

A Model for Silicate Melt Viscosity

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A) Temperature dependence:

T-dependence of viscosity (η) is modelled by the VFT equation - A , B & C are adjustable parameters.

$$\log \eta = A + \frac{B}{T(K) - C} \quad (1)$$

B) Compositional Dependence [A, B & C]:

A is a constant independent of composition. Compositional effects are ascribed to B and C by linear combinations of oxide components (mol%) and several multiplicative oxide cross-terms:

$$B = \sum_{i=1}^7 [b_i M_i] + \sum_{j=1}^3 [b_{1j} (M_{1j} \cdot M_{2j})] \quad (2)$$

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^6 [c_i N_i] + [c_{11} (N_{11} \cdot N_{21})] \quad (3)$$

where M 's and N 's are combinations of mol. % oxides reported in Table 1 for B and C , respectively.

C) Model Coefficients

Table 1. Coefficients for calculation of VFT parameters B and C [$A = -4.55 (\pm 0.21)^a$] from melt compositions expressed as mole % oxides.

	Oxides	Values		Oxides	Values
b_1	SiO ₂ +TiO ₂	159.6 (7)	c_1	SiO ₂	2.75 (0.4)
b_2	Al ₂ O ₃	-173.3 (22)	c_2	TA ^c	15.7 (1.6)
b_3	FeO(T)+MnO+P ₂ O ₅	72.1 (14)	c_3	FM ^d	8.3 (0.5)
b_4	MgO	75.7 (13)	c_4	CaO	10.2 (0.7)
b_5	CaO	-39.0 (9)	c_5	NK ^e	-12.3 (1.3)
b_6	Na ₂ O + V ^b	-84.1 (13)	c_6	ln(1+V)	-99.5 (4)
b_7	V + ln(1+H ₂ O)	141.5 (19)	c_{11}	(Al ₂ O ₃ +FM+CaO - P ₂ O ₅)*(NK+V)	0.30 (0.04)
b_{11}	(SiO ₂ +TiO ₂)*(FM)	-2.43 (0.3)			
b_{12}	(SiO ₂ +TA+P ₂ O ₅)*(NK+H ₂ O)	-0.91 (0.3)			
b_{13}	(Al ₂ O ₃)*(NK)	17.6 (1.8)			

^aNumbers in brackets are 95% c.l.

^bV = Sum of H₂O+F₂O₋₁;

^cTA=Sum of TiO₂+Al₂O₃;

^dFM=Sum of FeO(T)+MnO+MgO;

^eNK= Sum of Na₂O + K₂O

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D) Explicit Formulae

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \\ b_5 \\ b_6 \\ b_7 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} SiO_2 + TiO_2 \\ Al_2O_3 \\ FeO + MnO + P_2O_5 \\ MgO \\ CaO \\ Na_2O + V \\ V + \ln(1 + H_2O) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \\ b_{12} \\ b_{13} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} (SiO_2 + TiO_2) * (FM) \\ (SiO_2 + TA + P_2O_5) * (NK + H_2O) \\ (Al_2O_3) * (NK) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} c1 \\ c2 \\ c3 \\ c4 \\ c5 \\ c6 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} SiO_2 \\ TA \\ FM \\ CaO \\ NK \\ \ln(1 + V) \end{bmatrix} + [c_{11}] \cdot [(Al_2O_3 + FM + CaO - P_2O_5) * (NK + V)]$$

E) Example Calculation:

Table 2. Sample calculation of viscosity (Pa s) using model coefficients (Table 1).

Sample ¹	Wt%	Wt% _N	Mol%	B-Terms	Values	C-Terms	Values
SiO ₂	62.40	61.23	62.38	b ₁	10018.8	c ₁	171.5
TiO ₂	0.55	0.54	0.41	b ₂	-2043.2	c ₂	191.8
Al ₂ O ₃	20.01	19.63	11.79	b ₃	6.69	c ₃	40.27
FeO(T)	0.03	0.03	0.03	b ₄	363.2	c ₄	99.2
MnO	0.02	0.02	0.02	b ₅	-379.1	c ₅	-49.21
MgO	3.22	3.16	4.80	b ₆	-858.7	c ₆	-204.5
CaO	9.08	8.91	9.73	b ₇	1253.4	c ₁₁	85.3
Na ₂ O	3.52	3.45	3.41	b ₁₁	-738.7		
K ₂ O	0.93	0.91	0.59	b ₁₂	-733.8	A (constant)²	-4.55
P ₂ O ₅	0.12	0.12	0.05	b ₁₃	831.6	B (computed)²	7720
H ₂ O	2.00	2.00	6.80			C (computed)²	334

¹ Iron-free andesite melt with 2.00 wt.% H₂O.

² Log η = A + B/(T(K) - C); predicted value for this melt at 1273 K is 3.67 Pa s.