



# Rate equations for modeling carbon dioxide sequestration in basalt



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## ABSTRACT

Dissolution rate equations are developed from published data for glassy and crystalline basalt to predict the silica release flux ( $J_{Si}$ ) as a function of hydrogen ion activity ( $2 < \text{pH} < 12$ ) and temperature ( $0^\circ < T < 100^\circ \text{C}$ ). For glassy basalt the silica flux is

$$J_{Si} = (5.00 \times 10^2) e^{\left(\frac{-39700}{R}\right) \frac{1}{T}} a_{\text{H}^+}^{1.01} + (5.26 \times 10^{-5}) e^{\left(\frac{-38400}{R}\right) \frac{1}{T}} a_{\text{H}^+}^{-0.258}$$

and for crystalline basalt the silica flux is

$$J_{Si} = (7.40) e^{\left(\frac{-40100}{R}\right) \frac{1}{T}} a_{\text{H}^+}^{0.680} + (8.67 \times 10^{-7}) e^{\left(\frac{-32900}{R}\right) \frac{1}{T}} a_{\text{H}^+}^{-0.286}.$$

These rate equations are implemented in TOUGHREACT to simulate a CO<sub>2</sub> saturated solution reacting with glassy and crystalline basalt in batch and semibatch reactors. The crystalline basalt models are compared with a more complex basalt representation comprising a composite mixture of olivine, plagioclase and pyroxene dissolution rates. Results show that numerical models based on the newly developed rate equations make reasonable predictions. Batch reactor models initially contained a solution spiked with CO<sub>2</sub>. These models showed relatively rapid CO<sub>2</sub> consumption followed by cessation of the reaction with the glassy and crystalline basalt after the CO<sub>2</sub> was exhausted and a terminal pH near eight. The composite basalt model was less successful because the plagioclase continued to react after the CO<sub>2</sub> was exhausted causing the pH to rise to an unreasonably high value near 12. Semibatch reactor models containing a solution continuously supplied with CO<sub>2</sub> showed relatively rapid CO<sub>2</sub> consumption until all basalt was consumed. Complete semibatch reaction produced a sodium and bicarbonate rich solution with a pH near eight for all three basalt compositions.

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## 1. Introduction

The suitability of basalt reservoirs for carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) is being tested on the basis of favorable CO<sub>2</sub>-water-rock geochemical reactions that result in permanent CO<sub>2</sub> isolation through mineral trapping (Matter et al., 2016; Bacon et al., 2014; Schaef et al., 2013; Gysi and Stefánsson, 2011; Matter and Kelemen, 2009; McGrail et al., 2017). The motivation for CCS in basalt is largely attributable to the relatively high CO<sub>2</sub> storage potential within both onshore and offshore basalt formations. For example, McGrail et al. (2006) estimate CO<sub>2</sub> storage potential in the Columbia River Basalt Group in the northwestern United States to be as high as 100 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>, and studies by Goldberg et al. (2008, 2010) suggest that offshore basalt formations within the Juan de Fuca plate and Central Atlantic Magmatic Province hold potential for CO<sub>2</sub>

disposal on comparable scales. On a global basis, perhaps the most significant opportunity for CCS in mafic reservoirs is within India's Deccan Traps, where CO<sub>2</sub> storage estimates are on the order of 150 Gt (Jayaraman, 2007), and the demand for coal-fired electricity is driven by rapid economic growth.

The premise motivating CCS in mafic reservoirs is that CO<sub>2</sub> dissolution in water produces carbonic acid, which provides hydrogen ions for basalt dissolution and bicarbonate ions for carbonate precipitation. The overall dissolution rate of the basalt governs cation availability and pH in the CO<sub>2</sub>-water-basalt system and exerts first-order control on the mineral trapping potential of the reservoir. The first step in this process involves CO<sub>2</sub> dissolution to produce carbonic acid, which dissociates to bicarbonate and hydrogen ions:

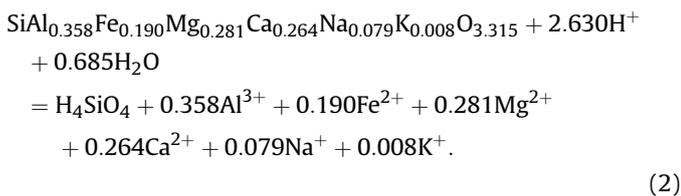


In the next step, the hydrogen ions promote the dissolution of the basalt. For Icelandic basalts considered in this paper, the

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generalized reaction based on the basalt composition from Oelkers and Gislason (2001) and Gudbrandsson et al. (2011) is:



At higher pH the aluminum hydrolyzes to form hydroxy species resulting in a proportionally lower consumption of hydrogen ions. In the final step, the divalent cations ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ , and  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ) from the dissolved basalt combine with bicarbonate and carbonate ions to precipitate carbonate minerals and release additional hydrogen ions into solution, e.g.,



In addition, the Si and Al from the basalt precipitates into clay minerals (e.g., illite and montmorillonite) and these reactions also produce hydrogen ions, which contribute to further basalt dissolution (Gysi and Stefánsson, 2012).

In recent years, several modeling studies and small-scale field experiments have shown that  $\text{CO}_2$  sequestration in basalt reservoirs may be feasible despite significant levels of reservoir heterogeneity. For example, industrial-scale  $\text{CO}_2$  sequestration has been tested in low-volume basalt reservoirs using Monte Carlo numerical modeling methods, which show that permeability heterogeneity strongly influences reservoir injectivity; however, the confinement potential is favorable over time-scales needed for mineralization (Pollyea et al., 2014; Pollyea and Fairley, 2012). Additionally, small-scale basalt sequestration field experiments have been undertaken at the Wallula Basalt Sequestration Pilot Project in southeastern Washington, USA (McGrail et al., 2017), and the CarbFix Project at Hellisheidi geothermal power plant in southwest Iceland (Matter et al., 2016; Gislason et al., 2010). While these projects are similar in their approach to carbon isolation through  $\text{CO}_2$ -water-rock mineralization reactions, the field implementation in each project differs in the delivery of  $\text{CO}_2$ . At the Wallula site, 1000 metric tons of  $\text{CO}_2$  was injected in the supercritical (sc) phase in August 2013, and analysis of post-injection sidewall cores indicate that carbonate mineral precipitation was widespread in the injection zone (McGrail et al., 2017). At the CarbFix field site, two  $\text{CO}_2$  injections were undertaken in 2012 (175 tons and 73 tons) to test the novel  $\text{CO}_2$  delivery mechanism in which  $\text{CO}_2$  and water are co-injected while keeping  $\text{CO}_2$  concentration in the injected fluid below the solubility limit (Matter et al., 2016). This injection approach minimizes both degassing potential and buoyancy driven fluid flow, thus permitting  $\text{CO}_2$  injections at moderate depths (400–800 m), where pure  $\text{CO}_2$  would be subcritical (Sigfusson et al., 2015). During the CarbFix injections, the  $\text{CO}_2$  was spiked with radioactive  $^{14}\text{C}$  to quantify the *in situ* mass conversion of  $\text{CO}_2$  to carbonate minerals, and results indicate that over 95% of the injected  $\text{CO}_2$  mass was isolated within 2 years of the injections (Matter et al., 2016).

The promising results from the Wallula and CarbFix demonstration sites strongly motivate continued research towards understanding the  $\text{CO}_2$ -water-basalt system for CCS applications. Consequently, there is increasing demand for simulation tools that can be readily implemented for modeling the behavior of high  $P_{\text{CO}_2}$  systems. As a result, the purpose of this paper is to report rate equations that can be used to predict rates of  $\text{CO}_2$  consumption by reactions with crystalline or glassy basalt. We fit published silica release rates for glassy and crystalline Icelandic basalt to equations

that predict dissolution rates as a function of pH and temperature. The application of these glassy and crystalline basalt dissolution equations is illustrated in batch (closed) and semibatch (fixed  $P_{\text{CO}_2}$ ) reactor simulations using the TOUGHREACT numerical simulator for non-isothermal multi-phase reactive transport (Xu et al., 2014). Input records for the implementation of these rate models are presented as Supplemental Information (Tables S1–S2).

## 2. Methods

### 2.1. Rate equations

Published experimental values of the silica release flux ( $J_{\text{Si}}$ ) from crystalline and glassy Icelandic basalt samples were tabulated along with temperature and pH (Supplemental Information, Tables S3 and S4). For glassy basalt, there are 135 data (Flaathen et al., 2010; Gislason and Oelkers, 2003; Oelkers and Gislason, 2001; Wolff-Boenisch et al., 2004a) and for crystalline basalt there are 26 data (Gudbrandsson et al., 2011).

The silica release flux from dissolving basalt is primarily controlled by pH and temperature.

$$J_{\text{Si}} = k a_{\text{H}^+}^n = \left( A e^{-1000E_a/RT} \right) a_{\text{H}^+}^n. \quad (4)$$

In Equation (4), the activation energy ( $E_a$ ) is commonly reported in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ , and we retain this unit convention here. As a result,  $E_a$  is scaled by the conversion factor 1000 J per kJ in order to maintain internal consistency with the gas constant ( $R$ ), which has units of  $\text{J mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$ . See Table 1 for an explanation of the notation used in this paper. This equation can be linearized by a log transformation.

$$\log J_{\text{Si}} = \log k + n \log a_{\text{H}^+} = \log A - \frac{1000E_a}{2.303R} \left( \frac{1}{T} \right) - npH \quad (5)$$

The generalized form of this equation has three fitting parameters ( $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ ).

$$\log J_{\text{Si}} = a + \frac{b}{T} + cpH \quad (6)$$

Multiple linear regression modeling, using the JMP10 (SAS Institute Inc.) program, was applied to each data set to obtain values for  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ . Prior to regression analysis, the datasets were normalized to geometric surface area. Partial regression graphs, shown in Supplemental Information (Figs. S1–S4), were used to visualize the contribution of each independent variable to the overall fit (Moya-Laraño and Corcobado, 2008; Velleman and Welsch, 1981). These graphs plot the residuals of the dependent variable versus the residuals of each independent variable. The slope of the line on each graph equals the regression coefficient for that variable so that a steep slope means that the independent variable strongly influences the dependent variable. Inspection of the data showed a minimum in  $\log J_{\text{Si}}$  near pH 6 for both glassy and crystalline basalt but no evidence for a rate plateau in the near neutral pH region. As a result, the data sets were divided at pH 6 fit to separate equations to get the dissolution flux for  $\text{pH} < 6$  ( $J_{<6\text{Si}}$ ) and for  $\text{pH} > 6$  ( $J_{>6\text{Si}}$ ). The rate equation for the entire pH range ( $2 < \text{pH} < 12$ ) was constructed by summing the antilog transformation of the low and high pH equations ( $J_{\text{Si}} = J_{<6\text{Si}} + J_{>6\text{Si}}$ ).

For use in TOUGHREACT, the rate equations from the regression models must be recast into the format used in Palandri and Kharaka (2004). This format is based on the idea that the overall rate is the sum of parallel, independent reaction rates. For reactions affected by only pH and temperature, the overall rate constant is calculated by summing the terms of following equation:

**Table 1**

Notation used in this paper.

$A$	pre-exponential in Arrhenius equation, mol/m <sup>2</sup> sec
$a, b, c$	fitted parameters determined by the regression model
$a_i$	activity of species $i$
$E_a^{H(NU, OH)}$	activation energy for acid, neutral, or base reaction, kJ/mol
$J_{Si}$	overall silica dissolution flux ( $J = J_{<6Si} + J_{>6Si}$ ), mol/m <sup>2</sup> sec
$J_{<6Si}$	silica dissolution flux for pH < 6, mol/m <sup>2</sup> sec
$J_{>6Si}$	silica dissolution flux for pH > 6, mol/m <sup>2</sup> sec
$k$	rate constant, mol/m <sup>2</sup> sec
$k_{25}^{H(NU, OH)}$	rate constant at 25 °C for acid, neutral, or base reaction, mol/m <sup>2</sup> sec
$K_i$	solubility equilibrium constant for substance $i$
$n_{H(OH)}$	reaction order for hydrogen (or hydroxide) ions
$pH$	$-\log a_{H^+}$
$R$	gas constant, 8.314 J/mol K
$R^2$	coefficient of determination for the regression model
$T$	temperature, °C or K
$x_i$	mole fraction of substance $i$

$$k = k_{25}^{nu} \exp \left[ \frac{-E_a^{nu}}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{298.15} \right) \right] + k_{25}^H \exp \left[ \frac{-E_a^H}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{298.15} \right) \right] a_{H^+}^{n_H} + k_{25}^{OH} \exp \left[ \frac{-E_a^{OH}}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{298.15} \right) \right] a_{OH^-}^{n_{OH}} \quad (7)$$

To implement Equation (7) in TOUGHREACT,  $E_a$  is entered in units of kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>, and the units are internally converted for consistency with  $R$ . The first term in Equation (7) predicts the dissolution rate for the pH independent reaction of a solid with pure water at near neutral pH. For the present study, this term is set to zero because the glassy and crystalline basalt do not show a near neutral rate plateau. The second term represents the reaction with hydrogen ions at low pH and the third term represents the reaction with hydroxide ions at high pH. These latter terms are implemented in the present study to account for pH dependence in the rate equations for glassy and crystalline basalt.

In order to populate Equation (7) using results from the regression models (Table 4), the  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  parameters from Equation (6) were converted to  $k_{25}^{H(or OH)}$ ,  $E_a^{H(or OH)}$  and  $n_{H(or OH)}$  using the following relationships. The  $a$  parameter of the regression model is used to find  $k_{25}^{H(and OH)}$ . The pre-exponential ( $A = 10^a$ ) in the rate equation is the rate constant at infinite temperature, which means that the  $a$  parameter from the regression model equals the logarithm of the rate constant at infinite temperature. This  $A$  term can be recast in terms of the rate constant at 25 °C.

$$J_{Si} = \left( k_{25} \cdot e^{\frac{-1000E_a}{R} \left( \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{298} \right)} \right) a_{H^+}^n \quad (8)$$

If this equation is log transformed and parsed in the following way, the  $\log k_{25}^{H(or OH)}$  term can be isolated.

$$\begin{aligned} \log J_{Si} &= \log k_{25} - \frac{1000E_a}{2.303R} \left( \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{298} \right) + n \log a_{H^+} \\ &= \log k_{25} - \frac{1000E_a}{2.303R} \left( \frac{1}{T} \right) + \frac{1000E_a}{2.303R} \left( \frac{1}{298} \right) + n \log a_{H^+} \\ &= \log k_{25} + \frac{1000E_a}{2.303(R/298)} - \frac{1000E_a}{2.303R} \left( \frac{1}{T} \right) + n \log a_{H^+} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

This shows that the rate constant at 25 °C is related to the rate constant at infinite temperature as follows:

$$\log A = \log k_{25} + \frac{1000E_a}{2.303R(298)} \quad (10)$$

$$\log k_{25} = \log A - \frac{1000E_a}{2.303R(298)} = \log A - \frac{1000E_a}{5.706}$$

The  $b$  parameter of the regression model gives the values of  $E_a^{H(and OH)}$ ,

$$E_a = \frac{2.303Rb}{1000} \quad (11)$$

The  $c$  terms from the regression model gives the reaction orders for H<sup>+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup> ( $n_{H(and OH)}$ ),

$$pH < 6: n_H = c \text{ and } pH > 6: n_{OH} = -c. \quad (12)$$

## 2.2. TOUGHREACT simulations

In order to evaluate the effectiveness of the rate equations presented in Section 2.1, six numerical simulations were developed using TOUGHREACT v3.2-OMP (Xu et al., 2014). These simulations implement the glassy basalt and crystalline basalt using the rate equations developed in this study. Because the crystalline basalt model simulates whole rock dissolution, this study also implements a composite basalt model, in which dissolution is modeled on the basis of individual rate equations for plagioclase, pyroxene, and olivine. For this composite basalt reactor, the volumetric proportion of each mineral phase is determined on the basis of Gudbrandsson et al. (2011), in which plagioclase is 41.3 vol%, pyroxene is 34.0 vol%, olivine is 15.8 vol%, and the remaining 8.9 vol% is non-reactive mineral volume. For the composite basalt models, plagioclase solubility is represented as labradorite (An<sub>70</sub>Ab<sub>30</sub>), pyroxene solubility is represented as the solid solution Di<sub>45</sub>Hd<sub>25</sub>En<sub>19</sub>Fs<sub>11</sub> (Stefánsson, 2001), and olivine solubility is represented as forsterite. The kinetic dissolution rates for plagioclase, pyroxene, and olivine are based on labradorite, augite, and forsterite, respectively, using rate equations in Palandri and Kharaka (2004). The composite basalt representation is a more traditional formulation for reactive transport modeling, and has been implemented in basalt systems by Aradóttir et al. (2012a) to simulate reactive transport during CO<sub>2</sub> injections at the CarbFix site. In the remainder of this study, “glassy” and “crystalline” basalt rates refer to the dissolution rate equations developed in Section 2.1, and “composite” basalt refers to the model comprising individual dissolution rates for labradorite, forsterite, and augite.

Each of these three solid compositions (glassy, crystalline, and composite basalt) was reacted under two scenarios: (1) a batch reactor initially spiked with carbonic acid and then closed for all components and (2) a semibatch reactor continually open to CO<sub>2</sub> addition, but closed for all other components. Each simulation predicts the behavior of the solution and basalt in a 1 m × 1 m × 1 m grid cell packed with 1 mm diameter grains with 50% porosity. This configuration results in an initial reactive surface area of 6000 m<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>3</sup> for the glassy and crystalline basalt reactors, and this surface area is scaled for the composite basalt reactor on the basis of mineral vol%. The initial water composition for the batch reactor simulations represents deionized water in equilibrium with 0.2 MPa (2 bar) P<sub>CO2</sub> at 25 °C and 2.5 MPa fluid pressure and no more CO<sub>2</sub> was added to the reactor after this initial spike. This represents a one time injection of a slug of CO<sub>2</sub> saturated water into basalt. In contrast, the carbonic acid concentration in the semibatch reactor simulations was continually in equilibrium with a P<sub>CO2</sub> of 0.2 MPa (2 bar) at 25 °C and 2.5 MPa fluid pressure. This

exemplifies a basalt subject to CO<sub>2</sub> outgassing (Gizaw, 1996) or during CCS where an advancing CO<sub>2</sub> plume provides a constant supply of free phase CO<sub>2</sub> (McGrail et al., 2014). Each run modeled the behavior for 1,000,000 years at time increments ( $\Delta t$ ) of 10 days, which provided sufficient time for complete basalt dissolution in the semibatch reactor scenarios.

In order to account for the effect of chemical potential on dissolution rate, we estimated equilibrium solubility constants for the glassy and crystalline basalts. Several methods have been proposed to estimate solubility constants of glass phases. For example, Gislason and Oelkers (2003) and Wolff-Boenisch et al. (2004a) estimate the solubility constant for basalt glass using hydrated volcanic glass as a proxy. For this study, the glassy basalt solubility constant was estimated using the method of Paul (1977), following the lead of Techer et al. (2001) and Aradóttir et al. (2012b). According to this approach, the solubility of a glass phase is approximated by the weighted sums of the component oxide solubility constants and oxide mole fractions as given by:

$$\log K_{\text{glass}} = \sum_i x_i \log K_i + \sum_i x_i \log x_i \quad (13)$$

where,  $K_{\text{glass}}$  is the equilibrium solubility constant for a glass comprising  $x$  mole fraction of oxide  $i$  with a corresponding solubility constant of  $K_i$ . The mole fraction of component oxides used for this calculation are given in Table 2. The  $\log K_{\text{glass}}$  values given in Table 3 were computed for temperature between 0 and 100 °C using thermodynamic data from the Thermodemm v.1.10 database (Blanc et al., 2012). These calculations assume that all iron exists as FeO, and TiO<sub>2</sub>, MnO, and P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> are neglected because they are of minimal interest in CCS modeling and comprise less than 2 wt percent of the basalt (Aradóttir et al., 2012b). Icelandic crystalline basalt has essentially the same composition as glassy basalt (Gudbrandsson et al., 2011). Based on the observation that the solubility of quartz is about one order of magnitude lower than the solubility of pure silica glass, the solubility equilibrium constants for the crystalline basalt were estimated to be one order of magnitude lower than the corresponding glass phase (Table 3). The solubility constants for each mineral in the composite basalt are given in Table 3.

The input records needed to implement the kinetic dissolution rates in TOUGHREACT for glassy and crystalline basalt are presented as the Supplemental Information for this paper (Tables S1–S2). The dissolution equation is normalized to Si for both glassy and crystalline basalt (Equation (2)), and written in terms of the primary aqueous species used in the Thermodemm v.1.10 (Blanc et al., 2012) thermodynamic database, which is freely available in the format required for TOUGHREACT. The rate parameters for each basalt reactor model are given in Table 5. The complete list of initial molal concentrations for primary aqueous species within each reactor simulation is presented in Table 6, and a combined table presenting both the primary aqueous species and

**Table 2**  
Oxide composition of glassy basalt.

Oxide	Weight % <sup>a</sup>	Mole fraction
SiO <sub>2</sub>	48.12	0.504
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	14.62	0.090
FeO <sup>b</sup>	10.92	0.096
MgO	9.08	0.142
CaO	11.84	0.133
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1.97	0.020
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.29	0.002

<sup>a</sup> As reported by Oelkers and Gislason (2001).

<sup>b</sup> All iron reported as Fe(II).

**Table 3**  
Log K for glassy and crystalline basalt and the minerals in the composite basalt.

	0 °C	25 °C	60 °C	100 °C
Glass <sup>a</sup>	10.581	9.337	7.910	6.608
Crystalline <sup>b</sup>	9.581	8.337	6.910	5.608
Forsterite <sup>c</sup>	32.130	28.604	24.586	20.958
Plagioclase <sup>d</sup>	24.014	20.062	15.325	10.893
Pyroxene <sup>e</sup>	11.680	10.450	8.920	7.580

<sup>a</sup> Calculated by Eq. (13).

<sup>b</sup> Assumed one order of magnitude lower than glassy basalt.

<sup>c</sup> Values from Thermodemm V1.10 database (Blanc et al., 2012).

<sup>d</sup> Log K for An<sub>70</sub>Ab<sub>30</sub> from Stefánsson (2001).

<sup>e</sup> Log K for Di<sub>45</sub>Hd<sub>25</sub>En<sub>19</sub>Fs<sub>11</sub> from Stefánsson (2001).

aqueous complexes (secondary species) is presented as supplementary material (Table S5). For each reactor simulation, a simplified set of six alteration products can precipitate on the basis of local equilibrium: calcite, siderite, magnesite, amorphous silica, illite (K<sub>0.85</sub>Fe<sub>0.25</sub>Al<sub>2.35</sub>Si<sub>3.4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>), and montmorillonite (Ca<sub>0.17</sub>Mg<sub>0.34</sub>Al<sub>1.66</sub>Si<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>). This simplified alteration assemblage was selected in order to provide simulation results that can be interpreted on the basis of both physical intuition and comparative analysis between the crystalline and composite basalt reactors. In addition, zeolite phases are known alteration products in basalt weathering (Gysi and Stefánsson, 2011). As result, a second set of batch and semi-batch reactor simulations was completed in which sodium-bearing heulandite is added to the assemblage of alteration products.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Rate equations

The results of the regression models are given in Table 4. Data for both the glassy and crystalline basalts are evenly distributed between low and high pH. Based on the range of the independent variables (pH and  $T$ ) used in the models we suggest that the rate equations based on these fits are suitable for modeling  $0 < T < 100$  °C and  $2 < \text{pH} < 12$ . The silica dissolution fluxes predicted by these rate equations are illustrated in Fig. 1. For glassy basalt the rate equation is

$$J_{\text{Si}} = \left(5.00 \times 10^2\right) e^{\left(\frac{-39700}{R}\right) \frac{1}{T}} a_{\text{H}^+}^{1.01} + \left(5.26 \times 10^{-5}\right) e^{\left(\frac{-38400}{R}\right) \frac{1}{T}} a_{\text{H}^+}^{-0.258} \quad (14)$$

and the rate equation for crystalline basalt is

$$J_{\text{Si}} = (7.40) e^{\left(\frac{-40100}{R}\right) \frac{1}{T}} a_{\text{H}^+}^{0.680} + \left(8.67 \times 10^{-7}\right) e^{\left(\frac{-32900}{R}\right) \frac{1}{T}} a_{\text{H}^+}^{-0.286} \quad (15)$$

In Equations (14) and (15), the  $E_a$  for low and high pH mechanisms are determined by regression analysis (Eqn. (11)), and the results (Table 4) compare favorably to  $E_a$  values in the literature. For example, Gudbrandsson et al. (2011) report  $E_a$  between 24.2 kJ/mol (pH 11) and 54.1 kJ/mol (pH 3) for crystalline basalt. For glassy basalt, Gislason and Oelkers (2003) and report  $E_a$  to be 25.5 kJ/mol and independent of pH; whereas, Wolff-Boenisch et al. (2004a) report  $E_a$  to range between 27.2 kJ/mol (pH 4) and 41.3 kJ/mol (pH 10.6). The dissolution fluxes predicted by these equations are shown in Fig. 1. In the context of high P<sub>CO2</sub> systems, e.g., geologic

**Table 4**Results of multiple regression models for the silica release rate equation  $\log J_{\text{Si}} = a + b/T + cpH$ . The numbers in parentheses are one standard error for the fitted parameter.

	<i>a</i>	<i>A</i>	$\log k_{25}$	<i>b</i>	<i>E<sub>a</sub></i>	<i>c</i> = <i>n<sub>H</sub></i> (– <i>n<sub>OH</sub></i> )	# data	<i>R</i> <sup>2</sup>
glassy basalt								
pH < 6	2.699 (1.556)	$5.00 \times 10^2$	–4.27	–2072 (430)	39.7	–1.013 (0.075)	67	0.742
pH > 6	–4.279 (0.839)	$5.26 \times 10^{-5}$	–11.00	–2005 (288)	38.4	0.258 (0.036)	66	0.522
crystalline basalt								
pH < 6	0.869 (1.019)	7.40	–6.15	–2092 (272)	40.1	–0.680 (0.063)	13	0.931
pH > 6	–6.062 (0.978)	$8.67 \times 10^{-7}$	–11.83	–1719 (304)	32.9	0.286 (0.057)	13	0.821

**Table 5**

Rate parameters for batch reactor simulations.

Mineral	Vol %	<i>A</i> m <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>3</sup>	Neutral mechanism		Acid mechanism			Base mechanism		
			<i>k</i> <sub>25</sub> mol m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>–1</sup>	<i>E<sub>a</sub></i> kJ mol <sup>–1</sup>	<i>k</i> <sub>25</sub> mol m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>–1</sup>	<i>E<sub>a</sub></i> kJ mol <sup>–1</sup>	<i>n</i> (H <sup>+</sup> )	<i>k</i> <sub>25</sub> mol m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>–1</sup>	<i>E<sub>a</sub></i> kJ mol <sup>–1</sup>	<i>n</i> (H <sup>+</sup> )
Glassy basalt	100	6000	–	–	$5.370 \times 10^{-5}$	39.7	1.013	$1.000 \times 10^{-11}$	38.4	–0.258
Crystalline basalt	100	6000	–	–	$7.080 \times 10^{-7}$	40.1	0.680	$1.480 \times 10^{-12}$	32.9	–0.286
<i>Composite basalt</i>										
Forsterite <sup>a</sup>	15.8	948	$2.291 \times 10^{-11}$	79.0	$1.400 \times 10^{-7}$	67.2	0.470	–	–	–
Pyroxene <sup>a</sup>	34.0	2040	$1.072 \times 10^{-12}$	78.0	$1.500 \times 10^{-7}$	78.0	0.700	–	–	–
Plagioclase <sup>a</sup>	41.3	2478	$1.230 \times 10^{-11}$	45.2	$1.350 \times 10^{-8}$	42.1	0.626	–	–	–

<sup>a</sup> Rate model from Palandri and Kharaka (2004).**Table 6**

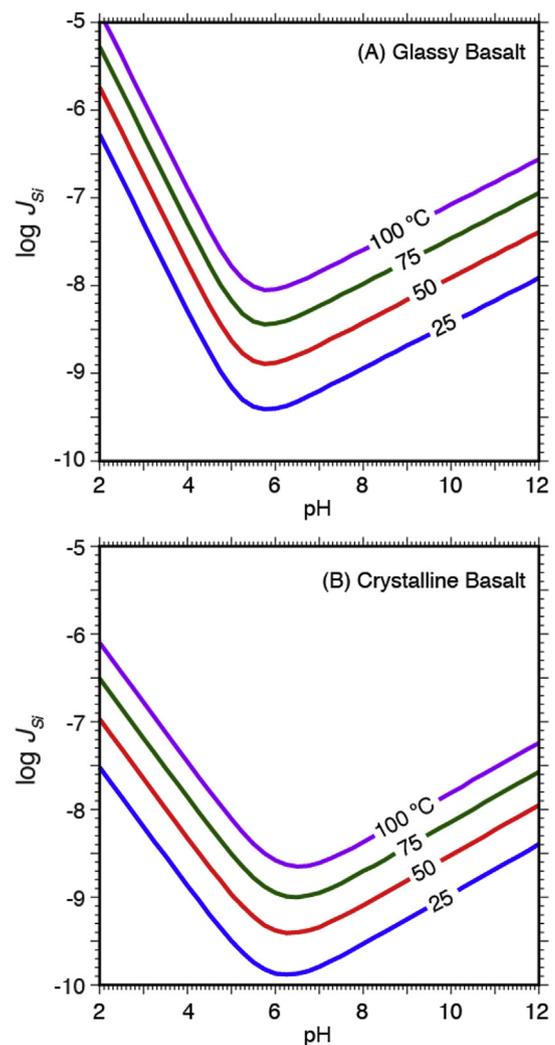
Initial concentrations of primary aqueous species for the reactor models.

Primary aqueous species	Initial concentration (molal)
H <sup>+</sup>	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$ (pH 3.81)
H <sub>4</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub>	$1.0 \times 10^{-10}$
O <sub>2</sub> (aq)	$1.0 \times 10^{-10}$
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>–</sup>	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$
Al <sup>3+</sup>	$1.0 \times 10^{-10}$
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	$1.0 \times 10^{-10}$
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	$1.0 \times 10^{-10}$
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	$1.0 \times 10^{-10}$
Na <sup>+</sup>	$1.0 \times 10^{-10}$
K <sup>+</sup>	$1.0 \times 10^{-10}$

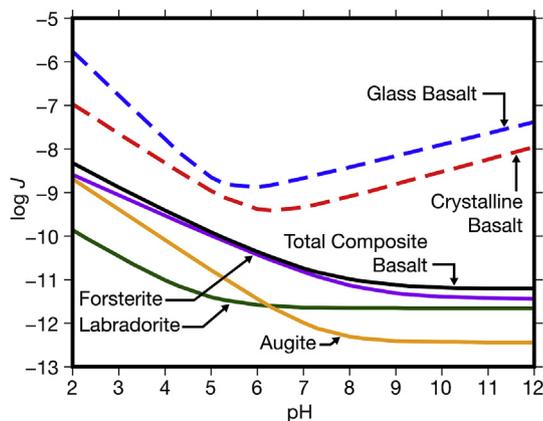
carbon sequestration, these models couple glassy and crystalline basalt dissolution to hydrogen ion production by mineral precipitation (e.g.,  $\text{Ca}^{2+} + \text{HCO}_3^- = \text{CaCO}_3 + \text{H}^+$ ). Fig. 2 compares the dissolution fluxes at 25 °C for glassy and crystalline basalt with the flux for the composite basalt, which is based on the weighted sum of the individual mineral rates. Fig. 2 shows that for pH < 6 the overall dissolution flux for the composite basalt is more than ten times slower than the flux for crystalline basalt predicted using the equation developed in this paper. Furthermore, for pH > 6 the rates predicted by the composite model are hundreds of times slower than the rate predicted for crystalline basalt.

### 3.2. TOUGHREACT simulations

Fig. 3 shows the evolution of solution and solid phase compositions for the batch reactor simulations. The initial pH is 3.8 due to the dissociation of the dissolved carbon dioxide (carbonic acid) to produce hydrogen ions and bicarbonate. During the early stage of the model reaction the pH is low and the hydrogen ions react rapidly with the basalt releasing Si, Ca, Mg, Na, Al, and Fe into solution. Soon the solution becomes saturated with respect to the alteration products and they begin to precipitate. Basalt dissolution and concurrent mineral precipitation continues until the carbonic acid is completely consumed. During this time the pH rises slowly as the rate of hydrogen ion consumption by basalt dissolution outpaces the rate of hydrogen ion release by mineral precipitation. After the carbonic acid is fully depleted, the pH jumps and the



**Fig. 1.**  $\log J_{\text{Si}}$  versus pH for (A) glassy basalt and (B) crystalline basalt predicted by Equations 14 (A) and 15 (B) with parameters given in Table 4.



**Fig. 2.** Comparison of the dissolution fluxes ( $\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) at 25 °C for crystalline, glassy, and composite basalt models. The total composite basalt rate (black line) is the weighted sum of rates for forsterite (olivine), labradorite (plagioclase), and augite (pyroxene) computed using Equation (5) with parameters listed in Table 5. Forsterite, labradorite, and augite rates are from Palandri and Kharaka (2004).

cation concentrations drop as alteration products precipitate due to the pH increase. Beyond this time, the glassy and crystalline basalt models show no evidence of further reactions. By comparison, the concentrations in the composite basalt model continues to evolve in a complex way until the pH rises to near 12. Consistent with our expectations based on the relative rates, the pH jump occurs first in the glassy basalt simulation where the basalt dissolution rate is fastest and last in the composite basalt simulation where the dissolution rates are slowest. Additionally, the batch reactor models allowing for sodium bearing heulandite to precipitate exhibit near identical behavior with the exception that heulandite precipitation releases sufficient hydrogen ion to slightly lower pH in both the glassy and crystalline basalt reactors (see Supplementary Material, Fig. S5).

The semibatch reactor models reveal the intuitive findings that the glassy basalt fully dissolves first because its dissolution rate is fastest and the composite basalt is fully consumed last because its dissolution rate is slowest. Fig. 4 shows the temporal evolution of solid phase compositions and solution concentrations for the semibatch reactor simulations. As in the batch reactor models, the initial pH is 3.8 due to the presence of the dissolved carbon dioxide (carbonic acid), which dissociates to produce hydrogen and bicarbonate ions. In these simulations, the carbonic acid concentration is fixed by equilibrium with a  $P_{\text{CO}_2}$  of 0.2 MPa (2 bar) for the duration of the simulation. This results in continuous supply of hydrogen ions due to continued carbonic acid dissociation. Fig. 4 shows that basalt dissolution and mineral precipitation patterns are similar to those in the batch reactor simulations in early time. However, because of the continuing supply of hydrogen ions, dissolution continues until all of the basalt is converted into alteration products. As the basalt is consumed, the pH slowly rises until it reaches a final value slightly less than eight. As pH rises beyond 6, both glassy and crystalline basalt dissolution rates increase (Fig. 1), which facilitates continued carbonate and silicate mineral precipitation releasing additional hydrogen ion and thus further driving basalt dissolution. The pH predicted by the numerical model represents a balance between these two processes. For each model, the final pH is set by the sodium and bicarbonate solution that is in equilibrium with the alteration minerals and a vapor phase with  $P_{\text{CO}_2} = 0.2$  MPa. The divalent cation concentrations decline with increasing pH due to the formation of carbonate minerals. Although some bicarbonate ions are consumed by carbonate mineral precipitation, the bicarbonate ion concentration increases with time because (1)

additional  $\text{CO}_2$  dissolves to replace the bicarbonate lost to the carbonate minerals and (2) the additional bicarbonate is needed to charge balance sodium ions, which are not incorporated into alteration products. Within the second set of semi-batch reactors that allow for sodium-bearing heulandite to precipitate, the sodium ion and bicarbonate concentrations are substantially lower as heulandite consumes sodium ions (see Supplementary Material, Fig. S6). Additionally, heulandite production releases additional hydrogen ion into solution, which results in lower pH  $\sim 6$  in all three semi-batch reactors.

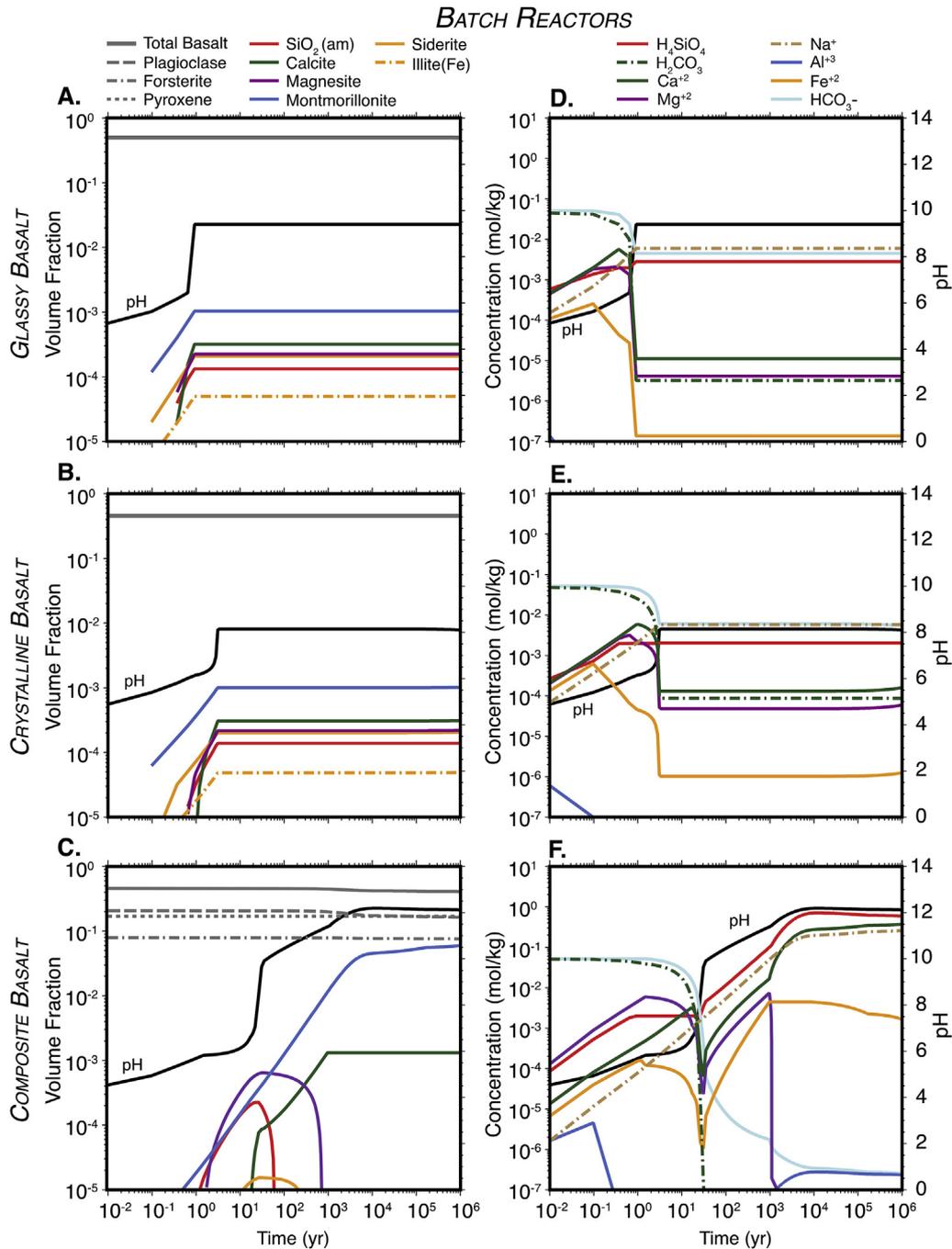
## 4. Discussion and conclusions

### 4.1. Rate equations

The rate equations reported in this paper apply to a composition representative of Icelandic basalts containing  $\sim 48\%$   $\text{SiO}_2$ . Wolff-Boenisch et al. (2004a) showed that volcanic glass dissolution rates change by 0.02–0.03 log units for every 1% change in silica content. This suggests that changing the wt% silica by  $\pm 5\%$  would only change the rates by  $\pm 0.15$  log units, which is well within the uncertainty of the predicted rates. Thus, we expect that rates for other basalt compositions should be similar to those for the Icelandic basalt materials.

The rate equations reported here are intended to summarize the rate information in the most efficient way, *i.e.* maximizing the  $R^2$  while using a minimum number of regression variables. Theoretical constraints (*i.e.* the Arrhenius equation) and previous experience (*i.e.* the known effect of pH on dissolution rates) guided our choices of possible equations, which were winnowed using trial and error to find an efficient form. Other equations could fit the data equally well or even better. This means that we did not formulate our equations using an established theoretical model. Although these equations provide a suitable interpolation between the experimental data, they should not be extrapolated beyond the range of those data ( $2 < \text{pH} < 12$  and  $0^\circ < T < 100^\circ \text{C}$ ).

The glassy basalt dissolution rates from Gislason and Oelkers (2003), Oelkers and Gislason (2001) and Wolff-Boenisch et al. (2004a) provide an excellent example of the challenge of fitting and interpreting this kind of dissolution rate data. Oelkers et al. (1994) and Oelkers (2001) developed and carefully explained a plausible theory for how the activity of  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  might inhibit the dissolution rate of aluminosilicate minerals and glasses. They used the data in Oelkers and Gislason (2001), Gislason and Oelkers (2003), and Wolff-Boenisch et al. (2004b) to show that glassy basalt dissolution rates correlate with  $\log(a_{\text{H}^+}^3/a_{\text{Al}^{3+}})$  as predicted by that theory. Table 7 shows three different fits based on the 53 glassy basalt dissolution rate data for  $\text{pH} < 6$  from the three sources mentioned above. The first row of that table shows that the rates correlate reasonably well with  $1/T$  and  $\log(a_{\text{H}^+}^3/a_{\text{Al}^{3+}})$  as predicted by the Al inhibition theory ( $R^2 = 0.658$ , the model explains 65.8% of the variance in  $\log J_{\text{Si}}$ ). Nevertheless replacing the  $\log(a_{\text{H}^+}^3/a_{\text{Al}^{3+}})$  term in this equation with pH gives a better fit ( $R^2 = 0.731$ , the model explains 73.1% of the variance in  $\log J_{\text{Si}}$ ). This fit is clearly more efficient because it explains 7% more of the variance in  $\log J_{\text{Si}}$  but with one fewer regression variable. Furthermore, expressing the  $\log(a_{\text{H}^+}^3/a_{\text{Al}^{3+}})$  variable from the first equation as in terms of pH and  $\log a_{\text{Al}^{3+}}$  gives an even better fit ( $R^2 = 0.770$ , the model explains 77.0% of the variance in  $\log J_{\text{Si}}$ ). However, this 3.9% improvement in the fit comes at the expense of using an additional regression variable. In our opinion, the additional predictive value of this more complicated equation does not offset the analytical and computational effort needed to determine the aluminum activities, so we chose to exclude the aluminum activity from our regression

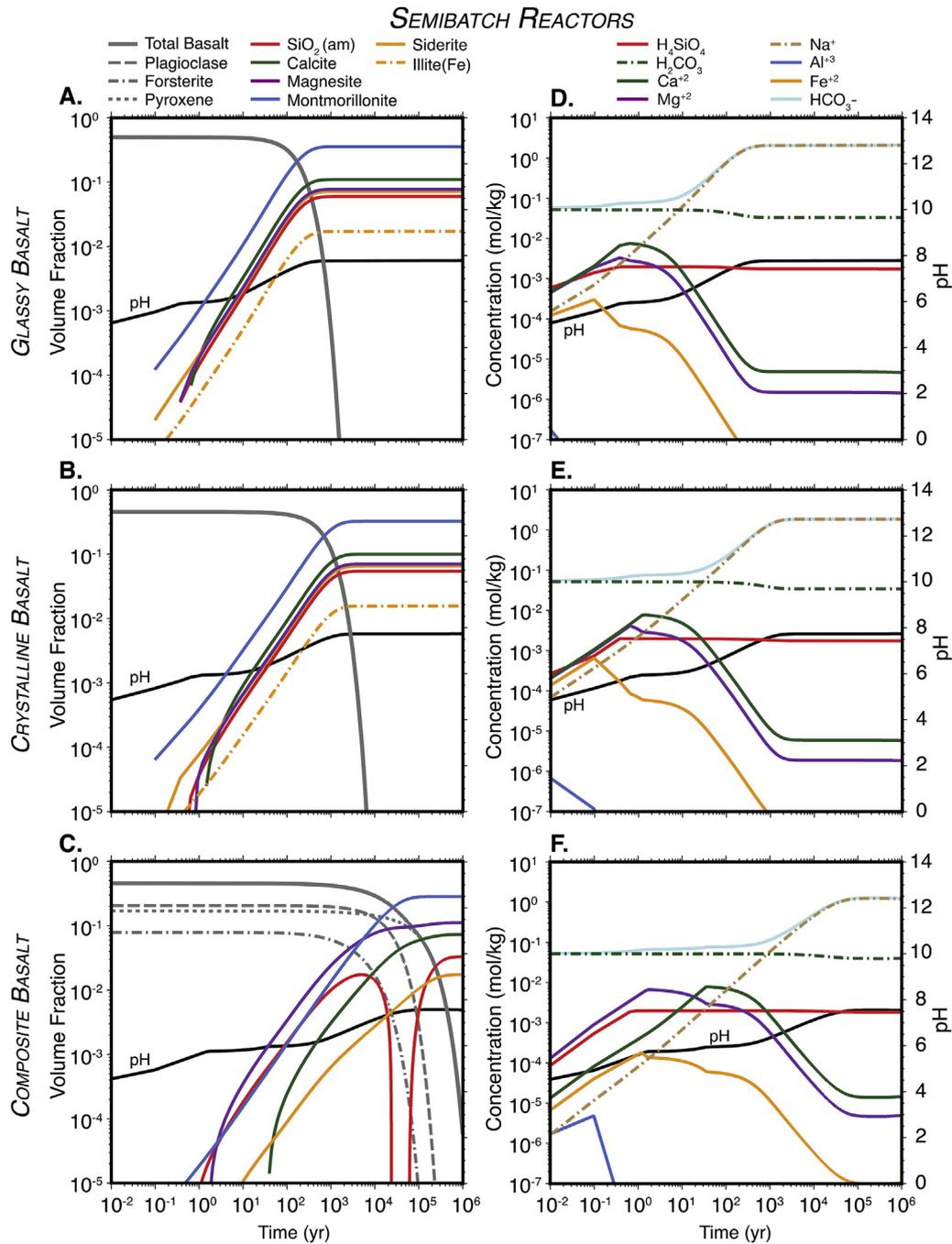


**Fig. 3.** Modeled compositions for batch reactors containing glassy (A, D), crystalline (B, E) and composite basalt (C, F) as a function of time (log scale). The volume fraction of solid phases is shown by the graphs on the left and the solution concentrations are shown by the graphs of the right. The solution pH is shown by the heavy black line on all graphs with corresponding scale on the right axis of each graph. Note that potassium concentration is below  $10^{-7}$  mol/kg for all models.

models.

This is only one example of the difficulties associated with selecting and interpreting dissolution rate equations. Multiple rate equations can be fit to data sets because the regression variables in those equations are correlated with each other. Rimstidt (2015) showed that quartz dissolution rates were fit equally well by five different rate equations because of strong correlations among the regression variables. That means that even though a data set is well described by a rate equation, the chosen regression variables may not reflect species that actually participate in the activated complex for the rate-determining step. The different activation energy

values reported in Table 7 are even more disconcerting. They arise because the calculated aluminum activity values were adjusted for the temperature variation of the hydrolysis constants. As a result, the enthalpy of those hydrolysis reactions was incorporated into the activation energy values reported in the first and third, but not in the second, equation. Rimstidt (2015) shows a simpler example for quartz dissolution in sodium bearing solutions where the activation energy calculated from an equation written in terms of hydrogen ion activity is 88.0 kJ/mol, but for an equation written in terms of hydroxide ion activity the activation energy is 71.6 kJ/mol. Variable activation energy values do not occur for rate equations



**Fig. 4.** Modeled compositions for semibatch reactors with fixed  $P_{\text{CO}_2}$  of 0.2 MPa (2 bar) containing glassy (A, D), crystalline (B, E) and composite basalt (C, F) as a function of time (log scale). The volume fraction of solid phases is shown by the graphs on the left and the solution concentrations are shown by the graphs on the right. The solution pH is shown by the heavy black line on all graphs with corresponding scale on the right axis of each graph. Note that potassium concentration is below  $10^{-7}$  mol/kg for all models.

**Table 7**

Results of fitting 53 rate data from Gislason and Oelkers (2003), Oelkers and Gislason (2001) and Wolff-Boenisch et al. (2004a) to three different rate equations.

Equation	$R^2$	$E_a$ , kJ/mol
$\log J_{\text{Si}} = -1.04(1.72) - \frac{1334(511)}{T} + 0.438(0.046) \log \left( \frac{a_{\text{Si}^{2+}}}{a_{\text{Al}^{3+}}} \right)$	0.658	25.5
$\log J_{\text{Si}} = 6.64(1.76) - \frac{3259(489)}{T} - 0.985(0.086) \text{pH}$	0.731	62.4
$\log J_{\text{Si}} = 4.42(1.81) - \frac{2652(502)}{T} - 1.22(0.12) \text{pH} - 0.185(0.064) \log a_{\text{Al}^{3+}}$	0.770	50.8

Numbers in brackets are one standard error for the fitted parameter.

based on speciation at a reference temperature (e.g. quench pH), as is the case for the rate equations for amorphous silica dissolution in Rimstidt et al. (2016), but this means that the computed activation energy does not correctly account for the change in speciation with temperature. These examples should serve as a deterrent to anyone trying to infer or to test a reaction mechanism based solely on rate equations and/or activation energy values. In all but the very simplest cases this approach is likely to be misleading.

#### 4.2. TOUGHREACT simulations

The batch reactor models show that dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> is quickly consumed by reaction with basalt materials, after which the reactions effectively cease (Fig. 3). This is consistent with the persistence of unaltered basalt materials for geological time spans. For example, Madrigal et al. (2016) report finding fresh pillow basalt glasses with ages in excess of 100 million years. This highlights the importance of CO<sub>2</sub> as a source of the hydrogen ions needed for rock alteration and weathering.

The glassy and crystalline basalt batch reactor models show a clear conclusion of reactions after the CO<sub>2</sub> is consumed and the pH reaches near eight (Fig. 3A and B). This is consistent with pH values that range between 7 and 9 in groundwaters produced from basalts (Flaathen et al., 2009). However, the composite basalt model reactions continue until the pH climbs to near 12 (Fig. 3C). This somewhat disconcerting result appears to be due to treating the basalt minerals as an aggregate physical mixture of ~1 mm diameter grains rather than a fine scale assemblage of dissolving oxide components. In the composite basalt model, significant plagioclase dissolution continues to consume hydrogen ions and release sodium and calcium ions after the dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> is consumed (Fig. 3F). The rising pH causes the conversion of bicarbonate into carbonate, which drives calcite precipitation and keeps the plagioclase undersaturated. This continues until all of the bicarbonate has been converted to carbonate. This high pH is not predicted by the glassy or crystalline basalt models because they do not consider plagioclase as a discrete phase. As a result, the crystalline basalt dissolution rate equation presented here may be preferable to modeling basalt reactivity as a composite assemblage of individual mineral dissolution rates.

In the semibatch reactor simulations, the fixed P<sub>CO2</sub> provides a constant supply of carbonic acid, which results in a constant supply of hydrogen ions that are needed for basalt dissolution. Fig. 4 shows that there is remarkable agreement in both the alteration products and concentrations of aqueous species over time among glassy, crystalline and composite basalt models. Based on the selection of alteration products, all three models predict that the Si and Al from the basalt will mostly end up as montmorillonite and that calcite and magnesite will be the most abundant host minerals for carbonate (Fig. 4A–C). In addition, they predict that the long term solution pH will be near 8 and the predominant solution species will be Na<sup>+</sup> and HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (Fig. 4D–F). This is consistent with water chemistries found in the Main Ethiopian Rift Valley (Africa) where reactions of groundwaters affected by high rates of CO<sub>2</sub> outgassing are near neutral to slightly alkaline sodium bicarbonate solutions (Gizaw, 1996).

The main differences among the semibatch reactor simulations arises from the differences in the dissolution rates. The rapidly dissolving glassy basalt is completely altered first, followed by the crystalline basalt and then slowest dissolving composite basalt. Between pH 5 and 7, the dissolution rate of crystalline basalt is 1–2 log units faster than the total composite rate (Fig. 2). Moreover, for pH > 6, the crystalline basalt rate increases in accordance with the base rate mechanism; whereas, the composite rate continues decreasing as the acid mechanism becomes weaker and the total

rate reverts to the weighted sum of the neutral dissolution rates for each component mineral (Fig. 2). The other notable difference between the crystalline and composite basalt reactor models results from the step-wise mineral dissolution in the composite basalt reactor (Fig. 4C, gray dashed lines). Although the general reaction progress is remarkably similar between the reactors, the stepwise dissolution of the minerals is notable for the composite basalt in the last stages of basalt consumption. The model shows that forsterite is almost completely consumed before plagioclase and pyroxene show appreciable dissolution (Fig. 4C). This occurs because the dissolution rate of forsterite is ~1–2 log units faster than plagioclase (labradorite) and pyroxene (augite) over the pH range of 5–7 (Fig. 2). As a result, magnesite formed from Mg released by the dissolving olivine is the dominant alteration product through the first 1,000 years of simulation. Nevertheless, the much larger volume fractions of plagioclase and pyroxene in comparison to forsterite results in sufficient Ca and Fe concentrations for some calcite and siderite to precipitate. Beyond 1,000 years, the pH increases above 7 and the pyroxene dissolution rate decreases substantially (Fig. 2). This causes reactions in the composite basalt model to be governed primarily by plagioclase dissolution through ~12,000 years, after which time the plagioclase volume fraction becomes small enough to permit pyroxene dissolution.

The somewhat troubling step-wise dissolution pattern exhibited by the composite basalt model occurs because the solution in the simulation has access to all of the minerals all of the time. However, in real rocks the solution can only access minerals adjacent to the pore space or fracture surface within the rock. In this case, the rock face becomes depleted in the fastest dissolving phase(s) and enriched in the slowest dissolving phase(s). In order for our model to reflect this constraint we would need to adjust the relative surface areas of the mineral phases to diminish the olivine surface area until its dissolution rate matches the slower dissolution rates of plagioclase and pyroxene. Although the TOUGHREACT simulator implements dynamically changing surface area resulting from dissolution (Apx. G in Xu et al., 2014), the effect is muted in the composite basalt reactor due to the orders-of-magnitude difference in dissolution rates for forsterite, pyroxene (augite), and plagioclase (labradorite). Moreover, the method for surface area calculation in TOUGHREACT assumes all surface area is in contact with the solution, and does not account for masking effects due to slower dissolving minerals. In contrast, the dissolution behavior of the crystalline basalt model developed in this study implicitly accounts for this problem by dissolving the aggregate assemblage pursuant to the silica release rates described by Gudbrandsson et al. (2011). However, the crystalline basalt rate model does not decouple the dissolution rates of each component mineral, which may be desirable in some circumstances. Nevertheless, the crystalline basalt model presented here seems well suited for early time behavior at high P<sub>CO2</sub> (e.g., CCS models in basalt) because the rate equation implicitly accounts for the simultaneous dissolution of olivine, plagioclase, and pyroxene, which is expected when a CO<sub>2</sub>-rich fluid enters a basalt fracture network.

Ultimately, it is up to the modeler to decide which approach most reasonably approximates the system under investigation, and in this study we report a simplified method for modeling crystalline and glassy basalt dissolution. The crystalline dissolution model compares favorably with a more traditional (and complex) approach comprising individual mineral species, and in some circumstances may yield a more reasonable representation of the system. In order to facilitate implementation of these rate equations, Supplemental Information (Tables S1–S2) with this paper includes the thermodynamic database entries for crystalline and glassy basalt, as well as the kinetic rate equation entries for the chemical. inp file used in TOUGHREACT v3.2-OMP (Xu et al., 2014).

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**Table S1:** TOUGHREACT thermodynamic database entries for glassy and crystalline basalt – compatible with Thermodemv1.10

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'basalt_glass'          120.919  38.488  9  -2.630  'H+'  -0.685  'H2O'  1.000  'H4SiO4'  0.358  'Al+3'  0.190  'Fe+2'
0.281  'Mg+2'  0.264  'Ca+2'  0.079  'Na+'  0.008  'K+'
'basalt_glass'          10.5805  9.3367  7.9099  6.6082  5.3187  4.2778  3.3953  2.6068
'basalt_glass'
# Pollyea & Rimstidt (2017, in review) - based on weighted combination of component oxide constants per Equation 13 in manuscript.

'basalt_xtal'          120.919  38.488  9  -2.630  'H+'  -0.685  'H2O'  1.000  'H4SiO4'  0.358  'Al+3'  0.190  'Fe+2'
0.281  'Mg+2'  0.264  'Ca+2'  0.079  'Na+'  0.008  'K+'
'basalt_xtal'          9.5805  8.3367  6.9099  5.6082  4.3187  3.2778  2.3953  1.6068
'basalt_xtal'
# Pollyea & Rimstidt (2017, in review) - lower glass constants by one order of magnitude.
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**Table S2:** TOUGHREACT input entries (chemical.inp) to implement kinetic dissolution rates for glassy and crystalline basalt

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'basalt_glass'          1          1      0      0
0.000E-00  2          1.0  1.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  ! BASALT GLASS - Pollyea & Rimstidt (2017)
2                                     ! Acid & base dissolution mechanisms
5.370E-05  39.7  1      'H+'  1.013  ! - no neutral mechanism
1.000E-11  38.4  1      'H+'  -0.258  ! - acid mechanism
! - base mechanism

'basalt_xtal'          1          1      0      0
0.000E-00  2          1.0  1.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  ! BASALT XTAL - Pollyea & Rimstidt (2017)
2                                     ! Acid & base dissolution mechanisms
7.080E-07  40.1  1      'H+'  0.680  ! - no neutral mechanism
1.480E-12  32.9  1      'H+'  -0.286  ! - acid mechanism
! - base mechanism
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## Data used to create rate equations

**Table S3:** Data used for glassy basalt dissolution equation.

Experiment	T, °C	pH	log J(geo)
Gislason and Oelkers (2003)			
BG5-2	6.00	4.37	-9.08
BG5-5	6.00	4.85	-9.33
BG5-10	7.00	6.57	-9.48
BG5-13	7.00	7.74	-9.39
BG5-17	7.00	8.97	-8.97
BG5-20	7.00	9.79	-9.04
BG5-22	7.00	10.58	-8.88
BG5-27	10.00	3.34	-7.54
BG5-28	11.00	2.25	-6.87
BG2-11	30.00	4.17	-8.36
BG-21	30.00	3.31	-7.14
BG2-40	30.00	2.40	-6.09
BG3-8	29.00	7.00	-8.44
BG3-11	30.00	8.19	-8.17
BG3-20	30.00	9.13	-7.85
BG3-23b	30.00	10.20	-7.82
BG3-27	30.00	10.80	-7.64
BG6-2	50.00	3.94	-7.77
BG6-10	50.00	7.03	-8.14
BG6-15	50.00	7.79	-7.71
BG6-18	50.00	8.93	-7.73
BG6-23	50.00	9.79	-7.68
BG6-26	50.00	10.33	-7.36
BG6-37	50.00	3.10	-6.53
BG6-39	49.00	2.14	-5.88
BG4-2	30.00	5.35	-8.59
BG4-6	60.00	5.23	-7.71
BG4-9	100.00	5.91	-7.20
BG4-15	149.00	7.12	-6.55
Oelkers and Gislason (2001)			
Bg98-6-18	25.00	3.05	-7.20
Bg98-6-25	25.00	3.08	-6.94
Bg98-6-31	25.00	3.01	-7.70

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Experiment	T, °C	pH	log J(geo)
Bg98-8-3	25.00	3.00	-6.90
Bg98-8-14	25.00	3.04	-7.09
Bg98-8-20	25.00	3.03	-6.94
Bg98-1-6	25.00	3.09	-6.89
Bg98-1-19	25.00	3.08	-6.81
Bg98-7-05	25.00	3.08	-6.97
Bg98-7-34	25.00	3.03	-6.95
Bg98-7-55	25.00	3.00	-6.94
Bg99-2-03	25.00	2.99	-7.19
Bg99-2-05	25.00	2.96	-7.73
Bg99-2-08	25.00	3.11	-7.78
Bg99-2-11	25.00	3.03	-7.66
Bg99-2-12	25.00	3.00	-7.39
Bg99-2-13	25.00	2.98	-7.10
Bg99-2-15	25.00	3.11	-7.32
Bg99-2-17	25.00	3.04	-7.37
Bg99-3-02	25.00	3.05	-7.05
Bg99-3-04	25.00	3.03	-7.03
Bg99-3-05	25.00	2.98	-7.22
Bg99-3-09	25.00	3.00	-7.27
Bg99-3-11	25.00	2.95	-7.45
Bg99-3-13	25.00	2.97	-7.50
Bg99-3-14	25.00	3.08	-7.17
Bg99-3-15	25.00	2.98	-7.02
Bg99-3-16	25.00	3.04	-7.30
Bg99-3-17	25.00	3.00	-7.28
Bg99-4-2	25.00	3.10	-7.20
Bg99-4-4	25.00	2.91	-6.79
Bg99-4-10	25.00	3.03	-6.91
BG5-8	25.00	10.97	-8.03
BG5-15	25.00	10.97	-8.15
BG5-18	25.00	10.96	-8.29
BG7-5	25.00	10.98	-8.08
BG7-8	25.00	10.98	-8.57
BG7-12	25.00	11.00	-8.19
BG7-16	25.00	10.92	-8.66
BG7-22	25.00	10.97	-8.23

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BG8-13	25.00	11.00	-8.22
BG8-25	25.00	10.99	-8.24
BG8-26	25.00	11.00	-8.30
BG8-31	25.00	11.02	-8.32
BG8-34	25.00	11.00	-8.26
BG8-35	25.00	10.94	-8.76
BG9-14	25.00	11.06	-8.34
BG9-19	25.00	11.01	-8.96
BG9-21	25.00	10.99	-8.86
BG9-25	25.00	11.04	-8.32
Flaathen et al. (2010)			
13-A	50.00	3.00	-7.27
1-A	50.00	2.92	-7.10
10-A	50.00	3.08	-7.13
2-A	50.00	3.05	-7.14
12-B	50.00		-7.04
14-B	50.00	4.23	-8.50
14-A	50.00		-8.60
3-A	50.00	4.05	-8.30
4-A	50.00	4.05	-8.32
5-A	50.00	3.95	-8.11
6-A	50.00	5.01	-9.47
11-P	50.00	5.06	-9.25
9-A	50.00	5.13	-9.24
7-A	50.00	5.02	-9.14
8-A	50.00	5.06	-8.87
11-T	50.00	5.84	-9.46
11-S	50.00	6.06	-9.28
11-Q	50.00	6.01	-9.27
11-R	50.00	5.97	-9.25
11-J	50.00	8.01	-8.92
11-F	50.00	7.99	-8.76
11-O	50.00	8.10	-8.82
11-G	50.00	8.04	-8.84
11-H	50.00	8.02	-8.90
11-I	50.00	7.99	-8.87
11-K	50.00	7.97	-8.91

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Experiment	T, °C	pH	log J(geo)
12-A	50.00	9.02	-8.22
12-D	50.00	9.00	-8.39
11-L	50.00	9.05	-8.47
11-M	50.00	9.08	-8.53
12-B	50.00	9.03	-8.44
12-C	50.00	8.98	-8.43
11-A	50.00	10.02	-7.77
11-N	50.00	9.98	-7.86
11-B	50.00	10.08	-7.80
11-C	50.00	10.07	-7.89
11-E	50.00	10.05	-7.95
11-D	50.00	10.06	-7.92
Wolff-Boenisch et al. (2004)			
SS-5	25.00	4.17	-8.95
SSF-4	25.00	4.17	-8.82
SS(2)-8	25.00	10.65	-7.86
SS(3)-4	25.00	10.49	-7.84
ELD-20	25.00	4.00	-8.90
ELD(3)-5	25.00	10.77	-7.81
KAT-6	25.00	4.17	-8.80
KAT(2)-4	25.00	10.50	-7.64
KRA-6	25.00	4.12	-9.02
KRA-9	32.00	4.06	-8.99
KRA-17	40.00	4.08	-8.82
KRA(2)-4	25.00	10.78	-8.23
KRA(2)-8	39.00	10.29	-7.92
KRA(2)-11	54.00	9.85	-7.67
GR-6	25.00	4.07	-9.19
GR(1)-4	25.00	10.61	-7.71
GR(2)-5	25.00	10.67	-7.79
GR(3)-4	25.00	10.63	-7.99

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**Table S4:** Data for crystalline basalt dissolution equation.

Experiment	T, °C	pH	log J(geo)
Gudbrandsson et al. (2011)			
02-05	5.00	2.04	-7.98
03-05	5.00	3.05	-8.66
03-25	25.00	2.94	-8.31
03-50	50.00	3.16	-7.30
04-05	5.00	4.06	-9.56
04-25	25.00	4.13	-8.85
04-50	50.00	4.09	-8.57
04-75	75.00	4.04	-8.21
05-05	5.00	5.00	-10.04
05-25	25.00	5.03	-9.67
05-50	50.00	5.14	-9.30
05-75	75.00	5.65	-8.70
06-25	25.00	5.86	-9.99
07-50	50.00	6.89	-9.49
07-75	75.00	6.59	-8.67
09-05	5.00	9.24	-9.80
09-25	25.00	9.22	-9.48
09-50	50.00	9.28	-9.02
09-75	75.00	9.27	-8.60
10-25	25.00	10.10	-8.93
10-50	50.00	10.12	-8.29
10-75	75.00	10.09	-8.07
11-05	5.00	10.74	-8.78
11-25	25.00	11.01	-8.49
11-50	50.00	10.76	-8.43
11-75	75.00	10.96	-7.81

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**Table S5:** Concentrations of all aqueous species at initial time for the models.

Primary Aqueous Species	Initial Concentration (molal)	Aqueous Complexes	Initial Concentration (molal)
H <sup>+</sup>	1.5×10 <sup>-4</sup> (pH 3.81)	CO <sub>2</sub> (aq) <sup>†</sup>	5.2×10 <sup>-2</sup>
H <sub>4</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub>	1.0×10 <sup>-10</sup>	CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup>	5.0×10 <sup>-11</sup>
O <sub>2</sub> (aq)	1.0×10 <sup>-10</sup>	OH <sup>-</sup>	6.7×10 <sup>-11</sup>
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	1.5×10 <sup>-4</sup>	Al(OH) <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	6.4×10 <sup>-12</sup>
Al <sup>+3</sup>	1.0×10 <sup>-10</sup>	Al(OH) <sub>3</sub> <sup>0</sup>	8.9×10 <sup>-16</sup>
Mg <sup>+2</sup>	1.0×10 <sup>-10</sup>	Al(OH) <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	2.1×10 <sup>-18</sup>
Ca <sup>+2</sup>	1.0×10 <sup>-10</sup>	FeOH <sup>+</sup>	2.0×10 <sup>-16</sup>
Fe <sup>+2</sup>	1.0×10 <sup>-10</sup>	MgOH <sup>+</sup>	1.3×10 <sup>-18</sup>
Na <sup>+</sup>	1.0×10 <sup>-10</sup>	CaOH <sup>+</sup>	1.0×10 <sup>-19</sup>
K <sup>+</sup>	1.0×10 <sup>-10</sup>	H <sub>3</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	1.0×10 <sup>-16</sup>

In TOUGHREACT, all aqueous complexes (secondary aqueous species) are formulated as combinations of primary aqueous species. In particular, CO<sub>2</sub>(aq) = HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> + H<sup>+</sup>. As a result, the total HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> reported for the initial condition in the simulation code is 5.2019 × 10<sup>-2</sup> molal; however, there is 5.1865 × 10<sup>-2</sup> molal CO<sub>2</sub>(aq), which leaves 1.54 × 10<sup>-4</sup> molal HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> available in solution. Put differently, the concentration of available HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> is the difference between total HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> and CO<sub>2</sub>(aq) for the model scenarios presented here.

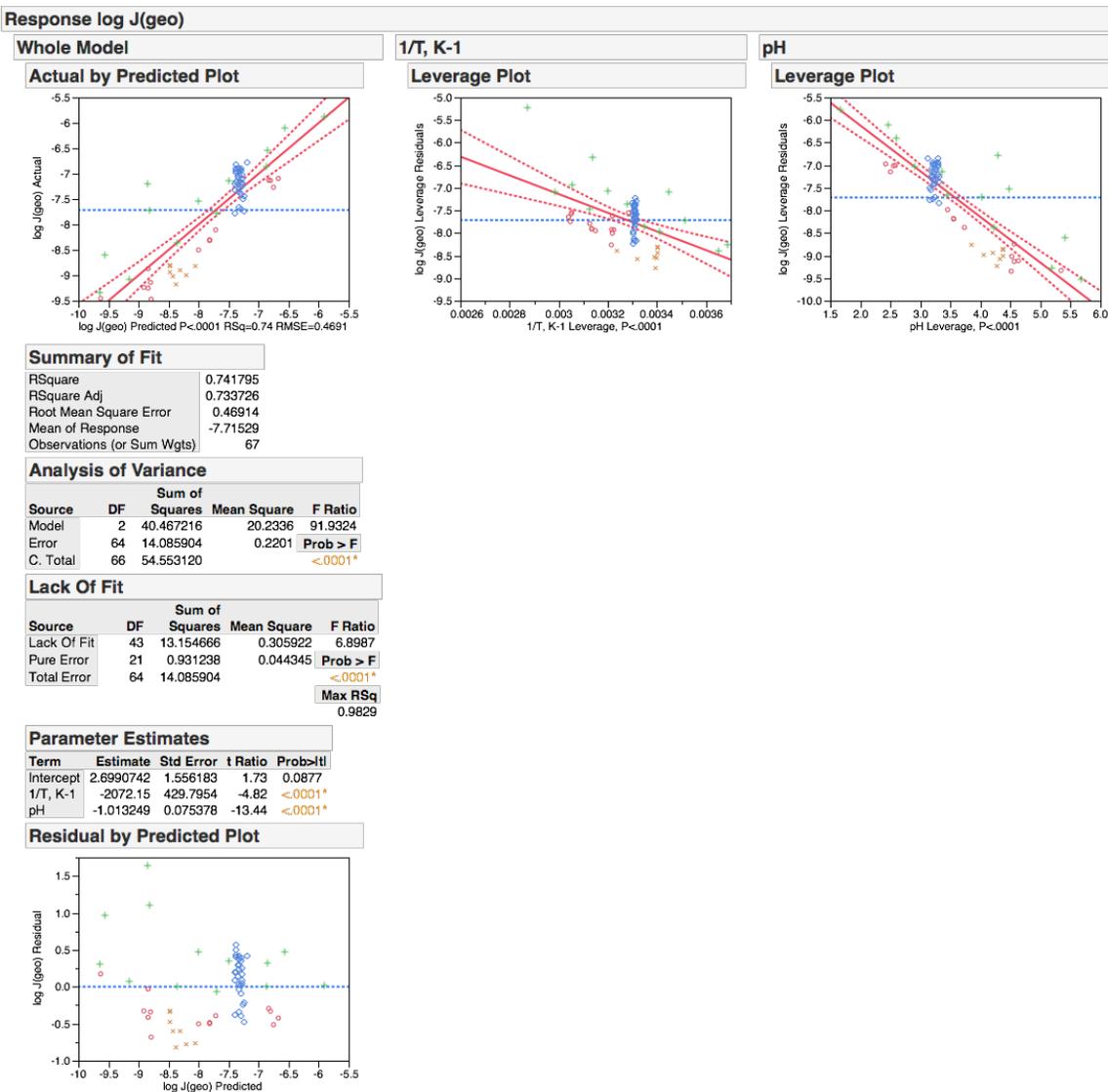
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**JMP output**

**Figure S1:** JMP output for glassy basalt rates pH < 6.

Source

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- ◇ Oelkers & Gislason 2001
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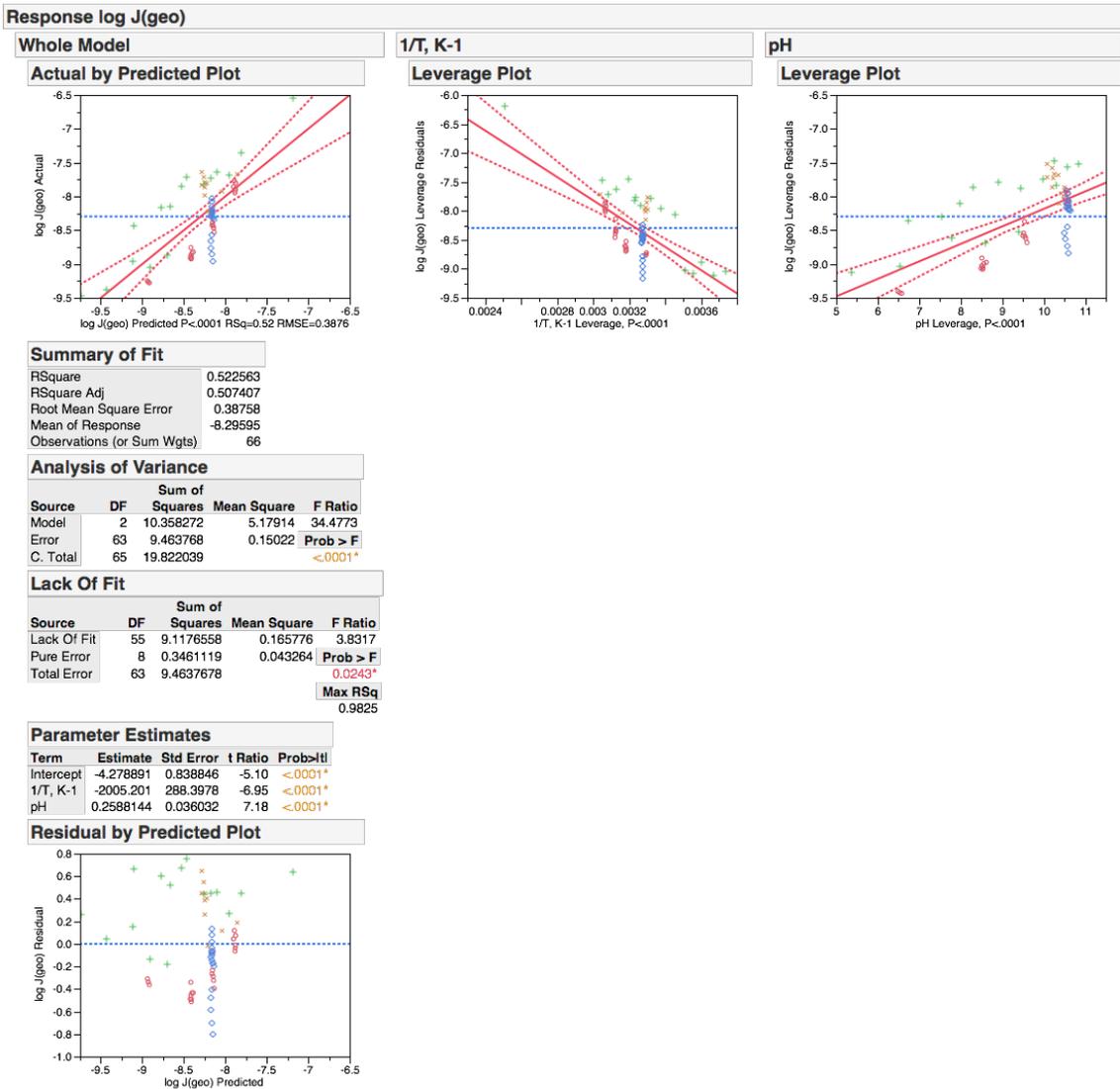


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**Figure S2:** JMP output for glassy basalt rates pH > 6.

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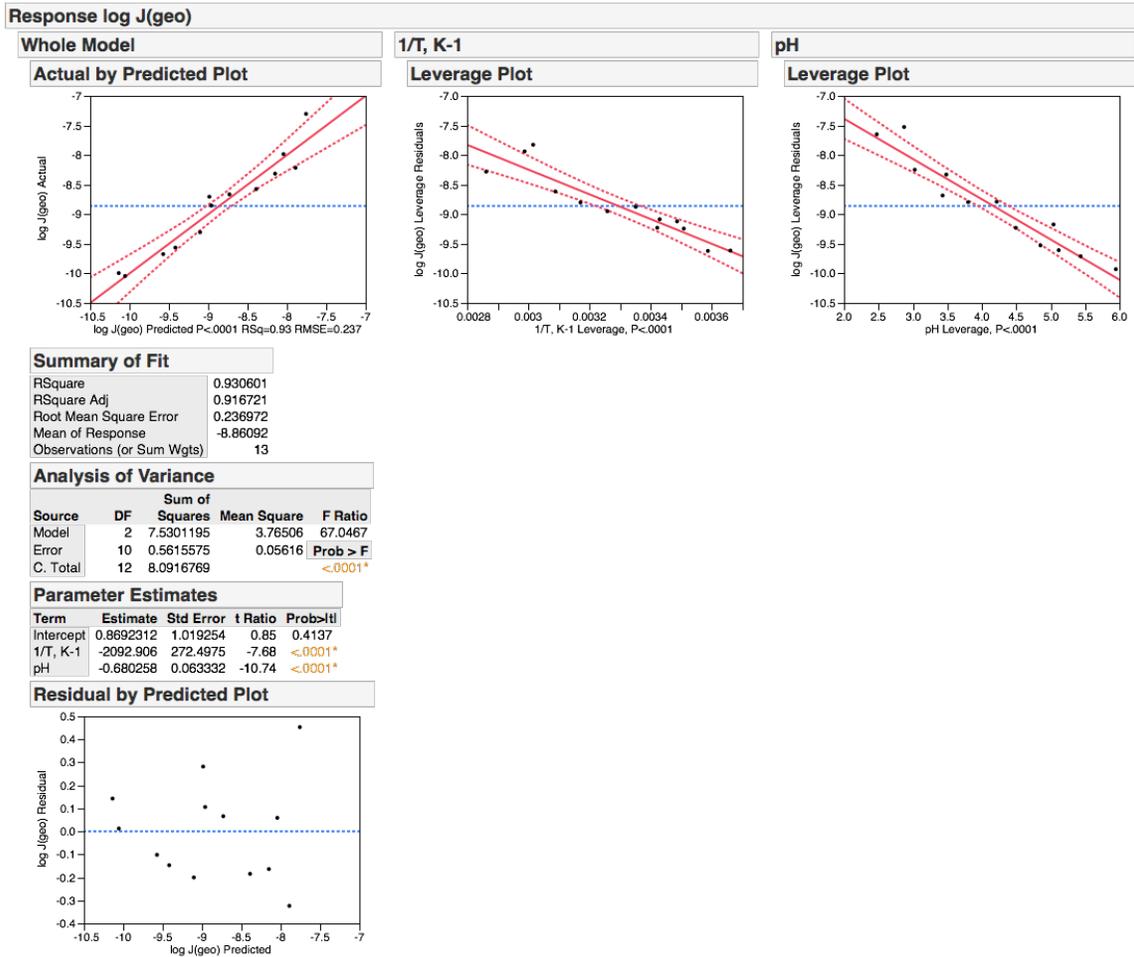
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**Figure S3:** JMP output for crystalline basalt rates pH < 6.

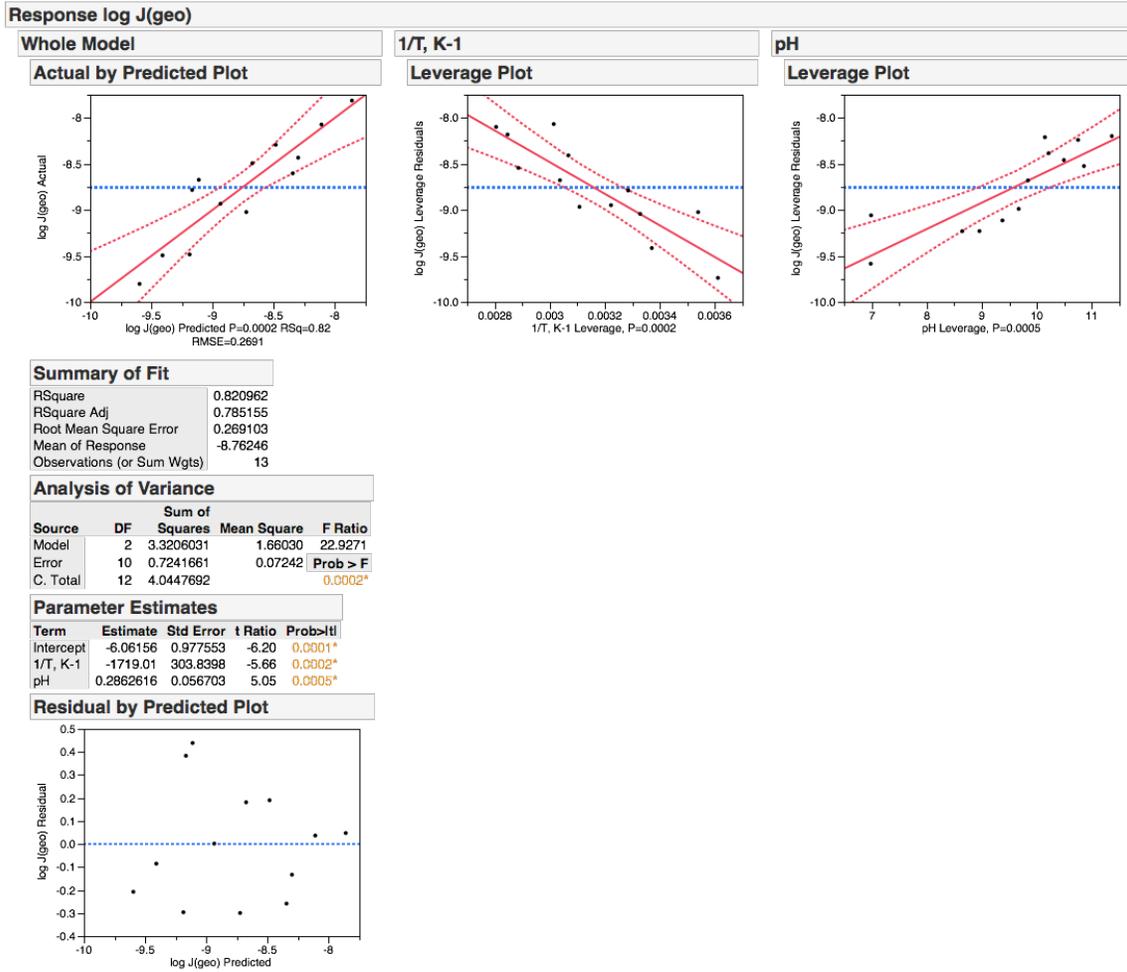
Source Data: Gudbrandsson et al. 2011



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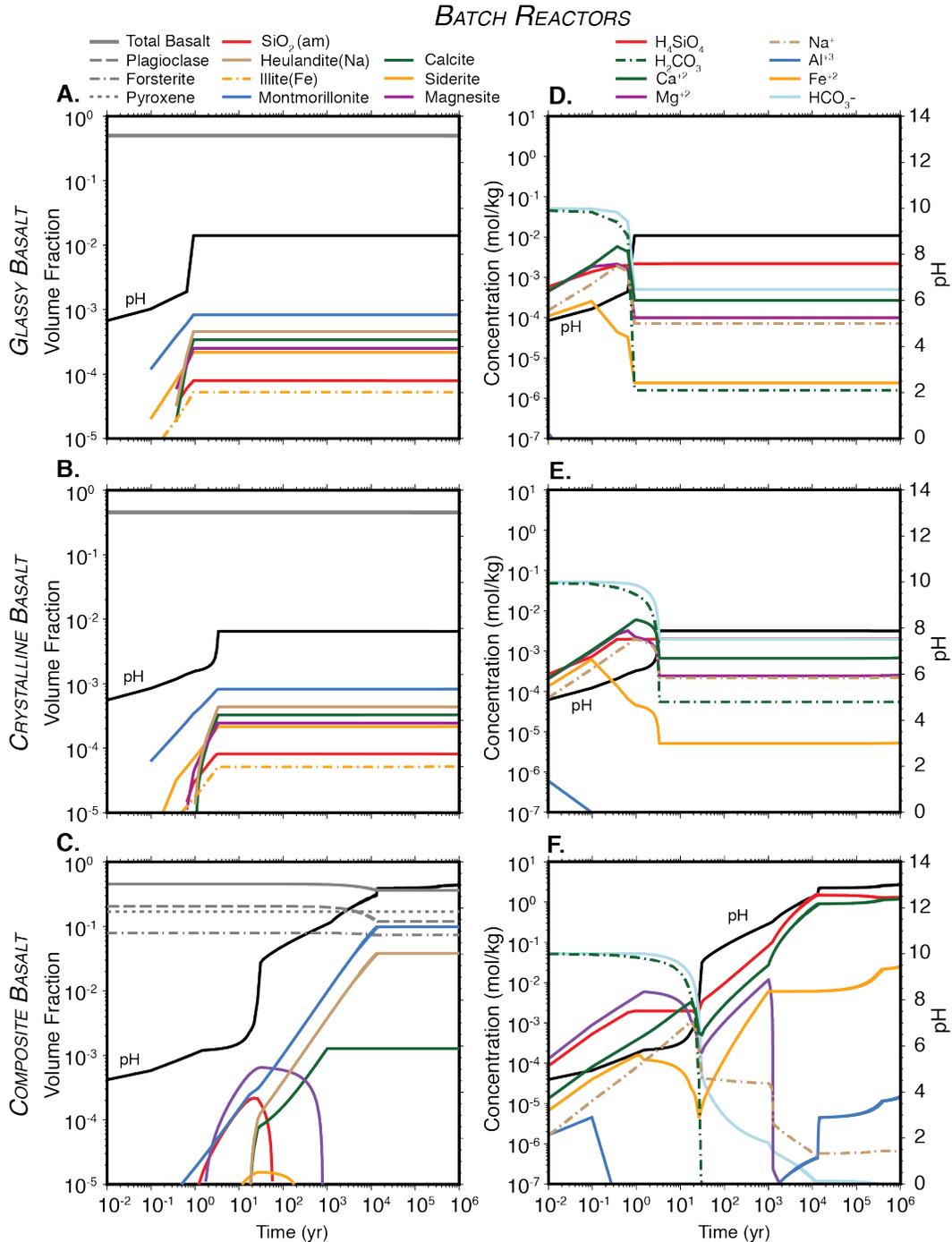
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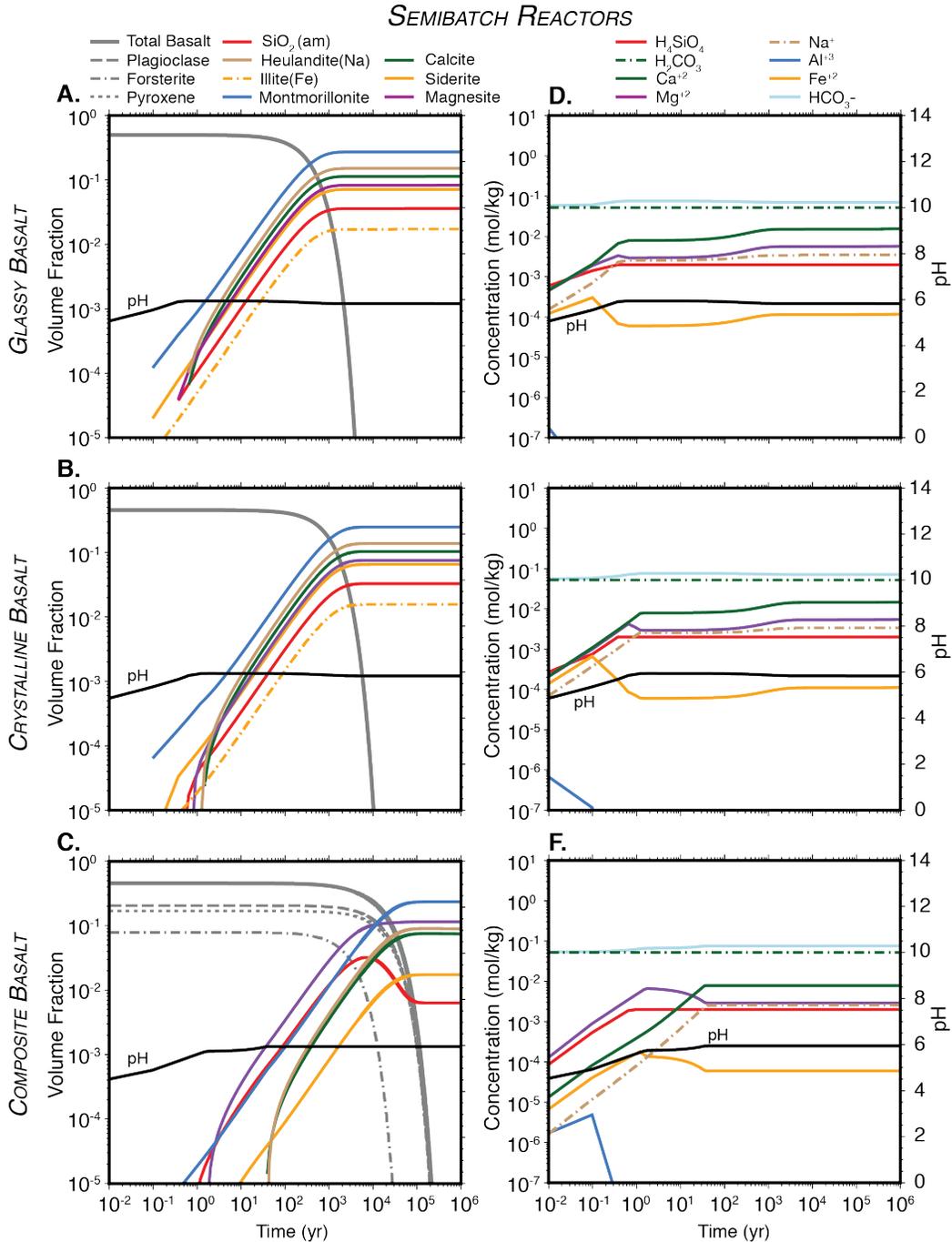
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**Figure S5:** Batch reactor simulation results with a sodium-bearing zeolite (Heulandite-Na) included in the alteration product assemblage. A – C illustrate mineral volume fractions for glassy basalt, crystalline basalt, and the composite basalt models, respectively. D – F illustrate aqueous species for glassy basalt, crystalline basalt, and the composite basalt models, respectively.



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**Figure S6:** Batch reactor simulation results with a sodium-bearing zeolite (Heulandite-Na) included in the alteration product assemblage. A – C illustrate mineral volume fractions for glassy basalt, crystalline basalt, and the composite basalt models, respectively. D – F illustrate aqueous species for glassy basalt, crystalline basalt, and the composite basalt models, respectively.



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