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2 **Substitution of Ti<sup>3+</sup> and Ti<sup>4+</sup> in hibonite (CaAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>19</sub>)**

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22 **Abstract**

23 The structures of eight synthetic samples of hibonite, with variable Ti oxidation state and Ti  
24 concentrations (2.4-15.9 wt% TiO<sub>2</sub>) that span the range reported for natural hibonite found in  
25 meteorites, were determined by Rietveld refinements of neutron powder diffraction data. Ti<sup>3+</sup> was  
26 found to exclusively occupy the octahedral face-sharing M4 site irrespective of the presence or  
27 absence of Ti<sup>4+</sup>. Ti<sup>4+</sup> partitions between the trigonal bipyramidal M2 site and the M4 site. The ratio  
28 (Ti<sup>4+</sup> on M2):(Ti<sup>4+</sup> on M4) appears to be constant for all the samples, with an average of 0.18(2)  
29 irrespective of the concentrations of Ti<sup>3+</sup> and Ti<sup>4+</sup>. These substitutional sites were shown to be the  
30 most stable configurations for Ti in hibonite from calculations using density functional theory,  
31 although the predicted preference of Ti<sup>4+</sup> for M4 over M2 is not as strong as is observed. This is  
32 attributed to the different Ti contents of the experimental and calculated structures and suggests that  
33 the Ti site occupancies might change between these concentrations. Furthermore, it is shown that  
34 Ti has a preference to occupy neighbouring M4 sites such that Ti-Ti interactions occur with  
35 stabilization energies of 83 kJ/mol for Ti<sup>3+</sup>-Ti<sup>3+</sup> and at least 15 kJ/mol for Ti<sup>4+</sup>-Ti<sup>4+</sup>. Features in  
36 optical spectroscopy and electron spin resonance data from meteoritic and synthetic hibonites that

37 have been used to infer  $Ti^{3+}/Ti^{4+}$  are shown to actually derive from these Ti-Ti interactions. The  
38 amount of  $Ti^{4+}$  in hibonite can be determined from the unit-cell parameters if  $\Sigma Ti$  is determined  
39 independently.  $Ti^{3+}/Ti^{4+}$  in hibonite may record the oxygen fugacity ( $f_{O_2}$ ) of the early solar nebula,  
40 however, the existence of  $Ti^{3+}-Ti^{3+}$  and  $Ti^{4+}-Ti^{4+}$  interactions and the potential for  $Ti^{4+}-Ti^{3+}$   
41 interactions need to be considered when interpreting spectroscopic data in terms of Ti valence state  
42 and  $f_{O_2}$ . Hibonite as a single-mineral oxybarometer must be used with caution due to the potential  
43 role of crystal chemistry (including Ti-Ti interactions) to stabilise Ti oxidation states independently  
44 of  $f_{O_2}$ .

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## Introduction

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Some of the oldest materials in the Solar System are the refractory calcium-aluminium-rich inclusions (CAIs) found in undifferentiated chondritic meteorites (Amelin et al. 2002). Hibonite ( $\text{CaAl}_2\text{O}_9$ ), a mineral found within some CAIs, is thought to be the second major phase to condense from a gas of solar composition (Lodders 2003). Moreover, hibonite is the first mineral to condense that can incorporate significant amounts of polyvalent elements such as Ti, V, Cr and Fe into its structure. As a result, hibonite has the potential to record the conditions present in the early Solar System, in particular the composition and hence oxygen fugacity ( $f_{\text{O}_2}$ ) of the nebular gas. For terrestrial materials the intrinsic  $f_{\text{O}_2}$  is usually determined from  $\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}$ , however, this is impractical for CAIs as the extremely reducing conditions of formation usually result in the presence of metallic Fe (i.e.  $\text{Fe}^0/\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ). The most suitable alternative redox sensor is  $\text{Ti}^{3+}/\text{Ti}^{4+}$  (e.g. Grossman et al. 2008) since Ti is a significant component of CAIs and the ratio varies over the range of expected  $f_{\text{O}_2}$ s (Simon et al. 2007). Meteoritic hibonite may contain up to  $\sim 8$  wt%  $\text{TiO}_2$  (Allen et al. 1978) and consequently has the potential to be utilised as a single-mineral oxybarometer.

Hibonite crystals in CAIs can be colourless, greenish-blue, blue or orange and these differences have been used to infer variations in the oxidation state of Ti, and to a lesser degree V (e.g. Burns and Burns 1984; Ihinger and Stolper 1986); such colour changes have even been reported to occur between the core and rim of individual hibonite crystals (Rout and Bischoff 2008). Previous studies of meteoritic hibonite by optical absorption spectroscopy and electron spin resonance (ESR) spectroscopy (Ihinger and Stolper 1986; Beckett et al. 1988) have confirmed the presence of  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  and suggested  $\text{Ti}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Ti}$  (where  $\Sigma\text{Ti} = \text{Ti}^{3+} + \text{Ti}^{4+}$ ) values up to 0.2. However, accurate measurement of  $\text{Ti}^{3+}/\text{Ti}^{4+}$  in materials is not necessarily a simple process. The determination of  $\text{Ti}^{3+}/\text{Ti}^{4+}$  from stoichiometry or wet chemistry is notoriously problematic (e.g. Beckett et al. 1988; Rager et al. 2003), while both optical and ESR spectroscopies are impeded by the presence of Fe, which is ubiquitous in natural systems. Further, the size and inhomogeneity of meteoritic hibonite crystals generally require the use of microbeam techniques. X-ray absorption near edge structure (XANES) spectroscopy and X-ray photo emission electron microscopy (XPEEM) have the potential to non-destructively quantify valence states, including  $\text{Ti}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Ti}$ , with micron (e.g. Berry et al. 2008; Simon et al. 2007) and sub-micron (e.g. Smith et al. 2004; Schofield et al. 2010) spatial resolution, respectively.

The spectroscopic quantification of  $\text{Ti}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Ti}$  is strongly dependent on the interpretation of

84 spectra from suitable standards. Spectral detail is in turn directly related to the crystal chemistry of  
85 the phase in question. Hibonite is crystal chemically complex, having five Al sites onto which Ti  
86 may substitute and the preferred site occupancy of Ti is likely to be influenced by its oxidation  
87 state. As yet there is no unambiguous description of the structural incorporation of  $Ti^{3+}$  and  $Ti^{4+}$   
88 into hibonite. We have used neutron powder diffraction (NPD) to structurally characterise a suite of  
89 eight synthetic Ti-bearing hibonite samples, where  $Ti^{3+}/\Sigma Ti$  varies between 0 and 1. As with X-ray  
90 diffraction (XRD), NPD offers excellent contrast between Al and Ti, however, unlike XRD, NPD  
91 also provides good contrast between Mg and Al and the fractional coordinates and atomic  
92 displacement parameters of the oxygen atoms can be determined with high precision, thereby  
93 increasing the certainty of the structural model. The findings of the NPD study are compared to,  
94 and supported by, density functional theory (DFT) modelling.

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### Crystal Structure

97 The structure of hibonite ( $CaAl_{12}O_{19}$ ) was first characterised by Curien et al. (1956) and  
98 subsequently refined in a number of XRD studies (Kato and Saalfeld 1968; Utsunomiya et al. 1988;  
99 Bermanec et al. 1996; Hofmeister et al. 2004; Nagashima et al. 2010). Hibonite is hexagonal (space  
100 group  $P63/mmc$ ,  $Z=2$ ,  $a \sim 5.6 \text{ \AA}$  and  $c \sim 22.0 \text{ \AA}$ ; Hofmeister et al. 2004) and exhibits the  
101 magnetoplumbite structure-type (Kato and Saalfeld 1968). The hibonite structure (Figure 1) is  
102 dominated by polyhedral layers perpendicular to the  $c$ -axis, in which Ca occupies a 12-coordinated  
103 polyhedron, and Al is distributed over five M sites. M1 is a regular octahedron ( $D_{3d}$ ), M2 is a  
104 trigonal bipyramid with an ideal site symmetry of  $D_{3h}$ , M3 is a tetrahedron ( $C_{3v}$ ), M4 is a trigonally  
105 distorted octahedron ( $C_{3v}$ ) and M5 is a strongly distorted octahedron ( $C_s$ ). The trigonal bipyramidal  
106 site is split into two symmetrically-equivalent half-occupied sites above and below the equatorial  
107 plane of the bipyramid by the static displacement of the M2 cation from the site-centre (Utsunomiya  
108 et al. 1988; Du and Stebbins 2004). Within these pseudotetrahedral M2 sites the cation positions  
109 are separated by 0.17-0.27  $\text{\AA}$  (Bermanec et al. 1996; Hofmeister et al. 2004). The multiplicity of  
110 the cation sites and their coordination numbers may be summarised as follows:

111  $^{[12]}Ca^{[6]}M1^{[5]}M2^{[4]}M3_2^{[6]}M4_2^{[6]}M5_6O_{19}$  (where coordination numbers are superscripted in square  
112 brackets and the multiplicity of the site is subscripted).

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114 The arrangement and distribution of the polyhedra in hibonite are such that the structural  
115 topology can be considered in terms of a repetition of two distinct polyhedral layers perpendicular  
116 to the  $c$ -axis (Burns and Burns, 1984; Nagashima et al. 2010). Within one of these layers, referred  
117 to as the S-block, the tetrahedral (M3) and octahedral (M1 and M5) polyhedra are arranged as in the  
118 spinel structure (Figure 1). These S-blocks are separated by a layer comprising the Ca site, the

119 trigonal bipyramidal M2 site and the octahedral M4 site, referred to as the R-block (Kohn and  
120 Eckart 1964) or conductor layer (Iyi et al. 1989). The thickness of the R-block (along  $z$ ) equates to  
121 the O1-O1 distance between the apical oxygen atoms of the M2 site. The M2 polyhedra are  
122 isolated from each other and linked by the M4 and Ca polyhedra. The M4 octahedra share a face,  
123 forming isolated face-sharing pairs in which the M4 cations are separated by about 2.59 Å, parallel  
124 to  $z$  (Hofmeister et al. 2004). The hibonite unit cell is formed by stacking R- and S-blocks along  $z$   
125 according to the sequence RSR'S', where R' and S' are rotated 180° about  $z$  relative to R and S  
126 respectively (Bermanec et al. 1996).

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### Site Substitutions

129 A range of elements substitute into the hibonite structure (Table 1), with natural hibonites  
130 containing Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup>, V<sup>3+</sup>, Ti<sup>3+</sup>, Ti<sup>4+</sup>, Si<sup>4+</sup> and Th<sup>4+</sup> as major elements and the rare  
131 earth elements La, Ce and Nd, at levels above 1000 ppm (e.g. Burns and Burns 1984; Beckett et al.  
132 1988; Rakotondrazafy et al. 1996). Of particular interest to this study is Ti: Ti<sup>3+</sup> may substitute  
133 directly for Al<sup>3+</sup>, whereas Ti<sup>4+</sup> undergoes a coupled substitution with Mg<sup>2+</sup> for two Al<sup>3+</sup> (Mg<sup>2+</sup> +  
134 Ti<sup>4+</sup> ↔ 2Al<sup>3+</sup>) in order to maintain charge balance (Allen et al. 1978). Ti<sup>3+</sup> is thought to occupy the  
135 M2 site in hibonite based on crystal field stabilisation theory, and ESR and optical spectroscopies  
136 (Burns and Burns, 1984; Beckett et al. 1988). In single crystal XRD studies of terrestrial hibonite,  
137 Ti<sup>4+</sup> has been reported to occupy only the M4 site (Bermanec et al. 1996) and both the M2 and the  
138 M4 sites (Nagashima et al. 2010). The site occupancies of various elements in hibonite and  
139 structural analogues, including natural and synthetic members of the magnetoplumbite group  
140 (AB<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub>) and β-alumina phases, are summarised in Table 1, indicating a large range of possible  
141 sites for Ti<sup>3+</sup> (M1, M2, M5) and Ti<sup>4+</sup> (M1, M2, M4, M5).

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### Experimental

144 Synthesis

145 A suite of eight Ti-bearing hibonite samples was synthesized, two Ti<sup>3+</sup> end-member samples  
146 with Ti<sup>3+</sup>/ΣTi = 1, two Ti<sup>4+</sup> end-member samples with Ti<sup>4+</sup>/ΣTi = 1 and four mixed-valent samples  
147 with Ti<sup>3+</sup>/ΣTi between 0 and 1. All samples were synthesised at ~1400 °C, which is within the  
148 stability field of hibonite in a gas of nebular composition (Yoneda and Grossman 1995) and well  
149 below the experimentally determined incongruent melting temperature (1850 ± 10 °C in the CaO-  
150 MgO-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ± SiO<sub>2</sub> system; De Aza et al. 2000; Vázquez et al. 2003).

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152 Stoichiometric mixtures of pre-dried CaCO<sub>3</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub> and MgO were pressed into pellets  
153 and heated at ~1400 °C for ~30 h in graphite and an atmosphere of CO (logf<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub> = -16) for the Ti<sup>3+</sup>

154 end-member and mixed-valent samples and in Pt and CO<sub>2</sub> ( $\log f_{\text{O}_2} = -3$ ) for the Ti<sup>4+</sup> end-member  
155 samples. The synthesis of the mixed-valent samples relied on stoichiometry to control Ti<sup>3+</sup>/ΣTi  
156 (noting the coupled substitution of Ti<sup>4+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup>) at constant  $f_{\text{O}_2}$ . All samples were cooled from  
157 1400 to 600 °C over ~2 h. The Ti<sup>3+</sup> end-member samples were essentially single phase after a  
158 single sinter whereas the yield of Ti<sup>4+</sup> hibonites was improved by a second sinter. At least 5 g of  
159 each sample was prepared by combining the products of multiple individual experiments that were  
160 sufficiently similar based upon XRD (Schofield et al. 2002). The chemical formulae of these Ti-  
161 bearing hibonites and identities of any secondary phases identified are given in Table 2. The Ti<sup>3+</sup>  
162 end-member and mixed-valent samples were all blue whereas the Ti<sup>4+</sup> end-member samples were  
163 white.

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165 Throughout this manuscript the samples are identified by reference to their Ti per formula  
166 unit (pfu) and Ti<sup>3+</sup>/ΣTi ratios in the form (Ti pfu, Ti<sup>3+</sup>/ΣTi). For example, the sample (0.5,1.0) will  
167 have 0.5 Ti pfu and all the Ti will be Ti<sup>3+</sup> giving a chemical formula of CaAl<sub>11.5</sub>Ti<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>19</sub>. The  
168 sample (1.0,0) will have 1.0 Ti<sup>4+</sup> pfu (and 1.0 Mg<sup>2+</sup> pfu) giving a chemical formula of  
169 CaAl<sub>10.0</sub>Ti<sub>1.0</sub>Mg<sub>1.0</sub>O<sub>19</sub>.

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171 Scanning electron microscopy

172 Sintered samples were mounted in epoxy resin and the composition determined by energy  
173 dispersive spectrometry using a Jeol 5900LV EDS SEM operated at 10 kV and 2 nA. The  
174 fluorescence was calibrated to the K-lines of Ca in CaSiO<sub>3</sub>, Al in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Ti in TiO<sub>2</sub> rutile and Mg  
175 and Si in Mg<sub>1.6</sub>Fe<sub>0.4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>. Matrix corrections were made using the XPP routine (Oxford  
176 Instruments).

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178 Neutron powder diffraction

179 Neutron time-of-flight powder diffraction data were collected on the fixed geometry, high  
180 resolution diffractometer HRPD (Ibberson et al. 1992) at the ISIS neutron spallation source,  
181 Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, U.K. Between 2.8 and 4.4 g of sample were packed into an In  
182 sealed cylindrical V can with an external diameter of 11 mm, and loaded into the sample tank,  
183 which was pumped down to a vacuum below 10<sup>-4</sup> Torr. Diffraction patterns were collected for  
184 exposure times between 100 and 152 μAhours with ISIS operating at 40 Hz, an average proton  
185 current of ~160 μA and upstream neutron choppers selecting one pulse in five.

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187 Data were collected simultaneously in both the high-resolution backscattering and 90°  
188 detector banks in the time-of-flight ranges 32000 μs to 126000 μs and 32000 μs to 130000 μs

189 respectively. Diffraction spectra were focused, binned as  $\Delta t/t = 0.0005$  and  $0.0003$  for the  $2\theta = 90^\circ$   
190 and backscattering data respectively, background subtracted, normalised to the incident flux  
191 distribution using the isotropic incoherent scattering from a V rod and finally corrected for  
192 absorption and self-scattering. The resulting data were subsequently formatted for use in a two-  
193 bank whole profile Rietveld refinement.

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#### 195 Structural refinement

196 Structural parameters were determined from whole pattern profile fitting of the diffraction  
197 data within the GSAS (General Structure Analysis System) code of Larson and Von Dreele (1994)  
198 interfaced with EXPGUI (Toby 2001). The first refinement for each sample was based upon the  
199 structural model of Hofmeister et al. (2004) using coherent scattering lengths from Sears (1992) of  
200 4.70 fm (Ca), 3.449 fm (Al), -3.438 fm (Ti), 5.38 fm (Mg) and 5.803 fm (O). Peak profiles were  
201 modelled using the model-dependent Le Bail method with three sample-dependent variables and  
202 backgrounds were modelled using a five-term shifted Chebyshev function. Thereafter, the structure  
203 was refined using the Rietveld method (Rietveld 1969; 2000). The profiles from the two data banks  
204 were scaled, the structural parameters of additional phases (if any) added and scaled relative to  
205 hibonite, and then refined simultaneously. The unit-cell parameters for hibonite were refined first,  
206 followed by the atomic coordinates and atomic displacement parameters (ADP).

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208 Mg and Ti were initially included in the refinements based upon the stoichiometry calculated  
209 by EDS and then varied as required by the refinement process. Ti site occupancies for the two  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$   
210 end-member samples (0.20,1.0) and (0.33,1.0) were allowed to vary within the least squares  
211 refinements. For the  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  end-member and the mixed-valent samples, however, the Mg and Ti site  
212 occupancies were fixed during the least squares refinements and manually iterated between  
213 refinement cycles. Attempts at discriminating between the fractional coordinates and ADPs of  
214 different atoms on the same site were unsuccessful, and consequently the fractional coordinates and  
215 ADPs for all atoms on a specific site were constrained to be identical. The proportions of Ti (or Mg)  
216 and Al on a site were constrained to sum to 1, except for the M2 site where the cation is axially  
217 displaced from the mirror plane and thus the maximum occupancy is 0.5.

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#### 219 Density functional theory modelling

220 DFT (Hohenberg and Kohn 1964; Kohn and Sham 1965) based calculations within the  
221 generalised gradient approximation (GGA) were used to determine the energy and structure of a  
222 range of Ti substitutions in hibonite. Along with pure  $\text{CaAl}_{12}\text{O}_{19}$  hibonite, simulations of various  
223 notionally isolated point defects were performed. Specifically, we considered the direct substitution

224 of Al by  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ , the substitution of Al by  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  coupled to a charge balancing substitution of Mg for Al,  
225 and cases where small clusters of Ti defects form. The GGA functional of Perdew et al. (1996) was  
226 used to describe exchange and correlation, and our calculations made use of the SIESTA  
227 methodology and code (Soler et al. 2002), which takes advantage of a strictly localised atom-like  
228 basis set and pseudopotentials to achieve good computational performance for large systems.

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230 The basis sets and pseudopotentials for Ti, Mg, and O in the calculations were taken from  
231 previous work on Ti incorporation in olivine (Berry et al. 2007; Walker et al. 2007), zircon (Tailby  
232 et al. 2011), and the thermodynamics of qandilite (Palin et al. 2008), which encompass a wide range  
233 of cation coordination environments. For Al we made use of the pseudopotential and basis set  
234 derived for a study of the structure of  $\gamma$ -alumina (Paglia et al. 2005), while for Ca we used a basis  
235 set optimised for the study of perovskite using the method of Junquera et al. (2001) with double  
236 zeta polarised valance states (4s and 4p), single zeta polarised semi-core states (3s and 3p) and  
237 added 3d states. The Ca pseudopotential was refitted from the version derived by Junquera et al.  
238 (2001), which made use of the local density approximation, to GGA all-electron results using a  
239 small partial core correction to avoid an undesirable kink in the fitted potential.

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241 SIESTA makes use of a real space grid as an auxiliary basis for the calculation of the  
242 exchange-correlation and Hartree energies. A kinetic energy cut-off of 250 Ry with  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  grid  
243 cell sampling was found to give sufficiently accurate results and minimise rippling artefacts. The  
244 structure and energy of pure hibonite was derived from variable cell parameter calculations on a  
245 single (64 atom) unit-cell. This calculation made use of a  $5 \times 5 \times 2$  Monkhorst–Pack mesh in  
246 reciprocal space. Calculations containing defects were all performed in a 256 atom supercell where  
247 the lattice vectors were doubled in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions to give a minimum separation of 11.2 Å  
248 between periodic images of any atom within the structural layers and a 22.0 Å separation along  $z$ .  
249 These defect calculations only sampled reciprocal space at the  $\Gamma$ -point and the cell parameters were  
250 not permitted to vary from those calculated for the perfect system (the defect calculations were thus  
251 designed to simulate isolated point defects). Geometry optimisation was performed using the  
252 Broyden and conjugate gradients algorithms with stop parameters of a maximum force of 0.01  
253 eV/Å on any atom and (where the cell parameters were allowed to vary) a maximum stress of 200  
254 bar on any component of the stress tensor.

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## Results

257 The eight samples studied by NPD encompass the full range of  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$ , and  $\Sigma\text{Ti}$  contents,  
258 and  $\text{Ti}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Ti}$  that have been measured in meteoritic hibonite (Figure 2) as well as more  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ -rich



259 and Ti<sup>4+</sup>-rich compositions.

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261 Rietveld analysis

262 The results of the Rietveld refinement of the NPD data for all eight synthetic Ti-bearing  
263 hibonite samples are given in Table 3 (lattice parameters and site occupancies) and Table 4 (atomic  
264 coordinates, displacement parameters). The whole-profile Rietveld powder statistics (as defined by  
265 Young, 1993) for the simultaneous refinement of the 90° and backscatter detector-bank datasets  
266 were  $wR_p = 2.3 - 3.4 \%$  and  $R_p = 2.5 - 4.6 \%$ . The observed, calculated and difference profiles for  
267 the Ti<sup>3+</sup> end-member sample (0.20,1.0) and the Ti<sup>4+</sup> end-member sample (0.98,0) are shown in  
268 Figure 3. Initially the Ti and Mg pfu were set to those determined by EDS but were allowed to vary  
269 during the refinements. It seems reasonable to expect a 1:1 correlation between the Rietveld refined  
270 and EDS determined Ti and Mg contents, and this was observed (Figure 4). In this work the refined  
271 structural data are plotted against Mg and Ti pfu values from the Rietveld refinements.

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273 Most of the Ti<sup>4+</sup>-bearing samples have a degree of compositional variability, as evident from  
274 the large uncertainties of the Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> values (relative to those of the Ti<sup>3+</sup> end-members) in  
275 Table 2, which resulted in asymmetric peak broadening of their diffraction data. Two strategies  
276 were applied to account for this peak asymmetry. Firstly, the variability in the Ti-content was  
277 considered by incorporating a Ti-poor hibonite into the Rietveld model as a minor secondary phase.  
278 Secondly, the refinements were performed assuming a homogeneous sample and accepting slightly  
279 increased residuals and fit statistics. Both refinement strategies produced the same structural model  
280 and Ti and Mg site-occupancies. The data presented in Tables 3 and 4, and discussed throughout  
281 are those obtained using the second of these strategies.

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283 Throughout the Rietveld analyses the ADPs were constrained to be isotropic. Single-crystal  
284 XRD studies of CaAl<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub> have shown, however, that the ADP for the M2 cation is relatively  
285 anisotropic with U<sub>33</sub> (parallel to z) four times larger than U<sub>11</sub> and U<sub>22</sub> (Hofmeister et al. 2004;  
286 Utsunomiya et al. 1988). The degree of anisotropy determined for the M2 ADP in natural hibonite  
287 that may contain additional cations, such as Ti, on the M2 site was found to be even larger  
288 (Hofmeister et al. 2004; Nagashima et al. 2010). This anisotropy of the displacement parameter for  
289 M2 relates to a combination of axial off-centring of the cation from the equatorial plane and  
290 anisotropic thermal motion, although the static rather than dynamic contributions are likely to be  
291 dominant (Nagashima et al. 2010). The ADP for the M2 cation in our refined models (U<sub>iso</sub> in Table  
292 4) is ~1.5 - 2 times larger than the average ADP for the cations on the four other M sites, consistent  
293 with previous results (Bermanec et al. 1996; Hofmeister et al. 2004; Nagashima et al. 2010). In an

294 attempt to quantify the anisotropy of the M2 ADP, additional refinements were performed in which  
295 the ADP for this site could vary anisotropically. While the results should be treated cautiously due  
296 to the high degree of freedom in the refinement, it was found that the ADPs for M2 were distinctly  
297 anisotropic with  $U_{33}$  being approximately double  $U_{11}$  and  $U_{22}$ .

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299 DFT modelling

300 To provide a reference structure for the defect calculations, and as a test of the accuracy of the  
301 methodology, SIESTA was first used to calculate the atomic positions and lattice parameters of  
302  $\text{CaAl}_{12}\text{O}_{19}$  hibonite. The initial structure was based on the hibonite refinement reported by  
303 Bermanec et al. (1996) with the impurities removed. The 5-coordinate M2 site deserves special  
304 comment. In the  $P6_3/mmc$  space group the three equatorial oxygen sites of this trigonal bipyramid  
305 lie on a mirror plane but in hibonite the central M2 atom is displaced and, when averaged over a  
306 large sample, the atomic occupancy is split evenly over two  $4e$  sites. As a result, in any given  
307 trigonal bipyramid the M2 Al atom is displaced  $\sim 0.3$  Å in either the positive or negative  $z$  direction  
308 and one of the  $4e$  sites in the bipyramid is occupied and the other unoccupied. This locally breaks  
309 the crystal symmetry (removing the mirror plane) and the partial occupancy reveals dynamic and  
310 static averaging in the diffraction experiment. The SIESTA calculation describes an infinite array  
311 of copies of a single unit-cell without this averaging. As there are two M2 sites in the unit-cell  
312 there are two possible structures: one with the M2 Al atoms displaced in the same  $z$  direction ( $\sim 11.1$   
313 Å M2-M2 spacing along  $c$ ) and one where they are displaced in opposite directions (alternating  
314  $\sim 10.9$  and  $\sim 11.4$  Å spacing along  $z$ ). Both starting structures were investigated and it was found  
315 that while the distortion was preserved in the DFT calculations (i.e. the Al atom did not move to the  
316 mirror plane) the structures had equal energies. This is consistent with the presence of disorder on  
317 this site as indicated by the ADPs and partial site occupancies. Having generated the starting  
318 hibonite structures, energy minimisation was undertaken in which the lattice parameters and atomic  
319 positions were allowed to vary with no symmetry imposed. This process yielded lattice parameters  
320 of  $a = b = 5.61$  Å,  $c = 22.05$  Å,  $\alpha = \beta = 90.0^\circ$ , and  $\gamma = 120.0^\circ$ . The larger lattice parameters (by  
321  $\sim 1\%$ ) compared to the experimental determination of Hofmeister et al. (2004) are expected for DFT  
322 calculations utilising a GGA functional.

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324 The structure of the optimised cell was used to build the 256 atom supercell for defect  
325 calculations. Six sets of defect calculations were performed. (1) An Al atom on each of the five M  
326 sites was replaced in turn by a Ti atom leading to the isovalent substitution of  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  by  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ . (2)  
327 Each of these calculations was repeated with one less electron in the simulation cell giving a  
328 positively charged system and describing the substitution of  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  by  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$ . (3) Each of the isovalent

329 calculations was also repeated with the Ti atom being replaced by a  $Mg^{2+}$  giving a negatively  
330 charged system with  $Mg^{2+}$  substituting for  $Al^{3+}$ . (4) One Al atom was replaced by Ti and one by  
331 Mg leading to the charge-neutral coupled substitution of two  $Al^{3+}$  for a  $Ti^{4+}$  and  $Mg^{2+}$ . For each M  
332 site occupied by Al there are several inequivalent ways of introducing the Mg to make a coupled  
333 substitution. Every case where the Ti and Mg polyhedra share a face, edge or vertex (21 distinct  
334 coupled defects) was investigated and, guided by the results of the calculations on isolated  $Ti^{4+}$  and  
335  $Mg^{2+}$  substitutions, three cases where the Mg is on a M3 site with the Ti on a nearby M2 or M4 site  
336 (M3 does not share a vertex with M2 or M4) were also considered. (5) Two Ti atoms were placed  
337 on adjacent Al sites to give neutral two-atom defect clusters (nominally of  $Ti^{3+}$  ions). (6) Two Ti  
338 and two Mg atoms were added to form neutral four-atom clusters (nominally containing  $Ti^{4+}$  ions).  
339 In cases (5) and (6), only a small subset of the vast number of possible atomic configurations were  
340 considered with the choice based on the earlier calculations, the generation of simple structures and  
341 the NPD results. Each defect configuration was subjected to geometry optimisation that allowed all  
342 atomic positions (but not the lattice parameters) to vary in order to evaluate the defect stability.  
343 Energies are given in Tables 5 and 6 where the defect structures are described using Kröger-Vink  
344 notation.

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#### 346 *Isolated defects*

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348 If Ti substitutes as isolated trivalent ions it will dominantly occupy the 5-coordinate M2 site  
349 as this incorporation mechanism has the lowest energy (Table 5). The energies of the charged cells  
350 containing isolated  $Mg^{2+}$  and  $Ti^{4+}$  ions suggest that, if the necessary charge balancing defect can be  
351 assumed to not alter the structure or energy of the defect site,  $Mg^{2+}$  will occupy the M3 site and  $Ti^{4+}$   
352 will occupy the M2 site.

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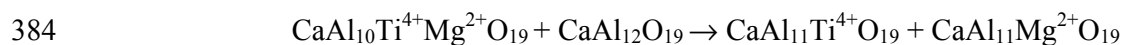
354 As well as energies, the SIESTA calculations also yield the detailed structure of each defect.  
355 Considering isolated defects, the Ti atom in the  $Ti_{Al2}^x$  defect is located close to the ideal mirror  
356 plane and, unlike Al on the M2 site, is not significantly displaced along  $z$ . There are thus two Ti-O1  
357 bonds of approximately the same length (2.231 and 2.237 Å), which are between the short (2.062  
358 Å) and long (2.357 Å) bond lengths calculated for Al on this site. However, the threefold rotation  
359 axis normal to the equatorial plane of the M2 trigonal bipyramid is broken when  $Ti^{3+}$  is present on  
360 the site. Instead of three 1.769 Å Al-O3 bonds the three Ti-O3 bonds are 1.903, 1.916 and 1.841 Å.  
361 The average Ti-O bond length is thus slightly longer than the average Al-O bond length, both  
362 calculated using DFT (2.03 Å versus 1.95 Å). In contrast, the  $Ti^{4+}$  defect on the M2 site does not  
363 break this 3-fold rotational symmetry.  $Ti^{4+}$  is also located close to the mirror plane with the two Ti-

364 O1 bonds having lengths of 2.169 and 2.175 Å. The three Ti-O3 bonds are 1.806 Å, resulting in an  
365 average Ti<sup>4+</sup>-O bond length of 1.95 Å, which is equal to the Al-O bond length for this site.

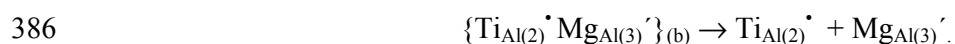
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367 *Ti-Mg interactions*

368 Coulombic interactions will penalise the formation of the isolated Ti<sup>4+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup> defects  
369 considered above and while these may tend to be entropically stabilised, especially at high  
370 temperatures and low impurity concentrations, the formation of charge-neutral defect clusters is  
371 perhaps more realistic for the samples synthesized in this study. In order to consider this  
372 possibility, charge-neutral simulation super-cells were constructed containing both Ti and Mg on M  
373 sites that are close together. The energies of these simulation cells after geometry optimisation are  
374 reported in Table 6. These data show that the most stable configuration for a Ti<sup>4+</sup> defect charge-  
375 balanced by a Mg<sup>2+</sup> defect is for Mg<sup>2+</sup> to occupy an M3 site and Ti<sup>4+</sup> to occupy either an M2 or M4  
376 site, with the M2 site being the lower energy configuration. Importantly, the energy does not  
377 correlate with the Ti<sup>4+</sup> - Mg<sup>2+</sup> separation; indeed the Ti<sup>4+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup> polyhedra do not share vertices  
378 in the lowest energy configurations. These configurations have Ti<sup>4+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup> on the M sites that  
379 are the lowest energy incorporation mechanisms for the isolated impurities. This indicates that the  
380 locations of Ti<sup>4+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup> in the charge-neutral defect cluster are controlled by the elemental site  
381 preference, and not by short-range interactions between the defects. The energies reported in Tables  
382 5 and 6 can be used to determine if these cluster defects are favorable relative to the isolated defects  
383 by evaluating the binding energy, which is the energy change of the reaction:



385 or, using Kröger-Vink notation to specify the defect sites:



387 When evaluating the energy of this reaction it is important to account for the Coulombic interaction  
388 between charged defects in the periodic replicas of the supercells on the right-hand side. This  
389 contribution to the energy only varies slowly with supercell size and the important leading term can  
390 be removed using the approach described for cubic systems by Leslie and Gillan (1985) and, for the  
391 general case, by Woodley et al. (2003). The approach is to approximate the interaction as the energy  
392 of an infinite periodic array of point charges, with the same geometry and charge as the point  
393 defects, embedded in a dielectric continuum and to subtract this energy from the energy of the  
394 defect-bearing supercells. Unfortunately, we do not know the static relative permittivity of hibonite  
395 but we can place bounds on the magnitude of the binding energy between the Ti<sup>4+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup> point  
396 defects. An upper bound of 1.92 eV (~124 kJ/mol Ti) is obtained by neglecting the correction term  
397 and a lower bound of 0.49 eV (~47 kJ/mol Ti) results from the minimum shielding that is likely to  
398 be provided by the hibonite crystal (i.e. assuming a reasonable lower bound on the relative  
399 permittivity of 3.0 and applying this to the full correction from the energy of a periodic array of ions

400 with unit charge in a vacuum, which is -1.1797 eV per charged supercell). Even for the lower bound  
401 the formation of  $\{\text{Ti}_{\text{Al}(2)}^{\bullet}\text{Mg}_{\text{Al}(3)}^{\prime}\}_{(b)}$  is of lower energy than the isolated  $\text{Ti}_{\text{Al}(2)}^{\bullet}$  and  $\text{Mg}_{\text{Al}(3)}^{\prime}$  defects  
402 and thus bound defects are expected to dominate.

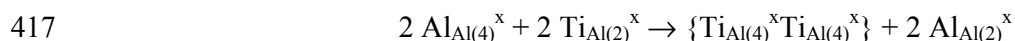
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#### 404 *Ti-Ti interactions*

405 The concentration of Ti in the samples with high Ti contents is such that the defects must, on  
406 purely geometrical grounds, be close together and thus interact. Calculations were performed to  
407 investigate, for both  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$ , if Ti-Ti interactions alter the structure or energetics of the defects  
408 and if the interactions provide a driving force for Ti clustering. Based on the energies of the  
409 isolated  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  defects and the results of the NPD study, a likely configuration for stabilising pairs of  
410 bound  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  impurities is for these ions to occupy adjacent M4 sites, as these are low-energy isolated  
411 defect sites that share faces in the structure. The energy and structure of this  $\{\text{Ti}_{\text{Al}(4)}^{\times}\text{Ti}_{\text{Al}(4)}^{\times}\}$  defect  
412 was calculated and the nature of the Ti – Ti interaction found by considering the energy of the  
413 reaction:



415 where the left hand side represents the lowest energy isolated  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  impurities and the right hand side  
416 the coupled defect structure. In Kröger-Vink notation this reaction can be written as:



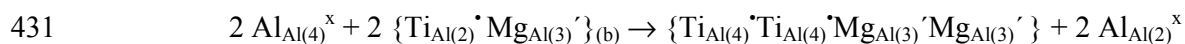
418 Using the data in Tables 5 and 6, the energy change of this reaction is -1.72 eV (83 kJ/mol of Ti)  
419 and  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  impurities are thus expected to occupy adjacent face-sharing M4 octahedra.

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421 Similar calculations were performed to investigate the possibility of clustering of  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$   
422 impurities. An added complication in this case is the need for charge balancing  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  defects, which  
423 on the basis of the energies of the various isolated defects and the NPD results are found on the M3  
424 site. The simplest starting configuration for such a two- $\text{Ti}^{4+}$ , two- $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  defect cluster is to place one  
425  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  in the spinel layer above two  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  defects on M4 sites and one  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  in the spinel layer below  
426 the  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  defects. The four defects in the cluster thus form a line parallel to  $z$  and have no net dipole.  
427 The stability of this  $\{\text{Ti}_{\text{Al}(4)}^{\bullet}\text{Ti}_{\text{Al}(4)}^{\bullet}\text{Mg}_{\text{Al}(3)}^{\prime}\text{Mg}_{\text{Al}(3)}^{\prime}\}$  configuration is found by considering the  
428 energy of the reaction:



430 or, in Kröger-Vink notation:



432 which is -0.32 eV (15 kJ/mol of Ti). This low binding energy suggests that  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  defect clustering  
433 will be limited to high Ti contents and low temperatures. This is consistent with the NPD results

434 for samples with high Ti contents, which show that  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  preferentially occupies the M4 site, and  
435 indicates that Ti site occupancies might change with Ti concentration.

436 The computational results are all for defects at zero Kelvin in the dilute limit. The potential  
437 effects of higher temperatures and defect concentrations arise from configurational entropy, which  
438 may allow non-ground state defect sites to become occupied. For the single isolated defects this  
439 effect can be relatively easily explored using elementary Boltzmann statistics, knowledge of the  
440 energy difference between the defect sites, and the site multiplicities. For  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  the large (0.83 eV;  
441 ~80 kJ/mol of Mg) energy difference between substitution at M3 and the other sites means that  
442 essentially all  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  is expected to be found on this site at all realistic temperatures. For the single  
443 isolated  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  defects, where the difference in energy between different sites is lower, we  
444 only find significant occupancies (>20%) of sites other than M2 above 1500 K. For the defect  
445 clusters only a small subset of the enormous number of possible  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  and Mg defect cluster  
446 configurations have been considered and this makes quantification of the site occupancies as a  
447 function of temperature and Ti content impossible. One approach, which is beyond the scope of the  
448 current study, would be to use DFT calculations to parameterize an effective Hamiltonian for cation  
449 interactions that is subsequently used as input to Monte Carlo simulations of defect clustering and  
450 site occupancy as a function of temperature (e.g. Warren et al. 2001, Palin et al. 2008). However,  
451 even without such a study we can make qualitative predictions of the likely effects. Increasing  
452 temperature will always make the entropic contribution more important and tend to break up defect  
453 clusters and allow multiple different defect configurations to co-exist. Increasing the Ti content will  
454 have the opposite effect and tend to result in more clustering of defects; but these effects cannot be  
455 quantified without explicit calculations involving all possible defect configurations. One problem  
456 that would significantly complicate such a study is the possibility of interactions between  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  and  
457  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  defects, as the self-interaction problem in DFT will lead to excessive electron delocalization  
458 and equalization of the charge on the two defects (e.g. Cramer and Truhlar 2009).

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## Discussion

461 Site occupancy analysis

462 The site occupancies determined from the refinements of the NPD data are unambiguous and  
463 define the substitution mechanisms of  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  into these hibonite samples (Table 3). There  
464 were no prior assumptions regarding which sites  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  and  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  would occupy and refinements  
465 were attempted with these cations occupying each M site in turn. All models in which Ti and Mg  
466 were placed on any site other than those in Table 3 resulted in rapidly diverging refinements or  
467 strongly non-physical structural parameters. For the  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  end-member samples, (0.20,1.0) and  
468 (0.33,1.0), Ti only occupies the face-sharing M4 octahedral site. For the  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  end-member samples,

469 (0.44,0) and (0.98,0), Ti occupies both the M4 and trigonal bipyramidal M2 sites, while  $Mg^{2+}$  only  
470 occupies the tetrahedral M3 site. In the mixed-valent samples Ti occupies the M2 and M4 sites and  
471  $Mg^{2+}$  is again exclusively located on M3. The refinements do not explicitly distinguish  $Ti^{3+}$  from  
472  $Ti^{4+}$ , however, there is no reason to expect that the substitution mechanisms identified for  $Ti^{3+}$  and  
473  $Ti^{4+}$  cannot be applied to the mixed-valent samples. Accordingly, within the mixed-valent hibonites  
474 we suggest that  $Ti^{3+}$  only occupies M4 and  $Ti^{4+}$  occupies both the M2 and M4 sites.

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476 For the samples in this study it is reasonable to expect that  $Ti^{4+}$  undergoes a coupled  
477 substitution with  $Mg^{2+}$  to maintain charge balance within the structure and that  $Ti^{4+}$  pfu =  $Mg^{2+}$  pfu.  
478 Given that  $Ti^{3+}$  only occupies M4 while all the Ti on M2 is  $Ti^{4+}$ , the proportions of  $Ti^{3+}$  and  $Ti^{4+}$  on  
479 M4 can then be calculated (Table 3). The  $Ti^{4+}$  occupancies of M2 and M4 increase linearly as a  
480 function of  $Ti^{4+}$  content irrespective of whether the samples are  $Ti^{4+}$  end-members or mixed-valent  
481 (Figure 5a,b). Furthermore, the partitioning of  $Ti^{4+}$  between the M2 and M4 sites appears to be  
482 consistent across the entire suite of samples (Table 3), with an average of  $0.18 \pm 0.02$ , irrespective  
483 of the concentration of Ti and the  $Ti^{3+}/Ti^{4+}$  ratio. The DFT site predictions for  $Ti^{4+}$  also indicate a  
484 preference for M4 over M2, although the predicted preference is not as strong as that observed by  
485 NPD. This difference may be attributed to the different Ti contents in each case, suggesting that  
486  $Ti^{4+}$  site occupancy could be influenced by concentration. In studies of terrestrial hibonite using  
487 single crystal XRD  $Ti^{4+}$  has been reported to occupy both the M2 and M4 sites (Nagashima et al.  
488 2010) but also only the M4 site (Bermanec et al. 1996). The ratio of the partitioning of  $Ti^{4+}$   
489 between M2 and M4 reported by Nagashima et al. (2010) is 0.39, which is double the average value  
490 of that found here. These discrepancies can be attributed to the refined occupancies of  $Ti^{4+}$  on M2.  
491 The refined structure of Nagashima et al. (2010) has 0.62 Ti pfu, compared to the chemical formula  
492 of the hibonite crystal which has with 0.52 Ti pfu. Additionally, the crystal contained up to 0.04  
493 pfu of Fe, which was not included in the refinement. As Fe is a stronger scatterer of X-rays than Ti,  
494 the modelling of a significant amount of Fe by Ti on a single site is likely to cause an artificially  
495 increased Ti occupancy in order to compensate for the reduced scattering from that site in the  
496 structural model. The crystal of Bermanec et al. (1996) contained 0.3 Fe pfu, which was found to  
497 occupy the M2 site. Given that the proportion of Fe on M2 is an order of magnitude greater than  
498 that expected for Ti, the Fe would mask the presence of Ti. It is also possible that the large  
499 proportion of Fe on M2 precluded the substitution of Ti onto this site (Kreber and Gonser 1976).

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501 The refinements of the NPD data clearly show that all  $Mg^{2+}$  occupies the tetrahedral M3 site.  
502 This is supported by DFT calculations (Table 5), which indicate that this is the most stable site for  
503  $Mg^{2+}$  by 0.83 eV ( $\sim 80$  kJ/mol of Mg). In previous studies of hibonite and structurally similar

504 compounds (Table 1; Abrahams et al. 1987) Mg could only be inferred to occupy the tetrahedral  
505 site due to the difficulty of distinguishing between Mg and Al by XRD.

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507       Optical absorption spectra of both natural and synthetic Ti- and Mg-bearing blue hibonite  
508 exhibit a strong absorption band at 715 nm, the intensity of which has been used to infer  $f_{O_2}$   
509 (Ihinger and Stolper 1986). It was argued that  $Ti^{3+}$  did not occupy an octahedral site because this  
510 absorption band differed in energy from that of  $Ti^{3+}$  in octahedral coordination in  $Al_2O_3$ . Instead  
511  $Ti^{3+}$  was thought to occupy the five-coordinate M2 site (Burns and Burns 1984). The absorption  
512 spectra of  $Ti^{3+}$ - and  $Ti^{4+}$ -bearing  $Al_2O_3$ , however, exhibit a strong band near 750 nm assigned to  
513  $Ti^{3+}$ - $Ti^{4+}$  interactions (Sanchez et al. 1988; Aggarwal et al. 1988; Yamaga et al. 1994). Similar  
514 interactions could produce the 715 nm absorption band in hibonite given that both  $Ti^{3+}$  and  $Ti^{4+}$   
515 occupy the M4 site and that neighbouring M4 octahedra form isolated face-sharing pairs.

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517       The orientation dependence of ESR spectra recorded for a single crystal of meteoritic hibonite  
518 found that the maximum  $g$ -tensor was parallel to the  $c$ -axis (Beckett et al. 1988). These spectra are  
519 similar to those of  $Ti^{3+}$ -doped  $\beta$ -alumina, in which  $Ti^{3+}$  occurs in rhombically distorted octahedral  
520 coordination and the orientation of the  $g$ -tensor maximum does not correspond to the direction of  
521 maximum site distortion as expected, but is collinear with the Al-Al direction (Barret et al. 1985).  
522 That is, the orientation of the  $g$ -tensor maximum is consistent with the presence of a next nearest  
523 neighbour Ti, as expected for Ti occurring as clustered pairs (Yamaga et al. 1994). M4 in hibonite  
524 is a rhombically distorted octahedral site and forms face sharing pairs such that the short M4-M4  
525 cation direction is parallel to the crystallographic  $c$ -axis. As a result, the ESR data of Beckett et al.  
526 (1988) can be re-interpreted as indicating that  $Ti^{3+}$  occupies the M4 site with the  $g$ -tensor maximum  
527 corresponding to the Ti-Ti interaction parallel to the  $c$ -axis, and thus is in agreement with the NPD  
528 model.

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530       NPD shows that  $Ti^{3+}$  occupies the M4 site in hibonite, and furthermore, our DFT calculations  
531 and optical absorption and ESR spectra in the literature are consistent with  $Ti^{3+}$  occupying M4 such  
532 that Ti-Ti interactions occur across the shared face of the  $M4_2O_9$  pairs. Indeed, the DFT  
533 calculations show a stabilization energy of  $\sim 83$  kJ/mol for such  $Ti^{3+}$ - $Ti^{3+}$  interactions. DFT also  
534 suggests that a clustering model involving  $Ti^{4+}$  on M4 sites is favourable relative to isolated  $Ti^{4+}$   
535 defects. What is not clear, however, is whether  $Ti^{3+}$ - $Ti^{3+}$  and/or  $Ti^{4+}$ - $Ti^{4+}$  interactions are favoured  
536 over  $Ti^{3+}$ - $Ti^{4+}$  interactions, an issue that is beyond the scope of the DFT calculations performed and  
537 difficult to resolve with NPD. Nevertheless it is an important issue, for while the characteristic blue  
538 colour of many meteoritic hibonites is related to the presence of  $Ti^{3+}$ , the intensity of this colour



539 will not be a good indicator of the concentration of  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ , or the  $\text{Ti}^{3+}/\text{Ti}^{4+}$  ratio, if  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  is involved in  
540 more than one type of Ti-Ti interaction. Moreover, the strong feature at 715 nm present in optical  
541 absorption spectra is not simply related to the amount of  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ , but to the number of  $\text{Ti}^{3+}-\text{Ti}^{4+}$   
542 interactions, which may not equate to the amount of  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ .

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544 Structural modifications

545 The larger sizes of  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  relative to  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  (Shannon 1976) suggest that the  
546 incorporation of Ti will cause an expansion of the unit cell. Indeed, the increase in the refined unit  
547 cell parameters as a function of Ti is essentially linear (Table 3, Figure 6a,b). The increase in the  
548 size of the unit cell as a function of Ti pfu is not isotropic and the  $c/a$  ratio decreases linearly with  
549 increasing Ti (Figure 6c). Also shown in Figure 6 are the unit cell parameters of synthetic  
550  $\text{CaAl}_{12}\text{O}_{19}$  (Hofmeister et al. 2004), synthetic  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ -bearing  $\text{CaAl}_{10.1}\text{Ti}_{1.9}\text{O}_{19}$  (Wittmann et al. 1958)  
551 and terrestrial  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  hibonite (Nagashima et al. 2010). The  $a$  and  $c$  parameters of  $\text{CaAl}_{10.1}\text{Ti}_{1.9}\text{O}_{19}$   
552 (Wittmann et al. 1958) are clearly displaced from the trends defined by the other samples (Figure  
553 6a, b). If the cell parameters and chemistry of this sample are accurate, then the rate of increase of  
554 the unit-cell parameters as a function of Ti pfu is smaller for  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  end-member hibonites than for  
555  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$ -bearing hibonites. Certainly the increase in the unit-cell parameters relative to  $\text{CaAl}_{12}\text{O}_{19}$  of  
556 the two  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  end-member hibonites of this study is very small. The difference in unit-cell  
557 parameters as a function of Ti pfu for the  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  end-member and  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$ -bearing hibonites is not related  
558 to the relative sizes of the two Ti cations but is more likely to be associated with the additional  
559 complexity of the  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  substitution mechanism, which involves both  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  and the M2, M3  
560 and M4 sites. The unit-cell parameters of the mixed-valent samples are collinear with those of the  
561  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  samples both as a function of total Ti pfu (Figure 6) and also as a function of  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  pfu (Figure  
562 7). This strongly suggests that the driving force for the greater rate of increase of the unit-cell  
563 parameters for the  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  end-members relative to the  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  end-members predominates in the mixed-  
564 valent samples.

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566 With Ti being accommodated only in the R-block layers it may be expected that distortions in  
567 this layer will dominate the expansion of the unit cell as a function of increasing Ti ( $c > a$ ). This,  
568 however, is not the case with the expansion parallel to  $z$  being dominated by the S-block. Indeed,  
569 the expansion of the R-block along  $z$  (given by the O1-O1 distance) appears to be negligible across  
570 most of the series (Table 7), with a measurable expansion only occurring in the sample with the  
571 largest Ti pfu, (1.37, 0.39), where  $>50\%$  of the M4-M4 pairs are Ti-Ti rather than Al-Al. The  $c$   
572 unit-cell edge comprises two R-blocks and two S-blocks and although the S-block is only directly  
573 involved in the substitution of Ti into hibonite through occupancy of M3 by  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ , this structural

574 unit accounts for the entire expansion of the  $c$  parameter (Figure 6, Table 7) for all samples except  
575 (1.37, 0.39). As  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  is larger than  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  (Shannon 1976) the interatomic distances within M3  
576 increase linearly as a function of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ , and are inherently a good indicator of the amount of  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  in  
577 a hibonite structure (Figure 8). The M3-O2 distance, which is parallel to  $z$ , expands by twice as  
578 much as the M3-O4 distance, and the  $\sim 0.1 \text{ \AA}$  by which M3-O2 expands across the series accounts  
579 for the total expansion of the  $c$  unit cell edge ( $\sim 0.2 \text{ \AA}$ ), which contains two M3-O2 distances. This  
580 suggests that other structural modifications within this unit do not contribute to changes in the unit  
581 cell. The  $\text{M5O}_6$  octahedra connect the M3 sites, into which  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  substitutes, and the R-block, into  
582 which Ti substitutes. As such  $\text{M5O}_6$  is sensitive to the effects of both  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  substituting  
583 into hibonite and the M5-O distances vary linearly towards  $\sim 1.9 \text{ \AA}$  as a function of  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  (Figure 9).  
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585 Within the R-block the M2-O1a and M2-O1b distances decrease and increase linearly as a  
586 function of Ti pfu respectively (Figure 10a,b). Consequently, the axial off-centring of the M2 cation  
587 also increases linearly as a function of Ti. Furthermore, there is a concomitant increase in the  
588 equatorial M2-O3 distances (Table 7). As only  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  is replacing  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  on the M2 site, it may be  
589 possible to resolve the influence of  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  directly upon the observed structural modifications within  
590 the  $\text{M2O}_5$  polyhedra. While the M2-O distances and the axial off-centring of the M2 cation all vary  
591 linearly with  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  (e.g. Figure 10c) there is no correlation with  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ . With both  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$   
592 substituting onto the M4 sites and Ti-Ti interactions occurring across the shared face of the  $\text{M4}_2\text{O}_9$   
593 pairs it is not possible to resolve individual  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ - or  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$ -dependent variations in the interatomic  
594 distances within the  $\text{M4O}_6$  octahedra. However, the M4-M4 distance across the shared face of the  
595  $\text{M4}_2\text{O}_9$  pairs increases linearly as a function of  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  pfu (Figure 11a). Constrained by the non-  
596 varying thickness of the R-block as a function of Ti, the linear expansion of the M4-O3 distance  
597 with Ti is offset by the linear decrease in the M4-O5 distance as a function of  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  (Figure 11b,c),  
598 aside from sample (1.37, 0.39) where  $>50\%$  of the M4 sites are Ti rather than Al.

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### Implications

601 Hibonite has been proposed as a single mineral oxybarometer that can provide an indication  
602 of the  $f_{\text{O}_2}$  conditions prevalent at the time of its formation either within the early solar nebula or  
603 during some later reprocessing event (Ihinger and Stolper 1986; Beckett et al. 1988). Hibonite  
604 oxybarometry has been attempted for CAIs within the Murchison and Allende carbonaceous  
605 chondrites. Estimates of  $f_{\text{O}_2}$  determined by optical absorption spectroscopy are up to 10 times more  
606 oxidised than those expected in the solar nebula (Ihinger and Stolper 1986), while those from ESR  
607 spectroscopy span nine orders of magnitude (Beckett et al. 1988). Both of these approaches are  
608 strongly dependent upon a crystal chemical model in which  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  occupies the five-coordinate M2

609 site. However, the Rietveld and DFT results of the present study show conclusively that  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$   
610 occupies the octahedral face-sharing M4 site. Furthermore, DFT calculations find that  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ - $\text{Ti}^{3+}$   
611 interactions between M4 octahedral pairs are favoured with respect to  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ - $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  interactions, while  
612 the substitution mechanisms identified by NPD suggest that  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$ - $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  and  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$ - $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  interactions may  
613 also occur. Reinterpretation of the optical and ESR spectra in light of these results indicate that the  
614 spectral features utilised for hibonite oxybarometry are not associated with occupancy of M2 by  
615  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ , but actually arise from Ti-Ti interactions. When interpreting spectroscopic data in terms of  
616  $\text{Ti}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Ti}$  and  $f_{\text{O}_2}$  the existence of Ti-Ti interactions, which may not be simply related to the amount  
617 of  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$ , need to be considered.

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619 In this study, hibonite samples with  $\text{Ti}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Ti}$  ranging from 0.27 to 1.0 were all prepared at the  
620 same  $f_{\text{O}_2}$  ( $\log f_{\text{O}_2} = -16$  at 1400 °C or 6.3 log units below the iron-wüstite  $f_{\text{O}_2}$  buffer). This  
621 illustrates how  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  can be stabilised in hibonite by  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  even under very reducing conditions. That  
622 is, crystal chemistry can stabilise oxidation states independently of  $f_{\text{O}_2}$ . The  $\text{Ti}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Ti}$  ratio of  
623 meteoritic hibonite is thus not necessarily related to the  $f_{\text{O}_2}$  of formation and will be strongly  
624 influenced by composition. Furthermore, the placement of an upper limit on  $f_{\text{O}_2}$  based solely upon  
625 the blue colour of a crystal of hibonite (Ihinger and Stolper 1986) may need to be reconsidered if  
626 crystal chemical controls are able to stabilize  $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  under nominally oxidising conditions.

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890 M1 octahedra.

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896 al. (2007), Rout et al. (2009), and Doyle (2012).

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898 **Figure 3.** Observed, calculated and difference profiles for (a) the  $Ti^{3+}$  end-member hibonite  
899 (0.20,1.0) and (b) the  $Ti^{4+}$  end-member hibonite (0.98,0). The dots represent the observed data and  
900 the solid lines the calculated profiles.

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902 **Figure 4.** Ti and Mg pfu of the synthetic hibonite samples determined from Rietveld refinement  
903 and energy dispersive spectrometry (EDS).

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905 **Figure 5.** The occupancy of  $Ti^{4+}$  as a fraction of 1 on (a) M2 and (b) M4 as a function of  $Ti^{4+}$  pfu.

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907 **Figure 6.** Unit-cell parameters of Ti-bearing hibonite samples as a function of Ti pfu derived from  
908 the Rietveld refinements (solid symbols). (a) *a* cell parameter, (b) *c* cell parameter and (c) *c/a* ratio.  
909 The values for  $CaAl_{12}O_{19}$ , terrestrial  $Ti^{4+}$  hibonite (open circle) and synthetic  $CaAl_{10.1}Ti_{1.9}O_{19}$  (open  
910 square) are taken from Hofmeister et al. (2004), Nagashima et al. (2010) and Wittmann et al. (1958)  
911 respectively. For Figures 6-11, where error bars are not visible then symbols are larger than the  
912 errors.

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914 **Figure 7.** Unit-cell parameters of Ti-bearing hibonite samples as a function of  $Ti^{4+}$  pfu. (a) *a* cell  
915 parameter and (b) *c* cell parameter.

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917 **Figure 8.** The (a) M3-O2 and (b) M3-O4 distances as a function of  $Ti^{4+}$  pfu.

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919 **Figure 9.** The (a) M5-O1, (b) M5-O2, (c) M5-O4 and (d) M5-O5 distances as a function of  $Ti^{4+}$

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922 **Figure 10.** The axial (a) M2-O1a and (b) M2-O1b distances as a function of Ti pfu and (c) the M2-

923 O1a distance as a function of  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$  pfu.

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925 **Figure 11.** The (a) M4-M4, (b) M4-O3 and (c) M4-O5 distances as a function of Ti pfu.

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927 **Table 1** Substitution sites of selected cations in natural and synthetic hibonite and various structural  
 928 analogues.

Site	Hibonite <sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>	Magnetoplumbite <sup>3,6</sup>	$\beta$ , $\beta''$ alumina <sup>7,8</sup>	Sr Y <sub>12</sub> O <sub>19</sub> <sup>9,10</sup>	Ba Y <sub>12</sub> O <sub>19</sub> <sup>11</sup>
M1	Cr <sup>3+</sup>	Al <sup>3+</sup> Cr <sup>3+</sup>	Al <sup>3+</sup> Ti <sup>3+</sup>	Cr <sup>3+</sup> Ti <sup>4+</sup>	Fe <sup>3+</sup> Ti <sup>4+</sup>
M2	Fe <sup>2+</sup> Fe <sup>3+</sup> V <sup>3+</sup> Ti <sup>3+</sup> Ti <sup>4+</sup>	Mn <sup>4+</sup> Fe <sup>3+</sup>	Al <sup>3+</sup>	Co <sup>2+</sup> Ti <sup>4+</sup> Ga <sup>3+</sup>	Fe <sup>3+</sup> Co <sup>2+</sup> Ti <sup>4+</sup>
M3	Mg <sup>2+</sup> Fe <sup>2+</sup> Fe <sup>3+</sup> Zn <sup>2+</sup> Si <sup>4+</sup>	Mn <sup>2+</sup> Zn <sup>2+</sup> Fe <sup>3+</sup> Fe <sup>2+</sup> Mg <sup>2+</sup>	Al <sup>3+</sup> Mg <sup>2+</sup>	Co <sup>2+</sup> Ga <sup>3+</sup>	Fe <sup>3+</sup> Co <sup>2+</sup>
M4	Fe <sup>2+</sup> Cr <sup>3+</sup> Ti <sup>4+</sup> Si <sup>4+</sup>	Fe <sup>3+</sup> Mn <sup>4+</sup> Sb <sup>5+</sup> Ti <sup>4+</sup>	Al <sup>3+</sup>	Cr <sup>3+</sup> Ti <sup>4+</sup>	Fe <sup>3+</sup> Ti <sup>4+</sup>
M5	Cr <sup>3+</sup>	Al <sup>3+</sup> Mn <sup>3+</sup> Cr <sup>3+</sup> Fe <sup>3+</sup> Ti <sup>4+</sup>	Al <sup>3+</sup> Ti <sup>3+</sup>	Cr <sup>3+</sup> Ti <sup>4+</sup> Co <sup>2+</sup>	Fe <sup>3+</sup> Co <sup>2+</sup> Ti <sup>4+</sup>

929 References: (1) Burns and Burns (1984); (2) Beckett et al. (1988); (3) Bermanec et al. (1996); (4) Holtstam (1996); (5)  
 930 Nagashima et al. (2010); (6) Grey et al. (1987); (7) Bettman and Peters (1969); (8) Barret et al. (1985); (9) Graetsch and  
 931 Gebert (1995); (10) Graetsch and Gebert (1996); (11) Kreber and Gonser (1976)

932 **Table 2** Chemical composition of synthetic hibonite samples determined by energy dispersive X-ray spectrometry (EDS). The sample nomenclature is of the form  
 933 (Ti pfu,  $Ti^{3+}/\Sigma Ti$ ). Secondary phases are those identified by NPD and are less than 3 wt%. Standard deviations are in parentheses.  
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Sample	No. analyses	CaO	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MgO	TiO <sub>2</sub> *	Total	Stoichiometry	Secondary phases
(0.20,1.0)	37	8.8 (0.4)	88.2 (0.6)	-	2.4 (0.5)	99.4 (0.7)	Ca <sub>1.07</sub> Al <sub>11.69</sub> Ti <sub>0.20</sub> O <sub>19</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
(0.33,1.0)	30	8.8 (0.3)	86.7 (0.6)	-	4.0 (0.4)	99.5 (0.8)	Ca <sub>1.07</sub> Al <sub>11.51</sub> Ti <sub>0.33</sub> O <sub>19</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
(0.62,0.60)	27	8.7 (0.3)	82.8 (0.5)	1.5 (0.1)	7.3 (0.5)	100.2 (0.7)	Ca <sub>1.05</sub> Al <sub>10.99</sub> Ti <sub>0.62</sub> Mg <sub>0.24</sub> O <sub>19</sub>	-
(0.73,0.33)	42	8.8 (0.3)	79.9 (1.0)	2.9 (0.2)	8.6 (0.7)	100.2 (0.9)	Ca <sub>1.07</sub> Al <sub>10.66</sub> Ti <sub>0.73</sub> Mg <sub>0.49</sub> O <sub>19</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
(0.82,0.27)	41	8.6 (0.3)	78.6 (2.5)	3.5 (0.6)	9.6 (2.2)	100.3 (0.9)	Ca <sub>1.05</sub> Al <sub>10.48</sub> Ti <sub>0.82</sub> Mg <sub>0.60</sub> O <sub>19</sub>	MgAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
(1.37,0.39)	18	8.6 (0.3)	71.0 (1.1)	4.9 (0.2)	15.9 (0.9)	100.4 (0.8)	Ca <sub>1.05</sub> Al <sub>9.59</sub> Ti <sub>1.37</sub> Mg <sub>0.83</sub> O <sub>19</sub>	MgAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
(0.44,0)	26	8.5 (0.3)	83.0 (1.9)	2.5 (0.6)	5.2 (1.4)	99.2 (0.6)	Ca <sub>1.04</sub> Al <sub>11.10</sub> Ti <sub>0.44</sub> Mg <sub>0.43</sub> O <sub>19</sub>	MgAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
(0.98,0)	28	8.3 (0.4)	74.8 (0.7)	5.4 (0.2)	11.4 (0.7)	100.0 (0.9)	Ca <sub>1.01</sub> Al <sub>10.07</sub> Ti <sub>0.98</sub> Mg <sub>0.91</sub> O <sub>19</sub>	MgAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , CaTiO <sub>3</sub>

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949 **Table 3** Lattice parameters and Mg and Ti site occupancies (as fractions of 1) derived from the Rietveld refinements. The occupancies of Ti<sup>3+</sup> and Ti<sup>4+</sup> on M4  
950 were calculated assuming that Ti<sup>4+</sup> pfu = Mg<sup>2+</sup> pfu, Ti<sup>3+</sup> only occupies M4 and all the Ti on M2 is Ti<sup>4+</sup>.

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Sample	a (Å)	c (Å)	Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	Mg on M3	Ti on M2*	Ti on M4	Ti <sup>3+</sup> on M4	Ti <sup>4+</sup> on M4	Ti <sup>4+</sup> M2/M4 †
(0.20,1.0)	5.567260 (6)	21.92612 (4)	588.539 (1)	-	-	0.096 (1)	0.096 (1)	-	-
(0.33,1.0)	5.570159 (9)	21.93871 (6)	589.491 (2)	-	-	0.144 (1)	0.144 (1)	-	-
(0.62,0.60)	5.586154 (7)	21.98939 (5)	594.251 (1)	0.12 (1)	0.020 (5)	0.250 (5)	0.15 (1)	0.10 (1)	0.20 (1)
(0.73,0.33)	5.596009 (8)	22.01478 (5)	597.038 (1)	0.26 (1)	0.040 (5)	0.310 (5)	0.09 (1)	0.22 (1)	0.18 (1)
(0.82,0.27)	5.603373 (9)	22.03238 (6)	599.089 (2)	0.33 (1)	0.065 (3)	0.360 (5)	0.09 (1)	0.27 (1)	0.24 (1)
(1.37,0.39)	5.62894 (1)	22.12121 (7)	607.006 (2)	0.42 (1)	0.050 (5)	0.600 (5)	0.23 (1)	0.37 (1)	0.14 (1)
(0.44,0)	5.58641 (1)	21.99031 (8)	594.329 (4)	0.21 (1)	0.030 (5)	0.190 (5)	-	0.190 (5)	0.16 (1)
(0.98,0)	5.607263 (7)	22.07468 (5)	601.072 (1)	0.46 (1)	0.065 (3)	0.403 (3)	-	0.403 (5)	0.16 (1)

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\* Site is half occupied.

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† For the hibonite structure M2/M4 calculated in terms of occupancy is equivalent to M2/M4 pfu.

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956 **Table 4** Atomic coordinates and isotropic displacement parameters ( $U_{\text{iso}} \times 100$ ).

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		(0.20,1.0)	(0.33,1.0)	(0.62,0.60)	(0.73,0.33)	(0.82,0.27)	(1.37,0.39)	(0.44,0)	(0.98,0)
Ca	x	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667
	y	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333
	z	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500
	$U_{\text{iso}}$	1.14(3)	0.99(5)	2.09(3)	2.03(3)	2.04(4)	3.03(1)	3.15(1)	2.77(4)
M1	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	z	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	$U_{\text{iso}}$	0.73(3)	1.11(5)	0.89(3)	0.82(3)	0.76(4)	0.71(1)	1.06(1)	0.88(4)
M2	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	z	0.2591(1)	0.2598(2)	0.2621(1)	0.2620(1)	0.2620(2)	0.2657(1)	0.2612(1)	0.2641(1)
	$U_{\text{iso}}$	1.71(5)	1.84(8)	2.02(6)	1.92(7)	2.03(9)	1.75(1)	2.02(1)	1.90(4)
M3	x	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333
	y	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667
	z	0.02781(5)	0.02878(7)	0.02849(4)	0.02821(4)	0.02861(4)	0.02921(1)	0.02701(1)	0.02791(6)
	$U_{\text{iso}}$	1.07(2)	1.37(3)	1.23(2)	1.15(2)	1.09(2)	0.88(1)	1.17(1)	1.32(4)
M4	x	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333
	y	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667
	z	0.19044(5)	0.19029(9)	0.18900(8)	0.1879(1)	0.1875(2)	0.18789(9)	0.1901(1)	0.1865(1)
	$U_{\text{iso}}$	0.65(5)	0.80(9)	1.28(5)	1.07(7)	1.2(1)	1.07(1)	1.13(1)	1.23(4)
M5	x	0.16863(7)	0.1693(1)	0.16908(7)	0.16870(7)	0.16902(9)	0.16774(4)	0.16855(3)	0.16872(2)
	y	0.3372(1)	0.3384(2)	0.3380(1)	0.3373(1)	0.3379(2)	0.3354(1)	0.3371(1)	0.33732(4)
	z	-0.10904(2)	-0.10883(2)	-0.10846(2)	-0.10809(2)	-0.10786(2)	-0.10651(1)	-0.10894(1)	-0.10731(6)
	$U_{\text{iso}}$	1.04(1)	1.30(2)	1.38(1)	1.28(1)	1.27(1)	1.21(1)	1.20(1)	1.40(4)
O1	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	z	-0.14940(3)	-0.14985(4)	-0.14960(3)	-0.15003(3)	-0.15054(4)	-0.14927(1)	-0.15001(8)	-0.15037(6)
	$U_{\text{iso}}$	0.72(2)	1.20(3)	1.27(2)	0.76(2)	0.65(3)	0.66(1)	1.54(1)	1.29(4)
O2	x	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667	0.6667
	y	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333	0.3333
	z	0.05403(3)	0.05280(6)	0.05458(3)	0.05542(3)	0.05593(4)	0.05668(1)	0.05597(1)	0.05753(6)
	$U_{\text{iso}}$	0.88(2)	0.89(2)	1.17(2)	1.25(2)	1.14(2)	1.38(1)	1.18(5)	1.30(4)
O3	x	0.18166(6)	0.1817(1)	0.18033(6)	0.18049(6)	0.18094(7)	0.17842(4)	0.17986(3)	0.18101(2)
	y	0.3634(1)	0.3635(2)	0.3608(1)	0.3611(1)	0.3620(1)	0.3570(1)	0.3598(1)	0.3621(1)
	z	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500
	$U_{\text{iso}}$	1.24(1)	1.70(2)	1.67(1)	1.65(1)	1.58(2)	1.09(1)	1.48(1)	1.58(4)
O4	x	0.15600(4)	0.15542(6)	0.15465(3)	0.15400(4)	0.15341(4)	0.15303(4)	0.15398(3)	0.15251(2)
	y	0.31200(8)	0.3108(1)	0.30931(7)	0.30801(7)	0.30682(8)	0.30608(8)	0.30797(7)	0.30502(4)
	z	0.05210(1)	0.05261(2)	0.05238(1)	0.05278(1)	0.05300(2)	0.05329(1)	0.05263(1)	0.05332(1)
	$U_{\text{iso}}$	0.97(1)	1.27(1)	1.37(1)	1.34(1)	1.34(1)	0.86(1)	1.24(1)	1.48(4)
O5	x	0.50357(5)	0.50303(8)	0.50412(4)	0.50455(4)	0.50469(5)	0.50609(4)	0.50367(3)	0.50419(2)
	y	1.0072(1)	1.0061(2)	1.00833(8)	1.00918(8)	1.0095(1)	1.01225(8)	1.00743(7)	1.00846(4)
	z	0.14899(1)	0.14887(1)	0.14893(1)	0.14935(1)	0.14934(2)	0.14949(1)	0.14922(1)	0.14978(1)
	$U_{\text{iso}}$	1.00(1)	1.27(1)	1.32(1)	1.35(1)	1.29(1)	0.75(1)	1.13(1)	1.26(4)

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960 **Table 5** Energies of isolated defects at 0 K.

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Defect (Kröger-Vink notation)	Energy (eV / 256 atom cell)	Notes
No defect	-88959.2740	CaAl <sub>12</sub> O <sub>19</sub> hibonite, 256 atoms
Ti <sub>Al(1)</sub> <sup>x</sup>	-90393.3591	Ti <sup>3+</sup> on M1
Ti <sub>Al(2)</sub> <sup>x</sup>	-90394.1357	Ti <sup>3+</sup> on M2
Ti <sub>Al(3)</sub> <sup>x</sup>	-90393.8763	Ti <sup>3+</sup> on M3
Ti <sub>Al(4)</sub> <sup>x</sup>	-90393.8734	Ti <sup>3+</sup> on M4
Ti <sub>Al(5)</sub> <sup>x</sup>	-90393.7426	Ti <sup>3+</sup> on M5
Ti <sub>Al(1)</sub> <sup>•</sup>	-90387.3766	Ti <sup>4+</sup> on M1
Ti <sub>Al(2)</sub> <sup>•</sup>	-90389.3807	Ti <sup>4+</sup> on M2
Ti <sub>Al(3)</sub> <sup>•</sup>	-90387.9251	Ti <sup>4+</sup> on M3
Ti <sub>Al(4)</sub> <sup>•</sup>	-90389.0742	Ti <sup>4+</sup> on M4
Ti <sub>Al(5)</sub> <sup>•</sup>	-90388.5411	Ti <sup>4+</sup> on M5
Mg <sub>Al(1)</sub> <sup>′</sup>	-89836.9945	Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M1
Mg <sub>Al(2)</sub> <sup>′</sup>	-89836.2080	Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M2
Mg <sub>Al(3)</sub> <sup>′</sup>	-89837.8229	Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M3
Mg <sub>Al(4)</sub> <sup>′</sup>	-89836.0045	Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M4
Mg <sub>Al(5)</sub> <sup>′</sup>	-89836.6277	Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M5

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967 **Table 6** Energies of clustered defect structures including Ti-Mg and Ti-Ti interactions at 0 K. Defects  
 968 labeled with (a) and (b) subscripts occur as multiple symmetrically distinct clusters, which can be  
 969 distinguished using the Ti-Mg distances.

Defect (Kröger-Vink notation)	Energy (eV / 256 atom cell)	Ti-Mg distance (Å)	Notes
No defect	-88959.2740	-	CaAl <sub>12</sub> O <sub>19</sub> hibonite, 256 atoms
{Ti <sub>Al(1)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(3)</sub> '}	-91267.2759	3.30	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M1 and M3
{Ti <sub>Al(1)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(5)</sub> '}	-91266.0809	2.19	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M1 and M5
{Ti <sub>Al(2)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(4)</sub> '}(a)	-91267.5971	3.45	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M2 and M4
{Ti <sub>Al(2)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(4)</sub> '}(b)	-91267.6954	3.54	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M2 and M4
{Ti <sub>Al(2)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(5)</sub> '}(a)	-91268.1237	3.40	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M2 and M5
{Ti <sub>Al(2)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(5)</sub> '}(b)	-91268.1161	3.61	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M2 and M5
{Ti <sub>Al(3)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(1)</sub> '}	-91266.9784	3.30	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M3 and M1
{Ti <sub>Al(3)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(5)</sub> '}(a)	-91266.4905	3.44	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M3 and M5
{Ti <sub>Al(3)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(5)</sub> '}(b)	-91267.1033	3.33	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M3 and M5
{Ti <sub>Al(4)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(5)</sub> '}	-91267.8774	3.33	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M4 and M5
{Ti <sub>Al(4)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(4)</sub> '}	-91267.5227	2.60	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M4 and M4
{Ti <sub>Al(4)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(2)</sub> '}(a)	-91267.5280	3.45	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M4 and M2
{Ti <sub>Al(4)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(2)</sub> '}(b)	-91267.5610	3.54	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M4 and M2
{Ti <sub>Al(5)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(5)</sub> '}(a)	-91267.2759	2.77	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M5 and M5
{Ti <sub>Al(5)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(5)</sub> '}(b)	-91267.5073	2.84	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M5 and M5
{Ti <sub>Al(5)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(4)</sub> '}	-91266.9258	3.33	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M5 and M4
{Ti <sub>Al(5)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(2)</sub> '}(a)	-91266.8811	3.40	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M5 and M2
{Ti <sub>Al(5)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(2)</sub> '}(b)	-91266.8884	3.61	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M5 and M2
{Ti <sub>Al(5)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(1)</sub> '}	-91267.5402	2.91	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M5 and M1
{Ti <sub>Al(5)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(3)</sub> '}(a)	-91268.3199	3.43	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M5 and M3
{Ti <sub>Al(5)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(3)</sub> '}(b)	-91268.3299	3.32	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M5 and M3
{Ti <sub>Al(2)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(3)</sub> '}(a)	-91269.1850	5.76	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M2 and M3
{Ti <sub>Al(2)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(3)</sub> '}(b)	-91269.2066	5.97	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M2 and M3
{Ti <sub>Al(4)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(3)</sub> '}	-91268.8648	3.59	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M4 and M3
{Ti <sub>Al(4)</sub> <sup>x</sup> Ti <sub>Al(4)</sub> <sup>x</sup> }	-91830.7191	-	Ti <sup>3+</sup> on M4
{Ti <sub>Al(4)</sub> ·Ti <sub>Al(4)</sub> ·Mg <sub>Al(3)</sub> 'Mg <sub>Al(3)</sub> '}	-93579.4590	3.51 and 3.53	Ti <sup>4+</sup> and Mg <sup>2+</sup> on M4 and M3

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972 **Table 7** Selected interatomic distances (Å); R = R-block, S = S-block.

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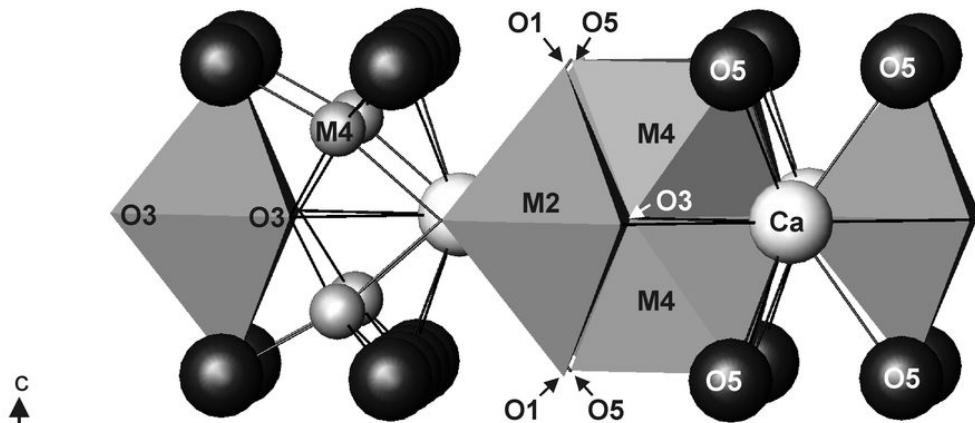
	(0.20,1.0)	(0.33,1.0)	(0.62,0.60)	(0.73,0.33)	(0.82,0.27)	(1.37,0.39)	(0.44,0)	(0.98,0)
Ca-O3 (×6)	2.78798(3)	2.78945(5)	2.79681(3)	2.80182(3)	2.80573(3)	2.81742(4)	2.79673(2)	2.80769(1)
Ca-O5 (×6)	2.7160(3)	2.7228(5)	2.7224(3)	2.7161(3)	2.7181(4)	2.7190(6)	2.7197(2)	2.7171(2)
M1-O4 (×6)	1.8889(4)	1.8921(6)	1.8883(3)	1.8916(3)	1.8923(4)	1.9016(6)	1.8866(3)	1.8920(2)
M2-O1 <sub>a</sub>	2.006(3)	1.983(4)	1.941(2)	1.937(3)	1.926(4)	1.881(4)	1.951(1)	1.888(3)
M2-O1 <sub>b</sub>	2.406(3)	2.411(4)	2.474(2)	2.465(3)	2.457(4)	2.575(3)	2.447(3)	2.510(3)
M2-O3 (×3)	1.7636(7)	1.766(1)	1.7655(6)	1.7697(7)	1.7765(9)	1.7744(8)	1.7584(3)	1.7857(2)
M3-O2	1.794(1)	1.790(2)	1.8266(9)	1.8411(9)	1.863(1)	1.8998(8)	1.8247(3)	1.8859(3)
M3-O4 (×3)	1.7912(5)	1.7945(7)	1.8070(4)	1.8205(4)	1.8272(5)	1.8369(8)	1.8247(3)	1.8438(4)
M4-O3 (×3)	1.9605(8)	1.964(2)	1.997(1)	2.016(2)	2.021(3)	2.0416(6)	1.985(1)	2.038(2)
M4-O5 (×3)	1.8766(6)	1.873(1)	1.8730(9)	1.864(1)	1.864(2)	1.8865(6)	1.877(1)	1.8471(2)
M5-O1	1.8509(7)	1.864(1)	1.8689(7)	1.8774(8)	1.890(1)	1.8887(8)	1.8643(3)	1.8939(2)
M5-O2	1.9948(8)	2.005(1)	1.9828(7)	1.9730(8)	1.963(1)	1.9555(8)	1.9747(3)	1.9407(3)
M5-O4 (×2)	2.0044(4)	1.9965(7)	1.9970(5)	1.9854(5)	1.9809(6)	1.9609(8)	1.9959(3)	1.9673(4)
M5-O5 (×2)	1.8075(5)	1.8089(7)	1.8148(4)	1.8261(5)	1.8288(6)	1.8527(8)	1.8165(3)	1.8450(4)
M4-M4	2.612(2)	2.620(4)	2.683(4)	2.734(5)	2.754(8)	2.748(4)	2.635(3)	2.803(3)
O1-O1 (R)	4.412(1)	4.394(2)	4.415(1)	4.402(1)	4.383(2)	4.456(4)	4.398(1)	4.398(3)
O1-O1 (S)	6.551(1)	6.575(2)	6.579(1)	6.606(1)	6.634(2)	6.604(4)	6.598(3)	6.639(3)

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## R-block



## S-block

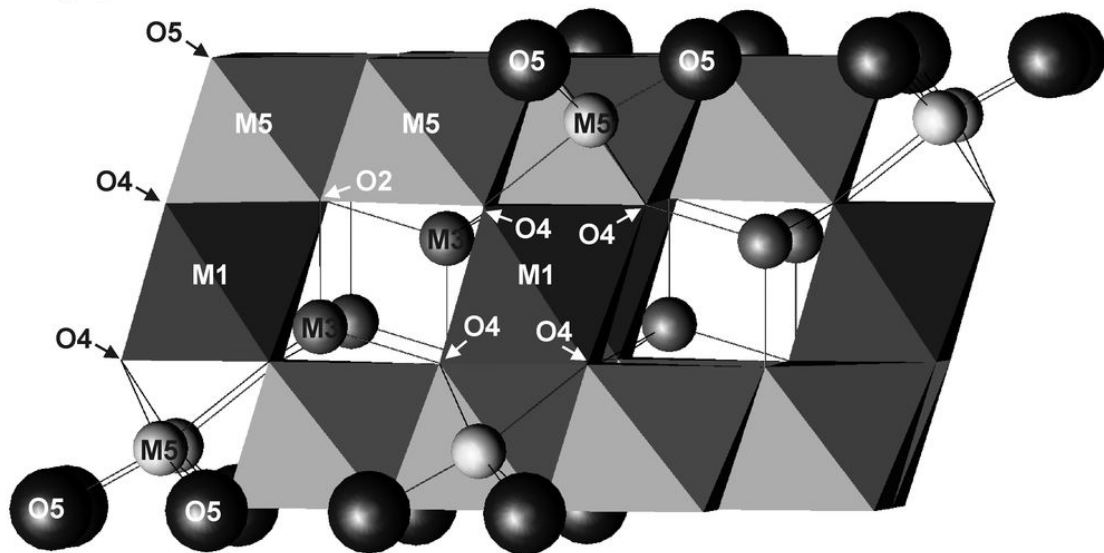


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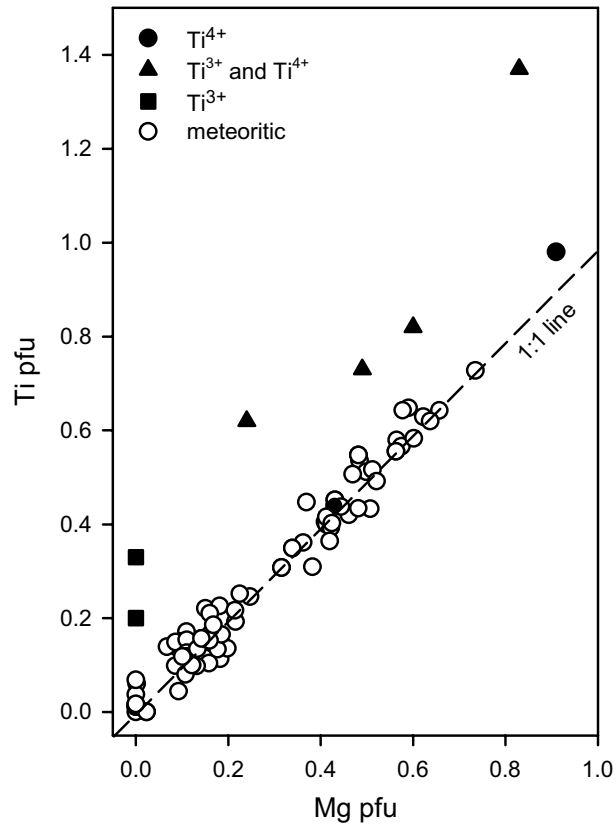


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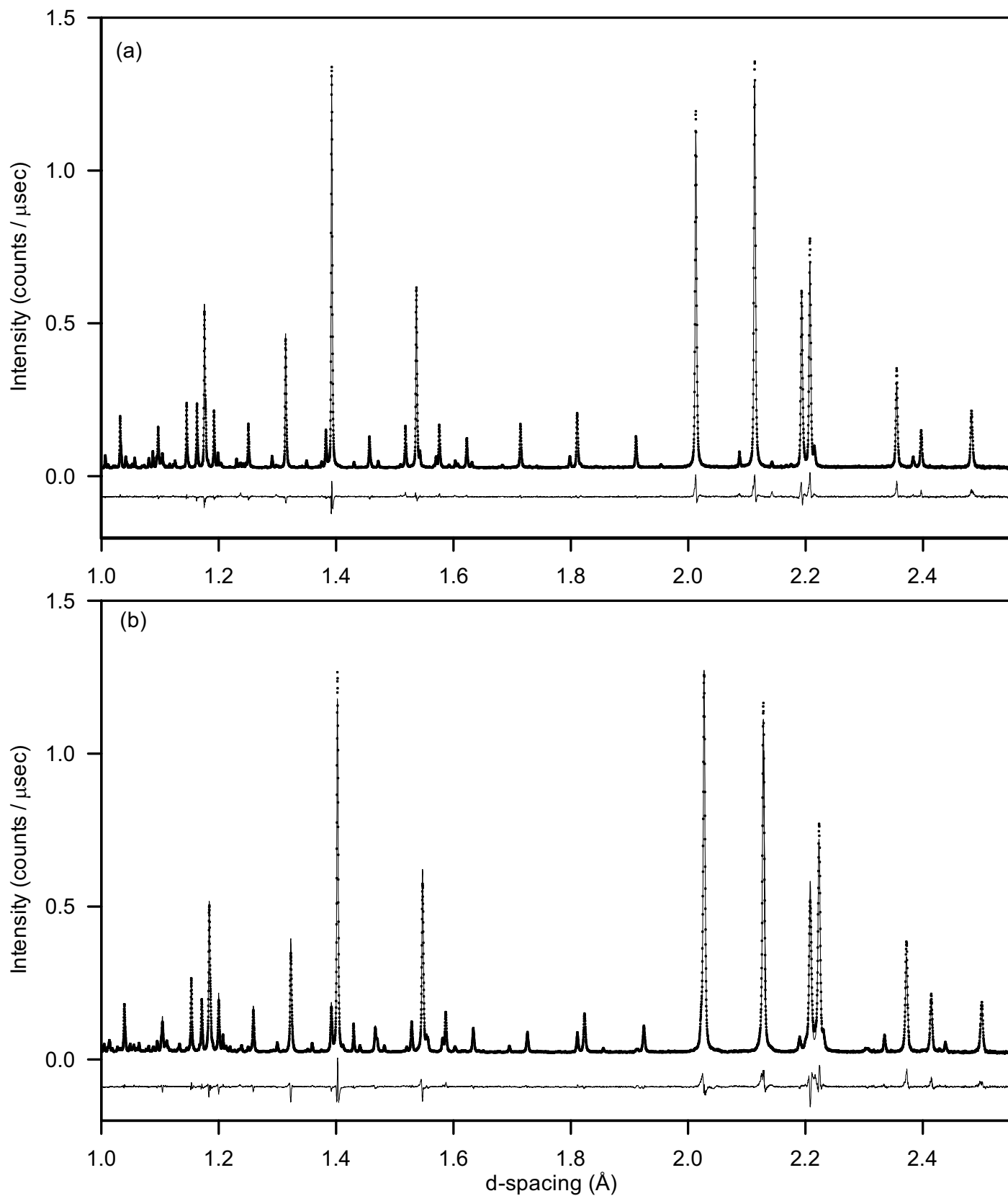


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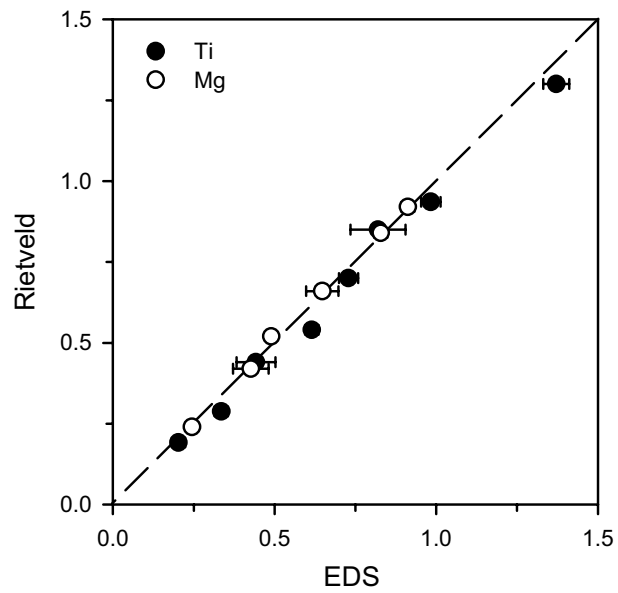


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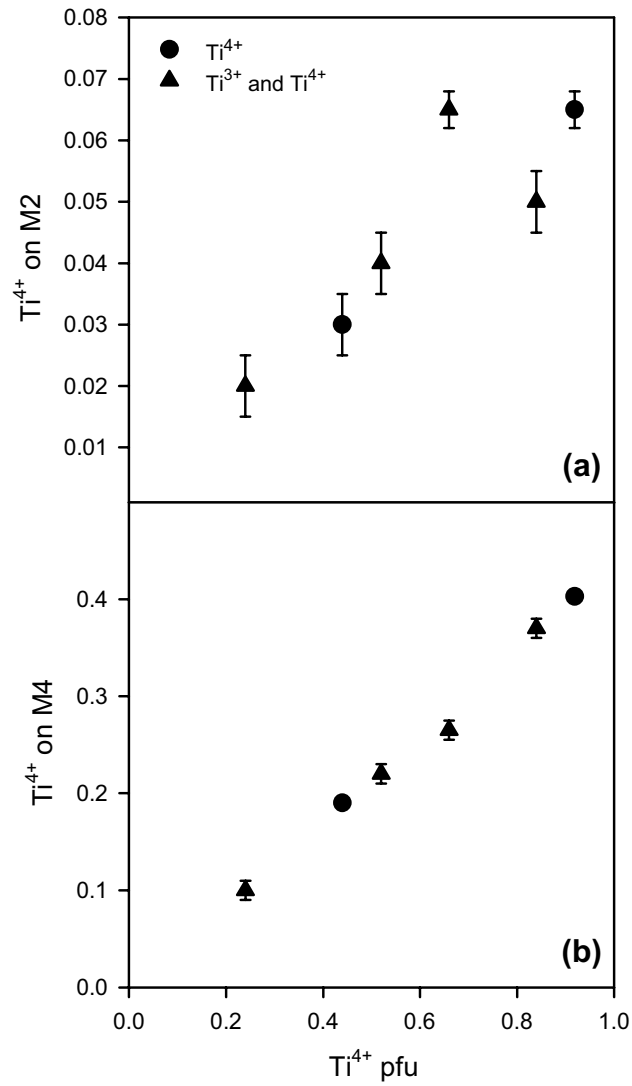




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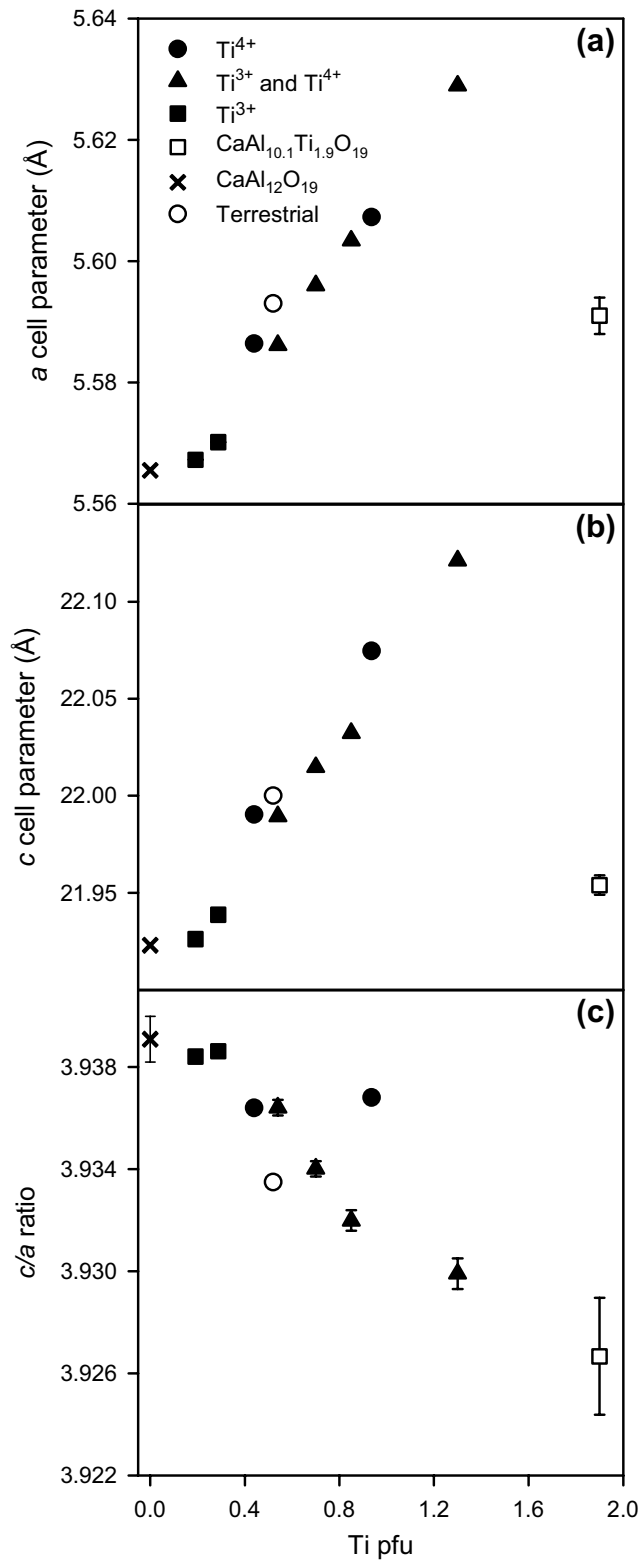


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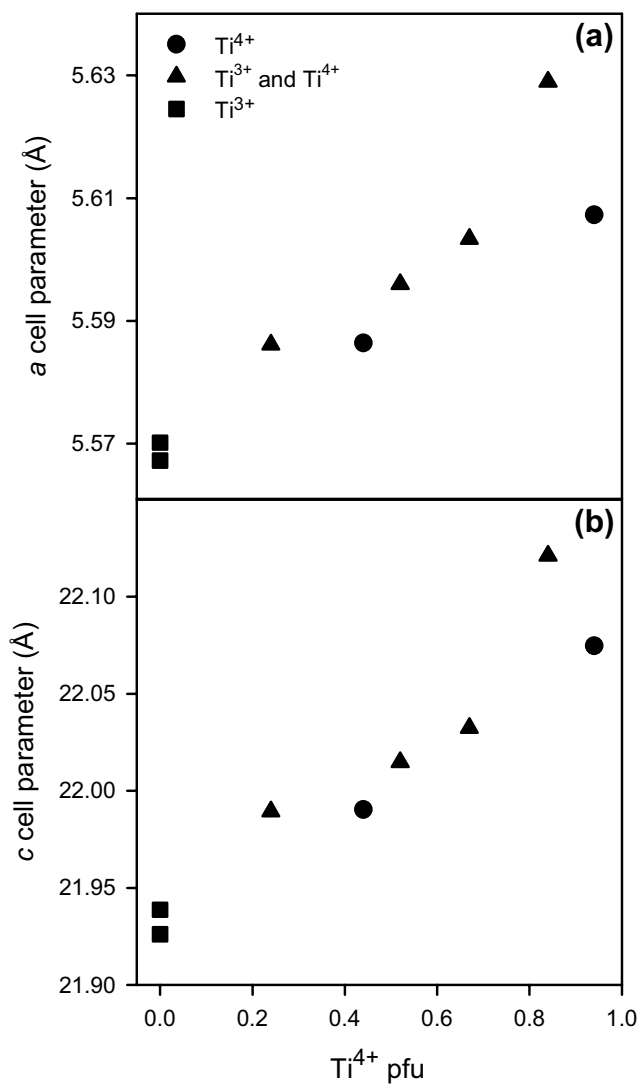


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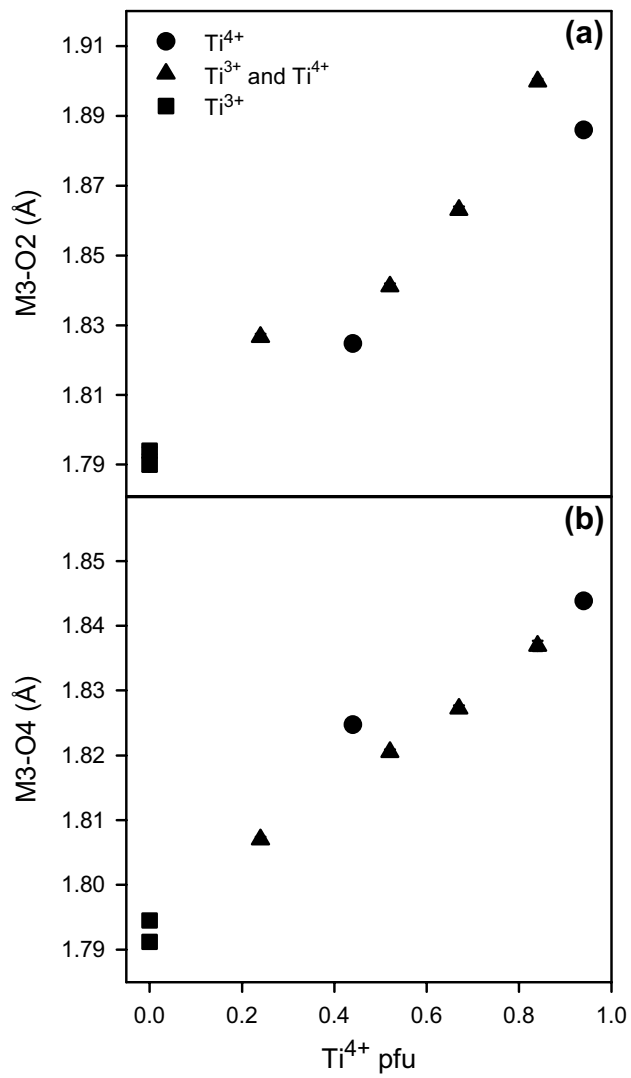
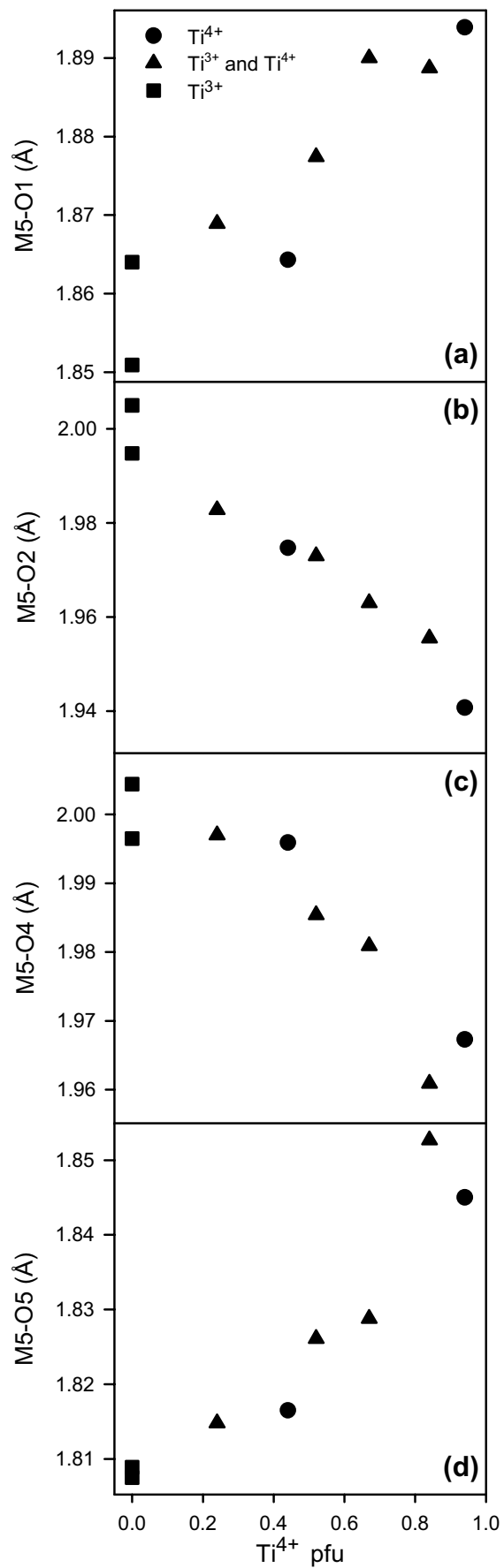


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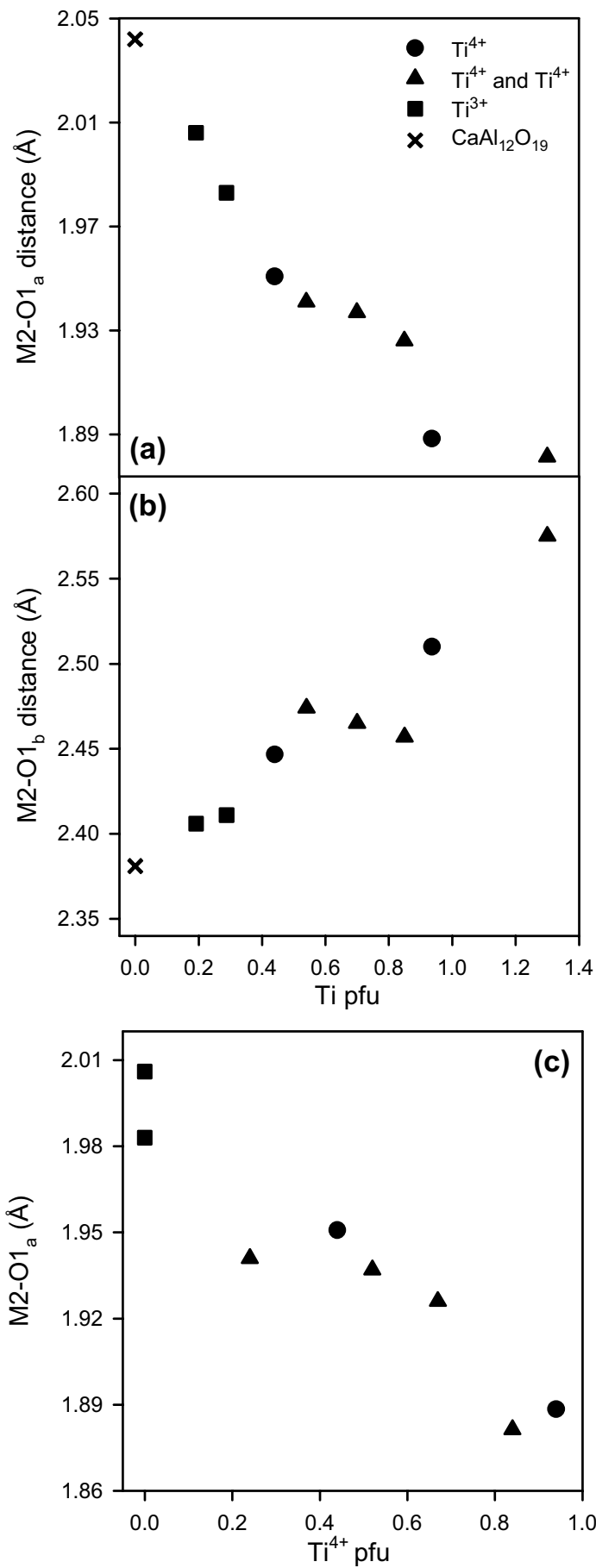


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