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2 **Density Functional investigation of the thermo-physical and**
3 **thermo-chemical properties of $2M_1$ Muscovite**

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12 **Abstract**

13 In the present study, we computed the thermo-chemical and thermo-physical properties of the $2M_1$
14 polytype of muscovite in the 0 – 10 GPa and 0 – 900 K ranges, using the hybrid DFT/B3LYP-D*
15 density functional, corrected to take into account dispersive forces, and by using the quasi-harmonic
16 approximation. The bulk modulus K_{T0} of muscovite, its first derivative K' and the unit-cell volume
17 at zero pressure V_0 at 298.15 K, calculated using a third-order Birch-Murnaghan equation of state,
18 were $K_{T0} = 59.93$ GPa, $K' = 7.84$ and $V_0 = 940.6 \text{ \AA}^3$. Our theoretical data are in good agreement
19 with previous experimental results obtained by X-ray diffraction. Thermal bulk moduli, K_T , thermal
20 expansion coefficients, α_T , and heat capacity at different P, T conditions are given, which could be
21 useful in both geophysical and technological applications. The results of this kind of analysis can be
22 used in the study of the thermodynamic properties of solid phases at physical conditions that are
23 difficult to obtain during experimental procedures, especially under controlled high pressures and
24 temperatures.

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29 INTRODUCTION

30 White dioctahedral micas (2:1 phyllosilicates) play a crucial role in most petrogenetic processes, in
31 both magmatic and low- and medium-pressure metamorphic environments. For example, muscovite
32 commonly occurs in metamorphic rocks and has been used as marker to estimate the P - T conditions
33 of crystallization. Among the physical properties of interest, one of the most important parameters
34 is the equation of state, which is the pressure- and temperature-dependence of the mineral unit-cell
35 volume. Such equation is necessary for calculating the P - T conditions of mineral reactions.
36 Understanding the mineral thermoelastic behavior is important to provide a reliable basis for
37 interpretation and prediction of phase equilibria, as they are used as geothermometers and
38 geobarometers (Guidotti and Sassi, 1976; Putnis, 1992; Guidotti et al., 1994; Guidotti and Sassi,
39 2002). To a first approximation, the rock-forming white micas can be described as crystalline
40 solutions among the three end-members: muscovite (Ms), paragonite (Pg) and margarite (Mg). In
41 the past, researchers attempted to use the partitioning of Na and K between coexisting muscovite
42 and paragonite as a geothermometer (Guidotti and Sassi 1976). However, difficulties arose from
43 using solvus curves not accurate enough to model the thermodynamic properties of these two micas.
44 In fact, the exact shape of the solvus, and how it changes as a function of pressure and temperature
45 are still not well known.

46 Many experimental studies contributed to the knowledge of the molar volumes of muscovite-2M1
47 polytype and of their variation with P (Comodi and Zanazzi, 1995; 1997) and T (Symmes 1986;
48 Guggenheim et al. 1987; Catti et al. 1989; Comodi et al., 2002). These data allowed a definition of
49 an approximate P - V - T equation of state for K- and Na-dioctahedral micas. However, these are only
50 an indication of volumetric behaviour at the boundaries of the P - T conditions achieved in rocks in
51 the Earth's crust. To determine more accurately the behaviour of muscovite-paragonite micas it is
52 essential to verify if there are any "non-linear effects" when both P and T are high. If the effects of
53 P and T on the volumetric properties of muscovite-paragonite micas were precisely known for the

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54 full range of P – T conditions of geologic interest, it would be possible to accurately calculate effects
55 on the muscovite–paragonite solvus. Relatively small changes in excess molar volume could have
56 significant effect on solvus limb positions, particularly in the 600 to 700 °C range.

57 However, it is often difficult to obtain the equation of state, especially in natural mineral samples,
58 because they present a series of both physical and chemical internal heterogeneities (cation
59 order/disorder, morphological, crystal-chemical, and crystal-physical variations) which hinder a
60 well-constrained evaluation of the physical properties (Mondol et al., 2008). Furthermore,
61 obtaining experimentally the simultaneous pressure and thermal (P – T) behavior of a mineral is still
62 a difficult task, which requires complex and expensive apparatuses.

63 In recent years, the adoption of accurate quantum mechanical approaches increased the
64 knowledge on minerals. Such computational methods can provide reliable crystal structures,
65 subsequently used to yield both the elastic and thermal properties by varying the mineral unit cell
66 and using the quasi-harmonic approximation, respectively (Militzer et al., 2011; Ortega-Castro et
67 al., 2010; Ottonello et al., 2010; Ottonello et al., 2009b; Prencipe et al., 2011; Stixrude, 2002).
68 These methods provide results that can help to explain the thermo-chemical and thermo-physical
69 behavior of minerals and aid interpretations of the seismologic data.

70 Muscovite presents an interesting challenge to computational mineralogists, because its structure
71 is composed by tetrahedral-octahedral-tetrahedral (T-O-T) layers with potassium in the interlayer
72 (see the structure of muscovite reported in Fig. 1). The simulation parameters should be chosen
73 carefully when dealing with micas, because two directions of the mineral are dominated by covalent
74 bonds (within the TOT layers), while the third direction exhibits an interplay of both van der Waals
75 forces (between the layers) and strong ionic interactions due to the interlayer cations.

76 To the authors' knowledge, there is only one quantum mechanical simulation of the muscovite
77 equation of state reported in literature by Ortega-Castro et al. (2010). That study was performed in
78 athermal conditions, and the authors employed a Density Functional Theory (DFT) approach using
79 the generalized gradient approximation (GGA) PBE functional, numeric atomic orbitals and norm

80 conserving pseudopotentials. Very recently, Hernandez-Haro and co-workers (2013) presented a
81 DFT investigation on the elastic constants of the muscovite-paragonite mineral series, employing
82 the same computational methods adopted by Ortega-Castro et al. (2010). The authors studied the
83 effect of the K and Na content in the crystal lattice on the second order elastic constant tensor.
84 Miltzer et al. (2011) also calculated the isothermal elastic constants at 0 K of muscovite using DFT
85 and looked at the effect of Al-Si cation disorder in the crystal structure. However, in both works the
86 authors did not consider the contribution of the dispersive forces acting between the TOT layers,
87 and the thermal effects on the mineral elastic properties.

88 The aim of our work is a further step in the knowledge of muscovite equation of state. We present
89 a detailed theoretical simulation of the muscovite- $2M_1$ polytype of ideal chemical formula
90 $\text{KAl}_2(\text{AlSi}_3)\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2$ to provide the thermal equation of state, the thermo-physical and thermo-
91 chemical properties of the mineral, taking into account the dispersive force contribution. We
92 employed the DFT/B3LYP-D* functional (dispersive forces corrected) and an all-electron localized
93 Gaussian-type orbital basis set. This approach is known to provide very accurate structural and
94 energy results of phyllosilicates, data required for a correct calculation of mineral physical-chemical
95 properties (Ulian et al., 2013). First, we geometrically optimized the muscovite unit-cell and then
96 compared the result to experimental and theoretical data available in literature. Secondly, the
97 Muscovite athermal equation of state is obtained by varying the unit-cell volume and finally, using
98 the quasi-harmonic approximation described by Anderson (1995), we calculated the thermo-
99 mechanical and thermo-chemical properties of muscovite, as done in a previous work on talc (Ulian
100 et al., 2014; Ulian and Valdrè, 2014). Thermal bulk moduli, K_T , thermal expansion coefficients, α_T ,
101 and heat capacity (isochoric, C_V , and isobaric, C_P) at different P - T conditions are provided, which
102 could be useful in both geophysical and technological applications. For example, muscovite is
103 currently used in resistors (Haynes, 2014) and in other electronic devices (Jin, 2011; Saito and
104 Yamaguchi, 2009), in paints (Kalendova et al., 2010), and as additive in ceramics tailored for fuel
105 cells (Liaw et al., 2011). Previous studied of Hsieh and co-workers (2009) showed that the thermal

106 conductivity of muscovite can be tuned by pressure. Heat capacity at constant pressure is finally
107 compared to available experimental data of differential scanning calorimetry obtained by Robie et
108 al. (1976).

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110 **COMPUTATIONAL DETAILS**

111 **Generality.** We adopted the Becke three-parameter hybrid exchange functional (Becke, 1993) in
112 combination with the gradient-corrected correlation functional of Lee, Yang, and Parr (Lee et al.,
113 1988) for all calculations (B3LYP). The exchange–correlation contribution is the result of a
114 numerical integration of the electron density and its gradient, and we calculated it over a pruned
115 grid of 75 points and 974 angular points obtained from the Gauss–Legendre quadrature and
116 Lebedev schemes (Prencipe et al., 2004). This represents a good compromise between accuracy and
117 cost of calculation for geometry optimization and vibrational frequencies. The values of the
118 tolerances that control the Coulomb and exchange series are the default provided by CRYSTAL09,
119 but we increased the pseudo-overlap parameter to stabilize the self-consistent behavior during unit-
120 cell deformations. The Hamiltonian matrix has been diagonalized (Monkhorst and Pack, 1976)
121 using a $4\times 4\times 4$ k-mesh, which leads to 36 reciprocal lattice points. We chose this sampling grid to
122 perform a better sampling along the c-axis direction, due to the mixed ionic/dispersive forces acting
123 in that direction.

124 Within the CRYSTAL code, multi-electron wave functions are described by linear combination
125 of crystalline orbitals (CO), expanded in terms of Gaussian-type orbital (GTO) basis sets. For all the
126 calculations, oxygen has been described by a 8-411d11G basis sets, silicon by a 88-31G* (Nada et
127 al., 1996) and hydrogen by a 3-1p1G basis set (Gatti et al., 1994). We had employed them with
128 good results in our previous investigations of the structure and mechanical behavior of talc (Ulian et
129 al., 2013; 2014). Aluminum and potassium atoms are described by a 8-511d1G (Catti et al., 1994b)
130 and a 86-511G (Dovesi et al., 1991) basis sets, respectively. The chosen basis sets are well balanced

131 and, in particular the one of the hydrogen atom, allows accurate calculations in both molecular and
132 crystal structures with sustainable computational costs.

133 We optimized lattice constants and internal coordinates within the same run using the analytical
134 gradient method for the atomic positions and a numerical gradient for the unit-cell parameters. The
135 Hessian matrix is upgraded with the Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb–Shanno algorithm (Broyden,
136 1970a; Broyden, 1970b; Fletcher, 1970; Goldfarb, 1970; Shanno, 1970). The tolerances for the
137 maximum allowed gradient and the maximum atomic displacement for considering the geometry as
138 converged have been set to $6 \cdot 10^{-5}$ hartree bohr⁻¹ and $6 \cdot 10^{-5}$ Å, respectively.

139 In periodic systems and within the harmonic approximation, the phonon frequencies at Γ -point
140 are evaluated diagonalising the central zone ($k = 0$) mass-weighted Hessian matrix:

$$141 \quad W_{ij}(k=0) = \sum_G \frac{H_{ij}^{0G}}{\sqrt{M_i M_j}} \quad (1)$$

142 H_{ij}^{0G} represents the second derivative of the electronic and nuclear repulsion energy E evaluated at
143 equilibrium $\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{0}$ with respect to the displacement of atom A in cell 0 ($u_i = x_i - x_i^*$) and
144 displacement of atom B in neighbouring cells G ($u_j = x_j - x_j^*$) from their equilibrium position x_i^* ,
145 x_j^* :

$$146 \quad \sum_G H_{ij}^{0G} = \sum_G \left[\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial u_i^0 \partial u_j^G} \right]_0 \quad (2)$$

$i = 1, \dots, 3N; \quad j = 1, \dots, 3N$

147 M_i and M_j are the mass of the atoms associated to the i -th and j -th coordinates, respectively.

148 The calculation of the Hessian at equilibrium is made by the analytical evaluation of the energy
149 first derivatives, Φ_j of E with respect to the atomic displacements:

$$150 \quad \Phi_j = \sum_G v_j^G = \sum_G \frac{\partial E}{\partial u_j^G} \quad j = 1, \dots, 3N \quad (3)$$

151 while second derivatives at $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ (where all first derivatives are zero) are calculated numerically
152 using a "two-point" formula:

$$153 \left[\frac{\partial \Phi_j}{\partial u_i^0} \right]_0 \approx \frac{\Phi_j(0, \dots, u_i^0, \dots, 0) - \Phi_j(0, \dots, u_i^0, \dots, 0)}{u_i^0} \quad (4)$$

$i = 1, \dots, 3N; \quad j = 1, \dots, 3N$

154 More details on the vibrational calculation made by CRYSTAL is beyond the scope of the
155 present paper and can be found in specific literature (Pascale et al., 2004; Tosoni et al., 2005). The
156 Hessian matrix eigenvalues provide the normal harmonic frequencies ω_h and it is obtained with
157 $3N+1$ self-consistent field and gradient calculations. This method can be quite demanding for large
158 unit cells, but point symmetry facilitates a remarkable time saving, because only the lines of the
159 Hessian matrix referring to irreducible atoms need to be generated. The tolerances were increased to
160 obtain better results, TOLDEE = 10.

161 Density Functional Theory functionals, both generalized gradient approximation ones and their
162 hybrid forms, often fails to adequately describe long-range dispersive interactions (Ulian et al.,
163 2013). To overcome this problem, dispersive forces have been evaluated according to the
164 semiempirical approach (DFT+D) suggested by Grimme (2006), which adds the following
165 contribution to the calculated DFT energy:

$$166 E_{DISP} = -s_6 \sum_{\mathbf{g}} \sum_{i \neq j} f_{dump}(R_{ij,\mathbf{g}}^6) \frac{C_6^i C_6^j}{R_{ij,\mathbf{g}}^6} \quad (5)$$

$$167 f_{dump} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-d(R_{ij,\mathbf{g}}/R_{vdw}-1)}}$$

168 The summation over all atom pairs ij and \mathbf{g} lattice vectors excludes the self- interaction
169 contribution ($i = j$) for every \mathbf{g} . The parameters C_6^i represent the dispersion coefficient for the
170 atom i ; $R_{ij,\mathbf{g}}$ is the interatomic distance between atom i in the reference cell and atom j in the
171 neighbouring cells at distance $|\mathbf{g}|$ and s_6 is a functional-dependent scaling factor. We employed the
172 C_6^i parameters reported in the work of Grimme (2006), which were obtained from atomic ionization

173 potentials (I_p) and static dipole polarizabilities (α) according to the formula $C_6^i = 0.05NI_p^i\alpha^i$, where
174 N depends on atom row in the periodic table. The function f_{dump} is used to dump the energy
175 correction to avoid double counting of short-range contributions and depends on the sum of atomic
176 van der Waals radii (R_{vdw}) and on a steepness parameter ($d = 20$). According to results previously
177 reported in literature (Civalleri et al., 2008), which show that the E_{DISP} correction tends to
178 overestimate cohesive energy in solid crystals, the original B3LYP+D parameters were modified.
179 We set s_6 to 1, the hydrogen atom van der Waals radius $R_{vdw}(H)$ to 1.30 and the heavier atoms van
180 der Waals radii were scaled by a factor 1.05, correction called B3LYP-D*, named by Civalleri et al.
181 (2008). The same approach was adopted with good results in a previous work on talc (Ulian et al.,
182 2013).

183 **Thermomechanical and thermochemical properties.** We calculated the total pressures, bulk
184 moduli, thermal expansion coefficients and heat capacity in the limit of the quasi-harmonic
185 approximation described by (Anderson, 1995). The approach is based on the Grüneisen's mode- γ
186 parameters, namely the evaluation of unit cell volume dependence of the vibrational normal mode
187 frequencies, calculated at Γ point. Due to the limited computational resources, we did not take into
188 account dispersion effects in the muscovite phonon spectra at different pressures. However, the
189 number of atoms in the unit cell, and the corresponding number of vibrational frequencies at Γ
190 point, are sufficiently large and the corresponding Grüneisen's parameters can be considered
191 representative of the whole set of parameters. In previous works (Ottonello et al., 2010; Ottonello et
192 al., 2009a; Ottonello et al., 2009b; Prencipe et al., 2011; Ulian and Valdrè, 2014) the dispersion
193 effects were neglected, but the thermomechanical and thermochemical properties were correctly
194 estimated for minerals with unit cell smaller than that of muscovite. Indeed, thermodynamic
195 properties, which are obtained as averages over the relevant quantities at the atomic level, can
196 reliably be derived even without a detailed knowledge of the phonon density of state (Kieffer,
197 1979a).

198 The pressure, at each unit cell volume and temperature, is related to the Helmholtz free energy F
199 of a solid insulator (Anderson, 1995)

$$200 \quad F = E_{ST}(V) + F_{VIB}(V, T) \quad (6)$$

201 where E_{ST} is the potential of a static lattice at absolute zero (athermal limit) and F_{VIB} is the
202 vibrational energy related to the thermal motion of the atoms.

203 The pressure can be obtained by the volume first derivative of Eq.(6)

$$204 \quad P = -\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial V}\right)_T = -\left(\frac{\partial E_{ST}}{\partial V}\right)_{T=0} + \left(\frac{\partial F_{VIB}}{\partial V}\right)_T \quad (7)$$

205 Using the energy partition principle, the expression that relates the pressure at each volume and
206 temperature is given by:

$$207 \quad P = -\left(\frac{\partial E_{ST}}{\partial V}\right)_{T=0} + \frac{kT}{2V} \sum_{i=1}^{3n-3} \gamma_i X_i + \frac{kT}{V} \sum_{i=1}^{3n-3} n_i(v_i, T) \gamma_i X_i \quad (8)$$

208 where

$$209 \quad n_i(v_i, T) = \frac{1}{e^{X_i} - 1} \quad (9)$$

210 and $X_i = h\nu_i/kT$, h and k are the Planck's and Boltzmann's constants, respectively, ν_i is the
211 vibrational frequency of the i th normal mode and n_i is the Bose-Einstein distribution applied to the
212 phonon gas. The Grüneisen's mode- γ parameter is defined as

$$213 \quad \gamma_i = -\frac{\partial \ln \nu_i}{\partial \ln V} = -\frac{V}{\nu_i} \frac{\partial \nu_i}{\partial V} \quad (10)$$

214 and were estimated by the analytical derivatives with respect to V of quadratic polynomials fitting
215 the numerically determined $\gamma_i(V)$ curves. The total pressure given by Eq.(8) is the sum of three
216 contributions: the first one is the *static* pressure $P_{st}(V)$; the second one is the *zero point* pressure
217 $P_{zp}(V)$ and the third one is the *thermal* pressure $P_{th}(V, T)$.

218 We calculated the static pressure $P_{st}(V)$ values by interpolation of the $E_{st}(V)$ curve by Legendre's
219 polynomials up the third order and obtaining the static pressures as derivatives of the resulting
220 analytical curves. The *vibrational* pressure, namely $P_{vib}(V, T) = P_{zp}(V) + P_{th}(V, T)$, was obtained

221 directly from Eqs. (8) and (9). As observed by Prencipe et al. (2011) this method would implicitly
222 assume the constancy of the Grüneisen's parameters as the cell volume is reduced in a finite
223 interval. However we calculated the volume dependence of the mode- γ parameters.

224 With the set of $P(V, T)$ data obtained as described above, we derived the volume at zero pressure
225 (V_0), the bulk modulus (K_T) and its first derivative with respect to P (K') using a third order Birch-
226 Murnaghan equation of state (BM3) (Birch, 1947):

$$227 \quad P_{BM3} = \frac{3}{2} K_T \left[\left(\frac{V}{V_0} \right)^{-7/3} - \left(\frac{V}{V_0} \right)^{-5/3} \right] \left\{ 1 - \frac{3}{4} (4 - K') \left[\left(\frac{V}{V_0} \right)^{-2/3} - 1 \right] \right\} + P_0 \quad (11)$$

228 with V_0 the volume at reference pressure P_0 ($P_0 = 0.0$ GPa). We made the root mean square fitting
229 of P as a function of V at each temperature with the EOS-FIT5.2 software (Angel, 2001).

230 The thermal expansion coefficient (α_T) at any given cell volume (pressure), as a function of T , is
231 obtained by direct evaluation of the $\alpha_T K_T$ product (Anderson, 1995):

$$232 \quad \alpha_T K_T = \frac{R}{ZV} \sum_{i=4}^{3n} \gamma_i e^{X_i} \left(\frac{X_i}{e^{X_i} - 1} \right)^2 \quad (12)$$

233 where K_T at each P - T condition is calculated from Eq.(11).

234 The isochoric heat capacity as a function of T of a solid insulator can be expressed by (Anderson,
235 1995)

$$236 \quad C_V = \frac{R}{Z} \sum_{i=4}^{3n} \frac{X_i^2 e^{X_i}}{(e^{X_i} - 1)^2} \quad (13)$$

237 The specific heat at constant pressure (C_P) can be obtained from the relationship

$$238 \quad C_P = C_V + T \alpha_T^2 K_{T,P} V_{P,T} \quad (14)$$

239 where $V_{P,T}$ is the cell volume at pressure P and temperature T , respectively. It is worth noting that
240 the isochoric specific heat expression in Eq. (13) does not include the acoustic mode contribution
241 described by the Kieffer's sinusoidal dispersion (Kieffer, 1979b). This contribution is calculated
242 from the acoustic (seismic) wave velocities within the mineral, which are in turn derived from the

243 second order elastic constants (SOEC). We did not calculate the muscovite SOEC, because, as
244 observed in our previous work on talc (Ulman and Valdrè, 2014), the contribution from the acoustic
245 branch is very small at $T > 300$ K, consequently the description of the thermochemical properties is
246 adequately described by the sole optical modes, and a saving is made on the computational costs.

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248 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

249 **Geometry.** The starting muscovite structure was taken from XRD refinement data of Guggenheim
250 et al. (1987), belonging to the $C2/c$ space group. However, in our simulations we employed a lower-
251 symmetry space group, $P\bar{1}$, which could break the monoclinic symmetry of muscovite. This choice
252 was made for two reasons: the first one regards testing the stability of the quantum mechanical
253 approach; the second one is letting the mineral crystallographic cell freely relax during compression
254 (*vide infra*). Hydrogen atoms location is similar to the one of pyrophyllite structure, with O-H bond
255 direction canted by about 30° on the [001] direction. Oxygen atoms are subdivided in three groups:
256 apical [O^a or O(a)] shared between Si and Al; hydroxyl [O^h or O(h)]; basal [O^b or O(b)] shared
257 between silica tetrahedrons. Aluminum atoms substitute silicon ones in the tetrahedral layer so as to
258 maintain the unit-cell symmetry. Albeit this choice does not consider all possible aluminum
259 distribution in the real mineral, it is a good starting model to be compared to experimental
260 observations. See the stick and ball graphical representation of muscovite reported in Fig. 2.

261 The optimized results of the structure of muscovite obtained by GTO/B3LYP-D* approach are
262 described in details in Table 1, in comparison with a series of X-Ray and neutron diffraction
263 refinements (Brigatti et al., 1998; Gatta et al., 2011; Guggenheim et al., 1987) and very recent
264 theoretical results reported in literature (Hernandez-Haro et al., 2013). Our data are in general
265 agreement with all those obtained experimentally, reported in Table 1, with small deviations due to
266 the temperature analysis and mineral compositions. However, in the following we discuss and
267 compare our structural theoretical results, calculated at $T = 0$ K, with Neutron Diffraction ones
268 (Gatta et al., 2011), obtained at similar temperature ($T = 20$ K).

269 It can be seen that lattice parameters and bond lengths (internal geometry) are in good agreement
270 to those of Gatta et al. (2011), with only a small over-estimation of the cell volume (+0.6%). In
271 particular, the description of the *c*-axis is accurate, although with a small underestimation of about
272 0.7%. It is worth to note that, albeit the adopted space group breaks the monoclinic symmetry of
273 muscovite, the deviations from ideal α and γ angles (90°) are less than 0.3%. The interlayer
274 thickness, *I* (see Fig.1), is very close to that reported experimentally. This observation suggests the
275 Grimme's semi-empirical correction for dispersive forces provides an adequate description of the
276 energy and geometry of the muscovite mineral.

277 **Athermal equation of state and internal geometry variations.** We report in Table 2 the
278 muscovite relaxed lattice parameters at the athermal limit. We found that the relationship between
279 the muscovite energy E_{st} at different volumes V , i.e. $E_{st}(V)$ curve, is well described by a 3rd-order
280 polynomial equation with parameters $p_1 = -3.509 \cdot 10^{-8}$, $p_2 = 1.052 \cdot 10^{-4}$, $p_3 = -1.046 \cdot 10^{-1}$ and p_4
281 $= 3.449 \cdot 10^{+1}$ ($R^2 = 0.999995$). We were able to obtain the static pressure related to each volume
282 $P_{st}(V)$ by derivation of the $E_{st}(V)$ curve, according to Eq.(7). A graphical representation of the $E_{st}(V)$
283 and $P_{st}(V)$ trends are shown in Figs. 3a,b, respectively.

284 Next step is the calculation of muscovite bulk modulus at 0 K (K_{T0}), its pressure first derivative
285 (K') and the volume at zero pressure (V_0) by fitting the volume vs. P_{st} data using BM3 equation of
286 state. The refined elastic parameters are $V_0 = 926.86(38) \text{ \AA}^3$, $K_{T0} = 64.2(1.2) \text{ GPa}$ and $K' =$
287 $7.98(33)$.

288 In Fig.4a,b we report the evolution of volume and lattice parameters at different pressure,
289 respectively. Regarding the compressive regime ($P > 0 \text{ GPa}$), the calculated trend is monotonic
290 (Fig.4a). It is graphically clear that muscovite deformation exhibits a strongly anisotropic behavior,
291 with smaller variations for *a* and *b* cell parameters than for *c*. It is possible to describe the observed
292 anisotropy by calculating the axial bulk moduli with a linear BM3 fit (Angel, 2001) on the lattice
293 parameters at different pressures. The obtained refined data, after the BM3 fit, for the *a*, *b* and *c* axis
294 were, respectively: $a_0 = 5.1975 \pm 0.0148 \text{ \AA}$, $K_{T0}(a) = 136.95 \pm 1.12 \text{ GPa}$ and $K'(a) = 5.27 \pm 0.25$; $b_0 =$

295 9.0392±0.0935 Å, $K_{T0}(b) = 118.25±1.01$ GPa and $K'(b) = 5.01±0.22$; $c_0 = 19.8495±0.1602$ Å,
296 $K_{T0}(c) = 30.27±0.36$ GPa and $K'(c) = 6.60±0.12$. Note that the lattice parameters a_0 , b_0 and c_0 are
297 slightly different from those reported in Table 1, obtained by structural optimization, because of the
298 BM3 fit. The axial compressibilities, described as $\beta = 1/3K_{T0}$, are accordingly in the ratio
299 $\beta(a):\beta(b):\beta(c) = 1.000 : 1.158 : 4.525$. This result suggests that the covalent bonds in the
300 dioctahedral TOT layers are less compressible than the interlayer dominated by electrostatic and
301 van der Waals forces (c direction).

302 Regarding the internal geometry of muscovite, the pressure affects the size, shape and orientation
303 of the coordination polyhedrons. While the thickness of the TOT layer is almost non-affected by
304 pressure (-2.0%), the interlayer thickness I shrinks of about 15% at 10 GPa (Fig. S1 –
305 **Supplementary Materials**), in agreement with the axial moduli. The pressure increase produces a
306 volume reduction in both $\text{SiO}_4/\text{AlO}_4$ tetrahedra and AlO_6 octahedra of about 3-4%. The mean Si –
307 O and Al – O bond lengths are contracted by 0.9% and 1.3%, respectively, from 0 to 10 GPa. In the
308 case of Si tetrahedron, the reduction is higher for the apical oxygen than for the basal ones. In both
309 cases, the bond length contraction removes some distortion in the tetrahedra and in the octahedra.

310 Another structural response to the compression is the increase of the tetrahedral rotation angle,
311 which is defined as $\alpha = 1/2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^6 |\phi_i - 120^\circ| / 6 \right)$, where ϕ_i is the angle described by triples of basal
312 oxygen atoms (Bailey, 1988; Ulian et al., 2014). The calculated value of α increases from 13.2° at 0
313 GPa to 14.6° at 10 GPa (see Fig.S2 – **Supplementary Materials**).

314 We did not observe any significant variation in O-H bond lengths in the pressure range
315 investigated (0.962 Å at 0 GPa and 0.963 Å at 10 GPa), nor in their directions.

316 Our results are in line to those of Ortega-Castro et al. (2010) obtained in athermal conditions with
317 generalized gradient approximation (GGA) and the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) functional. The
318 BM3 fit on $V(P)$ data in the cited work is very similar to ours, albeit with small underestimations
319 ($K_{T0} = 60.1$ GPa and $K' = 7.3$). However, it can be observed in Fig. 4a that our muscovite volumes

320 at different P are smaller than those obtained by Ortega-Castro and co-workers (2010). Hernández-
321 Haro et al. (2013) derived with DFT simulations at $T = 0$ K the bulk modulus of end-member
322 muscovite from the elastic constants, obtaining $K_{T0} = 68.4$ GPa. The small difference between our
323 results and the previous ones is imputable to at least two reasons. First, in our simulations we
324 adopted an all-electron GTO basis set with hybrid B3LYP functional, including a correction for
325 dispersive forces, whereas in both previous works (Hernandez-Haro et al., 2013; Ortega-Castro et
326 al., 2010) the authors used a GGA functional (PBE) with norm conserving pseudopotentials. The
327 generalized gradient approximation tends to soften bonds and consequently the bulk modulus,
328 which explains the low K_{T0} value and the large volumes of Ortega-Castro et al. (2010). Secondly,
329 we observed in a previous work on talc (Ulian et al., 2014) that the bulk modulus obtained from the
330 elastic stiffness is very sensitive on both the way of its calculation (e.g. Reuss bound, Voighth bound,
331 etc.) and on the anisotropic behavior of the mineral.

332 Compared to previous theoretical results on similar and other layered hydrous silicates, our
333 muscovite model exhibits a higher bulk modulus than both TOT minerals without interlayer cations,
334 such as talc (Mainprice et al., 2008), and TO structures, for example serpentine (Mookherjee and
335 Stixrude, 2009), antigorite (Capitani et al., 2009; Mookherjee and Capitani, 2011; Capitani and
336 Stixrude, 2012). On one hand, in the case of talc the absence of interlayer cations favors the
337 compression along the c -axis direction, resulting in a fairly low bulk modulus ($K_{T0} = 42.1$ GPa). On
338 the other hand, in TO minerals characterized by half-waves and reversals of the T-O sheets
339 (serpentine group) the elastic softening is related to the adjustment of the relative misfit between the
340 tetrahedral and octahedral sheets (Mookherjee and Capitani, 2011). Considering other micas, our
341 muscovite model presents a stiffer nature than the phlogopite calculated by Chheda et al. (2014)
342 with GGA functional. Phlogopite is the Mg-trioctahedral equivalent of muscovite, and the lower
343 bulk modulus may be due to the difference in the octahedral sheet composition. Finally, our
344 muscovite model presents a K_{T0} value lower than the one calculated for chlorite (Mookherjee and

345 Mainprice, 2014), because the latter presents a brucite-like sheet sandwiched between talc-like TOT
346 layers, which is less compressible than the interlayer with potassium cations.

347 **Thermomechanical and thermochemical properties.** As explained in the computational method
348 section, we calculated the muscovite thermal properties from the mineral vibrational features using
349 the quasi-harmonic approximation.

350 There are 84 atoms in the muscovite unit-cell, which result in $84 \times 3 = 252$ normal modes, three
351 of them related to translation of the whole unit-cell. The remaining 249 optic modes are subdivided
352 in the following irreducible representations:

$$353 \Gamma_{tot} = 126A_g + 123A_u$$

354 Modes with A_g symmetry are Raman-active, while A_u ones are IR-active, but both do not exhibit
355 degeneracies. For each optic normal mode ($3n - 3$) we determined the mode- γ parameters. Between
356 30 and 1200 cm^{-1} (see Fig. 5a), all parameters are positive and, according to Eq.(8), they contribute
357 positively to the total pressure. In this frequency range, only one vibrational mode is associated with
358 a small negative γ . Above 1200 cm^{-1} the mode- γ are negative ($\gamma \approx -0.1$) and give negative
359 contribution to the pressure values. The mean Grüneisen's parameter ($\bar{\gamma}$) is equal to 0.67. We
360 reported the results and the mode-gammas for each frequency at zero pressure in Table S1
361 (Supplementary material).

362 Using Eq.(11) we calculated the thermal contribution to athermal pressure values in the range 10
363 – 900 K. To help the interested readers in better understanding how the quasi-harmonic
364 approximation works, we plotted in Fig. 5b the static (P_{st}), zero point (P_{zp}) and thermal (P_{th})
365 pressure contribution to $P = 0$ GPa total pressure as a function of temperature. The zero point
366 pressure is almost constant, as it is a function of the sole volume. The thermal pressure increases, as
367 the Grüneisen's parameters are almost all positive. Since there is an external pressure constrain (0
368 GPa), to maintain the equilibrium the static pressure mirrors the thermal pressure behavior, with a
369 shift in pressure due to P_{zp} .

370 In Fig. 6a we show the $V(P)$ values obtained at 298 K, alongside experimental data from powder
371 XRD (Comodi et al., 2002; Curetti et al., 2006). There is a good agreement with the volumetric
372 behavior of muscovite in the range 0 – 10 GPa. We noticed also that the comparison is more
373 favorable with the data of Curetti and co-workers (2006) than with that of Comodi et al. (2002),
374 despite the very small overestimation observed with the B3LYP-D* approach. The slight difference
375 between the two experimental results and our set of data resides in the chemical composition and
376 the physical preparation of the muscovite sample. While both powdered samples exhibit a wide
377 presence of substitutional defects, such as Mg and Fe^{3+} in the octahedral sheet, our model represents
378 an “ideally” pure muscovite mineral. Furthermore, the nature of the experimentally analyzed
379 samples, namely powdered Ms, is formally different from our model, realized with periodic
380 boundary conditions (hence, “single-crystal”). In fact, as observed in our previous work on talc
381 (Ulian and Valdrè, 2014), it is expected that the results obtained from the quantum mechanical
382 approach fit better with those obtained experimentally on a single-crystal specimen. In Fig. 6b we
383 reported a three-dimensional plot of the $V(P, T)$ data in the range 10 – 900 K.

384 With the pressure and temperature data, we fitted the results by the third-order Birch-Murnaghan
385 equation of state for each P - T condition. The results, K_T , K' and V_T obtained in the pressure range 0
386 – 10 GPa and between 10 – 900 K are reported in Tables S2, S3 and S4 (Supplementary Materials),
387 respectively. At room temperature ($T = 298$ K) and 0 GPa the refined equation of state parameters
388 are $K_{T0} = 59.93$ GPa, $K' = 7.84$ and $V_0 = 940.6 \text{ \AA}^3$. These data well match those obtained in
389 previous powder XRD experiments at $T = 298$ K, $K_{T0} = 57.3$ GPa, $K' = 6.97$ and $V_0 = 938.9 \text{ \AA}^3$ in
390 the work of Curetti et al. (2002) and $K_{T0} = 57.0$ GPa and $V_0 = 933.0 \text{ \AA}^3$ in the investigation of
391 Comodi et al. (2002). We also compared our theoretical BM3 results at 573, 723 and 873 K with the
392 corresponding experimental values at the same temperatures of the work of Comodi et al. (2002)
393 (see Table 3). The theoretical BM3 fitting for each isotherm is in reasonable agreement with
394 experimental data, with a slight overestimation of both bulk moduli (+3.8%) and unit cell volume at
395 zero pressure (+1.3%). This systematic shift suggests that the quasi-harmonic approximation

396 describes well the thermomechanical behavior of muscovite at high temperature and the deviations
397 could be imputable to the different composition and preparation in the experimental sample, as
398 previously explained.

399 From the calculated bulk modulus at different temperatures, we obtained its thermal dependency
400 at 0 GPa, $(\partial K_T/\partial T)_P = -0.0158 \text{ GPa K}^{-1}$, which is close to the experimental result of Comodi et al.
401 (2002) that is $(\partial K_T/\partial T)_P = -0.0146 \text{ GPa K}^{-1}$.

402 The $\alpha_T K_T$ product attains the value of $2.39 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ GPa/K}$ in the 100 – 900 K range and reaches a
403 constant value of $2.48 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ GPa/K}$ at very high temperatures (see Fig. 7a). A three-dimensional plot
404 of the $\alpha_T K_T$ product in the 0 – 10 GPa and 10 – 900 K ranges is reported in Fig. S3a
405 (Supplementary Materials).

406 We calculated the thermal expansion coefficient (α_T) from the $\alpha_T K_T$ product by the thermal bulk
407 modulus previously obtained. We plotted the $\alpha(T)_P$ values at pressures 0, 5 and 10 GPa in Fig. 7b. It
408 is possible to observe that the thermal expansion coefficient decreases with pressure increase.
409 There is a good agreement between the theoretical value at standard P and T ($\alpha_T = 3.34 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$)
410 and those of different experimental results obtained in the same conditions: $\alpha_T = 3.57 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$
411 (Comodi et al., 2002) and $\alpha_T = 3.54 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$ (Guggenheim et al., 1987). A three-dimensional plot
412 in the 0 – 10 GPa and 10 – 900 K ranges is reported in Fig. S3b (Supplementary Materials).

413 The isochoric and isobaric heat capacities were calculated with Eqs. (13) and (14), respectively
414 (see Fig. 7c and Fig. S3c – Supplementary Materials). It was observed that C_V attains the Dulong-
415 Petit limit (Ottonello et al., 2009a;b) at high temperatures. For both isochoric and isobaric specific
416 heat, it can be observed a decrease of their values by increasing pressure. The C_P vs. T data are
417 fitted in the range 298.15 – 900K according to the form of a Haas–Fisher polynomial expression
418 (Haas and Fisher, 1976), which is:

419
$$C_P = a + b \cdot T + c \cdot T^{-2} + d \cdot T^2 + e \cdot T^{-1/2} \quad (11)$$

420 The retrieved regression coefficients, $a = 8.2044 \cdot 10^2$, $b = -3.5759 \cdot 10^{-2}$, $c = 0.8976$, $d =$
421 $5.4382 \cdot 10^{-5}$ and $e = -8.5978 \cdot 10^3$, reproduce computed heat capacities with a mean error of about
422 $\pm 0.26 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ and the summation of squared residuals over 13 values is 1.1.

423 Compared to experimental scanning calorimetric data of Robie et al. (1976), the calculated
424 isobaric heat capacity in the range 10 – 380 K nicely fit the experimental results, albeit with a small
425 deviation above room temperature.

426

427 **IMPLICATIONS**

428 The thermodynamic and thermoelastic properties of muscovite, and how they change as a
429 function of pressure and temperature are still not well known. These properties are important for a
430 reliable basis to the interpretation of phase equilibria. White dioctahedral micas play a fundamental
431 role in most petrogenetic processes, in both magmatic and low- and medium-pressure metamorphic
432 environments. Among the physical properties to estimate the P - T conditions of mineral stability,
433 one of the most important function is the equation of state, which relates the unit-cell volume to the
434 pressure and temperature. We reported in the present paper the thermal equation of state of
435 muscovite, calculated by quantum mechanics. Furthermore, the proposed theoretical approach,
436 based on a DFT/B3LYP-D* quantum mechanics modelling, with semi-empirical correction for
437 dispersive force, and using the quasi-harmonic treatment to include the thermal effects is promising
438 for detailed structural, thermo-mechanical and thermo-chemical analysis of other phyllosilicates.
439 The results of this kind of analysis find usefulness in the study of the thermodynamic properties of
440 minerals at physical conditions that are difficult to obtain during experimental procedures,
441 especially under controlled high pressures and temperatures.

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Table 1. Calculated and experimental unit-cell and internal geometry of Muscovite.

	Present work DFT/B3LYP-D*	Experimental XRD*	Experimental XRD data ranges§	Neutron Diffraction†	DFT PBE‡
<i>Lattice parameters</i>					
a (Å)	5.1974	5.1579	5.174-5.226	5.1999	5.187
b (Å)	9.0389	8.9505	8.976-9.074	9.0198	9.006
c (Å)	19.8444	20.071	19.875-20.097	19.945	20.148
α (°)	90.27	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
β (°)	96.23	95.75	95.59-95.84	95.81	95.44
γ (°)	89.88	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
½csinβ	9.366	9.985	9.890-9.996	9.9213	10.029
Volume (Å ³)	926.74	921	926-945.4	930.66	936.999
<i>Mean bond lengths (Å)</i>					
O-H	0.961	-	0.95	-	0.974
Si-O	1.634	1.647	1.64	1.642	1.651
Al(T)-O	1.741	-	-	-	1.757
Al(Oc)-O(a)	1.937	1.921	1.927-1.94	1.939	1.934
Al(Oc)-O(h)	1.919	1.935	1.911	1.939	1.918
K-O _{outer}	3.380	3.368	3.272-3.373	3.329	3.427
K-O _{inner}	2.798	2.848	2.832-2.934	2.863	2.759
ΔK	0.582	0.520	0.426-0.509	0.466	0.6680
<i>TOT structure</i>					
Tetrahedral rotation (°)	12.2	11.8	10.3-11.3	10.39	14.6
Volume (T) Si,Al (Å ³)	2.222, 2.697	2.25	-	2.265	2.273, 2.774
Volume (Oc) (Å ³)	9.345	9.15	-	9.518	9.386
T thickness (Å)	2.248	2.234	2.262	2.224	2.277
Oc thickness (Å)	2.086	2.081	2.083	2.102	2.093
I thickness (Å)	3.260	3.436	3.375	3.125	3.361
* data from (Guggenheim et al., 1987) K _{1.00} Na _{0.03} Ca _{0.01} (Al _{1.93} Fe _{0.01} Mn _{0.01})(Al _{0.91} Si _{3.09})O ₁₀ (OH) _{1.88} F _{0.12}					
§ data collected from different sources (Burnham and Radoslovich, 1964): K _{0.66} Na _{0.34} Al ₂ (AlSi ₃) O ₁₀ (OH) ₂ ; (Rothbauer, 1971): K _{0.85} Na _{0.1} (Al _{1.81} Fe ²⁺ _{0.14} Mg _{0.12})(Al _{0.9} Si _{3.1})O _{9.8} (OH) ₂ ; (Catti et al., 1989): K _{0.86} Na _{0.11} (Al _{1.93} Fe _{0.07} Mg _{0.02})(Al _{0.92} Si _{3.08})O ₁₀ (OH) ₂ ; (Catti et al., 1994a): K _{0.90} Na _{0.07} (Al _{1.63} Fe _{0.23} Mg _{0.16} Ti _{0.03})(Al _{0.80} Si _{3.20})O ₁₀ (OH) ₂ ; (Brigatti et al., 1998): different compositions; (Mookherjee and Redfern, 2002): K _{0.95} Na _{0.05} (Al _{0.76} Fe _{0.14} Mg _{0.10}) ₂ (Al _{0.75} Si _{3.25})O ₁₀ (OH) _{1.96} F _{0.04} .					
† data from neutron diffraction experiments at 20K (Gatta et al., 2011).					
‡ theoretical data from (Hernandez-Haro et al., 2013)					

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Table 2. Simulated Muscovite unit-cell parameters at different volumes.

P_{st} (GPa)	P_{BM-III} (GPa)	Volume (\AA^3)	a (\AA)	b (\AA)	c (\AA)	α ($^\circ$)	β ($^\circ$)	γ ($^\circ$)
-1.24	-1.33	948.2	5.2149	9.0745	20.1613	90.24	96.36	89.89
-0.74	-0.75	938.3	5.2072	9.0587	20.0138	90.26	96.30	89.89
-0.14	-0.11	928.5	5.1990	9.0421	19.8699	90.27	96.25	89.88
-0.03	0.01	926.7	5.1974	9.0389	19.8444	90.27	96.23	89.88
0.53	0.58	918.8	5.1903	9.0246	19.7305	90.28	96.20	89.88
1.29	1.34	909.1	5.1811	9.0061	19.5953	90.29	96.15	89.88
2.13	2.16	899.4	5.1713	8.9866	19.4646	90.29	96.10	89.87
3.05	3.06	889.9	5.1610	8.9661	19.3384	90.30	96.05	89.87
4.05	4.03	880.4	5.1502	8.9446	19.2164	90.30	96.01	89.87
5.12	5.08	870.9	5.1389	8.9220	19.0987	90.30	95.96	89.86
6.27	6.22	861.5	5.1270	8.8987	18.9844	90.30	95.92	89.86
7.49	7.45	852.2	5.1148	8.8746	18.8734	90.31	95.87	89.85
8.77	8.77	843.0	5.1023	8.8499	18.7659	90.31	95.83	89.85
10.13	10.20	833.8	5.0893	8.8245	18.6604	90.31	95.78	89.84

Note: P_{st} values were obtained from 3-order polynomial fitting (p-fit) and P_{BM-III} data from 3rd-order Birch-Murnaghan fitting (BM3).

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Table 3. Comparison on theoretical and experimental BM3 results

	Present work	Experimental XRD	Theoretical DFT/PBE
<i>T</i> = 0 K			
K_T (GPa)	64.2 ± 1.2	-	59.81
K_T'	7.98 ± 0.33	-	6.96
V_0 (\AA^3)	926.86 ± 0.38	-	-
<i>T</i> = 573 K			
K_T (GPa)	55.52 ± 1.29	55.1	-
K_T'	8.07 ± 0.32	-	-
V_0 (\AA^3)	950.2 ± 0.6	938.0	-
<i>T</i> = 723 K			
K_T (GPa)	53.08 ± 1.42	51.1	-
K_T'	8.20 ± 0.33	-	-
V_0 (\AA^3)	956.1 ± 0.8	944.1	-
<i>T</i> = 873 K			
K_T (GPa)	50.62 ± 1.56	48.9	-
K_T'	8.33 ± 0.36	-	-
V_0 (\AA^3)	962.4 ± 1.0	952.5	-

Notes: experimental and theoretical values are taken from the works of Comodi et al. (2002) and Ortega-Castro et al. (2010), respectively.

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619 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

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621 **Figure 1.** Schematic structure of ideal muscovite, viewed (a) from [100] and (b) from [001]
622 directions: embedding of one interlayer I in between two TOT layers, each one of which consists of
623 one octahedral sheet O sandwiched by two tetrahedral sheets T. (c) The local structure of the
624 interlayer potassium ions, where 12 oxygen atoms in the first shell are interlayer atom, while Si and
625 Al atoms are located in the centers of O tetrahedrons.

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627 **Figure 2.** Stick and ball representation of the DFT optimized muscovite model viewed (a) from
628 [100] and (b) from [001] directions.

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630 **Figure 3.** (a) $E_{st}(V)$ in Hartree units and (b) $P(V)$ plots of muscovite obtained from ab initio
631 calculations. The dashed lines helps in distinguishing compression regime (on the left) and
632 expansion (on the right).

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634 **Figure 4.** Ab initio pressure effects on muscovite unit-cell volume and axis lengths. The theoretical
635 athermal results has been compared to those of Ortega-Castro et al. (2010).

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637 **Figure 5.** (a) Grüneisen's parameters (γ) at $P = 0$ GPa as a function of frequency (ν). The dashed
638 line represents the mean of the mode- γ . (b) Contributions to the zero total pressure of the static (P_{st}),
639 zero point (P_{zp}) and thermal (P_{th}) pressures.

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641 **Figure 6.** (a) $V(P)$ plot of muscovite compressional behavior at 298K compared to powder XRD
642 data (Comodi et al., 2002; Curetti et al., 2006) and (b) $V(P, T)$ three-dimensional plot obtained with
643 DFT/B3LYP-D*.

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645 **Figure 7.** $\alpha_T K_T$ product (a) and α_T (b) calculated for muscovite at selected pressures. (c) isochoric
646 (dashed lines) and isobaric (solid lines) heat capacities, compared to experimental calorimetric data
647 (Robie et al., 1976).

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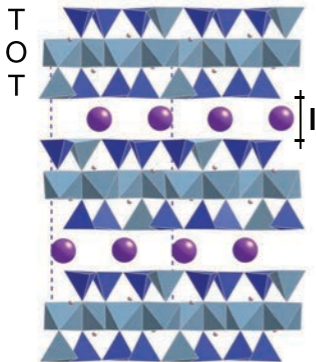
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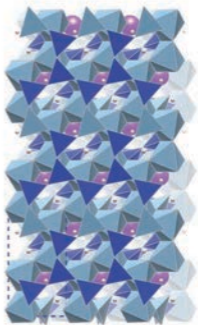
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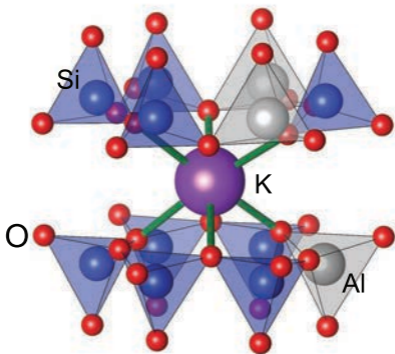
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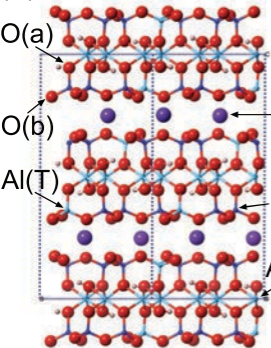
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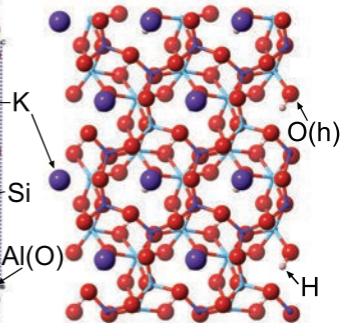
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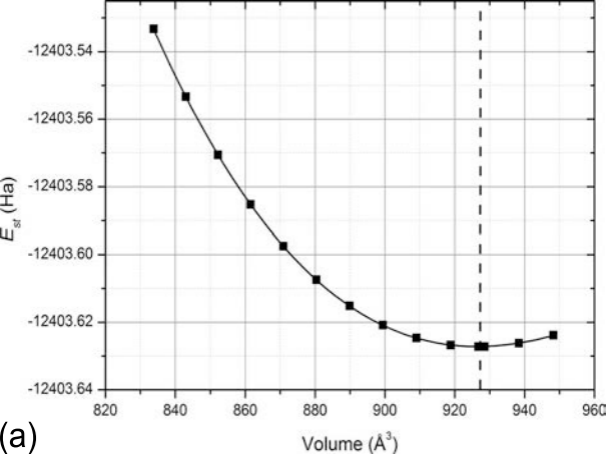


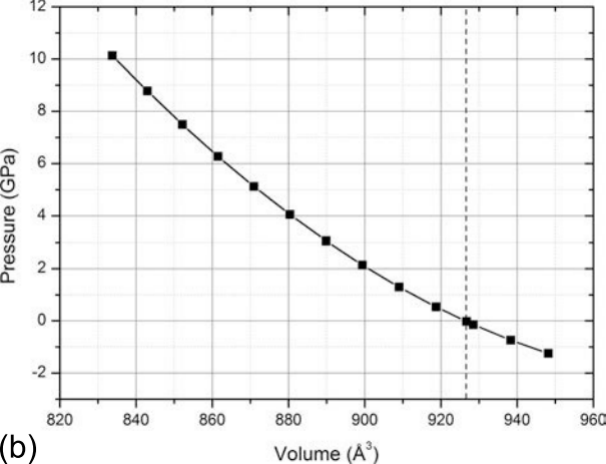
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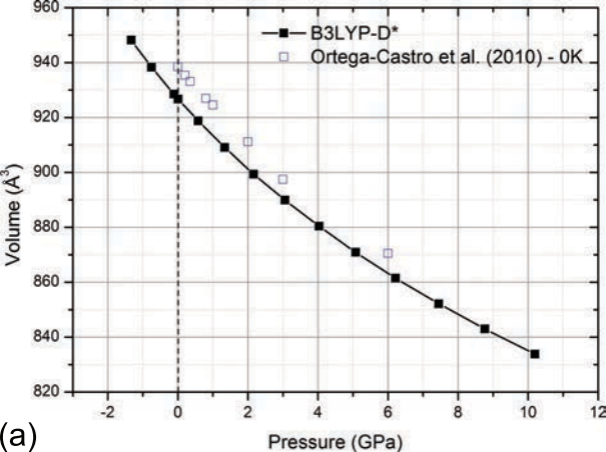


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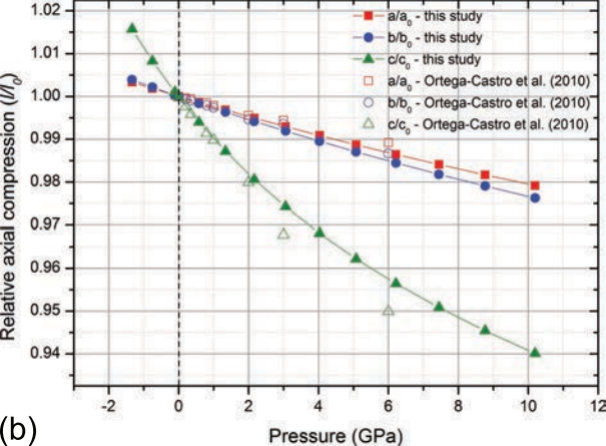




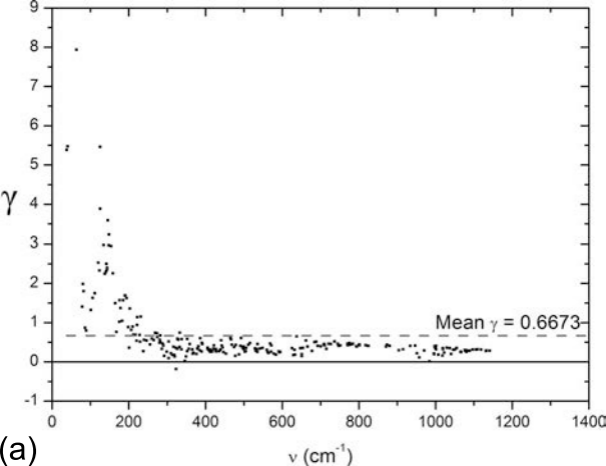


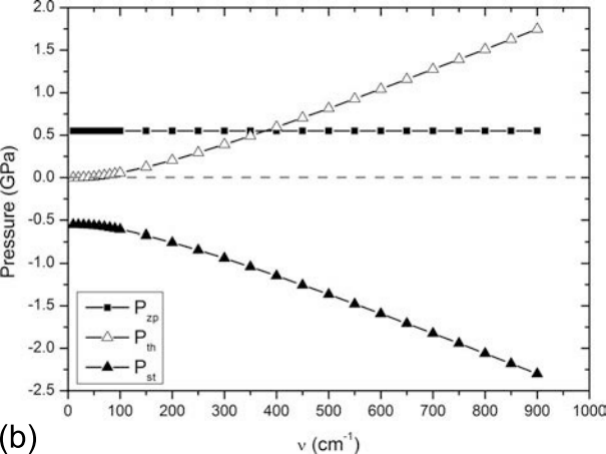


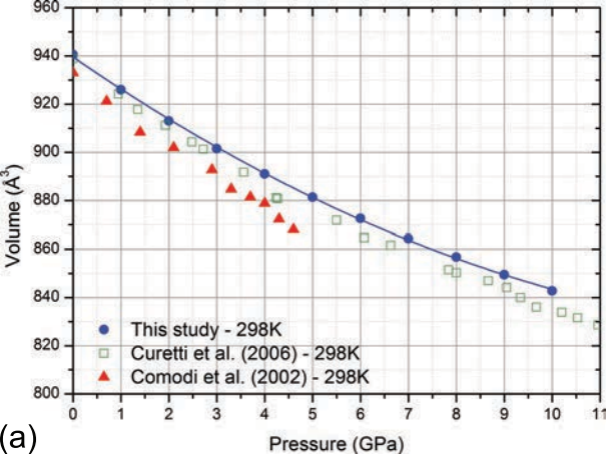
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