change of melt composition has little influence on the SCSS because the FeO concentration in the hydrated melt inclusions from the 30 and 60 min experiments are similar to those in the pristine melt inclusions (Fig. 2d). Melt  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  concentrations might play a role in the decrease of sulfur concentration, although the influence of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  on the SCSS is the subject of debate. Results from some studies suggest that the SCSS decreases with increasing  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  concentration in the melt (e.g., Li and Ripley, 2009; Liu et al., 2007; Moretti and Baker, 2008), while others indicate a positive correlation between the SCSS and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  concentration (e.g., Fortin et al., 2015; Moune et al., 2009). The S concentrations in our melt inclusions show no significant correlation with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  concentrations for our hydrated melt inclusions (Fig. 6a). Furthermore, the formation of sulfide globules in some experimentally dehydrated olivine-hosted melt inclusions (Mironov et al., 2015; Saper and Stolper, 2020) suggests that the exsolution of sulfides is not related to high  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  concentrations in the melt.

Experiments have shown that increasing P can decrease the SCSS in silicate melt (Holzheid and Grove, 2002; Mavrogenes and O'Neill, 1999). Nevertheless, this influence is poorly constrained at lower P ( $< 1$  GPa) (O'Neill, 2021). Using the model of Mavrogenes and O'Neill (1999) that shows significant effect of P on SCSS at 0–1 GPa, an increase of P by 300 MPa can only lead to a decrease of SCSS by  $< 100 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  (Fig. 6b). This further excludes P as a major driving force for the formation of sulfide blebs. The sulfide blebs could form during quench due to the effect on sulfide solubility of lowering T (e.g., Ding et al., 2018). While the quench rate in our experiments was not measured, the quench rate for a typical piston cylinder experiment is  $\sim 130^\circ\text{C/s}$  (Ezad et al., 2023), which is much higher than the natural eruptive cooling rate for Hawaii lavas (100s to 10000s  $^\circ\text{C/hr}$ ) (Saper and Stolper, 2020). If cooling plays a major role in the sulfide saturation, more sulfide blebs and lower S concentrations would be expected in natural olivine-hosted melt inclusions in Puu Mahana, which, however, is not consistent with the observations (Figs. 1a and 6a). This suggests that cooling is not a major controlling factor on the sulfide exsolution.

Oxygen fugacity plays an important role in stabilizing sulfide through its control of the oxidation state of S in silicate melt ( $\text{S}^{2-}$  or sulfide versus  $\text{S}^{6+}$  or sulfate) over a narrow range of  $f\text{O}_2$  (FMQ to

FMQ+2, where FMQ is the fayalite-magnetite-quartz buffer) and results in much lower S solubility in silicate melt at lower  $f\text{O}_2$  (Baker and Moretti, 2011; Jugo et al., 2005; Wallace and Carmichael, 1994). Recent studies have shown that the  $f\text{O}_2$  of olivine-hosted melt inclusions can rapidly equilibrate with changes to the external environment (e.g., Bucholz et al., 2013; Gaetani et al., 2012; Hartley et al., 2017). Although the  $f\text{O}_2$  conditions were not well constrained in our experiments, rapid reduction during high P hydration of olivine-hosted melt inclusions has also been reported in previous experiments (e.g., Gaetani et al., 2012; Taracsák et al., 2023). For example, in the hydration experiment of Gaetani et al. (2012), the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  of olivine-hosted melt inclusions from Mauna Loa decreased from 0.21–0.25 to 0.16–0.19 after 22- to 48-h hydration at  $1250^\circ\text{C}$  and 1 GPa. The reduction of  $\text{S}^{6+}$  to  $\text{S}^{2-}$  at low  $f\text{O}_2$  would promote sulfide saturation, lowering the concentration of S in the melt phase, which is consistent with the decrease of S concentrations in the hydrated melt inclusions compared to the starting materials (from  $1320 - 1720 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  to  $600 - 850 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ ) (Fig. 6c). According to the Fe XANES (X-ray absorption near edge structure spectroscopy) measurements of Puu Mahana melt inclusions (Saper et al., 2024), the Puu Mahana melt inclusions have a  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}$  of 0.15–0.21, corresponding to FMQ+0.6 to FMQ+1.4 (Borisov et al., 2018; Frost, 1991). Sulfur XANES measurements of these melt inclusions all yielded mixed  $\text{S}^{6+}$  and  $\text{S}^{2-}$  ( $\text{S}^{6+}/\Sigma\text{S} = 0.35 - 0.94$ ) (Saper et al., 2024). This is consistent with the majority of the starting melt inclusions being sulfide undersaturated despite their higher S concentrations; upon experimental reduction sulfide saturation was achieved forming the sulfide blebs (Fig. 6c). Note that based on the appearance of ubiquitous sulfides in the 30 min experiments, reduction appears to have occurred rapidly.

Therefore,  $f\text{O}_2$  may play a critical role in the exsolution of sulfide blebs during melt inclusion hydration, although the potential effects of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , P, and quench cannot be eliminated. Our results imply that a sulfide-saturated melt inclusion can potentially be used to investigate or test the influences of  $f\text{O}_2$ , P, or T on the sulfide solubility in silicate melt, providing that other factors can be well constrained.

#### 4.3.3. F and Cl

It is debatable whether melt inclusions in olivine are a closed system with respect to F. In the dehydration experiments of Bucholz et al. (2013), there were no significant changes to F concentrations in the melt inclusions that were dehydrated for up to 68 h, suggesting no diffusive migration of F through the host olivine. For our hydration experiments, the F concentrations among the hydrated inclusions are nearly constant and comparable to the concentrations in our pristine inclusions (Fig. 7a), which supports the suggestion that F was not diffusively equilibrated with the external aqueous fluid.

Conversely, Portnyagin et al. (2008) reported a significant loss of F from their experimentally hydrated melt inclusions and attributed it to a diffusive migration of F through the host olivine. Post-entrapment F enrichment was also observed in some natural olivine-hosted melt inclusions, and it was ascribed to the presence of F-clinohumite lamellae in the olivine structure that act as fast diffusion pathways for F (Koleszar et al., 2009). Further, an increase of F concentration in the host olivine towards the melt inclusion was found in some natural olivine crystals (Le Voyer et al., 2014). We note that all the olivine grains that recorded F mobility in these studies were in contact with silicate melts, rather than aqueous fluid (this study) or gas (Bucholz et al., 2013). One possible explanation for these differences, therefore, is that the external boundary condition may influence the behavior of F in olivine-hosted melt inclusions. Since F partitions into the melt relative to fluid or gas (e.g., Aiuppa et al., 2009), the only case in which there is a driving force for diffusive loss or gain of F is perhaps when the olivine is surrounded by melt. If that is the case, olivine-hosted melt inclusions would be an open system for F in nature when the external boundary is a melt.

Cl mobility in olivine has not been observed. The Cl concentrations in our hydrated melt inclusions behave similarly to F (Fig. 7b) and are consistent with the results of dehydration experiments (Bucholz et al.,

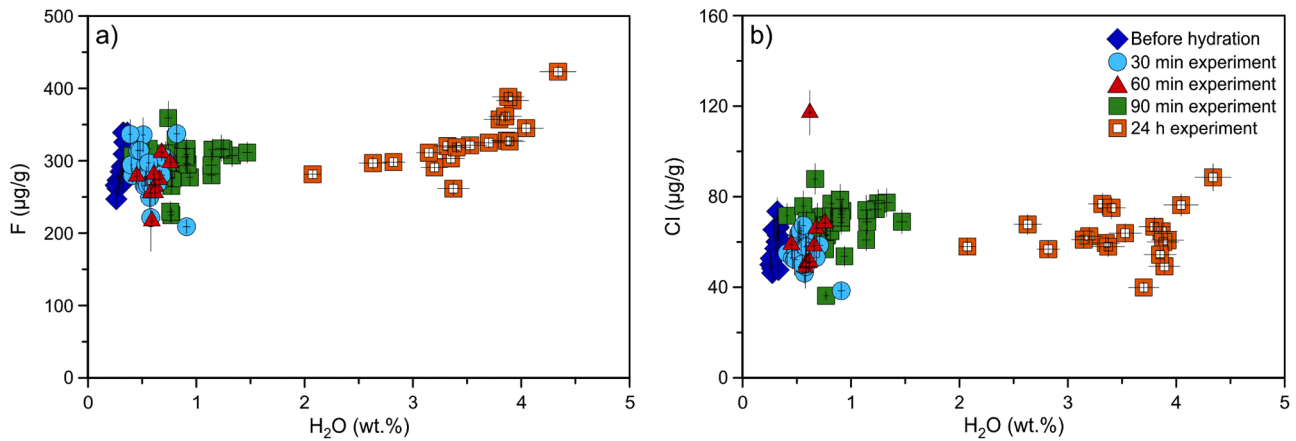


Fig. 7. Plots of  $H_2O$  versus F (a) and Cl (b) in Puu Mahana olivine-hosted melt inclusions.

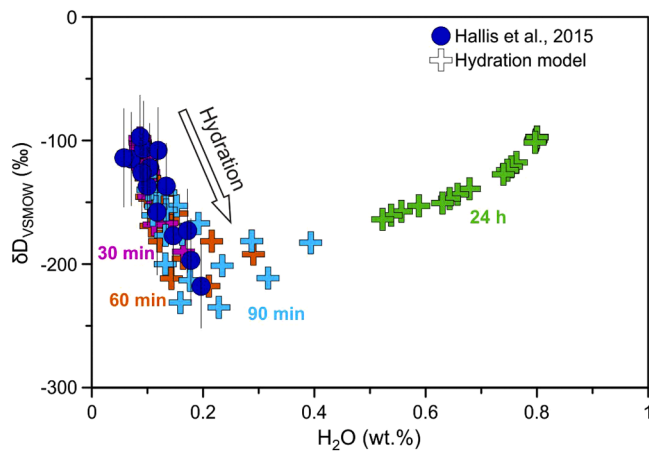


Fig. 8. Modeling results for the  $H^+$  diffusion showing the covariation of  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  values and  $H_2O$  concentrations for the Baffin Island melt inclusions ( $H_2O = 0.086$  wt.%;  $\delta D_{VSMOW} = -97\text{‰}$ ; radius = 15 – 50  $\mu m$ ) after the host olivines (radius = 200 – 500  $\mu m$ ) contact with a slightly more hydrous melt ( $H_2O = 0.8$  wt.%) with the same hydrogen isotope for 30 min to 24 h. Baffin Island melt inclusion data reported by Hallis et al. (2015) are also shown for comparison (error bars:  $2\sigma$ ). The model used the same parameters as in Fig. 3. The modeling results agree well with the natural data, suggesting that anomalously light hydrogen isotopes in the olivine-hosted melt inclusion can be produced via hydration and do not necessarily represent the hydrogen isotopic composition of deep mantle source.

2013). This indicates that olivine-hosted melt inclusions are a closed system with respect to Cl, at least when external boundary is fluid or gas.

## 5. Conclusions

Results from hydration experiments with durations ranging from 30 min to 24 h demonstrate that olivine-hosted melt inclusions can rapidly gain  $H_2O$  from the external environment via diffusion of  $H^+$  through the host olivine. The smaller melt inclusions and/or those closer to the edge of the olivine gain  $H_2O$  more rapidly. The H isotope composition became transiently lighter in short duration hydration experiments ( $< 1$  h), which could mimic the situation for olivine crystals in contact with a more  $H_2O$ -rich melt during magma mixing. Therefore, anomalously light  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  values, such as those measured in Baffin picrites, may reflect a diffusive transient rather than the  $\delta D_{VSMOW}$  of a primitive, undegassed mantle source. Our experimental data also show that the  $H^+$  diffusivity in olivine equilibrated with an aqueous fluid (about  $10^{-11.2 \pm 0.2} m^2/s$  at 1200  $^{\circ}C$ ) is faster than previously estimated values under

similar external environment (i.e., aqueous fluid) and approaches that for equilibration with a hydrous silicate melt. In addition, hydration increases the internal P of the melt inclusion, resulting in the dissolution of  $CO_2$  from vapor bubbles into the melt. Furthermore, the S concentrations in the hydrated melt inclusions dropped significantly as a result of exsolution of sulfide globules, likely due to the decrease of oxygen fugacity imposed by the experimental assembly and reduction of  $S^{6+}$  initially dissolved in the melt inclusions. This implies that olivine-hosted melt inclusions are a potential tool to probe the effects of redox conditions, T, or P on the sulfide solubility in silicate melt. Similar to dehydration experiments, no exchange of F and Cl between the melt inclusion and external aqueous fluid was observed in our hydration experiment.

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