

1 **Revision 2 - Experimental study of phlogopite reaction rim formation on olivine**  
2 **in phonolite melts: kinetics, reaction rates and residence times.**

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12 **ABSTRACT**

13 Experiments were conducted to reproduce reaction rims of phlogopite ± diopside  
14 around olivine that have been observed within a wide range of potassic melts,  
15 including phonolite. Phlogopite is also a common secondary phase formed at the  
16 expense of olivine during metasomatic events involving K<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>O rich fluids or  
17 melts. Piston cylinder experiments where olivine single crystals were reacted with  
18 synthetic phonolite melt at 10.7-14.7 kbar and 950-1000°C recreate the mineralogy  
19 and textures documented in natural samples. Rim growth is parabolic with time,  
20 indicating a diffusion-controlled reaction. Fast diffusion in the melt and varying  
21 compositions across the phlogopite reaction rims suggest that diffusion through the  
22 rims, along grain boundaries is rate limiting. Reaction rates dramatically increase with  
23 temperature as well as the bulk water content of the sample charge. This is because of  
24 increasing amounts of atomically bound hydrous species along the grain boundaries  
25 increase the rates of diffusion and thereby the rates of rim growth. Atomically bound

26 hydrous species increase the rates of rim growth by lowering the activation energy for  
27 diffusion and by increasing the solubility of diffusing species in the grain boundary  
28 region. Transmission electron microscopy shows the presence of isolated pores and  
29 open grain boundaries. Most of these may have opened during quenching but there is  
30 some evidence to suggest that a free fluid phase may have been locally present in  
31 experiments with high melt water contents (>8 wt.%). The measured rim growth rates  
32 at different conditions are used to estimate residence times of reacting olivine crystals  
33 in natural systems.

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### 38 **INTRODUCTION**

39 Phlogopite bearing peridotite rocks has been identified in a number of locations; the  
40 Ivrea Zone, Southern Alps (Zanetti et al 1999; Grieco et al, 2001), the Horoman  
41 peridotite complex (Arai and Takahashi, 1989), and Lherz (Bodinier et al, 2004).  
42 Additionally, phlogopite bearing peridotite xenoliths are observed (Aoki, 1975; Lloyd  
43 et al, 1991; Wulff-Pedersen et al, 1996; Stiefenhofer et al, 1997). The phlogopite,  
44 along with other phases, is often secondary and forms at the expense of primary  
45 peridotite phases such as olivine during metasomatic events involving K<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>O  
46 rich melts or fluids. Clear evidence of replacement of olivine by phlogopite was  
47 described in the Horoman peridotite complex (Arai and Takahashi, 1989). The origin  
48 and composition of the fluids or melts involved in these reactions are not always well  
49 constrained. Slab derived melts or fluids (Sudo and Tatsumi, 1990; Zanetti et al 1999;  
50 Prouteau et al, 2001, Wunder and Melzer, 2003), partial melting of pre-metasomatised

51 mantle (Grieco et al, 2001; Thibault et al, 1992) and fluids released from fractionating  
52 alkali basaltic melts (Arai and Takahashi, 1989) have been suggested as potential  
53 sources. The range in pressures and temperatures of phlogopite formation are also  
54 potentially very large. Xenolith samples from Bultfontein Floors (Aoki, 1975) are  
55 thought to originate from 170-100 km compared with much shallower conditions in  
56 the Horoman peridotite complex (Arai and Takahashi, 1989) and the Ivrea Zone  
57 (Grieco et al, 2001). The stability field of phlogopite has been shown to extend deep  
58 into the mantle (Trønnes, 2002) making it an important reservoir for volatiles, alkalis  
59 and trace elements. Phlogopite, may also be an important phase in the genesis and  
60 alkali budget of arc magmas (Sudo and Tatsumi, 1990), intraplate magmas (Pilet et al,  
61 2011) and ultrapotassic melts (Foley, 1992) during partial melting of metasomatised  
62 mantle. Therefore, the mechanisms by which phlogopite forms at the expense of  
63 upper mantle minerals is of particular interest.

64 In addition, there are numerous examples of olivine xenocrysts that have reacted  
65 to form phlogopite  $\pm$  diopside reaction rims when in contact with  $K_2O$  and  $H_2O$  rich  
66 melts such as: lamprophyre (Foley et al, 2002; Semiz et al, 2012), lamproite  
67 (Carmichael, 1967; Çoban and Flower, 2006), kimberlite (Neal and Taylor, 1989),  
68 minettes (Davis and Smith, 1993), nephelinite – leucitite (Lloyd et al, 2002) as well as  
69 phonolite (Henderson et al, 2012, Grant et al, 2013). These are very small-scale  
70 analogues of metasomatic reactions and in all these cases olivine cores clearly show  
71 textures indicative of dissolution and replacement by phlogopite. Phase relationships  
72 of potassic melts show a change in liquidus phases from olivine to phlogopite  $\pm$   
73 diopside during cooling (Luth, 1967; Arima and Edgar, 1983; Draper and Green,  
74 1997).

75 In this study we experimentally reacted olivine single crystals with synthetic

76 phonolite melt to form phlogopite  $\pm$  diopside reaction rims. This simple experimental  
77 setup recreates the textures and mineralogy observed in naturally occurring rims  
78 formed between olivine and phonolite (Henderson et al, 2012; Grant et al, 2013) and  
79 other similar melts. The dissolution of olivine and precipitation of phlogopite is  
80 driven by a combination of diffusion and interface kinetics, where the slower of the  
81 two is rate-limiting (see Dohmen and Chakraborty, 2003 for a detailed discussion).  
82 We find that the rate limiting process is grain boundary diffusion through the  
83 phlogopite reaction rims. We therefore investigate the structural properties of grain  
84 boundaries and interphase boundaries using transmission electron microscopy (TEM).  
85 The influence of pressure, temperature and bulk H<sub>2</sub>O content of the melt on reaction  
86 rim growth rates is also discussed. The primary aim of this work is to use  
87 experimentally derived rim growth rates to estimate residence times of olivine  
88 xenocrysts in the Heldburg Phonolite described by Grant et al (2013). These can then  
89 be applied to other occurrences of phlogopite rim growth on olivine in K<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>O  
90 rich melts.

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## 93 **EXPERIMENTAL METHODS**

### 94 **Starting materials**

95 Two Fe-free synthetic phonolite glasses were prepared (PHG2 and PHG3). The  
96 compositions of these two glasses are given in Table 1. Oxide and carbonate forms of  
97 each component were accurately weighed, crushed in an agate pestle and mortar in  
98 ethanol, and then placed into a platinum crucible. The mixture was then heated in a  
99 box furnace at 1600°C for >24 hrs to create a homogenous melt. The melt was then  
100 quenched in water to form a glass, removed and checked for homogeneity before

101 being crushed and used in experiments. PHG3 is a Ca-free glass, which was used in  
102 experiments to avoid liquidus diopside that formed in experiments using PHG2 (see  
103 later). Both starting material glasses were reasonably homogenous (see Table 1).  
104 PHG2 experienced little alkali loss. PHG3 lost ~1 wt.% Na during analysis,  
105 accounting for its low total. Quench rates were fast enough to inhibit micro-crystals in  
106 both PHG2 and PHG3. We used pure forsterite from a single crystal synthesized by  
107 IKZ Berlin and a single crystal of San Carlos olivine. Fragments of each were then  
108 crushed dry using a metal pestle and mortar, separated under size intervals of >500  
109  $\mu\text{m}$ , 250- 500  $\mu\text{m}$  and <250  $\mu\text{m}$  and the middle size grouping was used for  
110 experiments. Olivine grains were then added to the crushed glasses of PHG2 or PHG3  
111 in ratios of 84:16 wt.% (glass : forsterite / San Carlos). The composition of the San  
112 Carlos olivine is given in Table 1. Platinum capsules with lengths of about 6mm,  
113 diameters of 3 mm, and wall thicknesses of 0.3 mm were used for all experiments.  
114 One end was crimped and then welded using a PUK3 arc welder. Double distilled  
115 water was added via micro-syringe, and then followed by the forsterite-glass (or San  
116 Carlos-glass) mixture in proportions to give the desired bulk water contents. The top  
117 of the capsule was then welded, weighed and then placed in a 100°C oven for around  
118 an hour and then weighed again to check for any weight loss and the quality of the  
119 welded seal. Samples that showed no weight loss were then used. Capsules were also  
120 cleaned and weighed after the experiments to check for any weight loss. No samples  
121 showed any loss of weight after the experiments, indicating that no volatiles were lost  
122 at peak run conditions. Sample names, bulk water contents, estimated melt water  
123 contents (based on an assumed 84:16 ratio), and run conditions (P-T-t) are given in  
124 Table 2. Three sets of time series experiments were conducted with three different  
125 bulk water contents of 3.9-4.2 wt.% (low water), 5.6-6.5 wt.% (medium water) and

126 7.2-8.0 wt.% (high water).

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## 128 **Piston cylinder apparatus**

129 All experiments were conducted using a Johannes type piston cylinder apparatus (see  
130 Johannes et al, 1971; and Johannes, 1973). The sample charge consisted of a drilled  
131 natural CaF<sub>2</sub> holder for two capsules and the Ni/Ni-Cr thermocouple that measured  
132 the temperature at the middle of the capsules. This was surrounded by a graphite  
133 sleeve (furnace), and then encased in a 1 inch wide drilled natural CaF<sub>2</sub> outer part.  
134 Friction effects were accounted for due to the use of natural CaF<sub>2</sub> pieces (Harlov and  
135 Milke, 2002). Loading of pressure was done first and then the temperature was  
136 increased to the peak conditions. Pressure stayed constant to within 0.2 Kbar and the  
137 measured thermocouple temperature to within 2-3°C during the experiments.  
138 However there could be small thermal gradients across the samples, but the  $\Delta T$  across  
139 the sample is unlikely to be more than 20°C (Schilling and Wunder, 2004). Samples  
140 were quenched at a rate of ~20°C/s (calculated over a temperature range of 950-  
141 450°C). Run conditions for all experiments are given in Table 2. We conducted two  
142 sets of experiments. Single series experiments tested a wider range of different  
143 temperatures, pressure, water content, duration and olivine composition, and time  
144 series experiments where all parameters were kept constant except for the run  
145 duration.

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## 147 **ANALYTICAL METHODS**

### 148 **Electron microprobe (EMP)**

149 An initial assessment of all samples was conducted using the JEOL JXA-8200  
150 (Superprobe) at FU Berlin, Geocampus. Back-scattered electron (BSE) images were

151 taken as well as microprobe analysis of reaction rims and host olivines. Some data  
152 was collected for glasses using wide beams of 15  $\mu\text{m}$  to limit loss of alkalis compared  
153 to fully focused beams for all other phases. All analyses were made with accelerating  
154 voltages of 15 kV, 20 nA beam current and counting times of 10s on peak and  
155 background. The same analytical conditions but with focused beams of 1 $\mu\text{m}$  were  
156 used to make a series of line scans on SC31. Analyses of glasses were taken using a  
157 JEOL (Hyperprobe) JXA-8500F with a thermal field emission cathode (FEG) at GFZ  
158 Potsdam. The analysis of glass posed a significant problem considering the high alkali  
159 content (>14 wt.%), high volatile contents and the presence of small crystals of  
160 phlogopite throughout the glass. In order to measure profiles through glasses away  
161 from reaction rims with the maximum spatial resolution (i.e. distance between each  
162 point) whilst minimizing migration of alkalis, specific conditions used were; 5 nA  
163 beam current, an accelerating voltage of 6 kV, short counting times of 10s on peak  
164 and background with a defocused beam of 5  $\mu\text{m}$ . Standards included jadeite (Si and  
165 Na), periclase (Mg), orthoclase (Al and K).

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#### 167 **Rim thickness measurements**

168 Using the BSE images from the microprobe, rim thicknesses were measured. For each  
169 sample several rims were measured, giving >20-30 data points of rim thickness.  
170 These were then averaged to give the estimated rim thickness for each sample. Due to  
171 the uncertainty in the orientation of the reaction rim with respect to the polished  
172 surface, some rims could be cut at a low angle, making their thicknesses appear larger  
173 than they actually are. This means that the observed thickness is always slightly larger  
174 than the actual rim thickness (Liu et al, 1997). For this reason, the best locations for  
175 thickness measurements were where the rims were generally thinner. Rim thicknesses

176 are comparable from different experiments as long as the same method of measuring  
177 rim thickness is always used.

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### 179 **Transmission electron microscope (TEM)**

180 TEM foils were prepared using the focused ion beam (FIB) techniques described by  
181 Wirth (2004). Two foils were cut on sample TSF2, one perpendicular to and crossing  
182 the olivine-phlogopite interface (foil #3259), and one cut parallel to the olivine  
183 interface through the phlogopite rim (foil #3281). One foil was cut from sample TSF6  
184 that was perpendicular to and crossed the olivine –phlogopite interface. Two further  
185 foils (#3518 and #3520) were then cut in sample TSF 8, both were perpendicular to  
186 the olivine interfaces. TEM and HRTEM images were taken using the FEI Tecnai G2  
187 F20 X-Twin transmission electron microscope at GFZ Potsdam. EDX analyses were  
188 acquired using the EDX detector. High angle annular dark field (HAADF) scanning  
189 transmission electron microscopy (STEM) images were also taken.

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## 192 **RESULTS**

### 193 **Reaction rim assemblages and textures**

194 In all experiments the olivine (Forsterite or San Carlos) reacted with the melt. The Ca-  
195 bearing melt (PHG2) produced inner rims of phlogopite and an overgrowth of  
196 diopside (Figure 1b) with diopside also occurring as a liquidus phase. The Ca-free  
197 (PHG3) experiments produced phlogopite rims only (Figure 1c). These rim  
198 assemblages are consistent with those observed in natural examples (Figure 1a).  
199 Reaction rims could not be formed at water contents lower than around 4 wt.% bulk  
200 H<sub>2</sub>O. One Ca-bearing experiment at 1000°C produced rims of more Mg-rich olivine



201 around olivine in part of the capsule, but phlogopite-diopside double rims in the rest  
202 of the capsule. This reflects a small thermal gradient across the samples, where at  
203 1000°C olivine is stable in the melt, and is consistent with the phase relationships of  
204 Draper and Green (1997). At just below 1000°C phlogopite rims are stable, consistent  
205 with the experiments at 950°C. In the Ca-free melt single rims of phlogopite grew  
206 around olivine crystals and no diopside formed. Phlogopite was a liquidus phase in  
207 these experiments. Representative BSE images of the reaction rims are shown in  
208 Figure 1. Olivine shows classic dissolution textures of convoluted and lobate crystal  
209 edges in contact with the phlogopite reaction rim. These features are commonly  
210 observed in reaction rims (for example, Coombs and Gardner, 2004). Rim grain sizes  
211 vary but are mostly 5-15  $\mu\text{m}$ . Grain sizes tend to increase with increasing run  
212 duration. All rims contain some small black patches in Figure 1b-c, which are likely  
213 to have formed during polishing and plucking of rim grains. TEM foils were chosen at  
214 locations where these were not present in order to avoid sampling areas that might  
215 have been affected by plucking. Diopside in Ca-bearing experiments does not always  
216 form a continuous rim around phlogopite inner rims and diopside crystals are  
217 separated by melt. Diopside forming around phlogopite rims appears to be a local  
218 effect of preferential nucleation as Grant et al (2013) suggest.

219 Despite the high water contents used in the experiments, the melts did not  
220 become saturated with fluid. One experiment (TSF12) did show some vesicles in the  
221 melt surrounding reaction rims, but as several experiments at higher bulk  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  did not  
222 show the same features, the vesicles could have been formed during quenching. There  
223 is also little evidence of crystal settling in the experiments. High water contents are  
224 known to be soluble in phonolite melts even at low-pressure conditions (Carroll and  
225 Blank, 1997; Schmidt and Behrens, 2008).

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227 **Reaction rates**

228 Measured rim thicknesses for the time series experiments in Ca-free melt were plotted  
229 against the square root of time (Figure 2a-b). Rim growth is not linear with time. For  
230 all three different water contents rim growth is parabolic with time, indicating a  
231 diffusion-controlled reaction. Rim growth increases with increasing water content in  
232 the melt. We can express this behavior with a parabolic rate law (with units of  $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ )  
233 for each range in water. This was calculated from the slope of the trend lines given in  
234 Figure 2a-b. This gives values of  $3.24 \times 10^{-16} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  for high water contents ( $\sim 8 \text{ wt.}\%$   
235  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ),  $4.3 \times 10^{-16} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  for intermediate water contents ( $\sim 5.7 \text{ wt.}\%$   $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) and  $6.99 \times 10^{-16}$   
236  $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$  for the lowest water contents ( $\sim 4 \text{ wt.}\%$   $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ). To further explore the effects of  
237 water on the rim growth we looked at the experiments in Ca-bearing melt. For each  
238 sample the rim thickness was measured in the same way as before (only measuring  
239 the phlogopite inner rims) and it was assumed that parabolic rim growth occurred in  
240 all experiments. For each experiment at  $950^\circ\text{C}$  the measured rim growth was divided  
241 by the square root of time. The results of this are shown in Figure 2c. The Ca-bearing  
242 and Ca-free melt experiments are consistent with each other despite differences in  
243 melt composition, and therefore phase relations, host olivine composition (San Carlos  
244 or forsterite), and pressure (10 or 14 kbar). The bulk  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  content and temperature  
245 have a large impact on the rim growth whereas small differences in melt composition,  
246 pressure and olivine composition do not. Figure 2c shows that there is a linear  
247 relationship between  $\log(\text{m}^2/\text{s})$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  content.

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249 **TEM results**

250 *Phlogopite-phlogopite grain boundaries*

251 For experiments at around 6 wt.% H<sub>2</sub>O the majority of grain boundaries do not appear  
252 to have any open space or non-crystalline material between phlogopite crystals.  
253 HRTEM imaging shows that the lattice fringes of adjacent phlogopite crystals touch  
254 (Figure 3c). This means that the grain boundaries are closed, at least to the scale of ~1  
255 nm. Some grain boundaries appear to have open cavities that are planar and follow  
256 crystal edges (Figure 3a). These often contain some epoxy material introduced during  
257 polishing but no other precipitated material was observed in the open grain  
258 boundaries observed. There are also grain boundaries that contain small micro-pores  
259 (<400 nm) (Figure 3b). These pores are oblong to elongate and curved but are  
260 separated by regions of grain boundaries where lattice fringes touch, indicating no  
261 open grain boundary space connecting different pores. However, the ability to observe  
262 3D connectivity of pores over large enough scales using TEM is not possible  
263 Therefore, from what can be viewed by TEM, it is unlikely that a connected open  
264 grain boundary network exists between micropores.

265 At higher H<sub>2</sub>O contents of around 8 wt.% there appears to be a higher density of  
266 open linear, to slightly curved, grain boundaries around (greater or equal to) 10 nm  
267 wide. These can terminate at crystal edges or taper out along a grain boundary. Pores  
268 are present at most grain boundaries and these can be up to 100 nm (Figure 3d) or  
269 very small nm sized pores along a grain boundary (Figure 3e). The pores in the latter  
270 case are much closer together than those seen in experiments with less water (Figure  
271 3b). For all analyzed TEM foils, rim phlogopites do not appear to be orientated in one  
272 crystallographic direction and show random orientations throughout the reaction rims.

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#### 274 *Phlogopite-olivine interphase boundaries*

275 At intermediate water contents (6 wt.%), olivine-phlogopite interphase boundaries are

276 typically closed with few pores and often the lattice fringes of olivine and phlogopite  
277 touch (Figure 4a). Open pore cavities are present in some locations (Figure 4b).  
278 Although only a small section of the olivine-phlogopite interface was captured by the  
279 TEM foil the presence of pores was not limited to being at the head of finger like  
280 projections, reported by Milke et al (2013) for quartz-orthopyroxene interphase  
281 boundaries into olivine, but can occur anywhere along the rim. This does not  
282 contradict their mechanism but shows that other processes might also be involved.  
283 Olivine surfaces appear rounded at large magnifications but at low magnifications  
284 crystal facets in the dissolving olivine are created (Figure 4). The irregular shape of  
285 the interface suggests that the dissolution of olivine is not necessarily faster at  
286 different crystal planes or orientations. There is also no correlation between the  
287 orientations of phlogopite with that of the host olivine.

288 At higher water contents the olivine-phlogopite interphase boundaries are  
289 clearly open (Figure 4c-d). The open space between olivine and the phlogopite rim is  
290 planar and between 40-50 nm wide. HRTEM shows that there are several zones of  
291 different material at the olivine side of this interphase boundary (Figure 5). From the  
292 open interphase boundary to the interior of the host olivine crystal 3 different zones  
293 are identified: an amorphous Si-rich surface layer (ASSL), a distorted olivine region  
294 and a finally an undistorted olivine region. The ASSL is around 8 nm thick and is  
295 consistent with the ASSL observed on olivine by Daval et al (2011) and other phases  
296 (Hellmann et al, 2012, Daval et al, 2013). Due to the small size of the ASSL it was  
297 not possible to obtain quantitative data on their composition.

298 The first 40 nm of the olivine crystal at the interface appears to be distorted. The  
299 distortions in the olivine lattice were observed as irregular lattice fringes giving a  
300 mottled texture and broader diffraction spots (see figure 5). The distorted region

301 typically has a regular and nearly planar interface with the ASSL. Daval et al (2011)  
302 also noted that olivine adjacent to interfacial regions can be distorted. The distorted  
303 region is non-stoichiometric as its Mg / Si ratio is  $<2$  (Table 3), but it is also  
304 apparently depleted in Si relative to the non-distorted olivine (Figure 5b). The  
305 distorted region most likely has a lower density than the non-distorted olivine, as Mg  
306 and Si are both removed during dissolution. Pokrovsky and Schott (2000) showed that  
307 the initial stages of dissolution of olivine in acidic solutions are incongruent with  $M^{2+}$   
308 ( $Mg^{2+}$ ,  $Fe^{2+}$ ) released more rapidly than silica, resulting in an ASSL. Such a  
309 dissolution mechanism was also predicted from ab initio quantum mechanical  
310 calculations (Liu et al, 2006). Our data are consistent with such a model. The  
311 boundary between distorted and non-distorted olivine is irregular.

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### 313 *Melt pockets*

314 No melt films were observed in any of the TEM foils but melt pockets within the  
315 reaction rims were observed (Figure 6). These melt pockets are not common and do  
316 not appear to be connected by melt films along the grain boundaries, indicating a low  
317 degree of wetting. The melt pockets can vary in size from 1  $\mu m$  to several nm. In one  
318 case we see an area of amorphous material next to an open cavity (Figure 6a). Semi-  
319 quantitative EDX analyses of melt pockets showed that their compositions showed  
320 enrichments in both Si and Al with minor K and Mg. This would be the expected  
321 composition of the bulk melt if isolated and then fractionated phlogopite, except for  
322 the absence of Na. Due to short counting times it is unlikely that all the Na would  
323 have been volatilized even though there was some beam damage after the analyses,  
324 which also reflects the hydrous nature of the melts. The Na could have been  
325 fractionated into the phlogopite but seeing as the Na content of phlogopites is very

326 low this also seems unlikely too. Alternatively, Na could be partitioned into a fluid  
327 phase (if present) or it is highly mobile through the reaction rims and can diffuse  
328 rapidly to the melt.

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### 330 **Chemistry**

#### 331 *Melt profiles*

332 Two samples, TSF4 (black circles) and TSF6 (grey circles), with intermediate bulk  
333 H<sub>2</sub>O contents were analyzed to see if there were any concentration profiles in the melt  
334 (Figure 7). For each sample, 4 line scans were taken parallel to each other. The  
335 locations of the line scans were taken in regions of glass that were free of other  
336 olivines to avoid the possibility that profiles from nearby reactions overlap. Step sizes  
337 of 5 μm were used to avoid further loss of alkalis by damaging an area of glass by  
338 multiple analyses. This was a noticeable problem when step sizes were lower. Due to  
339 the presence of crystals within the glass, mixed analyses were common. This was  
340 especially problematic for TSF4, and is why the MgO profile is much more irregular  
341 than for TSF6. Data points with anomalously lower SiO<sub>2</sub>, and higher MgO than the  
342 majority of glass analyses were then removed from the data set, but there are still  
343 many which could be affected by small fractions of phlogopite in the analyses. For  
344 each sample, all four line scans were then compiled together into a single profile. The  
345 results of this are shown in Figure 7. The error bars for Na<sub>2</sub>O and K<sub>2</sub>O are large  
346 because of the short counting times needed to reduce loss of alkalis.

347 All elements (Si, Al, Na and K) except for Mg have very similar concentrations  
348 as the starting material glass within the error bars of the analyses. This is the same for  
349 both samples. Magnesium contents in the glasses (<1 wt.%) are significantly lower  
350 than the starting material (1.9 wt.%, taking into account the water content of the

351 melt). All elements show homogenous distribution throughout the line scans within  
352 the error of the analyses. The closest point to the reaction rims has the same  
353 composition as the melt >300  $\mu\text{m}$  away from the rims. Calculating the differentiation  
354 in the melt with different amounts of phlogopite can produce the same melt  
355 compositions and the depletion in MgO with around 2-3% phlogopite formation. The  
356 low totals of the analyses (around 92%) reflect the high concentration of volatiles in  
357 the melt and are consistent with the amounts of water added, just under 7 wt.% by  
358 melt (5.7 wt.% by bulk of the sample). Note that the water content of phlogopite  
359 (ideally 4.3 wt.%) is lower than that of melt in most of the experiments (including  
360 those where line scans were taken). Therefore the water content of the melt should  
361 increase slightly as phlogopite crystallizes.

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### 363 *Reaction rim profiles*

364 One sample (SC31) was chosen for a detailed analysis of the distribution of elements  
365 throughout the phlogopite reaction rims. This sample was a good choice for this study  
366 because the reaction rims were large, and due to the presence of Fe, Ni and Ca, this  
367 sample allowed investigation of a wider range of elements during reaction. Six line  
368 scans were taken from the olivine through the rim and into the melt. Melt analyses  
369 were then removed as the focused beams caused significant damage. The presence of  
370 small diopside crystals in the rims caused a large number of mixed analyses. These  
371 were easily spotted by higher CaO contents in the rim phlogopite data. We placed a  
372 cut off point and removed all phlogopite data points with >0.15 wt.% CaO. All line  
373 scans were then collated together into one single profile for each element. The results  
374 of the rim profiles are given in Figure 8. The dashed lines in Figure 8 show the  
375 location of the interface between olivine and phlogopite.

376 The profiles for SiO<sub>2</sub> show a constant concentration in the olivine (over a  
377 distance of nearly 20 μm) right up to the reaction interface and then a step jump at the  
378 rim. The inner rim is then constant in SiO<sub>2</sub> composition for several microns and then  
379 becomes very irregular towards the outer rim. The distribution of K<sub>2</sub>O is constantly  
380 low in the olivine and then increases over several microns, corresponding to mixed  
381 analyses across the olivine-rim interface. Throughout the rim K<sub>2</sub>O is relatively  
382 constant. Both FeO and MgO show very homogenous concentrations in the host  
383 olivine right up to the rim interface. The rims are slightly enriched in both  
384 components in the inner rims near the olivine and become depleted in both elements  
385 towards the melt. For Na<sub>2</sub>O and CaO, the overall contents are very low in both olivine  
386 and the reaction rims and the short counting times mean that their analyses carry large  
387 errors. This makes it difficult to observe any real trends in these components.  
388 However, they do not appear to vary across the reaction rims significantly. The profile  
389 for Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> shows a consistent and strong variation throughout the phlogopite rim,  
390 being higher in concentration near the melt interface compared to near the olivine  
391 interface. Finally, for NiO, despite the low overall abundances, there does appear to  
392 be a consistent trend of decreasing NiO with distance from the olivine. Table 4  
393 includes some representative data of phlogopite compositions from these line scans.  
394 Phlogopite compositions at the olivine interface contain excess octahedral Mg, 3.2  
395 p.f.u. (per formula unit), compared to phlogopite at the melt interface with Mg of 2.8  
396 p.f.u. Some Mg can be tetrahedrally coordinated in micas in Al and Fe deficient  
397 systems (Seifert and Schreyer, 1971). Increasing Al (up to 1.1 Al p.f.u.) and  
398 decreasing Mg (2.8 Mg p.f.u.) towards the melt interface indicates some octahedrally  
399 coordinated Al. Towards the melt interface there is a general increase in Al, K, Si and  
400 Na p.f.u. in phlogopite.



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## 402 **DISCUSSION**

### 403 **Reaction mechanisms**

#### 404 *Diffusion mechanism*

405 The results of the time series experiments show that the rim thicknesses have a linear  
406 relationship with the square root of time, i.e. parabolic rim growth. This is a strong  
407 indication that rim growth rates are controlled, or rate limited, by a diffusion process.  
408 It is therefore important to discuss where diffusion is rate limiting. There are several  
409 possible phases through which diffusion could be rate limiting: the melt, the  
410 polycrystalline reaction rims (phlogopite) or the host olivine.

411 We see no evidence of any concentration profiles in major elements (for  
412 example Mg-Fe zoning) forming in the host olivines, which remain homogenous over  
413 10s of microns throughout the reaction. Therefore the reaction process must outpace  
414 volume diffusion of elements within olivine. Element profiles through the glass do not  
415 show any signs of concentration profiles as well. The melt is homogenous over  
416 distance >300  $\mu\text{m}$  and right up to the reaction rim interface, within the resolution of  
417 the analyses. For phlogopite to continually form there must be a supply of elements  
418 from the melt. The step profiles imply that diffusion in the melt must be fast. Most  
419 elements in the glass remain similar to the host melt, whereas MgO shows significant  
420 depletion. The homogenous depletion of MgO throughout the melt could only have  
421 formed if the diffusion rates in the melt were fast. Secondly, although there is little  
422 data on element diffusion rates in phonolites, diffusion rates in wet rhyolite melts for  
423 Na (from Zhang et al 2010) are fast enough to equilibrate over the time and length  
424 scales of the experiments. Furthermore, the diffusion of elements in the melt will be  
425 related to the viscosity of the melt. Adding water will reduce the viscosity and

426 therefore increases the diffusion rates, but this effect is most pronounced at low water  
427 contents, where OH<sup>-</sup> acts as a network modifier, and then reduces at higher water  
428 contents. This is inconsistent with the exponential increase in reaction rates with  
429 increasing water contents. It is therefore most likely that the mobility of components  
430 through the reaction rims limits the rates of reaction. Concentration profiles through  
431 the reaction rims shows that they are not homogenous in concentration and are not  
432 well equilibrated. Diffusion through polycrystalline materials is most likely to be  
433 concentrated along grain boundaries (Dohmen and Milke 2010).

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435 *Dissolution / interface mechanism*

436 At high bulk water contents (8 wt.% H<sub>2</sub>O in TSF8) the olivine-phlogopite interphase  
437 boundary is completely open. Several textural features are observed at the olivine side  
438 of the interphase region. These include an ASSL and a distorted olivine structure.  
439 Similar features have been observed during the dissolution of olivine in the presence  
440 of a fluid phase at completely different P-T conditions (90°C and 25 MPa) (Daval et  
441 al 2013), suggesting that the mechanisms by which olivine dissolves are the same  
442 over a wide range of P-T conditions. The same features are not observed in locations  
443 where the interphase boundary had been mechanically opened during polishing and  
444 quenching. Therefore the ASSL and distorted olivine must have formed at peak  
445 conditions during the experiment. The formation of ASSL on the surfaces of silicates  
446 has only been observed to form in the presence of a fluid phase. The fluid may only  
447 consist of several monolayers (7-10 Å), giving it properties of a thin fluid film  
448 (Hellmann et al, 2012).

449 The distorted region observed here and in Daval et al (2011) has not been  
450 observed in other phases (Hellmann et al, 2012). From Table 3 it appears that the

451 distorted olivine region is not stoichiometric ( $Mg/Si < 2$ ) with a noticeable loss in Mg  
452 relative to Si. This could be consistent with an exchange of  $Mg^{2+}$  with  $H^+$  by the  
453 interaction with a fluid phase at peak experimental conditions (Pokrovsky and Schott,  
454 2000; Daval et al., 2011). Protonation of  $\mu_3$ -O sites causes an increase in the bond  
455 lengths of adjacent atoms making them more labile (Liu et al, 2006). This leads to  
456 breaking of Mg-O bonds and the release of  $Mg^{2+}$ , which becomes solvated as  
457  $Mg^{2+}(H_2O)_6$ . Silica is released more slowly than Mg and is the rate-limiting step in  
458 dissolution. Although Si is in excess relative to Mg, the distorted region appears to  
459 have less Si than in the non-distorted region (Figure 5b). This is because the distorted  
460 region is less dense than the non-distorted region, i.e., both Mg and Si are being  
461 removed during dissolution but Mg is being lost at a greater rate than Si, leading to  
462 non-stoichiometry. This does not appear to be due to differences in the diffusion rates  
463 of Mg and Si but is related to the strength of Mg-O (weaker) bonds relative to Si-O  
464 bonds (stronger). The interaction of protons at the olivine interface and the loss of  
465 both Mg and Si changes bond lengths and introduces both vacancies and defects into  
466 the structure of the olivine. This results in the formation of distortions in the olivine  
467 lattice that are observed by TEM. However the geometry of the distortions is difficult  
468 to characterize.

469       The dissolution mechanism was not rate limiting. Rim forming components  
470 must still pass through the reaction rim from the melt to the olivine-phlogopite  
471 interface and we interpret rim growth in this sample (TSF8) to be limited by grain  
472 boundary diffusion.

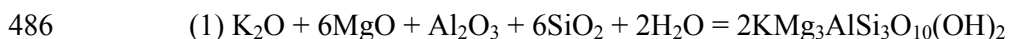
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474 **Mass Balance**

475 During rim growth two reaction fronts are possible; one at the olivine – phlogopite  
476 interface and one at the phlogopite-melt interface. We calculate the mass balance  
477 distribution among phlogopite, forsterite and melt using the principals outlined in  
478 Ferry (1984) and extend these calculations by introducing some volume  
479 considerations.

480 In the Ca-free experiments, there are 6 system components ( $K_2O$ ,  $Na_2O$ ,  
481  $Al_2O_3$ ,  $SiO_2$ ,  $MgO$ ,  $H_2O$ ) and 8 phase components ( $Mg_2SiO_4$  – Forsterite,  
482  $KMg_3AlSi_3O_{10}(OH)_2$  – phlogopite, and the six oxides in the melt). Two (8-6) linearly  
483 independent net-transfer reactions describe mass transfer among olivine, phlogopite  
484 and melt during reaction.

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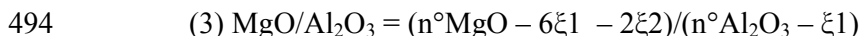
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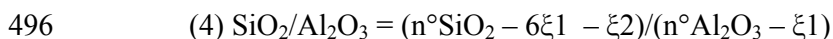
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490 The progress of reactions (1) and (2), referred to as  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  respectively, in  
491 each experiment are quantitatively recorded by the differences between the final melt  
492 composition and the hydrous starting glass.

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498  $MgO/Al_2O_3$  and  $SiO_2/Al_2O_3$  are molar ratios in the melt after the experiment using  
499 TSF6 as an example, and  $n^\circ MgO$ ,  $n^\circ Al_2O_3$ , and  $n^\circ SiO_2$  are the molar amounts of

500 MgO, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, and SiO<sub>2</sub> in hydrous melt at the start of the experiment (from Table 1,  
501 PHG3 glass) in units of mol/100 g minerals + melt, and  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  have units of  
502 mol/100 g. Substituting number values into equations 3 and 4 for all variables except  
503  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$ ,

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$$505 \quad (3') \quad 0.108 = (0.048 - 6\xi_1 - 2\xi_2)/(0.187 - \xi_1)$$

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$$507 \quad (4') \quad 5.349 = (0.989 - 6\xi_1 - \xi_2)/(0.187 - \xi_1).$$

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509       Therefore  $\xi_1 = 0.01027$   $\xi_2 = -0.0165$  and  $\xi_2/\xi_1 = -1.61$ . This fits with what is  
510 observed in the experiments: phlogopite crystallizes and forsterite dissolves. The total  
511 amount of phlogopite formed in the experiment is  $\xi_1$ . We must now calculate the  
512 amount of phlogopite in the rims relative to phlogopite formed as a liquidus phase in  
513 the melt. The amount of phlogopite formed in the melt is determined by image  
514 analysis of BSE images using the ImageJ software. By producing a binary color  
515 image, the % area of phlogopite and melt can be measured. We find that in sample  
516 TSF6 the melt contains approximately 3.65 % phlogopite by volume. Using the  
517 known weighed amounts of solid material (forsterite + glass) in the sample and the  
518 density of olivine (3.22 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) and melt (2.38 g/cm<sup>3</sup> – using the method in McBirney,  
519 1993) the volume proportion of both phases at the start of the experiment can be  
520 calculated (forsterite = 11% and melt = 89%). The amount of phlogopite in the melt  
521 as a percentage of the total sample is approximately 3.25 %. An estimated volume of  
522 each olivine grain is calculated using a diameter of 375  $\mu\text{m}$  (median of size range  
523 250-500  $\mu\text{m}$  of crushed forsterite) and spherical shapes. By deducting the volume of  
524 olivine after the experiments (375 – 2\*rim thickness), the volume of rim phlogopite

525 can be estimated (0.92% of total sample). The percentage of phlogopite in the rims  
526 out of the total amount of phlogopite formed is therefore 22%. By multiplying the  
527 ratio of  $\xi_2/\xi_1$  by 0.22 ( $=-0.35$ ) we can obtain an overall equation of the reaction of  
528 forsterite to phlogopite;

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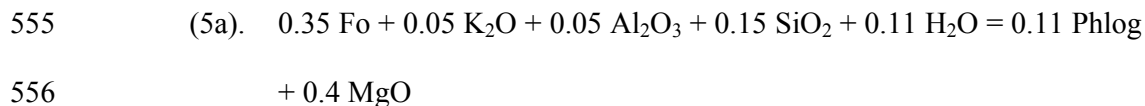
533 Reaction (5) is the sum of the two reactions, one at the olivine-phlogopite  
534 interface and the other at the phlogopite-melt interface. Considering the large fraction  
535 of MgO needed to form phlogopite after (5) and its low concentration in the melt  
536 (Table 1), the availability of MgO seems to limit phlogopite formation.

537 Simple volumetric considerations can be used to reconstruct the position of the  
538 original olivine-melt interface and the respective contributions of the two partial  
539 reactions. This reconstruction makes use of the basic assumption that once an olivine  
540 grain is encased in a phlogopite mantle, any further mica formation at the inner  
541 (olivine-phlogopite) interface is spatially restricted to the volume made available by  
542 olivine dissolution. As reaction rim formation is controlled by grain-boundary  
543 diffusion, the outward diffusion of excess components from the olivine (e.g. Mg)  
544 should be expected to be similarly effective as the inward diffusion (e.g. of Al and K)  
545 from the melt.

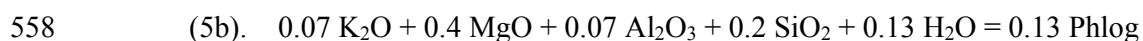
546 The molar volumes of forsterite (2 MgO p.f.u.) and phlogopite (3 MgO p.f.u.)  
547 are 44 and 150  $\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$ , respectively. Dissolution of 1 mol forsterite thus releases  
548 enough MgO for precipitation of 0.67 mol phlogopite, i.e. 44 vol% phlogopite could  
549 form by replacement of forsterite at the olivine-phlogopite interface whereas 56 vol%

550 must crystallize outwardly as an overgrowth fed by MgO diffusion through the rim.  
551 Combining these volume constraints in the reaction rims and the volumetric fraction  
552 of rim vs. bulk phlogopite we can now write weighed reactions for all three  
553 contributions to phlogopite formation in the experiments that sum up to reaction (5):

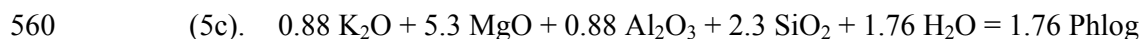
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562 where (5a) applies to the forsterite-phlogopite interface, (5b) to the phlogopite-melt  
563 interface, and (5c) to the bulk phonolite. This mass-and-volume balance explains  
564 several observations from the experiments.

565 Firstly, the dominance of (5c) over reactions (5a+b) indicates why the MgO  
566 concentration in the quenched glass after experiment was lower than the in the initial  
567 glass although a source of MgO was added to this glass. The olivine-mica core-rim-  
568 structures are essentially neutral with respect to the MgO balance because all released  
569 MgO can immediately be incorporated into rim phlogopite.

570 Secondly, in the rims a maximum of 44 vol% of phlogopite can be formed at  
571 the forsterite-phlogopite interface, such that the initial forsterite-melt contact must be  
572 located inside the phlogopite rims and nearer to the forsterite than to the melt  
573 interface. The 44 vol% is an upper boundary because the phlogopite in contact with  
574 melt could have acted as a substrate for further phlogopite overgrowths fed by MgO

575 from the melt. From this perspective the transition in chemical composition for all  
576 major components in phlogopite ( $K_2O$ ,  $MgO$ ,  $Al_2O_3$ ,  $SiO_2$ ) (Figure 8) can be  
577 explained in terms of growth directions. The rather flat part of the concentration  
578 profile (apart from mixed analyses at the olivine-phlogopite interface) in the inner  
579 parts of the rims is interpreted as crystallization at the olivine-phlogopite interface  
580 buffered to local equilibrium, whereas the outwards increasingly scattered element  
581 distribution represents crystallization at the phlogopite-melt interface. The transition  
582 between these zones that might represent the original forsterite-melt contact is located  
583 at about one third rim thickness from the olivine-phlogopite interface in accordance  
584 with the mass-volume balancing.

585 Finally, the balancing provides solid estimates for mass fluxes through the  
586 phlogopite rims. The chemical fluxes are mutually interrelated by crystal volume and  
587 ionic charges, and in such complex reactions it seems improbable that one single  
588 component controls the distribution of all the others and acts as being rate-limiting.  
589 However, the outward flux of the  $MgO$  component from the forsterite to the melt  
590 interface is clearly the largest flux involved and might play a leading role for overall  
591 rim growth rates.

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### 593 **Effects of $H_2O$ on grain boundary diffusion**

594 The experimental data in this study shows two clear observations; (a) growth of  
595 phlogopite rims is rate limited by diffusion along phlogopite-phlogopite grain  
596 boundaries and (b) rim growth rates increase with increasing bulk water contents of  
597 the sample charge (see Figure 2c). It therefore appears that the diffusion rates of  
598 chemical components along the grain boundaries are increased when the water  
599 content of the melt is increased. As hydrous species ( $H^+$ ,  $OH^-$ ) will be exchanged



600 between grain boundaries and the melt, the amounts of atomically bound fluid along  
601 grain boundaries are expected to increase as the water content of the melt increases.  
602 Atomically bound fluid species will lower the activation energies required for  
603 diffusion by introducing higher concentrations of weaker hydrogen bonds relative to  
604 Si-O or M-O (where M = a metal cation) bonds that are dominant in dry grain  
605 boundaries (Rubie, 1986). Increasing amounts of atomically bound fluid species along  
606 grain boundaries have been shown in many other systems to increase rates of  
607 diffusion and thereby increase rim growth rates (Liu et al, 1997; Yund, 1997; Keller  
608 et al, 2008; Carlson, 2010; Gardés et al, 2012). Our data (Figure 2c) are consistent  
609 with such an interpretation. The phlogopite-phlogopite grain boundaries formed in the  
610 reaction rims in our experiments are partially hydrated by atomically bound fluid  
611 species. Increasing amounts of H<sub>2</sub>O in the melt results in further hydration of the  
612 grain boundaries leading to faster diffusion rates and rim growth.

613 Our results demonstrate the effects of increasing melt water contents will have  
614 on the rates and progress of metasomatic reactions in the upper mantle. The amount of  
615 water contained within hydrous grain boundaries, even if only at very low amounts  
616 (ppm) may significantly enhance the mobilities and exchange of elements between the  
617 metasomatic melt and the wall rock.

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#### 619 **Origin of pores and open grain/ inter-phase boundaries.**

620 Pores and open grain and interphase boundaries were observed in the TEM foils of  
621 samples with low water (e.g. TSF2) and high water (e.g. TSF8). These either formed  
622 during quenching (cooling and unloading of pressure) or by the presence of an  
623 intergranular fluid at peak experimental conditions. If a free fluid formed at these  
624 pressures and temperatures it should contain a significant amount of dissolved solute

625 species (Manning, 2004). During quenching a fluid should therefore form precipitates  
626 observable under TEM.

627         During cooling and unloading of pressure all phases will change in volume.  
628 The melt, which is the most voluminous phase in each sample, will contract (see  
629 Seifert et al., 2013). This has caused some large cracks to appear across the samples  
630 that cross cut other features (some are observable in Figure. 1b.). Additionally,  
631 polishing weakens the phlogopite leading to wedge shaped voids in the surface  
632 (extending <30 nm into the sample) that are observable in the TEM foils (see Figure  
633 3a). The phlogopite in the reaction rims will also experience a net decrease in volume  
634 due to greater amounts of contraction during cooling compared to expansion during  
635 unloading of pressure (Tutti et al, 2000; Comodi et al, 2004), and this could cause  
636 some grain boundaries to open. Furthermore, contraction of the surrounding melt and  
637 or olivine may also result in stress on the reaction rims leading to partial opening of  
638 the grain and interphase boundaries. Opening of grain boundaries by anisotropic  
639 thermal contraction has also been observed in quartz for example (Kruhl et al., 2013).  
640 This provides a sound explanation for the formation of most of the open grain  
641 boundaries observed (for example those in Figure 3a.) that do not contain any  
642 evidence of material precipitated from a fluid phase. Furthermore it is also possible  
643 that that the volatile-rich phase within the grain boundaries exsolves a fluid phase  
644 during quenching. This could be a possible explanation for the origin of micro-pores  
645 along grain boundaries (Figure 3b).

646         Pore cavities along grain boundaries in sample TSF8 (Figure 3d) have  
647 negative phlogopite crystal shapes. We suggest that it is unlikely that such textures  
648 would form under rapid quenching. As a comparison, the pores along the grain  
649 boundaries in sample TSF2 Figure 3b are distinctly more rounded or have irregular

650 shapes. Therefore the pores in sample TSF2 are likely to have formed during  
651 quenching whereas those in sample TSF8 appear to have formed at peak conditions.  
652 However, fluid pores at peak P-T conditions are likely to be transient and dynamic  
653 (Billa et al., 2013; Norberg et al., 2013), due to simultaneous dissolution and  
654 precipitation at the interfaces between the pore fluid and surrounding phlogopite.

655         The open interphase boundary in sample TSF8 contains an ASSL and  
656 dissolution features in olivine (Figure 5) that have been observed previously in  
657 samples where a fluid has reacted with olivine (Daval et al., 2011) and other phases  
658 (Hellmann et al., 2012). This is strong evidence to support the idea that a free fluid  
659 was present at peak experimental conditions and reacted with the olivine surface.  
660 Although it cannot be conclusively proven, we interpret these results as evidence of a  
661 fluid phase at the interphase boundary in sample TSF8 at peak experimental  
662 conditions.

663         In sample TSF2 a small open cavity containing amorphous material is present  
664 at the olivine-phlogopite interphase boundary. The amorphous material is enriched in  
665 Si and Al implying transport of Al from the melt to the olivine interface. This feature  
666 is likely to have existed at peak conditions either as a single solute rich fluid phase  
667 (which separated during quenching) or an unmixed melt + fluid phase.

668         Although many open grain boundary and pore features observed in TEM are  
669 most likely to have formed by contraction of the sample during cooling, there do  
670 appear to be evidence of some fluid being present at peak experimental conditions and  
671 that the amount of fluid appears to be greater in samples with greater amounts of  
672 water in the melt. We suggest that the formation of a fluid phase is a distinct  
673 possibility but this cannot be equivocally proved from our data as the rims cannot be  
674 viewed during peak conditions. Any formation of a fluid phase along grain boundaries

675 or at interphase boundaries would be a particularly surprising result considering that  
676 the melt is undersaturated with fluid.

677 Crystallization of phlogopite will increase the amount of H<sub>2</sub>O in the melt  
678 (recalling that phlogopite contains less water than the starting melt). For example, in  
679 sample TSF8, however, it is unlikely that the crystallization of matrix phlogopite was  
680 enough to saturate the melt in H<sub>2</sub>O. Experiments using PHG2 and up to 12.4 wt.%  
681 H<sub>2</sub>O have been conducted but they did not become saturated with H<sub>2</sub>O (unpublished  
682 data). A satisfactory explanation as to why small amounts of free fluid might form in  
683 the grain and interphase boundaries during reaction rim growth is lacking. The  
684 properties of hydrated grain boundaries at upper mantle conditions and the exchange  
685 of fluid species with silicate melts is poorly understood. We can speculate that from  
686 our results it may be possible to form small localized amounts of fluid under non-  
687 equilibrium conditions but further work is necessary to understand this phenomena  
688 and its implications for mantle metasomatism.

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## 691 **APPLICATIONS**

### 692 **Residence times**

693 Reaction rims can be used to provide estimates of residence times of phenocrysts or  
694 xenocrysts in their host magma (Rutherford, 2008). Specifically, the reaction rates  
695 calculated here can be used to estimate residence times of olivine xenocrysts in the  
696 Heldburg Phonolite (Grant et al, 2013). The natural phlogopite rim thicknesses are  
697 typically around 20-30  $\mu\text{m}$ . In Figure 2c a parabolic rate law (R) was calculated for  
698 each experiment at the same P-T conditions but varying H<sub>2</sub>O. As  $R = \text{m}^2/\text{s}$ , it is  
699 simple to rearrange this and calculate a residence time (s) from a known rim thickness

700 in nature (~25  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and known R at different melt  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  conditions (at 950°C and 1.0  
701 GPa).

702 This gives a rough estimate of the residence times at different conditions  
703 (Figure 9). At the highest bulk  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  the estimated residence time would be around  
704 several hours, whereas at the lowest bulk  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  the estimated residence times would be  
705 up to around 100 days. It is more likely that the water content in the melt at Heldburg  
706 was towards the lower end of this scale averaging at about 4 wt.% (although it varies  
707 between 3-6 wt.%). This was estimated using calculations (from Ridolfi and Renzulli,  
708 2012), from amphibole compositions in Grant et al. (2013). Temperatures of the  
709 Heldburg Phonolite during reaction rim formation are estimated to be between 850-  
710 950°C (Grant et al, 2013). This should therefore give residence times of several weeks  
711 to a few months for the natural reaction rims. This data is consistent with previous  
712 estimates given within Grant et al (2013).

713 Two experiments at 1000°C are also shown in Figure 9, to demonstrate the  
714 effects of temperature on estimated residence times. It is clear that the water content  
715 of the melt will have an important effect, as well as temperature, on the rim growth  
716 rates and constraining both parameters will be important if reaction rims of this kind  
717 are to be used as a way of calculating residence times. It is also potentially possible to  
718 calculate the melt water contents based on  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  partitioning between clinopyroxene  
719 and melt (Wade et al, 2008; O'Leary et al, 2010), although data for phonolite melts  
720 are lacking. In systems where the rim growth was rate limited by diffusion in the melt,  
721 these results may still apply. If convection or any kind of mechanical movement of  
722 xenocryst relative to the melt takes place, and this is highly likely during eruption,  
723 then melt boundary layers could be eroded. This means that diffusion through the rim  
724 itself will have a more direct effect on rim growth rates in a dynamic system rather

725 than a static experimental setting.

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921 Tables

922 Table 1. Starting material compositions. No data is given for the synthetic olivine as it  
923 is pure forsterite.

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925 Table 2. Experimental run conditions, including measured rim thicknesses. All time  
926 series experiments use Ca-free glass (PHG3), and all “Single experiments” use Ca-  
927 bearing glass (PHG2).

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929 Table 3. EDX analyses of distorted and undistorted olivine regions in sample TSF8.  
930 Error for Mg analyses are ~8% and the error for Si analyses are ~5% and the  
931 calculated error for each analysis is given in brackets. For Si/Mg the calculated error  
932 propagation is given the brackets.

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934 Table 4. Phlogopite compositions. X (in  $\mu\text{m}$ ) refers to the distance along the rim line  
935 scan shown in Figure 8, where  $X=0$  is the olivine interface and  $X>0$  is the distance  
936 from the olivine interface. Errors in brackets are to 2 decimal places.

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938 Figures

939 Figure 1. Back scattered electron (BSE) images of natural and experimental reaction  
940 rims. Panel a – image of a natural examples of a phlogopite reaction (with minor  
941 diopside) on a olivine xenocryst. Amounts of diopside vary (see Grant et al, 2013 for  
942 further examples) Panel b – image taken of SC31 showing double rims of phlogopite  
943 + diopside. Diopside is also a liquidus phase in this experiment. Note the interstitial  
944 glass and discontinuous thickness of the diopside outer rim. Inner phlogopite rim  
945 thicknesses are fairly consistent. Convolute olivine – phlogopite interphases are  
946 clearly observable. Note large unfilled cracks that crosscut all other features. Panel c –  
947 image from TSF6 demonstrating that single rims of phlogopite form in Ca-free melt.  
948 Phlogopite is also an abundant liquidus phase.

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950 Figure 2. Rim growth with time and melt water content. Panel a-b shows the variation  
951 in rim thickness with time for the time series experiments (Ca-free melt). The ranges  
952 in bulk water content are given for each set of time series experiments. Error bars are  
953 the standard deviation of rim thickness for each experiment. Panel c shows the  
954 increase in rim growth with bulk water content of the sample at 950°C. Black squares  
955 are the time series experiments and the grey circles are single experiments with Ca-  
956 bearing melt. Error bars for the bulk water content corresponds to the likely maximum  
957 variations in the amount of olivine from 10-20% of the bulk in the sample.

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959 Figure 3. HAADF, TEM bright field and HREM images of phlogopite-phlogopite  
960 grain boundaries. The images only contain phlogopite. Images a-c are from sample  
961 TSF2 and d-e TSF8. Areas marked by an A are pores cavities, and areas marked by a  
962 B are open grain boundaries. a) HAADF image: a pore along a grain boundary, B =  
963 open grain boundary. Panel b is a higher magnification of the HAADF image of the  
964 grain boundary with the highlighted pore in panel a. Panel c is a HREM lattice fringe  
965 image of a phlogopite-phlogopite grain boundary. The dashed white line shows the  
966 location of the phlogopite-phlogopite grain boundary. The lattice fringes are touching.  
967 Panel d is a TEM bright-field image showing a grain boundary decorated by isolated  
968 pores typically around 100 nm in size. Panel e is a TEM bright-field image showing a  
969 grain boundary decorated by small (<20 nm) pores that are very closely spaced.

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971 Figure 4. TEM images of olivine – phlogopite interphase boundaries. A and B have  
972 the same meanings as in Figure 3 and dashed lines indicate the location of the  
973 interphase boundary. Panel a, a HREM lattice fringe image is taken from sample  
974 TSF6 and shows a closed interphase boundary where the lattice fringes of phlogopite

975 and olivine are touching. Panel b, a HAADF image, is from sample TSF2 and shows a  
976 micro-pore at the olivine interface. Facets in the olivine surface are visible at these  
977 resolutions. Panel c (HAADF image) is from sample TSF8 and shows a completely  
978 open grain boundary between olivine and phlogopite. The image is around  $4.5\mu\text{m}$   
979 across. Black square shows the location of the images taken by HRTEM in Figure 5.  
980 Panel d (HAADF image) shows a higher magnification image of the open grain  
981 boundary that tapers out and closes towards the top left of the image.

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983 Figure 5. HRTEM imaging of the interface region shown in panel c in Figure 4 from  
984 sample TSF 8. The analyses are of the interface region and olivine only. The Si-jump  
985 ratio grey-scale map in panel a with light grey indicating high Si and dark grey lower  
986 Si. An intensity line scan in panel b shows four main regions across the interface,  
987 denoted by numbers 1-4 in each panel. The y-axis on this plot is in arbitrary units that  
988 relate to the amount of Si detected in the jump ratio image. 1 corresponds to the  
989 interface region, 2 is a thin 8-10 nm amorphous Si-rich surface layer (ASSL) similar  
990 to those observed by Hellmann et al (2012), 3 is a distorted olivine and shows a  
991 mottled texture in panel d, and region 4 is non-distorted olivine. The y-axis in panel b  
992 is in arbitrary units. Panel C shows the FFT diffraction spots of the distorted olivine,  
993 Panel D shows the FFT diffraction spots for the non-distorted olivine. Panel e is a  
994 HREM image of the non-distorted olivine and Panel f shows the layer sequence of the  
995 interface region, ASSL and distorted olivine.

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997 Figure 6. HRTEM and HAADF images of melt pockets. Both images are from sample  
998 TSF2. The right hand panel image is about  $1.25\mu\text{m}$  wide. Note the partially open  
999 grain boundaries. In the HREM image in panel a the non-crystalline material is



1000 characterized by the absence of lattice fringes as seen in olivine and phlogopite. This  
1001 amorphous material is located adjacent to an open cavity (marked with an A). A and  
1002 B labels are the same as in Figure 3 and 4, however the pore cavity in Figure 6a  
1003 (labeled with an A) appears different here to those in Figures 3 and 4 because under  
1004 HRTEM the back wall of the cavity is partially visible. C = amorphous material.  
1005 When analyzed the amorphous material was very Si and Al rich with very small  
1006 amounts of K and Mg.

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1008 Figure 7. Line scans taken in samples TSF4 (black circles) and TSF6 (grey circles)  
1009 using the FEG probe at the GFZ Potsdam. All line scans go from the olivine, through  
1010 the phlogopite reaction rim and extend through the glass. Dashed lines separate  
1011 olivine, phlogopite rims and glass in sequential order going from left to right in each  
1012 panel. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation from the FEG-probe data. See  
1013 the analytical methods section for how this data was collected.

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1015 Figure 8. Line scans through phlogopite reaction rims from SC33.

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1017 Figure 9. Using the calculated rim growth rates from each experiment the predicted  
1018 time to produce a rim with a thickness of 25  $\mu\text{m}$  is estimated. This equates to an  
1019 estimate residence time of the olivine xenocrysts found within the Heldburg Phonolite  
1020 (Grant et al, 2013) that have rim thicknesses that are typically  $<100 \mu\text{m}$ . Grey circles  
1021 are for experiments at 950°C and black circles for two experiments at 1000°C.

Table 1. Starting materials

	PHG2 glass (N=13)	PHG3 weighed	PHG3 glass (N=28)	San Carlos olivine (N=40)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	60.50 (0.31)	61.46	60.09 (0.67)	39.43 (0.30)
TiO <sub>2</sub>	-	-	-	-
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	-	-	-	-
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	19.39 (0.27)	19.69	19.57 (0.60)	0.04 (0.02)
FeOtot	-	-	-	8.47 (0.19)
NiO	-	-	-	0.38 (0.02)
MgO	1.95 (0.06)	1.99	1.98 (0.05)	52.07 (0.30)
CaO	2.51 (0.03)	-	-	0.11 (0.01)
Na <sub>2</sub> O	8.43 (0.18)	7.95	6.84 (0.29)	-
K <sub>2</sub> O	7.12 (0.08)	8.9	8.67 (0.08)	-
Total	99.94	99.99	97.18	100.55

Table 2. Experimental run conditions

Sample	Olivine type	Temperature (°C)	Pressure (Kbar)	Bulk water (H <sub>2</sub> O wt.%)	Melt water	Duration (hrs)	Rim thickness (µm)
<u>Time series</u>							
TSF2	Forsterite	950	10.7	6.5	7.7	168.0	21.3 (3.9)
TSF3	Forsterite	950	10.7	5.6	6.7	74.0	13.8 (3.5)
TSF4	Forsterite	950	10.7	5.7	6.8	3.0	1.7 (1.5)
TSF6	Forsterite	950	10.7	5.7	6.8	26.0	7.9 (3.4)
TSF7	Forsterite	950	10.7	3.9	4.6	26.0	2.8 (1.1)
TSF11	Forsterite	950	10.7	4.2	5.0	72.5	5.3 (2.2)
TSF14	Forsterite	950	10.7	4.2	5.0	5.3	1.6 (0.5)
TSF8	Forsterite	950	10.7	7.2	8.6	26.0	25.0 (4.2)
TSF12	Forsterite	950	10.7	8.0	9.5	72.5	34.0 (5.4)
TSF13	Forsterite	950	10.7	7.8	9.3	5.3	11.8 (2.8)
<u>Single experiments</u>							
Fo25	Forsterite	950	14.7	9.1	10.6	3.0	14.1 (1.5)
Fo28	Forsterite	950	10.7	8.6	10.0	3.0	10.7 (1.5)
Fo30	Forsterite	950	10.7	7.7	9.0	3.0	10.2 (2.0)
SC31	San Carlos	1000	14.7	4.2	4.9	3.8	8.5 (1.3)
Fo32	Forsterite	1000	14.7	4.7	5.5	3.8	6.8 (1.1)
SC33	San Carlos	950	10.7	3.8	4.4	24.0	6.6 (1.4)

Table 3.

Point no.	Mg	Si	Mg / Si	Location
1	63.5 (5.1)	36.5 (1.8)	1.74 (0.09)	distorted
2	66.4 (5.3)	33.6 (1.7)	1.98 (0.09)	undistorted
3	61.4 (4.9)	38.6 (4.9)	1.59 (0.09)	distorted
4	66.6 (5.3)	33.4 (1.7)	1.99 (0.09)	undistorted

Table 4. Phlogopite compositions

	Olivine interface	Olivine interface	Mid-rim	Mid-rim	Melt interface	Melt interface	Melt interface
SiO <sub>2</sub>	42.12 (17)	41.86 (17)	43.01 (17)	43.48 (17)	46.06 (18)	42.88 (17)	43.09 (17)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	11.86 (9)	11.59 (9)	12.77 (9)	13.09 (10)	14.36 (10)	13.44 (10)	13.55 (10)
FeO	0.64 (9)	0.73 (9)	0.38 (7)	0.19 (7)	0.16 (7)	0.25 (7)	0.19 (7)
NiO	0.22 (3)	0.21 (3)	0.08 (3)	0.11 (3)	-	0.12 (2)	0.07 (3)
MgO	29.92 (15)	30.37 (15)	27.56 (15)	28.21 (15)	25.17 (14)	27.83 (15)	27.11 (15)
CaO	0.07 (1)	0.09 (1)	0.04 (1)	0.04 (1)	0.09 (1)	0.05 (1)	0.05 (1)
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.86 (8)	0.76 (7)	0.68 (7)	0.78 (7)	0.78 (7)	0.73 (7)	1.16 (8)
K <sub>2</sub> O	8.70 (4)	8.62 (4)	9.33 (5)	9.28 (5)	8.18 (4)	9.56 (5)	9.34 (5)
Total	94.39	94.23	93.84	95.22	94.84	94.86	94.59
X (μm)	4	5	9	10	18	16	18
Si	2.95	2.94	2.95	3.006	3.143	2.982	3.002
Al	0.98	0.96	0.98	1.067	1.155	1.102	1.113
Fe	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.011	0.009	0.015	0.011
Ni	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.006	0.000	0.007	0.004
Mg	3.13	3.18	3.13	2.907	2.559	2.885	2.815
Ca	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.003	0.007	0.004	0.004
Na	0.12	0.10	0.12	0.105	0.103	0.098	0.157
K	0.78	0.77	0.78	0.818	0.712	0.848	0.830

Figure 1.

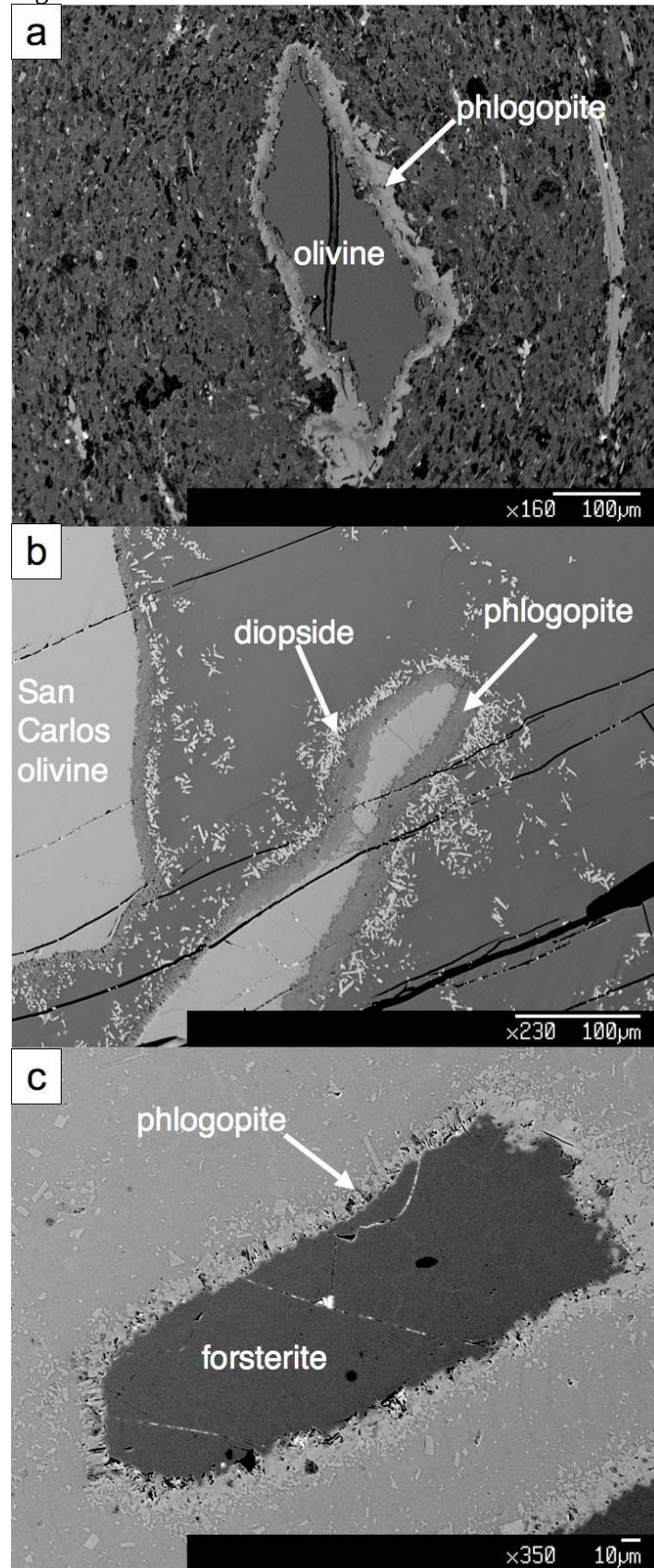


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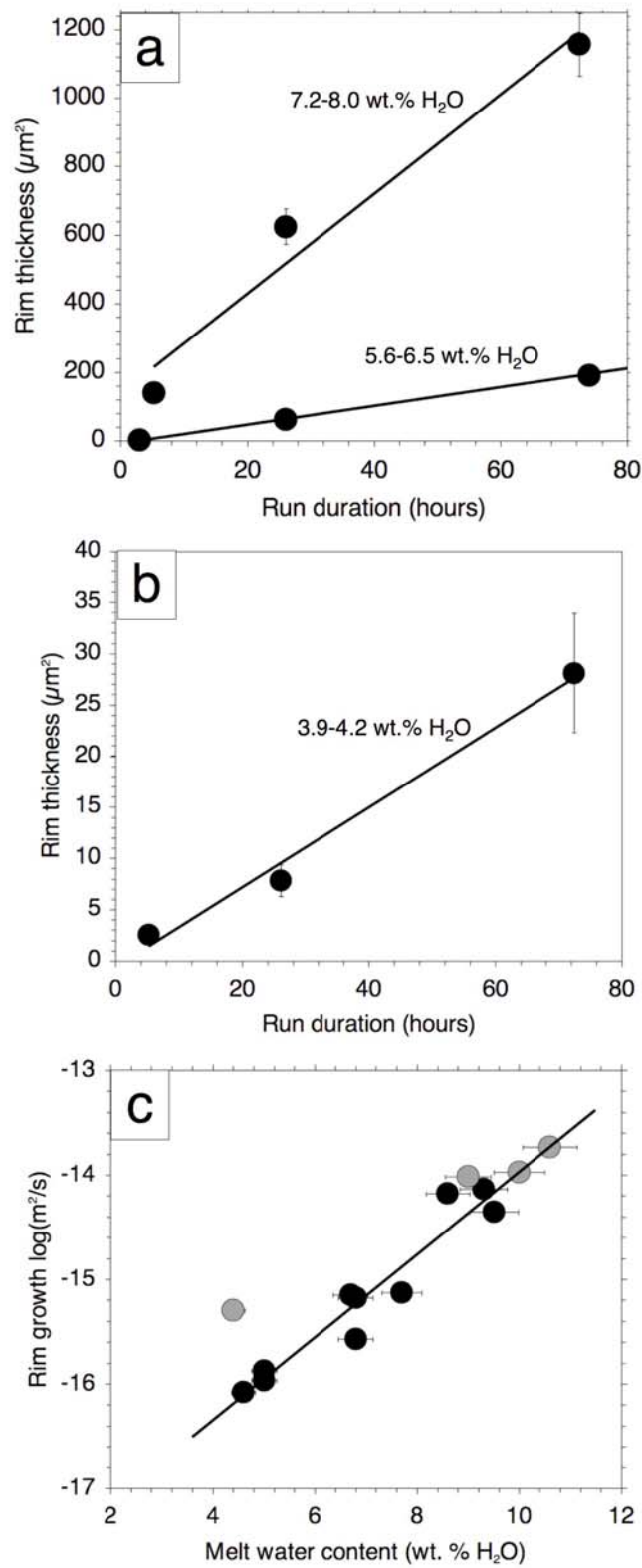


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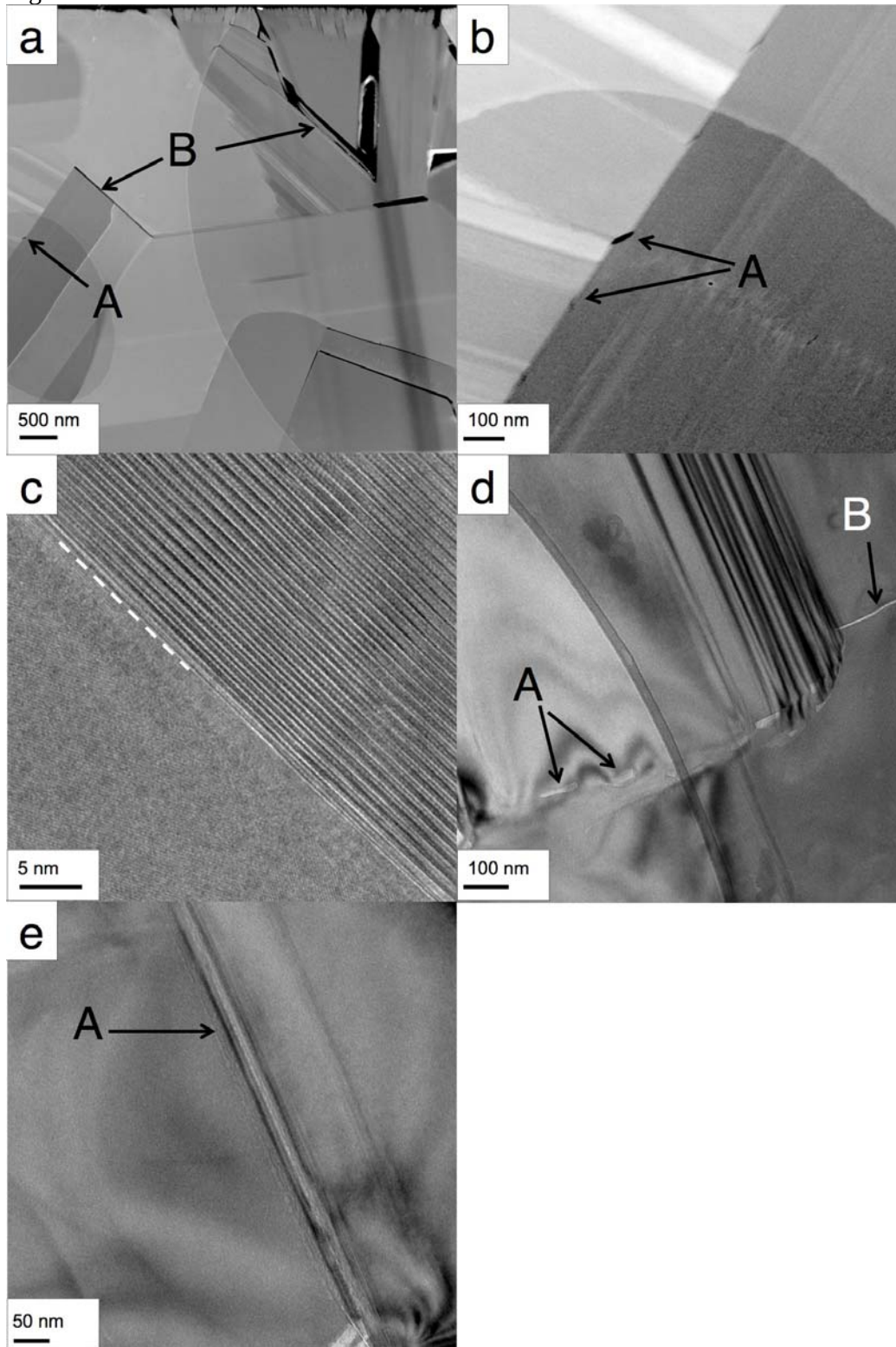




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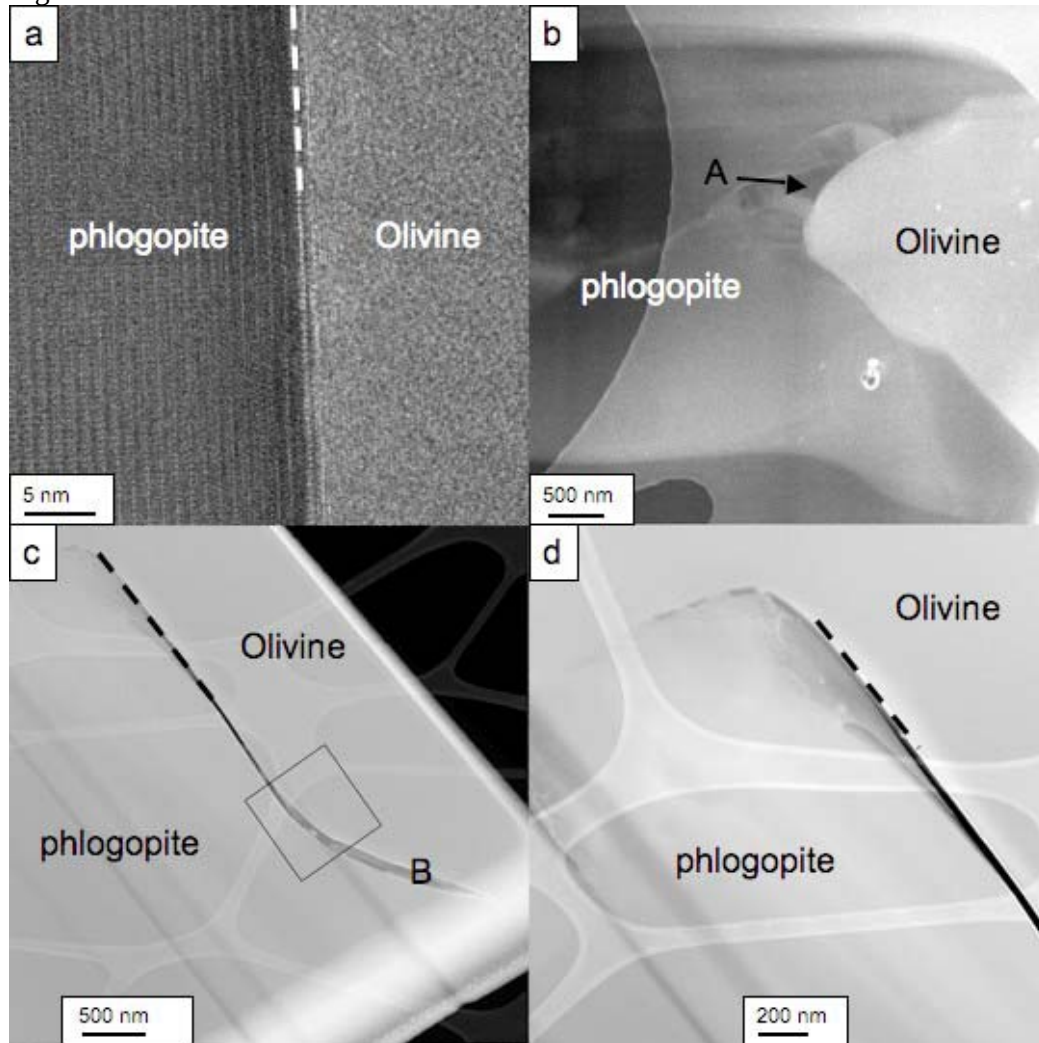


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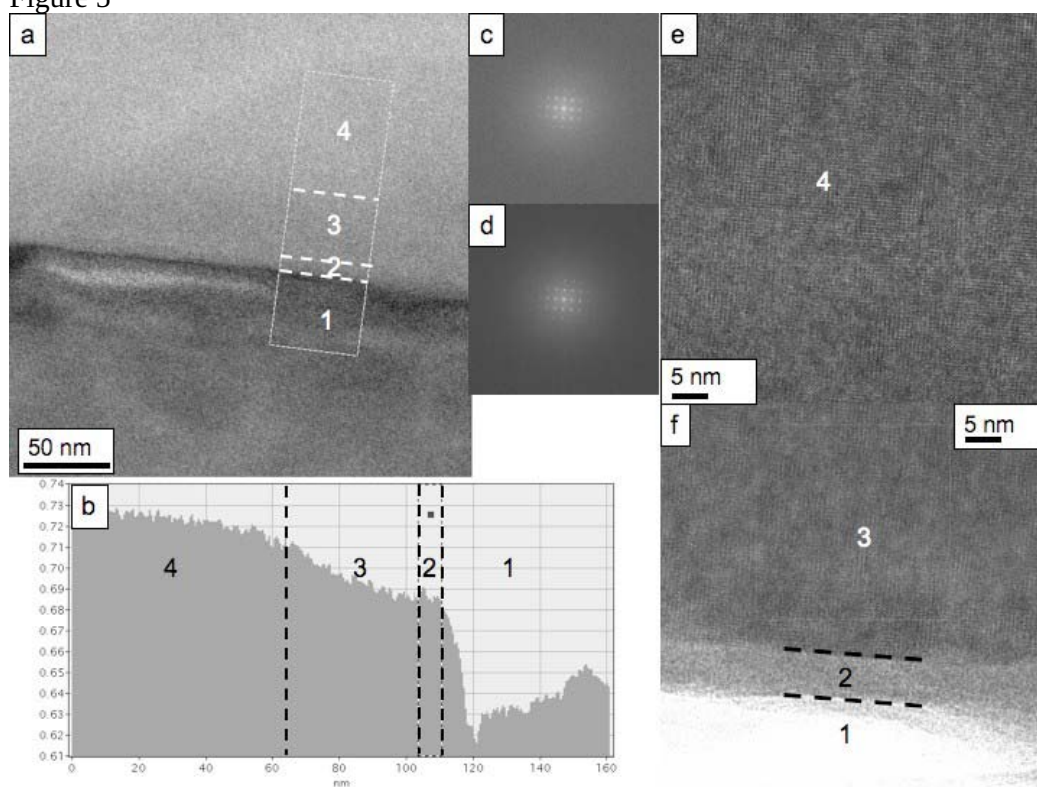




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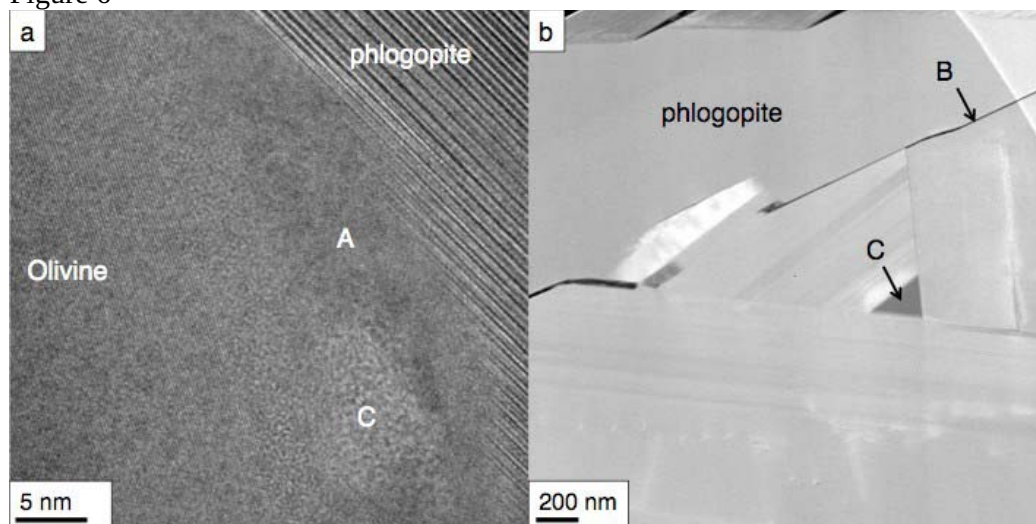


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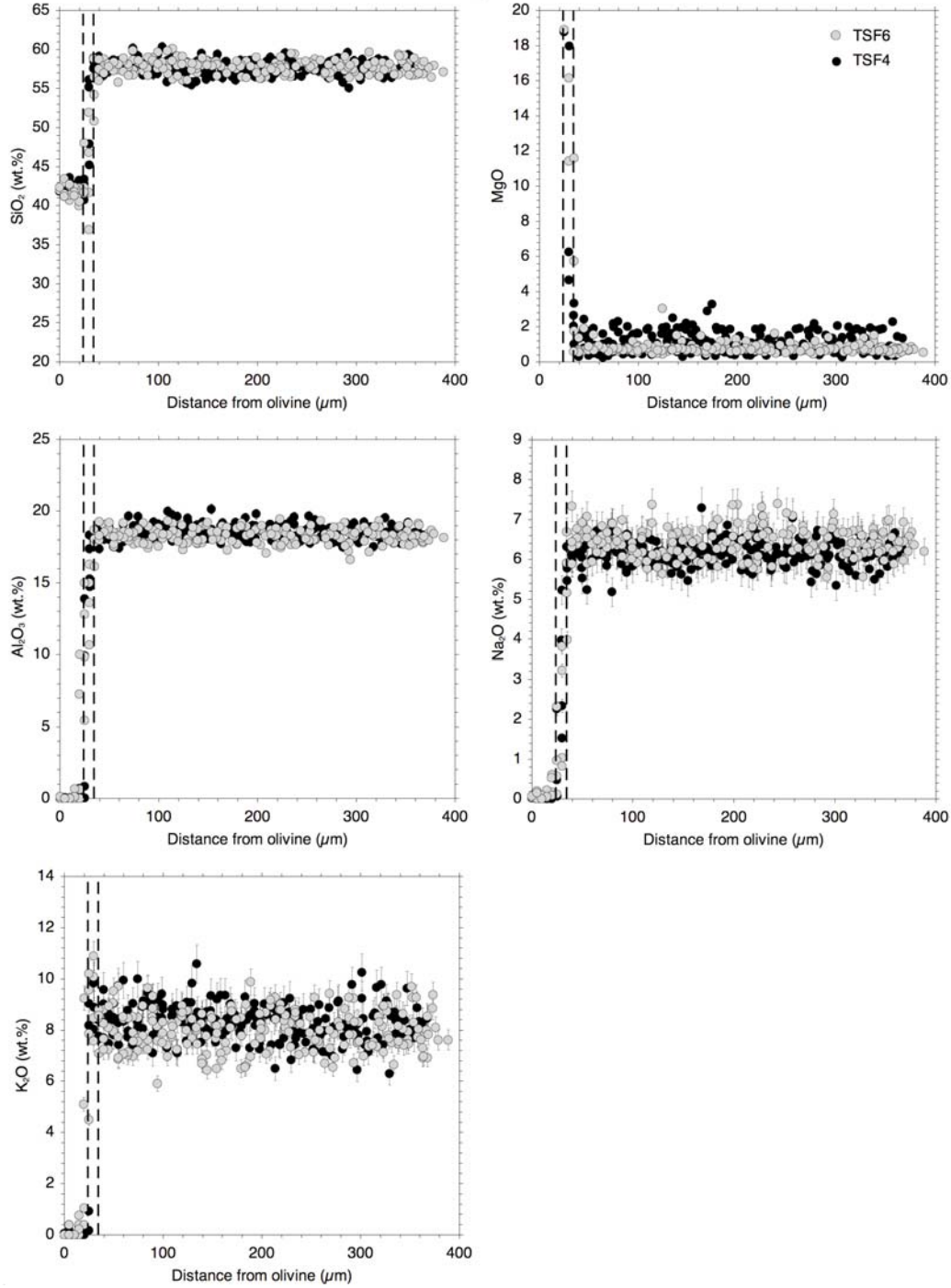


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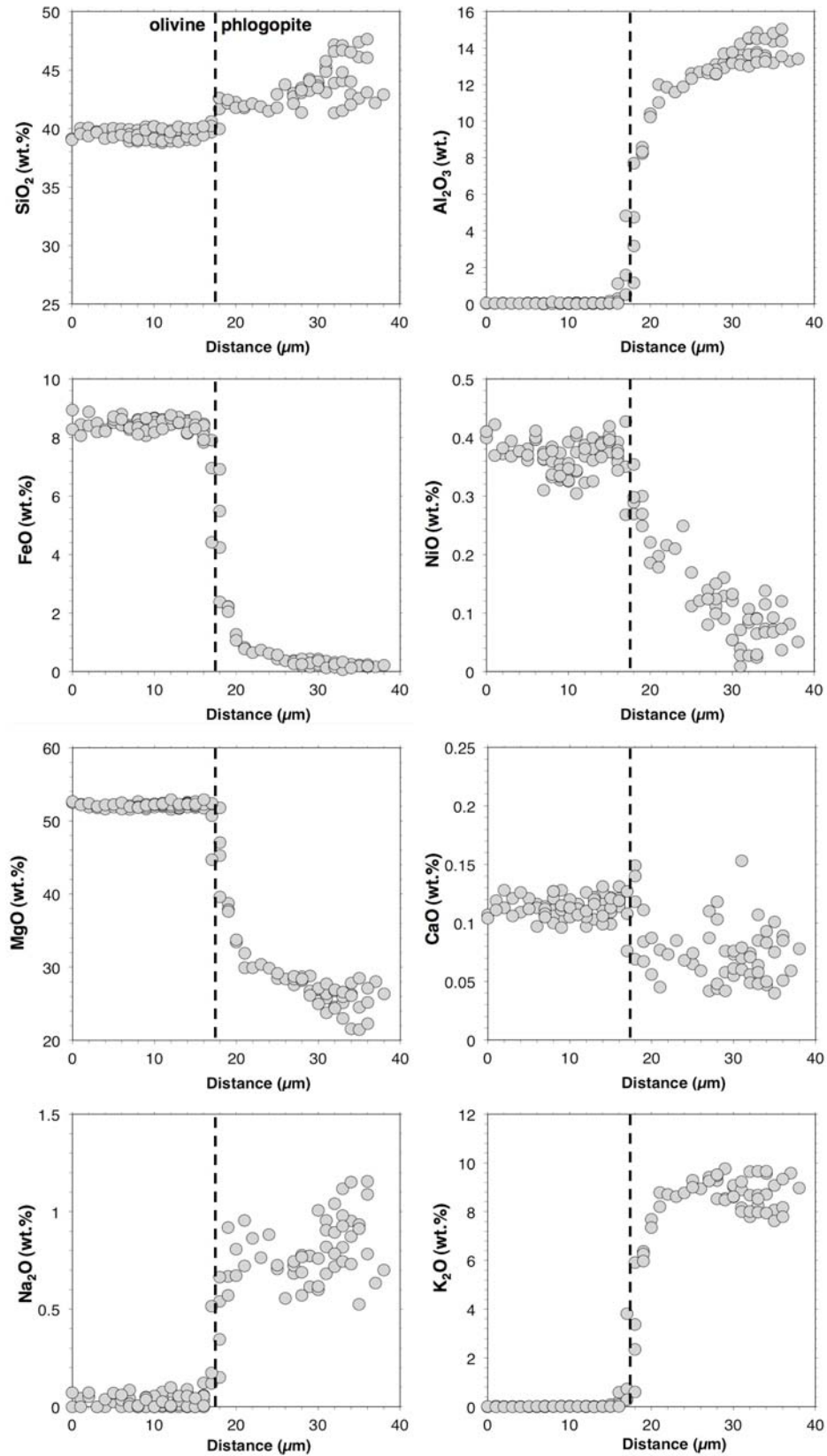


Figure 9

