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3 **The low-temperature shift of antigorite dehydration in the presence of sodium chloride: *in***
4 ***situ* diffraction study up to 3 GPa and 700 °C**

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9 **Abstract**

10 The dehydration of serpentine mineral antigorite, $\text{Mg}_{2.8}\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_{3.6}$, is regarded as the key step
11 in metamorphic transformation of ultramafic hydrated rocks in subduction zones, which affects
12 seismicity and feeds volcanic activity. The abundance of alkali-chloride brines derived from the
13 deep subduction/upper mantle sources implies the possibility of a large control of the H_2O
14 activity by the dissolved salts. The present study examines the effect of alkali chlorides, lowering
15 the H_2O activity in fluid, on antigorite stability at high pressure. The decomposition of natural
16 antigorite (Ural) in the presence of saturated NaCl- H_2O fluid was studied up to 3 GPa and 700 °C
17 by *in-situ* X-ray diffraction combined with resistively heated diamond anvil cell. Reference
18 experiments were also performed on salt-free sample. At 1.5-3 GPa in the presence of NaCl-
19 saturated fluid ($X_{\text{NaCl}} \approx 0.15$) antigorite decomposes to an intermediate product assemblage of
20 talc+forsterite at about 550 °C, which is ≈ 150 °C lower compared to salt-free H_2O -unsaturated
21 system. Such low-temperature shift supports the previous models of a broadened P - T area of
22 serpentinite dehydration in subducting slab. In addition, the present experiments reveal active
23 dissolution of the product Mg silicates, first of all forsterite, in the NaCl- H_2O fluid at 600-700 °C
24 / 1.5-3 GPa. This implies that dehydrated serpentinites are a potential source of fluids enriched in
25 MgO and SiO_2 , which play an important role in deep metasomatic processes.

27 **Key words:** antigorite; decomposition; subduction zone; NaCl aqueous fluid; H₂O activity; high
28 pressure; high temperature; in situ X-ray diffraction.

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30 INTRODUCTION

31 The serpentine group minerals, phyllosilicates with ideal formula Mg₃Si₂O₅(OH)₄, are major
32 constituents of hydrated ultramafic rocks of the oceanic lithosphere. Their crystal structure,
33 based on 1:1 tetrahedral-octahedral layers, varies from wave-shaped modulated layers in
34 antigorite (Zussman 1954; Mellini et al. 1987), flat layers in lizardite (Mellini 1982) and rolled
35 layers in chrysotile (Wicks and Whittaker 1975). Among these varieties, antigorite (Atg) is stable
36 at high pressure (HP) and high temperature (HT), which makes it the main participant of the HP-
37 HT metamorphic reactions in serpentinites. In particular, Atg dehydration is regarded as the key
38 reaction in the transformation of serpentinites in subduction zones, since it serves as source of a
39 large amount of water for melting in the mantle wedge and arc volcanism (Schmidt and Poli
40 1998). This justifies a great interest to the HP-HT stability of antigorite (e.g. reviews of Ulmer
41 and Trommsdorff 1999 and Reynar 2013).

42 According to experiments (Ulmer and Trommsdorff 1995, 1999; Wunder and Schreyer
43 1997; Bromiley and Pawley 2003; Perrillat et al. 2005; Padrón-Navarta et al. 2010; Maurice et
44 al. 2020), the antigorite decomposition to anhydrous assemblage ‘forsterite (Fo) + enstatite (En)’
45 occurs within 600-700 °C at 1-4 GPa. Within this *T* range, the appearance of the intermediate
46 assemblages ‘forsterite + talc-like phase’ or ‘chlorite + olivine + orthopyroxene’ is identified in
47 the *in-situ* and quench experiments (Perrillat et al. 2005; Maurice et al. 2020). Among the main
48 factors that thermally stabilize Atg are the elevated Al content in the mineral and high H₂O
49 activity provided by the presence of excess water (Bromiley and Pawley 2003; Perrillat et al.
50 2005; Padrón-Navarta et al. 2010).

51 The H₂O activity (*a*H₂O), as a major factor regulating the dehydration reactions, seems to
52 be indeed critical for the serpentine stability in metamorphic processes. An indicative example is

53 given by Perrillat et al. (2005) who report the decrease of the antigorite dehydration temperature
54 by 50–100 °C under H₂O-unsaturated conditions at pressure relevant to subduction zone. This
55 effect can be more dramatic upon the further decrease of the $a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ in the presence of alkali
56 chlorides due to strong non-ideality of saline aqueous fluids at high pressure (Aranovich and
57 Newton 1996, 1997; Mantegazzi et al. 2013). For example, the temperature of ‘brucite Mg(OH)₂
58 - periclase MgO’ equilibrium is lowered by about 200 °C due to the presence of saturated NaCl
59 aqueous fluid at 1.5-2 GPa (Aranovich & Newton, 1996). Our recent experiments on chrysotile
60 show a \approx 170 °C low-temperature shift of dehydration reaction in the NaCl-saturated conditions,
61 compared to the H₂O-saturated salt-free system, at 2-4 GPa (Likhacheva et al. 2021). Regarding
62 antigorite, the calculations based on empirical equation of state for the NaCl-H₂O fluid predict
63 the suppression of the dehydration temperature by about 70 °C at 2-3 GPa even in the relatively
64 diluted NaCl-H₂O solution (Mantegazzi et al. 2013).

65 Alkali-chloride-rich fluid inclusions are abundant in minerals of the mantle wedge rocks
66 and, particularly, in serpentinites (Scambelluri and Philippot 2001; Sharp and Barnes 2004;
67 Kendrick et al. 2017), thus making important the influence of the dissolved salts onto the
68 serpentine stability through the decrease of the H₂O activity. This is especially important for the
69 metamorphic processes in subduction zones, where the localization of dehydration reactions can
70 be sensitive to the temperature shift caused by the presence of aqueous-saline fluids. The aim of
71 this work is to explore the temperature effect of the dissolved salt on the antigorite dehydration
72 at *HP-HT* conditions relevant to subduction zone. We present the results of the *in-situ* X-ray
73 diffraction study of the antigorite decomposition at 1.5-3 GPa and 500-700 °C in the presence of
74 NaCl-saturated aqueous fluid; such conditions provide the minimal $a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ (e.g. Aranovich and
75 Newton 1997) and, thus, would correspond to the maximal temperature shift of the dehydration
76 reaction.

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79 **EXPERIMENTAL**

80 We used natural antigorite with the composition $\text{Mg}_{2.36}\text{Fe}_{0.48}\text{Al}_{0.08}\text{Si}_{2.00}\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_{3.84}$ (by
81 microprobe analysis) from the serpentinites of the Saranovskoe deposit (Ural, Russia). The
82 Raman spectrum of the sample (Fig. 1a) contains several intense bands matching the antigorite
83 spectrum reported by Auzende et al. (2004). The X-ray diffraction pattern (Fig. 1b) could be
84 fitted using the structure model of monoclinic ($C2/m$) antigorite polysome with $m=16$ (Capitani
85 and Mellini 2006); the resulting parameters of the unit cell are $a = 87.32(6)$, $b = 9.29(1)$, $c =$
86 $7.30(1)$ Å, $\beta = 91.7(1)^\circ$. Though spectroscopic and diffraction data do not reveal mineral
87 admixtures, a slightly elevated sum of octahedral cations (2.92 instead of 2.79-2.87 characteristic
88 of pure antigorite, Mellini et al. 1987), suggests a minor presence of Mg-rich component,
89 possibly chlorite.

90 A diamond anvil cell (DAC) with gas membrane and resistive heating (graphite heater)
91 was used for *in situ* X-ray diffraction measurements. Powdered antigorite, mixed with NaCl-
92 saturated water solution and solid NaCl, was placed in an 80 μm -diameter hole drilled in the gold
93 insert in the rhenium gasket (outer diameter of the insert is about 150 μm). This insert was
94 necessary to protect the rhenium gasket from corrosion by the fluid caused by enhanced
95 solubility of Mg silicates under pressure (Okada et al. 2002). Solid salt was added to ensure
96 NaCl saturation of supercritical fluid in the HP-HT experiment. Two reference experiments were
97 performed on antigorite without medium. All samples contained also Au^0 spheres for pressure
98 measurement. The experimental conditions are listed in Table 1. The DAC was heated stepwise
99 from 100 °C to 700 °C and was kept at each temperature step for 0.5-1 h at $T > 500$ °C, when the
100 decomposition started. The temperature was measured by two R-type thermocouples plunged in
101 insulating glue and contacting the side facets of diamond culets. The temperature in the working
102 chamber (T_{sample}°) was calibrated against the mean value of the thermocouple readings
103 ($T_{\text{thermocouple}}^\circ$) with the accuracy of 50 °C using the PVT equations of state of NaCl and Au^0
104 (Dorogokupets and Dewaele 2007; Fei et al. 2007), whose peaks were present in almost all the

105 collected diffraction patterns. Such cross calibration is based on the determination of the unit cell
106 volume and construction of the iso-volume lines for NaCl and Au⁰ in *P-T* diagram (Fig.1Sa). The
107 average coefficient $A = 0.87$ of linear dependences $T_{\text{sample}}^{\circ} = A * T_{\text{thermocouple}}^{\circ}$ (Fig. 1Sb) was used
108 to re-calculate the mean $T_{\text{thermocouple}}^{\circ}$ values throughout all the runs.

109 The X-ray powder diffraction measurements were performed at the Extreme Conditions
110 Beamline P02.2 of PETRA III (Hamburg, Germany), at a wavelength of 0.2898 Å and a beam
111 size of 8×3 μm (Liermann et al. 2015). Diffraction patterns were collected using a PE XRD1621
112 flat-panel detector and integrated with the program DIOPTAS 0.5.1 (Prescher and Prakapenka
113 2015). CeO₂ was used to calibrate the instrumental parameters.

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116 **RESULTS**

117 **Antigorite decomposition in the NaCl-free dry conditions**

118 The diffraction patterns of antigorite collected on the *P*, *T* increase are shown in Fig. 2 (run #
119 2d). At 2.5 GPa, antigorite is stable up to 700 °C. This result is reproduced in the run # 1d
120 (diffraction data are not shown) where no signs of the reaction were observed up to 690°C. At
121 720°C, the Atg peaks gradually decrease along with the growth of the peaks assigned to newly
122 formed forsterite. Additional new peaks at $2\Theta = 5.02, 8.17, 10.83, 11.05^{\circ}$ are characteristic of a
123 high-pressure phyllosilicate 10 Å phase (Fumagalli et al. 2001). The *P* value of this run (2.5
124 GPa) is slightly lower than the boundary between talc (Tlc) and the 10 Å phase (Pawley and
125 Wood 1995). Nevertheless, taking into account the absence of the intense Tlc reflection at about
126 5.34° ($d = 3.11$ Å) (Gatta et al. 2013), the assignment of the above new peaks to the 10 Å phase
127 seems more appropriate. The observation of the intermediate products of the antigorite
128 decomposition agrees with the data by Perrillat et al. (2005).

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131 **Antigorite decomposition in the presence of NaCl**

132 The HP-HT diffraction patterns collected on antigorite mixed with the NaCl-H₂O fluid (runs #
133 1s-3s, Table 1) are presented in Figs. 3-5. The presence of the NaCl reflections in diffraction
134 patterns demonstrates that the fluid was NaCl-saturated in all runs (see also footnotes to Table
135 1).

136 At about 2 GPa (run # 1s), antigorite becomes unstable at temperature as low as 540 °C. It
137 is manifested by the decrease and broadening of its diffraction peaks (Fig. 3). New peaks of talc
138 appear simultaneously. Their rapid growth along with the forsterite peaks proceeds on the further
139 temperature increase up to 640 °C. Above 2 GPa, the Atg degradation begins at a slightly higher
140 temperature (runs # 2s, 3s, Figs. 4,5). The temperature of 580-590 °C, when the Atg peaks
141 almost disappear, surely marks the highest limit for the decomposition onset, whereas the
142 equilibrium must be at a lower temperature in the range of 550-570 °C. Interestingly, in the runs
143 # 2s and 3s, which contained higher proportion of the fluid than the run # 1s, no or only minor
144 peaks of the product phases appear along with the decrease of the Atg peaks. Tlc appears in the
145 range of 590-630 °C (Fig. 5), whereas Fo and En are present at higher temperature only. The
146 thermal delay between the formation of the intermediate (Tlc+Fo) and final assemblages
147 (Fo+En) is similar to that found in the kinetic experiments of Perrillat et al. (2005). The Fo peaks
148 disappear along with those of Tlc on heating from 630 to 650 °C (Fig. 5). This feature may be a
149 sign of dissolution of the product Mg silicates in the fluid (see below).

150 Thus, similarly to the salt-free conditions (run #2d), the intermediate products of the Atg
151 decomposition (Tlc+Fo) appear first in the presence of the NaCl-H₂O fluid. These first signs of
152 the reaction, along with the Atg degradation, apparently mark the dehydration temperature (T°_{deh})
153 more properly, than the final anhydrous phases, because there is possible overstepping of
154 equilibrium in short-term experiments. At 1.5-3 GPa, the T°_{deh} is in the range of 540-570 °C in
155 the presence of the NaCl-H₂O fluid, whereas the minimal temperature of the Atg degradation is
156 700 °C in the NaCl-free system (run #2d, Fig. 2). Therefore, there is a definite shift of the Atg

157 dehydration by about 150 °C to lower temperature in the presence of the NaCl-bearing fluid,
158 compared to the salt-free dry conditions.

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160 **DISCUSSION**

161 Figure 6 compares the P - T position of the Atg dehydration reaction, roughly bracketed by the
162 presented experiments, in the salt-bearing and salt-free system. The reaction temperature in the
163 salt-free dry system (700 °C at 2 GPa) is similar to that found in the equilibrium experiments on
164 the H₂O-saturated systems (Ulmer and Trommsdorff 1999). Taking into account the difference
165 between the T°_{deh} in the H₂O-saturated and non-saturated system observed earlier (Perrillat et al.
166 2005), for the water-saturated conditions of our short-term experiments the maximal T°_{deh} can be
167 estimated no less than 750 °C at 2 GPa. Accordingly, the maximal low-temperature shift of the
168 reaction due to the presence of saturated NaCl-H₂O fluid can be estimated as 200 °C.

169 Since the H₂O activity is the major factor controlling the T°_{deh} , the observed difference
170 indicates the lowest $a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$, provided by the lowest $X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ in the salt-saturated NaCl-H₂O fluid. The
171 calculations, based on the experimentally obtained densities of the NaCl-H₂O fluids (Mantegazzi
172 et al. 2013), predict the suppression of T°_{deh} by 60 °C when the molar portion of water in the
173 fluid $X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ decreases from 1 to ≈ 0.95 at 2.5 GPa (thin dashed curves in Fig. 6). Based on this
174 calculation and the estimated $\Delta T^{\circ}_{\text{deh}} = 200$ °C, we infer that at 2-3 GPa / 550-600 °C halite
175 saturation is achieved at $X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \approx 0.85$. This fits to the NaCl solubility at 2-4 GPa and 600-700 °C
176 which can be roughly extrapolated from the data of Aranovich and Newton (1996) for 0.2-1.5
177 GPa and 600-900 °C.

178 Notably, pressure has opposite effect on the NaCl solubility and a_{NaCl} (at a certain
179 $X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$): the first decreases and the second increases with pressure (Mantegazzi et al. 2013).
180 Accordingly, these two effects (the decrease of the NaCl solubility and growth of a_{NaCl} at a
181 fixed $X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$) make opposite contribution to the resulting a_{NaCl} (and $a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$). The second effect
182 (growth of a_{NaCl} at a fixed $X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$) manifests in a larger deviation of calculated T°_{deh} with

183 pressure: the thin dashed lines in Fig. 6 calculated for ideal and non-ideal NaCl-H₂O mixing at
184 $X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 0.949$ diverge, and the reaction slope becomes negative above 2 GPa. On the other hand,
185 our experimental (thick solid) curve for saturated NaCl-H₂O fluid has sub-vertical or even
186 slightly positive slope. Apparently, this is a consequence of a stronger effect of the decrease of
187 NaCl solubility (and a_{NaCl}) with pressure, in agreement with the dependences $a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}/X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ for
188 various pressures presented in Fig. 10 of the paper of Mantegazzi et al. (2013). Based on these
189 dependences, the $a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ of the NaCl-H₂O fluid saturated at $X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \approx 0.85$ ($X_{\text{NaCl}} \approx 0.15$) can be
190 estimated as ≈ 0.4 .

191 Typical NaCl concentrations of the fluids derived from the deep subduction/upper mantle
192 sources vary from 5 to 20 wt.% (up to $X_{\text{NaCl}} \approx 0.08$). However, many fluid inclusions in HP
193 metamorphic rocks show salinities as high as 30-50 wt.% ($X_{\text{NaCl}} \approx 0.1-0.2$) (Phillippot et al.
194 1995, 1998; Kendrick et al. 2017). Such extreme chloride enrichment is generally interpreted as
195 a result of water escape from the inclusions during the retrograde P - T evolution (Frezzotti and
196 Ferrando 2015). Indeed, a complex history of deep subduction fluids, including devolatilization
197 and metasomatic reactions at HP conditions, often obscures their primary composition.
198 Concerning chlorine content in serpentine minerals, it is shown that during the prograde
199 metamorphic lizardite/antigorite transition more than 50% of the Cl is removed from serpentine
200 (Debret et al. 2014). But still, this loss is far from a total removal. Besides, the bulk rock
201 analyses, for example, of sea-floor serpentinites, show high Cl contents (above 0.5 wt.% Cl); this
202 promoted a model for the generation of high-salinity fluids via the breakdown of subducted
203 serpentinites bearing large amounts of seawater components (Sharp and Barnes 2004). The
204 mentioned lizardite/antigorite transition can contribute to the generation of such deep saline
205 fluids. Taking into account the uncertainty over the rocks permeability and associated fluid
206 circulation in subducting slab (Ferrand 2019), an active interaction between the salt-enriched
207 fluids and serpentine cannot be ruled out.

208 The absence or only minor presence of crystalline products of the Atg decomposition at
209 actual *HP-HT* conditions in the NaCl-bearing runs # 2s, 3s (Figs. 4, 5) demands a special
210 attention. Indicative feature is the appearance of the minor Fo peaks at 630 °C and their
211 subsequent disappearance at 650 °C (run # 3s, Fig. 5). In both these runs, the proportion of a
212 fluid was high. Notably, in the run # 2d without fluid and the run # 1s with minor proportion of
213 the fluid, Fo and Tlc/10 Å phase readily crystallize at *HP-HT* conditions (Figs. 2, 3). This clearly
214 indicates a complete or partial dissolution of the product Mg silicates, if a sufficient amount of
215 the fluid phase is available. The presence of NaCl in the fluid is critical. The *in situ* studies of
216 Atg decomposition using pure H₂O do not report appreciable dissolution of the reaction
217 products. For example, in the runs with 20 wt.% of H₂O forsterite formed readily along with the
218 talc-like phase at 1-5 GPa and 550-700 °C (Perrillat et al. 2005). Enhanced solubility of Mg-
219 silicates in the NaCl-H₂O solutions is demonstrated by Macris et al. (2020). At 1 GPa, 800 and
220 900 °C, the Fo solubility in pure H₂O is low, but it increases greatly with rising NaCl
221 concentration in the fluid. The relation between the increase of the NaCl activity and the degree
222 of dissociation of solute NaCl in the concentrated aqueous fluid at $P > 1$ GPa, which explains its
223 enhanced solvent properties, was first discussed by Aranovich and Newton (1996, 1997).
224 Another example of enhanced solubility of the reaction products in concentrated NaCl-H₂O fluid
225 is given by our data on chrysotile (Likhacheva et al. 2021): at 2-4 GPa and 380 °C Tlc/Tlc-like
226 phase only crystallizes as product of the reaction “chrysotile → Fo + Tlc”, whereas Fo appears
227 after the *P,T* release. In the diffraction patterns collected during the Atg decomposition at the
228 highest experimental temperatures, the En peaks are prevalent (Figs. 4, 5). This observation
229 agrees with a lower En solubility in the concentrated NaCl-H₂O fluid, compared to Fo (Macris et
230 al. 2020). In addition, our data on antigorite and chrysotile indicate that the range of high Fo
231 solubility expands to lower temperatures (< 700 °C) with the pressure increase above 1 GPa.
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234 **IMPLICATIONS**

235 The present data provide a first experimental evidence for a significant shift of the antigorite
236 dehydration reaction to lower temperature due to the lowering of the water activity in
237 concentrated NaCl-H₂O fluid. The maximum possible temperature shift in the NaCl-saturated
238 fluid, compared to the salt-free H₂O-saturated system, is estimated at around -200 °C at 1.5-3
239 GPa. Although high-pressure metamorphic fluids are typically far from salt saturation, the
240 existence of high-salinity (and low-*a*H₂O) fluids at the HP-HT conditions cannot be excluded.
241 Therefore, the corresponding decrease of dehydration temperature in the presence of alkali-
242 chlorides can be significant. This is especially critical for serpentinites in subducting slab passing
243 the area beneath the volcanic arc with the highest thermal gradients. The present experimental
244 data also support the model of Sharp and Barnes (2004) who suggested an extension of the *P-T*
245 area of serpentinite dehydration in subducting slab due to the reaction shift to lower temperatures
246 in the presence of the concentrated chloride-bearing aqueous fluid. In particular, the decrease of
247 T°_{deh} by 200 °C implies the raise of the reaction location by about 20 km for a normal subduction
248 geotherm, or more for the critical point beneath the volcanic arc. Such spreading of the reaction
249 boundaries helps to explain the broad seismic zone of intermediate-level earthquakes that are
250 attributed to serpentine dehydration.

251 The example of antigorite dehydration also demonstrates active dissolution of Mg silicates,
252 first of all, forsterite, in the NaCl-H₂O fluid at 600-700 °C and 1.5-3 GPa. Thus, the serpentine
253 dehydration contributes to the formation of MgO and SiO₂-enriched fluids, which are important
254 agents of deep metasomatic processes in the mantle wedge.

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388 **Figure captions.**

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390 Fig. 1. Raman spectrum (a) and the X-ray diffraction pattern (b) of antigorite fitted with
391 $m=16$ polysome structure (Capitani and Mellini 2006) using GSAS-II (4408) program package
392 (Toby and Von Dreele 2013).

393 Fig. 2. HP-HT X-ray diffraction patterns of antigorite (run #2d). Initial sample contains
394 small admixture of chondrodite (Chn) which disappears at 700 °C. Asterisks mark the peaks of
395 Re gasket. The peaks of newly formed forsterite (circles) and the 10 Å phase (squares) are
396 marked. The vertical arrow indicates the run time.

397 Fig.3. HP-HT X-ray diffraction patterns of antigorite mixed with saturated NaCl-H₂O fluid
398 (run #1s). The peaks of newly formed forsterite (circles) and talc (squares) are marked. The cut-
399 off 2Θ range of 8-9 ° contains strong peaks of Au⁰, NaCl, and no intense peaks of the initial and
400 product phases.

401 Fig.4. HP-HT X-ray diffraction patterns of antigorite mixed with saturated NaCl-H₂O fluid
402 (run #2s). The peaks of newly formed enstatite (triangles) are marked.

403 Fig.5. HP-HT X-ray diffraction patterns of antigorite mixed with saturated NaCl-H₂O fluid
404 (run #3s). The peaks of newly formed forsterite (circles) and enstatite (triangles) are marked.
405 The cut-off 2Θ range of 7.5-9 ° contains strong peaks Au⁰, NaCl, and no intense peaks of the
406 initial and product phases.

407 Fig. 6. Experimental data points corresponding to Atg preservation (filled symbols) and
408 degradation/growth of Fo+Tlc/10 Å phase (empty symbols) in the presence of saturated NaCl-
409 H₂O fluid (squares) and in H₂O-unsaturated salt-free conditions (rhombs). Thick lines mark the
410 location of the Atg dehydration reaction in the presence of saturated NaCl-H₂O fluid,
411 corresponding to $X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \approx 0.85$ (black line) and H₂O-unsaturated salt-free conditions (grey line).
412 Thin solid line shows the experimental boundary for the Atg dehydration determined by the
413 equilibrium experiments in H₂O-saturated conditions ($a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1$) (Ulmer and Trommsdorff

414 1999). *Thin dashed and dotted lines* mark the calculated reaction boundary at $X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 0.949$ for
415 non-ideal and ideal mixing between water and NaCl (Mantegazzi et al. 2013). Abbreviations:
416 Atg – antigorite, Fo – forsterite, Tlc – talc/10 Å phase.

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Table 1. Experimental data on the antigorite decomposition in the NaCl-H₂O solution (s) and fluid-free dry conditions (d). Abbreviations: Atg - antigorite, Tlc - talc, Fo - forsterite, En - enstatite.

Run #	Starting materials		X_{NaCl}^* in fluid	Starting T (°C) / P (GPa)	T (°C) / P (GPa) of Atg degradation	Max T (°C) / P (GPa)	Run products
	crystalline compound	liquid					
1s	Atg, NaCl	saturated NaCl-H ₂ O solution ($X_{\text{NaCl}} = 0.1$)	sat**	190 / 1.4	540 / 1.5	640 / 1.8	Fo, Tlc
2s	Atg, NaCl	- // -	sat	100 / 1.5	560-580 / 3.0	690 / 2.3	minor En
3s	Atg, NaCl	- // -	sat	100 / 2.8	550-590 / 2.6	670 / 2.7	minor En
1d	Atg	-	0	190 / 0.5	-	690 / 1.8	Atg
2d	Atg	-	0	260 / 1.0	700 / 2.3	720 / 2.5	Atg, Fo, 10 Å phase

*Molar fraction of NaCl, mole NaCl/(NaCl+H₂O). Halite saturation curves in the system NaCl-H₂O (Koster Van Groos 1991) extrapolated to 1 GPa by Aranovich & Newton (1996) allow rough estimation of the saturation X_{NaCl} at our experimental P - T conditions at ≈ 0.15 .

Figure 1a

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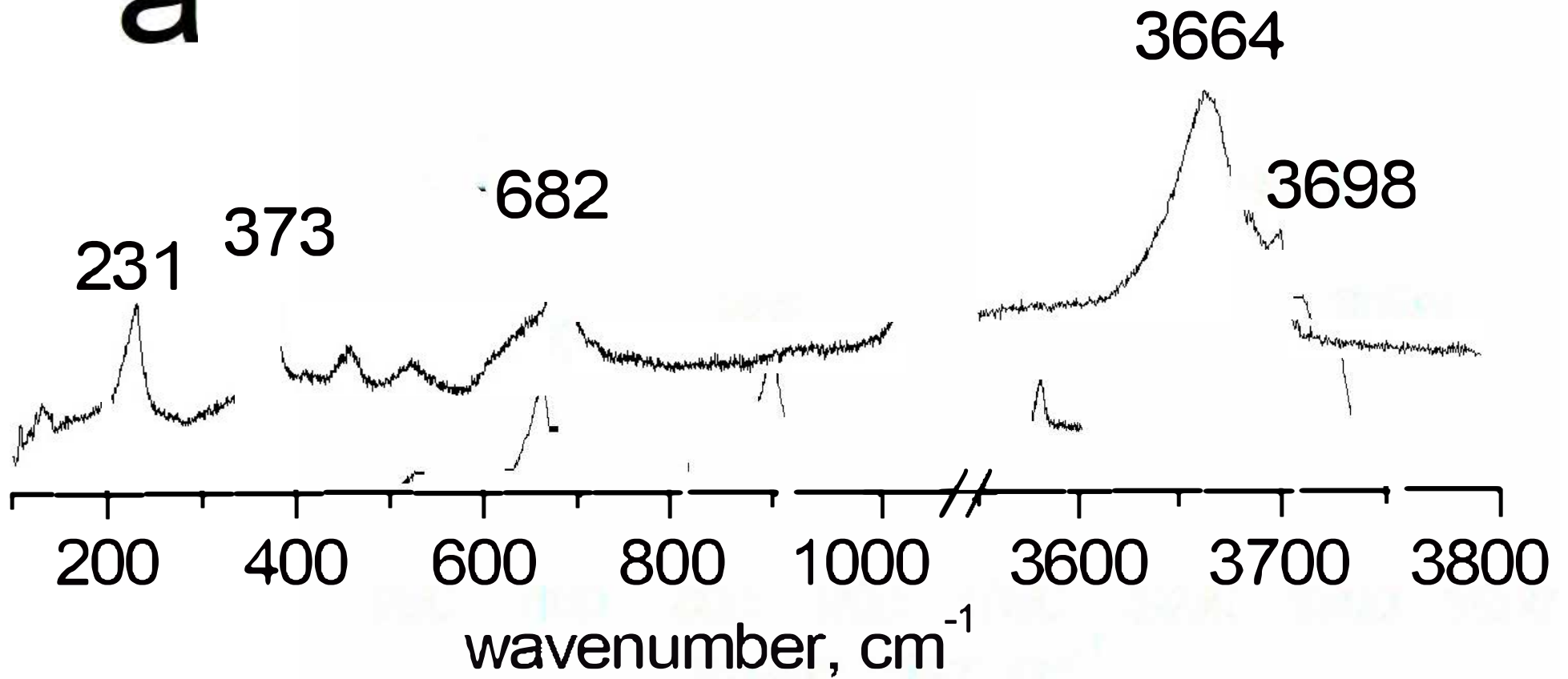


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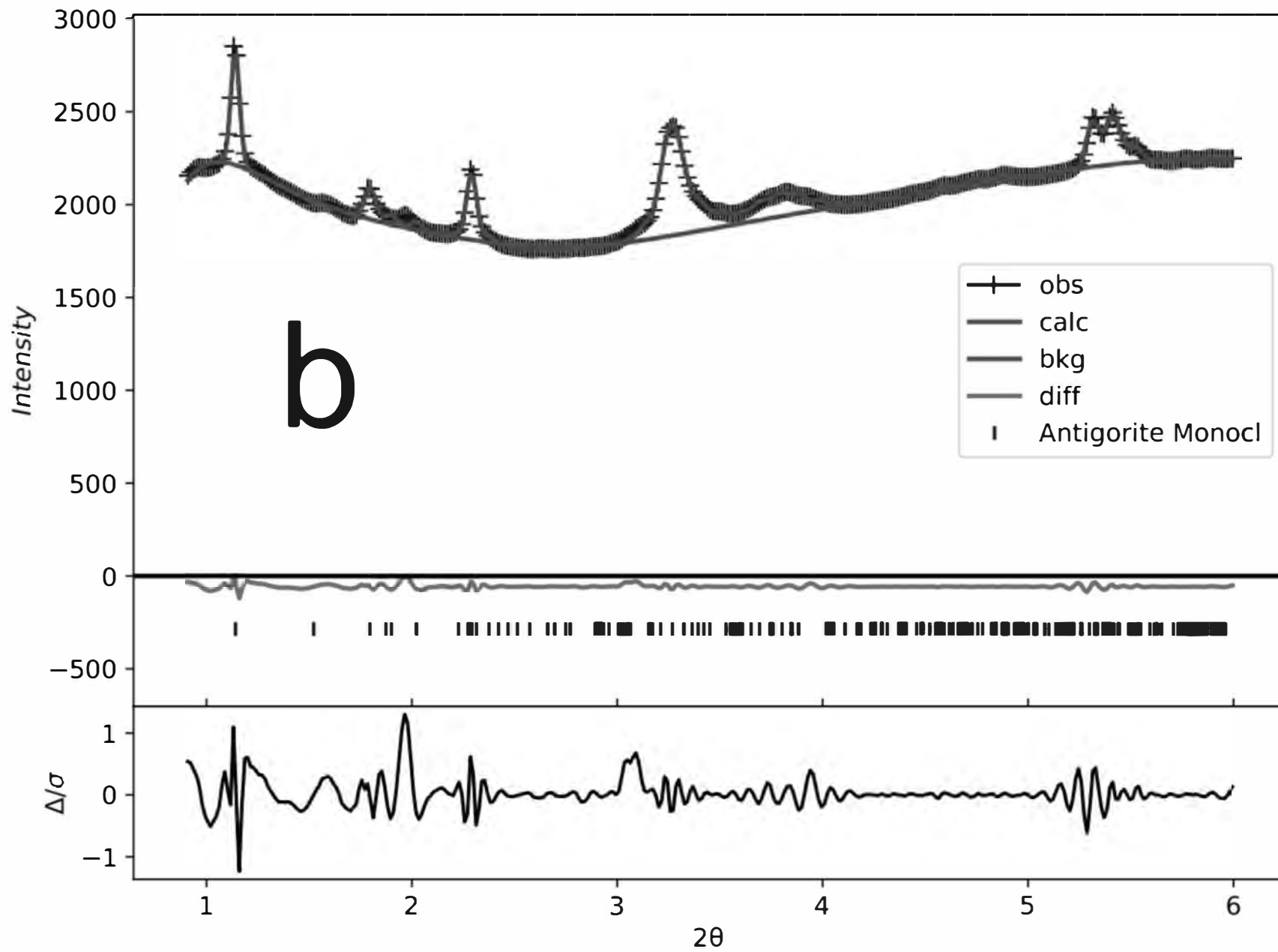


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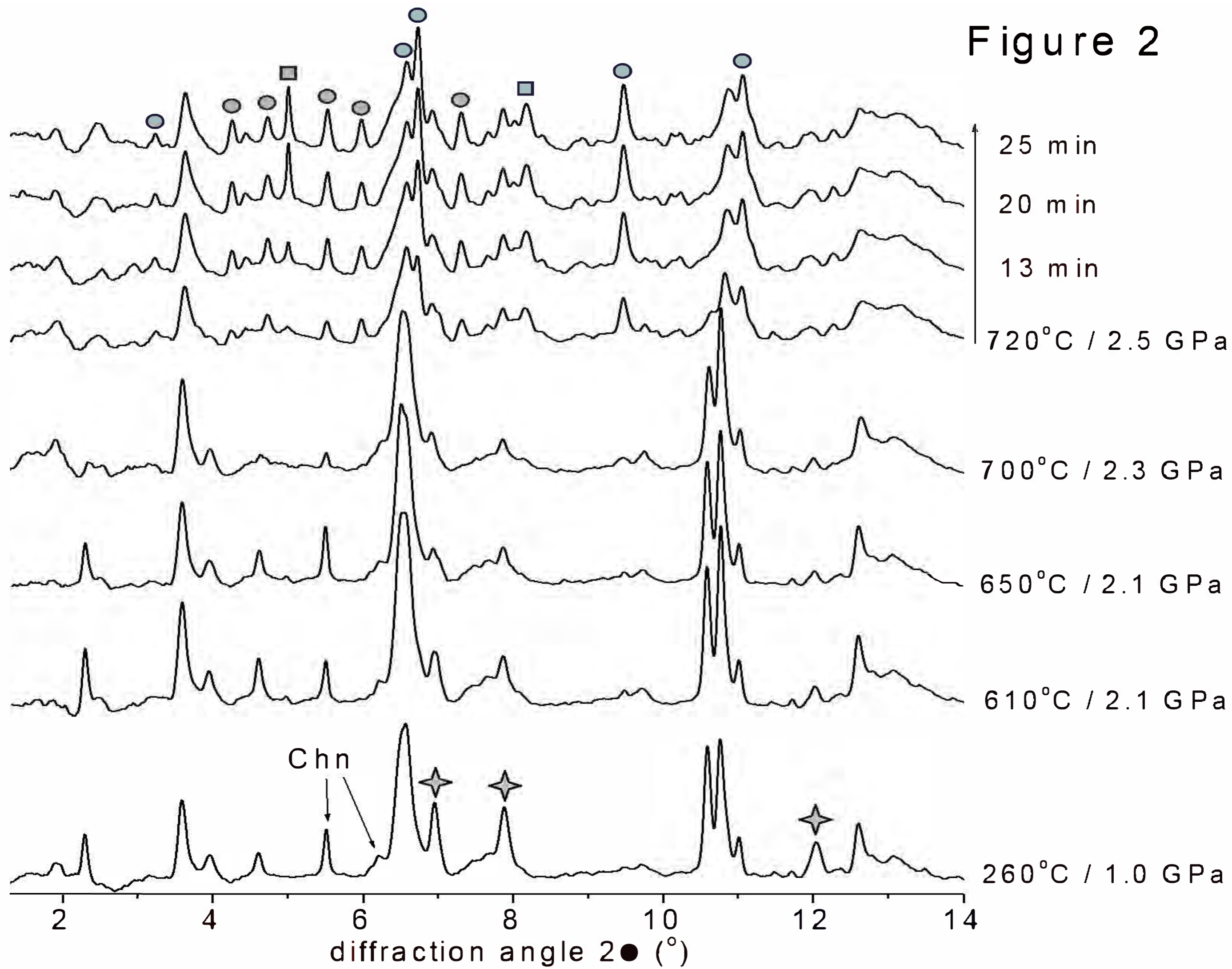


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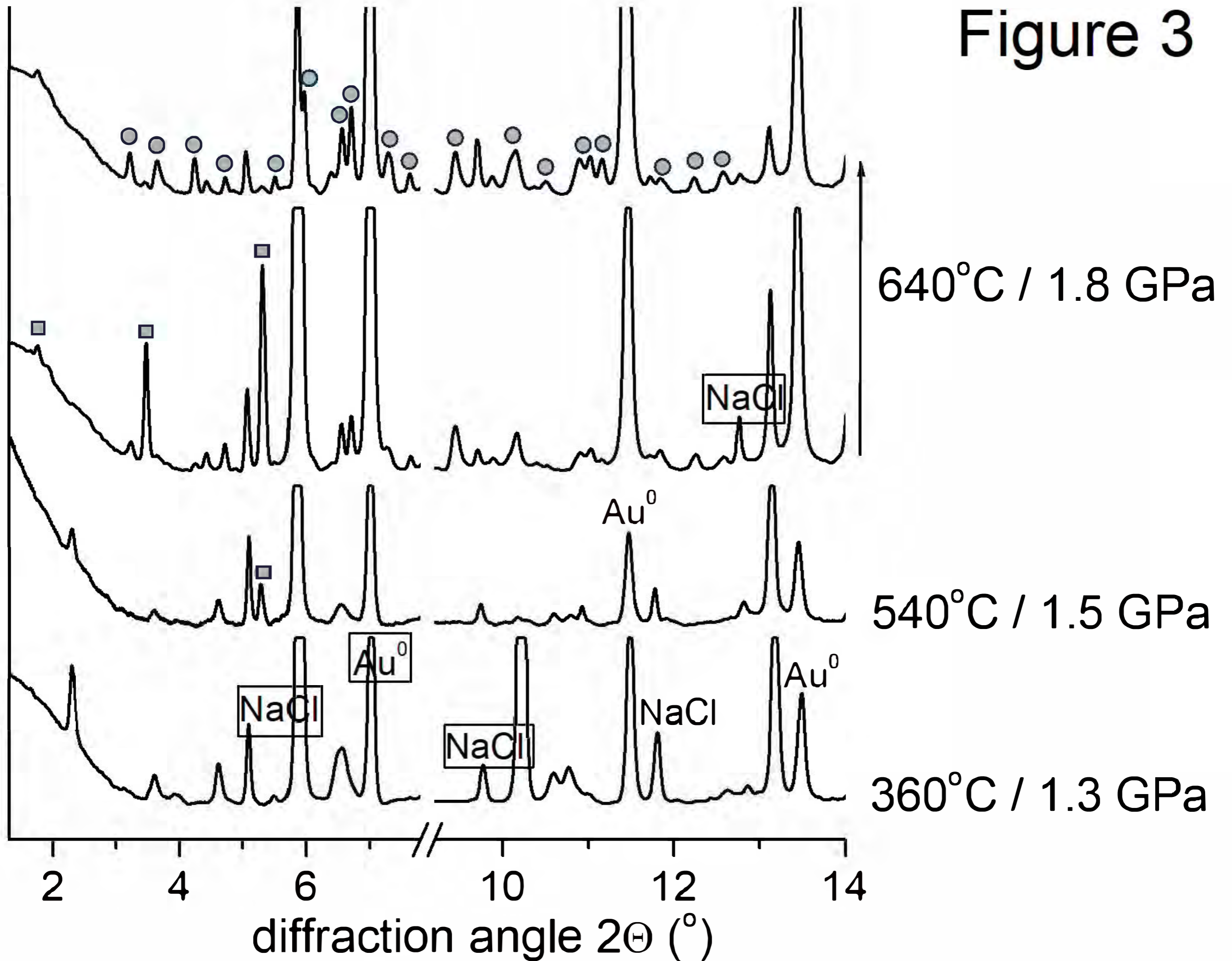


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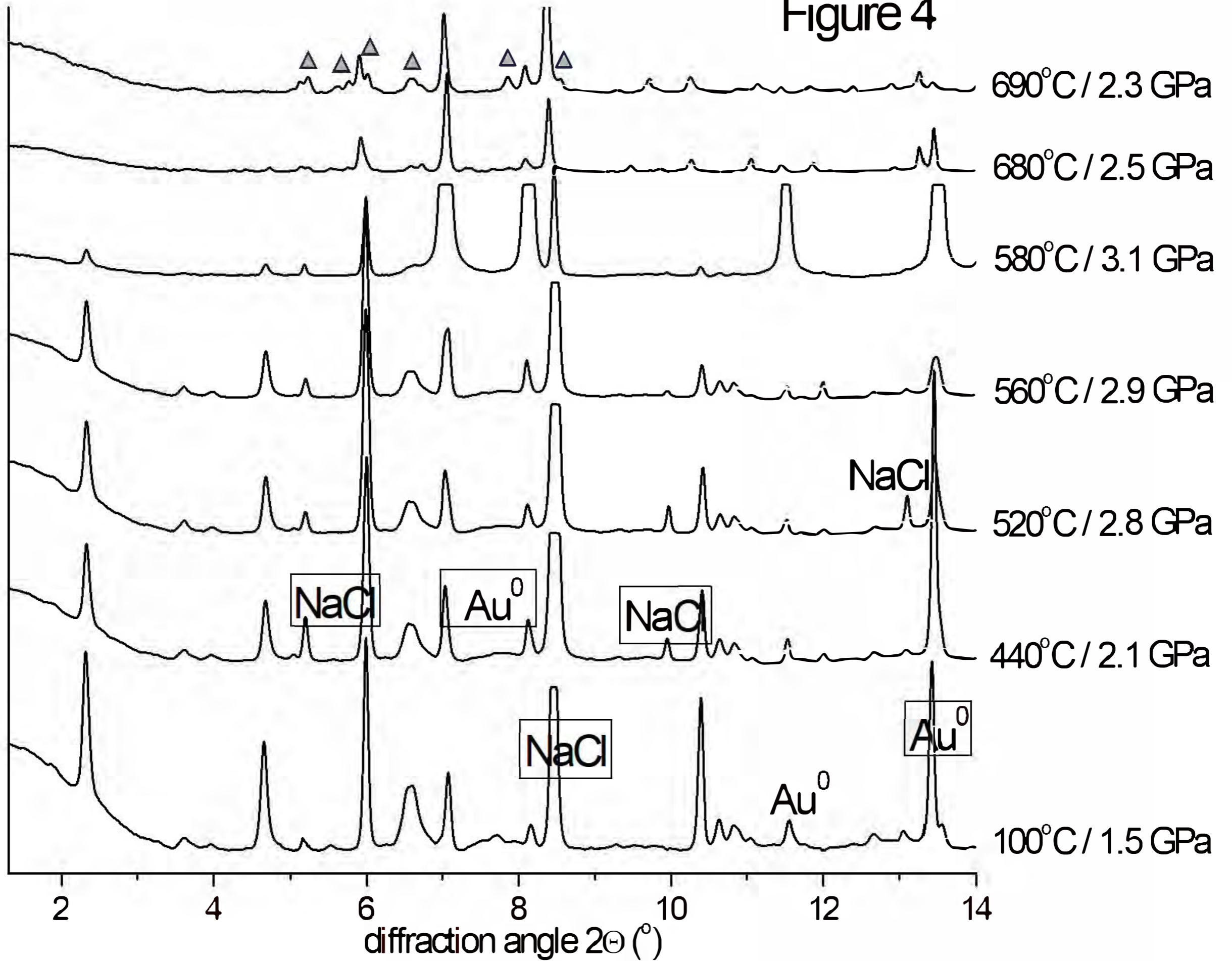


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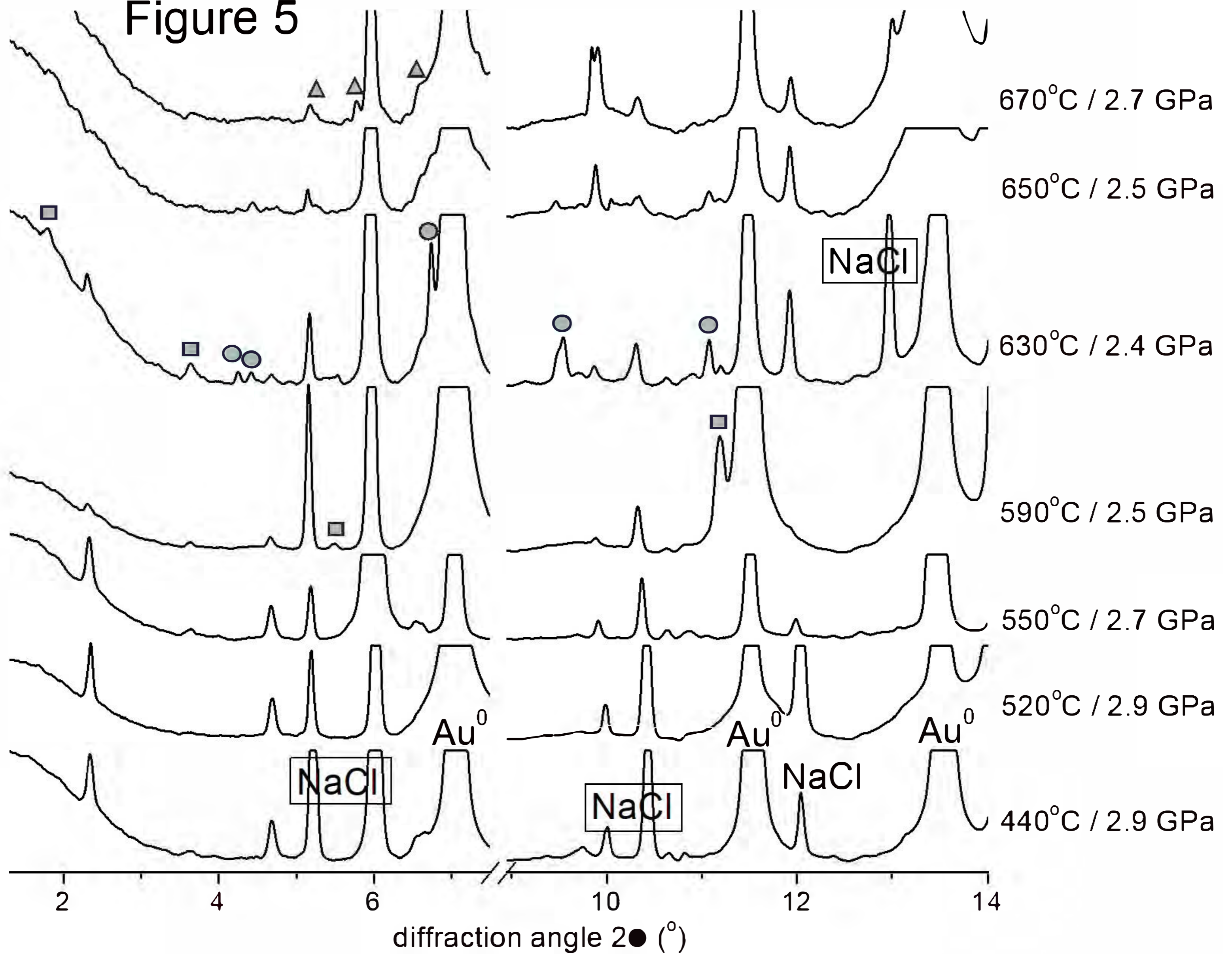


Figure 6

