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6 **Fast anisotropic Mg and H diffusion in wet forsterite**

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15 **Abstracts**

16 Mg diffusion, which is important for properties of forsterite such as conductivity and
17 deformation, is a strong function of water content. The mechanism behind this effect,
18 however, has not been fully elucidated. In this study we use Density Functional
19 Theory to predict the diffusivity of $(2H)_{Mg}^x$ and we find that they are around 1000
20 times slower than H-free Mg vacancies V_{Mg}'' . In most wet conditions the
21 concentration of $(2H)_{Mg}^x$ is much higher than that of V_{Mg}'' and thus the primary effect
22 of water on increasing the Mg-diffusion rate in forsterite is by producing large numbers
23 of H-bearing Mg vacancies. A water induced increase in diffusion rate is predicted to
24 be accompanied by a large increase in diffusional anisotropy primarily in the [001]
25 direction. Using a previously developed model of H distribution in forsterite we
26 predict that the effect of water on Mg diffusion is strongly dependent upon
27 environmental conditions such as pressure or temperature. An exponent (r) describing

28 the relationship of water concentration to Mg diffusion is found to vary between 0.5-
29 1.6 across common experimental conditions with pressure decreasing this exponent and
30 temperature increasing it. With 100 wt. ppm water Mg diffusion rates are predicted
31 to increase by over 2 orders of magnitude at high temperature and low pressure (2000
32 K, 0 GPa) and by over 3.5 orders of magnitude at low temperature and high pressure
33 (1000 K, 10 GPa) while the anisotropy of diffusion is predicted to increase by ~ 2 /over
34 5.5 orders of magnitude respectively. A conversion from “dry” to “wet” rheological
35 laws is predicted to occur at $< \sim 1$ ppm. These results suggest that Mg diffusion in wet
36 forsterite could vary considerably throughout mantle conditions in ways that cannot be
37 captured with a simple one component equation. Finally we considered the effects of
38 the diffusion of H-bearing Mg vacancies on conductivity in forsterite and olivine. We
39 combined our diffusivity results with experimentally determined results for phonon
40 conductivity but this predicted significantly lower conductivities than have been observed
41 experimentally in olivine, particularly at low temperatures (~ 1000 K). This suggests
42 that the effect of water on olivine conductivity is not primarily due to bulk $(2H)_{Mg}^x$
43 diffusion and operates via a different unknown mechanism.

44 Keywords: Forsterite; Mg Diffusion; Water; Hydrogen; DFT

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46 **1) Introduction**

47 Diffusion of Mg in olivine is an important control on electrical conductivity (Fei et al.,
48 2018, Yoshino et al., 2009, Yoshino et al., 2017, Schock et al., 1989, Sun et al., 2019,
49 Gardes et al., 2014) in the upper mantle and potentially on deformation (Jaoul (1990)),

50 grain growth (Jung and Karato, 2001) and texture development (Karato et al., 2008).

51 For this reason Mg diffusion rates have been studied extensively (see for example
52 discussions in Charkaborty, 2010 and Jollands *et al.* 2020).

53 An important control on this diffusion rate in the upper mantle will be water (Demouchy
54 and Bolfan-Casanova, 2016). Adding a small amount of water (~100 ppm) in the form

55 of OH⁻ groups incorporated within the olivine crystal has been found to significantly
56 enhance Mg diffusion rates (Fei et al., 2018) at 1300 K and 8 GPa. Hydrous diffusion

57 has been described with the equation: $D_{Mg} = D_0(C_{H_2O})^r \exp(-\frac{E_{act}}{RT})$ with the effect of

58 water described by an exponent r which has been found to be 1.2±0.2 for Mg tracer
59 diffusion (Fei et al., 2018) and to be ~1 for Fe-Mg interdiffusion (Wang et al., 2004).

60 However, this water exponent is difficult to constrain by experiment as diffusion
61 increases with water content but decreases with pressure, which also increases water
62 fugacity. The mechanism by which water changes the diffusion rate is still unclear
63 and experimental points are limited.

64 Thus in this work we shall use Density Functional Theory (DFT) to examine a possible

65 mechanism by which water affects Mg diffusion, the production and diffusion of H-

66 bearing Mg vacancies, and then calculate how varying conditions across pressure,

67 temperature and composition space would affect this mechanism.

68 **2 Methods**

69 Diffusion is very slow compared to the timescales of atomistic simulations. To

70 account for this we use a hybrid kinetic Monte Carlo (KMC) approach which is outlined

71 in detail in Muir et al. (Submitted-a). In short, we first define the diffusing species

72 (Vac''_{Mg} , $Mg_{int}^{\bullet\bullet}$, $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ all listed with Kroger-Vink notation) and determine their
73 concentrations and the positions they can occupy in an olivine crystal lattice using
74 density functional theory (DFT) and lattice dynamics within the quasi-harmonic
75 approximation framework (QHA). The method for this is explored in Muir et al.
76 (Submitted-b) as are the concentrations we use in this study. Second we determine all
77 the possible “hops” between the different positions the defects can occupy and probe
78 the energy landscape along these hops. This provides an energy barrier that each hop
79 must overcome and the frequency at which this hop is attempted. Third, we combine
80 information about multiple hops between different ground states using a kinetic Monte
81 Carlo approach to access timescales long enough to observe the random walk and
82 measure Mg diffusion in forsterite.

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84 *2.1 Diffusion Hops*

85 To calculate diffusion coefficients we use a method fully outlined in Muir et al.
86 (Submitted-a). In this work diffusion coefficients for Vac''_{Mg} and $Mg_{int}^{\bullet\bullet}$ were
87 calculated and the same method was used to calculate their coefficients in this work.
88 In this work we also consider the diffusion of $(2H)_{Mg}^X$. As with Vac''_{Mg} in Muir et
89 al. (Submitted-a) we define the movement of this defect as a series of hops (the same
90 hops as for Vac''_{Mg} in Muir et al. (Submitted-a)). For each hop we calculate the
91 activation energy by constructing a pathway along the hop and moving a Mg atom along
92 this pathway. At each point the Mg atom is constrained to the path and the highest
93 energy of the path (the transition state) is found. Diffusing $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ is more complex

94 than diffusing Vac''_{Mg} due to the presence of the hydrogen atoms. When determining
95 the energy of the transition state for hydrous vacancies we assumed that hydrogen
96 mobility is much higher than magnesium mobility (Novella et al., 2017) and so the
97 hydrogen atoms follow the vacancy adiabatically. The procedure followed for
98 hydrous vacancies is that described above (moving a Mg atom along the pathway and
99 constrained to the pathway) but with hydrogen placed in a range of different positions
100 (and relaxed without constraints) for each image. Hydrogen ions were placed in the
101 MO_6 octahedron at the start or end of the path leading to four configurations for each
102 image. One of these has two hydrogen atoms in the “start” octahedron, one has two
103 hydrogen atoms in the “end” octahedron and two configurations have one hydrogen in
104 each octahedron. Each point of the path then has four energies and at each point the
105 lowest energy is selected to construct the path and find the transition state. This
106 procedure assumes that throughout the process of magnesium diffusion the hydrogen
107 atoms can rearrange to minimise the energy. We also attempted placing H outside the
108 two MO_6 octahedra, but this gave higher energies than the previous configurations. In
109 this way our activation energies for diffusion in hydrous forsterite are the minimum
110 possible barriers as they ignore any barriers to hydrogen migration. Unless the energy
111 of these hydrogen mobility barriers are close to the barriers of Mg migration they will
112 be unimportant to the final rate of diffusion as diffusion rates are generally controlled
113 by the rate of their slowest step. Once the transition state is determined we calculate
114 its phonons using lattice dynamics and QHA and find the attempt frequency of the hop

115 using Vineyard theory as described in Muir et al. (Submitted-a). The rate of each hop
116 is then determined with:

$$117 \quad k = v^* \exp\left(-\frac{H_m}{k_B T}\right) \text{ Equation 1}$$

118 Where v^* is the attempt frequency from Vineyard theory and H_m is the activation
119 energy. All the possible hop rates are then entered into our KMC model (Muir et al.,
120 Submitted-a) and a diffusion coefficient determined. Diffusion coefficients were
121 calculated at 0, 5, 10 and 15 GPa and at 1000, 1500 and 2000 K.

122 *2.2 Diffusion*

123 Diffusion is then calculated with:

$$124 \quad D_{Mg}^{sd} = D_{Mg}^{Vac} N_{Vac} + D_{Mg}^{Int} N_{Int} + D_{Mg}^{HVac} N_{HVac} \text{ Equation 2}$$

125 where D_{Mg}^{HVac} is the self diffusion coefficient for $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ as determined from KMC
126 and N_{HVac} is the concentration of $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ using the method and values from Muir
127 et al. (Submitted-b).

128 *2.3 Pressure Correction*

129 While DFT generally reliably reproduces pressure derivatives, the absolute pressures
130 calculated by DFT are known to be systematically incorrect in that they are shifted in
131 one direction. To correct for these we used a simple linear correction

$$132 \quad P(V, T) = P^{DFT}(V, T) - P^{DFT}(V_0^{exp}) \text{ Equation 3}$$

133 Where the subscript 0 represents the value of a parameter at a reference volume. For
134 this equation we used V_0^{exp} values of 287.4 \AA^3 for olivine (Isaak et al., 1989), 74.71
135 \AA^3 for MgO (Speziale et al., 2001) and 832.918 \AA^3 for enstatite (Kung et al., 2004).

136 This provided corrections of -4.95, -4.45 and -3.91 GPa respectively. The energy of

137 our reactions were then adjusted to account for these different pressure corrections
138 using our calculated dE/dP values as were the diffusion coefficients. All pressures are
139 presented corrected unless stated.

140 *2.4 Units*

141 Water in this paper shall refer to H-bearing defects. Concentrations shall be given as
142 $[H_2O]_{\text{bulk}}$. This is the sum of the concentrations of all H-bearing defects with the
143 concentrations of each defect normalised to contain the same amount of hydrogen as
144 water. These are given in wt. ppm (1 wt. ppm = $15.6 \text{ H/Si } 10^6$). Concentrations of Ti
145 are given as wt. ppm TiO_2 . “Pure” forsterite in this paper refers to a forsterite with no
146 other defects (such as Ti) except H-bearing defects in the presence of water.

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148 **3 Results**

149 *3.1 Diffusion Coefficients of Hydrous Defects*

150 Our calculated diffusion coefficients of V''_{Mg} , $Mg_I^{\bullet\bullet}$ and $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ are presented in
151 Table 1. Discussion of the diffusivity of V''_{Mg} and $Mg_I^{\bullet\bullet}$ and more values are given
152 in Muir et al. (Submitted-a).

153 We find that $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ has similar diffusive properties to V''_{Mg} but is around 1-3 orders
154 of magnitude slower. With increasing pressure or temperature, the diffusivity of
155 $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ approaches that of V''_{Mg} . Like V''_{Mg} (Muir et al., Submitted-a) the most
156 favoured diffusion is overwhelmingly the “A” hop which is a hop between two adjacent
157 M1 sites directly along the [001] chain of Mg atoms. This leads to highly anisotropic
158 diffusion with diffusion along the [001] direction being orders of magnitude faster than

159 diffusion along the [010] or [100] directions. This anisotropy is much larger at lower
160 temperatures because diffusion rates depend upon an exponential function of
161 temperature ($e^{-\frac{E_a}{k_b T}}$). Increasing the pressure increases this anisotropy but to a much
162 smaller degree than lowering temperature.

163 To examine the accuracy of our calculation we can compare our diffusivity with that
164 obtained experimentally for hydrogen in forsterite. In iron-free systems the diffusion
165 of hydrogen is expected to be controlled largely by $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ diffusion as it is the fastest
166 diffusing hydrogen species (Padron-Navarta et al., 2014). Measuring this diffusion is
167 complicated by the fact that the distribution of hydrogen can vary in different conditions
168 and during diffusional processes different H-bearing defects can convert into one
169 another. This was examined in Jollands (Submitted) where a combined distribution
170 and diffusion model for hydrogen in forsterite was built. In this paper they determined
171 that $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ diffusivity was at least an order of magnitude higher than previously
172 measured (generally by fitting to Fick's second law) as $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ undergoes
173 conversions to different H-bearing defects which slows the apparent rate when simply
174 measuring concentration profiles. In Figure 1 we show a comparison between our
175 calculated diffusivities and those determined from the model in Jollands (Submitted)
176 and find strong agreement. We do not agree with previously measured diffusivities
177 such as in Sun et al. (2019) that are around an order of magnitude of lower and were
178 determined directly from fitting Fick's law for the reasons stated above. Some
179 differences are expected as the experimental model includes all methods of hydrogen
180 diffusion whereas we only consider $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ but the strong match between our

181 calculated data and the model fit to experiments in Jollands (Submitted) suggests both
182 that $(2H)_{Mg}^x$ diffusivity largely controls hydrogen diffusivity in real forsterite and that
183 our calculations accurately calculate its diffusivity.

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185 *3.2 Diffusion rates*

186 To solve Equation 2 we need the diffusivities of various species (section 3.1) and their
187 concentration. Calculating the relative concentration of H-bearing and H-free defects
188 in forsterite is very complex and thus we built a model to do this as outlined in Muir et
189 al. (Submitted-b). In that work we predicted that the main sites for water in forsterite
190 are $(2H)_{Mg}^x$, $(4H)_{Si}^x$ and $\{Ti_{Mg}^{..}(2H)_{Si}''\}^x$. Of these defects $(4H)_{Si}^x$ has no
191 straightforward effect on Mg diffusion and $\{Ti_{Mg}^{..}(2H)_{Si}''\}^x$ is likely immobile.
192 Jollands (Submitted) concluded $\{Ti_{Mg}^{..}(2H)_{Si}''\}^x$ was immobile based on monitoring
193 hydrogen diffusion rates in Ti-bearing forsterite. We calculated the binding energy of
194 the two components of $\{Ti_{Mg}^{..}(2H)_{Si}''\}^x$ and found that it is high (~5-6 eV across upper
195 mantle conditions depending upon pressure and temperature). To diffuse this cluster
196 it would at some point have to overcome this energy barrier. A barrier of 5-6 eV can
197 be compared to the lowest energy barriers that $(2H)_{Mg}^x$ needs to overcome to diffuse
198 which are around 1.2 eV (Table S1). This means that the diffusion of $\{Ti_{Mg}^{..}(2H)_{Si}''\}^x$
199 will be many orders of magnitude slower than the diffusion of $(2H)_{Mg}^x$. Thus the
200 important factor in wet Mg diffusion is $[(2H)_{Mg}^x]$.

201 Our predicted concentrations of defects are listed in Table 2. As was found in Muir
202 et al. (Submitted-b) $(2H)_{Mg}^x$ is favoured at high temperatures, low pressures and low

203 water concentrations and thus Mg diffusion will be faster at these conditions. Free
 204 interstitial H_i^{\bullet} is relatively favoured by low water concentrations and higher
 205 temperatures but its concentration is always predicted to be extremely low. $[Mg_i^{\bullet\bullet}]$ is
 206 suppressed by the addition of more water while $[V_{Mg}^{\prime\prime}]$ can both increase and decrease
 207 with the addition of water due to reactions such as the production of $(4H)_{Si}^{\times}$ which
 208 also produces $V_{Mg}^{\prime\prime}$. In all cases H-bearing defects greatly outnumber H-free defects.
 209 Our predicted diffusion rates as a function of water are shown in Figure 2 and with a
 210 comparison to the experimental values of Fei et al. (2018) in Figure 3. In general there
 211 is initially a very sharp increase in diffusion with increasing amounts of water-
 212 conversion from a “dry” to a “wet” regime- and then a slower increase in diffusion with
 213 increasing water- the “wet” regime. In the “dry” regime $[V_{Mg}^{\prime\prime}]$ is much larger than
 214 $[(2H)_{Mg}^{\times}]$ or they have similar values. In the “wet” regime $[(2H)_{Mg}^{\times}]$ is much larger
 215 than $[V_{Mg}^{\prime\prime}]$.
 216 For the comparisons to the values of Fei et al. (2018) in Figure 3 we present both “pure”
 217 forsterite and forsterite with 80 wt. ppm TiO_2 , as TiO_2 is one of the impurities present
 218 in the experiments of Fei et al. (2018) and one which could affect wet diffusion by
 219 allowing the formation of immobile $\{Ti_{Mg}^{\bullet\bullet}(2H)_{Si}^{\prime\prime}\}^{\times}$. We find that Ti can cause a
 220 difference in diffusion rates at low pressures, low temperatures and low water
 221 concentrations through the formation of $\{Ti_{Mg}^{\bullet\bullet}(2H)_{Si}^{\prime\prime}\}^{\times}$ over $(2H)_{Mg}^{\times}$ but that at the
 222 conditions used in Fei et al. (2018) Ti-free and Ti-containing samples largely have
 223 identical traces because $(4H)_{Si}^{\times}$ is favoured over both $\{Ti_{Mg}^{\bullet\bullet}(2H)_{Si}^{\prime\prime}\}^{\times}$ and $(2H)_{Mg}^{\times}$.
 224 We find a good match between our values and those of Fei et al. (2018) at higher water

225 contents but an increasing mismatch with lower water contents. This is unsurprising
226 as when we consider the high pressures conditions of the experiments where we predict
227 that water is overwhelmingly in $(4H)_{Si}^X$ defects. We predict that at these conditions
228 water in $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ defects makes up between 0.01-0.2% of the total water content (with
229 this number decreasing with increasing $[H_2O]_{bulk}$) which is also observed by the lack of
230 an identifiable $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ peak in the FTIR signal presented in Fei et al. (2018). Thus
231 very small errors in determining the total water content, the pressure or the temperature
232 would lead to large errors in relative $[(2H)_{Mg}^X]$ concentration which becomes
233 increasingly more important as water concentration decreases. Kinetics could also be
234 an issue in the experiment. We predict that most water in forsterite in high pressure
235 conditions resides in $(4H)_{Si}^X$ defects. The production of $(4H)_{Si}^X$ reduces Mg
236 diffusion rates by reducing $[(2H)_{Mg}^X]$. We predict, however, that the production of
237 $(4H)_{Si}^X$ occurs through a reaction involving the interaction of 2 $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ defects and
238 thus its rate is also dependant on Mg diffusion rates. Thus the distribution and the
239 diffusion of $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ likely operate on similar timescales though this should be less of
240 an issue at the long time scales of the mantle where thermodynamic equilibration is
241 likely. Experiments done at high pressure and low temperatures should be less
242 impacted by such concerns as a larger proportion of the water is taken up by $(2H)_{Mg}^X$
243 defects in these conditions.

244 We fit an equation to plot the effect of water on the diffusion rate:

245 $D_{sd} = a + [H_2O]_{bulk}^r * b$ Equation 4

246 where a, b and r are fitting variables. The results are shown in Table 3 (anisotropy
247 and Ti-free values) and Table 4 (Ti-bearing values). We did this separately for the
248 “dry” and the “wet” regime. The $[H_2O]_{bulk}$ value at which the “wet” region begins is
249 tabulated in Table 3 and for “pure” forsterite is always below 1 wt. ppm. Thus at
250 realistic concentrations of water only the “wet” region is important for Mg diffusion
251 and these are the values presented in Table 3.

252 First we shall consider the value of r which is the key variable in how changing the
253 concentration of water changes diffusion rates. r varies strongly with condition going
254 from 0.55 at high pressure and low temperature to 0.88 at high temperature and low
255 temperature in “pure” forsterite. In general increasing pressure decreases r and
256 increasing temperature increases r. In the presence of Ti (Table 4) r has even more
257 possible variations with increasing Ti leading to large increases in r particularly at low
258 temperatures. Thus r is highly dependent upon experimental condition and no one
259 fitting of Equation 4 or similar equations can capture the effect of water on Mg diffusion
260 rates across mantle relevant temperatures, pressures and compositions.

261 To understand why this is the case we must consider how varying $[H_2O]_{bulk}$ varies the
262 diffusion rate. In the wet region where $[(2H)_{Mg}^X] \gg [V_{Mg}^{''}]$ the diffusion rate
263 increases with increasing $[H_2O]_{bulk}$ overwhelmingly because $[(2H)_{Mg}^X]$ increases.
264 The rate of increase of the Mg diffusion rate is thus proportion to how $[(2H)_{Mg}^X]$ varies
265 with $[H_2O]_{bulk}$:

266 $[(2H)_{Mg}^X] \propto [H_2O]_{bulk}^{rc}$ Equation 5

267 with r_c in Equation 5 being very similar to r in Equation 4. The variation of r_c values
268 with condition are explored in detail in Muir et al. (Submitted-b) but in short r_c values
269 are heavily dependant on which H-bearing defects are dominant at any specific
270 condition. In a heavily $(4H)_{Si}^X$ dominated system (such as at low temperature and
271 high pressures) r_c in Equation 5 is $\frac{1}{2}$ and thus r in Equation 4 should approach 0.5. In
272 a heavily $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ dominated system (such as at high temperature and low pressures)
273 r_c in Equation 5 is 1 and thus r in Equation 4 should approach 1. The presence of Ti
274 causes complex variations in $[(2H)_{Mg}^X]$ and thus allows a varied range of r values that
275 are larger than in Ti-free cases. In the absence of Ti it is difficult for r to be above 1
276 as it would require the dominant charge carrier to have less than 2 hydrogen. In Muir
277 et al. (Submitted-b) we demonstrate a situation where the concentration exponent for
278 hydrous Mg vacancies is ~ 1.2 (due to the formation of H'_{Mg}) but this is only possible
279 in the presence of Al and at low pressures.

280 Fei et al. (2018) found an exponent r of ~ 1.2 at 1300 K and 8 GPa. We predict this
281 exponent to be much lower (~ 0.6) even in the presence of Ti. Our distribution model
282 predicts that at these conditions most water would be in $(4H)_{Si}^X$ which also appears to
283 be the case from the IR spectra in Fei et al. (2018) which shows a large peak at ~ 3610
284 and some bands between 3450-3600 cm^{-1} which are generally attributed as $(4H)_{Si}^X$
285 bands (Tollan et al., 2017). When $(4H)_{Si}^X$ is the dominant H-bearing defect it is
286 extremely difficult for the water diffusion exponent r to rise above 1 as this would
287 generally require the relevant diffusing species to have more than 4 H atoms in its
288 structure. Even if $(4H)_{Si}^X$ diffusion contributes significantly to Mg diffusion rates

289 then r would be close to but below 1. An r value of 1.2 is an indication either that
290 some much more complicated mechanism is happening than we have modelled here or
291 that the fitting of the exponent is extremely sensitive. Our ability to generally replicate
292 the diffusion values of Fei et al. (2018) (Figure 3) suggests the latter case is true.

293 Outside of the exponent the difference between the base diffusion rates of “dry” and
294 “wet” forsterite (a in Equation 4) vary with pressure and temperature. In dry
295 forsterite temperature increases the diffusion rate markedly (due to the $e^{\left(-\frac{\Delta H}{k_b T}\right)}$ term in
296 determining diffusivity and the increased concentration of intrinsic defects) whereas
297 pressure decreases it slightly (mostly due to lower number of intrinsic defects being
298 produced). For wet diffusion increasing the temperature increases $[(2H)_{Mg}^X]$ and
299 diffusivity and thus diffusion rates while increasing the pressure decreases $[(2H)_{Mg}^X]$
300 and thus diffusion rates sharply (Table 2). These trends can be seen in Table 3 or
301 Figure 2.

302 Outside of pressure and temperature other factors are important to wet Mg diffusion
303 rates. The choice of buffer will have a strong effect as increasing aSiO₂ increases the
304 favourability of $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ and thus increases the effect of water on Mg diffusion rates.
305 This is plotted in Figure S1 where we find in some case multiple orders of magnitude
306 difference between diffusion rates in an MgO or an MgSiO₃ buffered system with MgO
307 buffered systems have considerably slower diffusion rates. This is a useful test of the
308 predictions of our model as the predicted differences are large. All results in this work
309 shall be presented with an MgSiO₃ buffer as it is closer to the conditions of the mantle.

310 Ti is present in the study of Fei et al. (2018) and can be an important defect as it can
311 decrease the formation of $(2H)_{Mg}^x$ in favor of immobile $\{Ti_{Mg}^{..}(2H)_{Si}''\}^x$. Table 4
312 plots the effect of Ti on Mg diffusion rates where we find that Ti has a large effect at
313 low temperatures and pressures where $\{Ti_{Mg}^{..}(2H)_{Si}''\}^x$ is favoured but little effect on
314 the Mg diffusion rate as temperature or pressure increases. Al allows the formation
315 of H'_{Mg} (Muir et al., Submitted-b). This will speed up Mg diffusion as every 1
316 $(2H)_{Mg}^x$ can form 2 H'_{Mg} thus doubling the concentration of diffusing species. We
317 do not know the diffusivity of H'_{Mg} but it is likely between that of $(2H)_{Mg}^x$ and V''_{Mg}
318 which will further speed up diffusion as $(2H)_{Mg}^x$ defects diffuse a lot slower than a
319 V''_{Mg} defect.

320 Thus we conclude that while water generally increases Mg diffusion rates the exact
321 amount which it increases and the dependence of this increase on water concentration
322 is highly dependent on the background conditions such as pressure and temperature and
323 that extrapolating between these regimes is not straightforward. Thus when
324 quantifying the effect of water on forsterite diffusion rates- and the rates of properties
325 dependant upon diffusion- measurements need to be made at the conditions in which you
326 are interested as extrapolating to these conditions is not straightforward.

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328 *3.3 Diffusional Anisotropy*

329 As well as an increase in diffusion rate we also predict water to lead to a sharp increase
330 in diffusional anisotropy. Anisotropy is shown for a sample composition in Figure 4
331 though all compositions have similar traces with the values explored in Table 3. At

332 low water contents in the “dry” diffusion regime diffusion and its anisotropy are
333 controlled by V''_{Mg} and Mg_I^{**} . At high water contents in the “wet” diffusion regime
334 diffusion and its anisotropy is controlled primarily by $(2H)_{Mg}^X$. Inside each regime
335 the anisotropy of diffusion comes from the anisotropy of the diffusion coefficients of
336 V''_{Mg} and Mg_I^{**} or $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ and thus is sensitive to temperature and pressure but
337 insensitive to water and Ti concentration. Increasing the temperature decreases the
338 anisotropy, increasing the pressure increases it. As $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ has highly anisotropic
339 diffusion favouring the [001] direction (Table 1) Mg diffusion in the wet region is
340 highly anisotropic favouring the [001] direction. The anisotropy of diffusion is listed
341 in Table 3 with wet forsterite possessing Mg diffusion that is 1-4 orders of magnitude
342 more anisotropic than dry forsterite. We are not aware of any experimental measures
343 of the anisotropy of Mg diffusion in wet forsterite but this would be a good test of our
344 model as the effect is very large particularly at low temperatures.

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346 4. Discussion

347 *4.1 Diffusion Rates in Upper Mantle Conditions*

348 The main conclusion of this work is that water increases the rate and the anisotropy of
349 Mg diffusion in forsterite but that the magnitude of this effect is highly dependent upon
350 the prevailing conditions. Thus we stress that the effect of water on Mg diffusion must
351 be measured and constrained in the relevant conditions as extrapolation is extremely
352 difficult. Even then it will be difficult to fit the effect of water to simple relationships
353 across geophysically relevant P and T ranges.

354 To demonstrate this we projected our results along one relevant P and T range, an
355 oceanic geotherm, with the results shown in Figure 5. We predict that water has a
356 varied effect on Mg diffusion with depth. In the shallow upper mantle water causes a
357 large (up to 4 orders of magnitude for 100 wt. ppm water) increase in diffusion rate
358 which increases with depth before peaking at ~100 km. As depth increases the effect
359 of water decreases until 410 km where even an extremely wet forsterite (1000 wt. ppm)
360 has a Mg diffusion rate that is less than 1 order of magnitude higher than dry forsterite.
361 This varying behaviour is due largely to variations in $[(2H)_{Mg}^X]$ which initially
362 increases, peaks at 100 km then decrease sharply in favour of $[(4H)_{Si}^X]$. The presence
363 of even large amounts of Ti decreases the maximum diffusion rate of wet forsterite but
364 not to a large degree. The effect of $[H_2O]_{bulk}$ on Mg diffusion rates is thus varied,
365 complex and changes with depth.

366 Water is predicted to also induce large differences in the anisotropy of Mg diffusion
367 with “wet” forsterite generally being 2-3 orders of magnitude more anisotropic than dry
368 samples (Figure 6). As discussed above anisotropy is insensitive to water content
369 above a small value of $[(2H)_{Mg}^X]$ which is likely exceeded in wet samples in the upper
370 mantle and thus all concentrations of water will lead to identical diffusional anisotropy.

371 Our predicted anisotropy of Mg diffusion in Figure 6 has many peaks and features based
372 on temperature and pressure variations which will vary significantly with thermal
373 fluctuations but the effect of water in increasing anisotropy is robust up until the final
374 ~10 km of the lower mantle where $[(2H)_{Mg}^X]$ concentrations are predicted to decrease
375 sharply and so the anisotropy of diffusion is also predicted to decrease sharply.

376 The predicted anisotropy of wet forsterite is large and it is possible that real wet
377 forsterite is not so anisotropic. For wet forsterite to be less anisotropic than predicted
378 here some kind of macroscopic mechanism that reduces diffusional anisotropy likely
379 needs to be present. We predict that the hopping of vacancies, both H-bearing and H-
380 free, is highly anisotropic along the [001] direction. This makes sense when
381 considering the structure of forsterite as there is an unobstructed diffusion path along
382 the [001] chains of M1 Mg atoms whereas movement in any other direction involves
383 obstructions of other atoms. The activation energy of this A-hop is low (~1 eV in H-
384 free vacancies, ~1.2 eV in H-bearing defects) and any alternative diffusional
385 mechanisms would need a similarly low activation energy if they were to compete with
386 the A-hop and lower anisotropy. We have only considered simple one site hopping
387 and it is possible there is some kind of conjoined multi-site hopping but this would be
388 unlikely to have such a low activation energy. Our ability to replicate some
389 experimentally measured dry (Muir et al., Submitted-a) and wet (Figure 3) diffusion
390 parameters suggests our mechanism is mostly correct. Water could produce a defect
391 that is not a vacancy but that also contributes to Mg diffusion but it is unclear what such
392 a defect would be.

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394 It is important to emphasise that these studies lack iron which would affect conclusions
395 in olivine. The primary way this could happen is that iron could reduce the amount of
396 $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ that is formed by allowing the formation of alternative hydrogen complexes.

397 This will reduce the effect of water on Mg diffusion rates. The trends with pressure,

398 temperature, buffer activity and Ti concentration should all remain largely intact
399 however unless iron-hydrogen complexes are strongly favoured in all conditions. The
400 predicted increase in Mg diffusional anisotropy in particular is insensitive to the amount
401 of water above a small value and thus unless Fe complexes drastically reduce the value
402 of $[(2H)_{Mg}^X]$ we predict Mg diffusion in wet olivine to remain very anisotropic.
403 Thus the trends seen in diffusion speed and anisotropy with depth in wet forsterite
404 should remain in wet olivine and throughout upper mantle conditions water will affect
405 diffusion rates differently and no one simple water effect will be present.

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407 *4.2 The effect of Mg diffusion rate variations on Conductivity*

408 As an example of how these properties affect the upper mantle we calculated the
409 properties of one key property that is controlled in part by Mg diffusion, conductivity.
410 Previously the observed conductivity of olivine has been explained with a model that
411 combines three major mechanisms: proton-polaron hopping, Mg vacancy hopping and
412 some hydrous factor (Gardes et al., 2014). The exact nature of the hydrous factor is
413 unknown with some work speculating it is due to $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ diffusion (Fei et al., 2018).
414 We thus built a model to examine whether our Mg diffusion rates could explain
415 observed conductivity in olivine. We predicted conductivity via the following
416 equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
417 \quad \sigma &= \sigma_0^{Polaron} e^{-\frac{\Delta H^{Pol}}{RT}} + \frac{D_{vac}^* \times [V_{Mg}^{''}]}{RT} \times (2 \times F)^2 + \frac{D_{int}^* \times [MgI^{**}]}{RT} \times (2 \times F)^2 + \\
418 \quad &\frac{D_{HMgVac}^* \times [(2H)_{Mg}^X]}{RT} \times (2 \times F)^2 + \frac{D_{HSivac}^* \times [(4H)_{Si}^X]}{RT} \times (4 \times F)^2 \quad \text{Equation 6}
\end{aligned}$$

419 with activation energies in kJ/mol, concentrations in mol/m³ and F is the Faraday
 420 constant. The first term refers to proton-polaron hopping. We have not calculated
 421 this and have taken values for these terms directly from Gardes et al. (2014). The next
 422 4 terms refer to the diffusion of Mg vacancies, Mg interstitials, $(2H)_{Mg}^x$ and $(4H)_{Si}^x$
 423 respectively with conductivity calculated from the Nerst-Einstein equation. In the
 424 formulation of Gardes et al. (2014) there was no diffusion term for Mg interstitials but
 425 we find that Mg vacancies and Mg interstitials have similar diffusion rates in dry
 426 forsterite and thus this term should be included. The parameters for all diffusion terms
 427 were taken from this work except for the diffusivity of $(4H)_{Si}^x$ which we have not
 428 calculated. Diffusivity was set to $D_{HSivac}^* = 10^{3.3} \exp[-\frac{461}{RT}]$ taken from Padron-
 429 Navarta et al. (2014). This equation lacks a pressure derivative and likely represents
 430 some combination of inherent $(4H)_{Si}^x$ diffusivity and the rate of $(4H)_{Si}^x$ converting
 431 to $(2H)_{Mg}^x$, diffusing and then converting back but this is not a major component of
 432 the conductivity (see M3 vs M4 in Figure S2) and thus the exact diffusivity of $(4H)_{Si}^x$
 433 doesn't change our overall conclusion. We have neglected the diffusion of Si and O
 434 vacancies in our model as their concentrations are predicted to be very small ($<1 \times 10^{-15}$
 435 defects/fu) and thus irrelevant when considering the effects of water. Any
 436 $\{Ti_{Mg}^{..}(2H)_{Si}^{\prime}\}^x$ that is produced was considered immobile and thus non-conductive for
 437 the reasons discussed above.
 438 $(2H)_{Mg}^x$ and $(4H)_{Si}^x$ present a problem as formally these species do not carry a charge
 439 and thus their diffusion does not contribute to conductivity. As argued by Fei et al.
 440 (2018) if there is exchange between $(2H)_{Mg}^x$ and $V_{Mg}^{''}$ then the diffusion of $(2H)_{Mg}^x$

441 contributes to the movement of charge carriers and thus conductivity and an identical
442 argument could be made about $(4H)_{Si}^X$ and V_{Si}'''' . Such a mechanism would
443 introduce an extra step to the “diffusion of charge carriers” and the exchange rate
444 between $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ and V_{Mg}'' would be important in this scenario. We have assumed
445 that this exchange step is very fast and that the rate limiting step is the diffusion of
446 $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ and/or V_{Mg}'' and thus any exchange kinetics can be ignored. This may not be
447 accurate but in this way we have assumed the maximum conductivity from this
448 mechanism as any exchange kinetics will effectively slow down the diffusion of charge
449 carriers and thus reduce conductivity. As will be seen even with this assumption (and
450 other assumptions that maximise conductivity such as ignoring the effect of iron as
451 discussed below) our predicted conductivity is too small rather than too large.

452 In Figure 7 (with a 2D plot of conductivity in Figure S3) we plot our predicted
453 conductivity vs those determined from the model in Gardes et al. (2014) (G14). The
454 G14 model correctly replicates a range of experimental observations and thus a model
455 that matches G14 also matches experimental observations. The most important fact
456 is that our model predicts very different conductivities from G14 and generally lower
457 conductivities even though our model likely overpredicts conductivity as discussed
458 above. This misfit is largest at low temperatures where proton-polaron conductivity
459 should be dominant. This is a curious result as our proton-polaron numbers are taken
460 directly from G14 and so it would be expected that our fitting would be better at low
461 temperature and worse at high temperature where we find some weak agreement
462 between our model and G14. A further problem comes when you consider different

463 water concentrations- the misfit between our model and that of G14 is highly variable
464 and depends upon $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{bulk}}$. This strongly suggests our model does not correctly
465 represent how water affects olivine conductivity as a correct mechanism should scale
466 with $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{bulk}}$ in a way that replicates experimental observations which are matched by
467 the model of G14.

468 There are many other inconsistencies between our model and that of G14. As shown
469 in Figure 8 our predicted anisotropy of conduction is opposite to that of G14 even at
470 high temperatures where a diffusion mechanism, which favours [001] conduction,
471 would be predicted to be strong. The preservation of conductivity favouring an [010]
472 anisotropy even at high temperatures in the G14 model is evidence that something other
473 than a diffusive vacancy mechanism is important in wet olivine conduction.

474 In Table 5 we compare activation energies for the hydration part of G14 with those
475 predicted in our model. Our activation energies are considerably higher. It is
476 important to clarify the term “activation energy”. In a diffusion mechanism there are
477 at least 2 activation energies- one for hopping of the defects (Table S1) and one for
478 production of the defects (Table 2)- and in a hydrated system where the concentration
479 and mobility of $(2\text{H})_{\text{Mg}}^{\times}$ are both strong functions of temperature both of these are
480 important. If ionic diffusion is important to olivine conductivity at least 2 activation
481 energies are likely required to model the effect of water. In experimental fittings of
482 diffusion or conductivity with temperature these two features will be combined into a
483 single “activation energy” which we have done in Table 5 with the first four columns
484 showing a “normal” activation energy containing two parts and the final column

485 showing an activation energy with a fixed $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ concentration thus removing the
486 production of defects component. In either case our predicted activation energy is
487 much higher than that of G14.

488 The water concentration exponent “r” is also different between our model and G14.
489 In the case of conductivity being proportional to $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ diffusion then r should be
490 equal to that for Mg diffusion in Table 3. Gardes et al. (2014) found two good fits
491 with the favoured one having $r=1/3$ and the less favoured one $r=1.99$. Neither of these
492 fit either our r value in Table 3 or r values that can be easily achieved when considering
493 mechanisms for producing $(2H)_{Mg}^X$. If $(4H)_{Si}^X$ is considered to be the controlling
494 species for conductivity then $r=2$ in some cases (Kohlstedt, 2006, Muir et al.,
495 Submitted-b) but this is difficult to rectify with the slow diffusion rate of $(4H)_{Si}^X$
496 (Padron-Navarta et al., 2014) even if it is the dominant water species. Finally in
497 Figure S2 we add/remove different parts to Equation 6 and consider the case of H'_{Mg}
498 produced by Al to examine how each part of Equation 6 modifies the final conductivity
499 but in no case do we find anything that closely matches the G14 model.

500 The very different behaviour predicted by our model compared to that of Gardes et al.
501 (2014), which matches experimental observations, is evidence that our model is
502 incorrect. This is perhaps unsurprising as our model relies upon the diffusion of
503 $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ and $(4H)_{Si}^X$ which are formally not charge carriers. Previously it has been
504 suggested that water produces interstitial hydrogen (H_i^\bullet) which is a charge carrier and
505 that it is the diffusion of H_i^\bullet that explains the conductivity (Sun et al., 2019, Karato,
506 2013). As shown in Table 3 and discussed more in Muir et al. (Submitted-b) our

507 calculations predict that H_i^\bullet is unlikely to form in significant concentrations
508 particularly at high water concentrations. A further argument against H_i^\bullet diffusion
509 being the important factor is that our mismatch with G14 is highest at low temperatures.
510 H_i^\bullet is favoured by high temperatures because it has more configurational entropy than
511 other H-bearing defects. Thus if our model simply missed a H_i^\bullet diffusion factor we
512 would expect better matches to G14 at low temperature and worse matches at high
513 temperatures. Measurements of H_i^\bullet diffusion rates also lead to higher activation
514 energies and anisotropy than is seen in G14 (Kohlstedt and Mackwell, 1998).

515 In Figure 8 we compare our results to another model, that of Fei et al. (2020). This
516 model was constructed from high temperature measures of conductivity and thus was
517 designed to more accurately capture the high temperature mechanism of conductivity
518 which is expected to be ionic conduction. The activation energy of the water
519 mechanism in this work was found to be 337 kJ/mol along the [100] direction, 396
520 along the [010] and 385 along the [001]. These are generally higher than the values
521 we found in Table 5, the opposite problem with the comparison to G14. As can be
522 seen in Figure 8 the model of Fei et al. (2020) produces anisotropies in the same order
523 ($[001] > [010] > [100]$) as in our work but with extremely different temperature
524 dependence that doesn't fit our predictions at all.

525 In this work we have not calculated the effect of iron. We include the effect of
526 polarons which arise from iron but through the fitting from Gardes et al. (2014). Iron
527 will have some effect on V_{Mg}'' through Mg-Fe interdiffusion effects but the overall rate
528 of Mg self and Mg-Fe interdiffusion is similar (Chakraborty, 2010) and thus is not an

529 explanation for the conductivity differences here. Fe can allow the formation of
530 trivalent compounds with water, likely $\{\text{Fe}_{\text{Mg}}^{\bullet} \text{H}'_{\text{Mg}}\}^{\times}$ (Berry et al., 2007). This defect
531 contains two charge carriers $\text{Fe}_{\text{Mg}}^{\bullet}$ and H'_{Mg} but we calculate the binding energy to be
532 2.3-2.8 eV at 1500 K and from 0-10 GPa and thus these carriers are strongly bound to
533 each other and unlikely to diffuse. The formation of $\{\text{Fe}_{\text{Mg}}^{\bullet} \text{H}'_{\text{Mg}}\}^{\times}$ will reduce the
534 concentration of $(2\text{H})_{\text{Mg}}^{\times}$ and $(4\text{H})_{\text{Si}}^{\times}$ and thus further reduce conductivity and
535 increase the mismatch between our diffusive model and reality. Experimental
536 evidence also suggests that Fe-hydrogen complexes are unlikely contributors to
537 conductivity. These complexes are expected to involve ferric iron and thus if they
538 contributed strongly to conductivity, conductivity would be expected to increase with
539 increasing oxygen fugacity which converts ferrous iron to ferric iron and thus would be
540 expected to increase the concentration of ferric-hydrogen complexes. In Dai and
541 Karato (2014), however, it was found that conductivity is inversely proportional to
542 oxygen fugacity. This relationship suggests that ferrous iron is a stronger contributor
543 to conductivity than ferric iron. Thus the presence of iron should not explain the
544 discrepancies found here.

545 Similar to iron the presence of Ti can form $\{\text{Ti}_{\text{Mg}}^{\bullet\bullet} (2\text{H})_{\text{Si}}^{\prime\prime}\}^{\times}$ which is likely immobile.
546 This will reduce of the concentration of $(2\text{H})_{\text{Mg}}^{\times}$ and $(4\text{H})_{\text{Si}}^{\times}$ (Muir et al., Submitted-
547 b) and thus the conductivity even further. This is in contrast to measurements by Dai
548 and Karato (2020) where it was found that Ti increases conductivity in water poor
549 regions where $\{\text{Ti}_{\text{Mg}}^{\bullet\bullet} (2\text{H})_{\text{Si}}^{\prime\prime}\}^{\times}$ is important and has little effect in water rich regions
550 where $\{\text{Ti}_{\text{Mg}}^{\bullet\bullet} (2\text{H})_{\text{Si}}^{\prime\prime}\}^{\times}$ is unimportant. For Ti to increase conductivity in an ionic

551 regime $\{Ti_{Mg}^{2+}(2H)_{Si}^{2-}\}^x$ would have to diffuse quickly which we find to be unlikely so
552 this is further evidence that the mechanism by which water increases conduction in
553 olivine is not ionic diffusion.

554 All of these problems combined means that is very unlikely that the contribution of
555 water to olivine conductivity is through bulk $(2H)_{Mg}^x$ or $(4H)_{Si}^x$ diffusion. A more
556 likely explanation is that water has an electronic effect on conductivity through adding
557 donor or acceptor states to the bandgaps as has been seen in oxide semiconductors
558 (McCluskey et al., 2012) or alternatively water could affect grain boundary diffusion
559 which could be important in olivine conductivity (Han et al., 2021). As our model
560 increasingly diverges from that of G14 as temperature decreases either the new
561 mechanism for the effect of water on conductivity must be strong at low temperatures
562 or the polaron mechanism must be stronger than is predicted in G14 and the water
563 mechanism weaker.

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565 **5. Conclusion:**

566 In conclusion we predict that water increases both the Mg diffusion rate of forsterite
567 and the anisotropy significantly with these increases being over 2/5 orders of magnitude
568 in the right conditions. The increase in diffusion rate is proportional to the water
569 concentration while the increase in anisotropy does not depend on the concentration
570 except at very low water concentrations ($< \sim 1$ wt. ppm). These effects are large and
571 should be visible in experiments.

572 We predict that both the magnitude of the increase in Mg diffusion rates and the
573 exponent that governs how they change with water concentration vary strongly
574 depending upon environmental conditions. This is because they are related to the
575 concentration of $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ which also has strong condition dependence. Notably
576 increasing the pressure decreases the effect of water on diffusion as it promotes $(4H)_{Si}^X$
577 over $(2H)_{Mg}^X$. We showed the effect of this complexity by plotting Mg diffusion in
578 wet along a geotherm and find that in wet forsterite it peaks around 100 km in an
579 oceanic geotherm with sharp decreases in diffusion rate on either side of this depth.
580 This demonstrates that Mg diffusion rates in wet forsterite cannot be modelled with one
581 simple parameter and that the full system of water distribution and $(2H)_{Mg}^X$ diffusion
582 rates need to be taken into account to model Mg diffusion. Finally we consider the
583 effect of our predictions on wet conductivity rates in olivine and find very large
584 differences between our predicted conductivities and those observed in olivine
585 suggesting that the effect of water on olivine conductivity is not through ionic diffusion.

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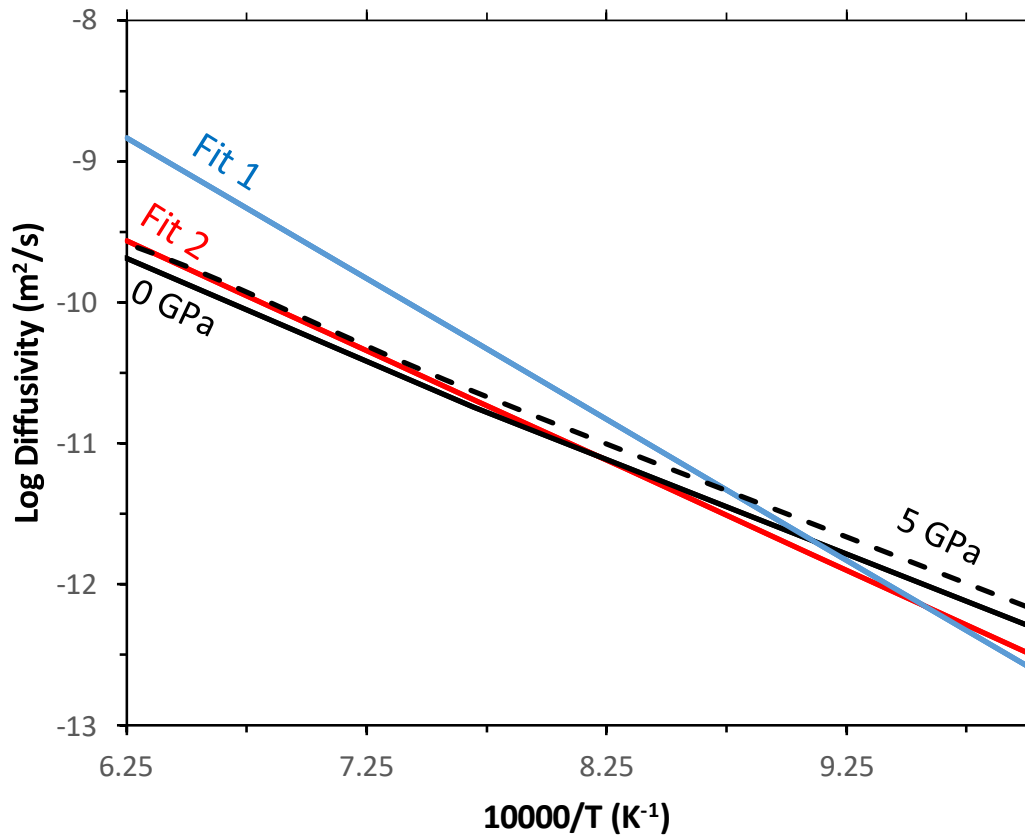
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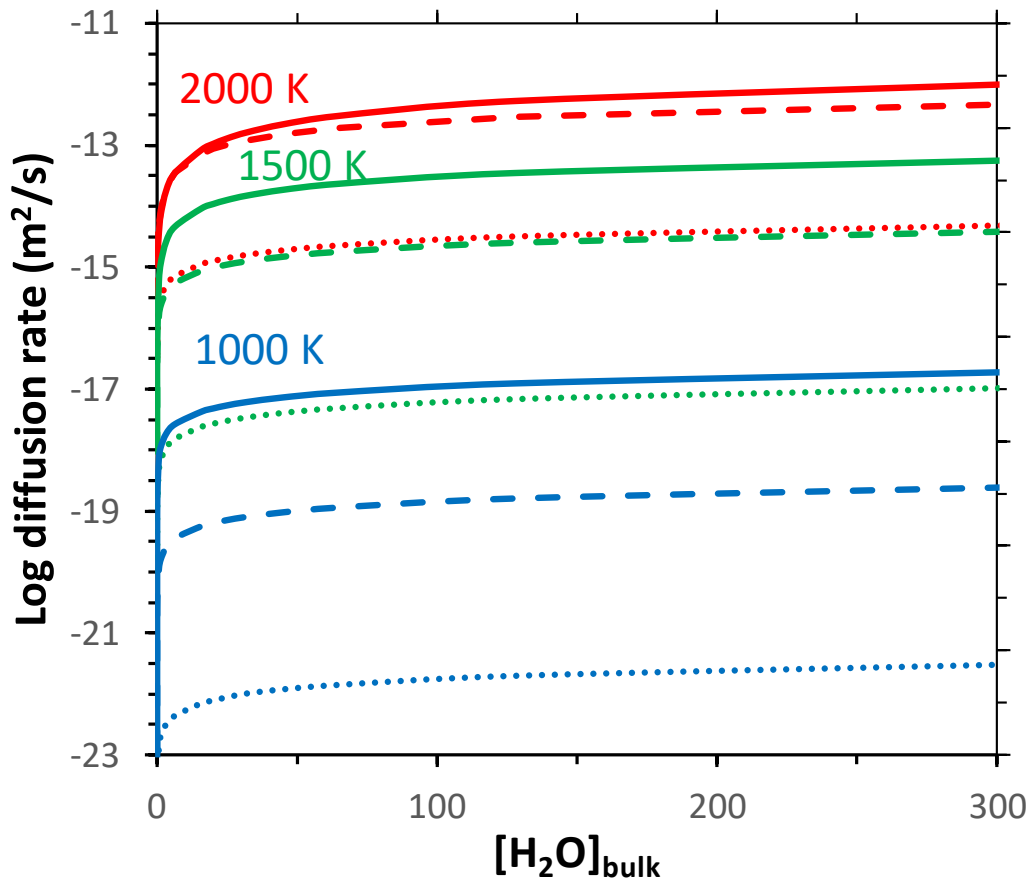
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678 Figure 1: Comparison of D_{Mg}^{HVac} (diffusivity of $(2H)_{Mg}^X$) calculated in this study at 2
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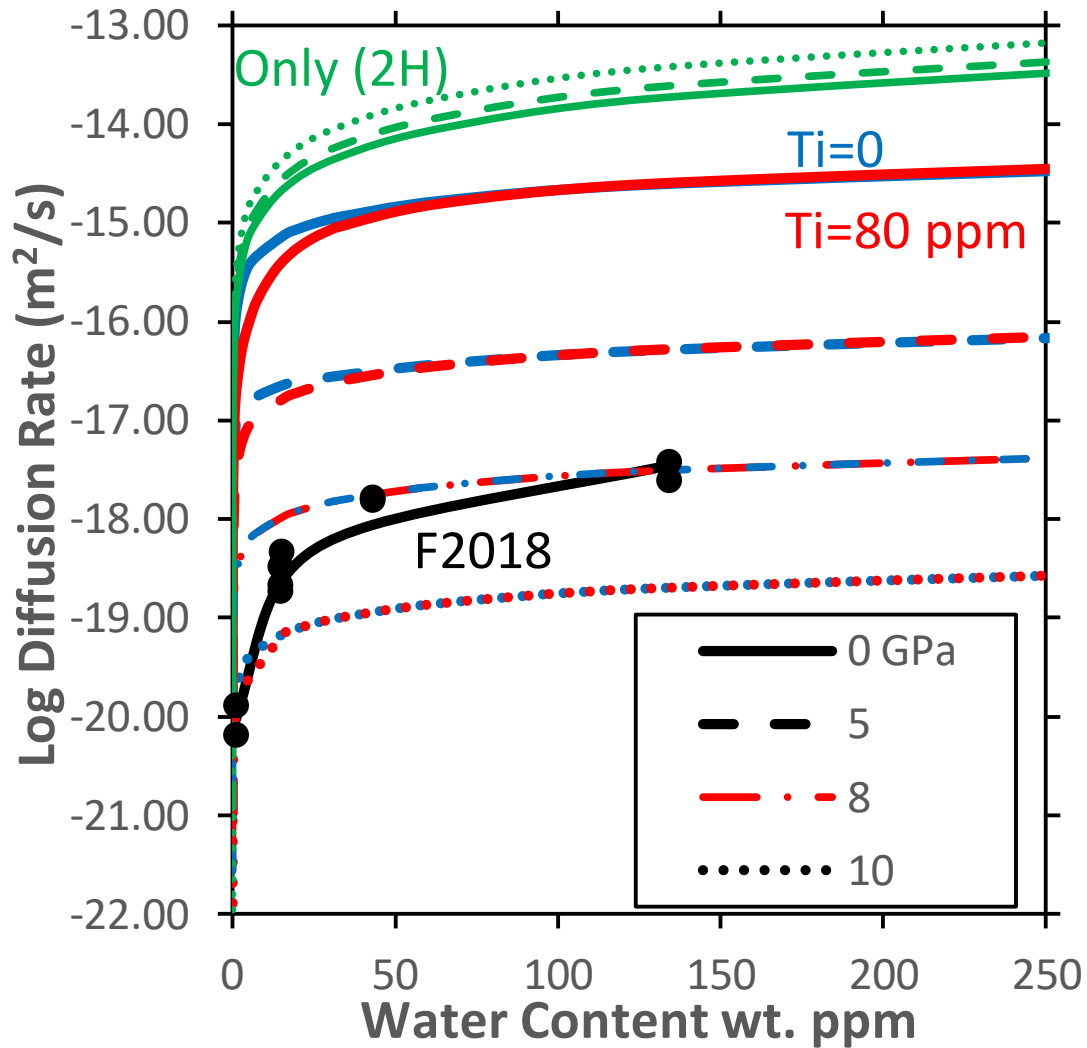
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684 Figure 2: Predicted diffusion rates in pure forsterite as a function of [H₂O]_{bulk} at three
 685 different temperatures (2000 K=red, 1500 K=green, 1000 K=blue) and with three
 686 different corrected pressures (0 GPa=solid lines, 5 GPa= dashed line, 10 GPa= dotted
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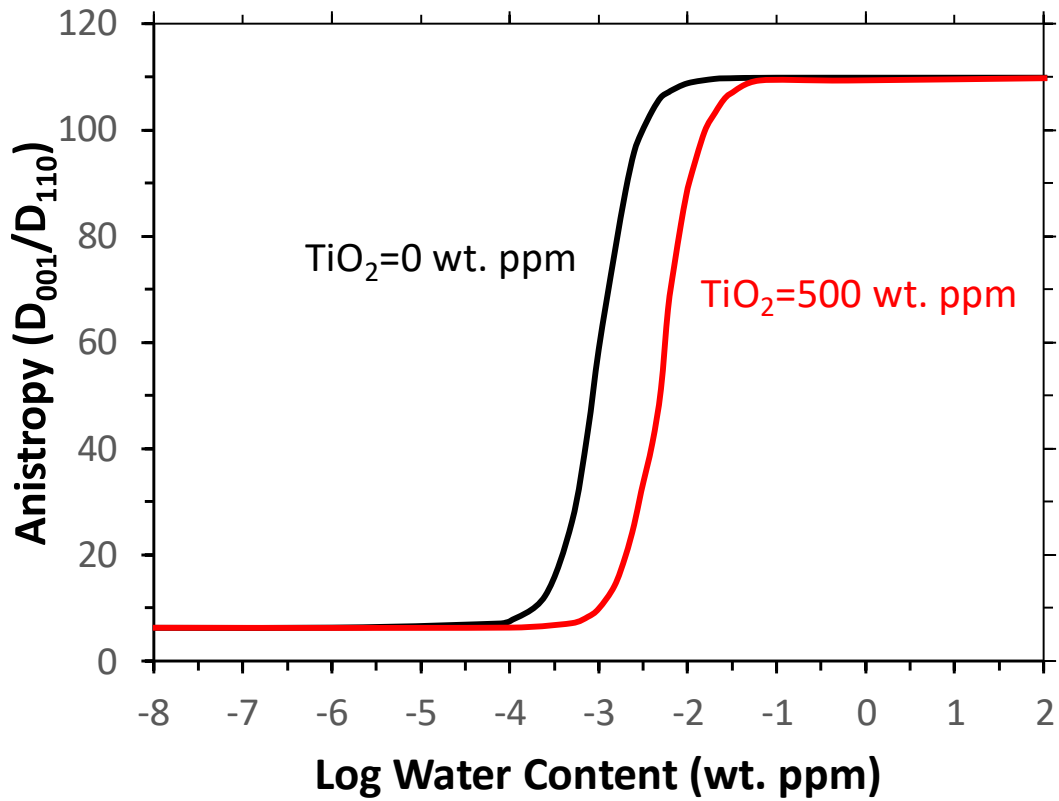
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691 Figure 3: Plot of diffusion rate as a function of water content at 1300 K and at different
 692 corrected pressures. Three different sets of data are presented, green where all water
 693 is artificially $(2H)_{Mg}^X$, blue where the system is solved with no Ti ($(2H)_{Mg}^X$ and
 694 $(4H)_{Si}^X$) and red where the system is solved with $TiO_2 = 80$ wt. ppm ($(2H)_{Mg}^X$,
 695 $(4H)_{Si}^X$ and $\{Ti_{Mg}^{2+}(2H)_{Si}^{2-}\}$). The concentration of Ti was chosen to match that of Fei *et*
 696 *al.* 2018 whose results are presented in black and which were measured at ~ 1300 K and
 697 8 GPa. The Ti=0 ppm and Ti=80 ppm traces are similar at high water concentrations
 698 but diverge at lower water concentrations.

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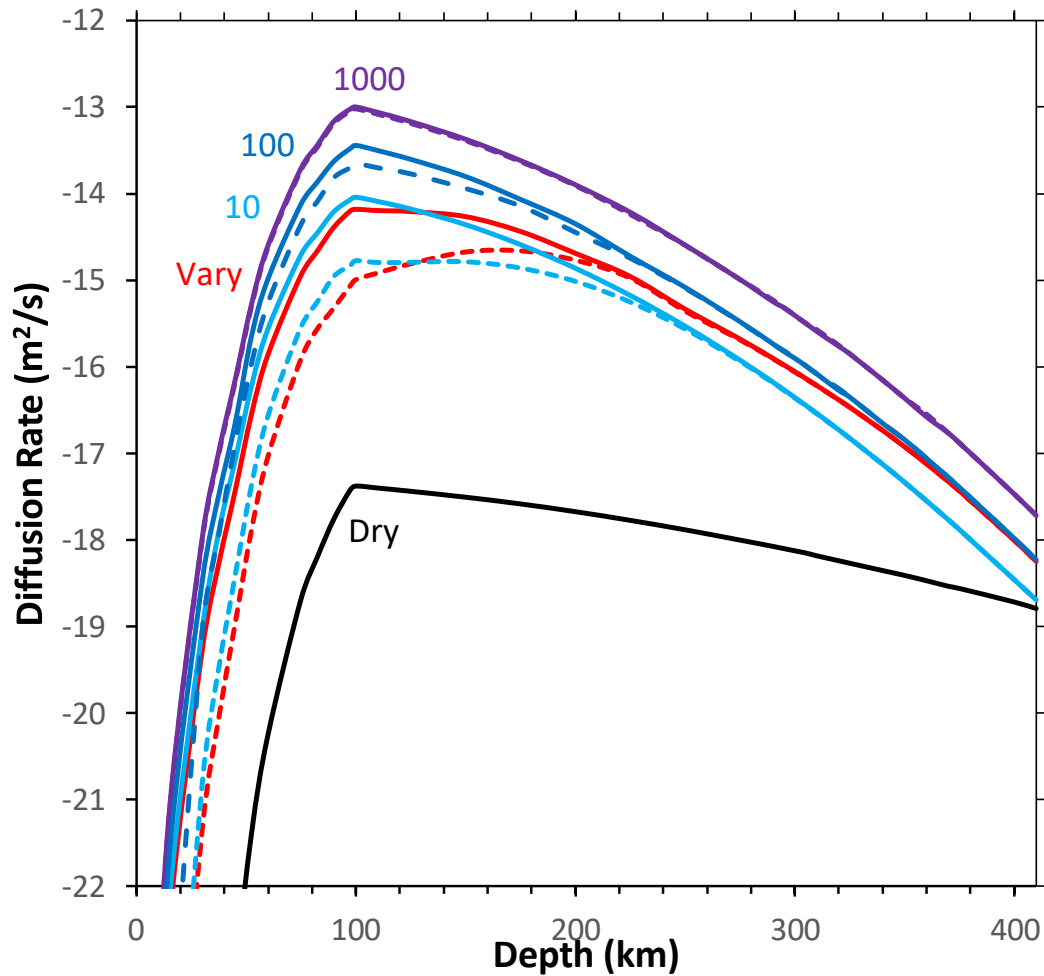
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703 Figure 4 The anisotropy of diffusion [$D_{[001]}/D_{[110]}$] as a function of water content at
704 1500 K and 0 GPa corrected and with and without TiO₂. At low water contents a
705 “dry” regime persists in which anisotropy is low, at high water contents a “wet” regime
706 in which anisotropy is high. In both regimes the anisotropy is insensitive to water
707 content, only varying in a small transition window between them. All pressure and
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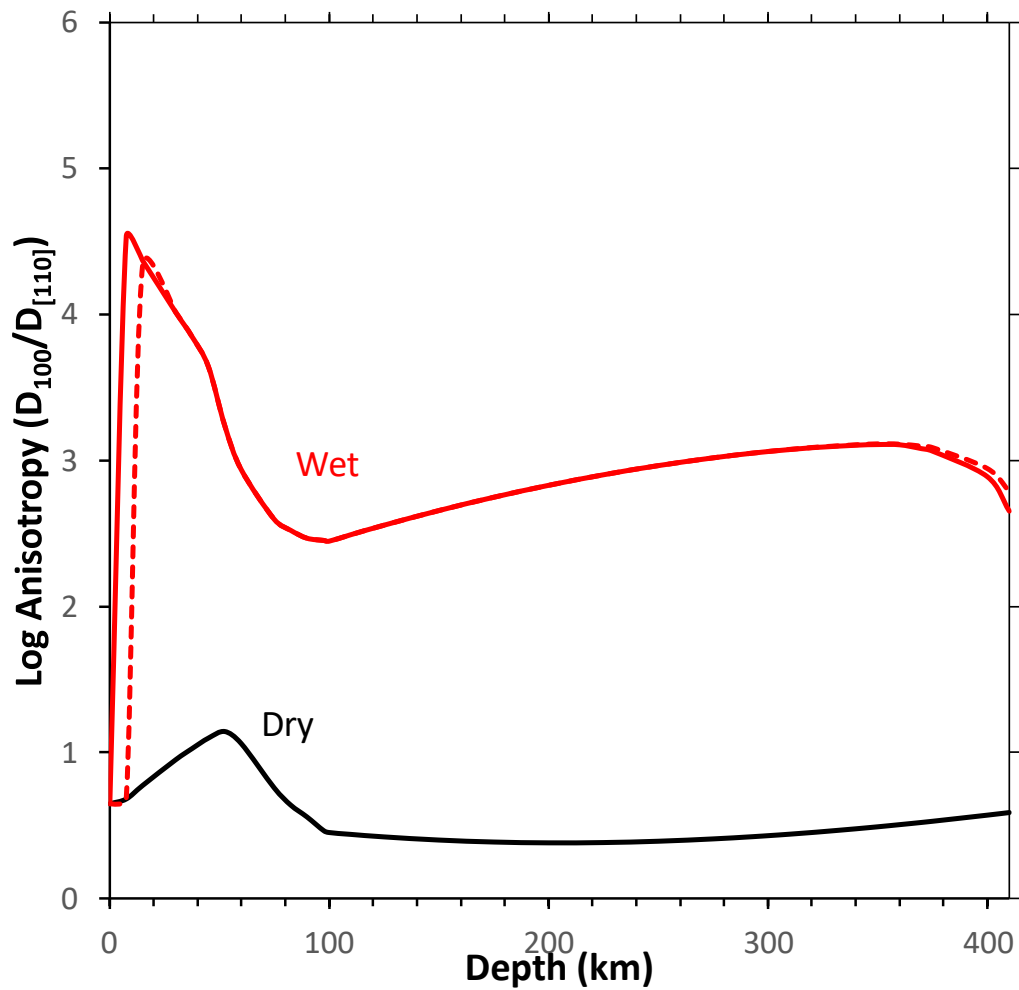
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712 Figure 5 Diffusion rate of Mg along an oceanic geotherm with different amounts of Ti
 713 and water. Solid and dashed lines represent “pure” forsterite and forsterite with 500
 714 wt. ppm TiO_2 respectively along an oceanic geotherm taken from Green and Ringwood
 715 (1970) (points in Table S2). The black line contains no H-bearing defects, while
 716 shades of blue contain fixed amounts of H-bearing defects (given as $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{bulk}}$ in wt.
 717 ppm) and red lines have a varying amount of water content with depth $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{bulk}} =$
 718 $(3 + 1.6 \times 10^{-4} z^{2.2})$ taken from Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova (2016) where z is
 719 depth in km. Values below 50 km require extrapolation below 1000 K and thus are
 720 potentially unreliable.

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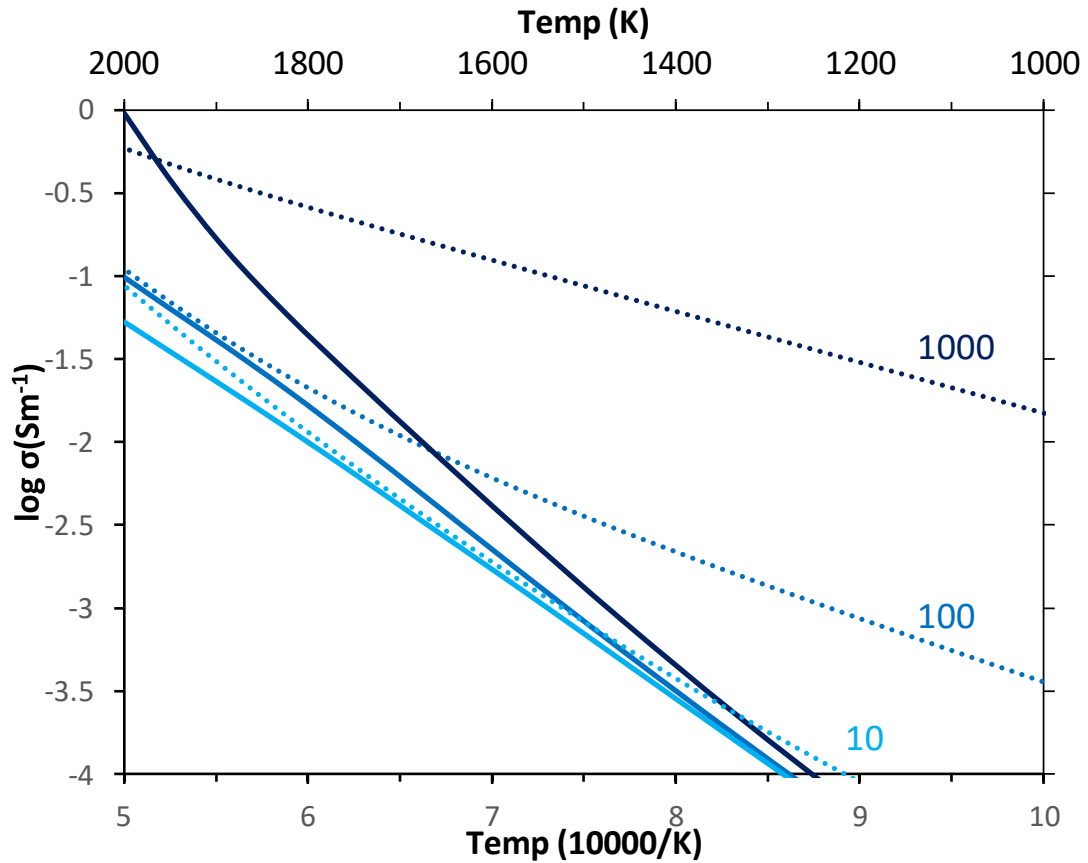
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723 Figure 6 Anisotropy of diffusion $[D_{[001]}/D_{[110]}]$ of Mg along an oceanic geotherm. Dry
 724 forsterite is shown in black wet forsterite is shown in red with the solid line representing
 725 no TiO_2 and the dashed line an oceanic geotherm with 500 wt. TiO_2 . All amounts of
 726 water above 1 wt. ppm produce an identical trace to the varied water curves pictured
 727 here (and thus are not shown) as discussed in the text.

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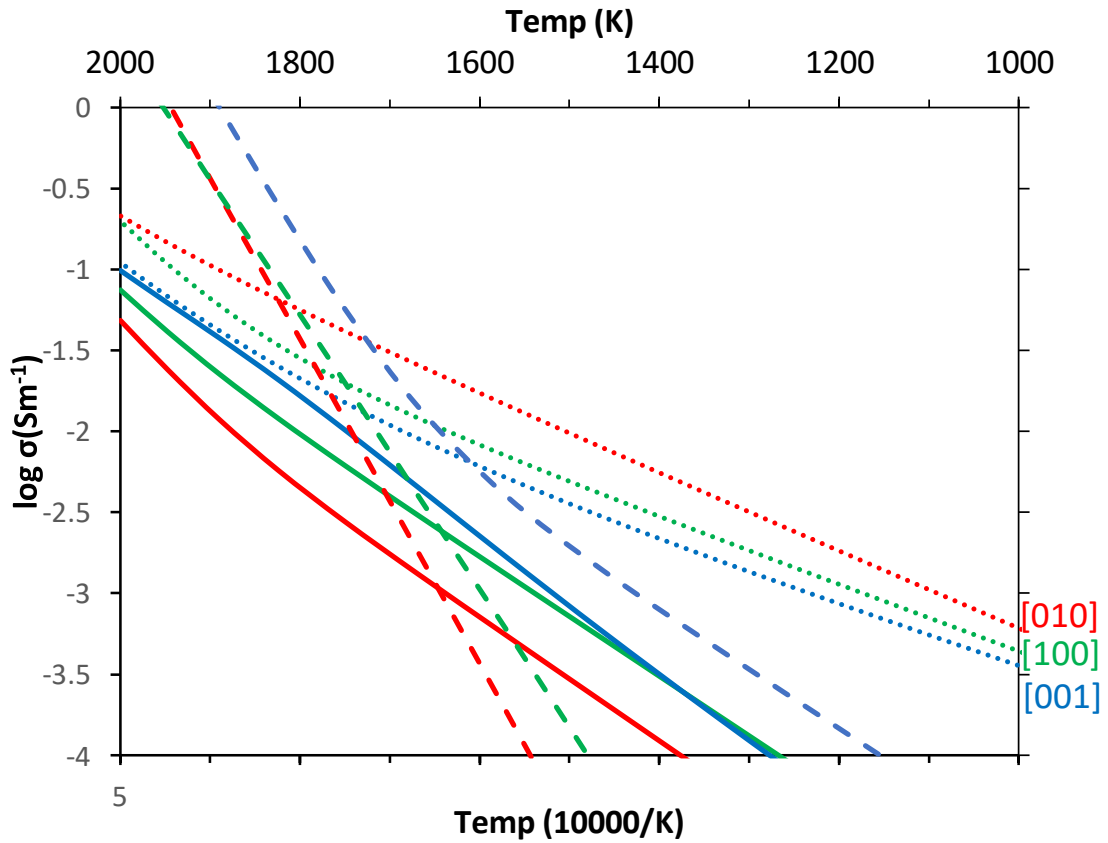
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732 Figure 7: Plot of conductivity vs temperature for different water concentrations (10,
 733 100 and 1000 wt. ppm). Solid lines are our prediction using Equation 6 in the text,
 734 the dotted lines are the G14 model which was determined from Equation 1 and Table 1
 735 in Gardes *et al* (2014). In Figure S2 we show the results of different modifications to
 736 Equation 6 but none of them are close to matching the model of G14. Pressure was
 737 set to 0 GPa corrected, the effect of pressure is shown in Figure S3.

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740 Figure 8: Comparison of conductivity in three directions (red=[010], green=[100],
 741 blue=[001]) against temperature determined from Equation 6 in our model (solid lines)
 742 vs those determined from G14 (dotted lines) and from Fei et al. 2020 (dashed lines)
 743 determined from Equation 9 and Table 3. $[H_2O]_{\text{bulk}}$ was set to 100 wt. ppm and
 744 pressure to 0 GPa (corrected). Our predicted diffusional anisotropy is close to the
 745 reverse of that determined by Gardes *et al.* 2014 while we match the same order as in
 746 Fei et al. 2020.

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| | | D_{Mg}^{Int} | | | D_{Mg}^{Vac} | | | D_{Mg}^{HVac} | | |
|-----------|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | [100] | [010] | [001] | [100] | [010] | [001] | [100] | [010] | [001] |
| 0 GPa | 1000 K | 2.94x 10 ⁻¹² | 1.16x 10 ⁻¹¹ | 6.13x 10 ⁻¹² | 3.92x 10 ⁻¹⁴ | 1.64x 10 ⁻¹³ | 1.88x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 4.70x 10 ⁻¹⁷ | 6.49x 10 ⁻¹⁷ | 5.17x 10 ⁻¹³ |
| | 1500 K | 1.23x 10 ⁻¹¹ | 4.45x 10 ⁻¹¹ | 2.07x 10 ⁻¹¹ | 1.89x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 4.99x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 3.63x 10 ⁻⁹ | 1.34x 10 ⁻¹³ | 1.12x 10 ⁻¹² | 1.24x 10 ⁻¹⁰ |
| | 2000 K | 3.09x 10 ⁻¹¹ | 1.06x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 4.37x 10 ⁻¹¹ | 1.24x 10 ⁻⁹ | 3.24x 10 ⁻⁹ | 1.52x 10 ⁻⁸ | 8.70x 10 ⁻¹³ | 7.49x 10 ⁻¹² | 7.19x 10 ⁻¹⁰ |
| 5 GPa | 1000 K | 2.04x 10 ⁻¹¹ | 9.05x 10 ⁻¹¹ | 6.66x 10 ⁻¹¹ | 7.95x 10 ⁻¹⁴ | 2.11x 10 ⁻¹³ | 1.88x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 4.94x 10 ⁻¹⁸ | 6.10x 10 ⁻¹⁸ | 6.97x 10 ⁻¹³ |
| | 1500 K | 5.06x 10 ⁻¹¹ | 1.94x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 9.55x 10 ⁻¹¹ | 2.80x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 6.16x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 3.38x 10 ⁻⁹ | 2.34x 10 ⁻¹⁴ | 2.02x 10 ⁻¹³ | 1.57x 10 ⁻¹⁰ |
| | 2000 K | 9.74x 10 ⁻¹¹ | 3.26x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 1.20x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 1.81x 10 ⁻⁹ | 3.96x 10 ⁻⁹ | 1.42x 10 ⁻⁸ | 1.54x 10 ⁻¹³ | 1.36x 10 ⁻¹² | 9.08x 10 ⁻¹⁰ |
| 10 GPa | 1000 K | 1.16x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 3.60x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 3.40x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 1.27x 10 ⁻¹³ | 1.65x 10 ⁻¹³ | 1.87x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 3.03x 10 ⁻¹⁹ | 1.06x 10 ⁻¹⁸ | 1.13x 10 ⁻¹² |
| | 1500 K | 1.18x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 4.52x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 2.27x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 1.72x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 4.35x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 3.20x 10 ⁻⁹ | 1.09x 10 ⁻¹⁴ | 6.60x 10 ⁻¹⁴ | 1.73x 10 ⁻¹⁰ |
| | 2000 K | 2.08x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 6.74x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 2.41x 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 1.06x 10 ⁻⁹ | 2.73x 10 ⁻⁹ | 1.28x 10 ⁻⁸ | 7.38x 10 ⁻¹⁴ | 4.52x 10 ⁻¹³ | 9.08x 10 ⁻¹⁰ |

749 Table 1 Calculated diffusivity coefficients (in m²s⁻¹) for Mg_{Int}^{**} , Vac_{Mg}'' and $(2H)_{Mg}^x$

750 as a function of corrected pressure and temperature.

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| | | 1000 K | | | 1500 K | | | 2000 K | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | 0 GPa | 5 GPa | 10 GPa | 0 GPa | 5 GPa | 10 GPa | 0 GPa | 5 GPa | 10 GPa |
| [H ₂ O] _{bulk} 1 wt.ppm | [(4H) _{Si} ^x] | -5.46 | -5.41 | -5.41 | -6.46 | -5.50 | -5.41 | -8.02 | -6.78 | -5.43 |
| | [(2H) _{Mg} ^x] | -6.09 | -7.65 | -10.82 | -5.15 | -5.85 | -8.46 | -5.11 | -5.13 | -6.52 |
| | [H _i ⁺] | -15.94 | -15.24 | -15.09 | -11.51 | -14.72 | -14.73 | -9.00 | -12.10 | -14.47 |
| | [V _{Mg} ^{''}] | -15.90 | -15.45 | -15.32 | -11.80 | -14.56 | -14.57 | -8.24 | -9.70 | -10.35 |
| | [Mg _i ^{**}] | -16.16 | -16.16 | -16.16 | -13.93 | -14.56 | -14.79 | -8.28 | -9.70 | -10.35 |
| [H ₂ O] _{bulk} 10 wt.ppm | [(4H) _{Si} ^x] | -4.42 | -4.41 | -4.41 | -4.81 | -4.44 | -4.41 | -6.04 | -5.00 | -4.41 |
| | [(2H) _{Mg} ^x] | -5.58 | -7.15 | -10.31 | -4.32 | -5.32 | -7.96 | -4.12 | -4.24 | -6.02 |
| | [H _i ⁺] | -14.90 | -14.99 | -15.04 | -11.52 | -14.68 | -14.68 | -9.00 | -12.10 | -14.38 |
| | [V _{Mg} ^{''}] | -15.16 | -15.23 | -15.45 | -11.81 | -14.73 | -14.63 | -8.98 | -10.58 | -10.85 |
| | [Mg _i ^{**}] | -16.16 | -16.16 | -16.16 | -14.41 | -14.74 | -14.73 | -9.27 | -10.58 | -10.85 |
| [H ₂ O] _{bulk} 100 wt.ppm | [(4H) _{Si} ^x] | -3.41 | -4.41 | -3.41 | -3.54 | -3.42 | -3.41 | -4.18 | -3.61 | -3.41 |
| | [(2H) _{Mg} ^x] | -5.07 | -10.32 | -9.80 | -3.69 | -4.81 | -7.46 | -3.19 | -3.54 | -5.52 |
| | [H _i ⁺] | -13.96 | -14.89 | -14.98 | -11.53 | -14.63 | -14.63 | -9.01 | -12.10 | -14.30 |
| | [V _{Mg} ^{''}] | -14.25 | -15.15 | -15.23 | -11.83 | -14.81 | -14.66 | -9.26 | -11.26 | -11.37 |
| | [Mg _i ^{**}] | -16.30 | -16.16 | -16.16 | -14.51 | -14.84 | -14.69 | -10.20 | -11.27 | -11.37 |

754 Table 2: Log of the concentration (in defects/f.u.) of major defects in a system of “pure
755 forsterite” predicted at different temperatures, corrected pressures and water
756 concentrations.

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| | | Dry to Wet | | Dry ($[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{bulk}}=0$ wt. ppm) | | Wet ($[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{bulk}}=1-300$ wt. ppm) | | | |
|--------|--------|------------------|---|---|----------------|---|--------|------|----------------|
| | | Crossover (pure) | Crossover ($\text{TiO}_2=500$ wt. ppm) | log A | log Anisotropy | log A | log B | r | log Anisotropy |
| 1000 K | 0 GPa | 0.00 | 0.00 | -24.41 | 1.20 | -18.15 | -18.10 | 0.56 | 3.81 |
| | 5 GPa | 0.00 | 0.00 | -25.29 | 0.44 | -19.97 | -19.99 | 0.55 | 4.95 |
| | 10 GPa | 0.00 | 0.00 | -25.33 | 0.14 | -22.86 | -22.91 | 0.55 | 5.96 |
| 1500 K | 0 GPa | 0.00 | 0.01 | -17.90 | 0.80 | -15.33 | -14.84 | 0.65 | 2.04 |
| | 5 GPa | 0.00 | 0.00 | -18.78 | 0.60 | -15.82 | -15.80 | 0.56 | 2.89 |
| | 10 GPa | 0.00 | 0.00 | -19.96 | 0.57 | -18.34 | -18.36 | 0.56 | 3.40 |
| 2000 K | 0 GPa | 0.58 | 0.81 | -14.51 | 0.63 | -14.34 | -14.13 | 0.88 | 1.98 |
| | 5 GPa | 0.35 | 0.56 | -15.26 | 0.48 | -14.45 | -14.48 | 0.67 | 2.82 |
| | 10 GPa | 0.85 | 1.41 | -16.32 | 0.56 | -15.68 | -15.69 | 0.56 | 3.28 |

760 Table 3: Various outputs from our diffusion model as a function of corrected pressure
761 and temperature. The first two columns show the concentration (in wt. ppm) of $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{bulk}}$
762 bulk where we convert from the “dry” regime to a “wet” regime defined as the point of
763 inflection in an anisotropy curve such as in Figure 4. This is shown for a “pure”
764 forsterite and one containing 500 wt. ppm TiO_2 , the value is similar and small in both
765 cases. The final 6 columns concern diffusion rates in “pure” (Ti-free) forsterite with
766 Ti-bearing forsterite shown in Table 4. The first two columns concern dry forsterite
767 with no H-bearing defects and show the diffusion rate (A in Equation 4) and the
768 anisotropy $[D_{[001]}/D_{[110]}]$. The last 4 columns concern forsterite with H-bearing
769 defects. We show the results of fitting to Equation 4 between $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{bulk}}$ 1 to 300 wt.
770 ppm (the “wet” region)- for the purposes of fitting we used $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{bulk}} = [\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{bulk}} - 1$ so
771 that A in these cases reflects diffusion at 1 wt. ppm $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{bulk}}$. The final column shows
772 the anisotropy of the wet system.

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| | | 0 GPa | | | | 5 GPa | | | | 10 GPa | | | |
|--------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | TiO ₂ (wt. ppm) | log A (dry) | log A | log B | r | log A (dry) | log A | log B | r | log A (dry) | log A | log B | r |
| 1000 K | 0 | -24.22 | -18.15 | -18.10 | 0.56 | -25.29 | -19.97 | -19.99 | 0.55 | -25.33 | -22.86 | -22.91 | 0.56 |
| | 100 | -24.22 | -19.72 | -19.15 | 1.09 | -25.29 | -20.36 | -20.00 | 0.58 | -25.33 | -22.93 | -22.89 | 0.56 |
| | 500 | -24.22 | -20.26 | -21.11 | 1.63 | -25.29 | -21.60 | -21.29 | 1.02 | -25.33 | -24.68 | -23.59 | 0.91 |
| 1500 K | 0 | -17.90 | -15.33 | -14.84 | 0.65 | -18.78 | -15.82 | -15.80 | 0.56 | -19.96 | -18.34 | -18.36 | 0.56 |
| | 100 | -17.90 | <u>-15.83</u> | <u>-15.42</u> | <u>0.95</u> | -18.78 | <u>-16.08</u> | <u>-15.88</u> | <u>0.59</u> | -19.96 | <u>-18.36</u> | <u>-18.32</u> | <u>0.55</u> |
| | 500 | -17.90 | -16.34 | -15.99 | 1.08 | -18.78 | -16.83 | -16.47 | 0.96 | -19.96 | <u>-18.41</u> | <u>-18.32</u> | <u>0.55</u> |
| 2000 K | 0 | -14.51 | -14.34 | -14.13 | 0.88 | -15.26 | -14.45 | -14.48 | 0.67 | -16.32 | -15.68 | -15.69 | 0.56 |
| | 100 | -14.51 | -14.39 | -14.29 | 0.95 | -15.26 | -14.57 | -14.55 | 0.77 | -16.32 | -15.73 | -15.69 | 0.56 |
| | 500 | -14.51 | -14.61 | -14.68 | 1.05 | -15.26 | -14.75 | -14.66 | 0.93 | -16.32 | -15.77 | -15.69 | 0.55 |

774 Table 4: Plot of fits to dry and wet forsterite (as in Table 3) with varying amounts of
775 TiO₂ added at different T and P. Anisotropy is not affected by the addition of Ti and
776 is presented in Table 3.

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| | Gardes (2014) | | This work | | | | 10 (all $(2H)_{Mg}^X$) |
|-------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| | Fit 1 ($r=1/3$) | Fit 2 ($r=1.99$) | 1 wt. ppm | 10 | 100 | 1000 | |
| | ΔH^{Hyd} | ΔH^{Hyd} | ΔH^{Hyd} | ΔH^{Hyd} | ΔH^{Hyd} | ΔH^{Hyd} | ΔH^{Hyd} |
| [100] | 92 | 66 | 299.64 | 283.77 | 273.55 | 260.86 | 348.75 |
| [010] | 95 | 104 | 367.38 | 346.67 | 324.35 | 278.70 | 336.99 |
| [001] | 81 | 61 | 377.20 | 353.38 | 327.66 | 279.30 | 268.45 |

779 Table 5: Comparison of the activation energy (in kJ/mol) in three directions for the
780 hydrous part of the conductivity fit in Gardes *et al.* 2014 with that determined in this
781 work at 0 GPa (corrected). Two fits from Gardes *et al.* 2014 are shown with different
782 water exponents (r). To determine our activation energy we determined conductivity
783 between 800-2000 K while setting the polaron term in Equation 6 to 0 and then fit an
784 equation of the form $\sigma = ae^{-b/RT}$ where a and b are fitting parameters. This was
785 done at multiple different values of $[H_2O]_{bulk}$. The final column represents $[H_2O]_{bulk}$
786 =10 wt. ppm but with all water fixed as $(2H)_{Mg}^X$.

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