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A XANES and EPMA study of Fe³⁺ in chlorite: substitutions, importance of oychlorite and implications for cation site distribution and thermobarometry

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20 Abstract

21 Chlorite is a ubiquitous product of metamorphism, alteration of magmatic rocks and
22 hydrothermal processes, owing to its large stability field and wide compositional range. Its
23 composition is governed by several substitutions and has been used as a geothermometer, on
24 the basis of empirical, semi-empirical and thermodynamic models. As in some other
25 phyllosilicates of petrological interest, the oxidation state of iron in chlorite may differ from
26 the usually assumed divalent state. However, the crystal chemistry of trivalent iron in chlorite
27 remains poorly known, and the thermodynamic properties of ferric chlorite are missing from
28 databases used for petrological modeling. As part of an attempt to fill this gap, we present
29 results from in situ, micrometer-scale measurements of the oxidation state of iron in a variety
30 of chlorite-bearing samples. X-ray absorption near-edge spectroscopy (XANES) was
31 combined with electron probe microanalysis (EPMA) on the same crystals. Results show iron
32 oxidation states varying from ferrous to ferric; iron is in octahedral coordination in all
33 ferromagnesian chlorites but to ~25% tetrahedral in the lithian chlorite cookeite (1.0 wt%
34 $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(\text{total})}$). Absolute amounts of ferric iron cover an unprecedented range (0 to ~30 wt%
35 Fe_2O_3). For highly magnesian, ferric chlorite, Fe concentrations are low and can be accounted
36 for by $\text{Al} = \text{Fe}^{3+}$ substitution. In Fe-rich samples, Fe^{3+} may exceed 2 atoms per formula unit
37 (pfu, 18 oxygen basis). When structural formulae are normalized to 28 charges corresponding
38 to the standard $\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_8$ anionic basis, these measurements define the exchange vector of a
39 di-trioctahedral-type substitution: $3 \text{VI}(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe}^{2+}) = \text{VI}\square + 2 \text{VI}\text{Fe}^{3+}$, as described in earlier
40 studies. However, structural formulae calculated on the basis of the oxygen contents actually
41 measured by EPMA show that this trend is an artefact, due to neglect of variations in the
42 number of protons in the structure. Our measurements indicate increasing hydrogen
43 deficiency with increasing Fe^{3+} content, up to ~2 H^+ pfu in the Fe^{3+} -rich chlorite samples,
44 corresponding to a net exchange vector of the type $\text{R}^{2+} + \text{H}^+ = \text{Fe}^{3+}$. These results do not
45 support substitutions towards di-trioctahedral ferric end-members, and highlight the need for
46 considering substitution towards an ‘oxychlorite’ (i.e. H-deficient) ferric component, close to
47 tri-trioctahedral, with an $\text{O}_{12}(\text{OH})_6$ anionic basis, even in green, pristine-looking chlorite. The
48 effects of iron oxidation and H deficiency on chlorite geothermometers were explored. They
49 are deterring if H deficiency is ignored but, given the sensitivity of most thermometers to
50 octahedral vacancy, the assumption $\text{Fe}_{\text{total}} = \text{Fe}^{2+}$ is still safer than using high measured Fe^{3+}
51 contents *and* the standard 28 charge basis, which artificially increase vacancies. In such ferric
52 chlorites, EPMA measurement of oxygen allows a fair estimate of H content if $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$ is

53 known; it should be more systematically implemented. For the same reasons, literature data
54 reporting Fe³⁺-rich chlorite with vacancy content along the possibly artificial di-trioctahedral-
55 type substitution should be verified. With the help of constraints from thermodynamic
56 models, charge balance, crystal symmetry and proton loss, a new cation site distribution is
57 proposed for di-tri- to tri-trioctahedral chlorites in the Fe²⁺-Fe³⁺-Mg-Al-Si-O-H system,
58 allowing a more realistic thermodynamic handling of their solid solutions.

59 **Keywords:** chlorite, oxychlorite, hydrogen deficiency, XANES, EPMA, ferric iron
60 incorporation, geothermometry, solid solution, cation site distribution

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62 INTRODUCTION

63 Found in a wide range of geological environments and crystallizing from diagenesis
64 conditions up to blueschist- and amphibolite-facies metamorphic conditions, chlorite is a
65 ubiquitous phyllosilicate characterized by a 14 Å *c* cell-parameter. This value reflects the
66 combination of a TOT mica-like layer (a partially hydroxylated octahedral sheet between two
67 opposing tetrahedral sheets) with an interlayer hydroxide sheet (“brucitic” octahedral sheet) in
68 which each oxygen atom is part of a hydroxyl group involved in hydrogen bonding to the
69 facing 2:1 layer (Fig. 1). Both octahedral sheets may be fully or partly occupied, leading to
70 tri-tri-, di-tri- and di-di-octahedral chlorite end-members. Zazzi et al. (2006) and Beaufort et
71 al. (2015) offered extensive reviews of the structure and crystal chemistry of chlorite. The
72 usual site assignment of cations in the chlorite structure is recalled in Table 1, together with a
73 list of the potential end-members referred to in this and previous studies.

74 Chlorite is used as a geothermometer because its composition varies with its
75 crystallization temperature via several solid solutions. Empirical and semi-empirical equations
76 establish a link between temperature and the amount of, e.g., tetrahedral Al (Cathelineau
77 1988), octahedral vacancies (Hillier and Velde 1991) or, in addition, Mg contents (Inoue et al.
78 2009; Bourdelle et al. 2013a). Thermodynamic models are also available (e.g., Walshe 1986;
79 Holland et al. 1998; Vidal et al. 2001; Lanari et al. 2014); they use end-members (of which
80 some are fictive) with fixed thermodynamic properties and activity models for solid solutions,
81 some considering ordering and reciprocal solid solutions. These models are based on the
82 structure and composition of chamosite (a tri-trioctahedral chlorite solid solution among the
83 clinochlore, Mg-amesite and ‘daphnite’ end-members, e.g. Holland and Powell 1998)
84 extended to the end-members ‘Al-free chlorite’ (e.g. Holland et al. 1998), sudoite (the di-

85 trioctahedral chlorite $\square\text{Mg}_2\text{Al}_3(\text{Si}_3\text{Al})\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_8$, Vidal et al. 2001) and Fe-amesite (Vidal et
86 al. 2005). These models account for three main substitutions observed in chlorite: (1)
87 homovalent Fe-Mg substitution $\text{Fe} = \text{Mg}$; (2) the di-trioctahedral substitution $^{\text{VI}}\square + 2 ^{\text{VI}}\text{Al} = 3$
88 $^{\text{VI}}(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe}^{2+})$ where $^{\text{VI}}\square$ is an octahedral vacancy, and (3) the Tschermak substitution $^{\text{IV}}\text{Si} +$
89 $^{\text{VI}}(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe}^{2+}) = ^{\text{IV}}\text{Al} + ^{\text{VI}}\text{Al}$ (e.g. Zane et al. 1998). The Al-free chlorite end-member is used to
90 account for compositions with Si/Al ratio greater than that of clinocllore (3/1). The need for a
91 di-dioctahedral “pyrophyllite-gibbsite” end-member has been mentioned (Inoue et al. 2009),
92 yet its thermodynamic properties remain unknown.

93 The speciation of iron is a common issue when calculating structural formulae from
94 electron-microprobe analyzes of chlorite, and ferric iron has been emphasized as potentially
95 important for thermobarometric estimates (e.g. Vidal et al. 2005; Inoue et al. 2009; Lanari et
96 al. 2014) but also discarded by some other authors (e.g. Bourdelle and Cathelineau 2015). To
97 model the incorporation of Fe^{3+} into the chlorite structure, several substitutions and end-
98 members have been proposed. Homovalent exchange of Al by Fe^{3+} ($\text{Al} = \text{Fe}^{3+}$) has been
99 suggested as a possible mechanism both in octahedral (Vidal et al. 2005; Inoue et al. 2009,
100 Lanari et al. 2014) and tetrahedral position to a smaller extent (Muñoz et al. 2013; Lanson et
101 al. 2012). Trincal and Lanari (2016) highlighted a di-trioctahedral substitution $^{\text{VI}}\square + 2 ^{\text{VI}}\text{Fe}^{3+}$
102 $= 3 ^{\text{VI}}(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe}^{2+})$ which they modeled with a ‘di-ferri-sudoite’ end-member, in which Fe^{3+}
103 replaces Mg and Fe^{2+} in M2 and M3 sites (see Table 1). Vidal et al. (2016) suggested another
104 ‘ferri-sudoite’ end-member, with one Fe^{3+} ion in the M4 site per formula unit (Table 1),
105 following the cation distribution of their previous model (Vidal et al. 2006).

106 Unfortunately, methods allowing detailed investigations of the cation distribution
107 (such as single-crystal X-ray diffraction) are difficult to set up for ferric chlorite due to
108 frequent zoning, twinning and crystal deformation; consequently models ground on a limited
109 set of reliable structure refinements. Most studies concur in allocating Mg and Fe^{2+} to M1, M2
110 and M3 sites (Smyth et al. 1997; Lougear et al. 2000; Aja et al. 2015), and filling the smaller
111 M4 site with Al (Rule and Bailey 1987; Walker and Bish 1992; Nelson and Guggenheim
112 1993; Welch and Marshall 2001; Zazzi et al. 2006; Aja et al. 2015). Smyth et al. (1997) and
113 Inoue and Kogure (2016) suggest filling the M4 site with Fe^{3+} when measured, consistent
114 with an $\text{Al}^{3+} = \text{Fe}^{3+}$ exchange.

115 The presence of octahedral vacancies in chlorite further complicates the estimation of
116 the $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{total}}$ ratio, unlike other structural groups in which full site occupancy allows Fe^{3+}
117 estimation from electron-microprobe data by site-filling methods, as in garnet or chloritoid

118 (e.g., Droop 1987). Estimation of $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{total}}$ in chlorite has also been carried out via
119 thermodynamic modeling (e.g. Walshe 1986; Vidal et al. 2006; Lanari et al. 2014; Inoue et al.
120 2018), however these models are based on a restricted number of analyzes with measured iron
121 speciation and little information on cation site distribution. There is a lingering need for
122 measuring and modeling variations in the oxidation state of iron in chlorite, which must be
123 obtained together with major-element composition. Mössbauer spectroscopy (De Grave et al.
124 1987; Aja and Dyar 2002), electron energy loss spectroscopy on transmission electron
125 microscope (van Aken and Liebscher 2002; Bourdelle et al. 2013b), photoelectron
126 spectroscopy (Raeburn et al. 1997; Yamashita and Hayes 2008), and EPMA at iron $L\alpha, \beta$
127 edges (Höfer et al. 1994; Fialin et al. 2001) allow measuring $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{total}}$, but all show
128 disadvantages as compared to X-ray Absorption Near-Edge Spectroscopy (XANES) for rapid
129 measurement on samples and over scales consistent with scanning electron microscopy and
130 electron microprobe analysis, with limited alteration effects due to the beam – for example
131 electron beams may induce reduction or oxidation with proton loss in hydrous silicates (e.g.
132 Garvie and Craven 1994; Garvie et al. 2004). XANES has been shown to be strongly sensitive
133 to both the formal oxidation state and coordination of iron (e.g. Wilke et al. 2001; Newville
134 2014).

135 This publication reports on a series of XANES measurements carried out on samples
136 where crystal composition was also measured with scanning electron microscopy and electron
137 microprobe analysis. Iron speciation was measured in oxides and silicates, with emphasis on
138 chlorite, to identify trends in chemical exchanges involving Fe^{3+} . Iron speciation was also
139 mapped in zoned crystals. This effort considerably extends the database for chlorite
140 compositions where iron speciation is known, and allows better identification of end-members
141 relevant to ferric chlorite. It is found that the ‘oxychlorite’ component is important even in
142 pristine, apparently unaltered green chlorite. The structure and thermodynamic properties of
143 the ferric end-members remain unknown, however thermodynamic modelling provides first-
144 order constraints on these. Crystal-chemical considerations allow refining the cation site
145 assignment from chlorite electron-microprobe analyzes. We propose an alternative algorithm
146 to that of Vidal et al. (2006) for the calculation of end-member activities, which has
147 implications for all compositions and major importance for Fe^{3+} -rich chlorite.

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149 MATERIAL AND METHODS

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151 Twenty-nine samples of chlorite-bearing rocks from various localities have been
152 measured for their texture, composition and iron speciation. It was aimed to analyze a wide
153 range of compositions in order to provide a complete view of solid solutions involving ferric
154 iron. Mineral compositions and sample origin are detailed in Tables 2, 3 and 4. As thin
155 sections were cut perpendicular to the foliation (if any), most chlorite crystals were oriented
156 with *c*-axis in the section plane.

157 A compilation of analyzes from the literature was used for comparison, taken from
158 Trincal and Lanari (2016) but screened with more stringent criteria:

- 159 - sum of 'alkalis' ($\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O} + \text{CaO}$) below 0.5 wt% to remove analyzes possibly
160 contaminated by illite-like material (see e.g. Bourdelle et al. 2013a),
- 161 - sum of oxides between 80 and 91 wt% (not counting H_2O),
- 162 - discarding incorrectly referenced/used analyzes (misidentified chlorite, missing
163 analysis in original paper, missing reference, duplicates).

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165 **Scanning electron microscopy and electron microprobe analysis**

166 Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) was used to complement optical microscopy at
167 IStEP (Sorbonne Université, Paris) using a Zeiss Supra 55VP apparatus associated to a SSD
168 detector PTG Sahara for imaging and elemental mapping in energy-dispersive spectroscopy
169 mode. Electron probe micro-analyzes were then carried out at CAMPARIS (Sorbonne
170 Université, Paris, France) with both Cameca SX-Five and SX-100 instruments. Point
171 measurements were made under classical analytical conditions (15 kV acceleration voltage
172 and 10 nA beam current allowing $\sim 2\mu\text{m}$ beam size, in wavelength-dispersive spectroscopy
173 mode) using diopside (Ca, Mg, Si), MnTiO_3 (Mn, Ti), orthoclase (K, Al), Fe_2O_3 (Fe), albite
174 (Na) and Cr_2O_3 (Cr) as standards to measure elements indicated in brackets. Element maps
175 were obtained with similar conditions but counting time lowered to between 50 and 300 ms.
176 For sessions with analysis of oxygen, alumina (Al_2O_3) was used as standard, and absorption
177 coefficients were selected from Bastin and Heijligers (1989). Oxygen measurements were
178 subsequently verified with analyzes of periclase (MgO), quartz (SiO_2) and hematite (Fe_2O_3),
179 yielding an average relative uncertainty of 1.1 % (here interpreted as trueness) on the
180 measured value for oxygen. This value is lower than the average standard deviation obtained
181 from the electron microprobe on chlorite analyzes, yielding a precision generally around 3%
182 of the measured value (using the manufacturer's software with ZAF correction and the
183 standardization method from this study).

184 Electron microprobe measurements were combined to iron speciation XANES
185 measurements on the exact same crystals to calculate structural formulae for all minerals.
186 Unless stated otherwise, structural formulae are assumed to be calculated on the basis of
187 $O_{10}(OH)_8$ (i.e. 28 charges) for chlorite, $O_5(OH)_4$ for serpentine and $O_{10}(OH)_2$ for micas.

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189 **X-ray Absorption Near-Edge Spectroscopy**

190 X-ray Absorption Near-Edge Spectroscopy measurements were carried out for
191 spatially resolved Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total} analysis on both homogeneous and zoned crystals, directly on
192 thin section (i.e. without losing textural information). The oxidation state and coordination
193 number of iron are obtained after spectra processing as detailed below (adapting protocols
194 from White and McKinstry 1966, and Wilke et al. 2001).

195 **Experimental setup.** Absorption spectra around the *K* edge of iron were collected on
196 the ID24 beamline at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility in Grenoble and on the 13-
197 IDE beamline at APS Chicago. Each beamline was dedicated to XANES in fluorescence
198 detection mode. Set-ups at Grenoble and Chicago were broadly similar, with the difference
199 that the incident beam was linearly polarized at 13-IDE and circularly polarized at ID24.
200 Beam spot size was approximately $5\mu m \times 5\mu m$. Thin sections were mounted on an iron-free
201 plexiglass holder, fixed on a remotely controlled shelf and positioned perpendicular to the X-
202 ray beam direction to minimize self-absorption effects (Tröger et al. 1992; Pfalzer et al.
203 1999). Detector sensitivity and distance to the sample were manually adjusted as a function of
204 iron content. For maps, a compromise for coexisting iron-rich and iron-poor minerals was
205 searched with the aim of obtaining best signal-to-noise ratio for chlorite at the expense of
206 other minerals. Dwell times for spot analyzes and maps were adapted as a function of iron
207 concentration and size of mapped areas. Energy calibration was carried out on hematite
208 crystals and Fe foils.

209 The absorption coefficient μ is defined as $\mu(E) = \log(I_1/I_0)$, where I_0 is the incident
210 beam intensity and I_1 is the intensity of fluorescence. The absorption coefficient μ has been
211 measured from 7109 eV to 7180 eV at ID24 (Fig. 2) and 7062 eV to 7756 eV at 13-IDE.
212 Spectra were obtained with 0.1 eV resolution around the pre-edge and lower resolutions at
213 lower and higher energies. Two types of detector were used at ID24 and we retained the best
214 spectra in terms of signal-to-noise ratio. Previous studies have shown that linear polarization
215 of incoming photons impacts XANES spectra of anisotropic crystals, and particularly
216 phyllosilicates (e.g., Dyar et al. 2001; Muñoz et al. 2013; Evans et al. 2014), plaguing earlier

217 mapping attempts. Because of linear polarization of the beam at 13-IDE, each crystal has been
218 measured four times, rotating the sample holder by 30°. Samples being cut perpendicularly to
219 the foliation, along which the long axis of chlorite crystals is generally oriented, this rotation
220 mainly explored the angle between the *c*-axis of chlorite and the beam, with the aim of
221 capturing most of the effect of dichroism on the pre-edge of iron without separating crystals
222 and losing textural information. Spectra were subsequently averaged (see Supplemental Fig.
223 S1 for two examples). Following the analysis of Munoz et al. (2013), this should average
224 shifting of the pre-edge and limit uncertainties due to linear polarization to about 5 % of the
225 calculated $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{total}}$ ratio. Mounting of a quarter-wave plate along the incident beam at ID24
226 allowed transforming the linearly polarized incident X-ray beam into a transmitted (non-
227 deviated) beam with circular polarization (Giles et al. 1994) around the Fe *K* edge, making
228 corrections for polarization unnecessary and reliable mapping possible. Because of diffraction
229 effects between the X-ray beam and the quarter-wave crystal, all spectra obtained at ID24
230 showed a systematic shoulder and trough (“glitch”) between 7090 eV and 7105 eV, which has
231 subsequently been considered as part of the background.

232 Possible effect of beam exposure on iron oxidation state has been tested and dismissed
233 for iron-rich samples via repeated point measurement of the same crystals identified as
234 entirely ferrous or ferric. This is consistent with the study of Fiege et al. (2017) and with
235 results obtained on maps where exposure times were below 30 s per point.

236 **Spectra processing.** Figure 2 shows an example of XANES spectrum after
237 normalization and smoothing (using the Savitzky-Golay algorithm). Absorption μ was
238 normalized using intensities measured in the range 7160-7180 eV to correct for variations of
239 iron content. Several functions were tested to remove the baseline below the pre-edge. This is
240 an important step as the form of the baseline function has been shown to have critical effect
241 on the area of the pre-edge and on the position of its centroid to a lesser extent (Farges et al.
242 2004). The pre-edge ranges broadly from 7109 eV to 7116 eV, and these values are affected
243 by iron speciation. It has been found that interpolating the shape of the *K*-edge with piecewise
244 cubic spline interpolation (as used by Wilke et al. 2001; De Andrade et al. 2013) induced
245 bowl shapes under small-intensity pre-edges (i.e. mostly when iron is divalent), over-
246 estimating pre-edge areas and at times significantly altering centroid positions. Considering
247 that the first and second energy derivative of the baseline should be positive, and that the *K*-
248 edge of iron should be a pseudo-Voigt function combining a Lorentzian-shaped edge with a
249 Gaussian tail containing the pre-edge stands (see Wilke et al. 2001; Muñoz et al. 2013), we

250 modelled the baseline as purely Gaussian-shaped. A Gaussian function was fitted below each
251 pre-edge using values on each side of the pre-edge as constraints, and defining the pre-edge
252 limits such as 1) the pre-edge is always contained in the range 7109–7116 eV, 2) the pre-edge
253 area is minimum, 3) the baseline has lower intensity than the pre-edge, 4) the baseline has
254 positive first and second derivatives. Due to the large number of analyzes carried out here,
255 especially for maps, baseline removal has been automated within an optimization algorithm
256 where points 2 and 3 were equally weighted. Results for all spectra acquired in point mode
257 were manually verified. Some spectra were discarded, in particular spectra containing low
258 signal-to-noise ratio when iron content was too low (detector too far away) and for analyzes
259 showing interferences (mostly due to the presence of Mn and Cr).

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261 **Propagation of uncertainties**

262 Structural formulae cumulate uncertainties arising from EPMA and XANES analyzes.
263 Analytical propagation of these uncertainties is made difficult first by the normalization
264 procedure (either to a fixed number of charges or to the measured oxygen content) which has
265 the effect of correlating all measurements and their uncertainties, second by the distribution of
266 cations on crystal sites using algorithmic techniques (such as $^{IV}Al = 4 - Si$ and $^{VI}\square = 6 - \Sigma octa$
267 for chlorite and mica) further correlating uncertainties. Uncertainties have therefore been
268 propagated using Monte-Carlo simulations where a large number of structural formulae
269 (typically 300) were calculated for each EPMA+XANES measurement pair, from as many
270 randomly-drawn compositions allowed to vary around each measured value within its
271 uncertainty. For EPMA measurements, uncertainties on measured element weight percentage
272 were taken from the standard deviation obtained from the electron microprobe using the
273 manufacturer's software, which are of the order of 2-3% of the measured value for major
274 cations (>5 wt%) and for oxygen where trueness appears better from analysis of standards, to
275 ensure that uncertainties were not under-estimated. For Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total} , we used an absolute 15%
276 uncertainty, as estimated below from the XANES measurements.

277 In this configuration, after normalization to a fixed number of charges (assuming a
278 fixed anionic basis), uncertainties on structural formulae are in the range 1-3% of the obtained
279 value for major metals – smaller than point size in Fig. 5 and 6 – excluding Fe. Uncertainties
280 on structural formulae are greater with decreasing concentration (e.g. for Mn), and for Fe^{2+}
281 and Fe^{3+} in Fe-rich minerals where the effect of uncertainties on Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total} is larger. For

282 vacancies, this results in uncertainties typically of the order of 0.02 to 0.1 pfu, depending on
283 vacancy content and on Fe content.

284 For structural formulae normalized to oxygen, uncertainties are larger due to the
285 propagation of the large error on oxygen: 2-4% of the obtained value for major metals
286 excluding Fe. Again uncertainties on Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} are often larger than for other metals and
287 increase with Fe content. Uncertainties on estimated vacancies are much larger than
288 previously, typically in the range 0.2-0.3 pfu. For the estimated number of charges (used to
289 deduce proton content), uncertainties are even larger around 0.5 pfu. Analyzes using this
290 method of normalization have only been carried out on homogeneous minerals, uncertainties
291 have been propagated on median values of several measurements and are reported in
292 corresponding figures and tables.

293 Comparing both methods of normalization, it is emphasized that neither one increases
294 accuracy over *measured* relative proportions of metals (e.g. the Si/Al ratio and its uncertainty
295 are similar with both methods). However, values *estimated after normalization* such as
296 vacancy content are dramatically affected. We conclude below that normalizing to measured
297 oxygen results in much more robust trueness for the estimation of vacancies than using a fixed
298 anionic basis, in addition to allowing for verifying deprotonation via charge balance.

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300 **RESULTS**

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302 **Estimation of iron speciation from XANES spectra**

303 The energy location of the centroid of each pre-edge and its area for each mineral
304 measured in point mode are provided in Tables 2 to 4.

305 As shown in Figure 3, these values plotted in the diagram suggested by Wilke et al.
306 (2001) illustrate variations in terms of iron oxidation state and coordination number between
307 ferrous (low energy) and ferric (high energy) minerals and between tetrahedral (large area)
308 and octahedral (low area) coordination of iron. Noting that our data show a spread
309 substantially larger than the end-members defined by Wilke et al. (2001), and this consistently
310 for measurements from both ID-24 (ESRF) and 13-IDE (APS) beamlines, we re-estimated
311 centroid positions for $^{\text{VI}}\text{Fe}^{2+}$ and $^{\text{VI}}\text{Fe}^{3+}$ end-members using hematite for the ferric end-
312 member at an energy of 7114.2 (+/-0.1) eV and the average value between olivine (from our
313 sample MA15-26B) and chromite (from our sample MA15-31) for the ferrous end-member at

314 an energy of 7111.9 (+/-0.2) eV (Fig. 3a). This is equivalent to using crystals with well-
315 constrained iron speciation as internal standards, to account for differences observed with the
316 study of Wilke et al. (2001). These discrepancies may originate from i) differences in baseline
317 removal or in standardization of spectra, ii) effects of fluorescence (our study) versus
318 transmission (Wilke et al. 2001), iii) evolution of detectors; regardless of the cause, re-
319 estimating end-member values ensures internal consistency to our study. Iron speciation
320 calculations for all minerals were subsequently made on the assumption that pre-edge centroid
321 positions are proportional to the relative amount of ferrous and ferric end-members in the
322 crystal (as described and discussed by Bajt et al. 1994 and Wilke et al. 2001). It has been
323 verified from our measurements that an increase in absorption components of the pre-edge
324 that are characteristic of Fe³⁺ leads to a drift of the centroid energy that can be safely assumed
325 as linear, with regard to the precision on the estimation of the centroid.

326 End-members for octahedral Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺ differ by ~2.3 eV, compared to ~1.4 eV for
327 previous studies (Wilke et al. 2001; Galois et al. 2001), as illustrated in Figure 3. Previous
328 studies suggest 10 % uncertainty on Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} with this technique for minerals (Wilke et al.
329 2005) and 2.4 % for glasses (Fiege et al. 2017), corresponding to uncertainties ranging within
330 0.1 to 0.3 eV. Analyzes carried out on different types of minerals show high reproducibility
331 but considerable scatter, suggesting uncertainties of the order of 0.2 eV on the ferrous end-
332 member. It follows that an absolute uncertainty of 15 % on each Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} estimate seems
333 reasonable for our dataset.

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335 **Speciation and coordination of iron, ranges**

336 Chlorite crystals from this study cover almost the entire range of Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} ratio, from
337 0% to 95% (Table 2, Fig. 2). The garnet and chloritoid crystals analyzed in point mode are
338 homogeneous and bear almost exclusively ferrous iron. In all serpentine crystals iron is
339 essentially ferric. No crystal in our collection contains purely tetrahedral iron. Staurolite
340 shows large pre-edge area values, consistent with the presence of both tetrahedral and
341 octahedral iron in its structure (e.g., Smith 1968; Dyar et al. 1991a; Hawthorne et al. 1993).
342 The Mn-Al-arsenatosilicate ardennite also contains a significant proportion of tetrahedral Fe³⁺
343 (~25% of the ~0.5 wt% Fe₂O_{3(total)} reported by Altherr et al. 2017), which is a new feature.
344 Tetrahedral iron was found making as much as ~25 % of total iron in cookeite (Li-rich
345 chlorite with <1 wt% Fe₂O_{3(total)}, ideally LiAl₄Si₃AlO₁₀(OH)₈), but was below detection limit
346 for all other chlorite crystals.

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348 **Areal variations: Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} mapping in chlorite-bearing assemblages**

349 One of the goals of this study was to test the feasibility of XANES mapping of sheet-
350 silicates and its suitability to petrological purposes. Out of seven maps acquired, Figure 4
351 shows results obtained on a rodingite sample bearing andraditic hydrogarnet, pyrite and two
352 generations of chlorite (10–14 wt% FeO_{total} in the early one, 4–8 wt% FeO_{total} in the late,
353 matrix-forming one). XANES measurements appear clustered (Fig. 4b-c-d) and faithfully
354 render the two chlorite generations (cf. EPMA data in Fig. 4a), regardless of the (variable)
355 crystals orientation. The early, Fe-rich generation is less oxidized (Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} in the range
356 0.2–0.4) than the late one (Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} in the range 0.35–0.7; Fig. 4c-d). Yet, in spite of the
357 significant increase in Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} ratio between the two generations, their Fe³⁺ content
358 remains similar, in the range 0.25–0.35 pfu, as seen in structural formulae given in Table 5 for
359 the areas labeled 1 to 4 on Figure 4. In this case, Fe²⁺–Mg exchange explains most of the
360 chemical variability, XMg = Mg/(Mg+Fe²⁺) passing from 0.81 to 0.97.

361 Garnet in this sample is Fe³⁺-rich and its boundary is hardly identified in the
362 Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} map (Fig. 4c), suggesting possible contamination of nearby chlorite analyzes by
363 fluorescence. However, this effect can be ruled out as both the Fe_{total} map measured by
364 XANES (Fig. 4b) and the Fe_{total} versus Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} plot (Fig. 4d) show distinct clusters for
365 garnet and chlorite. The Fe_{total} map measured by XANES compares very favorably with the
366 EPMA Fe map (Fig. 4a vs. 4b), with similarly sharper boundaries for garnet–chlorite grain
367 boundaries than between chlorite generations. Analyzes showing contamination appear
368 restricted to the few pixels straddling grain boundaries. This reliability opens good prospects
369 for further petrological applications.

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371 **Fe³⁺ incorporation in phyllosilicates**

372 The compositional variations of chlorites, serpentines (lizardite, chrysotile) and white
373 micas (phengite, muscovite) are illustrated in an R²⁺–R³⁺–R⁴⁺ plot (Fig. 5a). Most chlorite
374 analyzes fall in the classical field between the clinochlore and amesite end-members (see
375 Table 1) with some dioctahedral component toward the sudoite end-member. A few analyzes
376 show chlorite compositions more siliceous than clinochlore, i.e. tending towards the
377 hypothetical Al-free end-member (Holland et al. 1998; Inoue et al. 2009; Bourdelle et al.
378 2013a), which has a serpentine composition but a chlorite structure (14 Å). A more
379 remarkable feature of Figure 5a is that a number of chlorite analyzes plot outside but on the

380 opposite side of the classical clinochlore–amesite range, i.e. on the R^{3+} -rich side. These
381 analyzes are mostly those of crystals containing more than 0.1 Fe^{3+} pfu (Fig. 5b-c). In two
382 samples (4ABSC1 and CD76), chlorite incorporates as much as 1.0 to 2.8 Fe^{3+} pfu (Table 2
383 and Fig. 5b-c).

384 The analyzed micas contain from 0.06 to 0.28 Fe^{3+} pfu and have Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total} values
385 between 0.62 and 0.92. Serpentine analyzes show Fe^{3+} contents ranging from 0.07 to 0.14 pfu
386 and Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total} ratios between 0.75 and 0.87.

387 In this dataset, chlorite therefore shows by far the highest Fe^{3+} contents and the largest
388 variations in Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total} ratio, which begs the question of the involved substitutions.

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390 **Substitutions and possible ferric end-members for chlorite**

391 Chlorite compositions are shown in Figures 5 and 6 together with literature values.

392 **Low-Fe chlorite: Al- Fe^{3+} exchange.** A first group of chlorite analyzes is best
393 identified through high Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total} , low iron content (high XMg, low Fe_{total}) and low vacancy
394 number (Figs. 5b-c and 6a-b). Such compositions highlight the need for at least one tri-
395 trioctahedral, magnesian, Al-exchanged ferric end-member (Fig. 6a) such as ‘ferri-
396 clinochlore’ and/or ‘Mg-ferri-amesite’ (the latter being more likely according to Fig. 6b).
397 These end-members remain fictive as none of them is dominant in these samples but they are
398 needed to encompass the compositional field of ferric chlorites (Fig. 5b).

399 **High-Fe chlorite: vacancy creation or ‘oxychlorite’?** A second group of
400 compositions stands out by their high Fe^{3+} contents, hence high Fe_{total} . A striking feature of
401 Fe^{3+} incorporation is the increasing octahedral vacancy with increasing Fe^{3+} content (as shown
402 in Fig. 5b). This trend has already been identified by Trincal & Lanari (2016; also Billault et
403 al. 2002, in Fe-rich sudoite) and explained by coupled substitution of three divalent cations by
404 two Fe^{3+} cations, similarly to the di-trioctahedral substitution: ${}^{VI}\square + 2 {}^{VI}Fe^{3+} = 3 {}^{VI}(Mg, Fe^{2+})$.
405 This exchange reaction must be completed by some Al = Fe^{3+} substitution, first to account for
406 analyzes with $Fe^{3+} > 2$ pfu (Fig. 5b, 6b), then to explain deviation from a straight line in
407 Figure 5b, and finally to explain Fe^{3+} incorporation in trioctahedral crystals (i.e. without
408 vacancy, Fig. 6a) forming the first group addressed above. Both substitutions may act
409 concomitantly (Fig. 5c), along the vacancy-creating substitution ${}^{VI}\square + 2 {}^{VI}R^{3+} = 3 {}^{VI}(Mg, Fe^{2+})$
410 where R^{3+} may be Al or Fe^{3+} . In other words, incorporation of trivalent cations above 2 apfu
411 appears controlled by the di-trioctahedral substitution (Fig. 5c) with Al and Fe^{3+} exchanging
412 for one another (Fig. 6a).

413 Vacancy creation during Fe^{3+} incorporation through the above equation may be
414 modeled with several di-trioctahedral end-members, either trisilicic (i.e. $\text{Si}^{\text{IV}}/\text{Al} = 3$, of the
415 sudoite type) or disilicic (i.e. $\text{Si}^{\text{IV}}/\text{Al} = 1$, of the ‘vacant-amesite’ type). Both types allow for
416 several end-members with various Fe^{3+} content, such as “ferrisudoite”-type end-members
417 with formulae $\square(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe}^{2+})_2\text{Al}_{3-x}\text{Fe}^{3+}_x(\text{Si}_3\text{Al})\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_8$ where x may vary between 1 and 3
418 (Table 1). As seen in Figure 6a, analyzes tend towards a Mg-rich end-member (of sudoite or
419 amesite type) with some Fe entirely in trivalent state, rather than a Fe_{total} -rich end-member
420 with mixed valence (in which Fe would be found in both ferrous and ferric state). Figure 6c
421 shows that Fe^{3+} -rich analyzes fall in the range 1.4-1.6 IV Al pfu, requiring both disilicic and
422 trisilicic end-members for their formulation.

423 However, the plausibility of such ferric end-members with dioctahedral character rests
424 heavily on proper estimation of the amount of vacancy, which is fraught with three main
425 sources of error: 1) incorrect definition of the chemical system and neglect of minor elements,
426 2) cumulating analytical uncertainties, 3) high sensitivity to the formula normalization basis.
427 The first source of error (overlooked elements) may be ignored when careful EDS
428 measurements lead to estimated vacancy content above 0.5 pfu, unless lithium is present. The
429 second source of error (cumulating analytical uncertainties) cannot explain either such large
430 vacancy contents if EPMA measurements were carefully carried out. The third source of error
431 is the important one, as shown below, due to possible deprotonation in hydrous silicates, as
432 advocated by Dyar et al. (1993). For chlorite, the standard assumption of a fixed $\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_8$
433 anionic basis in the structural formula may lead to a severe bias in vacancy estimation through
434 normalization to 28 negative charges Q_{norm} (18 O^{2-} and 8 H^+ make $Q_{\text{norm}} = 18 * (-2) + 8 = -$
435 28, corresponding to 14 oxygen anhydrous basis). Indeed, in the case one proton is lost by
436 clinocllore $\text{Mg}_5\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_8$ along an exchange vector like $\text{Mg}^{2+} + \text{H}^+ = \text{Al}^{3+}$ (Dyar et al.
437 1993), the structural formula becomes $\text{Mg}_4\text{Al}_3\text{Si}_3$ with anionic composition $\text{O}_{11}(\text{OH})_7$ and 29
438 negative charges (18 O^{2-} and 7 H^+ make $Q_{\text{norm}} = 18 * (-2) + 7 = -29$); if proton loss is ignored,
439 the EPMA analysis of this $\text{Mg}_4\text{Al}_3\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{11}(\text{OH})_7$ tri-trioctahedral deprotonated chlorite will be
440 expressed as $\square_{0.35}\text{Mg}_{3.85}\text{Al}_{2.90}\text{Si}_{2.90}\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_8$. In other words, the loss of one proton will lead to
441 artificial estimation of 0.35 vacancy – and the trend identified between vacancy and Fe^{3+}
442 content (in Fig. 5b and earlier studies) may simply be an artefact resulting from normalization
443 to a fixed number of charges.

444 Therefore, the key datum to identify the effective substitution(s) responsible for Fe^{3+}
445 incorporation is the actual number of OH groups pfu – which is at hand if one combines

446 XANES data and EPMA *including oxygen*. Since the total number of oxygen atoms pfu
447 remains unaffected, the actual oxygen content (measured by EPMA) can be used to calculate
448 the formula on the basis of 18 oxygen atoms and, with the $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{total}}$ ratio from XANES data
449 as input, *the number of H^+ pfu is then obtained by charge balance*. This calculation
450 admittedly cumulates analytical uncertainties and is sensitive to small deviations in the
451 measured oxygen content (due to, e.g., surface roughness, matrix effects or contamination by
452 minerals with lower OH content). In order to test the validity of this new approach, oxygen
453 was measured by EPMA (see Materials and methods) on five chlorite-bearing samples
454 covering the compositional range and trends identified in Figures 5 and 6 ($0 \leq \text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{total}} \leq$
455 0.9 ; $0 \leq \text{Fe}^{3+} \leq 2.2$ pfu; $0 < \text{Fe}^{2+} \leq 3.2$ pfu; $0.2 \leq \square \leq 1.1$ pfu) and including sudoite, known to be
456 di-trioctahedral. The results are reported in Figure 7 and, except for the zoned, very
457 heterogeneous sample 4ABSC1, median values given in Table 6.

458 The spread in H^+ and vacancy values for each homogeneous sample or subsample in
459 Figure 7b-c is a direct reflection of the dependency of the estimation on oxygen analysis,
460 which is less precise than for metals (Fig. 7a). Mean vacancy numbers are in the range 0.2 to
461 0.4 pfu, except for the sudoite sample (K1130B), gratifyingly close to 1 pfu, thereby lending
462 credence to the oxygen analysis procedure. Mean values of H^+ are in the plausible range 6.0–
463 8.7 pfu for homogeneous samples or subsamples (Table 6), hinting at possible over-estimation
464 of H^+ by about 0.5 proton, especially for the RAT04-3v1 sample, although half a proton pfu is
465 the general uncertainty over estimated H^+ content. For this sample, under-estimation of
466 $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{total}}$ (by ~25% when neglecting all other sources of uncertainties) would be necessary
467 to explain solely this excessive proton estimate. Yet, the whole procedure is sufficiently
468 precise to establish the following solid results in our dataset:

- 469 - the iron-rich chlorites are close to trioctahedral ($\square < 0.4$ pfu), regardless of iron
470 oxidation state (cf. CD76 and RAT04-3v1; Fig. 7c, Table 6);
471 - deprotonation is an effective process, definitely linked to increasing Fe^{3+} content
472 (Fig. 7b). It reaches and might exceed a loss of 2 H^+ pfu.

473 These results have important consequences for incorporation mechanisms of Fe^{3+} . The
474 relation found between number of protons and Fe^{3+} content shows that $\text{R}^{2+} + \text{H}^+ = \text{Fe}^{3+}$ is an
475 effective net exchange in chlorite, as suggested by Dyar et al. (1993) and observed in other
476 hydrous silicates. Most importantly, the trend defined by the $3 \text{R}^{2+} = \square + 2 \text{Fe}^{3+}$ exchange
477 vector (i.e. the vacancy-creating trend) in Figures 5b-c and 6a essentially disappears from our
478 dataset after normalization to oxygen (cf. bold and non-bold symbols in Fig. 7c). This casts

479 doubt on conclusions made in the literature from data showing an identical trend of increasing
480 vacancy with Fe^{3+} content, because vacancy may just be the result of normalization to a fixed
481 number of charges, the most common practice with EPMA data.

482 In any case, our results do not support the existence of di-trioctahedral ferric end-
483 members as recently proposed for common chlorites (Vidal et al. 2016; Trincal and Lanari
484 2016) – even if at least one is needed to account for Fe^{3+} -rich sudoite (Billault et al. 2002).
485 Rather, the high contents of Fe^{3+} found in our samples are mostly linked to proton loss, with a
486 potential contribution of Al^{3+} - Fe^{3+} exchange. There is no indication of other substitution
487 linked to proton loss such as $\text{R}^{2+} + \text{H}^+ = \text{Al}^{3+}$.

488 DISCUSSION

489 Incorporation of Fe^{3+}

490 **Cation distribution in Fe^{3+} -rich chlorite.** Ferric iron exchanging with Al, either as
491 homovalent substitution or through di-trioctahedral (${}^{\text{VI}}\square + 2 {}^{\text{VI}}\text{R}^{3+} = 3 {}^{\text{VI}}(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe}^{2+})$) or
492 Tschermak-like ($\text{Si}^{4+} + {}^{\text{VI}}\text{R}^{2+} = {}^{\text{IV}}\text{Al}^{3+} + {}^{\text{VI}}\text{R}^{3+}$) substitutions, leads to the possible existence of
493 many ferric end-members. In the absence of structure refinements for these ferric end-
494 members, empirically derived methods of estimation of the enthalpy of formation can be used
495 to test for possible cation distributions after exchange reactions described above, which
496 involve several crystal sites. The polyhedral oxide summation methods of Chermak &
497 Rimstidt (1989) and van Hinsberg et al. (2005) were used and extended to protonated Fe^{3+} -
498 centered octahedra (Fig. 8) to estimate the formation enthalpy of such compounds. A
499 fundamental observation in Figure 8 is that for all components, the formation enthalpy
500 steadily decreases from anhydrous octahedral sites (not found in chlorite) to mica-like OH-
501 bearing octahedra (M1 and M2 sites of chlorite) to octahedra where all oxygen atoms are
502 protonated (M3 and M4 sites of chlorite), which have the most negative enthalpy of
503 formation. This implies that vacancy-rich compounds with chlorite structure are
504 thermodynamically favored when the M3 and M4 sites (hydroxide interlayer) are fully
505 occupied and vacancies are located in the M1 or M2 sites (TOT layer). Depending on
506 composition, the gain in energy is between 5 and 20 times the uncertainties given by the two
507 methods, which therefore is regarded as robust proof. The same method applied for the
508 enthalpy of formation of sudoite, $\square\text{Mg}_2\text{Al}_3(\text{Si}_3\text{Al})\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_8$, yields -8647 ± 80 kJ/mol or -
509 8526 ± 73 kJ/mol with van Hinsberg et al. (2005) values, depending on whether the vacancy
510 is located in the TOT octahedral sheet or in the interlayer hydroxide sheet, respectively. These
511 bulk values are not significantly different but their difference (121 ± 7 kJ/mol) is obtained

512 with a much smaller uncertainty and confirms the preferred occurrence of vacancies in the
513 octahedral sheet of the TOT layer. This analysis is consistent with the abundance of natural
514 examples of di-trioctahedral chlorite (with vacancies in the 2:1 layer such as cookeite and
515 sudoite) and the scarcity of tri-dioctahedral phyllosilicates (amongst which the zincosilicate
516 franklinfurnaceite is a rare example, Peacor et al. 1988).

517 In the octahedral sheet of the 2:1 layer, with a multiplicity of 1 pfu and by analogy
518 with the structure of dioctahedral micas (e.g. muscovite), the M1 site is a more likely target
519 for vacancies than M2, as already proposed by Vidal et al. (2001) for their sudoite end-
520 member. The same analysis indicates that for compositions containing proportions of the
521 “pyrophyllite-gibbsite” end-member (proposed by Inoue et al. 2009, and by Trincal & Lanari
522 2016), with two vacancies, these should be assigned first to M1, then to M4.

523 **A ferric end-member with octahedral vacancy?** Further evidence based on charge
524 distribution may be used to constrain the structure of tentative Fe^{3+} -rich end-members with
525 some di-octahedral character. First, one may simply argue that the exchange due to vacancy
526 creation by substitution of three divalent cations by two trivalent cations is energetically less
527 costly if the trivalent cations compensating the charge deficit are located close to the vacancy
528 (therefore the two trivalent cations should be in the M2 site which has a multiplicity of 2).
529 This is shown in Table 7, which compares a “diferri-sudoite”-type end-member to
530 clinochlore, which has similar $\text{Si}/^{\text{IV}}\text{Al}$ ratio and a well-established structure (e.g., Rule and
531 Bailey 1987; Smyth et al. 1997; Zanazzi et al. 2006). A large charge mismatch (up to $2/3 e$) is
532 observed between TOT layer and hydroxide interlayer if trivalent cations incorporated during
533 vacancy creation are not located in the TOT layer, whereas there is no charge mismatch if
534 they are in the TOT layer.

535 Remaining unknowns include Al versus Fe^{3+} occupancy in the M4 and M2 sites,
536 which is debated (Zheng and Bailey 1989; Smyth et al. 1997; Aja et al. 2015; Inoue and
537 Kogure 2016). The similarly small ionic radii of Al and Fe^{3+} (Shannon 1976) make them both
538 candidates for preferential incorporation into the M4 site, as suggested by Vidal et al. (2006,
539 2016).

540 **An ‘oxychlorite’ component.** The $\text{R}^{2+} + \text{H}^+ = \text{Fe}^{3+}$ exchange observed in the Fe^{3+} -rich
541 chlorite samples requires at least one tri-trioctahedral end-member of ‘oxychlorite’ type, i.e.
542 hydrogen deficient. The term oxychlorite (or oxidized chlorite) is unfrequently mentioned in
543 the literature, mostly as a petrographic term for a brownish chlorite with higher birefringence
544 than usual, reminiscent of stilpnomelane or Fe-rich vermiculite (e.g., Chatterjee 1966; Rona

1984; Plunder et al. 2015). ‘Oxychlorite’ remains poorly described, does not currently form a group within phyllosilicates or a subgroup within the chlorite group, and its existence has been questioned (in the review of Foster 1962). Yet, the hydrogen-deficient and 14-Å character of such chlorite was established by Chatterjee (1966), but it remains unclear whether the oxidized character is a secondary, alteration feature or a pristine one. The chlorites with the largest Fe³⁺ contents of our study appear as optically clear, green, unaltered flakes in the hydrothermal vein sample CD76 (Supplemental Fig. S2) and, in metapelite sample 4ABSC1, as olive-green flakes with some brown edges (Supplemental Fig. S3), possibly linked to higher Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} (but evidence is still lacking as Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} mapping failed due to beam loss). The ‘oxy-’ concept used here for hydrogen-deficient chlorite is the same as that of micas (e.g. Wones 1963; Dyar et al. 1991b, 1993; Virgo and Popp 2000) and other groups of silicates in which some ‘oxy-members’ have acquired species status (‘oxy-tourmalines’ in Henry et al. 2011; ‘oxo-amphiboles’ in Hawthorne et al. 2012). It is noteworthy that Walshe (1986) extracted a set of thermodynamic properties for a Fe³⁺-rich hydrogen-deficient chlorite end-member along the R²⁺ + H⁺ = Fe³⁺ exchange vector, with composition Fe²⁺₄Fe³⁺Al₂Si₃O₁₁(OH)₇. Walshe (1986) estimates the activity of this end-member within a solid solution model as a sole function of the Fe³⁺ amount. However this analysis relies on a restricted set of measurements, including analyzes originating from Emmons and Larsen (1923) showing contamination by mica, which required correction (see Walshe and Solomon 1981).

Whether due to alteration or not, incorporation of Fe³⁺ along the R²⁺ + H⁺ = Fe³⁺ exchange vector can be expected to take place in a protonated site, for local charge balance. In the most substituted samples measured in this study (CD76 and 4ASBSC1), about 2 Fe³⁺ are incorporated and 2 H⁺ are lost with respect to standard chlorite. In regard of the chlorite structure (Fig. 1), we suggest that this substitution occurs in the TOT layer (as for hydrogen-deficient mica) rather than in the interlayer hydroxide sheet. In the TOT layer of chlorite, each M1 site shares two hydroxyl groups with M2 sites, whether M1 is filled, *cis*- or *trans*-vacant (see e.g. Sainz-Diaz et al. 2001). Loss of protons from the TOT layer should be energetically more favorable than from the interlayer hydroxide sheet where protons are forming hydrogen bonds with oxygen atoms of the tetrahedral sheets: with proton loss from the hydroxide interlayer, greater loss of symmetry and charge repulsion between the then-unscreened oxygen atoms in tetrahedral sheet and interlayer position are expected, therefore greater crystal strain.

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579 **Cation site assignment for chlorite solid solutions**

580 These new constraints suggest the following atom site distribution for chlorite, based
581 on that of Vidal et al. (2001, 2006), and including a deprotonation mechanism:

- 582 - Al is distributed first in tetrahedral position (with $T^2Al = 4 - Si$) which allows for
583 calculation of octahedral occupancy ($VIAl = Al_{total} - T^2Al$, $M1_{\square} = 6 - \sum oct$);
- 584 - proton loss is balanced by Fe^{3+} (or other trivalent if insufficient Fe^{3+}) in M1 and M2
585 with random distribution ($H^+_{loss} = 8 - H^+$; $M1(H^+)Fe^{3+} = 1/3 * H^+_{loss}$; $M2(H^+)Fe^{3+} = 2/3 * H^+_{loss}$);
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- 587 - trivalent cations compensating the vacancy-induced charge deficiency are distributed
588 in M2 ($M2R^{3+} = 2 M1_{\square} + M2(H^+)Fe^{3+}$);
- 589 - the M2 site is completed with divalents ($M2R^{2+} = 2 - M2R^{3+}$);
- 590 - the M4 site is filled with trivalent cations and completed with divalent cations if
591 necessary ($M4R^{2+} = 1 - M4R^{3+}$, as for the Al-free chlorite end-member);
- 592 - remaining trivalent cations are distributed on M1, then M3 if necessary ($M1+M3R^{3+} = VI$
593 $R^{3+}_{total} - M4R^{3+} - M2R^{3+}$, $M1R^{2+} = 1 - M1R^{3+} - M1_{\square}$);
- 594 - Fe^{2+} and Mg are distributed following random mixing on all divalent-bearing sites;
- 595 - Fe^{3+} is preferentially incorporated in M4 over Al, remaining Fe^{3+} and Al are randomly
596 mixed in M1 and M3.

597 The last two steps follow the distribution recommendations of Vidal et al. (2001, 2006,
598 2016). The new site distribution assumes that the octahedral sum is comprised between 5 and
599 6 and has been derived in the system $Fe^{2+}-Fe^{3+}-Mg-Al-Si-O-H$, based on solid solutions
600 with exchange vectors expressed from the ‘daphnite’ end-member. The effect of other cations
601 is not accounted for, although it may be assumed that: 1) tetravalent cations such as Ti^{4+}
602 behave as in biotite where they occur in tetrahedral and octahedral position depending on
603 concentration (e.g., Namur et al. 2009); 2) trivalent cations in the radius range of Fe^{3+} and
604 Al^{3+} such as Cr^{3+} and Mn^{3+} are globally randomly mixed with the former two; 3) similarly,
605 divalent cations comparable in size to Fe^{2+} and Mg such as Mn^{2+} are generally randomly
606 mixed.

607 Improvements compared to the work of Vidal et al. (2001, 2006) consist in i)
608 differentiated M2 and M3 site distribution for better charge distribution during vacancy

609 creation, ii) allowing for large amounts of Fe³⁺ in the structure (up to 3 pfu), iii) considering
610 proton loss, and iv) explicit extension towards the Al-free chlorite end-member.

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612 IMPLICATIONS

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614 **Anionic basis, oxidation state, why bother? Implications for structural formulae and** 615 **thermobarometry**

616 The effect of varying Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} in chlorite on the structural formula and on the
617 estimated temperature of crystallization is quantified and illustrated in Figure 9 for
618 representative samples of this study. The empirical thermometer of Cathelineau (1988, based
619 on Si content pfu, Fig. 9a) and the semi-empirical one of Inoue et al. (2009, based on vacancy,
620 Mg and Si contents, Fig. 9b) are used on structural formulae with varying Fe³⁺/Fe_{total},
621 assuming O₁₀(OH)₈ basis. Values obtained for measured Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} ratios are shown as larger
622 squares. The dependency of the temperature estimates and of the structural formulae, taking
623 Si as an example, is particularly strong for chlorites with high Fe contents (4ABSC1 and
624 AMC18): these evolve from low XMg for Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} = 0 to XMg = 1 for Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} = 1. The
625 Si content decreases by up to 0.3 pfu with increasing Fe³⁺/Fe_{total}, while estimated temperatures
626 increase by 80 °C with the model of Cathelineau (1988) and decrease by more than 100 °C
627 with the model of Inoue et al. (2009). For the measured values of Fe³⁺/Fe_{total}, estimated
628 temperatures differ significantly from those obtained assuming that Fe is entirely reduced or
629 oxidized. In short, both thermometers are in general disagreement for crystallization
630 temperature and the effect of Fe³⁺ on it. For Fe-poor chlorites, the effect of Fe speciation is
631 negligible, both on structural formulae and on estimated temperatures (CCa2 and K1130B in
632 Fig. 9).

633 Assuming now that proton loss is the sole exchange for Fe oxidation, and allowing the
634 anionic basis to vary accordingly along Fe²⁺ + H⁺ = Fe³⁺, cations other than Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺
635 remain unaffected in the structural formula, as shown by a dashed line in Fig. 9a.
636 Consequently, as Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} goes from 0 to 1, XMg tends to 1 *without altering estimated*
637 *crystallization temperatures* (dashed vertical line on Fig. 9a). This result should hold for any
638 thermometer in which Fe²⁺ content is not involved in the thermometric formulation (note that
639 XMg includes Fe²⁺ content). Conversely, any chlorite thermometer using Fe²⁺, whether (semi-
640)empirical or thermodynamic, shall be affected by such Fe oxidation.

641

642 **Recommendations**

643 A conclusion of this analysis is that, with increasing Fe content, measuring the
644 oxidation state of iron *and* the H content in chlorite becomes increasingly important; chlorite
645 thermometry appears very uncertain (by more than 50°C) when XMg is lower than about 0.5
646 (with all Fe expressed as Fe²⁺). Measurement of Fe³⁺ content should be systematic when XMg
647 obtained by EPMA is below ~0.6 (with Fe expressed as Fe²⁺), and proton loss be estimated if
648 ferric iron is measured and above ca. 0.5 Fe³⁺ pfu. To this end, oxygen measurements with
649 EPMA proved reliable and should be generalized. In their absence or in case of doubt,
650 assuming that all iron is divalent and using the anionic basis O₁₀(OH)₈ has less impact on the
651 calculated structural formula – in terms of, e.g., ^{IV}Al content and vacancies – than using a
652 (measured) high Fe³⁺/Fe_{total} ratio but neglecting proton loss, which produces artificial
653 vacancies. However, many thermometers are too sensitive to octahedral vacancy to justify
654 neglect of measurement of Fe oxidation state and H content for thermobarometry in Fe-rich
655 chlorite.

656 For thermodynamic modelling of Fe³⁺ incorporation, at least two ferric end-members
657 are necessary: one with low Fe content (high XMg) where Fe³⁺ replaces Al, one of the
658 oxychlorite type as suggested by Walshe (1986) but with greater proton loss (with anionic
659 composition O₁₂(OH)₆, corresponding to loss of two protons). The need for an additional, di-
660 trioctahedral end-member with high Fe content is debatable and several end-members are
661 possible. The picture is similar for sudoites: the analysis of Billault et al. (2002) is in favor of
662 a Fe-rich ferric end-member with octahedral sum below 5, but anionic basis was not verified
663 and their analyzes align along the possibly artificial substitution creating vacancies. In
664 addition, Al = Fe³⁺ substitution remained important. At the least, a Mg-rich, ferric end-
665 member (with Fe content below 0.5 apfu) appears necessary for sudoites. Basic
666 thermodynamic modeling and charge-balance considerations provide constraints on the
667 crystal chemistry of Fe³⁺-rich chlorite, on the basis of which we recommend the
668 improvements made above to the cation site distribution model of Vidal et al. (2001, 2006).
669 Further targets for improvement relate to the competing distribution of Al and Fe³⁺, and to the
670 tetrahedral population of Fe³⁺-rich end-members, either disilicic or trisilicic – with the
671 thermodynamic properties of Fe³⁺-rich chlorite, oxychlorite and their end-members as
672 ultimate goal.

673 In other words, this is nothing else than the early recommendation by Dyar et al.
674 (1993) “that attention be focused on characterizing and understanding the highly variable H⁺

675 and Fe³⁺ contents of rock-forming silicates, with a goal of establishing accurate stoichiometric
676 bases for those minerals”. Twenty-five years later, the challenge is still there for chlorite.

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888 FIGURE 1. Structure of chlorite, after Zazzi et al. (2006). Gray (or yellow) spheres are
889 oxygen atoms; white spheres are H atoms. An M1 site (in the TOT layer) and an M3 site (in
890 the hydroxide interlayer, “brucite sheet”) are highlighted in color.

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892 FIGURE 2. Typical XANES spectral features at the Fe *K* edge for chlorite. (a) Normalized
893 spectrum. The inset shows the pre-edge and the baseline used for extraction of the pre-edge
894 (details in text). (b) Corresponding pre-edge. The vertical line indicates the energy position of
895 the centroid, which increases with increasing $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{total}}$ ratio. The area of the pre-edge is
896 sensitive to coordination of Fe, $^{\text{IV}}\text{Fe}$ leading to larger pre-edge area than $^{\text{VI}}\text{Fe}$.

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898 FIGURE 3. XANES results: Integrated area versus centroid position in energy for (a) a
899 selection of oxides and silicates (standards and minerals associated to chlorite in thin
900 sections); (b) chlorite. Circles show estimated end-member positions for tetrahedral,
901 octahedral, ferrous and ferric iron, from the study of Wilke et al. (2001, pale circles) and this
902 study (darker circles for octahedral iron).

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904 FIGURE 4. XANES and EPMA mapping of a rodingite sample (So15-27, with chlorite Chl,
905 Fe^{3+} -rich hydrogarnet Gt, and pyrite not appearing here) illustrating two generations of
906 chlorite with different XMg. **(a)** FeO map as obtained from EPMA (400 x 600 μm). The inset
907 shows the area measured with XANES. **(b and c)** XANES maps of total Fe (Fe_{TOT} , arbitrary
908 units showing height of spectra after K edge before normalization) and $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{TOT}}$. **(d)**
909 Correlation between Fe_{TOT} in the XANES map (lower x axis) indexed over EPMA
910 measurements (upper x axis) and iron oxidation state expressed in terms of centroid position
911 (y axis, left) and $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{TOT}}$ (y axis, right). Garnet analyzes are shown in red, chlorite in
912 green. Four points selected for calculation of structural formulae (Table 5) are shown in **(a)**,
913 **(c)** and **(d)**.

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915 FIGURE 5. Chlorite compositions from this study (color symbols) and from the literature
916 (open symbols) together with possible chlorite end-members as defined in Table 1 (continued
917 in Figure 6). **(a)** Composition of chlorite, serpentine and micas in a $\text{R}^{2+}-\text{R}^{3+}-\text{R}^{4+}$ diagram,
918 together with various phyllosilicate end-members. Bt = biotite; Ck = cookeite; Kln =
919 kaolinite; Mrg = margarite; Ms = muscovite; Pg = paragonite; Prl = pyrophyllite; Sp =
920 serpentine; Tlc = talc. **(b and c)** Chlorite vacancy content as a function of Fe^{3+} content **(b)**,
921 and of the sum of $^{\text{VI}}\text{Al}$ and Fe^{3+} **(c)**. The trend defined by the di-trioctahedral substitution $^{\text{VI}}\square$
922 $+ 2 ^{\text{VI}}\text{R}^{3+} = 3 ^{\text{VI}}(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe}^{2+})$ is shown in **(b)** and **(c)**. Bold symbols in **(b)** show crystals selected
923 for normalization to measured oxygen content (see Fig. 7).

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925 FIGURE 6. Composition of chlorite from this study (color symbols) and from the literature
926 (open symbols) together with possible chlorite end-members (continued from Figure 5). **(a)**
927 Octahedral sum as a function of oxidation state of iron, with trends defined by Al- Fe^{3+}
928 exchange and di-trioctahedral exchanges shown for Mg and Fe^{2+} . **(b)** Correlation between
929 Fe^{3+} and the sum of Fe^{2+} and Mg. **(c)** Fe^{3+} content versus tetrahedral Al.

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931 FIGURE 7. Composition of chlorite in five samples measured with EPMA, including oxygen,
932 which is used for normalization to 18 oxygen atoms. Iron oxidation is set with XANES
933 measurements. **(a)** Oxygen content as a function of Si as measured with EPMA. **(b)** Number
934 of protons obtained by charge balance (as explained in text). The exchange vector $\text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{H}^+ =$
935 Al^{3+} is shown together with the $\text{Fe}^{3+} = \text{Al}$ exchange. **(c)** Vacancy amount obtained after
936 normalization to oxygen, compared to that obtained by normalization to 28 charges (i.e.

937 $O_{10}(OH)_8$ anionic basis; bold symbols, as in Fig. 5b). Arrows highlight the decrease in
938 estimated vacancy content. Note that 1) the sudoite sample (K1130B) is unaffected; 2) for
939 each sample, scatter increases with normalization to oxygen, due to sensitivity to small
940 variations in oxygen measurement. Uncertainties from EPMA and XANES measurements are
941 propagated on median values for each compositional group as described in the text.

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943 FIGURE 8. Estimated contribution to the enthalpy of formation for oxide polyhedral
944 components as a function of their protonation. “octa” stands for anhydrous octahedra (e.g. Mg
945 in olivine), “OHO” for partly hydroxylated octahedra as in the TOT layer of chlorite, and
946 “OH” for fully hydroxylated octahedra as in the interlayer hydroxide sheet of chlorite. Values
947 are from Chermak & Rimstidt (1989), van Hinsberg et al. (2005), and estimated for Fe^{3+} in
948 hydroxylated sites (question marks) using the average slope for Al^{3+} from van Hinsberg et al.
949 (2005).

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951 FIGURE 9. Effect of varying Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total} on structural formulae and estimated crystallization
952 temperatures for a selection of Fe-poor (CCa2 and K1130B) and Fe-rich chlorite analyzes
953 (Fe_{TOT} = total Fe). Solid lines are calculated for the $O_{10}(OH)_8$ anionic basis from $Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total} =$
954 0 (low XMg, higher Si content) to $Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total} = 1$ (XMg = 1, lower Si content). The measured
955 Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total} ratio is shown with a square for each chlorite crystal, and highlighted with a black
956 arrow. Note that two analyzes are plotted for each of the zoned samples 4ABSC1 and
957 AMC18. (a) Evolution of XMg and Si content with the temperature estimated using the model
958 of Cathelineau (1988). The vertical dashed line shows the effect of proton loss if the anionic
959 basis is allowed to vary, only for sample AMC18 for readability. The Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total} ratio is
960 labeled every 10% for one of the curves; on every other line Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total} increases by 10%
961 between black ticks. (b) Evolution of temperature calculated with the model of Inoue et al.
962 (2009) versus Si content, assuming $O_{10}(OH)_8$ anionic basis. Proton loss alters neither Si
963 content nor temperatures estimated with this model. Chlorite from K1130B (sudoite) is not
964 shown in (b) because its vacancy content is out of the applicability range of the Inoue et al.
965 (2009) model. A similar issue appears with some T estimates for 4ABSC1, where low
966 Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total} values cause zero amesite activity and infinite constant of reaction.

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TABLE 1. Cation site distribution for chlorite end-members, after Vidal et al. (2001), Bourdelle and Ca (2015) and additional studies referenced in the table.

	(T1) ₂	(T2) ₂	M1	(M2) ₂	(M3) ₂
Daphnite/Clinochlore	(Si) ₂	Si Al	Fe ²⁺ , Mg	(Fe ²⁺ , Mg) ₂	(Fe ²⁺ , Mg) ₂
(Fe, Mg)-Amesite	(Si) ₂	(Al) ₂	Al	(Fe ²⁺ , Mg) ₂	(Fe ²⁺ , Mg) ₂
(Fe, Mg)-Sudoite	(Si) ₂	Si Al		(Al) ₂	(Fe ²⁺ , Mg) ₂
Al-free chlorite	(Si) ₂	(Si) ₂	Fe ²⁺ , Mg	(Fe ²⁺ , Mg) ₂	(Fe ²⁺ , Mg) ₂
'Pyrophyllite-Gibbsite'	(Si) ₂	(Si) ₂		(Al) ₂	(Al) ₂
Ferri-sudoite (Vidal et al. 2016)	(Si) ₂	Si Al		(Al) ₂	(Fe ²⁺ , Mg) ₂
Diferri-sudoite (Trincal and Lanari 2016)	(Si) ₂	Si Al		(Fe ³⁺) ₂	(Fe ²⁺ , Mg) ₂
Triferri-sudoite (This study)	(Si) ₂	Si Al		(Fe ³⁺) ₂	(Fe ²⁺ , Mg) ₂
Vacant triferri-amesite (This study)	(Si) ₂	(Al) ₂		(Fe ³⁺) ₂	Fe ³⁺ (Fe ²⁺ , Mg)

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TABLE 2. Chlorite samples: origin, composition (from EPMA data) and relevant XANES data.

Table with columns: Sample, Locality, Rock type, Analytic number, Analytic type, Oxide wt%, Centroid (eV), FWHM, and Structural formulae assuming O6(OH)2. The table lists 190 samples from various locations including CC22, RAT04-RV1, R40545, DM545, HM09105, HM09118, LN304, N4002, 4A83C1, OF4072, A2N2, S01C1, AM18C, CD76, Z54, 44B, MA1531, MA15-26B, MA14-2B, and Ar143108. Each row contains detailed chemical and analytical data.

bl = below detection limit
- Not measured
*Measured as Fe+FeO
**Na = Na2O + CaO + K2O
***M = Mg/(Mg+Fe)
j) homogeneous composition over the area, averages are given for 1 spot EPMA analysis
z1 = XANES matching EPMA analysis at micron-scale; z2 = XANES data from mapping
b = XANES matching EPMA analysis at cluster scale and compositions are homogeneous on the cluster; b1 = XANES data from spot analysis; b2 = XANES data from mapping
c = areas measured with XANES and EPMA are not matched at micron-scale but compositions are homogeneous on the area; c1 = XANES data from mapping; c2 = averages from spot and maps

TABLE 3. White mica: composition (from EPMA data) and relevant XANES data.

Sample	Mineral	Analysis number	Analysis type	Oxide wt%						
				SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Cr ₂ O ₃	FeO ^a	MnO	MgO
HM0916b	phengite	168		48.53	-	29.25	-	4.32	0.13	1.47
		169		51.41	-	25.71	-	4.43	0.12	3.00
HM0918	phengite	170		48.11	-	30.02	-	1.73	0.12	1.81
		171		48.20	-	32.39	-	1.62	0.17	1.30
		172		51.85	-	23.68	-	4.43	0.17	3.37
		173		52.18	-	24.22	-	4.33	0.12	3.51
LN1304	phengite	174		52.18	-	24.22	-	6.27	0.07	4.05
N1012	phengite	175		44.54	0.00	33.27	0.00	1.60	0.00	0.76
		176		44.84	0.00	33.62	0.00	1.53	0.00	0.73
SE14-44B	phengite	177	avg(3)	49.21	0.17	26.84	0.04	5.65	0.00	2.49
		178		49.90	0.19	25.51	0.06	6.68	0.03	2.74
		179		49.47	0.11	27.64	0.02	4.95	bdl	2.54
		180		48.25	0.21	27.35	0.03	5.33	bdl	2.20
		181	avg(3)	50.25	0.10	25.72	0.01	5.22	0.04	2.91
		182		50.24	0.06	25.95	bdl	4.92	0.04	2.86
		183		51.60	0.18	23.55	0.03	5.35	0.07	3.47
		184		48.93	0.07	27.65	0.04	5.38	0.00	2.40
		185	avg(2)	48.90	0.17	27.28	0.02	5.68	0.04	2.36
		186		48.62	0.23	27.09	0.03	6.03	0.06	2.39
SOL1C	muscovite	187		49.19	0.10	27.47	0.00	5.32	0.03	2.33
		188	avg(3)	47.37	0.11	35.72	0.00	1.79	0.01	1.19
		189		47.17	0.11	36.07	bdl	1.80	bdl	1.13
		190		47.74	0.09	35.95	bdl	1.53	0.08	1.23
		191		47.21	0.12	35.13	bdl	2.04	bdl	1.20

bdl = below detection limit

- Not measured

^aMeasured as Fe_{total} = FeO^bX_{Mg} = Mg/(Mg+Fe²⁺)

CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	Total ^a		Centroid (eV)	Fe ³⁺ /Fe _{total}	Oxide wt%					
							FeO	Fe ₂ O ₃	Total	Si	Ti	Al
0.02	0.41	10.34	94.46	a1	7113.50	0.70	1.29	3.36	94.80	3.28	0.00	2.33
0.00	0.18	10.93	95.79			0.70	1.33	3.45	96.13	3.43	0.00	2.02
0.01	0.66	9.95	92.40	a1	7113.31	0.62	0.66	1.20	92.52	3.29	0.00	2.42
0.00	0.68	10.06	94.42			0.62	0.62	1.12	94.54	3.22	0.00	2.55
0.07	0.08	10.70	94.33	a1	7113.58	0.74	1.16	3.63	94.70	3.50	0.00	1.89
0.04	0.07	10.89	95.35			0.74	1.13	3.55	95.70	3.49	0.00	1.91
0.00	0.08	10.98	97.84	a1	7113.64	0.76	1.49	5.31	98.37	3.42	0.00	1.87
0.04	1.04	9.22	90.47	a1	7113.33	0.63	0.59	1.12	90.58	3.11	0.00	2.73
0.05	1.15	9.07	90.98			0.63	0.57	1.07	91.09	3.11	0.00	2.74
0.01	0.32	9.50	94.21	a1	7113.67	0.77	1.27	4.86	94.70	3.32	0.01	2.14
0.02	0.18	9.32	94.63			0.77	1.50	5.75	95.21	3.36	0.01	2.03
0.01	0.35	9.54	94.58			0.77	1.11	4.26	95.01	3.32	0.01	2.19
bdl	0.43	9.65	93.42			0.77	1.20	4.59	93.88	3.29	0.01	2.20
0.01	0.21	9.82	94.27			0.92	0.41	5.34	94.81	3.38	0.01	2.04
0.00	0.18	10.07	94.28	a1	7114.01	0.92	0.38	5.04	94.79	3.38	0.00	2.06
0.00	0.06	10.10	94.39			0.92	0.42	5.48	94.94	3.47	0.01	1.87
0.02	0.38	9.29	94.15			0.92	0.42	5.51	94.70	3.29	0.00	2.19
0.00	0.37	9.85	94.68	a1	7113.93	0.89	0.65	5.59	95.24	3.29	0.01	2.17
0.00	0.34	9.90	94.69			0.89	0.69	5.94	95.29	3.28	0.01	2.15
0.00	0.40	9.81	94.67			0.89	0.61	5.24	95.19	3.31	0.01	2.18
0.03	0.66	8.30	95.15	a2	7113.61	0.75	0.45	1.49	95.30	3.11	0.01	2.76
0.01	0.71	8.36	95.29			0.75	0.45	1.50	95.46	3.09	0.01	2.78
0.05	0.69	8.32	95.68			0.75	0.39	1.28	95.72	3.11	0.00	2.76
0.04	0.59	8.22	94.50			0.75	0.51	1.70	94.69	3.12	0.01	2.73

Structural formulae assuming O₁₀(OH)₂

Cr	Fe ²⁺	Fe ³⁺	Mn	Mg	Ca	Na	K	XMg ^b
0.00	0.07	0.17	0.01	0.15	0.00	0.05	0.89	0.67
0.00	0.07	0.17	0.01	0.30	0.00	0.02	0.93	0.80
0.00	0.04	0.06	0.01	0.18	0.00	0.09	0.87	0.83
0.00	0.03	0.06	0.01	0.13	0.00	0.09	0.86	0.79
0.00	0.07	0.18	0.01	0.34	0.01	0.01	0.92	0.84
0.00	0.06	0.18	0.01	0.35	0.00	0.01	0.93	0.85
0.00	0.08	0.26	0.00	0.40	0.00	0.01	0.92	0.83
0.00	0.03	0.06	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.14	0.82	0.70
0.00	0.03	0.06	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.15	0.80	0.70
0.00	0.07	0.25	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.04	0.82	0.78
0.00	0.08	0.29	0.00	0.28	0.00	0.02	0.80	0.76
0.00	0.06	0.22	0.00	0.25	0.00	0.05	0.82	0.80
0.00	0.07	0.24	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.06	0.84	0.77
0.00	0.02	0.27	0.00	0.29	0.00	0.03	0.84	0.93
0.00	0.02	0.26	0.00	0.29	0.00	0.02	0.87	0.93
0.00	0.02	0.28	0.00	0.35	0.00	0.01	0.87	0.94
0.00	0.02	0.28	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.05	0.80	0.91
0.00	0.04	0.28	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.05	0.85	0.87
0.00	0.04	0.30	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.04	0.85	0.86
0.00	0.03	0.26	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.05	0.84	0.87
0.00	0.02	0.07	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.08	0.69	0.82
0.00	0.02	0.07	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.09	0.70	0.82
0.00	0.02	0.06	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.09	0.69	0.85
0.00	0.03	0.08	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.08	0.69	0.81

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R4+

TABLE 4. Serpentine: composition (from EPMA data) and relevant XANES data.

Sample	Mineral	Analysis number	Analysis type	Oxide wt%					
				SiO ₂	TiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Cr ₂ O ₃	FeO ^a	MnO
MA15-26B	serpentine	192		40.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.47	0.04
		193	avg(2)	39.63	0.00	0.02	0.00	4.73	0.10
		194		39.55	0.00	0.00	0.01	4.55	0.10
		195		39.71	0.00	0.04	0.00	4.90	0.10
MA15-04	lizardite	196		44.55	0.02	0.26	0.00	2.30	0.02
		197		44.34	0.00	0.31	0.03	2.05	0.05
		198		44.87	0.00	0.60	0.04	2.25	0.00
MA15-04	chrysotile	199	avg(8)	41.49	0.01	1.58	0.05	3.23	0.09
		200		42.27	0.01	1.30	0.06	3.48	0.05
		201		39.86	0.05	2.07	0.07	2.92	0.11
		202		42.01	0.00	2.00	0.05	2.90	0.09
		203		42.20	0.03	1.43	0.03	3.63	0.09
		204		40.88	0.01	1.68	0.06	3.09	0.09
		205		41.14	0.01	1.53	0.03	3.21	0.10
		206		41.30	0.00	1.52	0.05	3.40	0.07
		207		42.28	0.00	1.16	0.06	3.21	0.13

^aMeasured as Fe_{total} = FeO^bAlk = Na₂O + CaO + K₂O^cX_{Mg} = Mg/(Mg+Fe²⁺)

MgO	Alk. ^b	Total ^a		Centroid (eV)	Fe ³⁺ /Fe _{total}	Oxide wt%			Structu		
						FeO	Fe ₂ O ₃	Total	Si	Ti	Al
39.72	0.02	84.39	a1/avg(2)	7113.61	0.75	1.13	3.71	84.76	1.94	0.00	0.00
40.07	0.05	84.60			0.76	1.16	3.97	84.99	1.92	0.00	0.00
40.45	0.03	84.69	a1/avg(2)	7113.62	0.76	1.11	3.82	85.07	1.91	0.00	0.00
39.68	0.07	84.50			0.76	1.20	4.12	84.91	1.92	0.00	0.00
39.65	0.00	86.80	b1	7113.86	0.86	0.33	2.19	87.02	2.06	0.00	0.01
39.72	0.03	86.53	b1	7113.89	0.87	0.27	1.98	86.73	2.06	0.00	0.02
39.57	0.04	87.36	b1	7113.90	0.87	0.29	2.19	87.58	2.06	0.00	0.03
38.21	0.05	84.72			0.83	0.40	3.14	85.03	1.98	0.00	0.09
38.59	0.06	85.81			0.83	0.60	3.20	86.13	1.99	0.00	0.07
38.35	0.06	83.48			0.83	0.50	2.68	83.75	1.93	0.00	0.12
38.14	0.12	85.31			0.83	0.50	2.66	85.57	1.99	0.00	0.11
38.13	0.03	85.57	b1	7113.79	0.83	0.63	3.34	85.91	1.99	0.00	0.08
37.75	0.05	83.61			0.83	0.53	2.84	83.90	1.98	0.00	0.10
37.63	0.06	83.71			0.83	0.56	2.95	84.01	1.99	0.00	0.09
38.41	0.03	84.77			0.83	0.59	3.12	85.09	1.97	0.00	0.09
38.65	0.00	85.48			0.83	0.55	2.95	85.78	2.00	0.00	0.06

iral formulae assuming $O_5(OH)_4$

Cr	Fe ²⁺	Fe ³⁺	Mn	Mg	Alk.	XMg ^c
0.00	0.05	0.14	0.00	2.86	0.00	0.98
0.00	0.05	0.14	0.00	2.89	0.00	0.98
0.00	0.05	0.14	0.00	2.92	0.00	0.14
0.00	0.05	0.15	0.00	2.87	0.00	0.15
0.00	0.01	0.08	0.00	2.73	0.00	1.00
0.00	0.01	0.07	0.00	2.74	0.00	1.00
0.00	0.01	0.08	0.00	2.71	0.00	1.00
0.00	0.02	0.11	0.00	2.72	0.00	0.99
0.00	0.02	0.11	0.00	2.71	0.00	0.99
0.00	0.02	0.10	0.00	2.77	0.00	0.99
0.00	0.02	0.09	0.00	2.69	0.00	0.99
0.00	0.02	0.12	0.00	2.68	0.00	0.99
0.00	0.02	0.10	0.00	2.72	0.00	0.99
0.00	0.02	0.11	0.00	2.71	0.00	0.99
0.00	0.02	0.11	0.00	2.73	0.00	0.99
0.00	0.02	0.10	0.01	2.72	0.00	0.99

TABLE 5. Chlorite composition (from EMPA and XANES data) in areas 1 to 4 in the maps of Figure 4 (sample So15-27).

Area	wt%				apfu ($O_{10}(OH)_8$ basis)							Fe^{3+}/Fe_{total}
	SiO_2	Al_2O_3	FeO_{total}	MgO	Si	Al	Fe^{2+}	Fe^{3+}	Mg	\square		
1	33.41	14.69	13.42	25.21	3.27	1.70	0.85	0.25	3.68	0.25	0.23	
2	33.74	14.60	11.09	26.50	3.28	1.67	0.54	0.36	3.84	0.30	0.40	
3	35.61	14.84	7.07	31.57	3.28	1.61	0.26	0.29	4.33	0.23	0.53	
4	32.13	13.69	5.88	28.93	3.25	1.63	0.15	0.35	4.37	0.25	0.70	

Table 6. Chemical analyses (averaged) of chlorite based on EPMA (O measured) and XANES data.

Sample	Atom wt%									Fe ³⁺ /Fe _{total}		
	Si	Ti	Al	Fe	Mn	Mg	Alk. ^a	O	Total		Si	Ti
Rat04	10.60	0.01	13.41	25.86	0.07	3.87	0.13	44.88	98.83	0.00	2.42	0.00
CD76	11.36	0.00	10.51	25.82	0.60	5.32	0.53	43.94	98.10	0.74	2.65	0.00
AMC18	12.35	0.03	9.32	28.93	0.18	4.05	0.94	44.80	100.92	0.33	2.83	0.00
	12.18	0.02	9.44	28.58	0.16	4.50	0.54	44.20	99.87	0.24	2.82	0.00
	12.54	0.01	8.95	29.04	0.17	4.20	0.87	44.55	100.62	0.23	2.89	0.00
K1130B	15.37	0.02	19.31	1.79	0.37	8.33	0.20	52.53	98.83 ^c	0.89	3.00	0.00

^aAlk = Na + Ca + K^bXMg = Mg/(Mg+Fe²⁺)^cIncludes 0.02 wt% Cr

Structural formulae normalized to 18 O

Al	^{IV} Al	^{VI} Al	Fe ²⁺	Fe ³⁺	Mn	Mg	Alk. ^a	H	Σ oct.	XMg ^b	
3.19	1.58	1.61	2.97	0.00	0.01	1.02	0.02	8.7(4)	5.61	0.26	0.36(15)
2.55	1.35	1.20	0.79	2.24	0.07	1.44	0.09	6.3(4)	5.74	0.65	0.17 (14)
2.22	1.17	1.05	2.23	1.10	0.02	1.07	0.16	7.8(2)	5.47	0.32	0.37(8)
2.28	1.17	1.11	2.56	0.78	0.02	1.21	0.09	7.8(3)	5.67	0.32	0.24(10)
2.14	1.11	1.03	2.37	0.99	0.02	1.12	0.15	7.8(2)	5.53	0.32	0.32(6)
3.92	1.00	2.93	0.02	0.16	0.04	1.88	0.03	7.8(3)	5.02	0.99	0.95(8)

$O_{10}(OH)_8$

0.20(4)

0.85(2)

0.54(1)

0.450(4)

0.29(3)

1.03(2)

Table 7. Atom site and charge (Q) distribution of clinochlore (Nelson and Guggenheim 1993; Smyth et al. 1997; Aja et al. 2015) compared to two tentative magnesian di-ferri-sudoite end-members.

	(T1) ₂	(T2) ₂	M1	(M2) ₂	(M3) ₂	M4
Clinochlore	Si ₂	Si Al	Mg	Mg ₂	Mg ₂	Al
	Q = 15		Q = 6		Q = 7	
Diferri-sudoite	Si ₂	Si Al		Mg ₂	(Fe ³⁺) ₂	Al
	Q = 15		Q = 4		Q = 9	
Diferri-sudoite	Si ₂	Si Al		(Fe ³⁺) ₂	Mg ₂	Al
	Q = 15		Q = 6		Q = 7	
	TOT				0	

Table 8. Chemical analyzes (median values) of chlorite and their uncertainties based on EPMA (O meas)

Sample	Atom wt%							Total
	Si	Al	Fe	Mn	Mg	Ca	O	
Rat04	10.6(2)	13.4(4)	25.9(7)	0.06(8)	3.9(1)	-	44.9(18)	98.8
CD76	11.4(2)	10.5(3)	25.9(7)	0.6(1)	5.3(1)	0.2(1)	43.9(19)	97.7
AMC18	12.3(2)	9.3(2)	29.0(7)	0.19(9)	4.0(1)	0.6(2)	44.8(12)	100.7
	10.7(2)	12.0(2)	27.0(7)	0.16(9)	4.7(2)	-	44.1(12)	98.8
	12.9(2)	8.3(2)	29.1(7)	0.17(9)	4.4(2)	0.4(2)	44.2(12)	99.4
4ABSC1	10.7(2)	12.6(2)	25.5(7)	0.12(8)	4.7(2)	0.2(1)	43.9(12)	97.8
	10.8(2)	12.3(2)	25.0(7)	0.17(9)	4.7(2)	0.3(1)	44.7(12)	98.0
	10.7(2)	12.5(2)	25.5(7)	0.13(8)	4.6(2)	0.3(2)	44.3(12)	98.0
	10.7(2)	12.3(2)	25.5(7)	0.14(8)	4.7(2)	-	43.9(12)	97.6
	10.7(2)	12.4(2)	25.8(7)	0.12(8)	4.7(2)	-	44.5(12)	98.4
K1130B	15.4(2)	19.3(3)	1.8(2)	0.4(1)	8.3(2)	0.2(1)	52.4(14)	97.8

Oxygen and $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}_{\text{TOT}}$ analyzes uncertainties are given with two significant digits

^aX_{Mg} = $\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}^{2+})$

- below detection limit (< 0.01 wt%)

ured) and XANES data.

Fe^{3+} / Fe_{total}	Structural formulae pfu							
	Si	Al	Fe^{2+}	Fe^{3+}	Mn	Mg	Ca	H
0.0	2.42(7)	3.19(9)	2.97(9)	0.0	0.01(1)	1.02(3)	-	8.7(7)
0.74(15)	2.65(7)	2.56(8)	0.8(2)	2.2(2)	0.07(1)	1.44(4)	0.03(1)	6.3(8)
0.33(15)	2.82(5)	2.22(4)	2.2(2)	1.1(2)	0.02(1)	1.07(3)	0.10(2)	7.9(5)
0.24(15)	2.48(5)	2.89(5)	2.4(2)	0.8(2)	0.02(1)	1.27(3)	-	7.7(5)
0.23(15)	2.99(5)	2.00(4)	2.6(2)	0.8(2)	0.02(1)	1.19(3)	0.06(2)	7.9(5)
0.91(15)	2.51(5)	3.07(6)	0.3(2)	2.7(3)	0.03(1)	1.28(3)	0.03(1)	5.4(6)
0.59(15)	2.47(5)	2.93(6)	1.2(2)	1.7(2)	0.02(1)	1.26(3)	0.05(1)	7.2(5)
0.44(15)	2.48(5)	3.01(5)	1.7(2)	1.3(2)	0.02(1)	1.24(3)	0.05(1)	7.2(5)
0.31(15)	2.50(4)	3.00(6)	2.1(2)	0.9(2)	0.02(1)	1.28(3)	-	7.4(5)
0.27(15)	2.46(4)	3.01(5)	2.2(1)	0.8(1)	0.02(1)	1.24(3)	-	7.9(5)
0.89(15)	3.01(5)	3.93(7)	0.02(1)	0.16(2)	0.04(1)	1.88(4)	0.02(1)	7.8(4)

Σ cat.	χMg^a
9.6(2)	0.255(5)
9.8(3)	0.65(6)
9.6(2)	0.32(2)
9.8(2)	0.35(2)
9.7(2)	0.31(2)
9.9(2)	0.8(1)
9.6(2)	0.52(4)
9.8(2)	0.43(3)
9.8(2)	0.38(2)
9.7(2)	0.37(1)
9.1(1)	0.99(1)

Figure 1

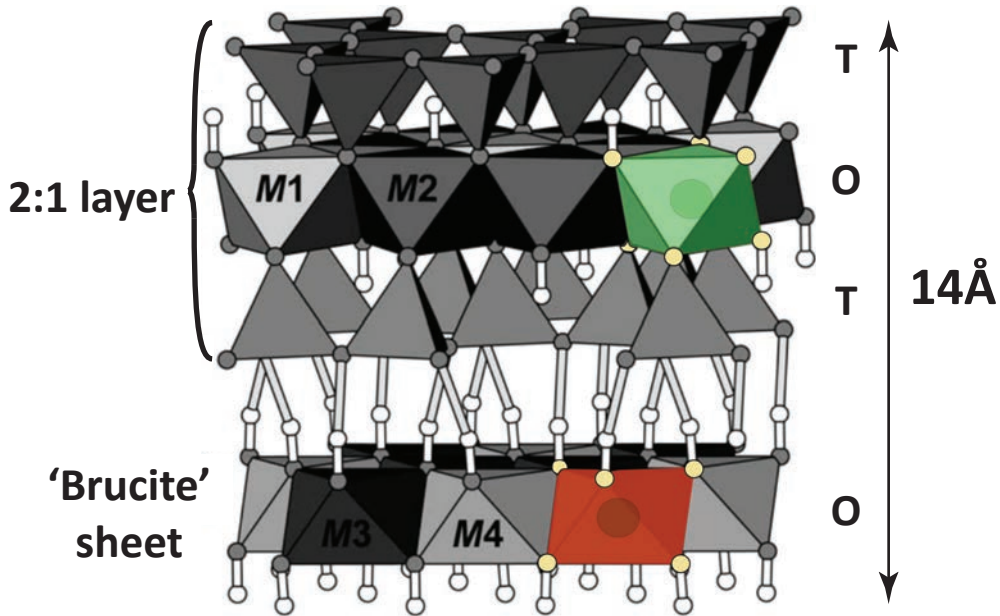


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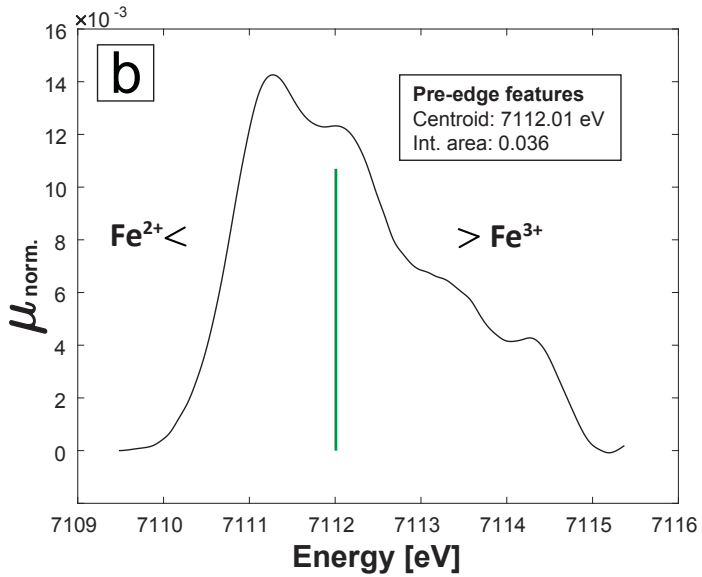
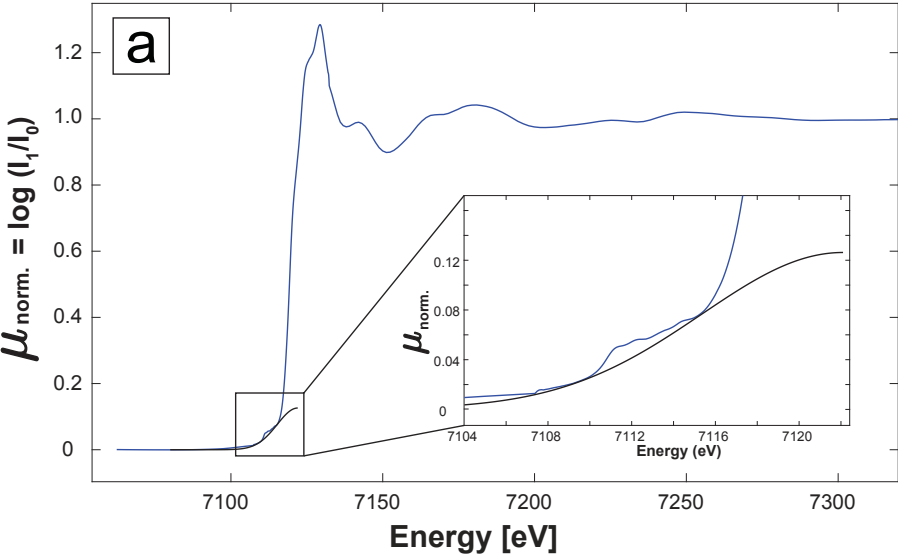


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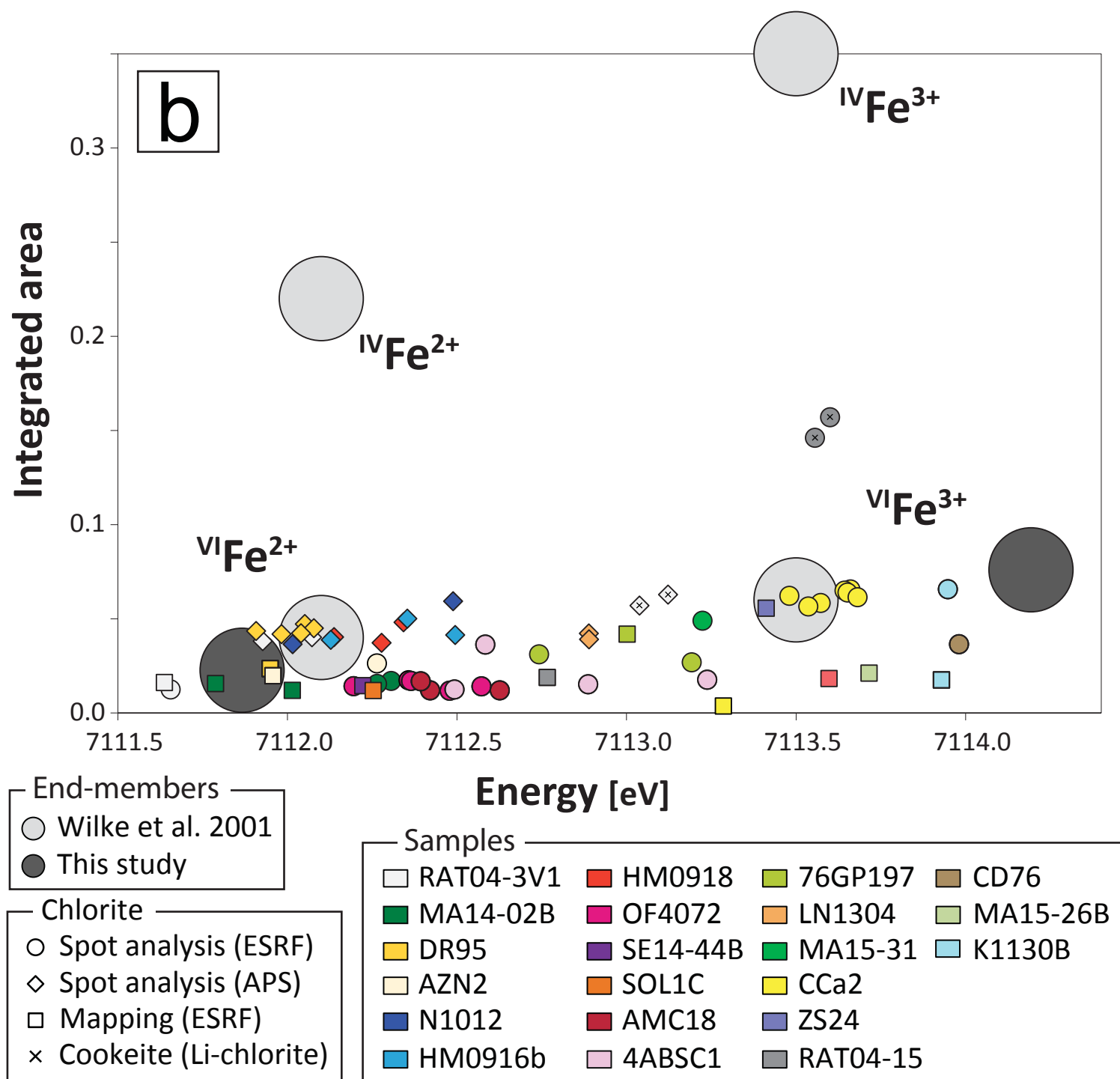
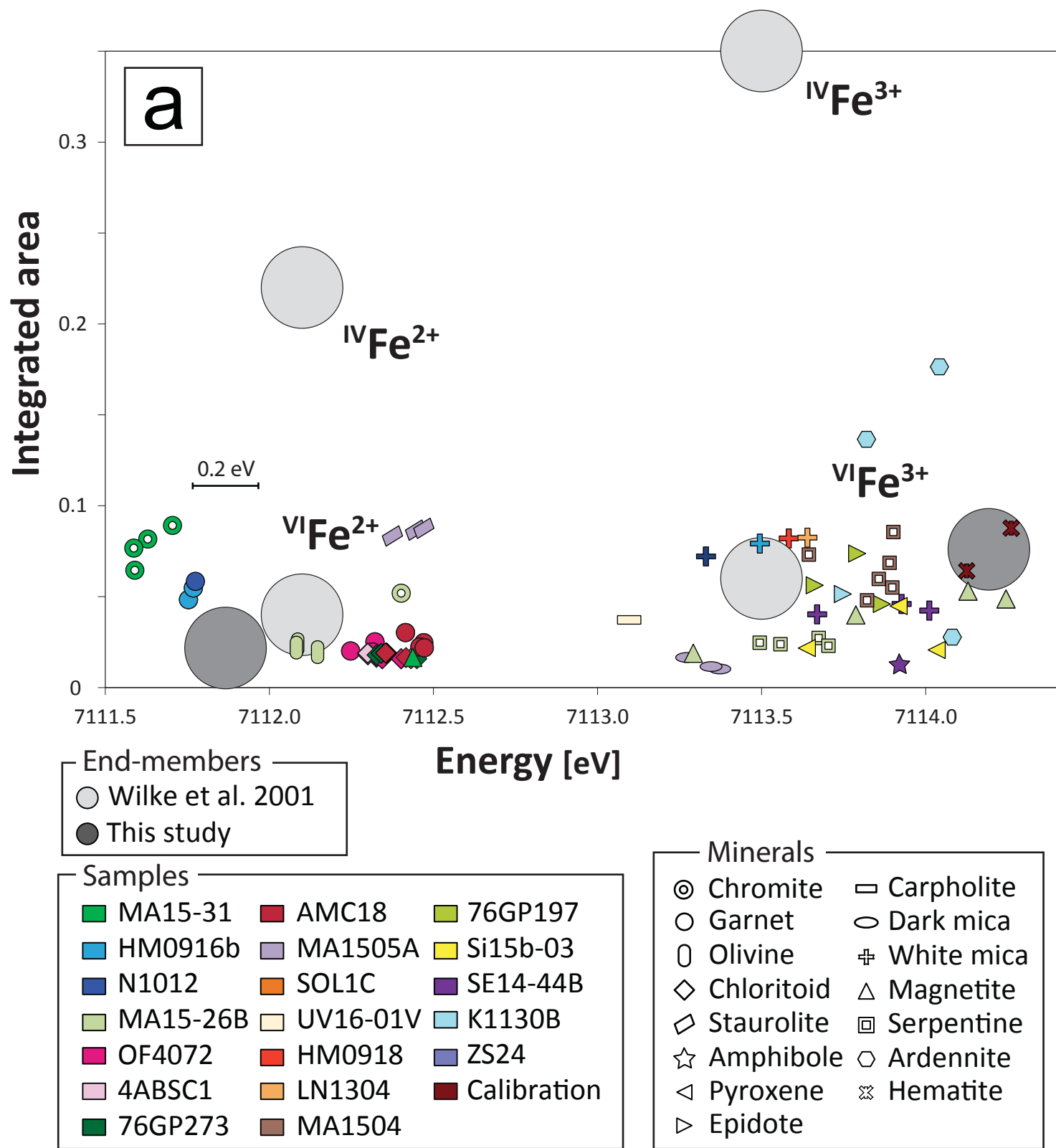


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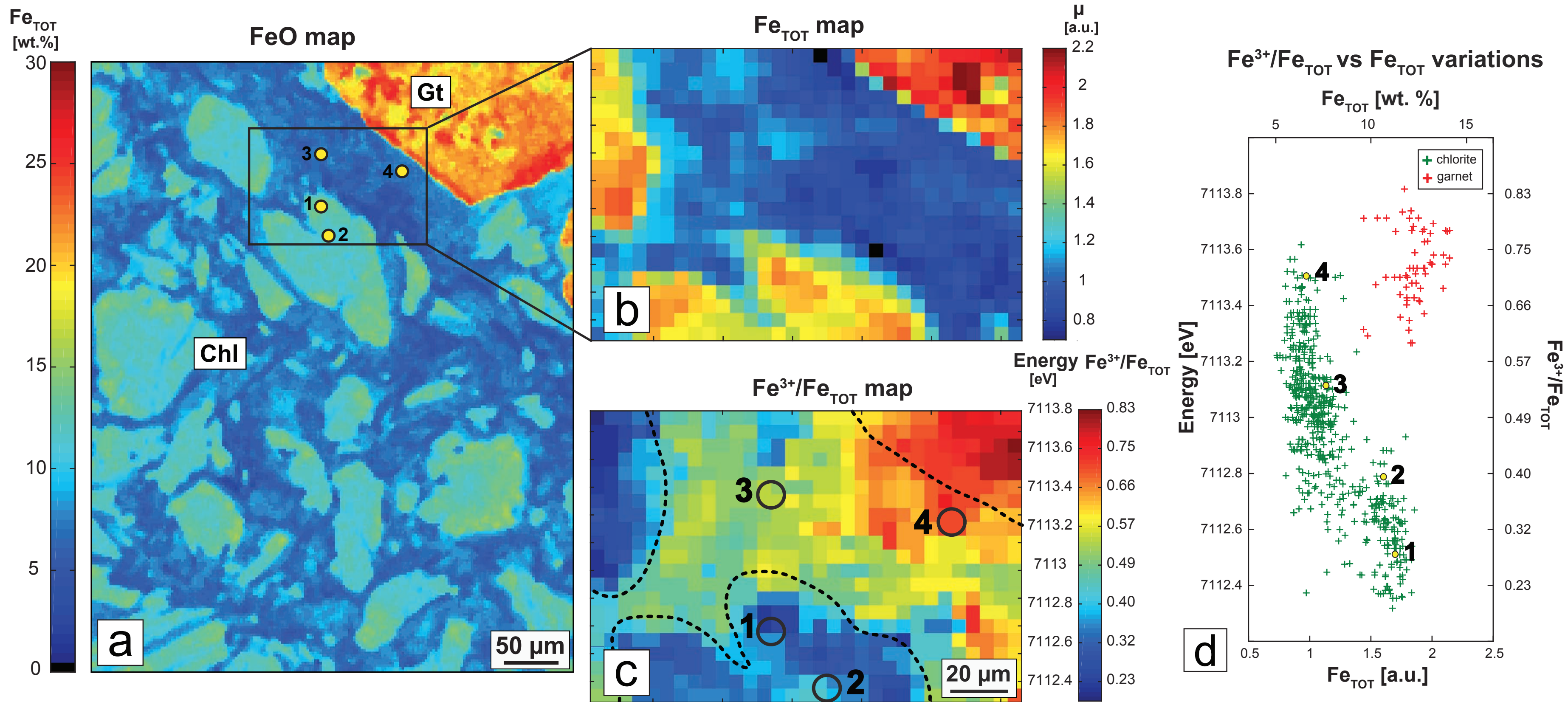


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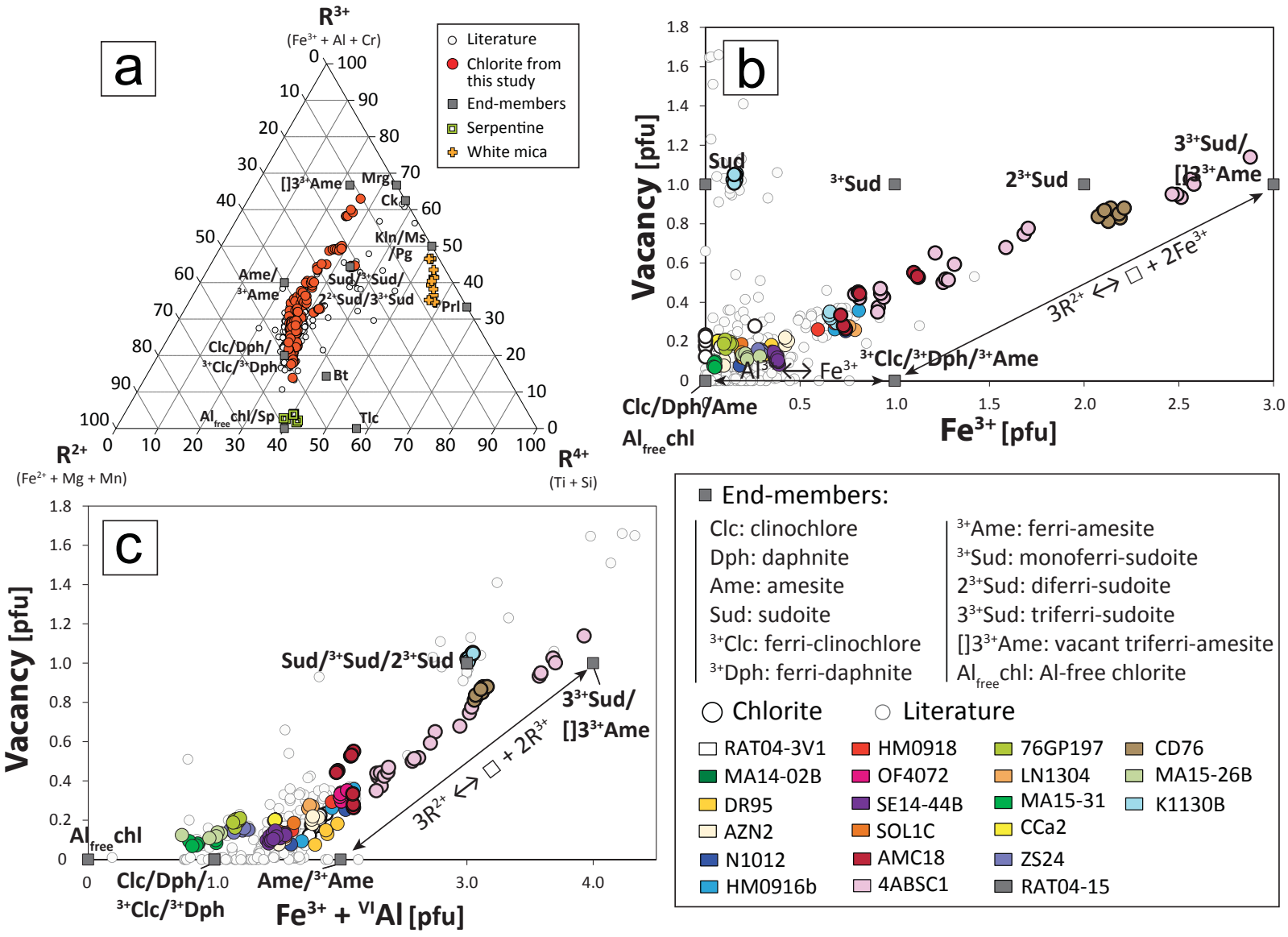


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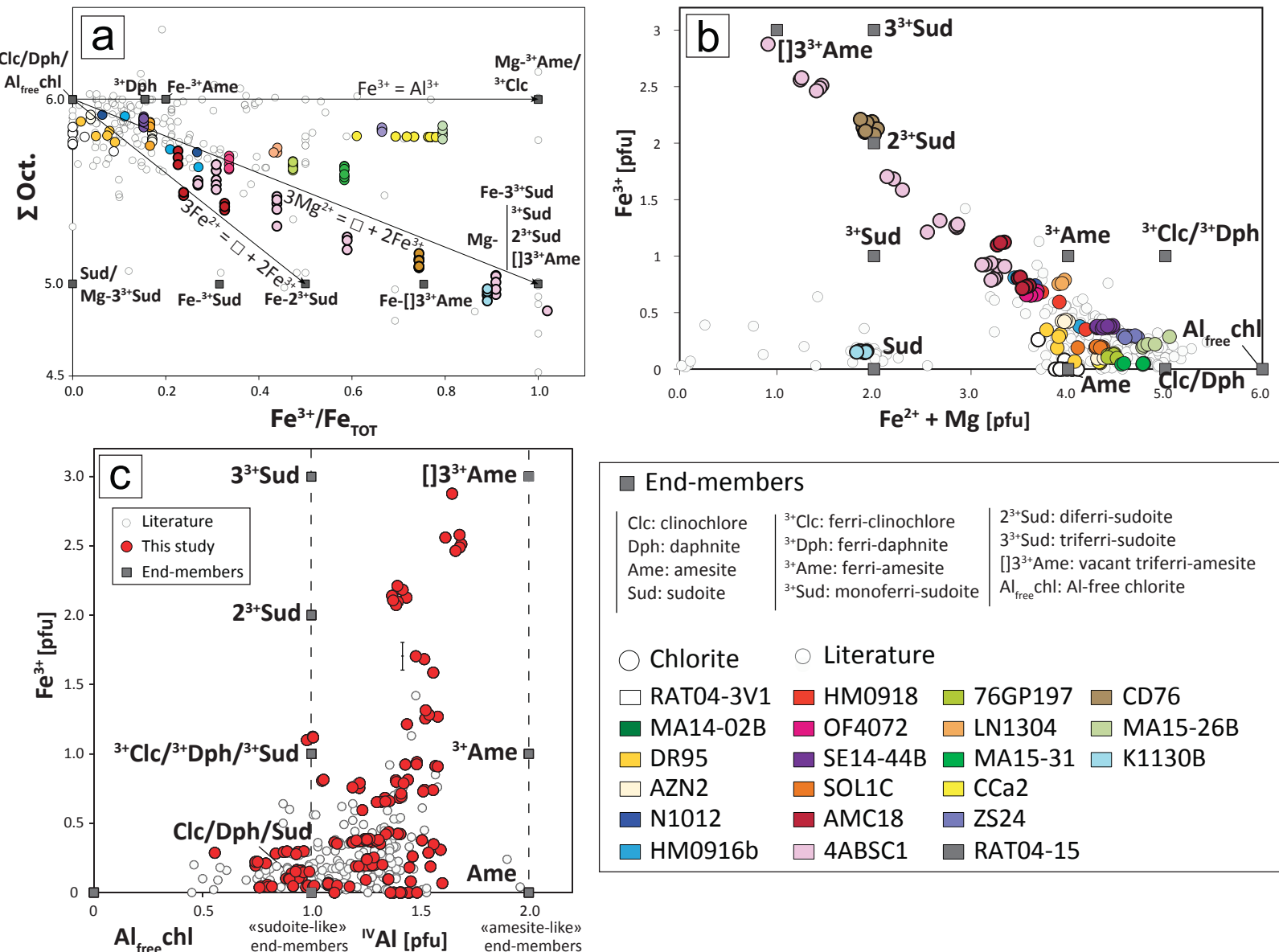
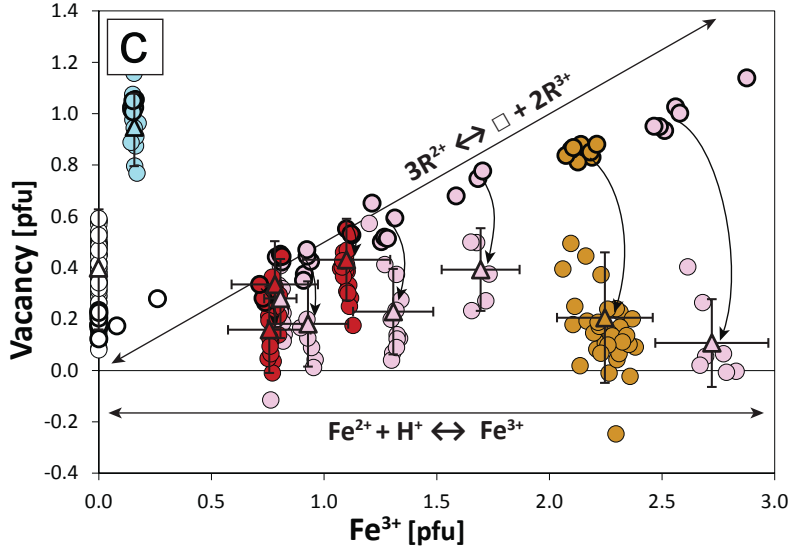
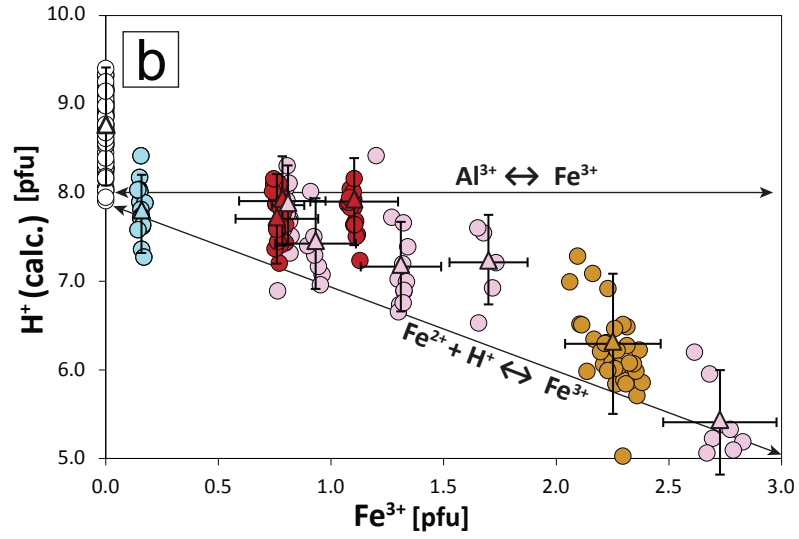
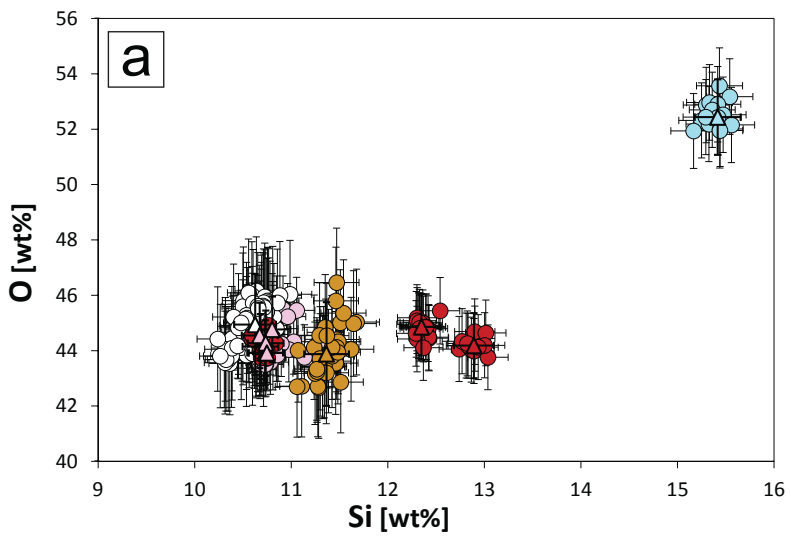


Figure 7



○ assuming $O_{10}(OH)_8$
 ○ normalized to 18 O pfu
 (△ median value)

□ RAT04-3V1	■ CD76
■ AMC18	■ K1130B
■ 4ABSC1	

Figure 8

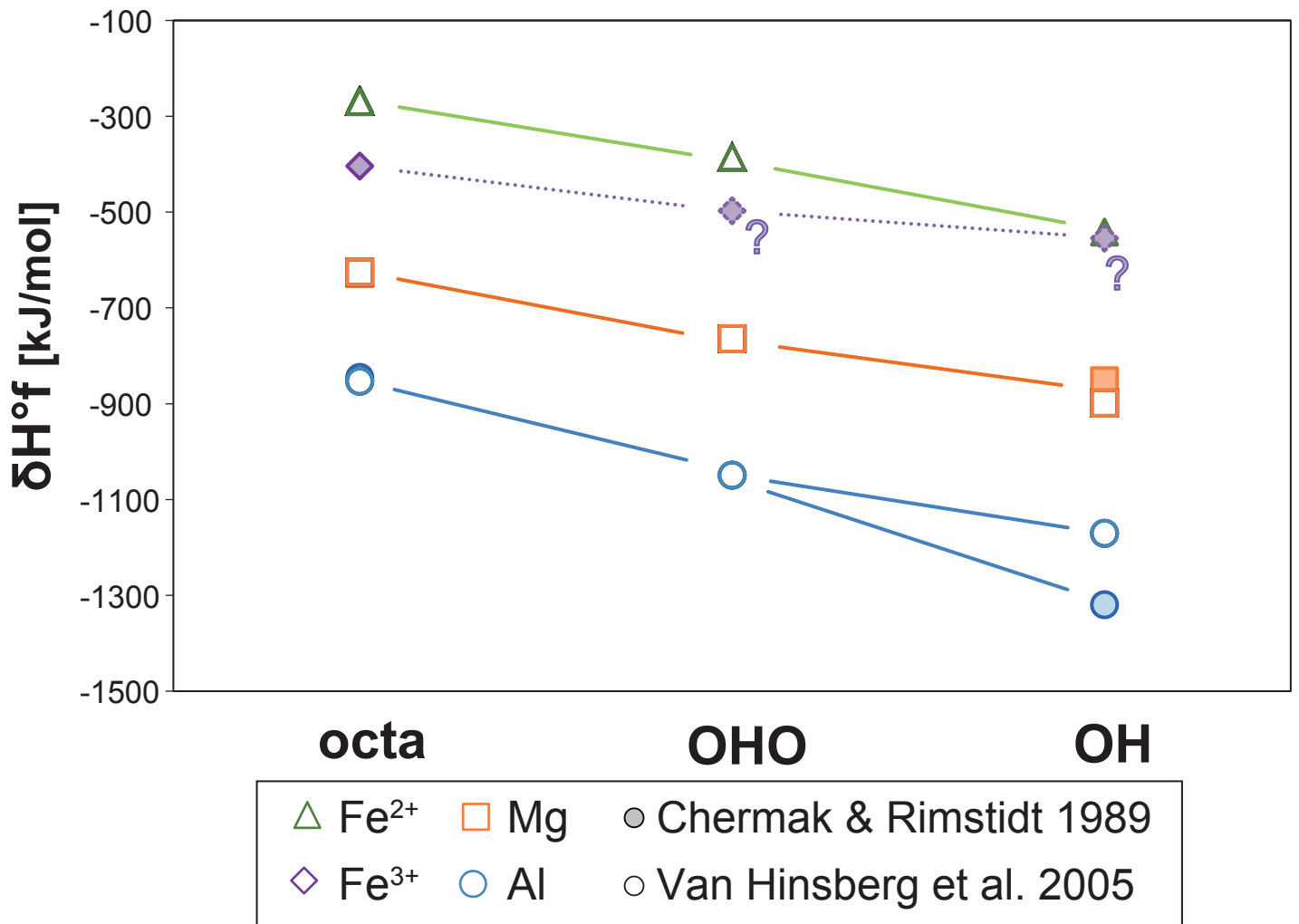


Figure 9

