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Effect of water on carbonate-silicate liquid immiscibility in the system KAlSi₃O₈-CaMgSi₂O₆-NaAlSi₂O₆-CaMg(CO₃)₂ at 6 GPa: implications for diamond-forming melts

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Abstract

To clarify the effect of water on carbonate-silicate liquid immiscibility in the diamond stability field, we performed experiments in the system KAlSi₃O₈-CaMgSi₂O₆-NaAlSi₂O₆-CaMg(CO₃)₂ under nominally dry and hydrous conditions with adding 1.5 wt% H₂O at a pressure of 6 GPa and temperatures of 1000 to 1500 °C. Both systems start to melt at 1050-1100 °C. Under anhydrous condition the melting occurs via the following reaction: 6KAlSi₃O₈ (K-feldspar) + 6CaMg(CO₃)₂ (dolomite) = 2(Ca_nMg_{1-n})₃Al₂Si₃O₁₂ (garnet) + Al₂SiO₅ (kyanite) + 11SiO₂ (coesite) + 3K₂(Ca_{1-n}Mg_n)₂(CO₃)₃ (carbonatitic melt) + 3CO₂ (fluid and/or liquid), where $n \sim 0.3-0.4$. The carbonatitic melt has the following composition 38(K_{0.92}Na_{0.08})₂CO₃·62Ca_{0.62}Mg_{0.38}CO₃. A second immiscible silicic melt containing (in wt%, volatile free) SiO₂ = 68.8, Al₂O₃ = 12.6, CaO = 3.7, MgO = 2.4, Na₂O = 1.1, K₂O = 11.3 appears

26 at 1250 °C. Both melts remain stable up to 1500 °C and coexist with the clinopyroxene ± garnet
27 ± coesite residue assemblage. In the presence of water stored away in phengite, the melting
28 begins from silicic melt, which contains (in wt%, volatile free) SiO₂ = 61.4, Al₂O₃ = 15.3, CaO =
29 4.8, MgO = 3.0, Na₂O = 2.2, K₂O = 13.3 and coexists with phengite, dolomite, clinopyroxene,
30 and coesite. The phengite + dolomite assemblage remains to 1100 °C and disappears at 1200 °C
31 producing two immiscible melts carbonatitic with approximate composition,
32 19(K_{0.89}Na_{0.11})₂CO₃·81Ca_{0.57}Mg_{0.43}CO₃, and silicic containing (in wt%, volatile free) SiO₂ =
33 63.3, Al₂O₃ = 15.6, CaO = 4.5, MgO = 3.0, Na₂O = 2.0, K₂O = 11.6. The present results imply,
34 that partial melting of continental material subducted to a depth of 200 km can yield
35 simultaneous formation of two immiscible melts, K-dolomitic and K-aluminosilicate. Under dry
36 conditions, carbonatitic melt appears earlier (at a lower temperature). Given the low density and
37 high mobility of this melt, it must quickly percolate upward, leaving a refractory eclogite-like
38 residue and leaving no chance for the formation of a second aluminosilicate melt. However,
39 under hydrous conditions silicate melt appears earlier than carbonatitic melt, leaving a phengite-
40 and dolomite-bearing residue, which finally yields the formation of two immiscible silicic and
41 carbonatitic melts. The compositions of these melts fall in the compositional range of
42 carbonatitic and silicic HDFs in diamonds worldwide. Thus, we suggest that the presence of
43 water is a necessary requirement for the formation of immiscible HDFs inclusions in diamonds
44 and this suggestion is strongly supported by natural data from HDFs.

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46 *Keywords:* carbonate-silicate liquid immiscibility, K-feldspar, phengite, carbonated pelites,
47 high-density fluids, diamond formation, high-pressure experiment, Earth's upper mantle.

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49 **Introduction**

50 Compositions of inclusions in diamonds from kimberlites worldwide indicate that highly-
51 potassic carbonatitic and silicic melts/fluids, so-called high-density fluids (HDFs), have existed

52 at the base of the continental lithosphere during the most of the Earth's history (Smith et al.
53 2012; Shirey et al. 2013). HDFs are believed to be responsible for mantle metasomatism and the
54 formation of the lithospheric diamonds (Navon et al. 1988). Unlike peridotite- or eclogite-
55 derived melts (Yaxley and Brey 2004; Dasgupta and Hirschmann 2007; Brey et al. 2008), HDFs
56 are characterized by abnormally high concentrations of alkalis, especially potassium (Bulanova
57 et al. 1988; Navon et al. 1988; Novgorodov et al. 1990; Schrauder and Navon 1994).

58 It was recently found that potassic aluminosilicate and potassic-dolomitic melts, similar to
59 silicic and carbonatitic HDFs in diamonds, are immiscible and can be formed by partial melting
60 of carbonated pelites at 6 GPa (Shatskiy et al. 2019). However, the anhydrous pelite melting
61 begins from a potassic-dolomitic melt at 1000 °C whereas a potassic aluminosilicate melt
62 appears 200 °C higher. It is well known that carbonatite melt is very mobile owing to its
63 buoyancy, low viscosity, and excellent wetting properties (Minarik and Watson 1995; Dobson et
64 al. 1996; Hammouda and Laporte 2000; Stagno et al. 2018). Consequently, it must rapidly
65 escape from the subduction plate leaving a K- and volatile-poor eclogite-like residue and
66 therefore leaving no chance for the formation of a silicic melt. Yet, the experiments of Shatskiy
67 et al. (2019) were conducted under nominally anhydrous conditions and therefore leave obscure
68 the role of water. Water is an important component of the silicic HDF, which may extend the
69 stability of the silicic melt to lower temperatures. It was recently found that hydrous silicic fluid
70 constituted by H_4SiO_4 and $\text{H}_6\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7$ (which could have a composition much more complex, with
71 presence of Na^+ , K^+ , Ca^{2+} , and Mg^{2+}) is present as submicron films around most typical mineral
72 inclusions in gem-quality diamonds from kimberlites worldwide (Nimis et al. 2016; Nestola et
73 al. 2018; Nestola et al. 2019a; Nestola et al. 2019b). It is therefore interesting to study a principal
74 effect of water on phase relations and liquid immiscibility in the systems modeling phase
75 relations in carbonated pelites at 6 GPa.

76 Here we present an experimental study of the subsolidus and melting phase relations in the
77 system $\text{KAlSi}_3\text{O}_8 + \text{CaMgSi}_2\text{O}_6 + \text{NaAlSi}_2\text{O}_6 + \text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$ (Kfs + Di + Jd + Dol) under
78 nominally ‘dry’ and hydrous conditions at 6 GPa and 900–1500 °C.

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80 **Experimental techniques**

81 *General procedures*

82 All experiments were performed using the ‘Discoverer-1500’ DIA-type press and a Kawai-
83 type inner stage of anvils at IGM SB RAS in Novosibirsk, Russia. The inner stage consists of
84 eight 26-mm tungsten carbide cubes, “Fujillo N-05”, with 12-mm truncations. ZrO_2 pressure
85 media (OZ-8C, MinoYogyo Co., Ltd (Shatskiy et al. 2010)) were shaped as a 20.5 mm
86 octahedron with ground edges and corners. Pyrophyllite gaskets, 4.0 mm in both width and
87 thickness, were used to seal the compressed volume and support the anvil flanks.

88 The cell assembly allows simultaneous loading up to 16 cylindrical samples of 0.9 mm in
89 both diameter and height in a single run (Shatskiy et al. 2018). The sample temperature was
90 measured by a W_{97}Re_3 - $\text{W}_{75}\text{Re}_{25}$ thermocouple and controlled automatically within 2.0 °C of the
91 desired value. No correction of the effect of pressure on emf was applied. The maximum
92 temperature gradients within the sample charge were estimated to be from 5 to 8 °C/mm as
93 temperature increases from 1000 to 1500 °C, respectively (Shatskiy et al. 2013). High-
94 temperature pressure calibration was carried out using known phase transitions in SiO_2 (quartz-
95 coesite) (Hemingway et al. 1998) and in CaGeO_3 (garnet-perovskite) (Ono et al. 2011).
96 Uncertainty in the temperature and pressure is less than 20 °C and 0.5 GPa, respectively
97 (Shatskiy et al. 2018).

98 *Starting materials*

99 Reagent grade oxides, carbonates, $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$, and natural magnesite (<0.1% impurity) and
100 dolomite (<0.3% impurity) from Brumado (Bahia, Brazil), synthetic $\text{NaAlSi}_2\text{O}_6$ and $\text{CaMgSi}_2\text{O}_6$
101 glasses, and synthetic CaSiO_3 wollastonite were used to prepare starting mixtures. The starting

102 materials were blended in an agate mortar with acetone and loaded as a powder into graphite
103 capsules. The loaded capsules were dried at 300 °C for 1–2 h. Prepared assemblies were stored at
104 200 °C in a vacuum for ≥ 12 h prior to the experiment. All experiments were conducted at 15–35
105 % indoor humidity.

106 *Preparation of experimental samples*

107 Since the samples are highly hygroscopic, their preparation requires special care. To avoid
108 the sample damage by atmospheric humidity, we minimized the residence time of the samples on
109 air and used anhydrous lubricants to polish them like that reported by Arefiev et al. (2019a) and
110 Shatskiy et al. (2019).

111 *Analytical procedures*

112 Recovered samples were studied using a MIRA 3 LMU scanning electron microscope
113 (Tescan Orsay Holding) coupled with an INCA energy-dispersive X-ray microanalysis system
114 450 equipped with the liquid nitrogen-free Large area EDS X-Max-80 Silicon Drift Detector
115 (Oxford Instruments Nanoanalysis Ltd) at IGM SB RAS (Lavrent'ev et al. 2015). Energy-
116 dispersive X-ray (EDX) spectra were collected by using an electron beam-rastering method, in
117 which the stage is stationary while the electron beam moves over the surface area, with
118 dimensions 5–50 μm (for mineral phases) and 50–500 μm (for a quenched melt) at 20 kV
119 accelerating voltage and 1.5 nA beam current. Live counting time for X-ray spectra was 20 s. In
120 the case of low-contrast back scattered electron (BSE) images, we used element mapping mode
121 combining X-ray intensities of the selected elements (up to three).

122 Raman measurements were performed using a Horiba Jobin Yvon LabRAM HR800
123 Raman microspectrometer with the 532-nm Nd:YAG solid-state laser at IGM SB RAS. Spectra
124 were recorded at ambient conditions in backscattering geometry with a laser power of about 1
125 mW and a spectral resolution of approximately 2 cm^{-1} .

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127 **Experimental results**

128 ***The system $KAlSi_3O_8 + CaMgSi_2O_6 + NaAlSi_2O_6 + CaMg(CO_3)_2$***

129 The results of the experiments are summarized in Table S1. The mass balance calculations
130 are given in Table S2 in mol% and Table S3 in wt%. The compositions of melts, clinopyroxene,
131 and garnet are presented in Table S4. The BSE images of selected samples are shown in Fig. 1.
132 See the nomenclature section for abbreviations.

133 In run no. D070 (900 °C, 96 h), the sample consists mostly of unreacted components of the
134 starting mixture: $CaMg(CO_3)_2$ (Dol) + $CaMgSi_2O_6$ (Di) + $NaAlSi_2O_6$ (Jd) + $KAlSi_3O_8$ (Kfs). Kfs
135 is partially replaced by Wad + Ky + Coe.

136 The subsolidus assemblage established at 1000 °C (run no. D070, 96 h) is mainly
137 represented by Kfs, Cpx, and Dol (Figs. 1a, 2a, Tables S2, S3). The Kfs grains contain numerous
138 submicrometer inclusions of Al_2O_3 -poor, SiO_2 - and K_2O -rich phase, presumably Wad (Fig. 1a).
139 Kfs grains are surrounded by a three-phase aggregate of Wad, Ky and Coe (Fig. 1a). The small
140 grain size allows only semiquantitative analysis of phases in this run. Cpx is represented by the
141 $Di_{51}Jd_{38}En_3Ts_8$ solid solution and has slightly higher Ca# (52 mol%) than dolomite (Ca# = 48
142 mol%) (Fig. 3, Table S4).

143 At 1050 °C (run no. D026, 96 h), the LT sample side consists of the Cpx + Dol + Kfs +
144 Mgs aggregate, whereas the Cpx + Coe + Kfs + Ky + L(C) assemblage appears at the HT sample
145 side (Fig. 1b-d). The Cpx composition is $Di_{47}Jd_{41}En_4Ts_8$ (Fig. 3, Table S4). L(C) quenches to a
146 dendritic intergrowth of carbonates and appears in the interstitial space within the Cpx + Kfs +
147 Coe + Ky matrix (Fig. 1d). In molar proportions, an approximate composition of L(C) is
148 $38(K_{0.92}Na_{0.08})_2CO_3 \cdot 62Ca_{0.62}Mg_{0.38}CO_3 + 3.1 \text{ mol\% } SiO_2 + 1.1 \text{ mol\% } Al_2O_3$ (Fig. 4, Table S4).

149 As temperature increases to 1100 °C (run no. D078, 47 h), Kfs disappears, the Dol fraction
150 decreases, and the Mgs fraction slightly increases (Fig. 2a). The LT sample side consists of Cpx,
151 Coe, Dol, Mgs, and Ky (Fig. 1e, f), whereas the HT side contains Cpx, Coe, and L(C) (Fig. 1e,
152 g).

153 At 1150 °C (run no. D031, 48 h), Dol and Mgs are completely consumed by the melting
154 reaction and the L(C) fraction increased (Fig. 2a, Tables S2, S3). L(C) forms a separate pool
155 adjacent to the HT capsule side (Fig. 1h, i). Well-shaped Grt and Coe crystals appear at the
156 contact with the L(C) pool (Fig. 1h, i). Some Grt crystals are suspended in the melt (Fig. 1i). The
157 LT sample side consists of Cpx, Coe, Grt and a minor amount of Ky (Fig. 1h). Grt is represented
158 by the Prp₇₄Grs₂₆ solid solution (Fig. 5, Table S4). Mass balance calculations indicate the
159 formation of molecular CO₂ as melting begins (Fig. 2a, Tables S2, S3).

160 At 1250 °C (run no. D038, 25 h), the L(C) fraction slightly increases, whereas the fractions
161 of Cpx, Coe, and Grt decrease and Ky completely disappears (Fig. 2a). Besides, L(S), containing
162 (in wt%) 64 SiO₂, 12 Al₂O₃, 2 MgO, 4 CaO, 1 Na₂O, 11 K₂O, and 7 CO₂ (Table S4), appears in
163 the interstitial space within the Cpx matrix (Fig. 1j, k).

164 With further temperature increase to 1350 °C (run no. D027, 24 h) and 1500 °C (run no.
165 D028, 6 h), the fraction of L(S) increases, while the fractions of Cpx and L(C) decrease (Fig. 2a,
166 Tables S2, S3). L(S) forms a separate pool sandwiched by L(C) and residue phases (Fig. 1l-o).
167 The rounded blebs of L(C) can be also seen within the silicate glass and the Cpx ± (Grt + Coe)
168 matrix (Fig. 1l, m, o). Grt and Coe completely disappear at 1500 °C (Figs. 2a, 1n, o).

169 As temperature increases from 1050 to 1500 °C, the SiO₂ content in L(C) increases from 3
170 to 9 mol%, whereas K₂O decreases from 17 to 5 mol% (Fig. 4a, f, Table S4). The L(S)
171 composition reveals a decrease of the SiO₂ content and an increase of the MgO and CaO
172 contents as temperature increases from 1250 to 1500 °C (Fig. 4a, c, d, Table S4). Above the
173 solidus, the Jd content in Cpx changes insignificantly, while the amount of the En component in
174 Cpx increases (Fig. 3a, c, Table S4).

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176 ***The system $KAlSi_3O_8 + CaMgSi_2O_6 + NaAlSi_2O_6 + CaMg(CO_3)_2 + H_2O$***

177 The results of the experiments including the run conditions and phase compositions in both
178 mol% and wt% are summarized in Table S5. The mass balance calculations are given in Table

179 S6 in mol% and Table S7 in wt%. The compositions of L(C), L(S), Cpx, and Grt are presented in
180 Table S8. The BSE images of selected samples are shown in Fig. 6.

181 At 900 °C (run no. D011, 71 h) and 1000 °C (run no. D016, 96 h), the subsolidus
182 assemblage consists of Cpx, Ph, Coe, and Dol (Figs. 2b, 6a, b, Table S5). Besides a minor
183 amount of Kfs was observed at 1000 °C (Figs. 6b).

184 The first melt appears at 1100 °C (run no. D015, 48 h) (Fig. 6c). The melt has an
185 aluminosilicate composition (Table S8). L(S) quenches to a glass, which fills interstitial space
186 between euhedral Cpx crystals (Fig. 6c). Coe, Ph, Dol, and Mgs were also established among the
187 run products (Fig. 6c, Table S5).

188 As temperature increases to 1200 °C, L(C) appears in addition to L(S) (Fig. 2b, 6d, e,
189 Table S5). L(C) forms a separate pool at the HT side, whereas L(S) fills interstitial space
190 between the Cpx crystals (Fig. 6d, e). The LT sample side is mainly represented by Cpx and Coe.
191 Mgs appears as a thin layer attached to the LT capsule end (Fig. 6d). Grt forms well-shaped
192 crystals up to 50 µm in size suspended in the L(C) (Fig. 6e). Besides, the quenched products of
193 L(C) contain graphite, which looks like numerous black worms on the BSE images (Fig. 6d, e).
194 The graphite was also observed in the quenched products of L(C) as separate crystals at 1300 °C
195 (Fig. 6f, g) and as their segregations at the interface with L(S) at 1400 °C (Fig. 6h, i).

196 At 1300 °C (run no. D013, 49 h), solid carbonates completely disappear and the residual
197 assemblage is represented by Cpx, Grt, and Coe (Figs. 2b, 6f, g). L(S) forms a pool at the HT
198 side, while L(C) appears as irregular-shaped and rounded bubbles within L(S) (Fig. 6f, g).

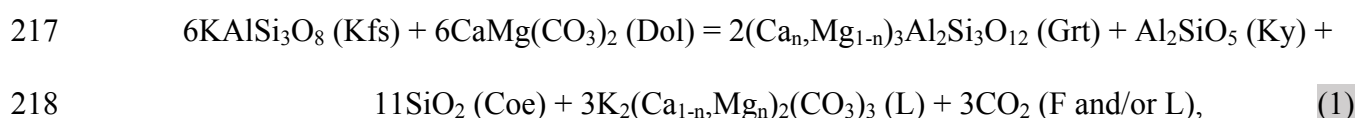
199 As temperature increases to 1400 °C (run no. D017, 8 h), the assemblage and the fractions
200 of phases remain the same (Fig. 2b, Tables S6, S7). L(C) forms a separate pool at the HT side.
201 The L(S) pool is adjacent to that of L(C) from the LT side (Fig. 6h, i). Both L(C) and L(S) also
202 appear in the interstitial space and small segregations between residual crystals of Cpx, Grt, and
203 Coe at the LT sample side (Fig. 6h, i).

204 As temperature increases over the entire temperature range, the Jd content in Cpx
205 decreases, the En and Ts contents increase, while the Di content does not change systematically
206 (Fig. 3). Ca# of Grt decreases as temperature increases (Fig. 5). The melts retain nearly constant
207 composition (Table S8). Among the obvious changes, an increase in the MgO and Na₂O contents
208 and a decrease in the K₂O content of L(C) can be noted (Table S8).

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210 Discussion

211 According to the previous experimental results on phase relations in ‘dry’ carbonated
212 pelite, the generation of the first highly potassic dolomitic melt at 6-8 GPa is controlled by
213 melting reactions involving Ca-Mg carbonates (Dol or Arg+Mgs) and K-phases (Kfs or Wad)
214 (Grassi and Schmidt 2011a; Shatskiy et al. 2019). Based on the phase relations established here
215 in the Kfs + Di + Jd + Dol system (Fig. 2a, Table S2), the melting reaction can be approximated
216 as follows:



219 where $n \sim 0.3\text{--}0.4$. Reaction 1 yields redistribution of potassium from K-feldspar to L(C) with
220 approximate composition $38(\text{K}_{0.92}\text{Na}_{0.08})_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot 62\text{Ca}_{0.62}\text{Mg}_{0.38}\text{CO}_3$. The L(C) composition
221 resamples peritectic P¹ in the K₂CO₃-CaCO₃-MgCO₃ system established between 1050 and 1100
222 °C and controlled by the reaction $\text{K}_2\text{Ca}_3(\text{CO}_3)_4 + \text{K}_2\text{Mg}(\text{CO}_3)_2 \rightarrow \text{MgCO}_3 + \text{L(C)}$ (Fig. 7)
223 (Arefiev et al. 2019b).

224 The established phase relations (Fig. 2b, Table S6) suggest that clinopyroxene does not
225 play a decisive role in the incipient melting. Similar phase relationships and L(C) compositions
226 in the systems Kfs + Di + Jd + Dol and carbonated pelite (DG2) at 6 GPa (Shatskiy et al. 2019)
227 (Figs. 2b, f, 4) indicate that reaction 1 is dominant melting reaction controlling the solidus of the
228 ‘dry’ carbonated pelite at 6 GPa.

229 Adding water to the Kfs + Di + Jd + Dol system stabilizes phengite with the expense of K-
230 feldspar (Fig. 2). As temperature increases from 1000 to 1100 °C the phengite fraction decreases
231 by nearly half, which accompanies an appearance of L(S) and increasing the coesite fraction
232 (Fig. 2b). Our observation is in good agreement with the results of Domanik and Holloway
233 (1996) which indicate that phengite melting occurs near 1100 °C at 6 GPa in a pure mica system.
234 Our data are also consistent with the results of Thomsen and Schmidt (2008) who observed the
235 disappearance of phengite and appearance of L(S) at 1100 °C in the system pelite-CO₂-H₂O at 5
236 GPa. Unlike Thomsen and Schmidt (2008), who observed the disappearance of Ca-Mg carbonate
237 and appearance of immiscible L(C) at 1100 °C, in our study dolomite and phengite retain up to
238 1100 °C and disappear at 1200 °C yielding an appearance of L(C) (Fig. 2a).

239 Thus, in presence of water, L(S) can appear even earlier than L(C). L(S) contains (in wt%,
240 volatile free) SiO₂ = 61.4, Al₂O₃ = 15.3, CaO = 4.8, MgO = 3.0, Na₂O = 2.2, K₂O = 13.3 (Table
241 S8) and resembles L(S) coexisting with L(C) in the system pelite-CO₂-H₂O at 5 GPa and 1050-
242 1100 °C (Thomsen and Schmidt 2008; Tsuno et al. 2012) (Table S9).

243 The composition of immiscible L(C), 21(K_{0.93}Na_{0.07})₂CO₃·79Ca_{0.59}Mg_{0.41}CO₃, resembles
244 that established in equilibrium with L(S) under anhydrous conditions here and in ‘dry’
245 carbonated pelite (DG2) system (Shatskiy et al. 2019) (Fig. 4). However, this L(C) is more
246 alkali-rich than that established by Tsuno et al. (2012) in coexistence with L(S) in the pelite-
247 CO₂-H₂O system at 5 GPa and 1050-1100 °C and containing 2-3 mol% (K, Na)₂CO₃ (Table S9).

248 Summarizing all available data on L(C) established in the system pelite-CO₂-H₂O at 5-8
249 GPa and 1000-1100 °C, we can suggest that the measured L(C) compositions are largely
250 scattered in terms of the (K,Na)₂CO₃ content, which varies from 2-3 mol% to 26-36 mol%
251 (Table S9) (Thomsen and Schmidt 2008; Grassi and Schmidt 2011b; Grassi and Schmidt 2011a;
252 Tsuno et al. 2012). Such large variations inside the 100 °C temperature range are more likely
253 associated with the analytical problems rather than reflect the actual compositions of the melts.

254 Deviation of the composition of L(C) towards low alkalinity can be caused by the
255 following reasons. Carbonate specimens containing K_2CO_3 and Na_2CO_3 are highly hygroscopic
256 and can be easily damaged by atmospheric humidity. Therefore, some alkalis can be lost during
257 sample preparation and polishing. Another reason is the poor stability (evaporation) of alkaline
258 carbonates under a focused electron beam during EPMA analysis (Shatskiy et al. 2017; Arefiev
259 et al. 2019a; Shatskiy et al. 2019).

260 Incipient melting of carbonated pelite yields L(S) at ≤ 5 GPa and L(C) at ≥ 5 GPa
261 (Thomsen and Schmidt 2008; Grassi and Schmidt 2011b; Tsuno et al. 2012). Heating of
262 carbonated pelite (DG2) at 6 GPa under anhydrous conditions to 1200 °C, which is 200 °C
263 above its solidus, is accompanied by the formation of L(S) coexisting with L(C) to at least 1500
264 °C (Shatskiy et al. 2019) (Fig. 2f). The present results show that the anhydrous analog system
265 Kfs + Di + Jd + Dol behaves in a similar manner (Fig. 2a).

266 Adding water to this system in an amount slightly less than that required to complete
267 replacement of K-feldspar by phengite lowers the melting temperature of silicate component
268 yielding an appearance of L(S) at 1100 °C (Fig. 2e). The incipient melting does not cause the
269 complete consumption of K-phase and carbonate. The most of phengite and dolomite remains in
270 the residue and disappear only at 1200 °C to produce two immiscible melts, L(S) and L(C) (Fig.
271 2b, Tables S6, S7). These melts remain stable to at least 1400 °C in coexistence with the Cpx +
272 Grt + Coe residual assemblage. The present results suggest that the immiscibility gap between
273 potassic aluminosilicate and potassic-dolomitic melts does not be affected by a moderate amount
274 of water (Fig. 8a). This immiscibility gap prevents the continuous transition from silicic to
275 carbonatitic melt through fractional crystallization over any reasonable range of geothermal
276 conditions.

277 Figure 8 illustrates the compositions of the melts obtained in the present study (pink and
278 blue rhombuses, L(S), and circles, L(C)) in comparison with the pelite-derived melts (grey
279 symbols) and inclusions of HDFs in diamonds worldwide (small colored open circles) (see

280 Shatskiy et al., 2019 and references therein). The obtained L(S) in the present study resembles
281 pelite-derived phonolitic to trachytic melts (Fig. 4) and fall in the compositional range of the
282 silicic HDFs (brown open circles in Fig. 8a). The established L(C) resembles ‘low-Mg’ (Ca# 40–
283 70) carbonatite inclusions in ‘fibrous’ diamonds from the Ebelyakh placers of the northeastern
284 Siberian craton (Zedgenizov et al. 2011) and some other localities (e.g., (Logvinova et al. 2019)).
285 However, most carbonatitic HDFs belongs to ‘high-Mg’ (Ca# 10-40) (green open circles in Fig.
286 8b) (Klein-BenDavid et al. 2009; Weiss et al. 2009; Zedgenizov et al. 2009). Sokol et al. (2017)
287 found that interaction of pelite-derived ‘low-Mg’ L(C) with harzburgite at 1200 and 1350 °C
288 yields the wehrlitization reaction, which shifts the L(C) composition from ‘low-Mg’ to ‘high-
289 Mg’.

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291 **Implications**

292 The composition of melt inclusions in natural diamonds varies from silicic (phonolite-
293 trachyte) to carbonatitic (K-dolomite) (Bulanova et al. 1988; Navon et al. 1988; Novgorodov et
294 al. 1990; Schrauder and Navon 1994). Our results indicate that the silicic and carbonatitic
295 endmembers are immiscible and can be derived by partial melting of the phengite ± K-feldspar +
296 clinopyroxene + dolomite assemblage at 6 GPa above 1100 °C. The immiscibility between
297 coexisting carbonatitic and silicic melts explains the fractionation of Nb from Ta, or Zr from Hf
298 observed in the trace-element patterns of fibrous and monocrystalline diamonds (Rege et al.
299 2010). Our results show that water stored away in phengite has a strong influence on the
300 temperature stability of silicic melt, while it does not affect solidus temperature. The presence of
301 water lowers melting temperatures of aluminosilicate components expanding the stability field of
302 silicic melt toward the lower temperature of ≤ 1100 °C. Thus, the immersion of carbonated
303 material of the continental crust into the mantle by subduction slabs or by continental collision
304 could yield simultaneous formation of phonolite-trachytic and K-dolomitic immiscible melts
305 responsible for the formation of lithospheric diamonds.

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307 **Nomenclature**

308 Coe – coesite, Cpx – clinopyroxene, Di – diopside, Dol – dolomite, En – enstatite, F – CO₂
309 fluid, Grs – grossular, Grt – garnet, Jd – jadeite, Wad – wadeite structured K₂Si₄O₉, Kfs – K-
310 feldspar, Ky – kyanite, L(S) – silicic melt, L(C) – carbonatitic melt, Mgs – magnesite, Ph –
311 phengite, Prp – pyrope, Ts - CaAlSiAlO₆ tschermakite.

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438 **Figure Captions**

439 Figure 1. Representative BSE micrographs of sample cross-sections from experiments in the
440 system $\text{KAlSi}_3\text{O}_8 + \text{CaMgSi}_2\text{O}_6 + \text{NaAlSi}_2\text{O}_6 + \text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$ at 6 GPa. HT and LT – high-
441 temperature and low-temperature sample side, respectively. Abbreviations are given in the
442 nomenclature section. The image g taken in the element mapping mode combining X-ray
443 intensities of the selected elements (K – red and Si – green). (Color online)

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445 Figure 2. Modal abundances of phases present as a function of temperature in the systems
446 $\text{KAlSi}_3\text{O}_8 + \text{CaMgSi}_2\text{O}_6 + \text{NaAlSi}_2\text{O}_6 + \text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$ (Kfs + Di + Jd + Dol) (a) and $\text{KAlSi}_3\text{O}_8 +$
447 $\text{CaMgSi}_2\text{O}_6 + \text{NaAlSi}_2\text{O}_6 + \text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2 + 4.9 \text{ mol}\% \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Kfs + Di + Jd + Dol + H_2O) (b) at 6
448 GPa. Modes are in mol% were determined from the bulk compositions of starting mixtures and
449 compositions of phases measured by electron microprobe (Tables S2, S6). Modes in wt% are
450 given in Tables S3, S7). See the nomenclature section for abbreviations. (Color online)

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452 Figure 3. Variations of jadeite (a), diopside (b), enstatite (c), and CaAlSiAlO_6 tschermakite (d)
453 components in clinopyroxene versus temperature in the studied systems at 6 GPa (see Tables S4
454 and S8). The compositions of clinopyroxene from the pelite system (DG2) (Shatskiy et al. 2019)
455 are shown for the comparison. (Color online)

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457 Figure 4. Carbonatitic, L(C), and silicic, L(S), melts compositions (mol%) as a function of
458 temperature. The compositions are expressed via concentrations of SiO_2 (a), Al_2O_3 (b), CaO (c),
459 MgO (d), Na_2O (e), and K_2O (f). The concentrations are taken from the volatile-bearing
460 compositions normalized to 100 %. The original data are given in Tables S2 and S3 in mol%,
461 and Tables S5 and S6 in wt%. The melts obtained in the system carbonated pelite under
462 nominally dry (DG2) conditions at 6 GPa (Shatskiy et al. 2019) are shown for the comparison.
463 (Color online)

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465 Figure 5. Variations of $Ca\# = 100 \cdot Ca / (Ca + Mg)$ in garnet with temperature in the studied systems
466 at 6 GPa. (Color online)

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468 Figure 6. Representative BSE micrographs of sample cross-sections from experiments in the
469 system $KAlSi_3O_8 + CaMgSi_2O_6 + NaAlSi_2O_6 + CaMg(CO_3)_2 + 4.9 \text{ mol\% } H_2O$ at 6 GPa. HT and
470 LT – high-temperature and low-temperature sample side, respectively. The images b and c taken
471 in the element mapping mode combining X-ray intensities of the selected elements (K is marked
472 in red). (Color online)

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474 Figure 7. Carbonatitic melts established in the present study, plotted on the liquidus projection of
475 the K_2CO_3 - $MgCO_3$ - $CaCO_3$ system at 6 GPa (Arefiev et al. 2019b). (Color online)

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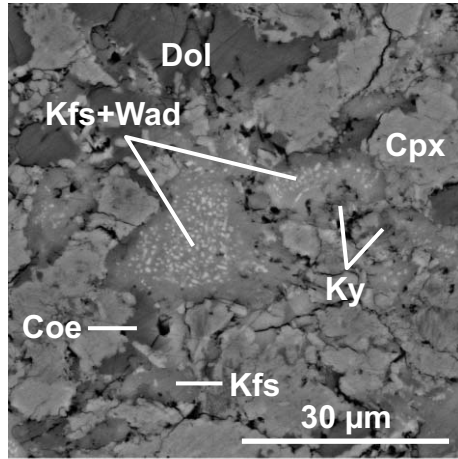
477 Figure 8. Compositions (mol%) of carbonatitic – L(C), and silicic – L(S), melts established in
478 the systems $Kfs + Di + Jd + Dol \pm H_2O$ at 6 GPa and 1000-1500 °C in comparison with HDFs found
479 in diamonds worldwide (e.g., (Navon et al. 1988; Klein-BenDavid et al. 2009; Weiss et al. 2009;
480 Zedgenizov et al. 2009; Jablon and Navon 2016). The original data on HDFs in diamonds and a
481 full list of references are given in Appendix A, Supplementary Tables S7-S10 in (Shatskiy et al.
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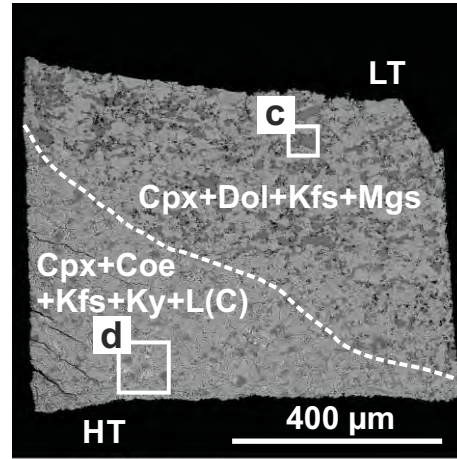
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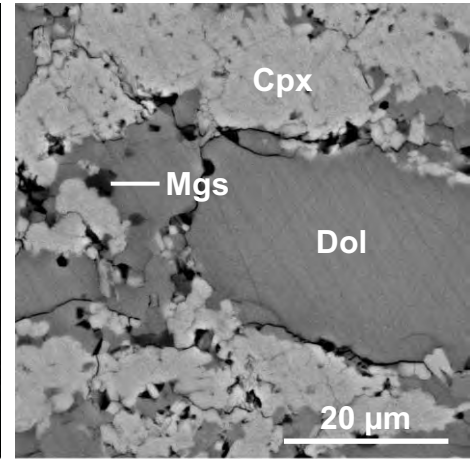
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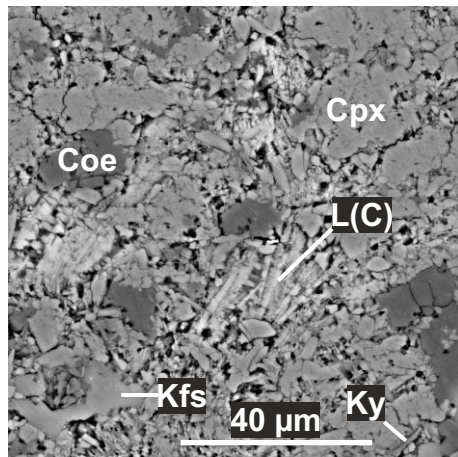
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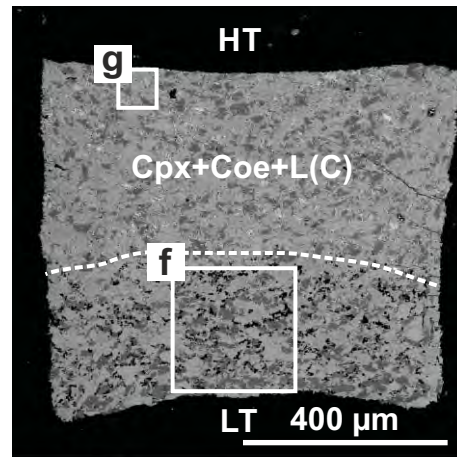
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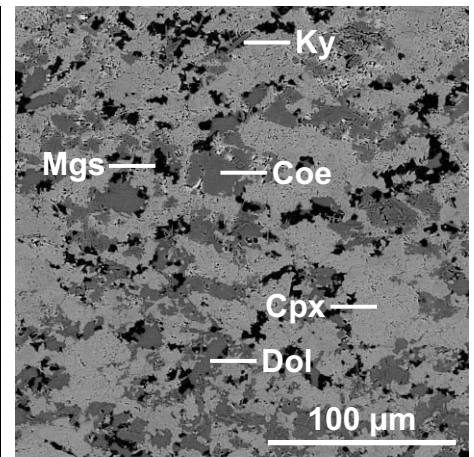
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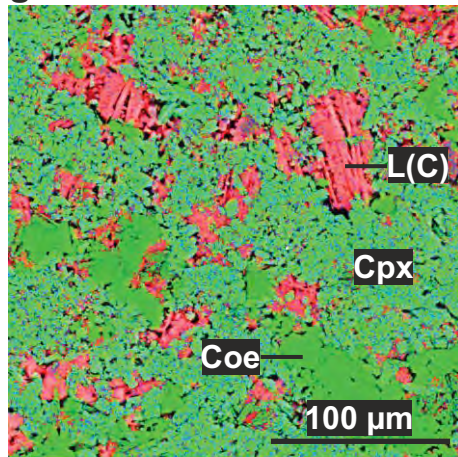
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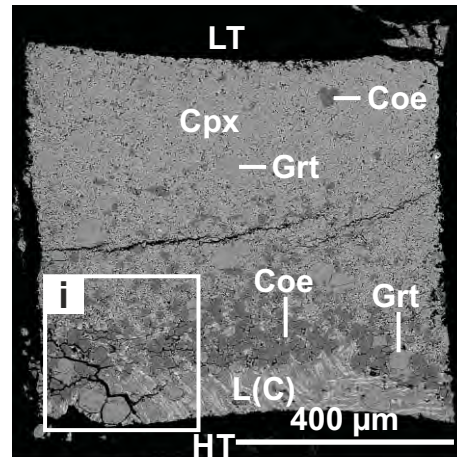
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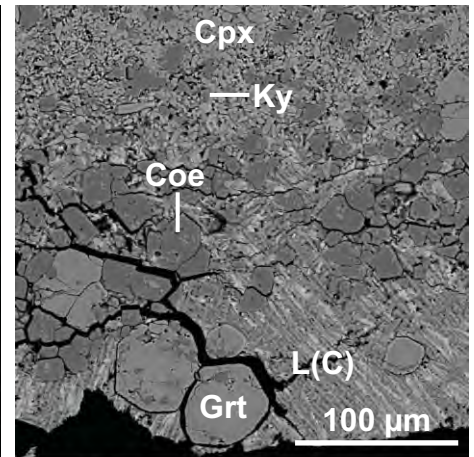
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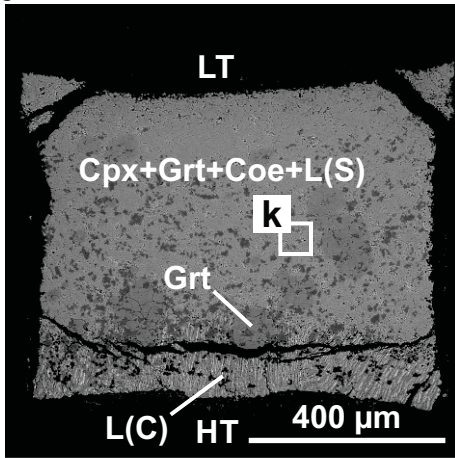
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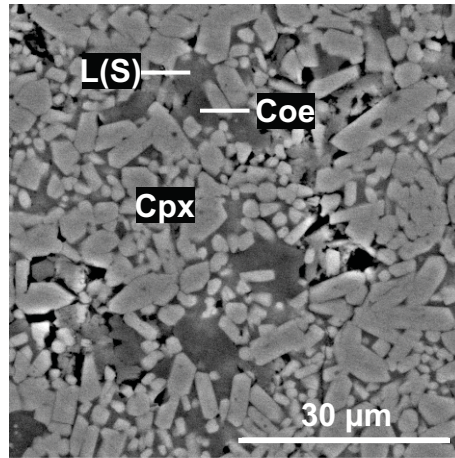
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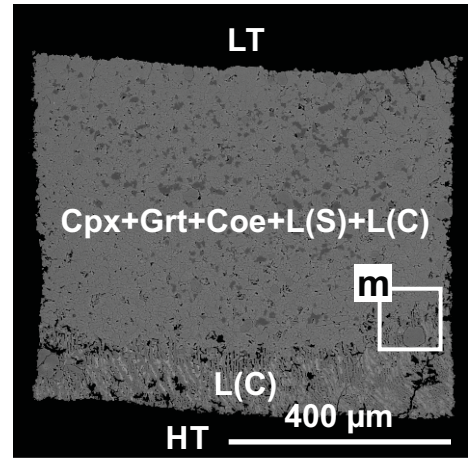
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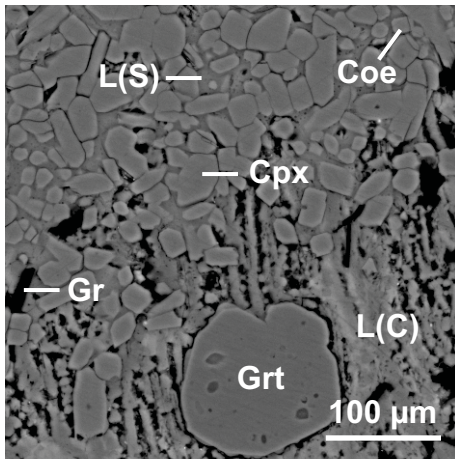
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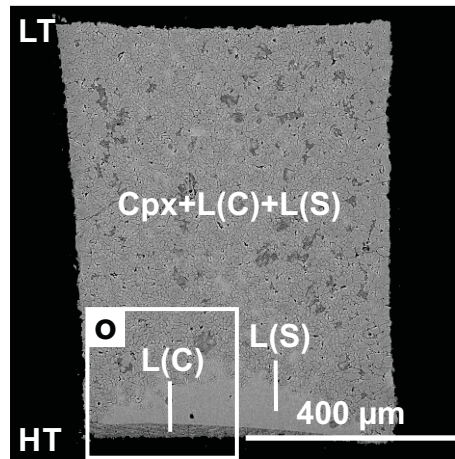
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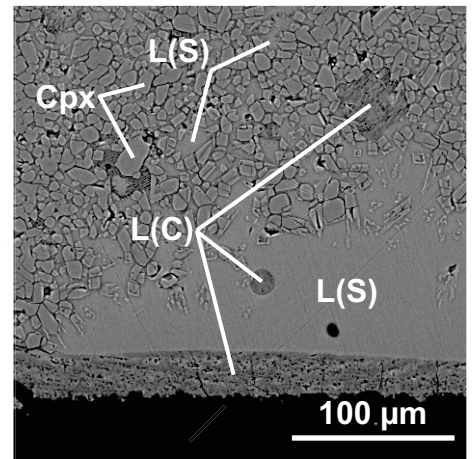
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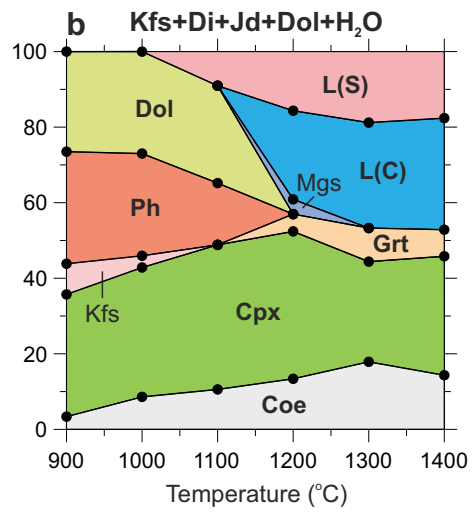
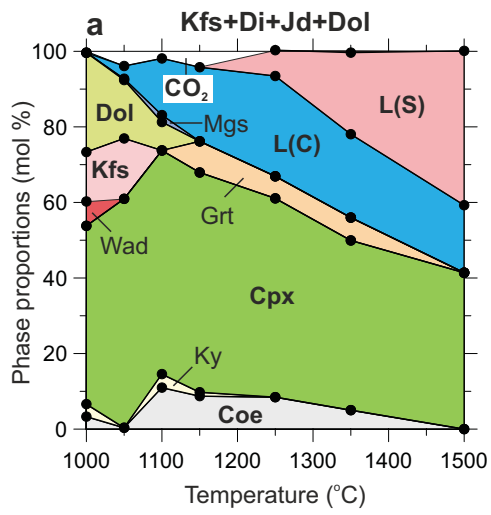


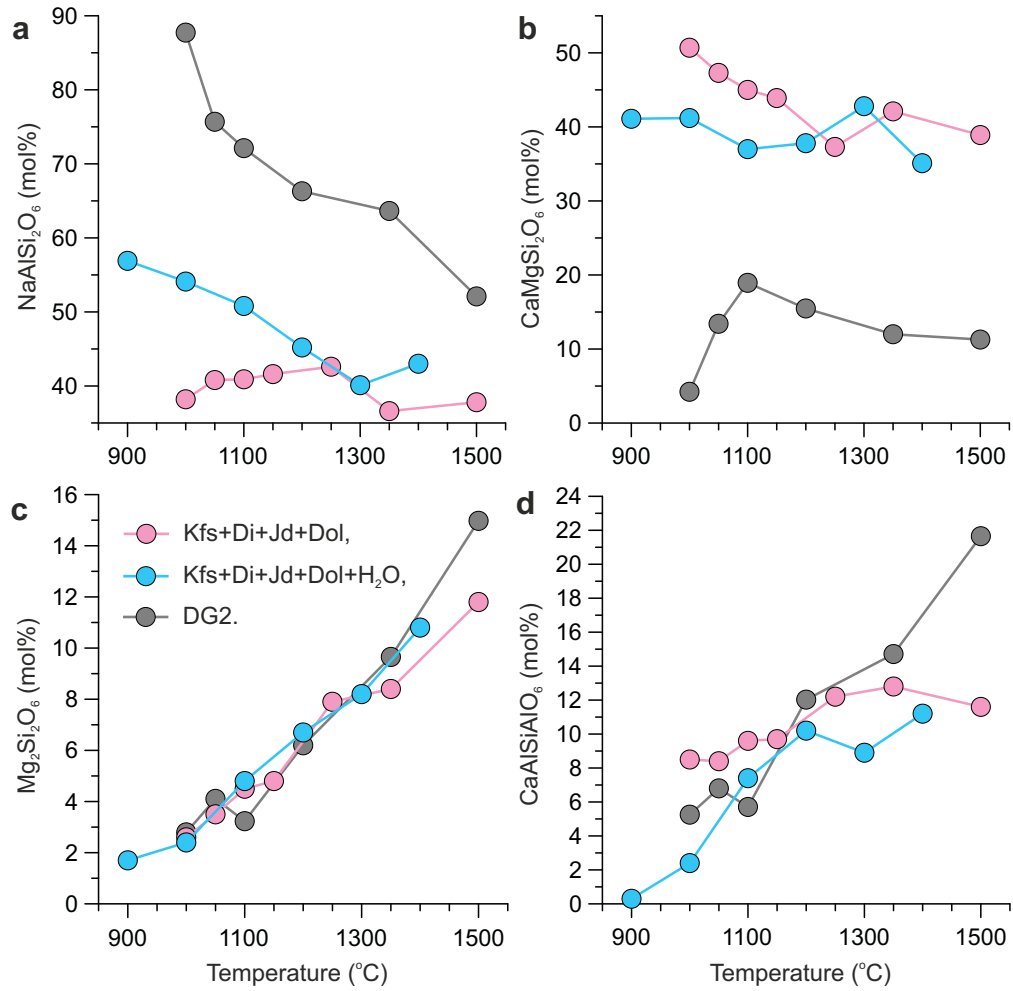
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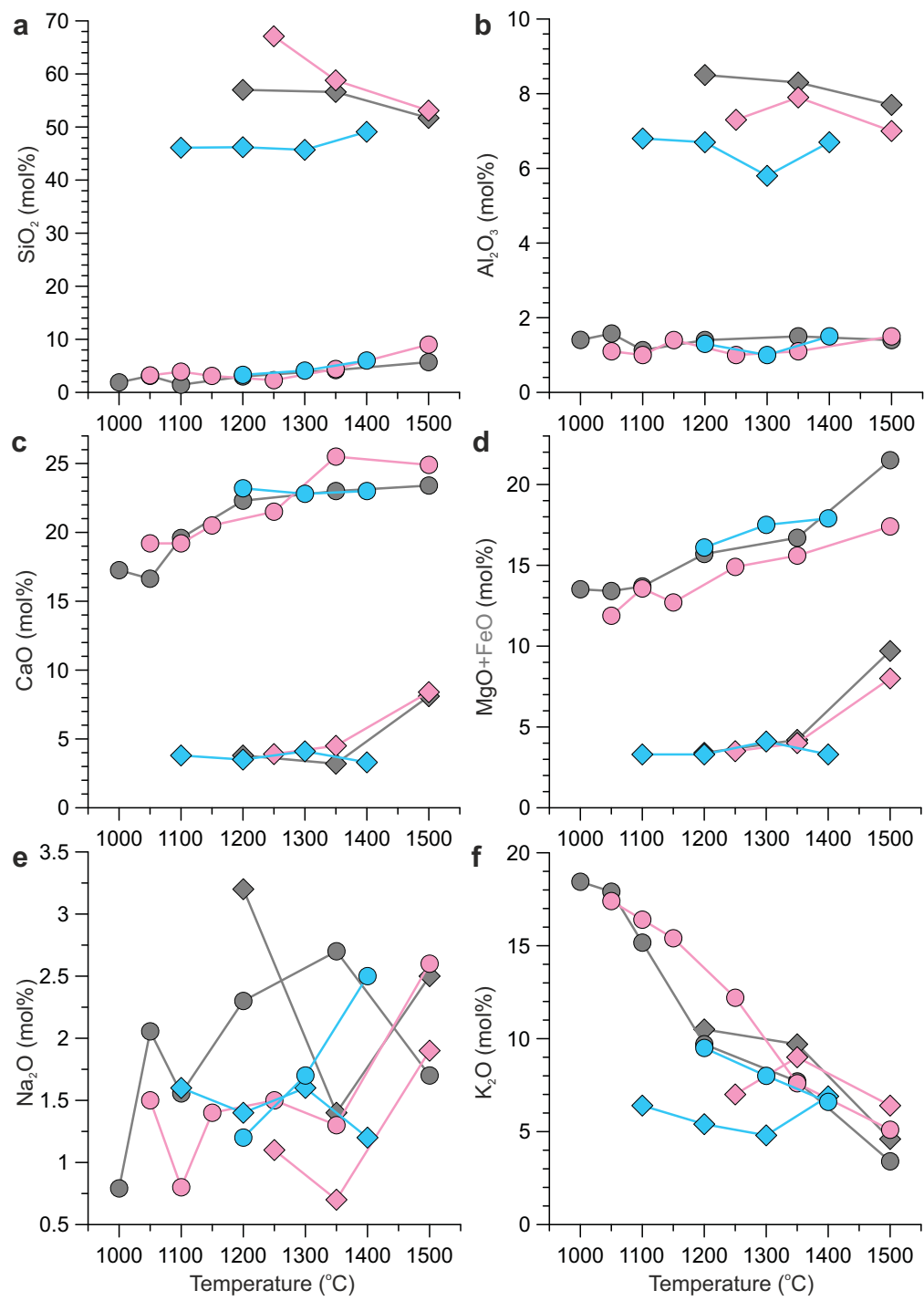


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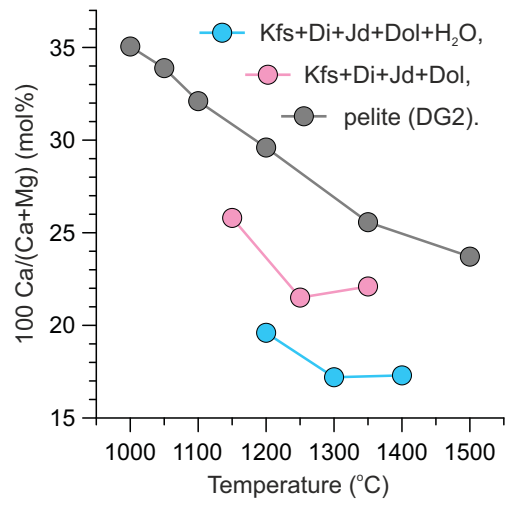


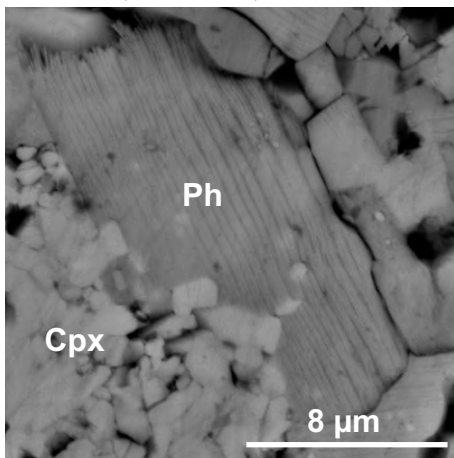
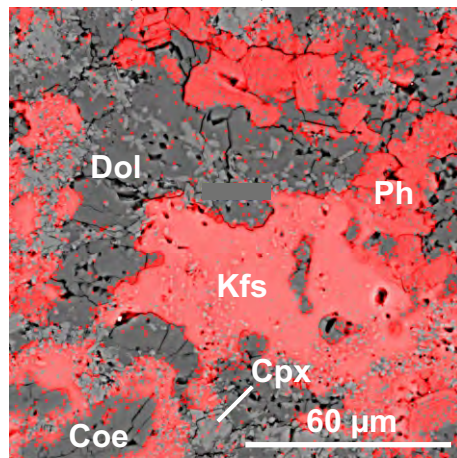
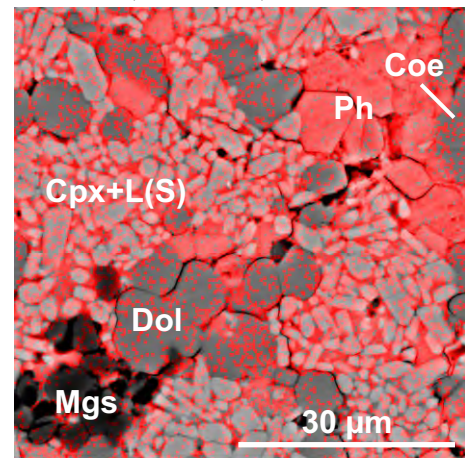
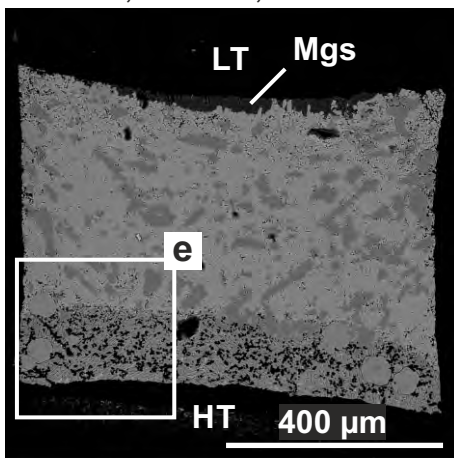
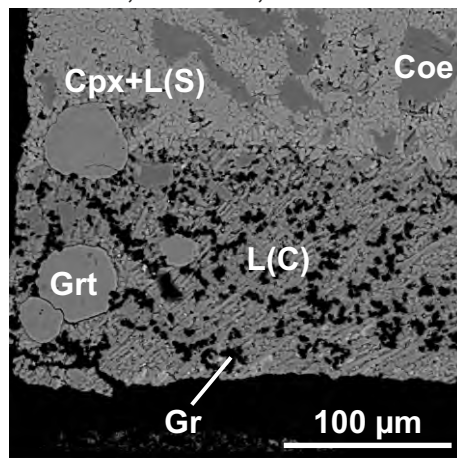
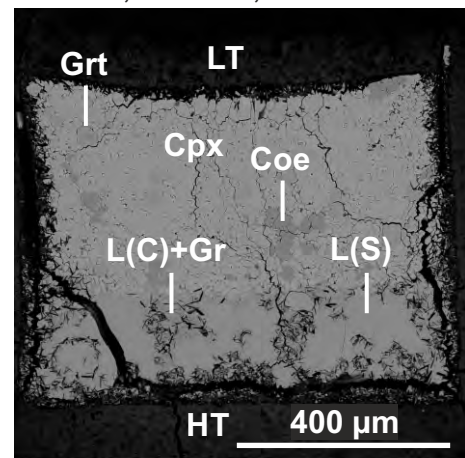
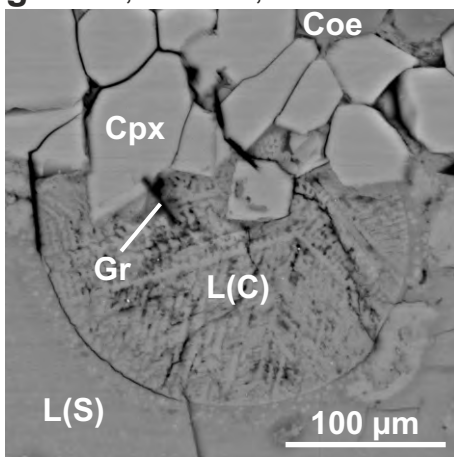
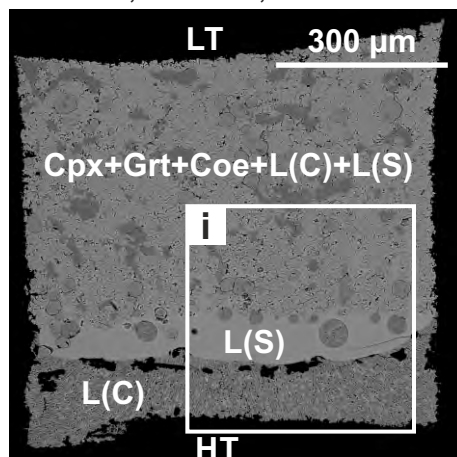






○ L(C), ◇ L(S), ● Kfs+Di+Jd+Dol, ● Kfs+Di+Jd+Dol+H₂O, ● DG2.



a. D016, 1000 °C, 96 h.**b.** D016, 1000 °C, 96 h.**c.** D015, 1100 °C, 96 h.**d.** D014, 1200 °C, 25 h.**e.** D014, 1200 °C, 25 h.**f.** D013, 1300 °C, 49 h.**g.** D013, 1300 °C, 49 h.**h.** D017, 1400 °C, 8 h.**i.** D017, 1400 °C, 8 h.