

1 **REVISION 3**

2 **Controls of P-T path and element mobility on the formation of corundum pseudomorphs in**  
3 **Palaeoproterozoic high-pressure anorthosite from Sittampundi, Tamil Nadu, India**

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## ABSTRACT

20 The Archaean Sittampundi Layered Magmatic Complex (SLC) of south India is interpreted as a  
21 part of the oceanic crust that formed in a suprasubduction zone setting. The assemblage  
22 corundum + anorthite + amphibole (magnesiohornblende to tschermakite to pargasite) +  
23 clinozoisite ( $C_1$ PACz) developed in highly calcic anorthosite of the SLC at the culmination of a  
24 c. 2.46 Ga tectonothermal event. Changing physicochemical conditions during this early  
25 Palaeoproterozoic (Siderian) event produced spinel + anorthite + second generation amphibole  
26 through destabilization of corundum + first generation amphibole. Spinel retains the shape of the  
27 corundum that it replaces (spinel pseudomorphing corundum, SCP) and is surrounded by a rind  
28 of plagioclase that separates spinel from the matrix amphibole. Development of the assemblage  
29 chlorite + clinozoisite + secondary corundum after spinel + anorthite + amphibole marks the  
30 terminal metamorphic event in this area. Mass balance calculations on pseudomorphs and  
31 modeling of preserved reaction textures show that Na, Mg, Ca and silica were mobile during the  
32 formation of the SCP. Al and Fe were mobile in grain scale but remained immobile in the scale  
33 of a thin section. Activity adjusted partial petrogenetic grid in the systems  $Na_2O$ - $CaO$ - $Al_2O_3$ -  
34  $SiO_2$ - $H_2O$  (NCASH) and  $Na_2O$ - $CaO$ - $MgO$ - $Al_2O_3$ - $SiO_2$ - $H_2O$  (NCMASH) along with the  
35 mineralogy of the rocks that were co-metamorphosed with the anorthosite show that (a) the  
36 assemblage  $C_1$ PACz was formed during high pressure metamorphism ( $11 \pm 1$  kbar and  $725 \pm 25$   
37  $^{\circ}C$ ), (b) SCP and the plagioclase rind around it were formed during exhumation of these higher  
38 pressure rocks to lower pressure ( $7 \pm 1$  kbar,  $675 \pm 50$   $^{\circ}C$ ) along steeply decompressive  
39 retrograde P-T path and (c) post decompression cooling and hydration at near isobaric condition  
40 triggered the formation of the chlorite – clinozoisite – secondary corundum assemblage (6-8  
41 kbar,  $<620$   $^{\circ}C$ ). The inferred P-T path is consistent with the view that the studied area that

42 represent Archaean oceanic crust of SSZ affinity was subducted and subsequently exhumed  
43 during the early Palaeoproterozoic orogeny.

44 **Keywords:** Sittampundi, anorthosite, corundum pseudomorph, oceanic crust, subduction zone

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## INTRODUCTION

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60 Fluid-rock interactions operate in a wide range of geological environments from weathering of  
61 supracrustal rocks to metasomatism of the mantle-wedge above a subduction zone (e.g., Philpotts  
62 and Ague 2009). Disequilibrium between host-rock and percolating fluid commonly results in  
63 exchange of materials between solid and fluid that leads to significant change in host-rock  
64 composition (Dutrow et al. 1999, 2008; e.g., Philpotts and Ague 2009). At subduction zones,  
65 which are potential zones of fluid-rock interaction, the oceanic crust and the entrained sediments  
66 commonly undergo significant bulk compositional change and develop a sequence of  
67 replacement textures over a range of pressure-temperature conditions. Interpretation of these  
68 reaction textures is, therefore, likely to provide valuable insight about the subduction zone  
69 processes such as fluid circulation, mobility of elements, thermal gradient, burial and upliftment  
70 history of the subducted rocks (Berger et al. 2010). Pseudomorphs are a special replacement  
71 texture in which the product mineral retains the shape of the mineral that it replaces (reviewed in  
72 Putnis 2002). A number of experimental and theoretical studies have confirmed that the  
73 formation of pseudomorphs is caused by solution (of reactant phase) and precipitation (of  
74 product phase) mechanism at nearly constant volume (Putnis 2002, 2009; Putnis et al. 2005;  
75 Putnis and Putnis 2007; Putnis and John 2010). This property of pseudomorphs has been used to  
76 trace the behavior of elements during the formation of pseudomorphs (Hövelmann et al. 2010).  
77 Because rocks can develop pseudomorphs during prograde as well as retrograde metamorphism,  
78 pseudomorphic replacement textures also provide valuable information on metamorphic P-T path  
79 in orogenic belts (Dutrow et al. 2008).

80 In this communication we document pseudomorphic replacement textures (spinel  
81 pseudomorphing corundum, SCP) in anorthosite from the Archaean Sittampundi layered

82 magmatic complex (SLC) of South India. Mass-balance calculations and modeling of the  
83 pseudomorphs suggest that several elements including Al were mobile during the formation of  
84 the SCP. Pseudomorphs also constrain the metamorphic P-T path and thermal gradient during  
85 subduction of an Archaean oceanic crust at the dawn of the Proterozoic.

## 86 **GEOLOGICAL BACKDROP**

87 Intense geological and geochronological studies in the past two decades have revealed that the granulite terrain of  
88 south India can be broadly divided into three segments with contrasting geological history (reviewed in Braun and  
89 Kriegsman 2003; Ghosh et al. 2004; Dutta et al. 2011). The northern granulite terrain (NGT) is dominated by felsic  
90 orthogneisses with minor mafic, ultramafic rocks and metasediments that witnessed the last high-grade metamorphic  
91 event at c. 2.49-2.44 Ga (Ghosh et al. 2004; Sato et al. 2011; Mohan et al. 2012). In contrast to the NGT, the  
92 southernmost segment, the Madurai Block (MB), exposes larger amount of metasediments and is affected by high-  
93 grade metamorphism at c. 0.8-0.5 Ga (reviewed in Braun and Kriegsman 2003; Ghosh et al. 2004; Kooijman et al.  
94 2011). A roughly E-W trending curvilinear belt, which separates the NGT from the MB, exposes diverse lithological  
95 associations and carries the impressions of protracted geological history for over 2 billion years (c. 2.9-0.5 Ga,  
96 reviewed in Ghosh et al. 2004; Dutta et al. 2011). This curvilinear belt is believed to be dissected by a number of  
97 crustal scale shear zones that are collectively referred to as the Cauvery Shear System (CSS, Chetty 1996), though  
98 the existence of a major transcurrent shear zone has been challenged by Mukhopadhyay et al. (2003). In the  
99 following section, the salient geological and geochronological features of this belt are described.

100 The oldest components of the CSS include a suite of mafic and ultramafic rocks with local anorthosite  
101 (leucogabbro according to IUGS nomenclature) and chromitite (reviewed in Bhaskar Rao et al. 1996; Ghosh et al.  
102 2004; Dutta et al. 2011). At several places within the CSS, namely Sittampundi (SLC) and Bhavani Sagar (BLC),  
103 layered magmatic complexes are present (Subramaniam 1956; Bhaskar Rao et al. 1996; Dutta et al. 2011). Banded  
104 Iron Formation (BIF) constitutes the only metasediment within the magmatic suite and is always associated with the  
105 mafic rocks (Bhaskar Rao et al. 1996; Ghosh et al. 2004; Dutta et al. 2011). Bhaskar Rao et al. (1996) obtained a Sm-  
106 Nd whole rock age of c. 2.9 Ga ( $2935 \pm 60$  Ma) which they interpreted to be the age of emplacement of the SLC and  
107 the BLC. This observation of Bhaskar Rao et al. (1996) has been corroborated by the subsequent study of Ghosh et

108 al. (2004). In a recent communication, Mohan et al. (2012) reported LA-ICP-MS U-Pb zircon age of c. 2.54 Ga  
109 ( $2541 \pm 13$  Ma) that the authors considered to be the age of emplacement of the anorthosite at Sittampundi. The  
110 reason for the time difference in the tune of 400Ma between the Sm-Nd whole rock and U-Pb zircon ages remains  
111 unclear. Nevertheless, all these studies support a late Archaean mafic magmatism in the CSS. The mafic-ultramafic-  
112 anorthosite-chromitite suite were intruded by voluminous felsic magmas of calc-alkaline nature during a narrow  
113 time span of c. 2.53-2.50 Ga (reviewed in Ghosh et al. 2004; Clark et al. 2009; Saitoh et al. 2011; Mohan et al.  
114 2012). Rocks of the layered magmatic complexes, BIF and the invading felsic rocks underwent polydeformation and  
115 high-grade metamorphism at c. 2.49-2.44 Ga (Ghosh et al. 2004; Sato et al. 2011; Mohan et al. 2012 and the  
116 references cited therein). Important younger events in the CSS are marked by, (1) a thermal event at c. 2.0 Ga  
117 (Bhaskar Rao et al. 1996; Meissner et al. 2002), (2) deposition of shale-limestone-quartzite presumably representing  
118 shelf sediments with average provenance age of c.1.9 Ga (Meissner et al.2002), (3) emplacement of carbonatite,  
119 syenite at c. 0.7-0.8 Ga (reviewed in Upadhyay et al. 2006), (4) polyphase deformation and upper-amphibolite-  
120 facies metamorphism of the shelf sediments ( $\sim 9 \pm 1$  kbar and  $700 \pm 50$  °C , Meissner et al. 2002; Sengupta et al.  
121 2009a) and the quartzofeldspathic rocks (Raith et al. 2010) at c. 0.6-0.5 Ga and (5) intrusion of voluminous granitoid  
122 /pegmatoid at c. 0.54-0.50 Ga (Ghosh et al. 2004; Brandt et al. 2003).

123 The Sittampundi Layered Magmatic Complex (SLC), which chiefly comprises mafic, ultramafic and  
124 anorthositic rocks with centimeter to meter thick layers of chromitite, occurs as an enclave within a suite of felsic  
125 rocks (the protolith of charnockite and enderbite and their retrograde equivalent hornblende-biotite gneiss) (Fig.1).  
126 Interpreting the field and petrological features Dutta et al. (2011) argued that the SLC represents a ‘fossil oceanic  
127 crust’ in an Archaean suprasubduction zone (SSZ) setting. Fractionation of hydrous high Al-basaltic magma derived  
128 from metasomatized upper mantle led to the formation of the highly calcic anorthosite of the SLC at <2 kbar. At  
129 places, mafic rocks (now mafic granulites) of the SLC are intercalated with BIF (Dutta et. al. 2011). Large  
130 porphyroblasts of garnet develop in the mafic granulites as well as in BIF (Fig.2a). Petrographic features show that  
131 the porphyroblastic garnet grains that are presumed to have developed during culmination of granulite facies  
132 metamorphism were partially to completely resorped to a symplectic intergrowth of orthopyroxene, plagioclase and  
133 amphibole (Bhaskar Rao et al.1996, our own data). BIF develop the assemblage garnet + orthopyroxene + magnetite  
134 +quartz  $\pm$  clinopyroxene and show no resorption of porphyroblastic garnet (Dutta 2009). Mn-content of garnet and  
135 pyroxenes are low (Dutta 2009).Using multiple equilibria convergence technique (TWEEQU), Bhaskar Rao et al.

136 (1996) obtained 11-12 kbar pressure at ~650 °C using the core compositions of the porphyroblastic assemblages in  
137 the garnetiferous mafic rocks from the SLC. These authors also obtained a P-T condition of  $\sim 7 \pm 1$  kbar and  $700 \pm 50$   
138 °C for the symplectitic assemblage. Sajeev et al. (2009) reported lenses of high-temperature eclogite ( $\sim 20$  kbar,  
139  $> 1000^\circ\text{C}$ ) within the anorthosite. At several places, the anorthosite and the interlayered amphibolite develop pink  
140 (ruby) to colorless corundum crystals. Infiltration driven metamorphism of corundum-bearing anorthosite developed  
141 the assemblage h ogbomite + clinozoisite + magnetite + chlorite + calcite at  $650 \pm 50$  °C and  $7 \pm 1$  kbar (Sengupta et  
142 al. 2009b).

## 143 SCP BEARING ANORTHOSITE OF THE STUDIED AREA

### 144 Mesoscopic features

145 Three corundum ( $\pm$  ruby)-bearing anorthosite (*sensu lato*) samples were chosen for the present  
146 study. In all the samples, milk-white anorthosite alternates with millimeter to decimeter thick  
147 layers that are rich in amphibole ( $> 60$ - $70$  vol%, Fig.2b). A prominent planar fabric that is parallel  
148 to the penetrative regional foliation is defined by alignment of prismatic amphibole grains  
149 (Fig.2c). However, the random orientation of a few amphibole grains suggests that the formation  
150 of amphibole outlasted the deformation (Fig.2d). One sample shows a layer of chromitite that is  
151 stretched parallel to the planar fabric defined by amphibole (Fig.2c). Polygonal grains of  
152 anorthite (verified by petrography) impart a saccharoidal appearance to the rock. On the basis of  
153 the relative proportion of plagioclase and amphibole the anorthosite is divided into ‘Domain-A’  
154 ( $> 70$  volume% of plagioclase) and ‘Domain-B’ ( $< 50$  volume% of plagioclase).

155 Colorless and pink corundum crystals (up to  $\sim 4$  cm long), with euhedral to anhedral  
156 outline are embedded in the matrix, mostly within Domain-A and less commonly in Domain-B  
157 (Figs.3a-3d). Corundum grains with both hexagonal (basal/ 0001 face) as well as prismatic  
158 outline are observed in the same sample (Fig.3b), suggesting that the corundum crystals are  
159 randomly oriented within the rock volume. Some prismatic corundum crystals that cut across the

160 planar fabric of the host rock (Fig.3b). Grains of elongated corundum are boudinaged parallel to  
161 their length (Figs.3c and 3d). There is extensive replacement of corundum by spinel but the  
162 product spinel retains the external morphology of the host corundum grain (pseudomorphous  
163 replacement). The early stage of replacement is manifested by the development of a thin rim of  
164 spinel over corundum (Figs.3a-3d). Complete pseudomorphous replacement of corundum by  
165 spinel marks the advanced stage of replacement (Figs.3b and 3c). At places within Domain-A,  
166 broken and boudinaged grains of corundum are partially surrounded by spinel rims of varying  
167 thickness (Figs.3c and 3d). The interface between the spinel and the corundum is sharp but highly  
168 irregular. Coronitic spinel also extends as veins in the interior of the host corundum grain  
169 (Fig.3c). The spinel is invariably surrounded by a rind of plagioclase grains that separates the  
170 former corundum from amphibole in the matrix (Figs.3a and 3c). Image analyses of several thin  
171 sections and observation from randomly cut and polished hand specimens show that the ratio of  
172 the thickness of the plagioclase rind to that of the spinel corona ranges between 1.7 and 2.3.  
173 Compared to Domain-A, Domain-B shows greater thickness of the plagioclase rind.

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## 175 **Petrography**

176 Domain-A is chiefly made up of plagioclase (up to 70 vol%) with minor clinozoisite,  
177 chlorite and amphibole (together constituting 10-25 vol%). In contrast, amphibole (~50-60 vol%)  
178 and plagioclase (~40-50 vol%) constitute the Domain-B. In both the domains, a granoblastic  
179 fabric is formed by polygonal grains of amphibole ( $Am_{mx}$ ) and plagioclase ( $Pl_{mx}$ ; Fig.4a). At  
180 many places (only in Domain A), dimensional orientation of amphibole and clinozoisite define a  
181 crude foliation parallel to the regional foliation. Large corundum grains ( $Crn_1$ ) in both the



182 domains are embedded in a matrix consisting of polygonal plagioclase ( $Pl_{mx}$ ) and amphibole  
183 ( $Am_{mx}$ ) (Fig.4b).  $Crn_1$  is not in direct contact with amphibole and is separated from it by  
184 successive coronae of green spinel (proximal to corundum) and plagioclase ( $Pl_m$ ; toward the  
185 amphibole-plagioclase matrix) (Figs.4b and 4c). Where present, clinozoisite ( $Czo_1$ ) does not  
186 show any involvement in the spinel-plagioclase forming reaction. Hence,  $Czo_1$  is considered to  
187 be stable at this stage. The size of the plagioclase grains in the plagioclase rind ( $Pl_m$ ) is distinctly  
188 larger than the plagioclase grains in the matrix ( $Pl_{mx}$ ) (Fig.4c). In most cases  $Crn_1$  is partially  
189 (Figs.4b and 4c) or completely pseudomorphed by spinel but in rare instances  $Crn_1$  grains do not  
190 develop spinel corona but are surrounded by a granoblastic fabric formed by  $Czo_1$ ,  $Crn_1$  and  $Pl_{mx}$   
191 (Fig.4d). Contacts among these three phases are obscured by the development of chlorite (Chl)  
192 flakes. Aggregates of randomly oriented chlorite flakes and acicular clinozoisite ( $Czo_2$ ) replace  
193 the amphibole and the plagioclase in the matrix (Fig.4e). Locally, coronitic spinel that develops  
194 over corundum is replaced by an aggregate of magnetite, corundum ( $Crn_2$ ) and chlorite  
195 (Fig.4f). The textural features described above are consistent with the following sequence of  
196 mineral growth:  $Crn_1$ +amphibole +  $Czo_1$ + plagioclase (matrix) to spinel + plagioclase (rind) to  
197 chlorite +  $Czo_2$  ~  $Crn_2$ +magnetite+chlorite. Clinozoisite appears to be stable throughout the  
198 evolution of the studied rock.

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## MINERAL CHEMISTRY

200 Detail chemical analyses of minerals were carried out in six anorthosite samples. Representative  
201 mineral compositions in the pseudomorph domain are presented in Tables 1a-1d. Details of the  
202 analytical procedure are presented in the Appendix. In the following section salient  
203 compositional characteristics of the different minerals are described.

## 204 **Amphibole**

205 Representative amphibole analyses are presented in Table 1a. The amphibole is highly calcic  
206 (~1.6-1.9 apfu), magnesian [ $X_{Mg} = Mg/(Mg+Fe^{2+}) = \sim 0.76-0.81$ , Table 1a] and aluminous (~2.3-  
207 2.7 apfu, Table 1a). Small and variable amount of Cr (up to ~0.09 apfu) and Ti (up to ~0.03  
208 apfu) are noted in the analyzed amphibole (Table 1a). The mineral does not show any  
209 compositional zoning. In the classification of Leake et al. (2004), most of the amphibole  
210 compositions are plotted within the field of tschermakite with a few data straddling the boundary  
211 between tschermakite and magnesiohornblende. In one sample (S160), some amphibole  
212 compositions from the amphibole plagioclase matrix are rich in (Na+K) and are plotted in the  
213 field of pargasite. In all samples, there is no major difference in the compositions of amphiboles  
214 from domains A and B. However, a few amphibole grains ( $Am_m$ ) that develop close to the SCP  
215 are rich in  $Al_2O_3$  (by ~ 2 wt%) than the amphibole ( $Am_{mx}$ ) present in the amphibole-plagioclase  
216 matrix (Table-1a).

## 217 **Spinel**

218 The spinel is rich in Mg [ $X_{Mg} = Mg/(Mg+Fe^{2+}) = \sim 0.53-0.68$ , Table 1b] but is low in Cr [up to  
219 0.003 apfu,  $Cr_{\#} = 100 Cr/(Cr+Al) =$  up to ~0.1],  $Fe^{3+}$  [up to ~0.07 apfu,  $Fe^{3+\#} = 100$   
220  $Fe^{3+}/(Fe^{3+}+Al + Cr) = 1.6-3.7$ ],  $TiO_2$  (~up to 0.001 apfu) and ZnO (~upto 0.002 apfu).  $X_{Mg}$  of the  
221 spinel is significantly lower than the  $X_{Mg}$  of the adjoining amphibole (0.76-0.81). Individual  
222 grains of spinel are compositionally homogeneous.

## 223 **Corundum**

224 The corundum is Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-rich (>1.97 apfu, Table 1c) with small amount of Fe (up to 0.008 Fe<sup>3+</sup>  
225 apfu) and Cr (<0.03 apfu, Table 1c). The chromium content imparts blood red color to corundum  
226 (ruby).

### 227 **Plagioclase**

228 The plagioclase is highly calcic (An<sub>≥89</sub>, Table 1d) and a few analyses have nearly pure anorthite  
229 composition (An<sub>99</sub>, Table 1d). All the plagioclase analyses show insignificant K. Owing to the  
230 extreme calcic nature, no significant compositional difference was noted between the plagioclase  
231 grains from different textural settings in the same sample (e.g., matrix and moat plagioclase, in  
232 domains A and B). However, the composition of the plagioclase grains varies from one sample  
233 to another.

### 234 **Clinozoisite**

235 The clinozoisite contains only 4-6 mol% pistacite molecules (~0.12-0.18 Fe<sup>3+</sup> apfu) and does not  
236 show any significant compositional zoning (Table 1c).

### 237 **Chlorite**

238 The chlorite in all the three samples is highly magnesian [ X<sub>Mg</sub>= Mg / (Mg+Fe<sup>2+</sup>)= 0.83-0.84  
239 with alumina content varying from ~2.6 to 2.9 Al apfu (Table 1d). Minor and variable amount of  
240 Ti and Cr are noted in the analyses (each up to 0.002 apfu, Table 1d).

## 241 **THE SCP AND ELEMENT MOBILITY- A MASS BALANCE APPROACH**

242 Being a product of constant volume process, pseudomorphism provides a reference frame for  
243 studying mobility of elements at least within the volume of the pseudomorph (e.g., Nijland and

244 Touret 2001; Hövelmann et al. 2010). In the following sections we have first discussed the  
245 principles of mass-balance approach and then its application to the SCP in the rocks of our study.

246 Following the composition-volume relationship algorithms of Grant (1986) and Gresens  
247 (1967) and their subsequent modifications (e.g., Philpotts and Ague 2009), change in  
248 concentration of a component 'j' in a mineral during its chemical alteration can be given as:

$$249 \quad \Delta C_j = (V^f/V^o) (\rho^f/\rho^o) (C_j^f/C_j^o) - 1 \quad -(1)$$

250 Where,  $\Delta C_j$ — Change in concentration of j

251  $C_j^f$  and  $C_j^o$ — Final and initial concentration of 'j'

252  $V^f$  and  $V^o$ — volume of the product phase spinel and original corundum grain respectively.

253  $\rho^f$  and  $\rho^o$ — Density of product spinel and original corundum

254 For constant volume process, the equation (1) simplifies to,

$$255 \quad \Delta C_j = (\rho^f/\rho^o) (C_j^f/C_j^o) - 1 \quad -(2)$$

256 If 'j' behaves as an immobile component ( $\Delta C_j = 0$ ), equation (2) further simplifies to,

$$257 \quad C_j^f = (\rho^o/\rho^f) C_j^o \quad -(3)$$

258 Equation 3 defines a line in  $C^f$  vs.  $C^o$  space that passes through the origin and has a slope of  $\rho^o/\rho^f$ .

259 If we consider the composition of the corundum ( $C_{rn}$ ) and spinel (Spl) as 'initial/unaltered' and  
260 'final/altered' rock compositions respectively, then equation 3 can be written as,

$$261 \quad C_j^{spl} = (\rho^{crn}/\rho^{spl}) C_j^{crn} \quad -(4)$$

262 Any chemical species that remains immobile during pseudomorphous replacement of corundum  
263 by spinel will be plotted on the straight line defined by Equation (4). On the other hand, chemical  
264 species that are plotted above or below the line mark gain or loss of mass, respectively, during

265 pseudomorphous replacement. The densities of corundum and spinel used in the calculations are  
266  $3.93\text{g/cm}^3$  and  $3.75\text{g/cm}^3$ , respectively (see Appendix). It is evident from Figure 5a that none of  
267 the major elements including aluminum falls on or close to the “mass-conserved” line defined by  
268 Equation (4). It is also evident from Figure 5a that FeO, MgO and MnO are added to (mass  
269 gain) and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  have moved out (mass loss) of the volume of the SCP.  
270 Employing Equation 2, we have computed the magnitude of change of concentrations of these  
271 chemical species during the formation of the SCP and the results are presented in Figure 5b.  
272 Figure 5b suggests that to form the SCP  $\sim 37$  wt%  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  is lost which is chiefly compensated by  
273 a gain in concentrations of MgO ( $\sim 188280$  wt%) and FeO ( $\sim 3887$ wt%). Very high values of  
274 mass change for FeO and MgO are due to their very low concentrations in the reactant  
275 corundum. Concentrations of  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  are reduced by  $\sim 94$ wt% and  $\sim 90$ wt%, respectively  
276 whereas concentration of MnO is increased by  $\sim 91$ wt% (Fig.5b).

277 The foregoing analysis, though support mobility of several elements in the volume of  
278 SCP, does not confirm if these chemical species were also mobile in the scale of a thin section.  
279 To evaluate the latter possibility we obtained balanced chemical reactions through textural  
280 modeling of the studied rock and present the results below.

## 281 **TEXTURAL MODELING OF THE SCP- AN ALGEBRAIC ANALYSIS**

282 Textural features of the anorthosite suggest that the SCP was formed at the expense of corundum  
283 and amphibole (Figs.3 and 4c-4f). Algebraic analysis of mineral compositions is a powerful tool  
284 to obtain balanced chemical reactions that explain the mineralogy and texture of the rocks  
285 formed in open or close systems (Fisher 1989; Lang et al. 2004). Singular value decomposition  
286 (SVD) is a simple but robust technique that is widely used by the geoscientists for modeling

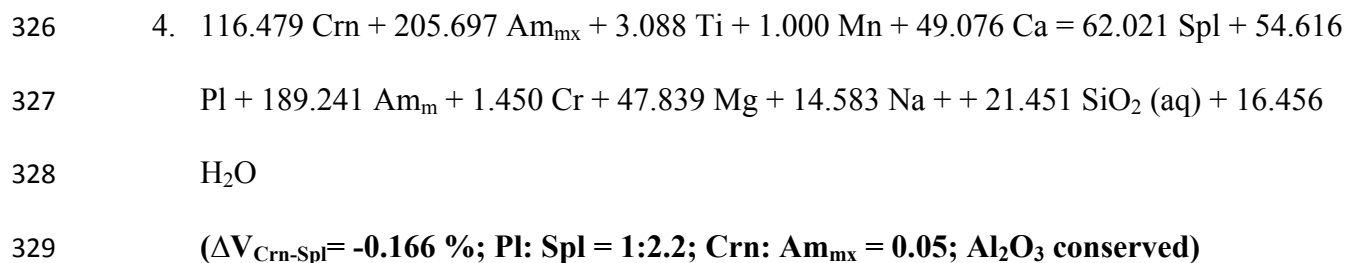
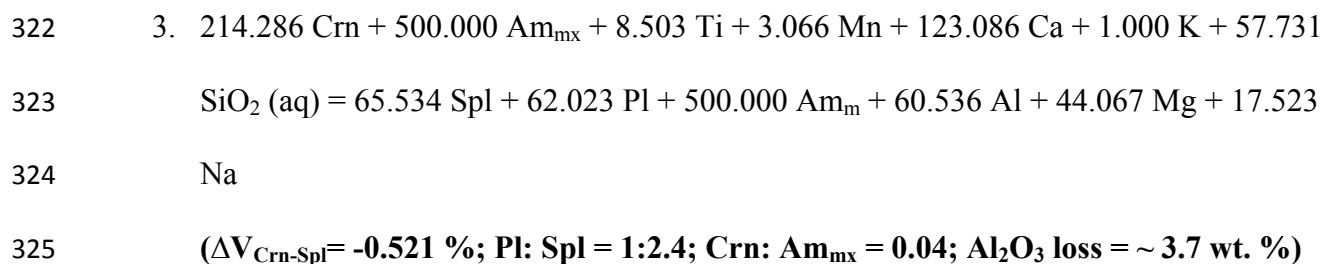
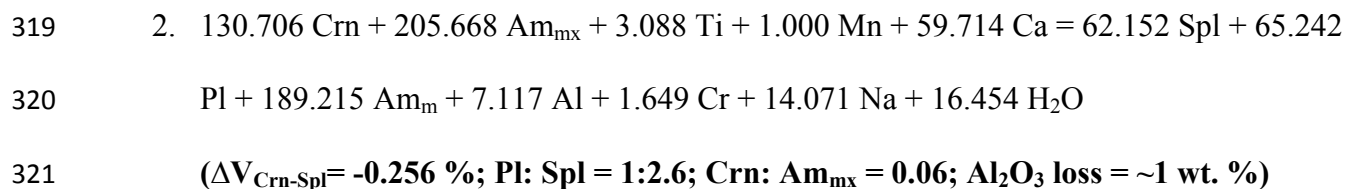
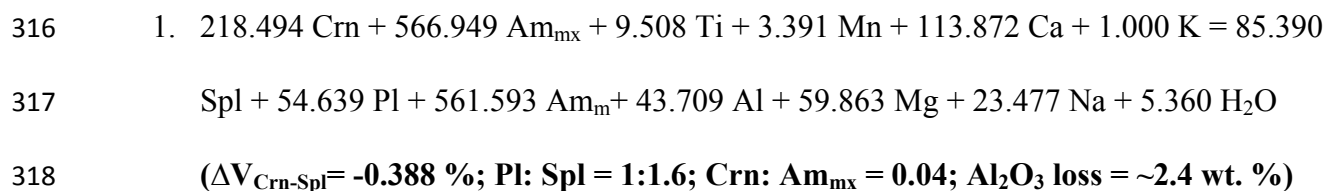
287 metamorphic textures (Lang and Rice 1985; Lang et al. 2004; Sengupta et al. 2009b and the  
288 references cited therein). This technique checks linear dependencies and suggests possible  
289 reactions from a compositional matrix  $M$  of  $m$  minerals in terms of  $n$  components (Lang et al.  
290 2004). In this study, the computer program CSpace (Torres-Roldan et al. 2000) was used to  
291 perform the matrix operation required for SVD. The chemical species whose compositions are  
292 suspected to have changed during the reactions are considered as mobile components during  
293 matrix operation. The mineral compositions that are used for the matrix analyses are indicated by  
294 asterisk mark in the compositional tables (Tables 1a-1d). For the present case, we have altogether  
295 15 (16 if two amphiboles  $Am_{mx}$  and  $Am_m$  are taken) minerals and mobile species ( $m$ ) that are  
296 defined by 12 system components ( $n$ ). The CSpace program returns several balanced chemical  
297 reactions solving the  $m \times n$  matrix. Of the probable reactions, those that satisfy the following  
298 criteria are likely to explain the formation of the SCP in the studied rocks:

- 299 a. The reactant and product phases as deduced from the textures must line on the opposite  
300 sides of the reaction(s).
- 301 b. Volume ratio of spinel: plagioclase calculated from the modeled chemical reaction would  
302 lie close to 1:2 (1:1.7 to 1:2.3 as observed from petrography).
- 303 c. The volumes of spinel and corundum in the deduced reactions must be similar. This is an  
304 essential criterion for pseudomorphism (e.g. Putnis 2002).

305 Modeling chemical reactions that triggered the formation of SCP requires composition of pristine  
306 amphibole. Studies have shown that composition of pristine amphibole may change significantly  
307 due to complex chemical substitutions with progress of chemical reactions involving amphibole  
308 (reviewed in Schumacher 2007). In Sittampundi anorthosite, amphibole compositions do not

309 marked variation between corundum-bearing and corundum-free layers. However, a few  
310 amphibole grains that develop proximal to SCP ( $Am_m$ ) is slightly Al-rich compared to amphibole  
311 that develop in the amphibole plagioclase matrix ( $Am_{mx}$ ). Exact reason for this compositional  
312 variation of amphibole is unclear. One possibility is that  $Am_m$  could form along with spinel and  
313 moat plagioclase ( $Pl_m$ ) that separate corundum from matrix plagioclase and amphibole. In view  
314 of this, we have used both  $Am_{mx}$  and  $Am_m$  in textural modeling.

315 Using the aforesaid textural criteria (a-c) as filters the following reactions are obtained:



330  $Am_m$  and  $Am_{mx}$  represent compositions of tschermakite developed close to SCP and in the  
331 matrix respectively (Table 1a). For each reaction we have calculated the difference in the  
332 volumes of the reactant corundum and the product spinel ( $\Delta V_{Crn-Spl}$ ) and volume ratio of  
333 plagioclase: spinel and corundum: matrix amphibole using the molar volume data of minerals at  
334 7 kbar and 700 °C (see Appendix). The justification for the chosen P-T values will be discussed  
335 later. The amount of mobile aluminum (in  $Al_2O_3$  wt%) is calculated from the measured mineral  
336 compositions. Modeled chemical reactions 1-4 predict that several elements including Mg and  
337  $SiO_2$  became mobile during the formation of the SCP. While reactions 1-3 suggest that  
338 aluminum too became mobile, reaction 4 predicts Al-conserved reaction during the growth of  
339 SCP. Petrological information cannot identify which of the four reactions was responsible for the  
340 growth of SCP. The stoichiometry of reactions 1 - 3 suggests that only small amount of  $Al_2O_3$   
341 (~1-3.7 wt%) became mobile. In view of that it seems likely that large amount of  $Al_2O_3$  (~37  
342 wt%) that was released during the transformation of corundum to spinel was practically locked  
343 in the structure of product plagioclase (that developed rind around the SCP) and in  $Am_m$   
344 (developed close to plagioclase rind).

#### 345 **THE SCP AS A RECORDER OF METAMORPHIC P-T PATH**

346 The mineral assemblages of the corundum-bearing anorthosite are not suitable for application of  
347 conventional geothermobarometry. Nevertheless, coexisting ortho- and clinopyroxenes in the  
348 adjoining Mn-poor BIF that is co-metamorphosed with the SCP-bearing anorthosite provides  
349 some temperature constraint (700 – 750 °C). The deduced temperature is to be treated as  
350 minimum temperature during c. 2.46 Ga metamorphism as the pristine pyroxene compositions  
351 might have reset during cooling. In the following section an attempt has been made to constrain  
352 the physical conditions of formation of the peak metamorphic assemblage corundum ( $Crn_1$ ) +



353 plagioclase ( $Pl_{mx}$ ) + amphibole + clinozoisite ( $Czo_1$ ) (referred to as  $C_1PACz$ ) and of the  
354 retrograde assemblages spinel + plagioclase + clinozoisite ( $SPCz$ ) and  $Crn_2$  + clinozoisite +  
355 chlorite ( $C_2CzCh$ ) that developed in the anorthosite. For this purpose, a partial petrogenetic grid  
356 has been constructed in the systems  $Na_2O$ - $CaO$ - $Al_2O_3$ - $SiO_2$ - $H_2O$  (NCASH) and  $Na_2O$ - $CaO$ -  
357  $MgO$ - $Al_2O_3$ - $SiO_2$ - $H_2O$  (NCMASH) involving the minerals plagioclase, amphibole, clinozoisite,  
358 kyanite, margarite, corundum, spinel, garnet, and chlorite. Most of these minerals form solid  
359 solution and hence, their chemical potentials are adjusted for activities calculated from measured  
360 chemical composition. As garnet did not develop in the rock, the chemical potential of pure  
361 grossular was used. The computation process of the petrogenetic grid and the activity models for  
362 the solid solution phases are presented in Appendix. In view of the mineralogy of the studied  
363 rock, three invariant points ( $I_{1-3}$ ) in the system NCMASH and one invariant point ( $I^*$ ) in the  
364 NCASH are considered. Additionally, one univariant reaction in the system NCASH that define  
365 the lower pressure stability limit of clinozoisite (clinozoisite  $\rightarrow$  grossular + anorthite + corundum  
366 +  $H_2O$ ) is also considered. The topology around the chosen NCMASH and NCASH invariant  
367 points is presented in Figures 6a and 6b. Some of the reactions are not shown for clarity. The  
368 reaction nets around the chosen invariant points bound P-T fields in which the assemblages  
369  $C_1PACz$ ,  $SPCz$  and  $C_2CzCh$  are stabilized (Fig. 6a). It is evident from Figure 6a that the peak  
370 metamorphic assemblage ( $C_1PACz$ ) was stabilized within the pressure-temperature range of 8-13  
371 kbar and ~650-780 °C. More restricted pressure range (~10-12 kbar) is obtained if the result of  
372 two pyroxene thermometry (700-750°C) from the co-metamorphosed BIF is superimposed on the  
373 phase diagram (Fig. 6a). The topological relations also suggest that reduced water activity that  
374 results from dilution of  $H_2O$  by  $CO_2$  and/or halide will displace the invariant points of Figure 6  
375 to higher pressure and lower temperature. It then follows that the estimated pressure of 10-12

376 kbar (at 700-750 °C) should be treated as the minimum pressure estimate for the stability of the  
377 peak metamorphic assemblage C<sub>1</sub>PACz. These P-T values overlap with the P-T values (11-12  
378 kbar, ~650 °C) obtained by Bhaskar Rao et al. (1996) from the enclosing garnetiferous mafic-  
379 ultramafic rocks (Fig.6b). Topology of Figure 6a also constrains that the assemblage SPCz that  
380 includes the SCP was formed in the P-T range of 6-8 kbar, 625-725 °C. Within the uncertainties  
381 of calculation, the estimated P-T value for SPCz overlaps with the P-T value obtained for the  
382 symplectitic assemblage replacing porphyroblastic garnet in the enclosing mafic-ultramafic rocks  
383 ( $7 \pm 1$  kbar,  $700 \pm 50$  °C, Bhaskar Rao et al.1996; our unpublished data; Fig.6b). The univariant  
384 reactions as depicted in Figure 6a further demonstrate that the assemblage C<sub>2</sub>CzCh was formed  
385 from spinel ± amphibole- bearing assemblage at temperature  $\leq 620$  °C and pressure 6-8kbar. This  
386 pressure-temperature range of the chlorite-bearing assemblage overlaps with the pressure-  
387 temperature values ( $7 \pm 1$  kbar,  $650 \pm 50$  °C) computed for the högbomite + chlorite +  
388 corundum- bearing assemblages developed in retrograded anorthosite from Sittampundi  
389 (Sengupta et al. 2009b) It is, therefore, likely that the assemblage C<sub>2</sub>CzCh formed late due to  
390 cooling and hydration, presumably under near isobaric condition (Fig.6b). During this hydration  
391 event, rocks of the SLC resided at ~7kbar and awaited fresh tectonism that brought them close to  
392 the surface of the earth from where weathering and erosion exposed them to the present position.

## 393 DISCUSSION

394 It is evident from the foregoing analysis that subsequent to its formation as a part of the  
395 Archaean oceanic crust in suprasubduction zone setting (Dutta et al. 2011), the SLC underwent  
396 fluid-induced metamorphic reconstitution during c. 2.46 Ga high-grade event. At the first stage,  
397 the highly calcic anorthosite developed the assemblage C<sub>1</sub>PACz. Estimated physical condition of  
398 metamorphism for the peak assemblage C<sub>1</sub>PACz ( $11 \pm 1$  kbar,  $725 \pm 25$  °C) points to burial of

399 the ‘fossil’ oceanic crust (depth of formation of anorthosite <7 km, Dutta et al. 2011) to a depth  
400 of ~33–40km. Mineral reaction that led to stabilization of porphyroblastic corundum in the  
401 anorthosite and in the interbanded amphibolite is unclear. Features such as, (a) random  
402 orientation of Crn<sub>1</sub> throughout the volume of the rock, and (b) absence of the assemblages with  
403 kyanite + clinozoisite ± corundum and corundum + clinopyroxene speak against the idea that the  
404 corundum-bearing anorthosite represents a ultra-high pressure rock (Morishita et al. 2004; Sajeev  
405 et al. 2009). Desilication and decalcification of calcic plagioclase and amphibole appears to  
406 explain most of the mesoscopic features of porphyroblastic corundum (e.g., Bucher et al. 2005;  
407 Raith et al. 2008). Existing tectonic models suggest that burial of oceanic crust to a depth >30km  
408 is only possible in subduction zones (Platt 1993; Zhang et al. 2006; Ota and Kaneko 2010; van  
409 Hunen and Moyen 2012 and the references cited therein). It then follows that the SLC which was  
410 a part of an Archaean suprasubduction zone was transformed to a subduction zone and buried to  
411 depth of >30 km at c. 2.46 Ga. The estimated physical condition of formation of C<sub>1</sub>PACz (~11 ±  
412 1kbar and 725 ± 25°C) corresponds to a thermal gradient of 17-22°C/km at the time of the c. 2.46  
413 Ga tectonothermal event. Such apparent thermal gradient which overlaps the domain of high  
414 pressure metamorphism (≤20 °C/km) is sparsely reported from the rocks of early  
415 Palaeoproterozoic age (>2.0 Ga, reviewed in Brown 2007; Anderson et al. 2012). High heat flow  
416 of the ancient earth is deemed responsible for the rarity of high pressure metamorphism at the  
417 dawn of the Proterozoic and earlier (reviewed in Brown 2007). Our study corroborates the  
418 contention of Anderson et al. (2012) that low thermal gradient that is characteristic of the  
419 orogenic belts of the Mesoproterozoic and younger time also existed in the south Indian granulite  
420 belt at the dawn of Proterozoic.

421 In the second stage, the subducted oceanic crust that is represented by high-pressure rock  
422 of the SLC was exhumed from  $11 \pm 1$  kbar to  $7 \pm 1$  kbar along a steep P-T path (Figs. 6b).  
423 Infiltration-driven processes during this exhumation destabilized the porphyroblastic corundum  
424 and the amphibole and triggered the growth of the SCP with plagioclase rind. A large mismatch  
425 of crystallographic parameters exist between spinel (cubic) and corundum (hexagonal) and their  
426 textural relations are consistent with the idea that solution (of corundum)-precipitation (of spinel)  
427 process was instrumental in the formation of the SCP (Putnis 2002, 2009; Putnis et al. 2005;  
428 Putnis and Putnis 2007; Putnis and John 2010). Mass-balance calculations performed on SCP  
429 show that several chemical species including Al became mobile during the formation of SCP.  
430 However, modeling of reaction textures show that aluminum that was released during the  
431 formation of SCP was practically locked in the product minerals (plagioclase and amphibole)  
432 that develop proximal to SCP. This study therefore supports the low solubility of aluminum in  
433 metamorphic fluid.

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594 **Figure 1.** Generalized geological map of Cauvery Shear System (CSS; Chetty, 1996) (modified  
595 after the geological map of Tamil Nadu, 1: 250 000 scale, published by the Geological Survey of  
596 India 1995). The studied area is marked by a square in the inset. Various shear zones in CSS and  
597 adjoining areas are shown in the inset. DC- Dharwar Craton, FL- Fergore line separating  
598 northern DC from the Southern India Granulite Terrane, NGT- Northern Granulite Terrane,  
599 MSZ- Moyar shear zone, BSZ- Bhavani shear zone, MBASZ- Moyar-Bhavani-Attur shear zone,  
600 PCSZ- Palghat– Cauvery shear zone, MB- Madurai Block, KKPTSZ- Karur–Kumbum–Panivu–  
601 Trichur shear zone (Ghosh et al., 2004), ACSZ- Achankovil shear zone, KKB- Kerala khondalite  
602 belt, BLC- Bhavani layered complex, SLC- Sittampundi layered complex.

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604 **Figure 2. (a)**- Dismembered band of clinopyroxenite dykes (dark) within anorthosite (white).  
605 Note the large porphyroblastic garnet (Grt) grains in the clinopyroxenite dyke. **(b)**- Amphibole  
606 (Am) rich layers (dark) within anorthosite (white). **(c)**- Dimensional orientation of amphibole  
607 (Am) grains defining the foliation within anorthosite. In the middle of the slab a cm-thick  
608 chromite (Chr) layer is present within the anorthosite. Note that the chromite (Chr) layer is  
609 stretched parallel to the foliation defined by amphibole (Am). Pink corundum (Crn<sub>1</sub>) with a rim  
610 of spinel is seen within anorthosite in the lower part of the slab. **(d)**- Haphazard orientation of  
611 large amphibole (Am) grains within anorthosite (white). The Mineral abbreviations are after  
612 Kretz et al. (1983).

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614 **Figure 3. (a)**- Large corundum (Crn<sub>1</sub>) with hexagonal outline is embedded within amphibole rich  
615 (dark) domain within anorthosite. Note that Spinel (Spl) that rims Crn<sub>1</sub> also retains the hexagonal  
616 shape of the original Crn<sub>1</sub> (pseudomorph). Also note that a rind of plagioclase (Pl<sub>m</sub>) separates Spl  
617 from matrix amphibole (Am<sub>mx</sub>) + plagioclase (Pl<sub>mx</sub>). Domain-B. See text. **(b)**- Prismatic Crn<sub>1</sub>  
618 (ruby) cuts the foliation defined by Am (dark green) in Domain-B. In Domain-A (lower half)  
619 Crn<sub>1</sub> shows oval to hexagonal outline. These features are consistent with haphazard orientation  
620 of Crn<sub>1</sub> in the rock volume. Spl rim on Crn<sub>1</sub> grains are also seen. Note that some Crn<sub>1</sub> grains are  
621 completely pseudomorphed by Spl. See text. **(c)**- Development of coarse Crn<sub>1</sub> in Am-Pl<sub>mx</sub>  
622 matrix. Crn<sub>1</sub> develops Spl rims of variable thickness. Spl retains the shape of Crn<sub>1</sub> and is  
623 surrounded by Pl<sub>m</sub> near Am. Coronal Spl send vein towards the interior and fill fractures within  
624 the Crn<sub>1</sub> grains. See text. Complete pseudomorphic replacement of Crn<sub>1</sub> by Spl is also seen. The  
625 mineral abbreviations are after Kretz et al. (1983). **(d)**-Boudinaged prismatic Crn<sub>1</sub> (ruby) crystal

626 partially replaced by Spl within plagioclase rich domain (Domain-A). Note that Spl retains the  
627 shape of the Crn<sub>1</sub>boudins. Patches of amphibole (Am<sub>m</sub>) are seen close to the Crn<sub>1</sub>-Spl domain.

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629 **Figure 4. (a)**- Granoblastic fabric defined by polygonal grains of plagioclase (Pl<sub>mx</sub>) and  
630 amphibole (Am<sub>mx</sub>) grains in the matrix of anorthosite. Plane polarized light. **(b)**- Partial  
631 replacement of Crn<sub>1</sub> by Spl. Note the development of Pl<sub>m</sub> around Spl. Plane polarized light. **(c)**-  
632 Same as Fig.(b) note that grains of Pl<sub>m</sub> has larger size than that of Pl<sub>mx</sub>. Domain-B, anorthosite.  
633 Plane polarised light. **(d)**- Granoblastic texture shown by corundum (Crn<sub>1</sub>), plagioclase (Pl<sub>mx</sub>)  
634 and clinozoisite (Czo<sub>1</sub>). Note the development of haphazard chlorite (Chl) flakes along the  
635 contacts of the porphyroblastic phases. Crossed nicols. **(e)**- Aggregate of clinozoisite (Czo<sub>2</sub>) +  
636 chlorite (Chl) separate Pl<sub>mx</sub> and amphibole (Am<sub>mx</sub>). Domain-A. Crossed nicols. **(f)**- Breakdown  
637 of coronitic Spl by into an aggregate of corundum (Crn<sub>2</sub>; black) + magnetite (Mag; bright) +  
638 chlorite (Chl; flaky) against plagioclase rind (Pl<sub>m</sub>). Domain-A. BSE image. The abbreviations for  
639 phases are same as in Figure 2 and 3 (after Kretz et al. 1983).

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641 **Figure 5. (a)**-  $C_j^{spl}$  vs.  $C_j^{crn}$  diagram demonstrating the gains and losses of different elements  
642 during the formation of spinel with corundum pseudomorphs (SCP). Initial concentration of  
643 various species in corundum ( $C_j^{crn}$ ) is plotted against the final concentration in spinel ( $C_j^{spl}$ ).  
644 Elements whose concentrations remain conserved should be plotted on the 'mass-conserved' line  
645 having slope given by  $(\rho^{crn}/\rho^{spl})$ . See Equation 4 in the text. Species plotting above or below  
646 'mass-conserved' Line infer mass gain or loss during the formation of SCP. Note that the

647 formation of SCP was accompanied by the loss of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{TiO}_2$  which in turn is  
648 compensated by the gain of  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{FeO}$  and  $\text{MnO}$ . **(b)**- Percentages of mass change undergone by  
649 individual species during the formation of SCP. Species having negative values indicate mass  
650 loss while those having positive values indicate mass gain. The extremely high positive values  
651 for  $\text{FeO}$  and  $\text{MgO}$  (plots outside the shown scale) are related to the low concentration of these  
652 species in corundum.

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654 **Figure 6. (a)** Activity adjusted partial petrogenetic grid in the system  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}-\text{CaO}-\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3-\text{SiO}_2-$   
655  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (NCASH) and  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}-\text{CaO}-\text{MgO}-\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3-\text{SiO}_2-\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (NCMASH) involving the minerals those  
656 are relevant to this study. P-T stability fields of the peak assemblage  $\text{Crn}_1+\text{Pl}+\text{Am}+\text{Czo}_1$   
657 ( $\text{C}_1\text{PACz}$ ) and retrograded assemblages  $\text{Spl}+\text{Pl}+\text{Czo}$  ( $\text{SPCz}$ ) and  $\text{Crn}_2+\text{Czo}+\text{Chl}$  ( $\text{C}_2\text{CzCh}$ ) of the  
658 studied anorthosite are shaded. Lines marked (a) and (b) represent the temperature range  
659 estimated from the enclosing BIF.  $I_{1-3}$  and  $I^*$  are the invariant points in the NCMASH and  
660 NCASH systems respectively. **(b)** Metamorphic P-T path deduced from the SCP-bearing  
661 anorthosite. 'x' and 'y' represent the P-T ranges for the peak and retrograde assemblages as  
662 obtained from the mafic granulites by Bhaskar Rao et al. 1996 (see text). The bold and dashed  
663 line with an arrow head represents the probable P-T path traversed by the studied rock. Some of  
664 the reaction lines and labels are omitted for clarity. The abbreviations for phases are after Kretz  
665 et al. (1983).

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## APPENDIX

667 **Mineral abbreviation**

668 The mineral name abbreviations used here are after Kretz et al. 1983. Amphibole is  
669 abbreviated as 'Am'. Subscript 'm' and 'mx' are used after mineral abbreviation (Am and Pl) to  
670 indicate the presence of the phase near or within SCP and within matrix respectively. Different  
671 generations of the same mineral is denoted by mentioning '1' or '2' for first or second generation  
672 respectively in the subscript of the mineral abbreviation e.g., Crn<sub>1</sub> and Crn<sub>2</sub>.

### 673 **Microprobe analysis**

674 Representative compositions of the minerals in the pseudomorph forming domains were  
675 measured with CAMECA-SX 100 at Geological Survey of India, Kolkata. Analyses were carried  
676 out with an electron beam (1-2µm diameter) operated at 15kv and 15 nA. Details of the  
677 analytical procedure and the standard used for analyses are given in Sengupta et al. (2011).

### 678 **Activity-composition relations used for Figure 6**

679 For construction of activity adjusted topologies in the system Na<sub>2</sub>O-CaO-MgO-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-  
680 SiO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O (NCMASH) and Na<sub>2</sub>O-CaO-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O (NCASH), A-X program of Holland  
681 and Powell (2001) is used.

### 682 **Molar volumes and densities of minerals**

683 The molar volume (V) and density (ρ) of the minerals that are used in this study are  
684 calculated at 7 kbar, 700 °C, the mean pressure-temperature estimated for the SCP. The  
685 thermodynamic data of Holland and Powell (1998 updated in 2002) and the computer program of  
686 PERPLEX (Connolly, 2005) are used to obtain the molar volume and density data.

Phases	Crn	Spl	Pl(An)	Am(Ts)
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687	<b>V(J/mol/bar)</b>	2.593	4.060	10.106	27.094
688					
689	<b><math>\rho(\text{g/cm}^3)</math></b>	3.93	3.75		

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692 For spinel, which is essentially a solid solution of  $\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4$  (Table 1b), molar  
693 volume and density is calculated by the relation –

694 
$$V_{\text{spinel}} = [(X_{\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4} \times V^{\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4}) + (X_{\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4} \times V^{\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4})]$$

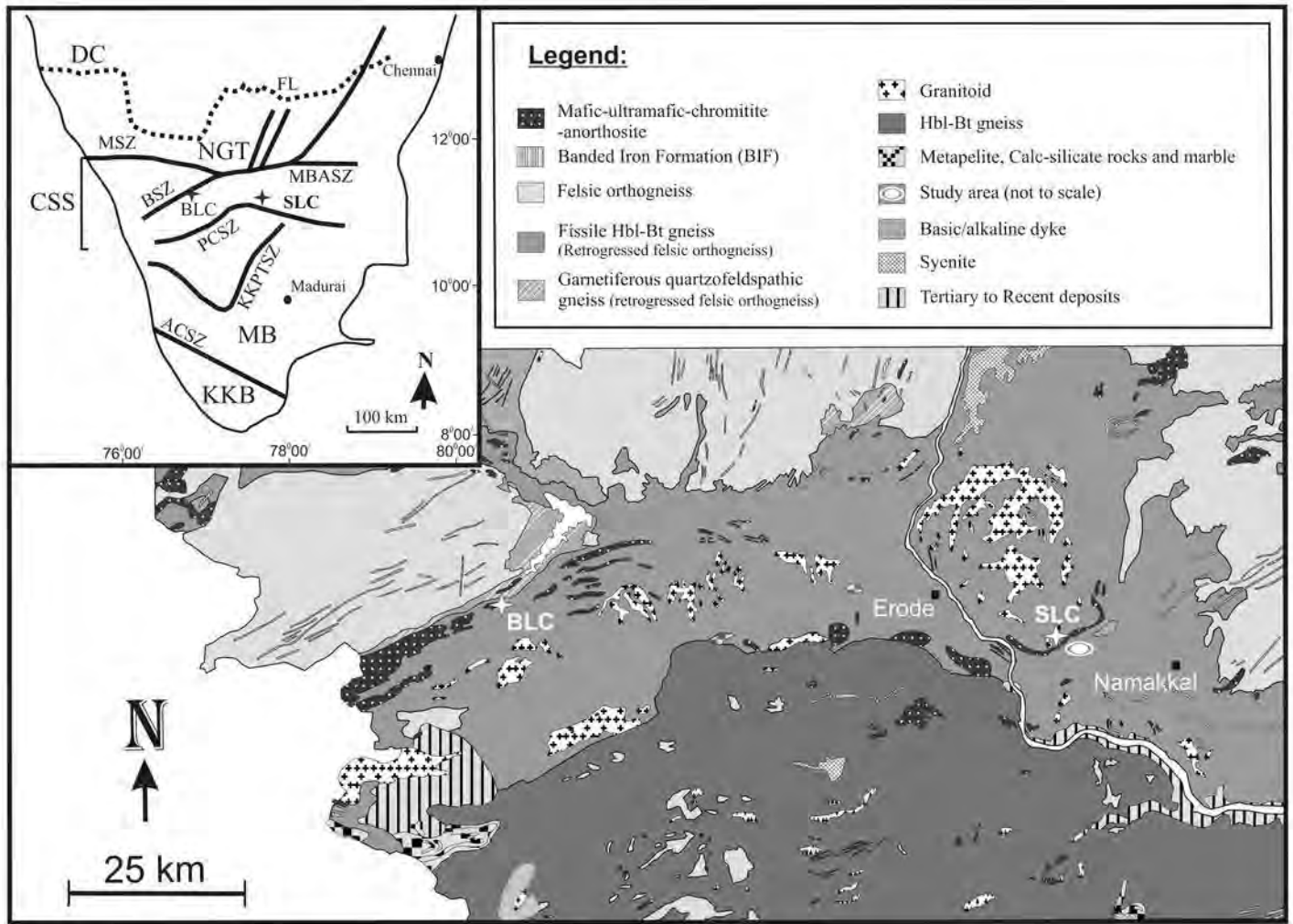
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$$\rho_{\text{spinel}} = [(X_{\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4} \times \rho^{\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4}) + (X_{\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4} \times \rho^{\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4})]$$

696 where,  $X_{\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4}$  represents molar mole fraction of  $\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4$  etc. The values of the used inputs in  
697 the above calculation are -  $X_{\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4} = 0.68$  ;  $X_{\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4} = 0.32$  ;  $V^{\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4} = 4.030 \text{ g/cm}^3$  ;  $V^{\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4} =$   
698  $4.124 \text{ g/cm}^3$  ;  $\rho^{\text{MgAl}_2\text{O}_4} = 3.53 \text{ g/cm}^3$  ;  $\rho^{\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4} = 4.215 \text{ g/cm}^3$ .

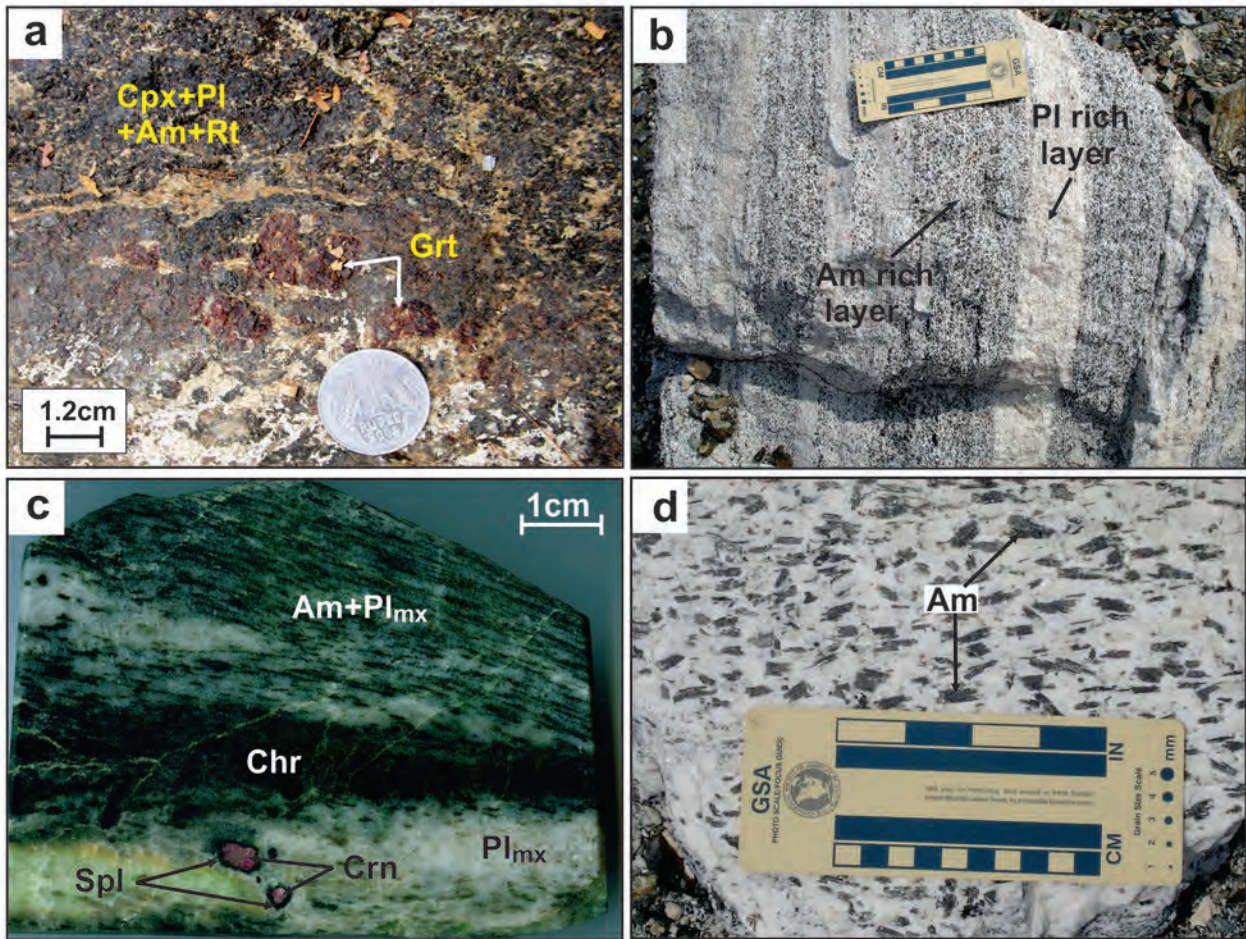
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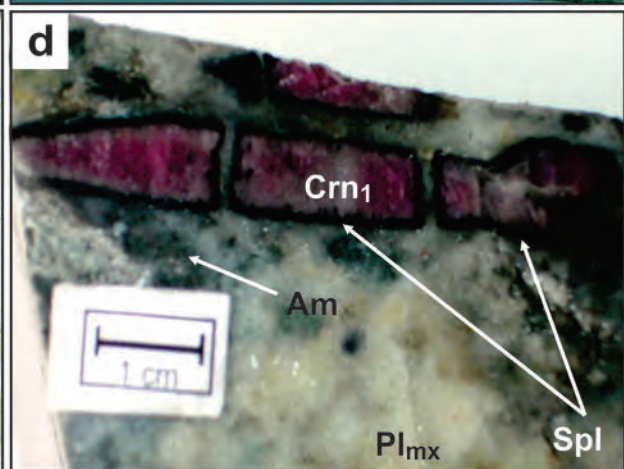
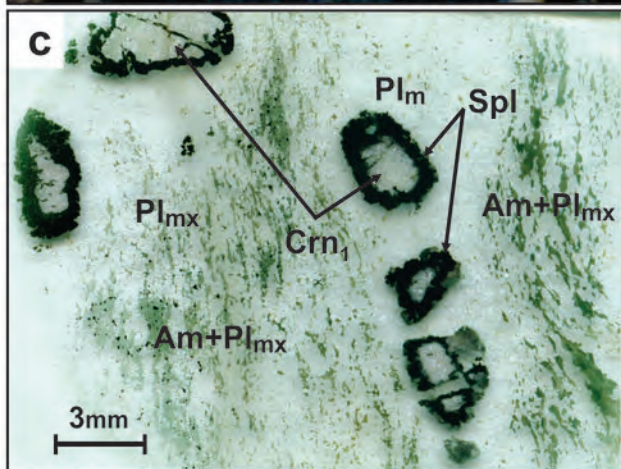
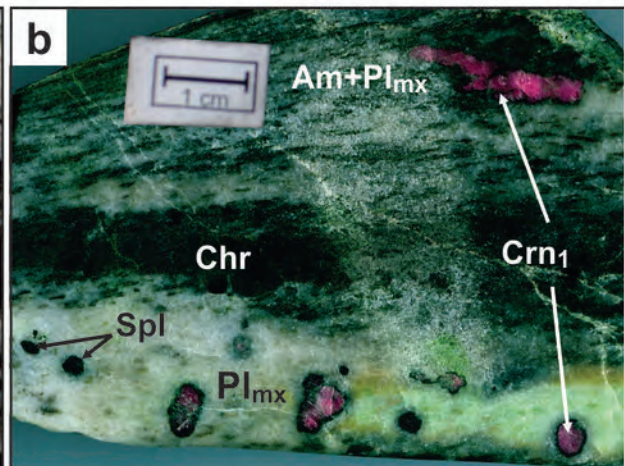
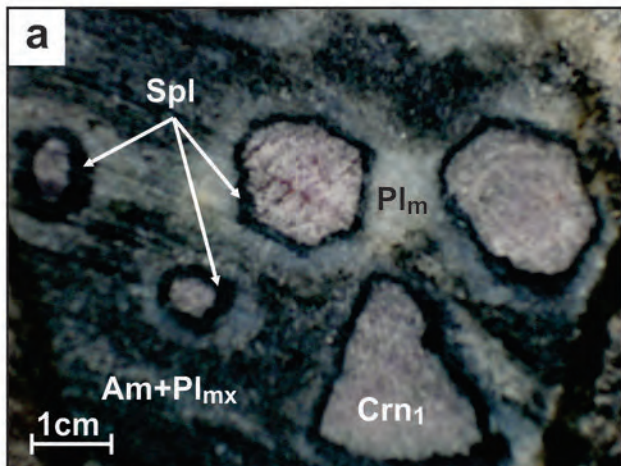
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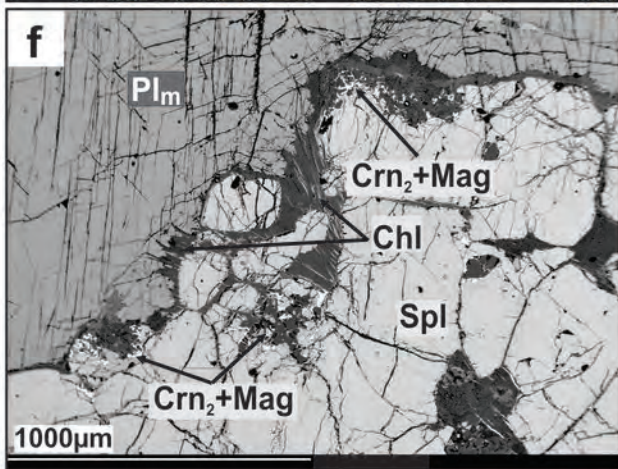
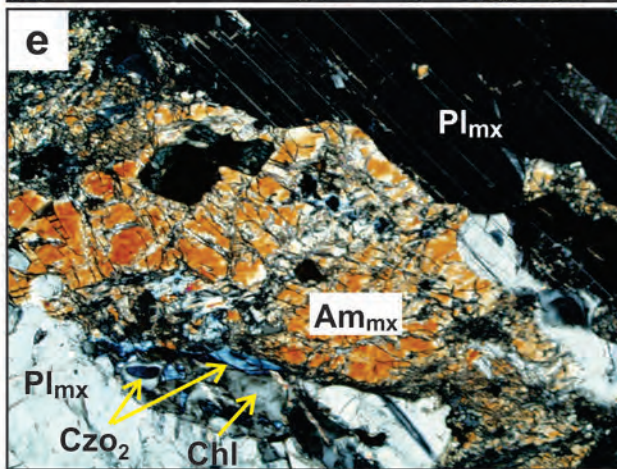
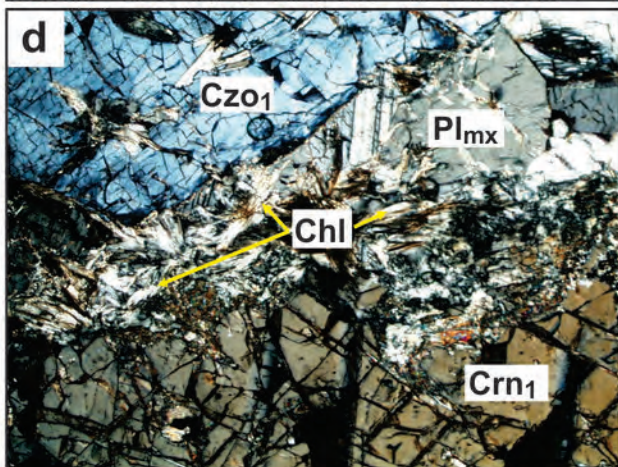
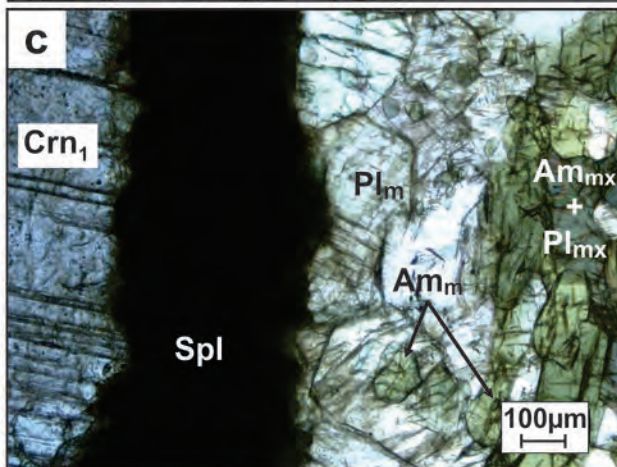
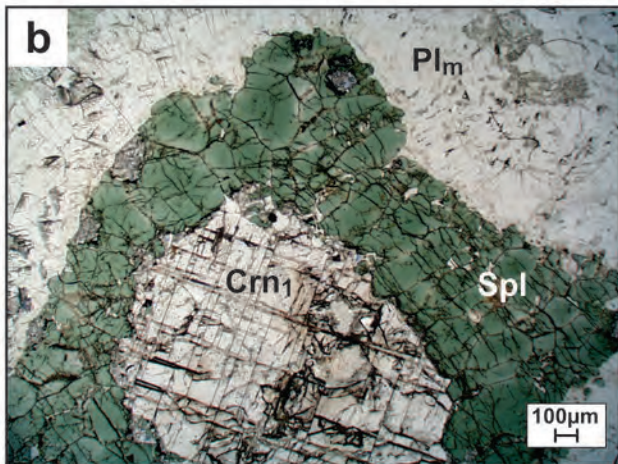
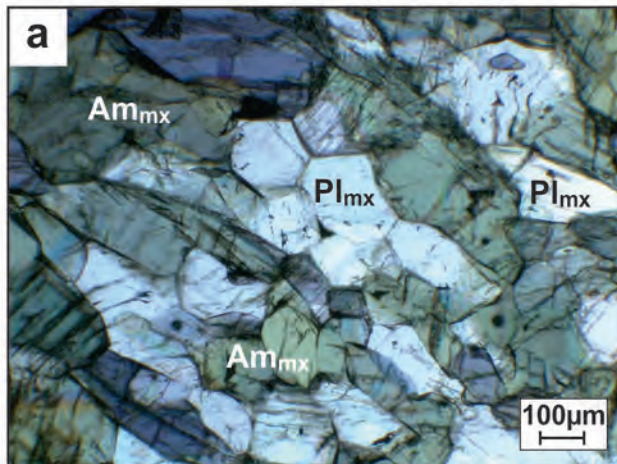
**Figure 1**



**Figure 2**



**Figure 3**



**Figure 4a-4f**

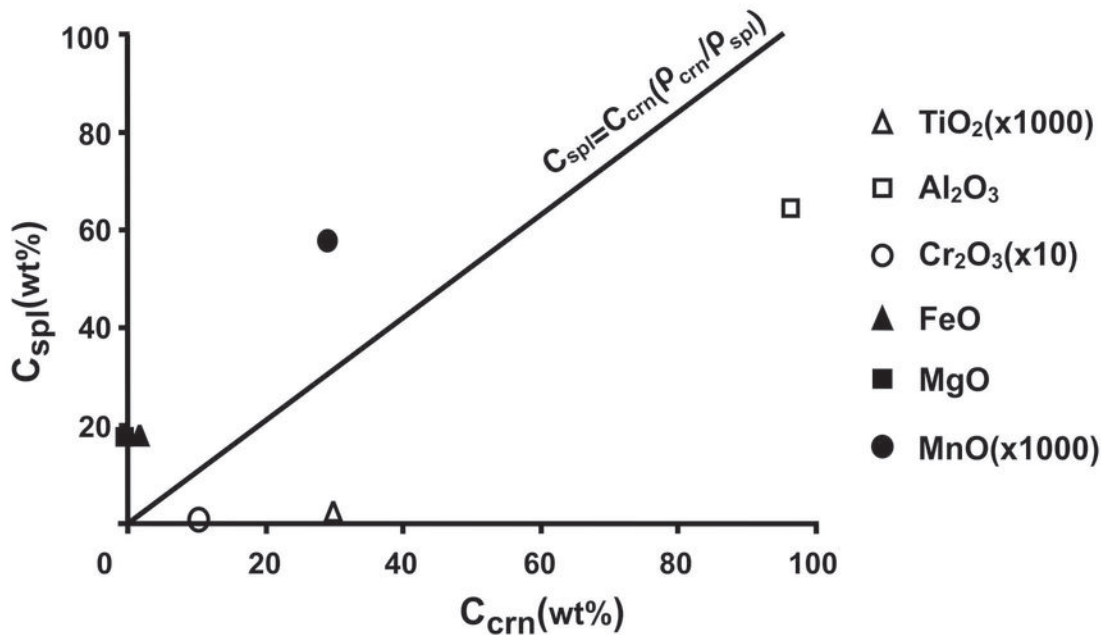


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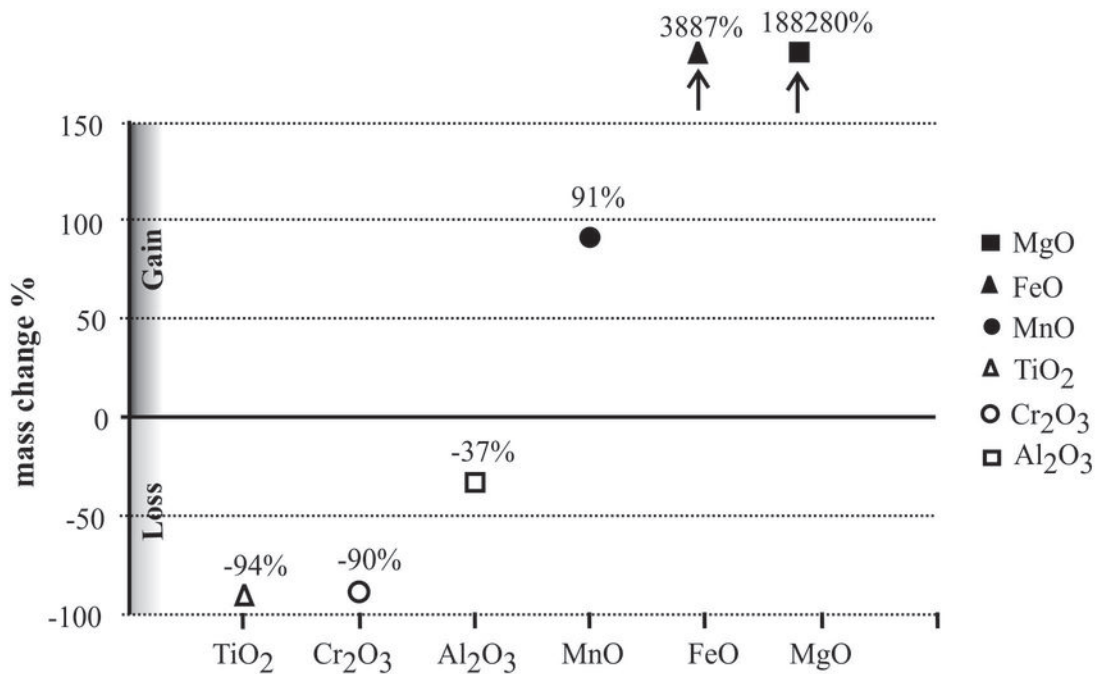


Figure 5b

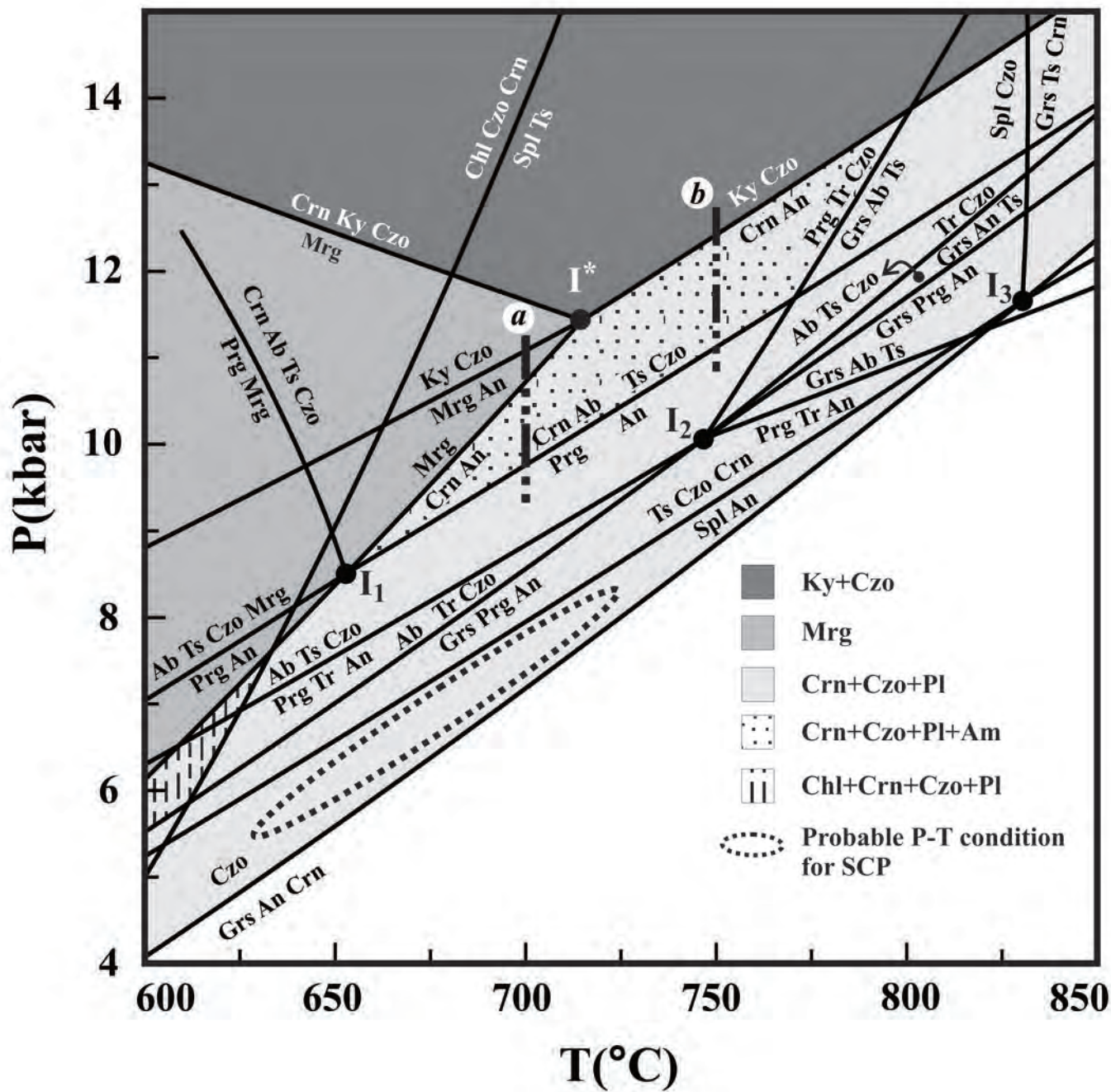
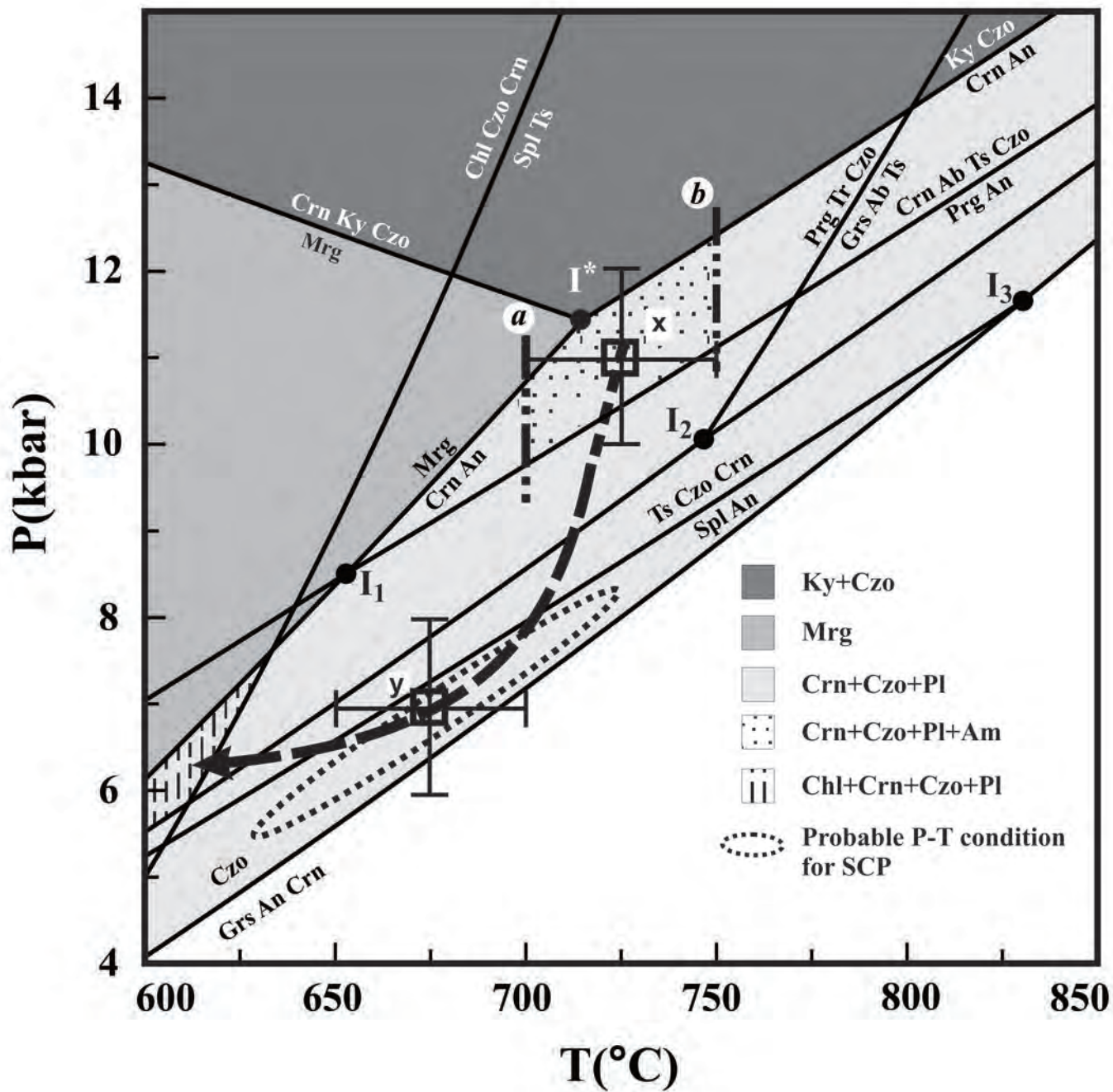


Figure 6a





**Figure 6b**

**Table 1a. Representative microprobe analyses of amphibole.**

Sample	S135-83	S135-84	S135-102	S140-100	S160-28*	S160-62	S160-231
SiO <sub>2</sub>	45.75	46.29	45.27	45.24	43.40	43.83	44.35
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.04	0.08	0.21	0.21	0.23	0.16	0.10
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	13.96	13.78	13.21	15.21	15.53	15.31	14.53
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.13	0.11	0.78	0.02	0.56	0.26	0.47
MgO	15.69	15.42	15.85	15.91	14.98	15.68	15.69
FeO	8.47	8.52	6.76	6.96	6.66	6.82	7.15
CaO	10.92	11.17	11.24	11.57	11.95	11.33	11.07
MnO	0.13	0.10	0.12	0.09	0.15	0.11	0.10
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1.99	2.04	2.02	2.19	1.89	2.24	2.13
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.06	0.13	0.10	0.06
Total	97.22	97.64	95.60	97.46	95.48	95.84	95.65
<i>Cations based on 23 oxygens</i>							
Si	6.549	6.595	6.565	6.427	6.318	6.348	6.435
Ti	0.005	0.009	0.023	0.022	0.025	0.017	0.011
Al	2.355	2.315	2.258	2.548	2.664	2.613	2.485
Cr	0.015	0.013	0.089	0.002	0.064	0.029	0.054
Mg	3.347	3.275	3.426	3.370	3.250	3.384	3.394
Fe	1.014	1.016	0.820	0.826	0.811	0.826	0.867
Ca	1.674	1.706	1.746	1.761	1.865	1.758	1.722
Mn	0.016	0.012	0.015	0.011	0.018	0.014	0.012
Na	0.552	0.563	0.568	0.603	0.533	0.628	0.600
K	0.023	0.023	0.026	0.012	0.025	0.019	0.012
Cation $\Sigma$	15.550	15.525	15.536	15.583	15.572	15.637	15.591
X <sub>Mg</sub>	0.77	0.76	0.81	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
Species**	Tsch	MH	MH	Tsch	Tsch <sub>m</sub>	Parg <sub>m</sub>	Tsch <sub>mx</sub>

X<sub>Mg</sub> = Mg / (Mg+Fe<sup>2+</sup>) ; Tsch- Tschermakite, MH- Magnesiohornblende, Parg- Pargasite

\* Analyses used for reaction modeling (m= amphibole near SCP; mx= matrix amphibole, see text)

\*\*Amphibole species nomenclature is after Leake et. al. (2004).

S160-234	S160-243*
44.39	43.83
0.11	0.08
14.71	14.02
0.47	0.50
16.13	15.62
7.19	6.98
11.32	11.05
0.08	0.10
2.20	2.01
0.11	0.12
96.71	94.31
6.383	6.453
0.012	0.008
2.493	2.433
0.053	0.058
3.456	3.427
0.865	0.859
1.744	1.743
0.010	0.012
0.613	0.574
0.020	0.023
15.649	15.591
0.80	0.80
Tsch <sub>mx</sub>	Tsch <sub>mx</sub>

**Table 1b. Representative microprobe analyses of spinel (Spl).**

Sample	S135-7	S135-16	S140-149	S160-2	S160-3	S160-16*
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.00
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	61.57	61.48	62.92	64.62	65.13	64.14
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.02	0.00	0.05	0.12	0.08	0.11
FeO	23.38	23.46	20.60	17.99	18.47	17.89
MnO	0.33	0.30	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.06
MgO	13.16	13.75	15.55	16.68	16.85	17.77
CaO	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
ZnO	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.05
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Total	98.47	99.03	99.37	99.52	100.60	100.01
<i>Cations based on 4 oxygens</i>						
Si	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ti	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000
Al	1.943	1.926	1.938	1.965	1.961	1.935
Cr	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.003	0.002	0.002
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.057	0.073	0.058	0.032	0.038	0.063
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	0.467	0.448	0.392	0.356	0.356	0.320
Mn	0.007	0.007	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.001
Mg	0.525	0.545	0.606	0.642	0.641	0.678
Zn	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.001
Ca	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Na	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000
K	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
Mg#	53	55	61	64	64	68
Cr#	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

Al#	97	96	97	98	98	97
Fe <sup>3+</sup> #	2.8	3.7	2.9	1.6	1.9	3.1

Mg# = 100 Mg / (Mg + Fe<sup>2+</sup>); Cr# = 100 Cr / (Cr + Al); Al# = 100 Al / (Cr + Al + Fe<sup>3+</sup>); Fe<sup>3+</sup># = 100 Fe<sup>3+</sup> / (Cr + Al + Fe<sup>3+</sup>)

\* Analysis used for reaction modeling

**Table 1c. Representative microprobe analyses of corundum (Crn<sub>1</sub>) and clinozoisite (Czo<sub>1</sub>).**

Sample	S135-25	S135-26	S140-163	S160-14*	S160-105	S135-67	S135-68	S135-69
Mineral	Crn <sub>1</sub>	Crn <sub>1</sub>	Crn <sub>1</sub>	Crn <sub>1</sub>	Crn <sub>1</sub>	Czo <sub>1</sub>	Czo <sub>1</sub>	Czo <sub>1</sub>
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	39.21	38.94	38.60
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.34	0.00
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	98.55	97.02	97.50	96.73	97.34	31.20	31.21	30.44
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.07	0.17	1.01	1.05	1.74	0.00	0.00	0.18
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.34	0.50	0.18	0.43	0.64	1.92	2.39	2.97
MgO	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.05
CaO	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	25.12	25.55	25.11
MnO	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.10	0.00	0.00
ZnO	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.08
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00
Total	99.18	97.73	98.79	98.30	99.82	97.61	98.48	97.43
<i>Oxygen Basis</i>	3	3	3	3	3	12.5	12.5	12.5
Si	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.010	2.973	2.985
Ti	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.000
Al	1.991	1.990	1.983	1.979	1.967	2.823	2.809	2.775
Cr	0.001	0.002	0.014	0.014	0.024	0.000	0.000	0.011
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.004	0.007	0.002	0.006	0.008	0.111	0.137	0.173
Mg	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.001	0.006
Ca	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.066	2.090	2.081
Mn	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.000
Zn	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Na	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.006	0.012
K	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000
Cation Σ	2.000	2.000	2.001	2.000	2.000	8.024	8.037	8.042
Pistacite (mole %)						4	5	6

Pistacite (mole %) = 100 Fe<sup>3+</sup> / (Fe<sup>3+</sup> + Al)

\* Analysis used for reaction modeling





$$X_{An} = 100 \text{ Ca} / (\text{Ca} + \text{Na} + \text{K}); \text{Mg\#} = \text{Mg} / (\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}^{2+})$$

\* Analysis used for reaction modeling

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S140-165

Chl

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26.40

0.02

24.75

0.02

24.71

8.98

0.03

0.04

0.01

0.04

0.00

85.01

14

2.620

0.002

2.896

0.002

3.655

0.745

0.004

0.003

0.001

0.008

0.000

9.934

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0.83

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