

Effect of Fluorine on Near-Liquidus Phase Equilibria of an Fe-Mg Rich Basalt

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Abstract

Volatile species (H₂O, CO₂, F, Cl, etc) have important effects on the formation and crystallization history of basaltic magmas. Here, we have experimentally investigated the effects of F on phase equilibria of Fe-Mg-rich basalt. Our results show that fluorine has large effects on the liquidus temperature and the chemistry of crystallizing minerals. Compared to the F-free system, addition of ~2 wt.% F moves the olivine-pigeonite liquidus point down ~2 kbar and 95 °C (from 12 kbar, 1375 °C to 10 kbar, 1280 °C). With increasing fluorine concentrations, $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$ dramatically increases for both pyroxene and olivine, suggesting that fluorine in basaltic magmas complexes primarily with MgO. Complexing with MgO in the melt decreases its MgO activity, and forces the

23 crystallizing minerals to greater Fe/Mg, and so increases $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$. Models of basalt
24 generation, where the magma is fluorine-rich, need to include the effect of not only water
25 but fluorine on liquidus depression and minerals crystallizing/melting. Our results
26 suggest that fluorine may significantly aid in the petrogenesis of silica-poor, alkali-rich
27 magmas in the Earth and Mars.

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30 equilibria, fluorine

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32 1. Introduction

33 Volatile species (H₂O, CO₂, F, Cl, etc) are important in basalt genesis and mantle
34 melting in arc, plume, ridge, and other planetary tectono-magmatic settings. Previous
35 experimental work has mainly focused on the effects of water and carbon dioxide on
36 liquidus temperature, phase relations, and compositions of basalts produced in these
37 systems (e.g., Danyushevsky, 2001; Dasgupta et al., 2007; Feig et al., 2010; Feig et al.,
38 2006; Gaetani and Grove, 1998; Gerbode and Dasgupta, 2010; Green, 1970; Grove et al.,
39 2002; Grove et al., 2006; Médard and Grove, 2008; Mysen, 1975; Nekvasil et al., 2004).
40 The effects of halogens in general, and those of fluorine in particular, have received far
41 less attention (e.g., Brey et al., 2009; Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a; Filiberto and
42 Treiman, 2009b; Foley et al., 1986). However, melts in planetary interiors can have non-
43 negligible halogen concentrations, and the importance of chlorine and fluorine in basalt
44 petrogenesis has been emphasized in recent literature both for Earth (Aoki et al., 1981;
45 Brey et al., 2009) and Mars (Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a,b). Here, we explore the
46 effects of fluorine on near-liquidus phase equilibria of a basalt.

47 *Fluorine concentrations in terrestrial magmas:* Evolved magmas (rhyolites and
48 phonolites) can contain more than 5 wt% F (e.g., Carroll and Webster, 1994; Giordano et
49 al., 2004; Harms and Schmincke, 2000; Webster et al., 1997); basaltic magmas typically
50 contain less F than their evolved counter parts as summarized by Aoki et al. (1981) and
51 Stecher (1998) for continental and oceanic basaltic rocks. They found that the abundance
52 of F typically correlates with that of K₂O for most basaltic magmas, although this
53 correlation breaks down at high K₂O concentrations. In tholeiites, F concentrations range
54 from 30 to 1000 ppm (Aoki et al., 1981; Stecher, 1998; Yoshida et al., 1971); higher

55 primitive fluorine concentrations are seen in alkali rich rocks: nephelinites and
56 kimberlites have concentrations up to 2000 ppm; and some lamproites contain up to
57 20,000 ppm (2 wt%) F (Aoki et al., 1981). This suggests that fluorine may be especially
58 important for alkali-rich basaltic magmas. For example, primitive mantle of the Earth is
59 estimated to have 25 ppm F (McDonough and Sun, 1995), thus with bulk partition
60 coefficient of ~0.08 during mantle melting (Dalou et al., 2012), 0.1 to 2 wt.% partial
61 melts will have F concentration of ~300 ppm (**Figure 1**).

62 *Fluorine concentrations in martian magmas:* Less is known about the fluorine
63 concentrations of martian magmas. Bulk fluorine contents of the martian basalts
64 (meteorites) are similar to those of terrestrial tholeiites (29-41 ppm, Dreibus and Wänke,
65 1985). But based on the F to Ti ratio, martian basalts and the bulk martian mantle are
66 thought to be 2-3 times richer in F (and other halogens) than terrestrial basalts and mantle
67 (Dreibus and Wänke, 1987; Treiman et al., 1986). If the F content of the martian mantle
68 were three times greater than that of the Earth, similar low degree partial melting (as in
69 the example above, 0.1-2 wt. %) should yield magmas with 950 to 750 ppm F (**Figure 1**).
70 Further, alkalic basalts (typically rich in fluorine on Earth) have been suggested to occur,
71 and maybe significant, on Mars (Dunn et al., 2007; McSween et al., 2006; Nekvasil et al.,
72 2007). All of this, and the chemistry of volatile-bearing minerals in martian meteorites
73 (amphiboles and apatite) suggests that fluorine, like chlorine (Filiberto and Treiman,
74 2009a; Filiberto and Treiman, 2009b; Patiño Douce and Roden, 2006; Patiño Douce et
75 al., 2011), may be an important factor controlling basalt genesis in Mars (possibly to the
76 extent of replacing water as the dominant volatile species).

77 *Previous work on fluorine in igneous systems:* Previous studies on fluorine in
78 magmatic systems have mainly focused on the solubility mechanisms of F in
79 aluminosilicate (+/-Na) melt and its effect on melt viscosity (Liu and Nekvasil, 2002; Liu
80 and Tossell, 2003; Mysen et al., 2004; Schaller et al., 1992; Zeng et al., 1999). Nuclear
81 magnetic resonance (NMR) studies of aluminosilicate glasses have shown that fluorine
82 preferentially complexes with Al and possibly Si (Liu and Nekvasil, 2002; Liu and
83 Tossell, 2003; Schaller et al., 1992; Zeng et al., 1999). For Na-aluminosilicate glasses
84 four predominant complexes have been identified: Na-F, Na-Al-F (with Al in 4-fold
85 coordination), Na-Al-F (with Al in 6-fold coordination), and Al-F (with Al in 6-fold
86 coordination) (Mysen et al., 2004; Zeng and Stebbins, 2000). By complexing
87 predominantly with Al in silica-rich magmas, F decreases their viscosity by
88 depolymerizing the melt (Dingwell, 1989; Dingwell and Hess, 1998; Dingwell et al.,
89 1985; Giordano et al., 2004; Zimova and Webb, 2007). This is a similar effect on melt
90 structure and viscosity as dissolved water (e.g., Giordano et al., 2004).

91 Similar to NMR studies, most experiments on phase equilibria in F-bearing
92 magmas have been on granitic or simplified systems (e.g, Dolejs and Baker, 2007a;
93 Dolejs and Baker, 2007b; Foley et al., 1986; Lukkari and Holtz, 2007; Manning, 1981;
94 Scaillet and MacDonald, 2001; Scaillet and MacDonald, 2003; Scaillet and Macdonald,
95 2006; Weidner and Martin, 1987; Xiao-lin et al., 1999; Xiong et al., 2002). Fluorine has
96 dramatic effects on crystallizing phases (e.g, Dolejs and Baker, 2007a; Dolejs and Baker,
97 2007b; Foley et al., 1986; Manning, 1981). At 1 bar, in the Qz-Ab-Or-H₂O system,
98 addition of fluorine shifts the boundary of the quartz-alkali feldspar liquidus field away
99 from the quartz apex; addition of 4 %wt F shifts the minimum melting compositions from

100 $\text{QZ}_{37}\text{Ab}_{34}\text{Or}_{29}$ to $\text{QZ}_{15}\text{Ab}_{58}\text{Or}_{27}$ (Manning, 1981). In the $\text{NaAlSiO}_4\text{-CaMgSi}_2\text{O}_6\text{-SiO}_2$
101 system, also at 1 bar, fluorine reduces the liquidus temperature and changes the
102 compositions of the liquids produced (Luth, 1988a). For example, the liquid in
103 equilibrium with diopside at 1250°C in the F-bearing experiments is $\text{Di}_{56}\text{Ab}_{44}$ compared
104 with $\text{Di}_{33}\text{Ab}_{67}$ in the F-free experiments. The results suggests that F is complexing with
105 Ca and Mg in the liquid in a $\text{NaAlSiO}_4\text{-CaMgSi}_2\text{O}_6\text{-SiO}_2$ simplified system (Luth,
106 1988a). At higher pressure (28 kbar) in the $\text{KAlSiO}_4\text{-Mg}_2\text{SiO}_4\text{-SiO}_2$ system, fluorine
107 expands the field of enstatite stability with respect to that of forsterite by complexing
108 with Mg, K, and Al in the melt (Foley et al., 1986).

109 However, the solution mechanism for F in natural basaltic melts maybe more
110 complicated than in the simple systems. Recent NMR work has shown that a significant
111 proportion (>30%) of dissolved fluorine complexes with Mg (Kiczinski et al., 2004);
112 while experimental results combined with NMR and Raman spectroscopy studies have
113 suggested that F may complex with Ca (Luth, 1988b; Zeng and Stebbins, 2000). Fluorine
114 complexation with cations other than Al will not only lower the liquidus and affect the
115 viscosity, but also change the phase relations of crystallizing magmas. However, these
116 complexations are presumably bulk composition dependent.

117 In order to understand how fluorine behaves in a Si-poor, Mg, Fe-rich basaltic
118 system we have experimentally determined near liquidus phase relations of a synthetic
119 basalt doped with F. The results of these experiments can be directly compared with our
120 previous work on the same synthetic basalt conducted nominally volatile-free (Filiberto
121 et al., 2008) and doped with chlorine (Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a).

122 **2. Methods**

123 2.2 *Experimental approach*

124 2.2.1 *Starting composition*

125 We have conducted nominally anhydrous piston cylinder experiments on an Fe-
126 rich model basalt composition synthetic starting material (**Table 1**). The choice of the
127 basalt composition was motivated by the fact that the same composition had previously
128 been used to study the effect of chlorine on near-liquidus phase equilibria (Filiberto and
129 Treiman, 2009a). The synthetic starting material was made from reagent grade oxides and
130 carbonates ground together under acetone in an automatic mortar and pestle for 15
131 minutes to ensure homogeneity (Filiberto et al., 2008). This powdered mix was melted in
132 an iron-saturated Pt crucible in a muffle furnace at 1500°C under air, quenched to a glass,
133 and reground for 15 minutes. The same powder and experimental techniques from our
134 previous work was used for this study thus allowing comparisons between current and
135 past studies (Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a; Filiberto et al., 2008); however, 2.1 wt%
136 fluorine was added to the starting mix as AgF₂.

137 2.2.2 *Experimental Technique*

138 High pressure experiments were conducted in a non-end-loaded QuickPress[®]
139 piston-cylinder apparatus at Johnson Space Center High Pressure Laboratory. Standard
140 methods were employed. Starting materials were held in graphite sample capsules, which
141 were installed in straight graphite furnaces, insulated with BaCO₃ sleeves and crushable
142 MgO spacers (Filiberto et al., 2008). Before each run, the synthetic powder plus AgF₂
143 was loaded into a graphite capsule and stored for at least 12 hours in an oven at 150 °C in
144 order to drive off absorbed H₂O. Temperature was measured using a W5%Re/W25%Re
145 thermocouple placed in an indentation in the graphite sample capsule and range from

146 above the liquidus to just below the liquidus. Pressure in the experiments was measured
147 on a Heise gauge and corrected for friction by -0.3 kbar based on the location of the
148 diopside melting curve (Filiberto et al., 2008). Pressures in these experiments ranged
149 from 5.7 kbar to 14.7 kbar and friction corrected pressures are reported (**Table 2**). The
150 oxygen fugacity, fO_2 , of our experiments has not been directly measured. However, the
151 graphite capsules constrain the fO_2 of the assemblage, at elevated pressures, to ~1-2 log
152 units below the FMQ oxygen buffer (Frost and Wood, 1995; Médard et al., 2008).

153 Experiments were conducted using a piston-out procedure – the experiment was
154 pressurized cold to 2 kbar above the experimental pressure, brought to the desired
155 temperature, and then brought down to the final pressure. Samples were kept for 30
156 minutes above the liquidus temperature, rapidly cooled to the final crystallization
157 temperature where they remained for at least one hour, and finally quenched at pressure.
158 This technique was employed in order to mimic natural magmatic conditions where
159 crystals form directly from a molten liquid, rather than synthesis techniques of going
160 directly to the crystallization temperature where crystals form from the powder.

161 In order to determine mineral abundances and verify that the experiments were
162 chemically closed systems, mass balance calculations were conducted using the average
163 starting bulk composition (**Table 1**) and the compositions of the crystallized phases and
164 residual glass (**Table 3**), using the least square computations of the IgPet software
165 package (Carr, 2000).

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167 *2.3 Chemical Analyses*

168 *2.3.1 Major Element Analyses*

169 Experimental run products, glasses and crystalline phases, were analyzed for
170 major and minor element abundances using the Cameca SX-100 electron microprobe at
171 the NASA Johnson Space Center. Analytical conditions were 15 kV accelerating
172 potential and focused electron beam of 20 nA current for minerals, and 15 kV electron
173 accelerating potential and a defocused 5 μm electron beam of 10 nA current for quenched
174 glasses. Analytical standards were synthetic oxides and minerals for minerals and natural
175 and synthetic glasses for glasses.

176 2.3.2 *F analysis*

177 Glass in experimental run products was analyzed for dissolved F using a Cameca
178 IMS 1280 ion probe at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Analytical standards
179 were well characterized basaltic glasses. Experimental and standard samples were
180 mounted in indium and gold-coated for analysis. The $^{19}\text{F}/^{30}\text{Si}$ ratio was measured by the
181 ion probe, and F abundances were calculated using Si abundances measured by EMP
182 (Helo et al., 2011). Replicate analyses were done on each sample to gauge precision, and
183 an analytical uncertainty of ~10% of the measured abundance of F reflects uncertainties
184 from counting statistics, and standard compositions (Table 2). Because the basaltic
185 standards had lower F concentrations than our experimental sample glasses, a linear
186 extrapolation of the calibration curve was adopted (e.g., Helo et al., 2011).

187 2.3.3 *H₂O and CO₂ analyses*

188 Because small amounts of dissolved water can have large effects on basalt
189 liquidus temperatures (e.g., Almeev et al., 2007; Danyushevsky, 2001; Médard and
190 Grove, 2008) and because performing completely dry but other volatile-bearing
191 experiments is practically impossible, micro-FTIR analyses were conducted to determine

192 the water contamination of the experimental glasses. Samples were analyzed using a
193 Nicolet Contium FTIR in the geochemistry laboratory at Rice University. Total
194 dissolved water contents were determined on doubly polished glass wafers from the
195 intensity of the broad band at 3570 cm^{-1} . Each doubly polished wafer was measured for
196 thickness using a Mitutoyo electronic indicator with a 0.015" carbide needlepoint tip. For
197 each sample 512 scans were used to acquire each IR spectrum. Density of the glass was
198 calculated from the bulk composition using the procedure of Dixon et al. (1995). A molar
199 absorptivity value of 65 (L/mol-cm) was applied (King et al., 2004). Total water
200 concentrations are reported in **Table 3**. They were calculated using the total H_2O
201 vibration band at 3550 cm^{-1} and the procedures of Dixon et al. (1995) and King et al.
202 (2004).

203 Because the starting material for our experiments was not reduced prior to the
204 high-pressure experiments, our experimental glasses were expected to suffer
205 contamination by small amount of CO_2 , owing to reduction of Fe^{3+} to Fe^{2+} by reaction
206 with graphite. Micro-FTIR analysis was used to determine the dissolved CO_3^{2-} contents
207 of our experimental glasses. For each sample 512 scans were used to acquire each IR
208 spectrum. Density of the glass was calculated from the bulk composition using the
209 procedure of Dixon et al. (1995). Total CO_3^{2-} concentrations were calculated using molar
210 absorptivity values of 284 and 281 (L/mol-cm) for the carbonate ion vibration band at
211 1515 and 1430 cm^{-1} respectively (King et al., 2004) and the procedures of Dixon et al.
212 (1995) and King et al. (2004).

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215 **3. Results**

216 The FTIR spectra, for representative sample Hf18, shows peaks for both dissolved
217 H₂O and CO₃²⁻ (**Figure 2**) representing volatile contamination in our experiments. The
218 fluorine-bearing experiments contain an average of 0.34±0.07 wt. % H₂O. Selected
219 samples analyzed for dissolved carbon show that the CO₂ contaminations are more
220 scattered and give approximate average dissolved CO₂ contents of 0.53±0.28 wt. %
221 (**Table 3**).

222 **Figure 3** shows the near-liquidus phase diagram for the F-bearing basaltic
223 composition in *P-T* space. Above 12 kbar, pigeonite is the liquidus phase; below 10 kbar,
224 olivine is on the liquidus. At approximately 10 kbar and 1265 °C, the bulk composition
225 with ~2 wt.% fluorine is multiply saturated with both olivine (Fo₆₇) and pigeonite
226 (En₆₄Wo₇Fs₂₉). In the *P-T* range of our experiments, the olivine composition spans the
227 range from Fo₆₇ near the liquidus to Fo₅₈ at lower temperatures. The pyroxenes are all
228 pigeonite, and range from En₆₇Wo₇Fs₂₆ near the liquidus through En₅₇Wo₁₂Fs₃₀ at lower
229 temperatures.

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231 **4. Discussion**

232 *4.1 Liquidus depression effect of Fluorine*

233 Liquidus temperatures (at a given pressure) determined in this study for the F-
234 bearing composition, are systematically lower than those of the F-free composition
235 investigated earlier (Filiberto et al., 2008). However, quantification of the basalt liquidus
236 depression effect of fluorine requires comparing all the data at the same background
237 volatile content level. The fluorine-bearing experiments in our study contain more water

238 contamination (~0.34 wt% H₂O; **Table 3**) than the previous fluorine free experiments
 239 (~0.1 wt% H₂O; Filiberto et al. 2008) and water is known to depress the liquidus
 240 temperature (e.g., Médard and Grove, 2008); therefore, in order to make a direct
 241 comparison, temperatures of all experiments need to be corrected to a water-free system,
 242 i.e.,

$$243 \quad \Delta T (\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C})^{\text{F}} = \Delta T (\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C})^{\text{Total}} - \Delta T (\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C})^{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \quad (1)$$

244 where $\Delta T (\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C})^{\text{F}}$ is the liquidus temperature depression caused by fluorine only, ΔT
 245 $(\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C})^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ is the liquidus temperature depression caused by water only and $\Delta T (\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C})^{\text{Total}}$ is
 246 the total liquidus temperature depression observed in our experiments. In equation (1), we
 247 assume that the liquidus depression effects of water and fluorine are additive. To
 248 calculate $\Delta T (\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C})^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ we use the liquidus depression equation from Médard and Grove
 249 (2008)

$$250 \quad \Delta T (\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C})^{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 40.4 (C_{\text{melt}}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}) - 2.97 (C_{\text{melt}}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}})^2 + 0.0761 (C_{\text{melt}}^{\text{H}_2\text{O}})^3 \quad (2)$$

251 and add the calculated $\Delta T (\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C})^{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ to all of our experimental temperatures. Uncorrected
 252 and corrected temperatures (T^*) are reported in **Tables 2** but all temperatures used in
 253 **Figures 4-7** are corrected for dissolved water and hence reflect the estimated
 254 temperatures of the experimental assemblages if no water was present in the experiments.

255 No correction has been applied to account for the small amount of dissolved CO₂
 256 because it likely has no discernable effect on the liquidus temperature of our experiments.
 257 Brey and Green (1977; 1976) estimated the effect of dissolved CO₂ on the high pressure
 258 liquidus temperature of olivine melilitite. Their study indicates that ~0.5 wt% dissolved
 259 CO₂ (as carbonate) at 3 GPa lowers the liquidus of olivine melilitite, an extremely silica-
 260 undersaturated magma, by less than 10-15 °C. The effect of CO₂ at lower pressures (this

261 study) and for more silica-rich basalt compositions will be even less pronounced ($\ll 10$
262 $^{\circ}\text{C}$).

263 We assume that the effects of different volatiles, i.e., H_2O and halogens on
264 liquidus depression are additive (equation 1). In order to test this assumption, we
265 calculated the expected liquidus depression for basalt from the study of McCubbin et al.
266 (2008). The basalt composition from the study of McCubbin et al. (2008) is similar to the
267 bulk composition from our experiments (this work, Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a;
268 Filiberto et al., 2008) but with two important differences – (1) their experiments were
269 doped with H_2O , Cl, and F and (2) their bulk composition contained Cr, therefore, had
270 chromite as the liquidus phases. Because our experiments were conducted Cr-free, we
271 ignored possible effect of chromite and considered the Ol-Pyx liquidus only. In their
272 study, experiments were conducted at 9.3 kbar with two different bulk compositions – (1)
273 0.07 wt% H_2O , 0.56 wt% F, and 0.15 wt% Cl and (2) 1.67 wt% H_2O , 0.55 wt% F, and
274 0.21 wt% Cl, respectively (McCubbin et al., 2008). For the effect of H_2O on the liquidus
275 depression we use equation 2 from Médard and Grove (2008), for the effect of F and Cl
276 on liquidus depression we use the results from our experiments (equation 3 below). For
277 bulk composition 1, starting from the volatile-free solidus of Filiberto et al. (2008), we
278 calculate an ol-opx liquidus temperature of 1300°C at 9.3 kbar whereas the actual
279 experimental results have an ol-opx liquidus temperature of $1260 \pm 10^{\circ}\text{C}$ at 9.3 kbar
280 (McCubbin et al., 2008). Similarly, for bulk composition 2, the actual experimental
281 results have an ol-opx liquidus temperature of $1225 \pm 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ (McCubbin et al., 2008)
282 whereas we estimated a temperature of 1240°C . This shows the validity of the
283 assumption that basalt liquidus depression caused by a mixed halogen-water can be

284 within error approximated by the addition of the effect of individual species. The good
285 reproduction of the McCubbin et al. (2008) liquidus suggests that at least for similar bulk
286 and volatile composition this approach may be reasonable.

287 **Figure 4** compares the pressure-temperature phase relations for the F-bearing
288 experiments and the F-free experiments (Filiberto et al. 2008) after their nominal
289 temperatures have been corrected for dissolved water. It is apparent from **Figure 4** that
290 fluorine has a significant and large effect on the liquidus position and phase boundaries in
291 basaltic system. Addition of ~2 wt.% F moves the olivine-pigeonite liquidus point down
292 ~2 kbar and 95 °C (from 12 kbar and 1375 °C to 10 kbar and 1280 °C) by expanding the
293 stability field of pigeonite to lower pressure compared to the F-free experiments. We note
294 that although we feel confident about correcting for the variable amount of water for the
295 basalt liquidus when olivine is the sole liquidus phase, such correction for higher pressure
296 experiments, i.e., with pigeonite as the liquidus phase, is less certain. This is because the
297 liquidus depression effect of water on the liquidus of pigeonite is not constrained for
298 composition similar to that explored in our study.

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300 *4.2 Fluorine Complexation in the Melt and Compositions of Crystallizing Phases*

301 In order to constrain how fluorine is complexing in the melt, we can investigate
302 the effect of dissolved fluorine on Fe-Mg partitioning between minerals and melt
303 ($Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg} = [X_{FeO}^{(ol, pig)} X_{MgO}^L] / [X_{MgO}^{(ol, pig)} X_{FeO}^L]$). **Figure 5** shows $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$ for
304 both olivine and pyroxene compared with the wt.% fluorine in the melt as analyzed by
305 SIMS. With increasing fluorine concentrations, $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$ dramatically increases for
306 both pyroxene and olivine, suggesting that fluorine in the basaltic magma is complexing

307 with MgO over FeO in the melt. Complexing with MgO in the melt will decrease the
308 MgO activity in the melt and force the minerals crystallizing to be more ferroan (higher
309 Fe/Mg) than they would be without fluorine in the melt. Our results are thus consistent
310 with NMR studies, which suggest the presence of Mg-F complexes in fluorine bearing
311 aluminosilicate glasses (Kiczenski et al., 2004). However, the nature of the F-cation
312 complexes is likely highly compositionally dependent (Liu and Nekvasil, 2002; Liu and
313 Tossell, 2003; Luth, 1988b; Schaller et al., 1992; Zeng et al., 1999; Zeng and Stebbins,
314 2000). Therefore, the effect of fluorine on liquidus depression and mineral crystallization
315 will depend on the melt composition and we caution the readers against applying our
316 liquidus depression parameterization to other melt compositions.

317 *4.3 Fluorine Solubility*

318 The results here can also help to constrain our understanding of fluorine solubility
319 in basaltic magmas. There is limited experimental data for fluorine solubility in magmas
320 (for a review see Carroll and Webster, 1994). What experimental data there is for Si-rich
321 magmas is mainly at low pressure and low temperature (Dolejs and Baker, 2007a; Dolejs
322 and Baker, 2007b; Mysen et al., 2004; Scaillet and Macdonald, 2004; Webster, 1990).
323 For example, NaAlSi₃O₈ magma compositions can contain up to ~20 wt% F at 15 Kbar,
324 Ca-poor peralkaline rhyolitic melts can contain up to 4.28 wt% at 1 bar, and rhyolitic
325 magma at pressures from 0.5-5 kbar can contain up to 8.5 wt% F (for a review see,
326 Carroll and Webster, 1994; Scaillet and Macdonald, 2004; Webster, 1990). In natural
327 carbonatitic melts, F content of up to 16 wt. % have been reported and in carbonated
328 silicate melts of kimberlitic/melilitic affinity, F content of as much as 13 wt.% have been
329 measured (Brey et al., 2009). Therefore, F solubility is likely compositionally dependent

330 and there is currently no experimental solubility data on natural basaltic magmas at
331 pressure. The results here present constraints on the lower solubility limit of F in Fe-Mg-
332 rich basaltic magmas at 5.7-11.7 kbar pressure. Because the magmas are not in
333 equilibrium with fluorite, these results are only a minimum for the solubility. The glass in
334 these experiments contain up to 2.89 wt. % suggesting that the F solubility in basaltic
335 magmas are higher than this value.

336 *4.4 Comparison to the effects of chlorine*

337 Experiments have been previously conducted on the same bulk composition used
338 in this study to investigate the effect of chlorine on near-liquidus equilibria (Filiberto and
339 Treiman, 2009a). Therefore, we can directly compare the effect of fluorine and chlorine
340 on liquidus depression and $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$ on the same bulk composition. **Figure 6** shows
341 the effect of dissolved volatile contents (Cl and F) on liquidus depression (a) and
342 $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$ (b). These results show that for the pressures, temperatures, and
343 compositions studied, fluorine and chlorine have similar effects on liquidus depression
344 and a single power curve can be fit through the data to explain both data sets (equation 3).

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$$346 \quad \Delta T (^{\circ}\text{C}) = 46.737(C_{\text{melt}}^{\text{F or Cl}} \text{ in wt}\%)^{0.6263} \quad (3)$$

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348 However, fluorine and chlorine have opposite effects on $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$. Fluorine increases

349 $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$ because it complexes mainly with Mg whereas chlorine decreases

350 $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$ because it complexes mainly with Fe (Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a).

351 Because F and Cl likely form different ion-complexes in the melt, a single power curve
352 fitting for both data sets in Figure 6a is surprising and likely coincidental.

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354 *4.5 Comparison to the effects of water*

355 In order to compare these results to the effect of water, we rely on experiments
356 and models of the effect of water on liquidus depression conducted on varying basaltic
357 bulk compositions over a range of pressures (0.1-10 kbar), temperatures (1350-1130 °C),
358 water contents (0-11.5 wt.%), and approaches (Almeev et al., 2007; Ghiorso et al., 2002;
359 Katz et al., 2003; Médard and Grove, 2008). **Figure 6** shows the effect of volatile
360 contents (H₂O, Cl, and F) on ΔT (°C), the depression of the liquidus temperature. It
361 appears that the effect of increasing H₂O, Cl and F on basalt liquidus depression can be
362 parameterized with similar function when compared on a weight percent basis. While
363 analyzing and reporting Cl, F, and H₂O in weight percent basis are the routine
364 geochemical practice, to compare the freezing point depression effect of F, Cl and H₂O
365 on a more thermodynamically rigorous basis, it is more desirable to compare liquidus
366 depression based on the atomic fraction of F, Cl and H. On an atomic fraction basis, F
367 and Cl are actually 2-3 times more efficient at liquidus depression than H (**Figure 7**).

368 The effects of dissolved Cl, F, and H₂O on $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$ are rather dissimilar which
369 suggests that these species have different solution mechanisms, i.e. are sited differently in
370 silicate magmas. Dissolved F increases $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$, dissolved Cl decreases $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$,
371 and dissolved H₂O has no discernible effect on $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$ (Figure 6, Filiberto and
372 Treiman, 2009a; Gaetani and Grove, 1998; Médard and Grove, 2008; Whitaker et al.,
373 2008). This is consistent with complexation of F and Cl with divalent ‘network-

374 modifying' cations while H₂O does not complex with 'network-modifying' cations at all
375 but bonds dominantly with Al (e.g., Burnham and Davis, 1974; Giordano et al., 2004).

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377 **5. Implications**

378 Fluorine has a large effect on liquidus depression of basalts and the chemistry of
379 crystallizing minerals; these effects will be especially important for low-degree partial
380 melts, which may start with relatively high abundances of fluorine. If we extrapolate
381 these experimental results to alkalic magma compositions (terrestrial or martian) with up
382 to 5000 ppm F (likely derived from a F-rich source and/or as a result of very low-extent
383 of melting; **Figure 1**), liquidus temperature can be depressed by an extra ~30°C which is
384 not accounted for by dissolved water alone. If this can be further extrapolated to mantle
385 temperatures, a ~30 °C shift in temperature, with a shift in ol:pyx stability field as well,
386 enables alkalic melts to be produced at lower temperatures. This suggests that fluorine
387 may significantly aid in the petrogenesis of silica-poor, alkali-rich magmas in the Earth
388 and Mars. Because martian magmas can be more F-rich, it is perhaps more appropriate to
389 further comment on the effect of fluorine on the multiple saturation point of olivine-opx-
390 melt in martian igneous system. With average F content of ~5000 ppm, our present study
391 suggests that the mantle potential temperatures relevant for Mars can be as low as 1335-
392 1495 °C, distinctly lower than a recent estimate based on olivine-melt Mg-exchange
393 thermometry (Filiberto and Dasgupta, 2011).

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400 **Figure Captions:**

401 **Figure 1.** Plausible concentration of fluorine in near-solidus partial melts of garnet
402 peridotite as a function of melting degree for Earth (bulk F concentration from
403 McDonough and Sun, 1995) and Mars (assuming that martian mantle contains three
404 times F than that in the Earth's mantle). Bulk partition coefficient, D_F (peridotite-basalt),
405 of 0.0785 is used based on olivine-melt D_F of 0.1164, opx-melt D_F of 0.0158, cpx-melt
406 D_F of 0.0428, and garnet-melt D_F of 0.0123 from the study of Dalou et al. (2012). Garnet-
407 melt, opx-melt, and cpx-melt D_F values are taken from the experiment C4p#25kb and that
408 of olivine-melt D_F from the experiment CC01#8kb4 of Dalou et al. (2012). Peridotite
409 mineral modes used for the calculations are 60% olivine, 20% opx, and 10% each of cpx
410 and garnet. Because of the uncertainties in D_F (mineral-melt) for Martian mantle phase
411 compositions, melt compositional trends for $D_F = 0$ are also shown for reference.

412 **Figure 2.** Representative FTIR spectrum of sample Hf18 showing distinct peaks for total
413 H_2O and CO_3^{2-} peaks.

414 **Figure 3.** Experimentally determined near-liquidus phase relations for synthetic basaltic
415 composition with 2.17 wt% F.

416 **Figure 4.** Experimentally determined near-liquidus phase relations for synthetic basaltic
417 composition with 2.17 wt% F (black symbols) compared with nominally volatile-free
418 (gray symbols) experiments (Filiberto et al., 2008). Both data sets are corrected for
419 dissolved water in experimental glasses.

420 **Figure 5.** $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$ as a function of F (wt%) for olivine-bearing (black circles) and
421 pigeonite-bearing (open circles) experimental charges. Black lines represent linear

422 regressions through the data with $R^2 = 0.8890$ for olivine and 0.9076 for pyroxene bearing
423 experiments.

424 **Figure 6. (a)** Calculated liquidus depression (ΔT° in C) as a function of volatile element
425 (F or Cl) content in the melt (wt%) for fluorine-bearing experiments (this study; circles)
426 and chlorine-bearing experiments (squares) (Filiberto and Treiman, 2009a), compared
427 with the calculated olivine-liquidus depression from previous studies (Almeev et al.,
428 2007; Ghiorso et al., 2002; Katz et al., 2003; Médard and Grove, 2008). Experiments
429 containing only liquid are shown by open symbols and those containing crystals (either
430 olivine or pyroxene or both) are shown by closed symbols. All curves are fit through the
431 origin. One sigma uncertainties in volatile concentrations are shown with error bars.
432 Where error bars are not shown for chlorine concentrations, the 1σ uncertainty is smaller
433 than the size of the symbol. **(b)** $Kd_{Mineral-Melt}^{Fe-Mg}$ as a function of volatile content (F, Cl, or
434 H_2O) in the melt. Closed symbols represent olivine-liquidus experiments and open
435 symbols represent pyroxene-liquidus experiments. Data for water-bearing experiments
436 (diamonds) from: Gaetani and Grove (1998, gray); Médard and Grove (2008, black);
437 Whitaker et al. (2008, white), regression shown for all data (black solid line).

438 **Figure 7.** Calculated liquidus depression (ΔT in $^\circ C$) as a function of the atomic fraction
439 of volatile species (F, Cl, H) in the melt for containing fluorine-bearing experiments (this
440 study; circles) compared with previous chlorine-bearing experiments (squares) (Filiberto
441 and Treiman, 2009a) and H-bearing olivine-liquidus experiments (triangles; Almeev et al.
442 2007) and (diamonds; Médard and Grove 2008). Experiments containing only liquid are
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