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3 **Lead diffusion in CaTiO<sub>3</sub>: A combined study using Rutherford**  
4 **Backscattering and TOF-SIMS for depth profiling to reveal the role**  
5 **of lattice strain in diffusion processes**

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18 **Abstract**

19 We present experimental data on the diffusivity of Pb in CaTiO<sub>3</sub> perovskite, which is commonly used for  
20 dating kimberlites and carbonatites. Experiments were performed on oriented synthetic and natural CaTiO<sub>3</sub>  
21 single crystals. The Pb-source was either a laser deposited (Ca<sub>0.83</sub>Pb<sub>0.07</sub>)Ti<sub>1.05</sub>O<sub>3</sub> thin film or a (Ca<sub>0.9</sub>Pb<sub>0.1</sub>)TiO<sub>3</sub>  
22 powder reservoir. The crystals were annealed in a high-temperature furnace between 736 and 1135°C and

23 for durations from 2 to 283 hours. The diffusion profiles were measured with Rutherford back-scattering  
24 and time-of-flight secondary ion mass spectrometry in the depth-profiling mode. The concentration profiles  
25 measured on the same samples with the two analytical methods are in agreement. The measured  
26 concentration profiles show two regions - a steep gradient at the diffusion interface that transitions sharply  
27 (at ~ 50 to 150 nm from the surface) to a low concentration tail that penetrates deeper into the crystal. This  
28 diffusion behavior could be modelled best using diffusion coefficients that are a function of the Pb  
29 concentration, with a different set of diffusion coefficient for the high and the low concentration region of  
30 the profile, respectively. The diffusion coefficients extracted from the thin film and powder source  
31 experiments are similar within uncertainties. Pb diffuses slower at concentrations between 8.5 and 0.6 wt.%  
32 and 1.6 to 2.6 log units faster below ~ 0.5 wt.% Pb. Temperature dependency for each region is discussed  
33 in the text, and the Arrhenius relation for the fast diffusion regime that is most relevant for natural samples  
34 is

$$35 \quad D_{Pb}^{fast} = 2.5 * 10^{-13} * \exp(-158(24)kJ/mol/RT) m^2/s.$$

36 We found a distinct change in the structure of CaTiO<sub>3</sub> in the surface region of the single crystal that is  
37 coincidental with the change in diffusivity. This initial region is dominated by planar defects. We propose  
38 that Pb is trapped in planar defects that have formed due to the high strain introduced into the perovskite  
39 structure caused by the mismatch in the ionic radius between Ca<sup>2+</sup> and Pb<sup>2+</sup>. The activation energies obtained  
40 here yield closure temperature for Pb in CaTiO<sub>3</sub> between 300 and 400 °C for a range of different cooling  
41 scenarios, if diffusive resetting of Pb in CaTiO<sub>3</sub> occurs at all. At typical cooling rates of hours to days for  
42 ascending kimberlite, the age of crystal growth is preserved, with closure temperatures similar to the magma  
43 temperature.

44 *Keywords: perovskite, diffusion, experimental, lattice strain, closure temperature, U/Pb chronometry*

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## 47 Introduction

48 Perovskite ( $ABO_3$ ) is an important mineral group that crystallizes in the groundmass of various eruptive  
49 alkaline rocks such as kimberlites, lamproites and carbonatites (Edgar and Mitchell 1997; Mitchell et al.  
50 2017). Its different modifications are present in the Earth's upper mantle ( $CaTiO_3$ ) as well as in the lower  
51 mantle, either as calcium perovskite ( $CaTiO_3$ ,  $CaSiO_3$ ) or as bridgmanite ( $[Mg,Fe]SiO_3$ ). Due to the  
52 flexibility of the perovskite structure, calcium perovskite is known to concentrate light rare earth elements,  
53 high field strength elements, large ion lithophile elements, uranium and thorium (Veksler and Tepteleev  
54 1990; Chakhmouradian and Mitchell 2001; Corgne and Wood 2002; Beyer et al. 2013). Many functional  
55 materials have a perovskite structure and are used in fuel cells, solar cells, catalysts and high-temperature  
56 super conductors (Bednorz and Müller 1986; Goodenough 2004; Huang et al. 2006; Hodes 2013; Kühl et  
57 al. 2017). The eponymous  $CaTiO_3$  is used for dating (U/Th-Pb) and isotopic finger printing (Sr, Nd) in high-  
58 alkaline rocks, where other phases typically used for dating (i.e. garnet, zircon, monazite) are rare or absent  
59 (Kramers and Smith 1983; Smith et al. 1989; Heaman 1989, 2009; Tappe and Simonetti 2012). An  
60 advantage of perovskite is its high concentration of U (10 – 300 ppm) and Th (up to 10000 ppm), leading  
61 to high concentrations of radiogenic Pb (Heaman et al. 2003). The maximum amount of Pb in natural  $CaTiO_3$   
62 is on the order of a few hundred ppm (Chakhmouradian et al. 2013). Depending on its magmatic history,  
63 perovskite shows distinct core-to-rim variations in rare earth elements, U, Th and Pb-concentrations (Reguir  
64 et al. 2010; Chakhmouradian et al. 2013).

65  $CaTiO_3$  undergoes phase transitions from  $Pbnm$  to  $Cmcm$  at 1117 °C, to  $I4/mcm$  at 1227 °C and to  $Pm\bar{3}m$  at  
66 1307 °C (Kennedy et al. 1999). It forms a complete solid solution with  $PbTiO_3$ , where  $Ca^{2+}$  (1.34 Å) is  
67 replaced by  $Pb^{2+}$  (1.49 Å) on the A-site. The solid solution  $(Ca_xPb_{1-x})TiO_3$  is accompanied by a change in  
68 the crystal structure from orthorhombic ( $Pbnm$ ) to tetragonal ( $P4mm$ ) at  $x \leq 0.416$  forming a morphotropic  
69 phase boundary (Chandra and Pandey 2011).

70 So far, only one study empirically estimated the closure temperature of Pb in perovskites to lie between 790  
71 to 900 °C for 30 - 50 µm grain size and cooling rates between 10 °C/Myr and 200 °C/Myr. However, these  
72 closure temperatures are based on the concept of ionic porosity (Zhao and Zheng 2007) and are not verified

73 by experimentally derived diffusion parameters. Hence, in this study we performed diffusion experiments  
74 on synthetic and natural perovskite single crystals to quantify experimentally the diffusive behavior of Pb  
75 in  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  for the first time. The results serve as a model study on how lattice strain effects may alter the  
76 mechanism and rates of diffusion. The Arrhenius relation obtained in this study has been used to calculate  
77 the closure temperature for Pb and is useful for constraining the timescale of emplacement and cooling of  
78 kimberlites and carbonatites based on core-to-rim zonation of Pb in natural  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  grains. This  
79 experimental work serves in addition as a comparison between two types of setups and analytical methods  
80 used for diffusion studies: Thin-film diffusion experiments vs. powder source diffusion experiments (e.g.,  
81 see Watson and Dohmen (2010)) and Rutherford backscattering (RBS) and time-of-flight secondary ion  
82 mass spectrometry (TOF-SIMS).

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#### 84 **Experimental Methods**

85 We used synthetic and natural perovskite single crystals. The synthetic, crystallographically oriented  
86  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  single crystals were provided by SurfaceNet GmbH (Electronic Annex Table A3). The crystals were  
87 cut in  $\sim 1.5 \times 1.5 \times 1.0$  mm cubes. The (100) surface was mechanically polished using diamond pastes and  
88 alumina colloid compounds. The natural  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  was sourced from Zlatoust, Ural, Russia (Electronic Annex  
89 Table A3). The natural crystals were cut in  $\sim 2.0 \times 2.0 \times 2.0$  mm cubes with random orientation and polished  
90 in the same manner. Natural crystals are opaque and contain several hundred ppm of different trace  
91 elements.

92 As the source for the diffusion experiments we synthesized powders with the stoichiometric composition  
93  $(\text{Ca}_{0.9}\text{Pb}_{0.1})\text{TiO}_3$  and  $(\text{Ca}_{0.8}\text{Pb}_{0.2})\text{TiO}_3$  from pure  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  and  $\text{PbTiO}_3$ . These two end-member compositions  
94 were made by mixing analytical grade  $\text{CaCO}_3$  (purity 99.5%),  $\text{PbO}$  (99.999 %) and  $\text{TiO}_2$  (99.8 %). 5 wt.%  
95 of  $\text{PbO}$  was added to the starting composition in excess to account for Pb-loss during annealing. The reagents  
96 composing each end-member were blended and thoroughly ground with acetone in an agate mortar.  
97 Subsequently, the mixture containing  $\text{CaCO}_3$  was calcinated at 1000 °C for 6 hours.  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  and  $\text{PbTiO}_3$

98 were heated at 1100 and 900 °C, respectively, to obtain the orthorhombic (CaTiO<sub>3</sub>) and tetragonal (PbTiO<sub>3</sub>)  
99 perovskite structure. The structure has been confirmed by powder x-ray diffraction in each case. The final  
100 mixture was prepared by mixing these perovskite end-members and heating the mixture at 900 °C for 20  
101 hours to obtain a solid solution.

102 Two types of diffusion experiments were performed. (i) Powder source experiments were conducted (a  
103 summary of the method is described in Watson and Dohmen (2010), for example) with the (Ca<sub>0.9</sub>Pb<sub>0.1</sub>)TiO<sub>3</sub>  
104 powder as an infinite source for Pb. Crystals were loaded into alumina crucibles filled with the finely ground  
105 powder. The crucibles were covered with a tight fitting lid cast from fired pyrophyllite to reduce the  
106 evaporation of Pb. (ii) Thin film diffusion couples were prepared by pulsed laser ablation of pellets with the  
107 composition (Ca<sub>0.8</sub>Pb<sub>0.2</sub>)TiO<sub>3</sub>. We used an excimer laser with 193 nm wave length and an energy of about  
108 200 mJ, pulsed with 10 Hz for 4 minutes. The CaTiO<sub>3</sub> substrates were heated to ~ 400 °C in a vacuum at  
109 6\*10<sup>-3</sup> bar. Details of the experimental setup and routine are provided in Dohmen et al. (2002).

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111 Diffusion anneals were conducted in a vertical tube furnace and in a box furnace at atmospheric pressure.  
112 The temperature was monitored with a B-Type thermocouple, placed within 2 cm of the sample container.  
113 The samples were annealed for 2 to 283 hours. Experimental conditions are reported in Table 1. The  
114 recovered samples were cleaned and examined qualitatively under reflected light before they were  
115 quantitatively analyzed using RBS and TOF-SIMS.

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117 Some test annealing runs were carried out at an oxygen fugacity of -0.5 log units relative to the nickel –  
118 nickel oxide buffer conditions ( $fO_2 = 10^{-8}$  bar at 834 °C,  $\sim NNO = -0.5$ ), set with a continuous CO-CO<sub>2</sub> gas  
119 flow. At these conditions Pb<sup>2+</sup> is reduced to Pb<sup>0</sup> in the gas phase and evaporates quickly; hence, it was not  
120 possible to measure any profile at reducing conditions. Analysis of the experiments carried out at reducing  
121 conditions lost all Pb and the (Ca,Pb)TiO<sub>3</sub> transformed to CaTiO<sub>3</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> which was confirmed by powder  
122 x-ray diffraction.

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124 **Analytical Methods**

125 *Rutherford back-scattering (RBS)*

126 Samples from both types of diffusion experiments were investigated using RBS, which permits obtaining  
127 depth resolved element analysis of the near-surface regions (roughly, the uppermost micrometer). Numerous  
128 studies demonstrated that RBS is well-suited for measuring depth profiles of heavy elements, (in this case  
129 Pb) in a light matrix (e.g. oxides and silicates) (Jaoul et al. 1991; Cherniak 2000; Cherniak and Watson  
130 2001). RBS spectra were measured at the 4 MV Dynamitron Tandem Accelerator of the Ruhr-Universität  
131 Bochum. A 2 MeV  $^4\text{He}$  beam is focused onto the sample surface using a 0.5 mm diameter aperture yielding  
132 a beam area of 1 mm<sup>2</sup>. Beam current was varied between 20 and 50 nA. The sides of the samples were  
133 wrapped with Al-foil to minimize charging of the sample surface. Back-scattered particles are detected at  
134 an angle of 160°. The solid-state silicon detector has a resolution of 18 to 22 keV. Samples were tilted with  
135 an angle between 5° and 20° relative to the incident beam to avoid channeling. Pb depth profiles were  
136 extracted from the RBS spectrum using the software package RBX, version 5.18 (Kótai 1997). More details  
137 of the setup and the fitting procedure are given, for example, in Dohmen et al. (2002).

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139 *Time of Flight Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (TOF-SIMS)*

140 We measured additional diffusion profiles of the same samples with TOF-SIMS because RBS has  
141 limitations in terms of sensitivity (100s ppm) and observable profile length. The latter is caused by the  
142 overlap of the Pb signal from depths greater than 500 nm with the signal from lighter elements near the  
143 surface. The advantages of TOF-SIMS are a higher sensitivity in the sub-ppm range and a depth resolution  
144 of 3 nm based on the reference sample. Analyses were carried out with an TOF.SIMS 5-100 from IONTOF  
145 at the Interdisciplinary Center of Analytics on the Nanoscale (ICAN) at the University of Duisburg-Essen.  
146 Samples were sputter etched on a 300 x 300 μm<sup>2</sup> area with a microfocused O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> secondary ion beam at 2 kV.  
147 A 30kV microfocused primary Bi<sub>1</sub><sup>+</sup> beam, was used in non-interlaced method for analysis of a 100 x 100

148  $\mu\text{m}^2$  area in the center of the sputtered crater. The pulse width of the primary beam was varied between 6  
149 and 30 ns to improve the ion yield. Charging was compensated by adjusting an oxygen background pressure  
150 of  $3 \times 10^{-7}$  mbar in the analysis chamber and using a flood gun to compensate surface charging. The spectra  
151 were reconstructed using the time-of-flight correction, as implemented in IONTOF measurement explorer  
152 version 6.5. We used at least 13 known peaks (e.g.  $\text{C}^+$ ,  $\text{CH}^+$ ,  $\text{CH}_3^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^+$ ,  $\text{Ti}^+$ ,  $\text{CaO}^+$ ,  $\text{TiO}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{++}$ ,  $\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_2^+$ ,  
153  $^{206}\text{Pb}^+$ ,  $^{207}\text{Pb}^+$ ,  $^{208}\text{Pb}^+$ ), covering the mass range from 1 to 208 atomic mass units (a.m.u.), for the mass  
154 calibration of the spectra. The intensity of the sum of  $^{204}\text{Pb}^+$ ,  $^{206}\text{Pb}^+$ ,  $^{207}\text{Pb}^+$  and  $^{208}\text{Pb}^+$  signals were  
155 normalized at each point to the total intensity. The resulting intensity vs. sputtering time profiles were then  
156 extracted for subsequent data treatment. Beam currents were measured before and after the data acquisition.  
157 For the short measurement times, usually shorter than 1 hour, the beam currents were stable within 1 %.  
158 TOF-SIMS intensities were calibrated using the RBS data in order to obtain concentrations. RBS data  
159 reveals Pb concentrations from 2.2 to 8.5 wt.% at the surface.

160 The depth of the TOF-SIMS craters was determined using an interference microscope (IFM) supplied by  
161 ATOS. The wave-mode was employed to collect interference pattern of the crystal surface. Assuming a  
162 linear relationship between sputtering time and sputtering rate we established a linear function to calculate  
163 the crater depth, where measurements with the IFM were not feasible (samples Pv\_Pb\_26n). At least four  
164 depth profiles per crater were collected and the average depth was used for subsequent calculations. The  
165 reproducibility of the crater depths was usually better than 25 nm.

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### 167 *Transmission electron microscopy (TEM)*

168 One synthetic sample (Pv\_Pb\_29) has been investigated further to identify any possible microstructures that  
169 may have had a potential effect on diffusion (e.g. grain boundaries, twins, lattice defects, and exsolution  
170 lamellae). We prepared two electron-transparent lamellae with approximate dimensions of 25 by 15  $\mu\text{m}^2$   
171 and lamella thickness varying between 5 and 100 nm using a FEI Scios Focused Ion Beam Scanning  
172 Electron Microscope. The rough milling was performed at an acceleration voltage of 30 kV and the beam

173 current was varied from 7 nA down to 100 pA. Since the amorphous damage layer produced on the lamella  
174 surfaces dependent on beam energy, we used a final polishing step at reduced acceleration voltage following  
175 suggestions of Yabusaki and Sasaki (2002) and Schaffer et al. (2012) at an acceleration voltage between 5  
176 and 2 kV and currents of 4 up to 100 pA for approximately one minute.

177 Analyses by transmission electron microscopy (TEM) were carried out on three different microscopes at the  
178 University of Münster and the Bayerisches Geoinstitut. Initial characterization was performed on a Zeiss  
179 Libra 200FE with an acceleration voltage of 200 kV (Schottky field emission gun) and strongly parallel  
180 Köhler illumination conditions. All bright field (BF) and selected area electron diffraction (SAED) imaging  
181 were performed in energy filtered mode with the energy-selecting slit (~30 eV width) centered on the zero  
182 loss peak using an in-column Omega filter on a Gatan UltraScan 4k×4k CCD camera. Z-contrast imaging  
183 was performed in scanning TEM (STEM) mode using a 20 μm condenser aperture on a high angle annular  
184 dark-field (HAADF) detector. The spot size with these settings was about 2 nm. Further high-resolution  
185 imaging and EDX mapping were performed on a FEI/ThermoFisher Titan “Themis” with an acceleration  
186 voltage of 300 kV and a C<sub>s</sub> (spherical aberration)- corrected objective system. The size of the objective  
187 aperture was set to 60 μm for high resolution imaging and 30 μm for BF imaging on an ultrafast 4kx4k  
188 CMOS sensor. EDX mapping was performed in STEM mode using a 50 μm condenser aperture and a four-  
189 quadrant peltier-cooled silicon drift detector (ChemiSTEM technology) on the Themis at the University of  
190 Münster.

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## 192 **Results**

193 Recovered crystals were free of surface alterations, such as etch pits. Residual powder stuck to the surface  
194 in some of the high temperature powder source experiments but the relative area covered by such powder  
195 was always below 1%. Most of the powder was removed by suspending the sample in an ultrasonic bath.  
196 The recovered powders were slightly more yellow compared to the pale yellow powder before the  
197 experiment. Arbitrarily chosen powders were examined with XRD to confirm that the recovered material

198 was still a (Ca,Pb)TiO<sub>3</sub> solid solution. We found trace amounts of rutile, probably formed by the partial loss  
199 of Pb by evaporation (Figure 1a). Assuming rapid chemical communication among phases in the system the  
200 formation of rutile buffers the system in terms of the chemical potential of TiO<sub>2</sub>.

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202 *Rutherford back-scattering spectroscopy*

203 Stoichiometry and thickness of the thin-film samples prior to the experiments was measured on the reference  
204 sample Pv\_Pb\_13 by using RBS. We found that the film had a deficit in Pb yielding a composition of  
205 (Ca<sub>0.83</sub>Pb<sub>0.07</sub>)Ti<sub>1.05</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. The stoichiometry is based on the assumption that all oxygen lattice positions are fully  
206 occupied and Pb is primarily present as Pb<sup>2+</sup>. The thickness was determined to be 80(5) nm. Based on  
207 previous studies with the same equipment we expect all deposited films to have the same composition. (e.g.  
208 see Dohmen et al. 2002). The thickness is assumed to be within 10 % of the reference value (Dohmen et al.  
209 2002). Combining the uncertainty in thickness (~ 8 nm) with the resolution limit of RBS (5 nm) we expect  
210 to have a maximum variation of 13 nm in thickness.

211 After the diffusion anneal we found that the Pb peak within the film was reduced compared to the reference  
212 sample, which we attribute to two fluxes: (i) Diffusive flux from the thin film into the perovskite substrate  
213 as measured by the Pb concentration gradient below the film. This flux can be also inferred from the shape  
214 of the high-energy side of the Pb peak (i.e. the surface region) in the RBS spectrum (Figure 1a). In addition,  
215 we observed a change in the gradient at lower Pb-concentrations (Figure 1b), indicating the diffusion into  
216 the sample, albeit most of the tailing profile is superimposed by the signal background.

217 We forward modeled the depth profiles of the thin film and powder source anneals using a numerical finite  
218 difference scheme (Crank 1979). A detailed outline and description of this method is given in Costa et al.  
219 (2008), for example.

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221 *Time-of-flight secondary ion mass spectrometry*

222 The profiles have a steep gradient close to the surface of the crystal within the first 30 to 200 nm and a  
223 shallow gradient along the low concentration tail that penetrates deeper into the crystal. The transition  
224 between the two regions is marked by a distinct kink in the profile (Figure 2a-d). We could not  
225 unambiguously measure the low concentration tail (e.g., as shown in the inset of Fig. 1b) using RBS because  
226 of the limitations mentioned above. Therefore, we analyzed the same samples with TOF-SIMS as well in  
227 order to determine the entire profile, including the tail, until the Pb signal leveled out at a constant signal  
228 intensity. TOF-SIMS is only semi-quantitative and so for better comparability the signal intensity was  
229 normalized to the value of the concentration at the surface that was obtained by RBS.

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### 231 *Modelling the concentration profiles*

232 We used an empirical model that accounts for the dependence of diffusivity on the concentration of the  
233 diffusant:

$$234 \quad D_{Pb} = D_{Pb}^{fast} + D_{Pb}^{slow} * \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{C_{Pb}}{C_{crit}} \right)^a \right] \quad (1)$$

235 where  $D_{Pb}^{fast}$  and  $D_{Pb}^{slow}$  are the diffusion coefficients at the tail and near the surface, respectively.  $C_{crit}$  is  
236 the critical concentration where the diffusion regime changes and the parameter  $a$  controls the sharpness of  
237 the transition from  $D_{Pb}^{slow}$  to  $D_{Pb}^{fast}$ , although neither of these terms is rooted in atomistic theory (Dohmen  
238 et al. 2018). We employed an explicit numerical algorithm, based on the forward-time-central-space (FCTS)  
239 scheme, to solve the diffusion equation (Crank 1979). For the thin film samples, we started off with an  
240 initial step profile and zero flux at the crystal surface. The powder source experiments were treated as an  
241 open system with a constant Pb concentration at the surface.

242 Results of the fitting-by-eye are given in Figure 2 and calculated Ds are reported in Table 2. The  
243 reproducibility of the fitting is usually better than 0.1 log units, which is below the run-to-run reproducibility  
244 of the experiments (Dohmen et al. 2016).

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246 *Diffusion coefficients of Pb and their temperature dependence*

247  $D_{Pb}^{slow}$  from the TOF-SIMS profiles is identical within uncertainties to  $D_{Pb}^{RBS}$ , extracted by fitting the steeper  
248 part of the RBS profiles (Figure 3, Table 2). The parameter  $a$  varies between 0.6 and 1.5 and the critical  
249 concentrations were determined to lie between 152  $\mu\text{g/g}$  and 7268  $\mu\text{g/g}$  Pb. All profiles have in common  
250 that at the critical concentration  $C_{crit}$  the rate of diffusion increased significantly by 1.6 to 2.6 log units,  
251 with the exception of run# Pv\_Pb\_23, where the diffusivity only increased by 0.5 log units. Diffusion  
252 coefficients from randomly oriented natural crystals, which are free of any macroscopic inclusions,  
253 (Pv\_Pb\_21 and Pv\_Pb\_26n) are in very good agreement with diffusion coefficients obtained from synthetic  
254 crystals oriented perpendicular to (100) (diamonds in Figure 4), strongly suggesting that perovskite is  
255 isotropic with respect to Pb-Ca interdiffusion.

256 The diffusion data obtained here are consistent although different methods were used to create the diffusion  
257 profiles (thin film on synthetic crystal, powder source with synthetic crystal and powder source with natural  
258 crystal). We therefore conclude that the experimental and analytical methods used do not introduce any  
259 artifacts. Consequently, we combined all diffusion coefficients in an Arrhenius diagram to obtain the pre-  
260 exponential factor  $D_0$  and activation energy  $E_a$  (Figure 4, Table 3). The activation energies  $E_a$  for Pb in  
261  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  calculated from the Arrhenius relation are 133(13) kJ/mol for  $D_{Pb}^{RBS}$ , 139(32) kJ/mol for  $D_{Pb}^{slow}$  and  
262 158(24) kJ/mol for  $D_{Pb}^{fast}$ . We found that  $E_a$  is similar within error for RBS and TOF-SIMS.

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264 *Time series*

265 The experiments Pv\_Pb\_24, Pv\_Pb\_28, Pv\_Pb\_30 and Pv\_Pb\_31 were all performed at similar temperature  
266 of 964 to 970  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Table 2) and should yield similar diffusion coefficients if we measured volume diffusion.  
267 The duration of the anneals were varied between 19 and 283 hours. The slow diffusion mechanism is in  
268 mutual agreement within 0.3 log units, whereas, the fast diffusion mechanism shows a slightly worse

269 reproducibility with 0.6 log units (Figure 5). We can only speculate what the reason is. The most obvious  
270 explanation is the very low count rates along the low concentration tail, which lead to noisier profiles.

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### 272 *Microstructural observations*

273 We analyzed two FIB-lamellae extracted from the powder source experiment Pv\_Pb\_29 (concentration  
274 profile is shown in Figure 3), cut normal to the crystal surface. In order to confirm that the different regions  
275 are perovskite, we collected selected area diffraction (SAD) patterns. The unit cell extracted from all patterns  
276 is that of orthorhombic CaTiO<sub>3</sub> with  $a = 5.37 \text{ \AA}$  and  $b = 5.44 \text{ \AA}$  along the zone axis [001].

277 We applied TEM-BF and STEM-HAADF imaging to check for potential path-ways such as dislocations  
278 and sub-grain boundaries that might explain the change in diffusion rates (Figure 6). (i) We found planar  
279 defects in the uppermost 100 - 150 nm; (ii) the bulk of the crystal is free of planar defects and contains voids  
280 in the shape of idiomorphic CaTiO<sub>3</sub> crystals, possibly caused by condensation of excess vacancies; (iii) the  
281 parallel features, that are visible on the surface (Figure A2), are twin-boundaries, similar to the boundaries  
282 described by Rothmann et al. (2017) in tetragonal perovskite. However, these twin boundaries are most  
283 likely not responsible for the change in diffusivity in the uppermost layer (see discussion).

284 The area that comprises a higher density of dislocations also coincides with the high Pb-concentration –  
285 slow diffusivity region. The EDS-maps of Ca and Pb (Figure 6d) illustrated an increased Pb-concentration  
286 in the first 10s of nm of the diffusion interface. In some regions, where the defects originate in proximity to  
287 the surface, we see an even higher concentration of Pb (Figure 6d), which we associate to the origin of the  
288 defects.

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### 290 **Discussion**

291 We observed two characteristic features of Pb diffusion in perovskite that are unusual compared to diffusion  
292 behavior of cations in oxides and silicates: (i) diffusion rates depend on concentration of Pb, and change by

293 two orders of magnitude when Pb concentration increases from trace element to minor element levels, and  
294 (ii) the activation energy of  $\sim 150$  kJ/mol is relatively low and lies at the lower end of experimentally  
295 determined activation energies for divalent cations in minerals, most of which are, however, silicates and  
296 oxides (e.g., see Fig. 13 in Brady and Cherniak (2010)). For example, these low activation energies are  
297 similar to those obtained for Sr diffusion in F-phlogopite (Hammouda and Cherniak 2000). The only other  
298 directly measured diffusion data that are known for  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  are for O diffusion, where a much higher  
299 activation energy of  $\sim 300$  kJ/mol was found (Gautasson and Muehlenbachs 1993; Sakaguchi and Haneda  
300 1996) (Figure 8). Bak et al. (2004a) inferred chemical diffusion rates (volume diffusion) in  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  from  
301 electrical conductivity data and found an activation energy of 134 kJ/mol at  $f\text{O}_2$  of  $1e^{-4}$  bar, which is in  
302 excellent agreement with our results. However, they also inferred a much lower activation energy of 66  
303 kJ/mol only at 100% oxygen flow ( $f\text{O}_2 = 7.2e^{-4}$  bar), where  $\text{CaTiO}_3$  is in the p-type regime, and similarly,  
304 George and Grace (1969) inferred an even lower activation energy of  $\sim 22$  kJ/mol. However, these data are  
305 based on electrical transport data, with assumptions about how that quantity is related to chemical diffusion.  
306 For example, it is assumed that electrical transport is controlled only one kind of dominant, majority defect  
307 and that this defect is an oxygen vacancy. As discussed below, later work has shown that these assumptions  
308 may not be valid for perovskites, and the relationship between oxygen vacancies and diffusion of Ca-Pb is  
309 ambiguous.

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### 311 **Reasons for the observed concentration dependent diffusion rates of Pb in $\text{CaTiO}_3$**

312 The observation that Pb diffuses at two distinctly different rates above and below a threshold concentration  
313 is an intriguing find of this study. We consider several possible scenarios below to arrive at the most likely  
314 explanation for this behavior:

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316 **Compositional dependence of interdiffusion.** Diffusion of  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  in Ca-perovskite can be described as a  
317 simple interdiffusion process with  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ . The corresponding interdiffusion coefficient,  $D_{\text{Pb}-\text{Ca}}$ , is in general  
318 a function of the molar fraction of Pb on the Ca site,  $X_{\text{Pb}}$ , and the respective tracer diffusion coefficients of  
319 Pb and Ca,  $D_{\text{Pb}}^*$  and  $D_{\text{Ca}}^*$ , respectively. The relationship is given by (e.g. Barrer et al. 1963; Manning 1974;  
320 Lasaga 1979):

$$321 \quad D_{\text{Pb}-\text{Ca}} = \frac{D_{\text{Pb}}^* D_{\text{Ca}}^*}{X_{\text{Pb}} D_{\text{Pb}}^* + (1 - X_{\text{Pb}}) D_{\text{Ca}}^*} \left( 1 + \frac{\partial \ln \gamma_{\text{PbTiO}_3}^{\text{Prv}}}{\partial \ln X_{\text{Pb}}} \right), \quad (2)$$

322 where  $\gamma_{\text{PbTiO}_3}^{\text{Prv}}$  is the activity coefficient of the  $\text{PbTiO}_3$  component in perovskite, Prv. The factor within  
323 brackets on the right is a thermodynamic factor, which equals unity if the Pb content is in the Henrian  
324 domain with a constant activity coefficient. For Pb concentrations reaching minor element level it is  
325 potentially possible that this activity coefficient may change considerably and thus be a factor that produces  
326 a change in  $D_{\text{Pb}-\text{Ca}}$ . However, the functional form of this relationship is such that it describes a continuous  
327 variation of  $D_{\text{Pb}-\text{Ca}}$  with  $X_{\text{Pb}}$  and it is not possible to obtain a discrete jump in diffusivity at a threshold  
328 Pb-concentration, as observed in this study.

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330 **Charge neutrality conditions.** The increase in diffusivity by two orders of magnitude when the  
331 concentration of Pb drops below a threshold value is similar to the behavior recently found for diffusion of  
332 Zr, Hf, Nb, and Ta in rutile (Dohmen et al. 2018) and rare earth element (REE) diffusion in olivine  
333 (Chakraborty et al. 2018, EMPG abstract, manuscript in preparation). In these studies, the behavior was  
334 explained by the *heterovalent* substitution of the diffusing ions into the host lattice, which affects the  
335 concentrations of the relevant point defects. However, in the present system  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  is presumably incorporated  
336 into the perovskite structure by *homovalent* substitution for  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , and hence the charge balance in the crystal  
337 is not affected.

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339 **Fast diffusion pathways.** An alternative explanation for such profile shapes is to attribute the diffusion tail  
340 to a diffusion flux along fast diffusion paths such as dislocations by “pipe diffusion” (Le Claire and  
341 Rabinovitch 1981). Indeed, we found some areas where the Pb intensity, measured with TOF-SIMS, was  
342 higher throughout the whole profile depth (Figure A1). These one dimensional channels, normal to the  
343 diffusion interface, are distributed randomly throughout the analyzed area. However, we found no  
344 correlation between the density of the domains, visible on the surface, in CaTiO<sub>3</sub> (Figure A2), the twin-  
345 boundaries, and the lengths of the diffusion profiles. Recalculation of the diffusion profiles without using  
346 the signals from the pipes affects only the signal intensity but not the profile shape. Thus, the diffusion  
347 coefficients remain unaffected when the effect of the pipes are “filtered out” (Figure 7). Moreover, if the  
348 measured concentrations represent an averaged sum of concentrations in the undisturbed bulk and in the  
349 pipes, then the threshold concentration at which the diffusion behavior changes would be strongly dependent  
350 on the number and size of the pipes, and not be fixed at one specific value  $C_{crit}$ , as was found in this study.

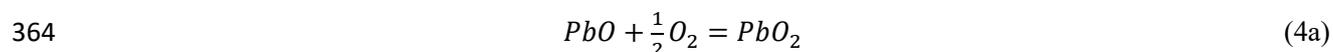
351 Nevertheless, we considered the possibility that the profiles resulted from diffusion in a type A regime  
352 (Harrison 1961) where the bulk diffusion coefficient  $D_{bulk}$  is the integrated diffusivity in a heterogeneous  
353 system with contributions from grain boundaries  $D_{gb}$  and the mineral lattice  $D_l$

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$$D_{bulk} = f_{gb}D_{gb} + (1 - f_{gb})D_l \quad . \quad (3)$$

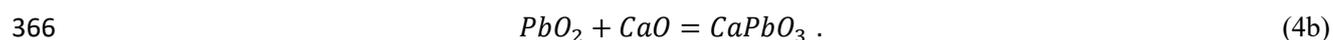
355 Here  $f_{gb}$  is the volume fraction of the grain boundaries. The conditions for the type A regime are satisfied  
356 when the diffusion distance  $L$  is much larger than  $d/2$ , where  $d$  is the distance between parallel grain  
357 boundaries (or other fast diffusion pathways) normal to the diffusion front. Hence, the behavior of such a  
358 system is macroscopically similar to diffusion in a homogeneous material. Our microstructural observations  
359 show that the distance between the twin-boundaries,  $d/2$  (i.e. Figure 6) is larger than  $L$  and therefore the  
360 requirements for diffusion in a type A regime are not fulfilled.

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362 **Diffusion of Pb as multiple species.** Another potential explanation for the observed profile shape is the  
363 presence of  $Pb^{4+}$ , formed by a reaction such as



365 and incorporated into perovskite



367 That would require  $Pb^{4+}$  to be enriched in the uppermost layers of the  $CaTiO_3$ -substrate and contribute to  
368 the slow diffusion in that layer, while  $Pb^{2+}$  would diffuse more efficiently and represent the fast diffusing  
369 regime.  $Pb^{4+}$  containing oxides ( $PbO_2$  and  $Pb_2[PbO_4]$ ) decompose rapidly at high temperatures and we have  
370 no evidence for the presence of  $Pb^{4+}$  in any of the samples. Nonetheless,  $Pb^{4+}$  could be present as a species  
371 in a crystal, but it would require a different diffusion mechanism with a higher activation energy, since  $Pb^{4+}$   
372 does not fit well in the perovskite lattice (6-fold  $Pb^{4+}$  is 28% larger than 6-fold  $Ti^{4+}$ ). However, the activation  
373 energies we have obtained are very similar and almost identical within error for the slow region (139(32)  
374 kJ/mol) and for the fast region (158(24) kJ/mol) (Figure 8). The RBS profile of sample Pv\_Pb\_31 depicted  
375 in Figure 1b shows a rounded Ti-edge. We accounted for this by manually adding a Ti-deficit to match the  
376 observed profile. This might imply that Pb diffused into the Ti-lattice site, though, the derived  $D$ s are  
377 identical to experiments where we don't see a rounded Ti-edge. The shape of the Ti-edge is probably caused  
378 by an analytical artifact. Hence, we have no unequivocal proof for the presence of  $Pb^{4+}$ . The possibility of  
379  $Pb^{4+}$  in the perovskite structure has to be systematically investigated in a future study.

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381 **Lattice strain effects and solute segregation.** When  $Pb^{2+}$  enters the  $CaTiO_3$  lattice there is a large mismatch  
382 in size [ $\Delta r = (r_{Ca} - r_{Pb}) = 0.15 \text{ \AA}$  (Shannon 1976)] and this must cause considerable strain in the lattice.  
383 Lattice strain energy resulting from the substitution of a trace element of different ionic size in a crystal  
384 lattice has been considered by Nagasawa (1966) and Brice (1975) and adapted for applications to trace  
385 element partitioning studies for a wide range of minerals and chemical elements by Blundy and Wood

386 (1994). For major elements, additional effects come into play because the incorporation of an additional ion  
387 with a radius mismatch in a lattice that is already deformed by the incorporation of other such ions is  
388 somewhat easier, and these relaxation effects need to be taken into account. Formulations for the calculation  
389 of strain energies in such situations have been provided by Christian (1975), Greenwood (1979) and  
390 discussed in Ganguly and Saxena (1988). In all of these formulations, the bulk modulus, the shear modulus,  
391 and a mismatch parameter squared (either the radius or the volume) play a role. The considerable Young's  
392 modulus of 254 GPa (Voigt-Reuss-Hill average calculated with [progs.coudert.name/elate/mp?query=mp-](https://progs.coudert.name/elate/mp?query=mp-4019)  
393 4019 (Gaillac et al. 2016)) indicates that even small size mismatches would lead to considerable strain in  
394  $\text{CaTiO}_3$ .

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396 On the other hand, if the strain exceeds a certain value, it is energetically efficient to generate free /  
397 disordered surfaces or interfaces to relax the strain. Such relaxation may occur through the formation of  
398 features such as dislocations, sub-grain boundaries, or cracks. The strain energy required to generate such  
399 discontinuities have been derived subject to many simplifying assumptions (e.g. see Christian, 1975; Carter  
400 and Norton 2007), but a general feature of such expressions is that they are of the form  $E = \alpha \mu b^2$ , where  
401  $\alpha$  is a constant that includes the size of the disturbed region,  $\mu$  is the shear modulus, and  $b$  is the Burgers  
402 vector in the case of a dislocation, or a suitable length scale in the case of other discontinuities. Once enough  
403 strain energy has been accumulated through the incorporation of a misfit ion to equal this energy required  
404 to produce a discontinuity, the system relaxes by forming such a discontinuity. This behavior has an  
405 important feature that matches with our observed diffusion behavior – discontinuities develop above a  
406 critical threshold concentration of the diffusing ion.

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408 As soon as such a discontinuity forms within a crystalline lattice made up of ions, the local electrical  
409 neutrality is disturbed at that location, leading to the development of a so-called space charge that then  
410 drives a flux of point defects (e.g. vacancies) toward or away from the discontinuity in order to re-establish  
411 local charge neutrality (note: vacancies and other defects in an ionic solid are charged entities). A flux of

412 vacancies, for example, implies a reverse flux of cations. Ultimately, this leads to the discontinuity acting  
413 as a sink for such cations, and a high concentration of the relevant cations can develop at these  
414 discontinuities. In perovskite structures this effect has been shown to be particularly prominent (e.g. a space  
415 charge layer with a potential of 0.1 V across it in BaTiO<sub>3</sub>, Desu and Payne 1990b, resulting in considerable  
416 segregation in grain boundaries, Desu and Payne 1990a). This is consistent with our observation that high  
417 concentrations of Pb are observed at the discontinuities (dislocations, defects) in our samples. This aspect  
418 explains the high concentration of Pb in the near surface region of our diffusion samples, as well as the  
419 slower diffusion rate observed in this region, because many of the Pb ions are “trapped” at the discontinuity.

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421 Thus, based on the observations that (i) the development of discontinuities in CaTiO<sub>3</sub> occurs when the  
422 concentration of Pb, an ion with a large size mismatch, exceeds a threshold value, (ii) these discontinuities  
423 are sites of higher Pb concentration, and (iii) diffusion of Pb in this region is slowed down (a result of  
424 “trapping”, or binding to the discontinuities to neutralize the space charge associated with them), indicates  
425 to us that this provides the most coherent explanation for the observed diffusion behavior. In contrast to the  
426 two mechanisms of diffusion of *heterovalent* cations that arise in oxides and silicates due to a concentration  
427 dependent change in charge neutrality conditions of point defects (e.g. Zr, Hf, Nb, Ta in Rutile or REE in  
428 olivine, see above), the dual mechanism of diffusion arises here even for the diffusion of a *homovalent*  
429 cation due to size mismatch and related strain effects.

430 Note, that the presence of dislocations and lattice strain do not make the diffusion non-Fickian. The  
431 observations we made are best described as a macroscopic process that averages over defects and  
432 dislocations.

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434 With increasing depth at a given time, the concentration of Pb decreases to drop below the threshold value  
435 required for generating the planar discontinuities and faster, “untrapped” lattice diffusion mediated by point  
436 defects becomes the sole mechanism. In natural crystals with low concentrations of Pb (several 10s – 100s  
437 ppm), this is the mechanism that is likely to operate.

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439 **Point Defect chemistry of CaTiO<sub>3</sub>**

440 The following discussion is only relevant for the fast diffusion regime, where lattice diffusion via point  
441 defects is the rate determining mechanism.

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443 **Constraints from other physical measurements.** Our knowledge of the point defect chemistry of Ca-  
444 perovskite is based almost exclusively on measurements of electrical conductivity (e.g. Balachandran and  
445 Eror 1982; Balachandran et al. 1982; Zhou et al. 2002; Bak et al. 2004), with some additional information  
446 from studies of oxygen diffusion (e.g. Gautasson and Muehlenbachs, 1993) or chemical diffusion rates  
447 inferred from electrical conductivity data (e.g. Bak et al. 2004). In general oxygen vacancies, Ca vacancies  
448 and Ti interstitials, in addition to electrons in the conductance band and electron holes, are considered to be  
449 the major point defects (e.g., Zhou et al. 2002). Electrical conductivity of undoped synthetic CaTiO<sub>3</sub> is  
450 sensitive to  $fO_2$  where the dependence is negative for reducing conditions and becomes positive for oxidizing  
451 conditions (Bak et al. 2004b; Bak et al. 2004). This change in the  $fO_2$  dependence is related to the change  
452 from a n-type conductor at reducing conditions to a p-type conductor at oxidizing conditions. Unfortunately,  
453 it is not possible to unambiguously distinguish between different types of majority point defect schemes that  
454 may dominate the charge balance in CaTiO<sub>3</sub>. This is because the only available data are based on the change  
455 of electrical conductivity with  $fO_2$  (Zhou et al. 2002).

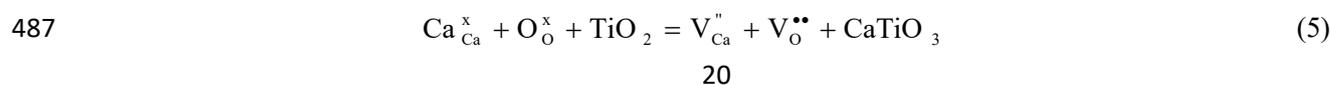
456 Only for very reducing conditions can it be argued that oxygen vacancies (effectively of doubly positive  
457 charge) and electrons are the majority point defects that charge balance each other. For the oxidizing  
458 conditions, although it was not possible to unambiguously identify the majority defects, it was shown that  
459 ionic conductivity contributes significantly to the total conductivity (Bak et al. 2004) and that oxygen  
460 vacancies were likely the major ionic charge carrier. These inferences are in line with the general  
461 observation that perovskites are known to have high concentrations of oxygen vacancies, resulting in  
462 unusually high diffusion rates for oxygen in this class of material (e.g. Gautasson and Muehlenbachs, 1993

463 for data on CaTiO<sub>3</sub>). Note, however, that the activation energy for O-diffusion was found to be around 300  
464 kJ/mol (Gautason and Muehlenbachs 1993; Sakaguchi and Haneda 1996) (Figure 8), which is much higher  
465 than the activation energies for electrical conduction in different *f*O<sub>2</sub> regimes (up to ~ 180 kJ/mol, e.g. Bak  
466 et al. 2004b), confirming that ionic conduction is only a part of the total charge transfer mechanism in these  
467 perovskites.

468 Summarizing, although electrical transport may be by a combination of electronic and ionic conduction  
469 (Bak et al. 2004b), the nature of *f*O<sub>2</sub> dependence of conductivity may change at oxidizing vs. reducing  
470 conditions (Balachandran et al. 1982; Bak et al. 2004b) and the exact nature of majority defects may remain  
471 unclear in many conditions (Zhou et al. 2002), it is apparent that oxygen vacancies play an important role  
472 in the defect chemistry at all conditions and that cation vacancies constitute minority defects. The important  
473 implication for the diffusion of a cation such Pb<sup>2+</sup> is that it has to be mediated by minority defects (e.g.  
474 cation vacancies) that are coupled to and influenced by changes in concentration of the majority defects  
475 (e.g. see discussion in De Souza and Martin 2004; Martin 2007; Xu et al. 2011).

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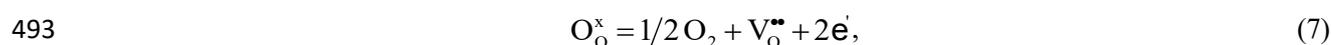
477 **Diffusion mechanism in the lattice based on point defect chemistry.** We consider the point defect  
478 mechanism of diffusion of Pb based on the defect chemistry inferred from electrical conductivity data. Since  
479 Pb<sup>2+</sup> substitutes for Ca<sup>2+</sup> on the 12-fold cuboctahedral A-site, vacancies on the A-site are the most likely  
480 mediators of diffusion of a large cation such as Pb<sup>2+</sup> (i.e. we do not consider the unlikely possibility that Pb  
481 may occur interstitially). CaTiO<sub>3</sub> can incorporate an excess of CaO but in the present work TiO<sub>2</sub> is present  
482 in excess in the chemical environment and hence by the coexistence of CaTiO<sub>3</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> the smallest  
483 possible chemical potential for CaO is defined in the system CaO-TiO<sub>2</sub> and no excess of CaO should be  
484 expected. Thus, for a vacancy mechanism of diffusion in undoped CaTiO<sub>3</sub> in the presence of excess TiO<sub>2</sub>,  
485 and considering the inferences of Zhou et al., 2012 based on electrical conductivity data, formation of  
486 vacancy on the A-site (the Ca-site in CaTiO<sub>3</sub>) may occur by (Kröger-Vink notation):



488 According to the corresponding mass action law the concentration of Ca vacancies,  $V_{Ca}''$ , is indirectly  
489 proportional to the concentration of oxygen vacancies,  $V_O^{\bullet\bullet}$ , where the brackets denote the concentration of  
490 the respective point defects:

$$491 \quad K_1 = \frac{[V_{Ca}''] \cdot [V_O^{\bullet\bullet}]}{aTiO_2} \quad (6)$$

492 The concentration of  $V_O^{\bullet\bullet}$  is coupled to the concentration of electrons,  $n$ , according to the reaction:



494 with the mass action law:

$$495 \quad K_2 = n^2 \cdot [V_O^{\bullet\bullet}] \cdot (fO_2)^{1/2}. \quad (8)$$

496 By combining the two mass action laws we thus obtain an equation that describes the concentration of Ca  
497 vacancies as a function of the concentration of electrons,  $n$ ,  $aTiO_2$  and  $fO_2$ :

$$498 \quad [V_{Ca}'' ] = K_1 / K_2 \cdot n^2 \cdot (fO_2)^{1/2} \cdot aTiO_2. \quad (9)$$

499 This relationship leads to several significant inferences about the diffusion of cations mediated by  $[V_{Ca}'' ]$ :

500 (i) At constant  $aTiO_2$ , in the very reducing regime (below  $\log(fO_2) = -16$  bar ( $\sim 1000$  °C),  $n$  is proportional  
501 to  $(fO_2)^{-1/6}$  and therefore,  $[V_{Ca}'' ]$  is proportional to  $(fO_2)^{1/6}$ .

502 (ii) For any other  $fO_2$ -regime  $n$ , relevant to natural systems, is proportional to  $(fO_2)^{-1/4}$  indicating that there  
503 is no sensitivity of  $[V_{Ca}'' ]$  on  $fO_2$ .

504 (iii) If the concentration of  $[V_O^{\bullet\bullet}]$  is large (see above), then the concentration of  $[V_{Ca}'' ]$  is very low (see Eqn.  
505 6).

506 The two important implications of these for the diffusion of Pb in natural CaTiO<sub>3</sub> are:

507 (a) at most realistic  $fO_2$  conditions, diffusion rates would not be sensitive to  $fO_2$ , and experimental data  
508 obtained at relatively oxidizing conditions (e.g. air in this study) may be used to model processes in the  
509 mantle and crust. Bak et al. (2004) report electrical conductivity for doped and undoped CaTiO<sub>3</sub> for a wide  
510 range of oxygen fugacities. The regime relevant to natural samples corresponds to the regime II in the Bak  
511 et al. study, where the mobility of electrons is independent of  $fO_2$  as demonstrated above.

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513 (b) in view of the fact that cation vacancies are minority defects and their concentrations are likely to be  
514 very low (see (iii) above), diffusion of Pb and other cations may occur by a cooperative mechanism, as has  
515 been found in other perovskite structures (e.g. see discussions in De Souza and Martin 2004, Martin 2007  
516 and Xu et al. 2011). However, unlike in other perovskites, the activation energies of diffusion of Pb found  
517 in this study (~ 130 – 150 kJ/mol) are much lower than the activation energy for O diffusion or diffusion of  
518 cations in other perovskite analogs (~ 300 kJ/mol). This points to the fact that transport of Pb in CaTiO<sub>3</sub>  
519 may be anomalous (it could be related to the strain effects discussed above), and there is a need for further  
520 exploration of its diffusion mechanism.

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## 522 **Application to natural systems and closure temperatures**

523 All experiments in this study were carried out at atmospheric oxygen pressures because of the high volatility  
524 of Pb under reducing conditions. However, as shown above, this is unlikely to limit the applicability of the  
525 dataset to natural samples. For example, the majority of kimberlite magmas formed / crystallized in the  
526 range of -4 to +4 relative to the quartz – fayalite – magnetite oxygen buffer (Canil and Bellis 2007), i.e. the  
527 range where diffusion rates are expected to be insensitive to  $fO_2$ .

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529 *Implications for geochronology*

530 The diffusion parameters for the fast diffusion  $D_{Pb}^{fast}$  were used to calculate the closure temperature of Pb  
531 in CaTiO<sub>3</sub> for cooling rates corresponding to processes within a magma chamber and during kimberlite /  
532 carbonatite ascent. We applied  $D_{Pb}^{fast}$  because natural samples contain only trace levels of Pb in the ppm  
533 range. Hence, the concentrations are well within the concentration levels for the fast diffusion regime.  
534 Nonetheless, the difference of closure temperatures calculated with  $D_{Pb}^{slow}$  is in the order of 40 °C only. The  
535 closure temperature is much more sensitive to the change in activation energy of about 10 kJ/mol compared  
536 to the change in the pre-exponential factor by 2 log units (as we have obtained for the two diffusion  
537 coefficients in the two regimes).

538 We employed the modified Dodson-model of Ganguly and Tirone (1999) to calculate the closure  
539 temperatures. The mean closure temperature is than expressed as:

$$540 \quad \frac{E_a}{RT_c} = \ln \left( \frac{A'RT_c^2 D_0}{E_a(dT/dt)_{T_c} a^2} \right) \quad (10)$$

541 where  $R$  is the gas constant,  $T_c$  is the closure temperature,  $E_a$  the activation energy,  $dT/dt$  is the cooling rate  
542 in C/Myr,  $D_0$  is the pre-exponential factor and  $a$  is the radius of the grain.  $A' = e^{G+g}$ , with  $G$  being the  
543 geometric factor (e.g. 4.0066 for sphere). The correction closure function yields  $g$  (Fig.2 in Ganguly and  
544 Tirone 1999). The typical crystal size of perovskite in groundmass kimberlite and carbonatites is between  
545 20 and 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , therefore, we used an average crystal diameter of 50  $\mu\text{m}$  in our calculations. We selected  
546 cooling rates of 0.1 °C/Myr to 1e9 °C/Myr, where the latter corresponds to the rapid cooling of kimberlite  
547 magmas during their ascent to the surface (e.g. Peslier et al. 2008). We found that the average closure  
548 temperature is  $\sim 400$  °C for slow cooling rates between 0.1 °C/Myr to 100 °C/Myr and  $\sim 980$  °C for ultra-  
549 fast cooling rates of  $\sim 1e9$  °C/Myr as expected during the ascent of kimberlites (Figure 9).

550 In addition, we have demonstrated that for a vacancy diffusion mechanism only a small effect is expected  
551 at very reducing conditions, below  $fO_2 = 10^{-16}$  bar at  $\sim 1000$  °C. Thus, we do not expect any significant  
552 change in the closure temperature at conditions, relevant to the environments of CaTiO<sub>3</sub> crystallization in  
553 ultrapotassic magmas.

554 The closure temperatures obtained here at slow cooling rates are significantly lower than the empirical  
555 predictions of ~900 °C as reported by Wu et al. (2010). This implies that the model of ionic porosity is not  
556 suitable for predicting cationic diffusion parameters for CaTiO<sub>3</sub>. An indicator that the newly calculated  
557 closure temperatures are meaningful is the fact that the ages determined by Rb-Sr in phlogopite are similar  
558 to U-Pb perovskite ages (e.g. Smith et al. 1989; Heaman et al. 2003; Batumike et al. 2008; Tappe et al.  
559 2009) from the same samples – this is what would be expected based on the similarity in the diffusion  
560 parameters  $D_0$  and  $E_a$  (Hammouda and Cherniak 2000). Hammouda and Cherniak (2000) determined the  
561 Arrhenius relation of Sr in F-phlogopite parallel to c with  $D_{Sr} = 2.7 * 10^{-14} * \exp(135.9(3.1)kJ/mol/$   
562  $RT) m^2/s$ , which is similar to  $D_{Pb}^{fast}$  presented above. The corresponding closure temperature for Sr in  
563 F-phlogopite is ~ 700 °C along the c-axis. Strong anisotropy of diffusion, however, indicated that for  
564 phlogopite the closure temperature calculated for diffusion along the plates is much lower (~ 300 °C,  
565 depending on the cooling rate and geometry). In another study, the closure temperature for the Rb-Sr system  
566 in phlogopite was calculated to be ~ 435 °C for 1-2 mm large crystals with calcite and plagioclase present  
567 as sink for Sr (Willigers et al. 2004). However, in this case the nature of the coexisting minerals plays a role  
568 and the numbers cannot be directly compared with the data for CaTiO<sub>3</sub>. At very fast cooling rates, e.g.  
569 during magma ascent in a kimberlite eruption, the closure temperature is similar to the initial magma  
570 temperature. As a consequence, the rapid magma ascent does not reset the lead content of the perovskite.

571 The consequences of the derived closure temperatures can be summarized as follows, (i) the closure  
572 temperatures of Sr in phlogopite and Pb in CaTiO<sub>3</sub> are nearly identical, therefore, ages obtained from the  
573 Rb-Sr and U-Pb geochronometer should yield the same age within the uncertainties in case of slow cooling;  
574 (ii) secondary processes, like infiltration of high-temperature metasomatic fluids or late stage  
575 metamorphism, will reset the Pb-age, at least partially, (iii) the U-Pb systems remains open until the ascent  
576 of the kimberlite magma, representing the age of kimberlite eruption and not the age of processes in the  
577 deep seated magma reservoir.

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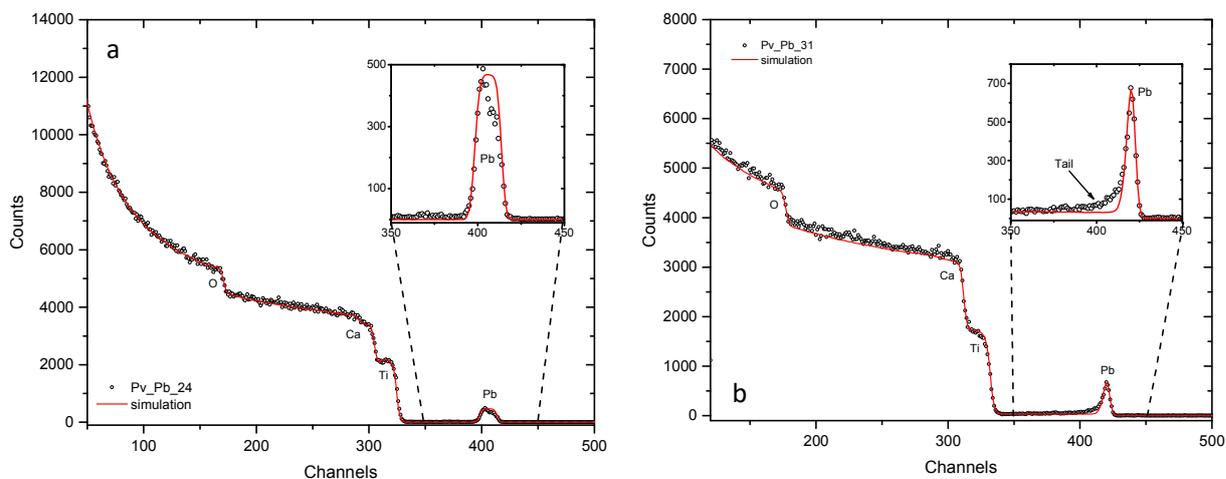
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598 **Figures**



**Figure 1** Representative RBS spectra of the thin film experiment Pv\_Pb\_24 (**a**) and powder source experiment Pv\_Pb\_31(**b**). Open circles represent the measured  $\alpha$  particles and the solid red line represents the simulated profile using a simple error function (see Crank 1979). The magnified profile in the insert of (**a**) shows that some Pb has been lost by evaporation from the surface. The tail was not fitted in the simulation because it involves a concentration dependent diffusion model as discussed below.

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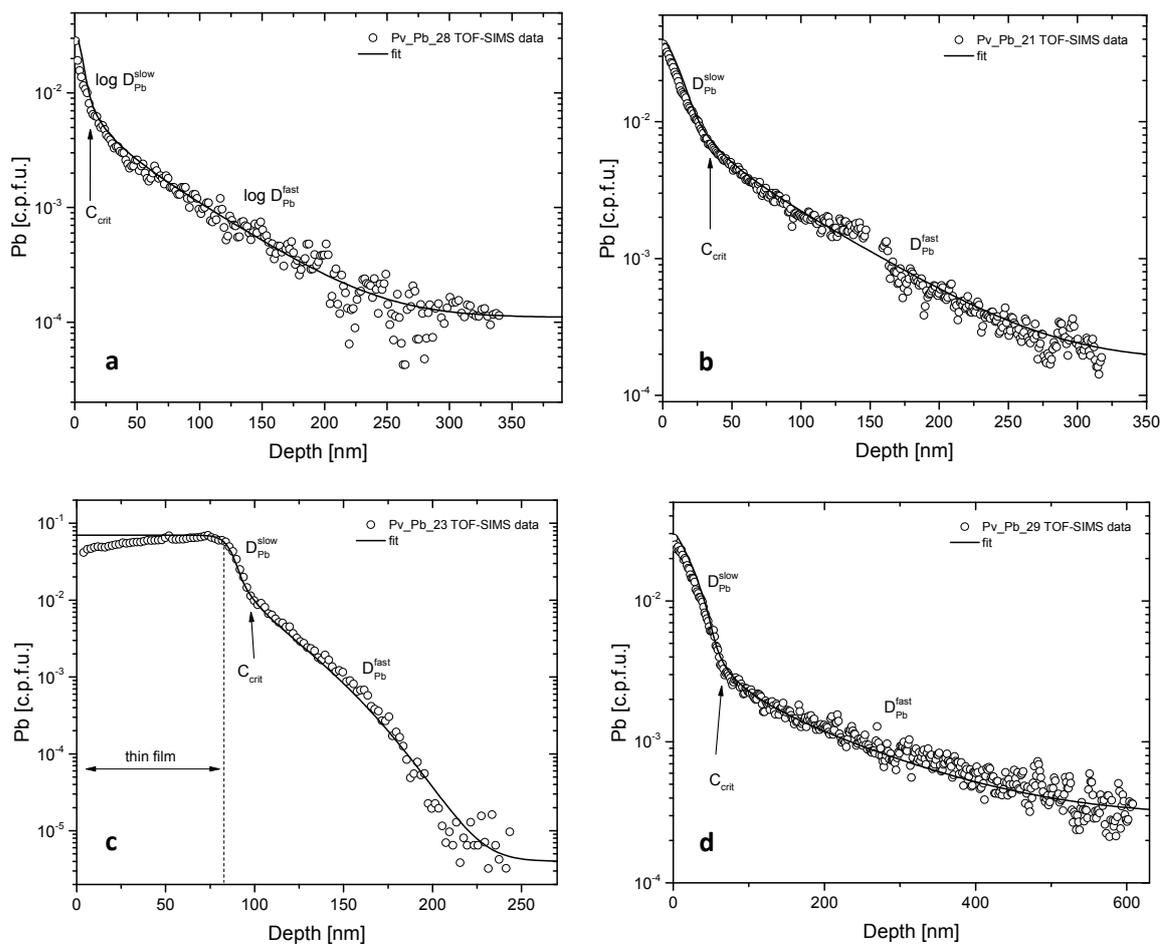
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**Figure 2** Representative TOF-SIMS Pb-profiles of all experimental setups: **(a)(d)** synthetic crystal with powder source, **(b)** natural crystal with powder source and **(c)** thin film on synthetic crystal. Note that the concentrations are plotted on a logarithmic scale here.

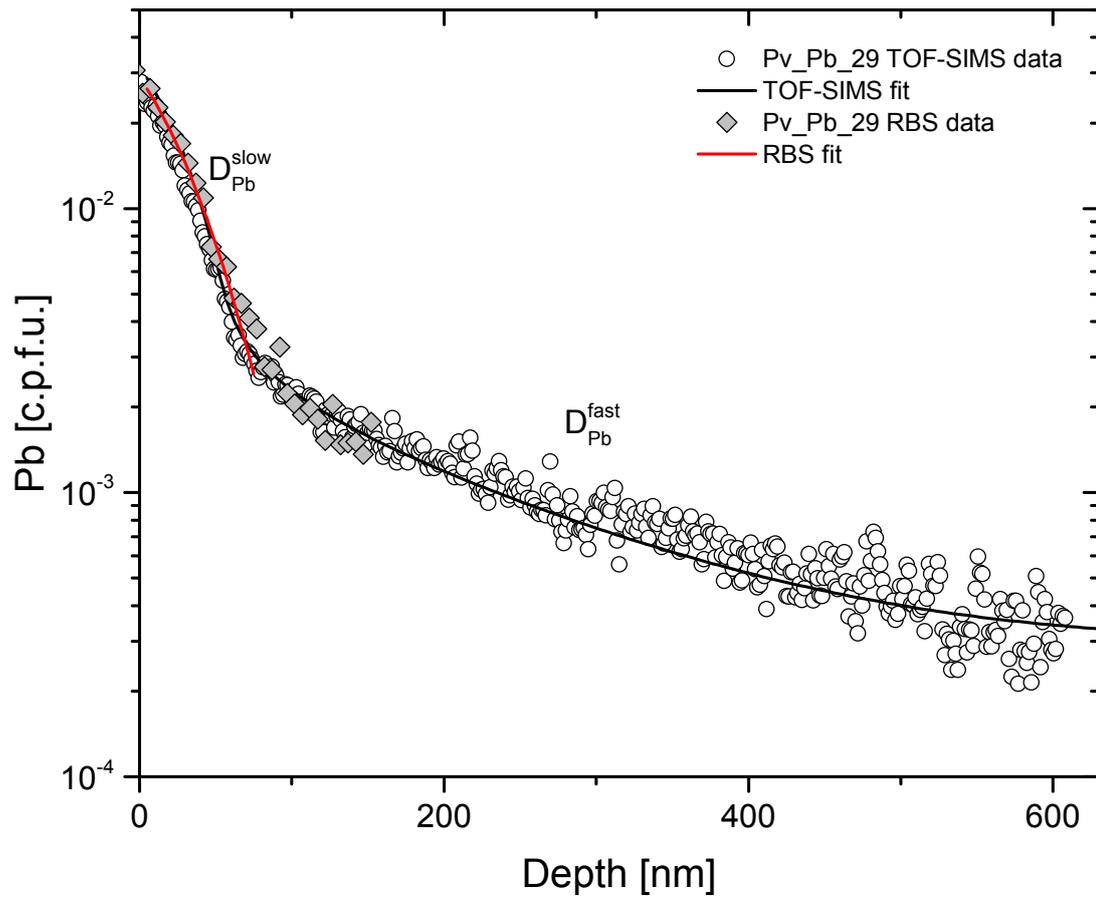
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**Figure 3** Comparison between RBS (diamonds) and TOF-SIMS (open circles) profiles. The lines represent the fitted diffusion coefficients as reported in Table 2.

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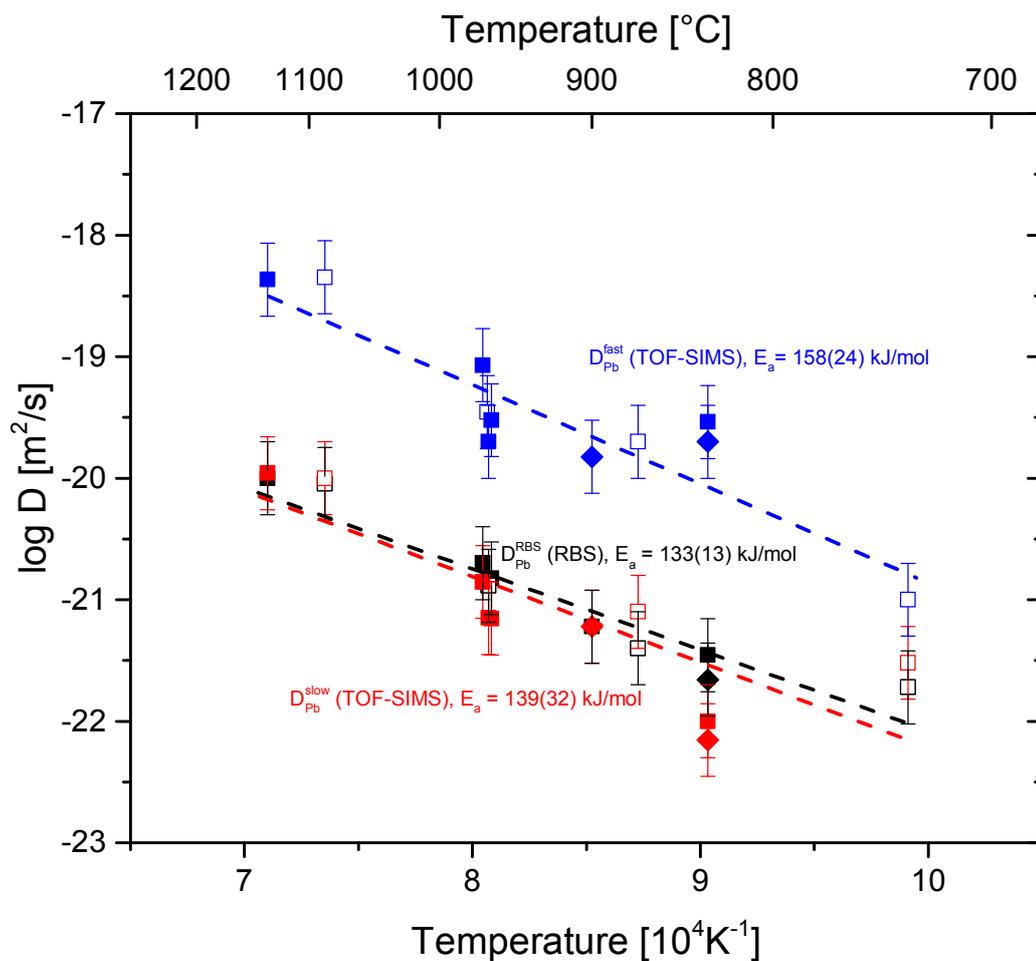
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**Figure 4** Arrhenius diagram of measured diffusion coefficients. Broken lines represent a weighted linear fit to the diffusion coefficients. Open symbols represent thin film experiments, whereas, solid symbols represent powder source experiments. Diamonds denote diffusion coefficients from natural crystals. The uncertainties are 0.3 log units, as discussed in the text.

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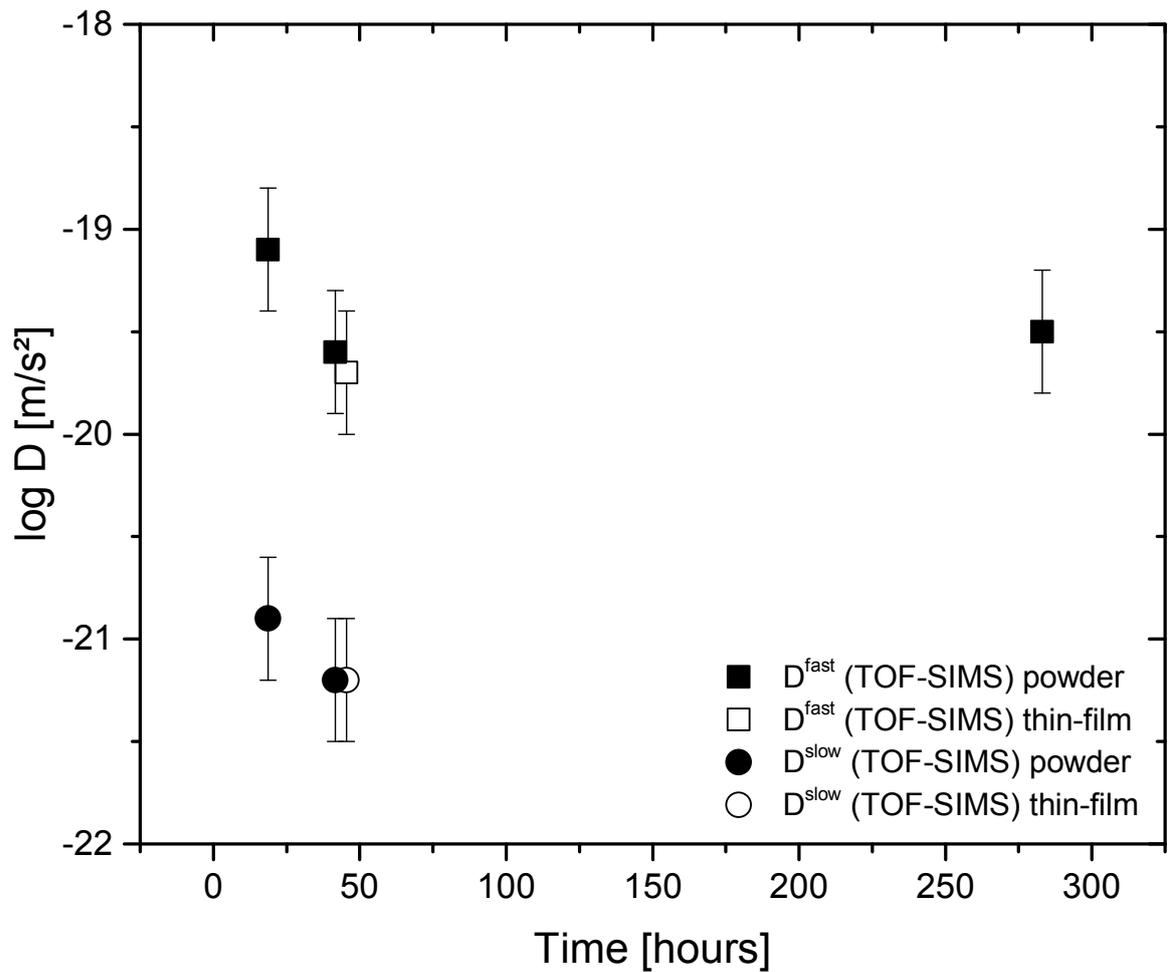
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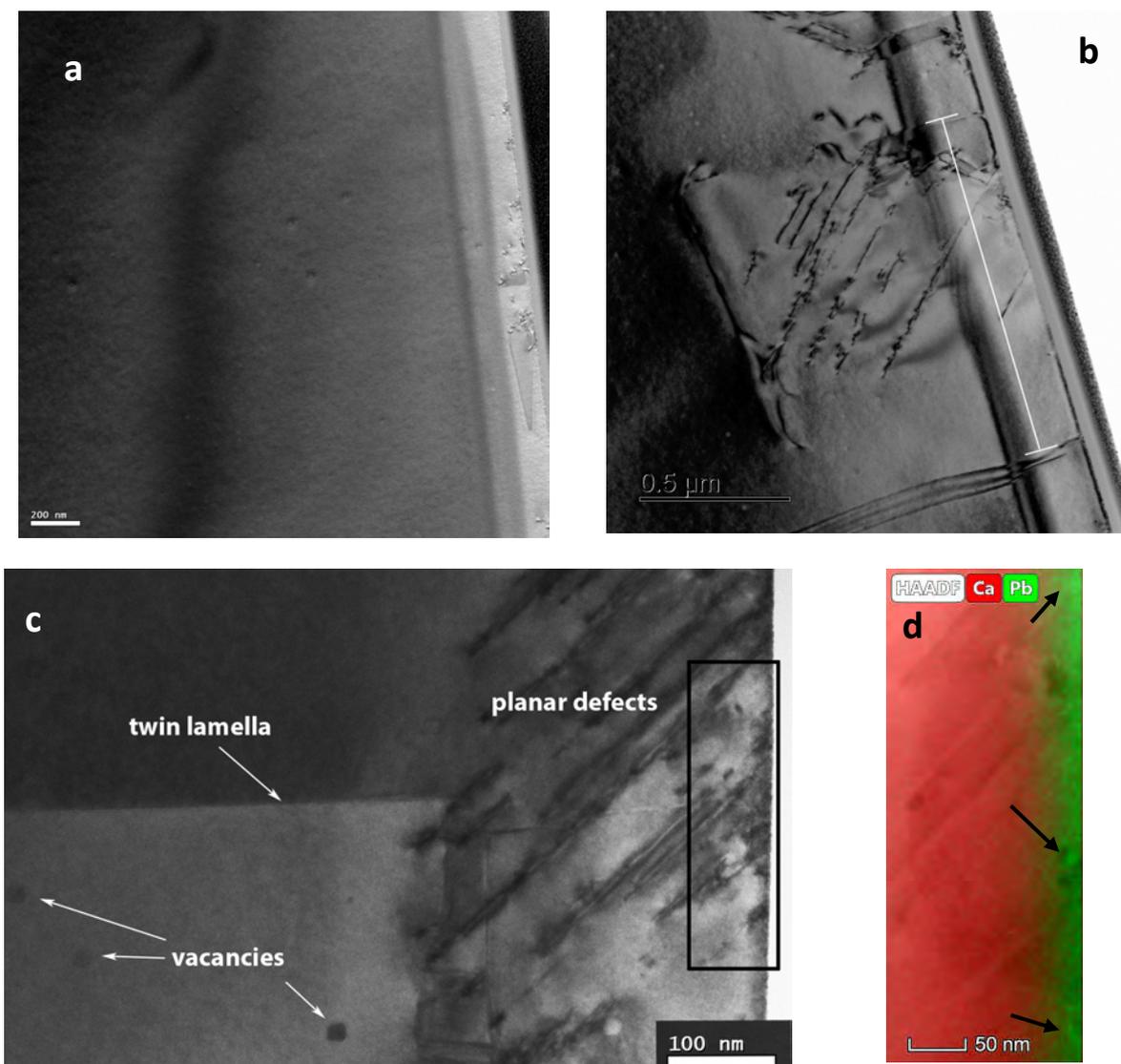


**Figure 5** Time series experiments plotted as a function of time in hours. Variations are within the given uncertainties or are attributed to low count rates. The experiments were performed in a temperature range from 964 to 970 °C. The error bars are 0.3 log units as explained in the text.

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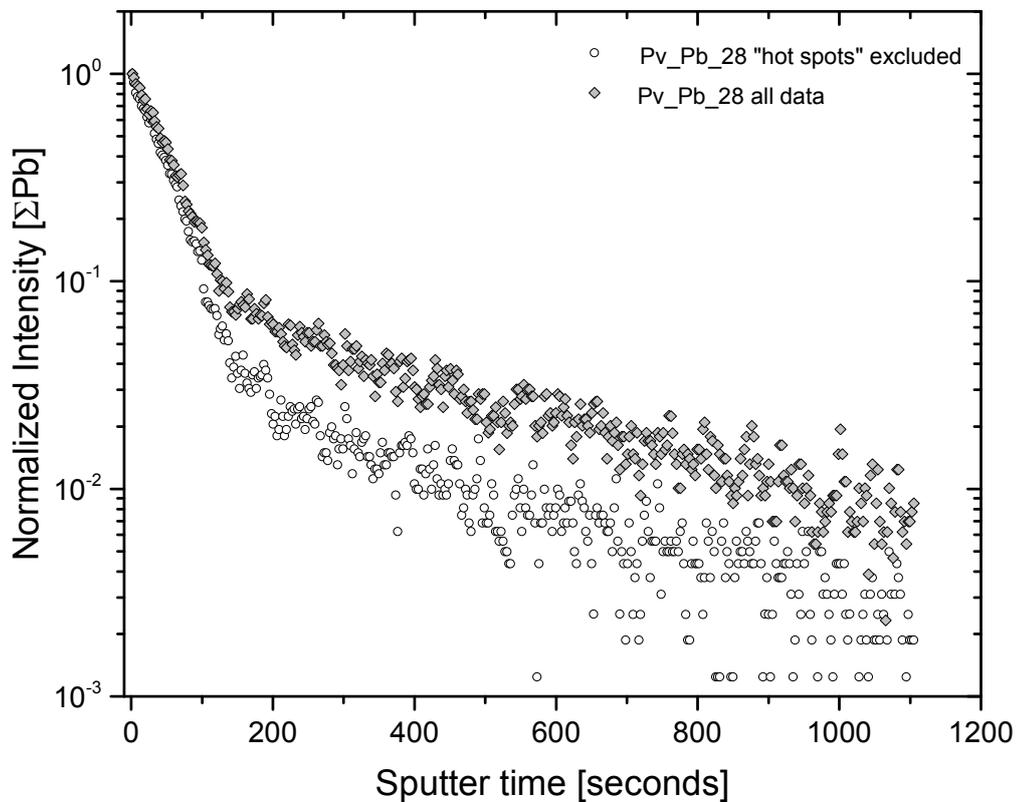
**Figure 6** Bright field (BF) image of samples Pv\_Pb\_29 illustrating the textural features. Surface of the crystal is on the right side on all images. Note, the larger defect concentration is proximity to the surface. (a) BF image of a defect-poor area. (b) BF image illustrating the distance between the supposed twin lamellae in a defect-rich section. (c) Planar defects are only found in proximity to the surface. Large voids of negative crystal shape, supposedly formed by vacancy condensation, are distributed randomly in the bulk of the lamella. Black rectangular represents the area where the EDX map was collected. (d) HAADF image with superimposed EDX maps of Ca and Pb. Note, the higher Pb intensity in parts of the surface area. Black arrows highlight areas of higher local Pb-concentrations.

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**Figure 7** Normalized intensity of the Pb<sup>+</sup>-signal shown as a function of sputter time. The diamonds represent the data without exclusion of Pb-rich zones, whereas, the circles represent the same sample with the Pb-enriched areas excluded.

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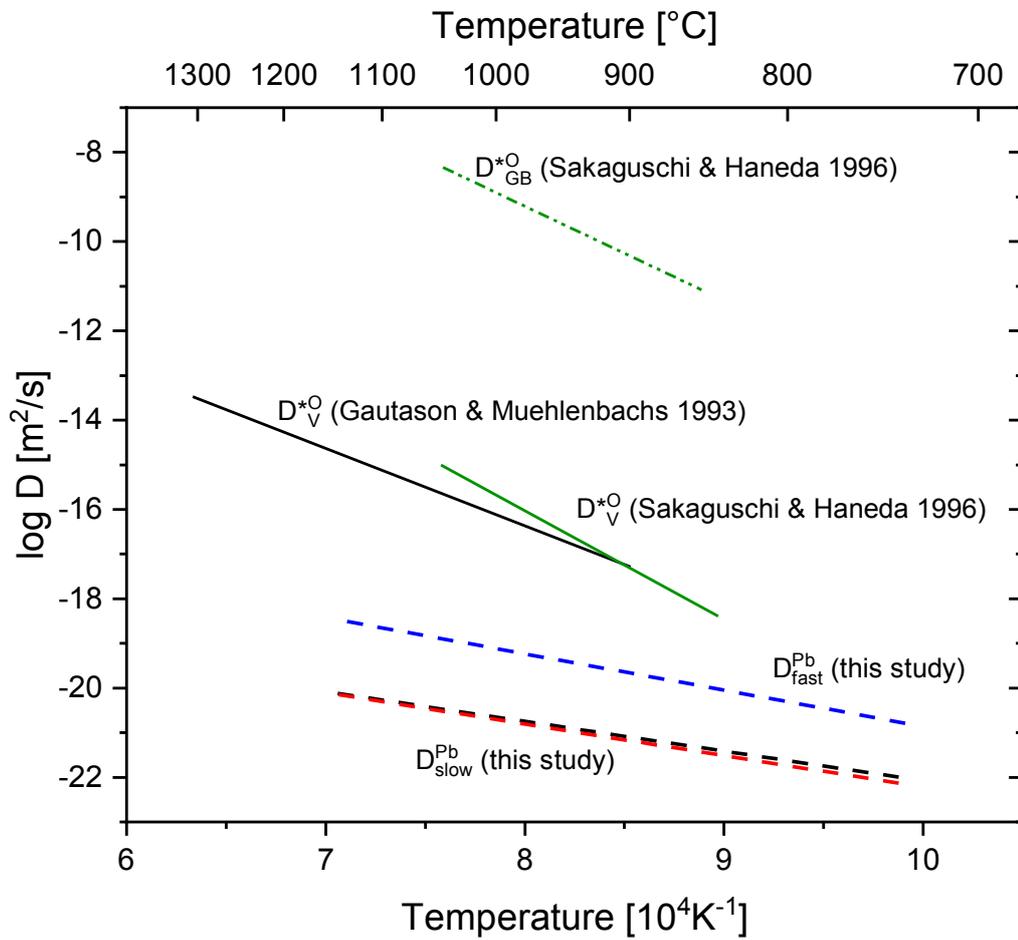
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**Figure 8** Comparison with other available diffusion data for  $\text{CaTiO}_3$ . Color scheme corresponds to Figure 4.

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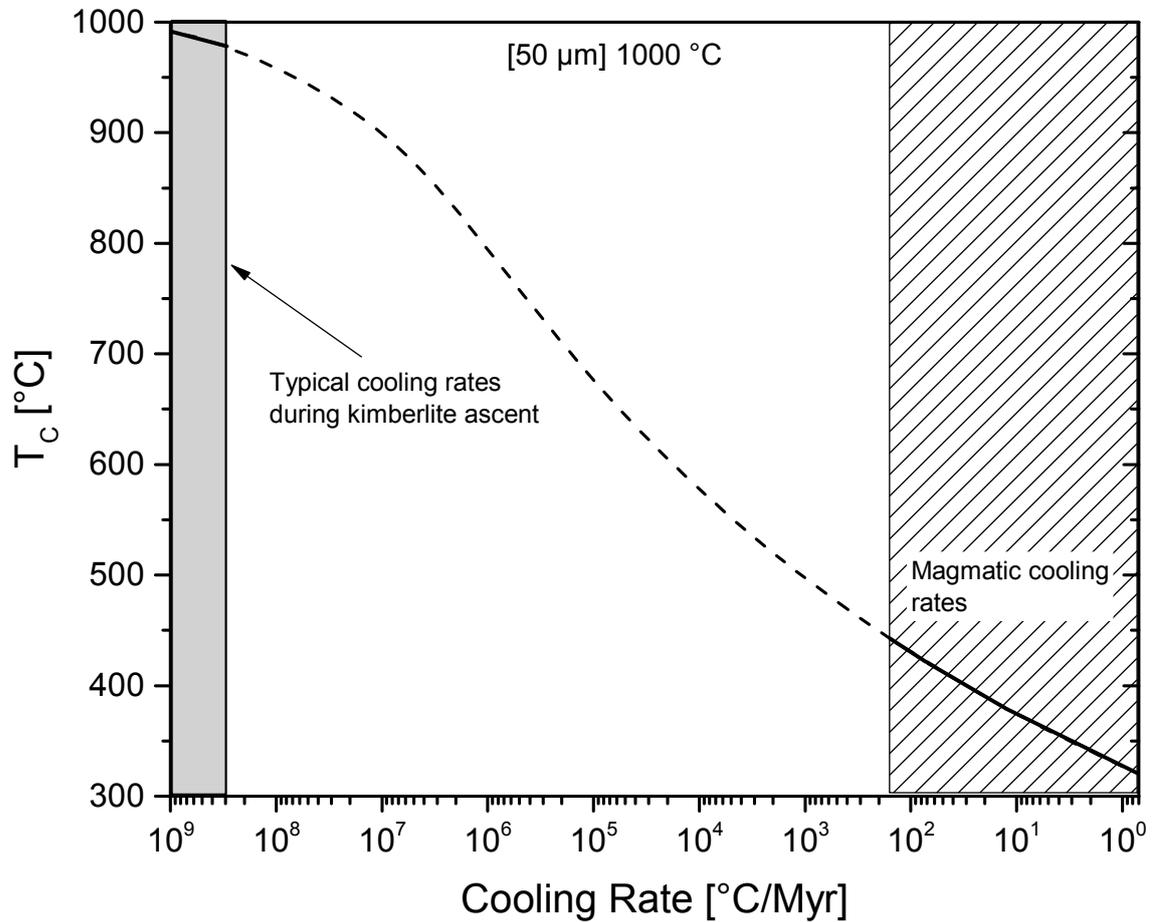
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**Figure 9** Average closure temperature  $T_c$  as a function of cooling rate. The initial magma temperature is 1000 °C and the average grain size is 50  $\mu\text{m}$ . The grey area corresponds to typical cooling rates found in kimberlites, whereas, the banded area represents typical magmatic cooling rates in a deep seated magma reservoir. The striped line represents cooling rates that are not relevant for perovskite parent magmas.

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648 **Tables**

**Table 1** Experimental conditions.

sample	Temp [°C]	Temp [ $10^4\text{K}^{-1}$ ]	Duration [s]	thin film [nm]	dopant	substrate
<i>Thin film</i>						
Pv_Pb_13*				80	$\text{Ca}_{0.83}\text{Pb}_{0.07}\text{Ti}_{1.05}\text{O}_3$	(100) synth. $\text{CaTiO}_3$
Pv_Pb_22	873	8.73	342000	80	$\text{Ca}_{0.83}\text{Pb}_{0.07}\text{Ti}_{1.05}\text{O}_3$	(100) synth. $\text{CaTiO}_3$
Pv_Pb_23	736	9.91	928800	80	$\text{Ca}_{0.83}\text{Pb}_{0.07}\text{Ti}_{1.05}\text{O}_3$	(100) synth. $\text{CaTiO}_3$
Pv_Pb_24	966	8.07	163500	80	$\text{Ca}_{0.83}\text{Pb}_{0.07}\text{Ti}_{1.05}\text{O}_3$	(100) synth. $\text{CaTiO}_3$
Pv_Pb_25	1087	7.35	7200	80	$\text{Ca}_{0.83}\text{Pb}_{0.07}\text{Ti}_{1.05}\text{O}_3$	(100) synth. $\text{CaTiO}_3$
<i>Powder source</i>						
Pv_Pb_21	900	8.53	514800	--	$\text{Ca}_{0.9}\text{Pb}_{0.1}\text{TiO}_3$	natural $\text{CaTiO}_3$
Pv_Pb_26s	834	9.03	248400	--	$\text{Ca}_{0.9}\text{Pb}_{0.1}\text{TiO}_3$	(100) synth. $\text{CaTiO}_3$
Pv_Pb_26n	834	9.03	248400	--	$\text{Ca}_{0.9}\text{Pb}_{0.1}\text{TiO}_3$	natural $\text{CaTiO}_3$
Pv_Pb_28	970	8.05	67200	--	$\text{Ca}_{0.9}\text{Pb}_{0.1}\text{TiO}_3$	(100) synth. $\text{CaTiO}_3$
Pv_Pb_29	1135	7.10	98100	--	$\text{Ca}_{0.9}\text{Pb}_{0.1}\text{TiO}_3$	(100) synth. $\text{CaTiO}_3$
Pv_Pb_30	967	8.06	1018800	--	$\text{Ca}_{0.9}\text{Pb}_{0.1}\text{TiO}_3$	(100) synth. $\text{CaTiO}_3$
Pv_Pb_31	964	8.08	150000	--	$\text{Ca}_{0.9}\text{Pb}_{0.1}\text{TiO}_3$	(100) synth. $\text{CaTiO}_3$

\*Reference sample

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**Table 2** Calculated diffusion coefficients\*\* obtained from RBS and TOF-SIMS Pb-concentration profiles.

Sample	T [ $10^4/\text{K}$ ]	$\log[\text{D}^{\text{RBS}}(\text{m}^2/\text{s})]$ <i>RBS</i>	$\log[\text{D}^{\text{low}}(\text{m}^2/\text{s})]$ <i>TOF-SIMS</i>	$\text{Log}[\text{D}^{\text{fast}}(\text{m}^2/\text{s})]$ <i>TOF-SIMS</i>	$\text{D}^{\text{fast}}/\text{D}^{\text{slow}}$
<i>Thin film</i>					
Pv_Pb_22	8.73	-21.3	-21.1	-19.7	1.4
Pv_Pb_23	9.91	-21.7	-21.5	-21.0	0.5
Pv_Pb_24	8.07	-20.9	-21.2	-19.7	1.5
Pv_Pb_25	7.35	-20.0	-20.0	-18.4	1.7
<i>Powder source</i>					
Pv_Pb_21*	8.53	-21.2	-21.2	-19.8	1.4
Pv_Pb_26s	9.03	-21.5	-22.0	-19.7	2.3
Pv_Pb_26n*	9.03	-21.7	-22.2	-19.5	2.6
Pv_Pb_28	8.05	-20.7	-20.9	-19.1	1.8
Pv_Pb_29	7.10	-20.0	-20.0	-18.4	1.6
Pv_Pb_30	8.06		--	-19.5	
Pv_Pb_31	8.08	-20.8	-21.2	-19.6	1.6

Missing data are the consequence of profiles that were too short/noisy to obtain reliable diffusion coefficients. \* natural samples. \*\*Uncertainties on diffusion coefficients are  $\sim 0.1$  log units, based on the reproducibility of the fitting procedure.

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**Table 3** Pre-exponential factor  $D_0$  and activation energy  $E_a$  calculated from the Arrhenius relation.

	<b>log [<math>D_0</math> (m<sup>2</sup>/s)]</b>	<b><math>E_a</math> [kJ/mol]</b>
$D_{Pb}^{RBS}$	-15.1(6)	133(13)
$D_{Pb}^{slow}$	-15(1)	139(32)
$D_{Pb}^{fast}$	-12.4(9)	158(24)

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