

1 **REVISION 2**

2 **Developing vanadium valence state oxybarometers (spinel-melt, olivine-melt, spinel-olivine)**
3 **and V/(Cr+Al) partitioning (spinel-melt) for martian olivine-phyric basalts**

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12 **ABSTRACT**

13 A spiked (with REE, V, Sc) martian basalt Yamato 980459 (Y98) composition was used
14 to synthesize olivine, spinel, and pyroxene at 1200°C at five oxygen fugacities: IW-1, IW, IW+1,
15 IW+2, and QFM. These run products were analyzed by electron microprobe, ion microprobe,
16 and x-ray absorption near-edge spectroscopy to establish four oxybarometers based on vanadium
17 partitioning behavior between the following pairs of phases: V spinel-melt, V/(Cr+Al) spinel-
18 melt, olivine-melt, and spinel-olivine. The results for the spinel-melt, olivine-melt, and
19 V/(Cr+Al) spinel-melt are applicable for the entire oxygen fugacity range while the spinel-
20 olivine oxybarometer is only applicable between IW-1 and IW+1. The oxybarometer based on V
21 partitioning between spinel-olivine is restricted to basalts that crystallized under low oxygen
22 fugacities, some martian, all lunar, as well as samples from 4 Vesta. The true potential and power
23 of the new spinel-olivine oxybarometer is that it does not require samples representative of a

24 melt composition or samples with some remnant of quenched melt present. It just requires that
25 the spinel-olivine pairs were in equilibrium when the partitioning of V occurred. We have
26 applied the V spinel-olivine oxybarometer to the Y98 meteorite as a test of the method.

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INTRODUCTION

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30 The studies of Herd et al. (2002), Herd (2003), Wadhwa (2001), and Goodrich et al.
31 (2003) demonstrated that the oxygen fugacity in martian basalts varies up to four log units and is
32 correlated with geochemical parameters such as LREE/HREE and $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$. These correlations
33 have been interpreted to indicate the presence of reduced, incompatible-element-depleted and
34 oxidized, incompatible-element-enriched reservoirs that were produced during the early stages of
35 martian differentiation (~4.5 Ga) (Herd et al. 2002; Herd 2003; Wadhwa 2001; Goodrich et al.
36 2003; Shih et al. 1982; Borg et al. 1997; Jones 2003). Martian basaltic magmatism as it is
37 represented by the shergottites is thought to be characterized by mixing between these two
38 reservoirs. Early studies estimated oxygen fugacity by two independent approaches, $f\text{O}_2$ from
39 mineral equilibria (Herd et al. 2002; Herd 2003; Goodrich et al. 2003) or multivalent behavior of
40 Eu in phases such as pyroxene bulk-rock elemental-isotopic measurements (Wadhwa 2001). The
41 work of Shearer et al. (2006) used a different approach to evaluate the $f\text{O}_2$ of potential reservoirs
42 that occur in the martian mantle. In that paper, we used the estimated V content of the near-
43 primary martian basalt melt Yamato 980459 (Y98) and the V content of one of the earliest
44 phases to crystallize from this basalt (olivine). This approach, however, is somewhat
45 compromised as the composition of the coexisting liquid must be inferred indirectly. In this work
46 we use a different approach that is based on the partitioning of V between olivine and spinel.
47 When using this approach, it is of paramount importance to identify equilibrium spinel-olivine

48 pairs. A criterion to make this identification is also included in the discussion of the following
49 sections.

50 **EXPERIMENTAL**

51 Experiments were prepared in a 1-atm Deltech gas mixing furnace. These runs were
52 made using a spiked composition of martian meteorite Y98. The REEs were added as 0.6 wt.%
53 of their oxides (Ce as CeO₂). Scandium and V were added as Sc₂O₃ and V₂O₃ and doped to 0.1
54 wt.%. Experimental charges of the Y98 composition were pasted onto Re-wire loops at imposed
55 oxygen fugacities of IW-1, IW, IW+1, IW+2, and QFM. All experiments were held for 8 hours
56 at 1500°C to ensure homogeneity and fO_2 equilibration. Charges were then cooled at 1000°C/hr
57 to 1400, 1300 and 1200°C, and held at the final temperature for at least 48 hours, then drop-
58 quenched into water. For experiments conducted at QFM, pressed pellet charges of Y98 were
59 placed onto Pt₉₀Rh₁₀ loops and then air-quenched at the end of the same thermal history as the
60 other fO_2 experiments. The Pt-wire loop does not oxidize at high fO_2 , whereas the Re-wire loop
61 prevents Fe loss at low fO_2 . Analyses of the run products from the 1200°C experiments and
62 phases in meteorite Y98 are presented in Table 1. The 1200°C temperature was used because we
63 found that for our bulk composition, this is the optimal temperature to have spinel, olivine,
64 pyroxene, and melt in equilibrium.

65 **ANALYTICAL**

66 **Electron microprobe (EPMA)**

67 Samples were initially analyzed using the Cameca SX100 at Johnson Space Center.
68 Later analyses were collected on the JEOL JXA 8200 electron microprobe at the Institute of
69 Meteoritics (IOM) and Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences (E&PS), at the University of
70 New Mexico (UNM). Electron microprobe analyses initially examined the major/minor element

71 chemistry of the experiments and phases of interest (olivine, spinel, and glass). Samples were
72 analyzed under a 15 kV accelerating voltage, 20 nA beam current, and a 2 μm spot for olivine,
73 10 μm for glass and $< \mu\text{m}$ for spinel. Elements were calibrated using C.M. Taylor Co. EPMA
74 standards, as well as additional standards developed in-house. Subsequent olivine measurements
75 were focused on the trace element abundance of V in olivine. These measurements consisted of
76 extended peak and background counting times for V in olivine, along with the concurrent
77 measurement of Ti concentration. By increasing the counting statistics for both V and Ti (with
78 the Ti $K\beta$ peak representing a known interference for V $K\alpha$), the 3σ detection limit for each was
79 reduced drastically (33 and 42 ppm for V and Ti, respectively). The data is presented in Table 1
80 in an abbreviated fashion for space considerations. Complete data sets for spinel, olivine, and
81 glass are given in the electronic appendices.

82 **Ion microprobe (SIMS)**

83 Vanadium measurements for olivine in the Y98 meteorite sample were collected on the
84 Cameca 4f Ion Microprobe in the Institute of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico.
85 Analytical conditions included an accelerating voltage of 10 kV, a beam current of 20 nA, and an
86 offset voltage of -105 V. Standardization was carried out using 3 olivines and 1 orthopyroxene
87 standard. See Shearer et al. (2006) for details.

88 **Error analyses of data and partition coefficients**

89 See appendix for details.

90 **X-ray Absorption Near Edge Spectroscopy (XANES) data acquisition and reduction**

91 Vanadium K-edge XANES data was acquired with the x-ray microprobe at GSECARS
92 beamline 13-ID at the Advanced Photon Source (APS), Argonne National Laboratory, Illinois.
93 The x-ray source at APS beamline 13-ID was a 72-pole 33mm period undulator. Beam focusing

94 was accomplished with dynamically-figured Kirkpatrick-Baez focusing mirrors; this
95 configuration yielded a beam focused to a final spot size of $\sim 4 \mu\text{m}^2$. All spectra were acquired in
96 fluorescence mode utilizing a Si(311) monochromator and a silicon-drift solid state detector
97 offset at a 45° angle from the sample. Spectra were collected through the energy range of 5415
98 eV to 5670 eV. Energy calibration was accomplished using metallic V foil. The energy step
99 width was set to 0.2 eV in the pre-edge/near-edge region and 4 eV in the far pre-edge and far
100 post-edge spectral regions. Data acquisition consisted of three spectral sweeps per spot analysis.
101 The three resultant spectra were subsequently merged into a single spectrum. Multiple olivine
102 crystals were analyzed in each experimental charge. A total of four to five olivine spot analyses
103 were obtained for each experimental charge. Vanadium valence was quantified using the
104 intensity of the V pre-edge with the methodology and calibration described by Sutton et al.
105 (2005). The V valence results are illustrated in Figure 1.

106 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

107 Spinel-melt partitioning of vanadium as a function of oxygen fugacity

108 Our first effort using spinel as an indicator of relative oxygen fugacity (Papike et al.
109 2004) was only qualitative. That study showed that using only zoned spinel, relative oxygen
110 fugacities can be estimated. Our first insights into this technique resulted from acquiring EPMA
111 traverses across spinel grains from core to rim on grains that showed zoning from chromite to
112 ulvospinel. The zoning profiles showed the normal trends of core to rim decreases of Cr, Al, and
113 Mg and increases of Fe, Ti, and Mn. However, the behavior of V is very different when
114 comparing terrestrial basalts and lunar basalts with V behavior in martian basalts, falling
115 somewhere in between these two end-members. In terrestrial basaltic liquids, $V^{4+} > V^{3+}$, whereas
116 in lunar basalts $V^{3+} > V^{4+}$, and in martian basalts V^{3+} and V^{4+} are both significant. The trends

117 (core to rim) for the Moon show a strong positive correlation of V and Cr and negative
118 correlation of V and Ti. For the Earth, the trends are just the opposite, with a strong negative
119 correlation of V and Cr and strong positive correlation of V and Ti. Chromite in martian basalts
120 shows trends in between. These systematics show that at high oxygen fugacity (Earth), V^{4+}
121 follows Ti^{4+} , whereas at low oxygen fugacity (Moon), V^{3+} follows Cr^{3+} . In this paper, we
122 convert the $V/(Cr+Al)$ systematics in spinel from a qualitative oxybarometer to a quantitative
123 one by using our new experimental data for five oxygen fugacities.

124 The spinel oxybarometer (e.g. Canil 2002) is very useful, but requires equilibrium pairs
125 of coexisting spinel and melt. Results from this study are shown in Figure 2a and are compared
126 to the results of Canil (2002). We note that the trend of our data agrees very well with Canil's
127 (2002) results for high Cr/Al spinel. Figure 2d normalizes the $D_V^{spinel/melt}$ to the ferric iron
128 content of the spinel. The increase in ferric iron with oxygen fugacity steepens the negative slope
129 from left to right. The significant increase in $D_V^{spinel/melt}$ with decreasing oxygen fugacity is a
130 result of the strong structural preference for V^{3+} vs. V^{4+} . Canil (2002) shows the strong
131 dependence of $D_V^{spinel/melt}$ on the Al content of the spinel. High Al/Cr spinels have a much lower
132 site preference for V^{3+} than high Cr/Al spinels. This is because V^{3+} and Cr^{3+} are very similar
133 geochemically and have high crystal field stabilization energy in octahedral coordination (Papike
134 et al. 2005). Additionally the behavior of Cr^{3+} and V^{3+} are highly correlated because of their
135 similar ionic radii and identical charge. Papike et al. (2005) also showed that V^{3+} enters spinel in
136 the "normal" spinel atomic arrangement, whereas V^{4+} enters in the "inverse" arrangement. The
137 mixed domains of "normal" and "inverse" will have an effect on the partition coefficient values
138 for V and might explain the complicated trajectory of the $D_V^{spinel/melt}$ vs. fO_2 (Fig. 2a). This
139 trajectory is found in both the study by Canil (2002) and the present study.

140 **Vanadium olivine-melt partitioning as a function of oxygen fugacity**

141 Our results using V in olivine as an oxybarometer (Shearer et al. 2006) gave an estimated
142 oxygen fugacity of crystallization for Y98 of IW+0.9. The application of this oxybarometer
143 requires the presence of melt in the meteorite or a bulk rock composition that is a melt
144 composition. Our current study adds data from experiments at two additional oxygen fugacities.
145 An important paper (Mallman and O'Neill, 2013) has also recently calibrated an empirical
146 thermometer and oxybarometer based on V and Sc partitioning between olivine and melt (IW+1
147 and IW+2) to the Shearer et al. 2006 calibration. The results for both studies are in agreement
148 and demonstrate that the high spike levels of REE in the present study had no apparent effect on
149 V partitioning between olivine and melt. The increasing $D_V^{\text{olivine/melt}}$ with decreasing fO_2 is
150 attributed to the increase of V^{3+}/V^{4+} in the melt (see Fig. 1 and 2c). The XANES data (Fig. 1)
151 shows that at $fO_2 < IW+2$, all of the V that enters the olivine is trivalent. The greater compatibility
152 of V^{3+} over V^{4+} is not due to size, as the radii of both are comfortable in the olivine octahedral
153 sites. Rather, it is due to charge balance, because for every V^{3+} cation that enters the olivine
154 structure, one vacancy is required, whereas for V^{4+} , two vacancies are required (Papike et al.
155 2005). The rate of increase of D_V (with decreasing oxygen fugacity) is greater for olivine than
156 spinel and therefore the $D_V^{\text{spinel/olivine}}$ starts decreasing at $fO_2 < IW+1$ and thus makes the
157 spinel/olivine oxybarometer possible.

158 **Vanadium spinel-olivine partitioning as a function of oxygen fugacity**

159 We have been searching for an oxybarometer with application to olivine-phyric and
160 lherzolitic martian basalts that does not require the presence of melt. One possible solution to this
161 quandary is to use partitioning of V between spinel and olivine. Both are near liquidus phases in
162 these compositions and commonly share grain contacts. We examined the partitioning of V

163 between spinel and olivine and the results are shown in Figure 2e. Note that the spinel/olivine
164 partitioning of V provides a powerful oxybarometer at low oxygen fugacities, over two orders of
165 magnitude, from IW-1 to IW+1. Many of the olivine-phyric martian basalts fall in this range. We
166 have selected one martian meteorite to test our V spinel/olivine oxybarometer, Y98. The modes
167 and mineral chemistry of the phases present in this meteorite are discussed in detail, in Papike et
168 al. (2009) and Meyer (2013). The true potential and power of the new spinel-olivine
169 oxybarometer is that it does not require samples representing melts or samples with remnant melt
170 present. It simply requires that the spinel-olivine pairs co-crystallized from the liquid and are
171 therefore in equilibrium. An effective way to discriminate between multiple olivine-spinel pairs
172 is to calculate the molar Mg-Fe²⁺ exchange $K_d = (X_{Mg}/X_{Fe^{2+}})_{olivine} / (X_{Fe^{2+}}/X_{Mg})_{spinel}$ of ~4.4-5.6
173 (determined from our 1200°C experimental data for bulk runs). See Roeder et al. (1979), and
174 references therein, for background on this K_d . Our spinel-olivine mineral pair had a K_d of 4.2
175 which is consistent with the established equilibrium range. Plotting this pair on the diagram
176 illustrated in Figure 2e yields an estimated oxygen fugacity of IW+0.8. The chemical
177 compositions for spinel and olivine for Y98 is presented in Table 1. Early results of this study
178 are presented in Papike et al. (2013).

179 **V/(Cr+Al) partitioning between spinel-melt as a function of oxygen fugacity**

180 With our new experimental data discussed in this paper we are able to further develop our
181 previous qualitative spinel oxybarometer (Papike et al. 2004, 2005). The experimental V/(Cr+Al)
182 data (elemental wt.%) for spinel is given Table 1. This same ratio is given for the coexisting
183 glass in Table 1. Figure 2b displays $[V/(Cr+Al)^{spinel} / V/(Cr+Al)^{bulk\ experimental\ melt}]$ as a function of
184 oxygen fugacity. Once calibrated for the appropriate melt composition and approximate
185 temperature of spinel crystallization, this oxybarometer is easy to use because it requires only the

186 earliest spinel composition (core, high Mg) that is in equilibrium with the appropriate melt
187 composition. It can be used for oxygen fugacities between IW-1 and QFM.

188 **CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

189 We calibrated 4 oxybarometers based on the multivalent behavior of V for a Y98 proxy
190 composition. We applied all four to meteorite Y98 and our estimated oxygen fugacity is IW+0.8
191 to IW+1.6. This range should be considered the window of possible oxygen fugacities for
192 meteorite Y98. This should also be considered our best estimate of oxygen fugacity for Y98 to
193 date. These results are most useful to researchers investigating the oxygen fugacities of and
194 implications for martian rocks, especially those that were likely derived from the martian mantle
195 (e.g. Yamato 980459).

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FIGURE CAPTIONS

258 Figure 1. Stacked XANES spectra comparing the V pre-edge feature in olivine, across the range
259 of oxygen fugacities imposed on the experiments. This diagram shows the preference of V^{3+} over
260 V^{4+} . See discussion above. V^{4+} will not enter the olivine structure until the melt is highly
261 enriched in V^{4+} .

262 Figure 2. In all cases, the error bars represent the 1σ propagated error. See appendix for further
263 discussion. (a) Spinel partition coefficients across the oxygen fugacity spectrum. Mean V in
264 spinels vs. glass; Canil (2002) data for comparison. There are two spinel populations in the IW+1
265 and IW+2 experiments; the higher V population only is used for the purpose of producing the
266 curve, as this is the group that is inferred to be in equilibrium with the melt. The Y98 meteorite
267 analysis represents the most Mg-rich spinel divided by bulk meteorite data from Meyer (2013).
268 (b) $V/(Cr+Al)$ in spinel verses oxygen fugacity (in elemental wt.%). As with Figure 2a, only the
269 higher V population of spinel is used (for the IW+1 and IW+2) experiments. (c) Olivine partition
270 coefficients across the oxygen fugacity spectrum. (d) The V in spinel-melt oxybarometer scaled
271 to the ferric iron content of the spinel. (e) The new spinel/olivine oxybarometer plots V in spinel
272 vs. V in olivine. A test point illustrating the V partitioning between Y98 meteorite spinel-olivine
273 is shown as an application of the method. The blue band represents the range of oxygen
274 fugacities estimated by our oxybarometers.

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Table 1. Experimental average values. 1 σ errors appear in parentheses.

	Spinel											
	IW-1 (Y98A18)		IW (Y98A15)		IW+1 [£] (Y98A19)		IW+2 [£] (Y98A20)		QFM (Y98A11)		Y98 Meteorite	
<i>Element (ppm)</i>												
Al	50763	(3174)	52259	(10688)	49470	(3537)	39636	(2180)	45985	(1276)	64442	(13593)
Mg	46926	(950)	45201	(2197)	41871	(631)	48117	(569)	47280	(933)	58386	(4467)
Fe ²⁺	172767	(2476)	180259	(3529)	184927	(3030)	168483	(2095)	168824	(1705)	169574	(5014)
Ti	6564	(1099)	9180	(2326)	7304	(759)	5030	(576)	5265	(259)	19173	(6821)
V	21160	(373)	19580	(1017)	19219	(1426)	12138	(662)	7689	(201)	3922	(745)
Cr	360583	(3280)	347530	(17440)	352675	(4061)	375341	(4893)	331609	(4976)	334356	(33850)
Fe ^{3+[‡]}	16170	(2455)	20610	(2342)	23244	(1712)	34523	(1484)	70656	(2647)	23889	(3488)

	Olivine											
	IW-1 (Y98A18)		IW (Y98A15)		IW+1 [£] (Y98A19)		IW+2 [£] (Y98A20)		QFM (Y98A11)		Y98 Meteorite	
<i>Element (ppm)</i>												
Al	285	(344)	200	(62)	223	(93)	320	(89)	198	(86)	180	(70)
Mg	223449	(1315)	222808	(1648)	229191	(7182)	238656	(1642)	233578	(729)	236856	(8739)
Fe ²⁺	187432	(1089)	195087	(750)	182441	(10726)	165508	(1846)	178191	(778)	164208	(12379)
Ti*	71	(17)	51	(19)	40	(12)	48	(16)	60	(12)	30	(29)
V*	343	(12)	227	(18)	159	(19)	128	(17)	81	(11)	35	(4)
Cr	2874	(79)	1662	(61)	1864	(281)	1564	(393)	628	(42)	2059	(586)

	Glass											
	IW-1 (Y98A18)		IW (Y98A15)		IW+1 [£] (Y98A19)		IW+2 [£] (Y98A20)		QFM (Y98A11)		Y98 Meteorite	
<i>Element (ppm)</i>												
Al	36312	(918)	39265	(393)	40786	(339)	35758	(2838)	36750	(276)	29003	
Mg	55750	(786)	53879	(561)	49623	(391)	60931	(662)	54141	(397)		
Fe ²⁺	140581	(1089)	144979	(1131)	142166	(1046)	137073	(1222)	138361	(971)		
Ti	4675	(177)	4846	(156)	5127	(180)	4345	(185)	4620	(171)		
V	700	(134)	763	(135)	746	(119)	864	(128)	803	(135)	188	
Cr	3515	(202)	2065	(200)	1328	(166)	1350	(167)	843	(163)	4807	

D _v ^{spinel/melt}	30.22		25.67		25.76		14.05		9.57		20.86	
D _v ^{olivine/melt}	0.49		0.30		0.21		0.15		0.10		0.18	
D _v ^{spinel/olivine}	61.68		86.24		120.51		95.13		95.32		113.16	
K _d ^{olivine x spinel}	4.39		4.55		5.55		5.05		4.68		4.19	
(V)/(Cr+Al) ^{spinel/melt}	2.93		2.65		2.70		1.26		0.95		1.77	
Fe ³⁺ /(Fe ²⁺ +Fe ³⁺) ^{spinel}	0.09		0.10		0.11		0.17		0.30		0.12	

*Ti and V in olivine were measured using extended counting times on peaks and backgrounds to achieve a low detection limit, and to better characterize the Ti on V overlap. Vanadium in olivine from the Y98 meteorite was measured via SIMS.

[‡]Y98 meteorite glass values represent the bulk meteorite average values from Meyer (2013).

[§]Y98 meteorite spinel analysis represents the most Mg-rich spinel analyzed.

[¶]Estimated using the methodology of Droop (1987).

[£]Y98A19 and Y98A20 (IW+1 and IW+2 experiments, respectively) have two populations of spinels, the higher V population is presented here, and used in the plots in Figure 2. Average spinel as well as the lower V spinel population can be found in the appendices.

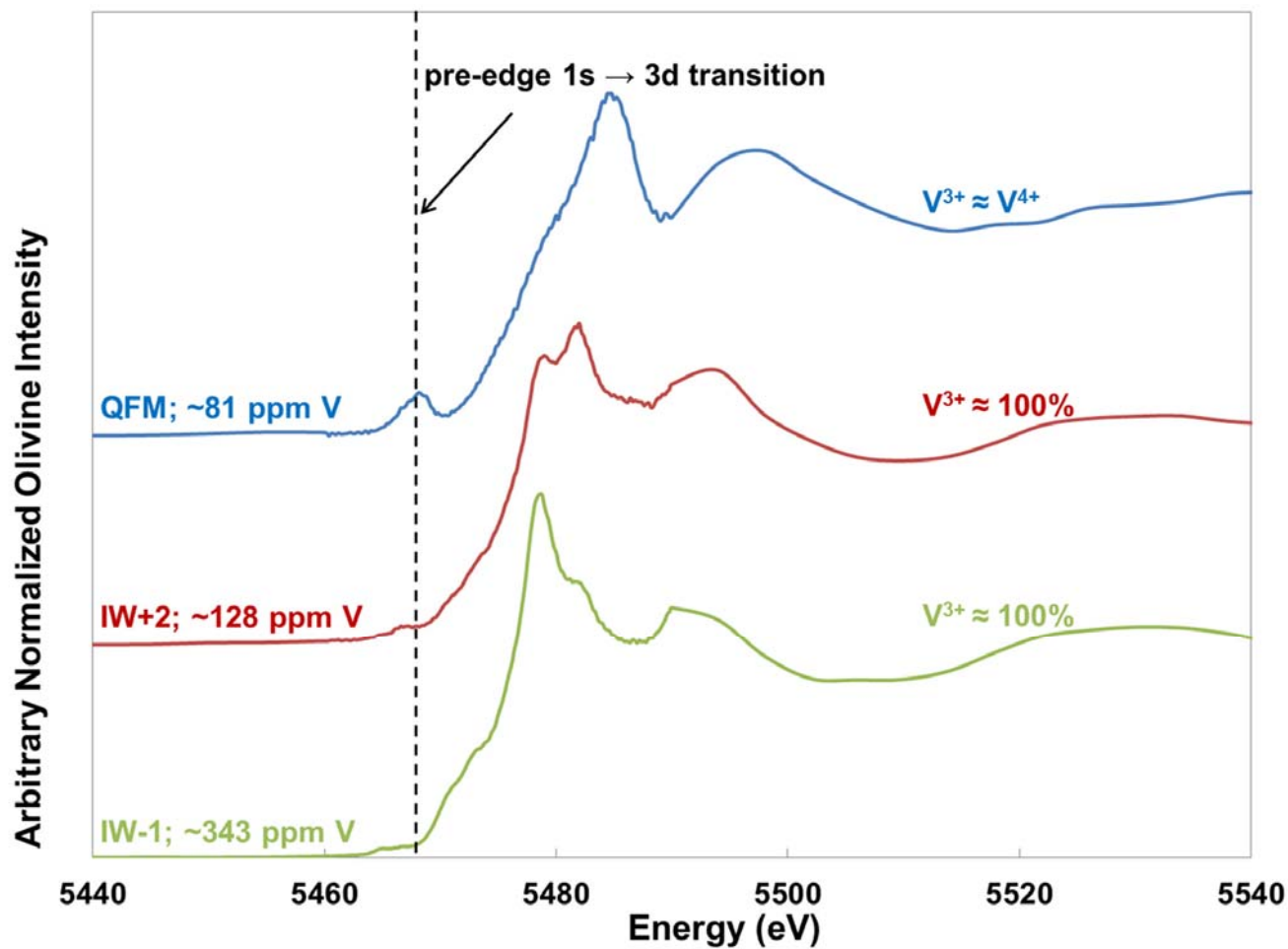


Figure 2

