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2 **A new emerald occurrence from Kruta Balka, Western Peri-Azovian region,**
3 **Ukraine: Implications for understanding the crystal chemistry of emerald**

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15 **ABSTRACT**

16 We investigated emerald, the bright-green gem varietal of beryl, from a new locality at Kruta
17 Balka, Ukraine and compare its chemical characteristics with those of emerald from selected
18 occurrences worldwide (Austria, Australia, Colombia, South Africa, Russia) in order to clarify the
19 types and amounts of substitutions as well as the factors controlling such substitutions. On selected
20 crystals Be and Li were determined by secondary ion mass spectrometry, which showed that the
21 generally assumed value of 3 Be atoms per formula unit (apfu) is valid; only some examples such
22 as emerald from Kruta Balka deviate from this (resulting in 2.944 Be apfu). An important
23 substitution in emerald (expressed as exchange vector with the additive component $\text{Al}_2\text{Be}_3\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}$) is
24 $(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe}^{2+})\text{NaAl}_{1-\square_{-1}}$, leading to a hypothetical end-member $\text{NaAl}(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe}^{2+})[\text{Be}_3\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}]$ called
25 femag-beryl with Na occupying a vacancy position (\square) in the structural channels of beryl. Based on
26 both our results and data from the literature, emeralds worldwide can be characterized based on the
27 amount of femag-substitution. Other minor substitutions in Li-bearing emerald include the
28 exchange vectors $\text{LiNa}_2\text{Al}_{1-\square_{-2}}$ and $\text{LiNaBe}_{-1-\square_{-1}}$, where the former is unique to the Kruta Balka
29 emeralds. Rarely, some Li can also be situated at a channel site, based on stoichiometric
30 considerations. Both Cr- and V-distribution can be very heterogeneous in individual crystals, as
31 shown for material from Kruta Balka, Madagascar and Zambia, but taking average values available
32 for emerald occurrences, the Cr/(Cr+V) ratio (Cr#) in combination with the Mg/(Mg+Fe) ratio
33 (Mg#) and the amount of femag-substitution allows emerald occurrences to be characterized. The
34 'ultramafic' schist-type emeralds with high Cr# and Mg# come from occurrences where the Fe-Mg-

35 Cr-V component is controlled by the presence of ultramafic meta-igneous rocks. Emeralds with
36 highly variable Mg# come from 'sedimentary' localities, where the Fe-Mg-Cr-V component is
37 controlled by metamorphosed sediments such as black shales and carbonates. A 'transitional' group
38 has both metasediments and ultramafic rocks as country rocks. Most 'ultramafic' schist type
39 occurrences are characterized by a high amount of femag-component, whereas those from the
40 'sedimentary' and 'transitional' groups have low femag content. Growth conditions derived from the
41 zoning pattern - combined replacement, sector and oscillatory zoning - in the Kruta Balka emeralds
42 indicate disequilibrium growth from a fluid along with late-stage Na-infiltration. Inclusions in
43 Kruta Balka emeralds (zircon with up to 11 wt% Hf, tourmaline, albite, Sc-bearing apatite) point to
44 a pegmatitic origin.

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47 optical spectroscopy, infrared spectroscopy, Kruta Balka, Ukraine

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49 INTRODUCTION

50 Beryl, ideally $\text{Al}_2\text{Be}_3[\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}]$, is the most abundant Be-mineral; solid solution between beryl and
51 other components has been the subject of several earlier investigations (e.g. reviews by Černý 2002;
52 Hawthorne and Huminicki 2002). The crystal chemistry of emerald, its green gem varietal of beryl,
53 has also been studied extensively (e.g. Groat et al. 2008; Marshall et al. 2012; Loughrey et al. 2013;
54 Hewton et al. 2013; Aurisicchio et al. 2018). The structure of this cyclosilicate (space group
55 $P6/mcc$; Gibbs et al. 1968) consists of Si_6O_{18} -rings lying in planes parallel to (0001), connected by
56 Be-tetrahedra and Al-octahedra. Stacking of the rings creates channels with two additional positions
57 (\square), a large one (0,0,1/4; 2a) above the center of the rings, a smaller one (0,0,0; 2b) at the level of
58 the rings.

59 A number of substitutions are known to be important in emerald (Table 1). Taking
60 ${}^{\text{ch}}\square_1 {}^{\text{vi}}\text{Al}_2 {}^{\text{iv}}\text{Be}_3 [{}^{\text{iv}}\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}]$ as the additive component, the simple exchange vector $\text{Fe}^{3+}\text{Al}_{-1}$ creates the
61 Fe^{3+} -end-member stoppaniite, ScAl_{-1} leads to the Sc-analogue bazzite, and $\text{Cr}^{3+}\text{Al}_{-1}$ and $\text{V}^{3+}\text{Al}_{-1}$ are
62 responsible for the emerald color (end-members are not known). The vacancy positions can be
63 occupied by H_2O as a function of P and T (Pankrath and Langer 2002), but also with large cations
64 such as Na^+ (at 2b) and Cs^+ (at 2a), allowing for charge balance of coupled substitutions on the
65 tetrahedral (Be) and octahedral (Al) sites. The coupled exchange vector $\text{LiCsBe}_{-1}\square_{-1}$ creates
66 pezzottaite $\text{CsAl}_2\text{Be}_2\text{Li}[\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}]$ ('tetrahedrally substituted beryl'; Aurisicchio et al. 1988). Its Na-
67 analog avdeevite $(\text{Na,Cs})(\text{Be}_2\text{Li})\text{Al}_2[\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}]$ was found by Agakhanov et al. (2019). In many beryls,
68 especially in emerald, there is an important substitution $(\text{Mg,Fe}^{2+})\text{NaAl}_{-1}\square_{-1}$, leading to a
69 hypothetical end-member $\text{NaAl}(\text{Mg,Fe}^{2+})\text{Be}_3[\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}]$ called 'femag-beryl' (Schaller et al. 1962).

70 Lithium can also be incorporated via $\text{LiNa}_2\text{Al}_{1\Box-2}$, (Beus 1966; 'octahedrally substituted beryl';
71 Aurisicchio et al. 1988). The high-temperature polymorph of cordierite, indialite, is isostructural
72 with beryl, though it does not show significant solid solution with beryl. However, synthetic Be-
73 cordierite $\text{Mg}_2[\text{Al}_2\text{BeSi}_6\text{O}_{18}]$ (Hölscher and Schreyer 1986) is a possible candidate for an additional
74 substitution involving tetrahedral and octahedral sites, $^{\text{iv}}\text{Al}_2^{\text{vi}}\text{Mg}_2^{\text{vi}}\text{Al}_2^{\text{iv}}\text{Be}_{-2}$, simplified to MgBe_{-1} .

75 In recent years the number of known emerald occurrences has grown as well as increasing levels
76 of research into emerald's formation conditions (e.g. Groat et al. 2002; Hewton et al. 2013;
77 Loughrey et al. 2013; Marshall et al. 2004, 2012, 2017; Pignatelli et al. 2015; Renfro et al. 2017).
78 With regards to emerald's crystal chemistry, a well-established data base of electron microprobe
79 analyses (EPMA) already exists (see references above). EPMA, however, can only provide partial
80 analyses, because Be as the major and characteristic element, and Li as an important minor element
81 cannot be determined, which introduces uncertainty in the formula calculation. Only recently
82 Aurisicchio et al. (2018) presented a data set including Be and Li determinations by secondary ion
83 mass spectrometry (SIMS). In addition, the unknown ratio $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$ as well as unknown water
84 contents make a straight-forward formula calculation impossible.

85 We describe emerald from Kruta Balka in the Archean-Paleoproterozoic part of the eastern block
86 of the Ukrainian Shield, a new occurrence first reported by Taran et al. (2005), where the
87 exceptional Li substitution is $\text{LiNa}_2\text{Al}_{1\Box-2}$. This Ukrainian locality is related to pegmatites at the
88 contact to both meta(ultra)mafic rocks and metapelites, and the emeralds are characterized by both
89 of the coloring elements Cr and V. Growth conditions of these emeralds, derived from the zoning
90 patterns and the observed mineral inclusions, indicate a pegmatitic origin.

91 In addition, we determined Be and Li contents of beryl from several emerald occurrences by
92 SIMS and, together with EPMA data, determined the cation assignment with constraints on
93 substitution mechanisms in emerald. We show that for most emeralds the assumption of 3.000 Be
94 atoms per formula unit (apfu) is valid and confirm that in addition to the substitutions $\text{Cr}^{3+}\text{Al}_{-1}$,
95 $\text{V}^{3+}\text{Al}_{-1}$, $\text{Fe}^{3+}\text{Al}_{-1}$, and $(\text{Mg},\text{Fe}^{2+})\text{NaAl}_{1\Box-1}$, minor Li is incorporated not only via $\text{LiNaBe}_{-1\Box-1}$, but
96 also via $\text{LiNa}_2\text{Al}_{1\Box-2}$, albite rarely. In a few cases, Li occupies a channel position. In some emeralds
97 there may be an additional substitution with the Be-cordierite component MgBe_{-1} (Hölscher and
98 Schreyer, 1986). Compilation of emerald analysis of known occurrences worldwide leads to the
99 conclusions that on the basis of the amount of femag substitution, $\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe})$ (= Mg#), and their
100 $\text{Cr}/(\text{Cr}+\text{V})$ (= Cr#) ratios, the critical element concentrations Mg, Fe, Cr, and V are controlled by
101 ultramafic country rocks at some localities, which are distinct from occurrences where
102 (meta)sedimentary rocks provide the source of Mg, Fe, Cr, and V. At some localities (transitional),
103 such as Kruta Balka, both types of country rocks are present.

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105 **SAMPLES AND ANALYTICAL METHODS**

106 **SIMS analysis**

107 Thick sections of emerald samples (Habachtal, Austria; Ural Mts., Russia; Muzo, Columbia;
108 Leyendorp, South Africa; Western Australia; Table EA 1) were prepared from the same seven
109 crystals from which thin sections were cut for EPMA. We used the Cameca ims 6f SIMS
110 instrument at GFZ-Potsdam to quantify Li and Be concentrations at a spatial resolution of *circa*
111 5 μm . The actual analyses employed a nominally 12.5 kV, mass filtered $^{16}\text{O}^-$ primary beam operated
112 at 1 nA current. In order to suppress surface related contaminants, which is necessary for the
113 quantification of Li at low and trace concentrations, we conducted a 5 min pre-burn using a 25 x
114 25 μm raster over each analysis location. This was followed by an unrastered 3 min pre-burn used
115 to establish equilibrium sputtering conditions.

116 Secondary ions were extracted with a 10 kV acceleration potential. The mass spectrometer was
117 operated at a mass resolving power of $M/\Delta M = 3500$ which is more than adequate for eliminating
118 all significant isobaric interferences. A 750 μm diameter field aperture, equivalent to a 60 μm
119 diameter field-of-view at the sample surface, was used in conjunction with a 50 eV energy bandpass
120 using no energy off-set. Our method provided a count rate of around 300 kHz on the ^{28}Si mass
121 station. A single analysis consisted of 5 blocks of 5 cycles each of the peak stepping sequence: 6.9
122 Da (0.1 s per cycle; needed for the pre-burn), ^7Li (2 s), ^9Be (2 s), ^{27}Al (2 s) and ^{28}Si (2 s). Thus a
123 single analysis required *circa* 8 min including the automatic 3 min pre-burn. We assessed whether
124 the use of ^{27}Al or ^{28}Si provided the better quality data. Based on the observed repeatability of the
125 results from our reference materials it was concluded that the use of ^{28}Si for normalization was
126 more robust, and hence we did not make use of the acquired ^{27}Al data.

127 One of the largest challenges for our SIMS analyses was the identification and characterization
128 of suitable reference materials. In total six samples of beryl, both natural and synthetic in origin,
129 were tested by SIMS for having homogeneous Li and Be distributions. From these results we
130 selected three of these materials based both on their apparent homogeneities and their spread in Li
131 and Be contents. These three samples were then analyzed for their Li and Be contents by solution
132 ICP-MS analyses (Table EA 2). The Si contents of these samples, required for the normalization
133 procedure, were based on earlier EPMA data collected from different fragments of the same
134 crystals. Based on 28 SIMS analyses of the reference materials we estimate our repeatability for Be
135 determinations to be *circa* 1% (rel.) and the repeatability for Li to be *circa* $\pm 2\%$ at high
136 concentrations and *circa* $\pm 8\%$ at low Li abundances (1 sd). Based on an intercomparison of the
137 three reference materials using the average divergence of the 28 reference material measurements
138 from the calibration line calculated from the ICP-MS results, we estimate the trueness of our
139 method for Be to be 0.5%. Using the same approach applied only to the two Li-rich reference

140 samples, we estimate our trueness for Li results to be 2.6%. In the case of the Li-poor synthetic
141 reference beryl the SIMS quantification yielded systematically low concentration values by a factor
142 of 65%. This suggests that Li blank and/or blank correction issues may be affecting the SIMS
143 and/or ICP-MS data at sub-10 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ level. Any such effect would have only a negligible impact on
144 the Li concentrations, which we determined by SIMS in our “unknown” samples. The
145 concentrations of Be and Li in these unknowns are compiled in Table 2.

146 **EPMA and colorimetry analysis**

147 The JEOL JXA-8530F field emission microprobe at TU Berlin was used to investigate the same
148 crystals that were studied with the SIMS method. EPMA data were acquired using a 15 kV, 20 nA
149 beam with a defocused 15 μm probe diameter and our calibration was based on Astimex mineral
150 reference materials (olivine for Mg, hematite for Fe, rutile for Ti, andalusite for Si and Al, albite for
151 Na) and pure metal (Cr, Mn, V). Matrix corrections of WDS analyses were done in ZAF mode.
152 Peak counting times were 20 s and counting times for background 10 s on each side of the peak. For
153 other emeralds we used a focused beam of 2 μm . The relative counting uncertainties of X-ray
154 intensities were 0.26% for Si, 0.51% for Al, 4.36% for Fe, 11.07% for Cu, 17.33% for Cr and
155 26.86% for Ni. Lithium contents for selected crystals from this data set were determined at the
156 University of Kiel, Germany from HF/HClO₂ digestion in teflon autoclave at 150 °C with ~20 mg
157 hand-picked, high-purity emerald using atomic absorption spectroscopy (data listed in Table EA1).
158 H₂O contents were measured by colorimetry (Karl-Fischer method; at University of Bochum) with
159 an Alimex, model CA-02 instrument, for which the relative standard deviation is estimated as $\pm 3\%$
160 (data listed in Table EA1). Analytical details of EPMA for some samples, including a pegmatitic,
161 relatively pure beryl from Namibia, were used to check the reliability of the EPMA and the formula
162 calculation procedure, are given in Franz et al. (1986).

163 Three samples of Kruta Balka beryl (localities for KB #16 and #18 see Figs. 1, 2; sample KBE is
164 from the same area, but its exact sampling location has not been provided) were studied by both
165 EPMA and spectroscopy. Two additional single crystals KB-1 and KB-2 were selected for mapping
166 of element distribution in the wave-length dispersive mode of the JEOL microprobe at TU Berlin.
167 An additional small emerald sample was used for X-ray diffraction (XRD).

168 The chemical compositions of KB #16 and #18 and of the inclusions were determined using C-
169 coated samples with a field-emission scanning electron microscope JSM-6700F equipped with an
170 energy-dispersive spectrometer JED-2300 (JEOL) at IGMOF NAS of Ukraine (Kyiv) at operating
171 conditions of 20 kV accelerating voltage, 1.0 nA beam current, 1 μm beam size, and a counting
172 time of 60 s. Pure Si, Ti, Zr, Hf, Al, Cr, V, Fe, Mn and synthetic MgO, CaF₂, Na₃AlF₆, KCl were
173 used for calibration. Raw counts were corrected for matrix effects with the ZAF algorithm
174 implemented by JEOL. The sample KB #18 was also analyzed at IGMOF NAS of Ukraine (Kyiv)

175 using a JEOL JCXA-733 electron microprobe, equipped with three vertical wavelength dispersive
176 spectrometers (analytical conditions: accelerating voltage of 15 kV, beam current 20 nA, beam
177 diameter of 2 μm , peak counting times of 30 s, for background 10 s on each side of the peak,
178 routine ZAF correction). Reference materials were pure metals Ti, Cr, V, Fe, Mn, natural quartz and
179 albite, and synthetic compounds MgO, CaF₂, KCl. The KBE sample was investigated at TU Berlin.
180 Some of the data on crystals KB#16 and KB#18 and of inclusions were already presented in Taran
181 et al. (2005).

182 **Optical Spectra**

183 Optical absorption and diffuse reflectance spectra between 350-2500 nm and 350-1000 nm,
184 respectively, were measured with a single-beam spectrophotometer consisting of a SpectraPro-275
185 grating monochromator at the Academy of Sciences, Kiev, combined with a polarized
186 mineralogical microscope MIN-8. The diameter of the measuring light spot was ≤ 0.5 mm. A
187 description of the spectrophotometer and procedure used for registration of absorption and
188 reflectance spectra can be found in e.g. Taran and Langer (2001) and Taran et al. (2004). The
189 refractive indices for each of the two samples #16 and #18 yielded values of $n_{\omega} = 1.588\text{-}1.590$, $n_e =$
190 $1.580\text{-}1.582$, $\Delta n = 0.008 \pm 0.002$ (Taran et al. 2005). The slight variations of the values within each
191 sample are due to their chemical heterogeneity and this level of variation is similar to that found for
192 other deposits worldwide (Anderson 1990; Feklichev 1964; Gavrilenko 1998; Gromov 1990;
193 Tretyakova and Benavides 1987). The specific gravity was determined by hydrostatic weighing as
194 $2.70\text{-}2.72$ g cm⁻³ (Taran et al. 2004), which is slightly lower than that from emeralds of most other
195 deposits, for which the specific gravity is usually $2.72\text{-}2.75$ g cm⁻³, probably caused by their
196 relatively low Fe contents.

197 **Polarized infrared spectra**

198 Polarized infrared absorption spectra of the KBE sample were measured at room temperature in
199 the spectral range $6000 - 1500$ cm⁻¹ by means of a Bruker FTIR spectrometer IFS 66 equipped with
200 an IR-microscope at TU Berlin. Spectra were scanned with a measuring spot of 60 μm diameter and
201 at a spectral resolution of 2 cm⁻¹. The time-averaged signal was collected over 200 scans. The
202 reference spectra were measured in air. Curve fitting of overlapping absorption bands was
203 performed with the program PeakFit. For the FTIR transmission measurements, fragments of the
204 KBE beryl crystal were cut along *c* axis, ground down to thickness of 55 μm and polished on both
205 sides.

206 **X-ray diffraction**

207 XRD was conducted on a D2 Phaser (Bruker, Germany) at TU Berlin. The sample was ground in
208 a corundum mortar for several minutes and placed on a Si-single crystal sample holder.
209 Measurement parameters were set to a 2θ stepsize of 0.01° in the range of $5\text{-}85^\circ 2\theta$ with 5 s per step.

210 The Rietveld method was applied to the observed data using the crystallography data analysis
211 software GSAS-II (Version 3816). Structural data from Evdokimova et al. (1989) were used as
212 initial phase.

213 Refined parameters were applied in following sequence: background (Chebyshev model using 7
214 coefficients), zero offset, sample displacement, lattice constants, crystallite size, atom position and
215 thermal motion (refined in the listed order). The latter two were only refined for Si and Al. Data of
216 crystal chemistry from microprobe analyses was implemented in the model. Limits of the
217 refinement were set from 10 to 80° 2 θ to avoid high background signals from the initial part of the
218 diffractogram. Corresponding atomic site fractions are listed in Table EA 5.

219 **Compilation of literature data set**

220 To compare the new data from Kruta Balka with emeralds worldwide, we compiled a data base
221 of EPMA results from the literature, including our new data for several localities, and present an
222 average composition for each locality; for analyses and references see below. For this data base all
223 analyses were calculated on the basis of 18 O and 3.000 apfu Be, irrespective if BeO determinations
224 were available, thereby achieving a comparable data set. As it will be shown in the Discussion, the
225 assumption of 3.000 apfu Be introduces only a minor uncertainty for the other cations. All Fe was
226 calculated as Fe²⁺, although it is known that some of Fe_{tot} is trivalent, because Fe³⁺/Fe²⁺ data are
227 extremely scarce.

228 This data set contains all localities known to us, including new analyses for a sample from
229 Namibia, which are not yet published, and unpublished data for Ethiopia, Davdar (China), and
230 McKenzie Mts. (Canada) (Marshall, pers. comm.). It should be noted that such a data set is
231 necessarily heterogeneous, because the number of spot analyses, measured elements and methods,
232 number of samples, and purpose of sampling (gemological vs. petrological or crystal chemistry)
233 differ among the studies. The reader should be aware that these are *typical* compositions, and these
234 data must be used with caution for provenance fingerprinting. For comparison with individual data
235 the reader is referred to the literature about a specific deposit and to the study of Aurisicchio et al.
236 (2018), who also gave trace element contents of emerald samples from several occurrences. A
237 statistically significant study would require a large number of samples from one locality, e.g.
238 Kochelek et al. (2015) studied between 10 and 30 samples from each locality for a provenance
239 analysis of ruby and sapphire; such a large number of samples is available from only a few of the
240 known emerald localities.

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242 **RESULTS**

243 **Kruta Balka emeralds**

244 **Geological setting.** Bright green emerald-like beryl in Ukraine was first found in 1964-1967
245 during exploration for rare-metal pegmatites of the Kruta Balka area (Fig. 1) in the Western Peri-
246 Azovian region, where Archean and Early Proterozoic metamorphic complexes with
247 metamorphosed alkali intrusions and pegmatites are widespread. The rare-metal pegmatite
248 occurrence of Kruta Balka, carrying significant contents of Be, Ta, Li, and Cs, is located in the
249 valley of the Berda River, 31 km north of Berdyansk. Its detailed geological characteristics are
250 presented in Chornokur and Yaskevych (2010) and Shatalov (2017). The pegmatites are localized at
251 the boundaries of the Precambrian Sorokin greenstone belt (also named as Sorokinskaya graben-
252 syncline), which is in the western part of the Pryazovskyi domain of the Ukrainian Shield (Fig. 1).
253 This domain is interpreted as a deep linear zone of rifting in the Archean granulite-facies gneissic
254 basement, visible today as a narrow band of supracrustal formations 35-40 km in length and with a
255 width of up to 2 km. It is bordered by sub-parallel deep faults. The level of erosion within its
256 boundaries can reach 5 km, hence only its deeper parts have been preserved.

257 The rocks at Kruta Balka are Archean granodiorites, metabasites (amphibolites, pyroxenites),
258 meta-ultrabasites (dunites etc.) and clastic metasediments of the Osipenkovo suite (Fig. 2a). The
259 thickness of metabasites and meta-ultrabasites ranges from a few meters up to 300 m, and their
260 length along strike can reach several km. The metasediments are dominantly metapelites (different
261 types of micaschists with garnet, biotite, muscovite, staurolite, tourmaline). Metapsammities,
262 metaconglomerates, biotite-, amphibole- and feldspathic quartzites, and calcareous rocks are present
263 in minor amounts.

264 Pegmatite veins and bodies are present with thicknesses from 0.5 m to several tens of meters
265 (Fig. 2b). They mainly consist of elongated bodies with plate-like or mushroom-like geometries
266 with an aspect ratio of 6:1 or more, and a variable morphology, depending on the rheological
267 properties of the host rocks; in granitoids such veins have consistent forms. The width of the
268 pegmatites gradually decreases as one approaches the metamorphic host rocks. The thickness of
269 those veins nearest to the mafic and ultramafic rocks sharply increases, forming numerous branched
270 apophyses. Where pegmatite veins penetrate into metasediments, they quickly bifurcate and wedge
271 out.

272 Pegmatites vary in composition as a function of their vertical position. Thin, mainly microcline-
273 bearing veins dominate in the lower part, whereas quartz-albite and albite-spodumene-rich veins
274 dominate in the upper part. The largest bodies near to the surface, partially exposed at the erosion
275 level, are quartz-albite pegmatites with quartz cores. Accessory minerals include tourmaline, garnet,
276 magnetite, apatite, beryl, tantalite, columbite, chrysoberyl, eschinite, spodumene, and petalite. The
277 K-Ar age of muscovite from the pegmatites is 2240 (+72/-14) Ma (Rozanov and Lavrinenko 1979).

278 Emerald is found in the extensions of grey muscovite-biotite veins near their contacts with the
279 country rocks (Fig. 3). Mica-rich veins with emerald are typically up to 3-4 cm thick and are
280 included in a pegmatitic rock composed predominantly of albite and, to a lesser extent, grey quartz.
281 Such veins usually start from the contact and can penetrate into the pegmatite to a depth of 2 m.
282 Drill cores showed that to a depth of 50-70 m the pegmatitic veins are relatively rare, but below this
283 level they can constitute up to half the volume of the rock.

284 Emerald crystals of predominantly hexagonal-prismatic habit with a poorly developed prism
285 ($10\bar{1}1$) and a well-developed pinacoid (0001) form aggregates or individual, non-orientated crystals,
286 typically 5-20 mm in length and 3-15 mm in diameter, which are intimately intergrown with both
287 greenish (Cr-bearing) and colorless muscovite (Fig. 4). The faces ($11\bar{2}1$) are rare. The color
288 distribution is generally patchy.

289 **Chemical composition.** The average chemical compositions of the Kruta Balka (KB) samples
290 are given in Table 3 (individual data points see Table EA 4a), including Li-determinations by flame
291 photometry (Rozanov and Lavrinenko 1979), with an average value of 0.41 wt% Li_2O . Formula
292 calculations assuming 3.000 Be apfu yield calculated BeO contents between 13.45 to 13.73 wt%.

293 Specific features of the KB emeralds are their low MgO and FeO contents, which do not exceed
294 1.0 wt%, and a high Na_2O content of ~ 1.8 wt%. The average concentrations of Cr and V are
295 0.015 apfu and ~ 0.004 apfu, respectively, but there is a distinct chemical heterogeneity, which
296 mimics the patchy optical color distribution, reaching up to 0.012 apfu V (equivalent to 0.20 wt%
297 V_2O_3). As an example to highlight the general heterogeneity of KB emeralds, the data are compared
298 to Cr-V data (Fig. 5) from the Sandawana, Zambia (Zwaan et al. 1997) and the Mananjary,
299 Madagascar (Table EA 1) localities, which show similar heterogeneities in Cr contents.

300 The two crystals KB-1 and KB-2, selected for mapping of the element distribution, show
301 different types of growth zoning. The central part of KB-1 (Fig. 6), which has abundant
302 inclusions, shows replacement structures of former euhedral crystals, with Cr-Mg-poor dark
303 areas (see center of Cr- and Mg-images). All four elements Mg, Fe, Cr, and V are correlated,
304 though hardly visible in the images because of low concentrations; Al and Mg are inversely
305 correlated. Cr is also enriched in biotite, in late stage chlorite, and in muscovite intergrowths
306 with biotite, whereas large muscovite inclusions in emeralds are generally Cr-poor. Contrary
307 to Cr, V is slightly concentrated in apatite. Towards the rim of the emerald crystal, the Cr
308 distribution is oscillatory. The Na distribution in KB emeralds does not correlate with the
309 trends seen for other element concentrations; Na is enriched in an irregular network of μm -
310 wide veins where some veins are oriented subparallel and -perpendicular to c . Scandium, a
311 trace element often observed in beryl, is enriched in apatite, but not in KB emeralds. The

312 concentrations of Sc in general correlate with Cr, Mg, and V distributions.

313 Element mapping of the inclusion-free crystal KB-2 (Fig. 7) does not show replacement
314 structures, but rather a combination of sector and oscillatory zoning. The growth zones are parallel
315 to the prism faces, the basal pinakoid (0001) and pyramids ($11\bar{2}2$), and are obvious in alternation
316 of Cr-rich and Cr-poor zones. In these zones Al and Cr are anti-correlated; likewise, Mg and Sc
317 (and Fe; hardly visible in the image because of low concentration) are anti-correlated. The zigzag
318 pattern of Mg distribution in the internal part of the crystal indicates sector zoning (see dashed lines
319 in Mg-image) with the **c**-sector enriched in Mg whereas the **a**-sector is enriched in Sc. Traces of
320 sectors follow the growth direction, overprinted by zones without sectors, indicating several growth
321 pulses. The outer part of the crystal is oscillatory zoned, well visible in Cr parallel to the prism
322 faces, but also in Al, Mg, and Sc oscillation. In these outer parts of the crystal Cr is preferentially
323 enriched in planes perpendicular to the **c**-axis. In the exterior part of this crystal Na is positively
324 correlated with Mg, but also enriched in narrow areas along cracks oriented subparallel and -
325 perpendicular to the crystal's **c**-axis.

326 **XRD.** Next to beryl, muscovite, quartz and corundum (impurity from the corundum mortar)
327 were identified in minor amounts (<1 wt%). Unit cell parameters were determined to $a =$
328 9.219 ± 0.014 , $c = 9.208 \pm 0.007$ and $V = 677.8 \pm 1.7$ (uncertainty given as 6σ ; details of site fractions
329 in Table EA 5). The Rietveld model was found to be insensitive to changes in fractions of Li and Be
330 at the tetrahedral position ($x = 0.5$; $y = 0.0$; $z = 0.25$). Even a complete substitution of Be by Li,
331 with constant fractions of all other elements, did not change the model significantly.

332 **Inclusions.** Most of the solid inclusions (identified by EDS analyses; Table EA 4b-f) in KB
333 emeralds (Fig. 8) are muscovite, dravite-shorl as numerous almost black, elongated prismatic
334 crystals, and minor albite (≤ 0.01 mol% K-feldspar and anorthite each) and biotite. Chlorite and an
335 unidentified Al-rich sheet silicate that are in parallel growth with muscovite occur along cracks and
336 at the margins of muscovite inclusions. Calculation of the Li_2O content of the tourmaline inclusions
337 from EPMA (normalized to 31 O and 4 OH) yielded 0.39 wt% Li_2O , corresponding to 0.259 apfu
338 Li, which is close to the value determined for beryl from Kruta Balka. The amount of vacancy
339 positions in the tourmaline is ~ 0.2 apfu, its Mg# is ~ 0.5 (Table EA 4c). Euhedral zircon crystals 10
340 to 30 μm in size have up to 11 wt% HfO_2 (Table EA 4e). Apatite crystals with a remarkable
341 enrichment of Sc (~ 0.7 wt% Sc_2O_3) were also observed (Table EA 4f).

342 **Spectroscopy.** The optical absorption and diffuse reflectance spectra of KB emeralds (Fig. 9)
343 confirm the isomorphic substitution of Al by Cr. In the visible range (~ 380 -750 nm) of the
344 absorption spectrum of sample #18 (Fig. 9a) there are distinct characteristic bands and lines, caused
345 by electronic dd-transitions of Cr^{3+} -ions. The two broad and intense absorption bands with maxima
346 at 410-440 nm and 600-640 nm are caused by electron spin-allowed transition $^4A_{2g} \rightarrow ^4T_{2g}$ and $^4A_{2g}$

347 $\rightarrow {}^4T_{1g}$ of $^{[vi]}\text{Cr}^{3+}$, respectively (Wood and Nassau, 1968). The splitting of the bands into two
348 components differing by energy and polarization is due to a reduction in symmetry of the structural
349 position of Cr^{3+} from O_h to D_3 (Platonov et al. 1979), which is also found in the absorption spectra of
350 synthetic emeralds (e.g. Taran and Klyachin 1990). The narrow absorption lines (called R-lines),
351 overlapping the long-wave spin-allowed band (the most intense line at 684 nm or 14620 cm^{-1}) are
352 caused by spin-forbidden transitions of $^{[vi]}\text{Cr}^{3+}$. By gemological definition beryl is considered as
353 emerald only when the narrow R-lines, especially the most intense one at 684 nm, is discernable in
354 a visual gemological spectroscope (Anderson 1990). The absorption lines in the spectrum of sample
355 #18 unambiguously proof that Cr^{3+} substitutes for Al^{3+} .

356 A series of sharp narrow absorption lines in the NIR-range in both $E||c$ - and $E\perp c$ -polarization is
357 caused by overtones and combined vibrations of H_2O molecules. The general features of the
358 spectrum indicate the predominance of type II water, i.e. the water molecules in the structural
359 channels neighboring large alkali ions (Wood and Nassau 1968).

360 In the diffuse reflectance spectrum of sample #16 (Fig. 9b) there are absorption bands and lines
361 of Cr^{3+} , close in energy and shape to those in the absorption spectrum of sample #18 (Fig. 9a).
362 Furthermore, at around $\sim 830\text{ nm}$ there is a broad intense band, which in an unpolarized reflectance
363 spectrum indicates the predominance of the $E\perp c$ -polarized band of $^{[iv]}\text{Fe}^{2+}$, substituting for Be ions
364 in the distorted tetrahedral sites of the structure. The sharp narrow lines of water vibrations are not
365 seen, since the most intense of them are beyond the spectral range studied (cf. Fig. 9).

366 The FTIR spectrum measured in the range $6000\text{-}1500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in polarization $E||c$ consists of three
367 very intense bands caused by fundamental vibrations of H_2O molecules captured in two different
368 positions in beryl channels. They are centered at 1632 and 1620 (double peak), at 3592 and
369 3698 cm^{-1} , and weaker bands at 3234, 3346, 3522, 3984, and 5274 cm^{-1} (Fig. 10a-c). The narrow
370 band with maximum at 3698 cm^{-1} is due to ν_3 asymmetrical stretching mode of H_2O I molecules
371 with symmetry axis $\perp c$; the more intense and broad band at 3592 cm^{-1} represents ν_1 symmetric
372 stretching and the double peak in vicinity $1630\text{-}1620\text{ cm}^{-1}$ represents ν_2 bending modes of H_2O II
373 molecules with symmetry axis $||c$ (e.g. Wood and Nassau 1968; Goldman et al. 1977; Łodziński et
374 al. 2005).

375 The IR spectrum measured in polarization $E\perp c$ consists of a very strong and broad envelope with
376 maximum near 3655 cm^{-1} , medium to weak bands at 5274, 3607, 3593, 1710, 1635 with a broad
377 shoulder at 1655, 1600, and 1545 cm^{-1} . The central envelope near 3655 cm^{-1} represents ν_3
378 asymmetrical stretching vibrations of H_2O II. Three bands in the middle IR region (a narrow one at
379 1600 cm^{-1} , a broad shoulder at 1655 cm^{-1} , and a band at 1545 cm^{-1}) are the central ν_2 bending mode
380 of H_2O I and their symmetrically spaced satellites, caused by combining with H_2O rotation

381 frequency (Wood and Nassau 1968). A broad band near 1930 cm^{-1} in both polarizations is the first
382 vibrational overtone from the silicate ring (Taran et al. 2017).

383 In addition, we found a narrow, strongly polarized $E_{\perp c}$ band at 2359 cm^{-1} (Fig. 10d) indicative
384 of relatively high amounts of CO_2 in the channels, which is not common for most beryls.
385 Assignments of all vibrational bands mentioned here are based on classical interpretation by Wood
386 and Nassau (1968) and on our data from a diverse collection of beryls and ring silicates (e.g. Taran
387 et al. 2017).

388 **Be-Li determination of other emerald samples**

389 The Be contents of the selected emerald samples determined by SIMS (Table 2) span a
390 considerable range from 12.7 to 13.9 wt% BeO, the maximum close to the values for ideal
391 anhydrous beryl (13.96 wt%) or 13.51 wt% for hydrous beryl with 1 H_2O pfu (corresponding to
392 3.24 wt%); the low values were obtained from crystals with a large amount of substitution at the
393 octahedral position. Within a given crystal, core and rim analyses differ only slightly.

394 Li-contents determined by SIMS (Table 2) for two crystals (Ural Mts.) are between 0.2 and
395 0.4 wt%, for the other crystals on the order of 0.02 to 0.07 wt%. The analyses with higher Li-
396 content have the same order of magnitude as do the Li_2O -determinations made by dissolution and
397 spectrometry; for crystal 78-14 the SIMS values are slightly higher, for sample 78-78 they are
398 slightly lower.

399 Other elements contents determined by EPMA (Table EA 3), such as Cr, V, Fe, Mg, and
400 alkalis, are consistent with the range of results reported in the literature. Water contents for
401 selected samples are all between 2.07 and 2.31 wt%. Calculated mineral formulae, based on 18
402 oxygen atoms, are presented in Table 4. Cations were assigned to positions in the structure
403 according to the following sequence: All Si is attributed to the Si_6O_{18} -ring; excess Si is placed into
404 the Be-tetrahedron. If Si is < 6.000 apfu, it is filled with small amounts (0.01 to 0.05 apfu) of $^{\text{iv}}\text{Al}$
405 and $^{\text{iv}}\text{Be}$ (sample 78-78, Ural Mts.) or with $^{\text{iv}}\text{Al}$ only (sample 78-14, Ural Mts.).

406 The Be tetrahedra are then filled with between 2.920 to 3.000 Be; any small deficit is filled with
407 $^{\text{iv}}\text{Li}$. Most samples have ≤ 0.008 apfu $^{\text{iv}}\text{Li}$, except for some analysis (rim 78-14 Ural Mts., 78-16
408 South Africa, rim 80-47 Austria), which all have 0.025 apfu $^{\text{iv}}\text{Li}$. To fill the Be-site completely,
409 small amounts of 0.010 to 0.075 $^{\text{iv}}\text{Al}$ are necessary. The rest of Al together with Mg, $\text{Fe}^{2+}_{\text{tot}}$, Mn, Cr,
410 V, Ti, and traces of Ca are assigned to the Al-octahedral site, which is finally filled with $^{\text{vi}}\text{Li}$ to
411 achieve a value of 2.000. Excess Li for the samples from Ural Mts. is then assigned as $^{\text{ch}}\text{Li}$ (channel
412 site), together with Na, Cs, and traces of K. The formulae and uncertainties are discussed below.

413 414 **DISCUSSION**

415 **SIMS data and substitutions involving Si-Be-Li**

416 The calculated formulae for emeralds, for which Be and Li contents were determined by SIMS,
417 are listed in Table 4 together with the analyses of emerald from the data set of Aurisicchio et al.
418 (1988) (based on Be- and Li-analyses by wet chemistry, other elements by EPMA combined with
419 single XRD refinement). Some of their emerald crystals are from the same localities as studied here
420 (Colombia, Russia, Austria); the two data sets agree well. Almost all crystals show a slight excess
421 of Si, which is attributed to the Be site, up to 0.049 apfu (Table 4), with the exception of the crystals
422 from Ural Mts., which show a deficit with values of between 5.942 and 5.977 Si apfu. An error in
423 the SiO₂-determination of 1% relative (i.e. approximately ±0.7 wt% SiO₂) translates into a range of
424 approximately ±0.005 Si apfu. Therefore an excess of ~0.05 Si apfu is significant. In our site
425 assignment, a deficit in Si is compensated by Be and Al (crystal #78-78) or by Al alone (78-14;
426 80-47r). The crystal #78-78 is unusual, because it is the only one with Be > 3.000 apfu: Be of 3.031
427 and 3.082 apfu for core and rim analyses, respectively. It is also the crystal with the highest amount
428 of Li (0.105 apfu) in the entire data set. All other crystals show a slight deficit of Be (lowest value
429 of 2.870 apfu, Table 4 for a crystal from Brazil; Aurisicchio et al. 1988). This deficit is balanced by
430 a combination of tetrahedral Li, Al, and Si with the highest values for Li (0.037 apfu) and Al
431 (0.085 apfu) for the crystal from Brazil. Thus, in all emeralds except those from Ural Mts., Li is
432 exclusively situated at the Be-site. In order to fulfill the assumption that the octahedral position
433 must be filled with 2.000 apfu and the Be-site with 3.000 apfu (no vacancies), in the Ural Mts.
434 emeralds Li must be partly housed in the octahedral and in the channel position.

435 A critical parameter for the formula calculation is the uncertainty of the SiO₂-determination,
436 because with *circa* 64 wt% it dominates the chemical composition. We assume an uncertainty for
437 the SiO₂-determination of 1% relative for both Si and for BeO, which is twice the estimated
438 uncertainty of the Be determination. One thing to remember is that the relative uncertainty on the Si
439 is fully propagated onto the SIMS Be values. Hence, Be uncertainty can never be as good as that for
440 Si in relative terms. A calculated formula with a corrected value for SiO₂ by +0.5 wt% and for BeO
441 by -0.14 wt% for crystal # 78-78 still yields a Si-deficit of 0.039 apfu and a Be excess of 0.011 apfu
442 (average for core and rim). For both the uncorrected and the corrected formulae, there is no site
443 available for tetrahedral Li, and it can only be partially accommodated by the octahedral sites; some
444 Li must be assigned to the channel position, because the octahedral site is completely filled with tri-
445 and divalent cations. The core and rim analyses of the second crystal from Ural Mts. (78-14) have
446 only a small Si deficit of 0.015 and 0.023 apfu, filled by ^{iv}Al, and for Be of 0.025 and 0.002 apfu,
447 filled by ^{iv}Li. For these domains the Li must be accommodated as ^{vi}Li and ^{ch}Li. Similarly, crystal
448 #26 (Ural Mts.; from Aurisicchio et al., 1988) has the octahedral position filled with 2.003 apfu,
449 some Li (0.020 apfu) is tetrahedral, and the rest of Li (0.019 apfu) must be assigned to the channel
450 position.

451 None of the other emeralds discussed here show such peculiarities. In summary, the available
452 data (Table 4) confirm that for emeralds the Si-site is mostly filled with Si, i.e. there is no
453 Tschermaks substitution, only small excesses or deficits are possible as seen in crystals from Ural
454 Mts. and Habachtal. The Be-site shows mostly a small deficit, only our crystal 78-78 from Ural
455 Mts. has excess Be (assigned to the Si-site). The observed small amounts of Li are in most cases
456 accommodated at the Be-site (Colombia, Austria, Brazil, Mozambique, Pakistan), only for the
457 crystals from Ural Mts. it is partly distributed to the octahedral- and the channel sites. These data
458 also agree with those from Aurisicchio et al. (2018) with SIMS data for Be and Li, although in that
459 study the analytical uncertainties for Be (5% rel.) and Li (10% rel.) are too large to confidently
460 assign small amounts to specific crystal sites.

461 The general procedure analyzing beryls is that Be-contents are not determined and formulae
462 were calculated assuming the theoretical content of 3.000 Be apfu. Because we want to check this
463 procedure for beryl with unknown Be-contents, we also calculated a theoretical BeO_{calc} content
464 from the EPMA of these samples (Fig. 11). For most of the crystals the calculated contents are too
465 high by ~0.2 wt%, and a similar relation is found in the data set of Aurisicchio et al. (1988). Only in
466 the case of the anomalous crystal from Ural Mts. (78-78; Table 4) is the measured BeO content
467 higher than the calculated one.

468 By combining our SIMS-data for Be and the EPMA analyses for the SiO_2 -contents we can
469 confirm that $\text{Be} = 3.000$ is a good first assumption for all emeralds (Fig. 12). A regression line
470 ($\text{wt}\% \text{BeO} = 0.2281 * \text{wt}\% \text{SiO}_2 - 1.3239$; $R^2 = 0.927$) calculated from all our own analytical data
471 (Table EA 4) is almost identical to the line that connects the ideal beryl and hydrous beryl
472 compositions. If the calculated BeO content is higher, as for the Kruta Balka (Ukraine), the Mavis
473 Lake (Canada) and Manyara (Madagascar) deposits, a slightly lower Be-site occupation is implied.
474 The effect of Fe-substitution ('ideal hydrous Fe-end-member') is negligible, as long as the total
475 amount of Fe is low, as is the case for most emeralds. Analyses plotting below the line (such as
476 Norway and Um Kabu, Sikait, and Zabara from Egypt) are characterized by Si values that are
477 significantly higher than 6.000 apfu.

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479 **The Kruta Balka occurrence**

480 The chemical composition of the beryls from Kruta Balka and their spectroscopic characteristics
481 clearly show that they are emeralds, both in the popular usage (Conklin 2002) and in a
482 mineralogical strict sense (Anderson 1990; Schwarz and Schmetzer 2002). In the NIR range,
483 polarized broad bands at ~800-1000 nm are also characteristic of emerald from most deposits, aside
484 from some almost iron-free crystals from Muzo and Chivor in Columbia (e.g. Tretyakova and
485 Benavides 1987, found in such emeralds only 0.01 wt% FeO). These bands (Figs. 7 and 8) are

486 caused by electronic spin-allowed transitions of Fe^{2+} in both octahedral (Al^{3+}) and tetrahedral (Be^{2+})
487 sites (e.g. Wood and Nassau 1968). The former one causes the doublet-structured $E_{||c}$ -polarized
488 band, split by Jahn-Teller effect with maxima at around 850 and 1000 nm, the latter causes a more
489 intense $E_{\perp c}$ -polarized single band at around 830 nm. The presence of these features in the spectra
490 from the Kruta Balka samples is consistent with the microprobe data (Tab. 3), which show up to 0.5
491 wt% FeO_{tot} . Note that a relatively high intensity of the absorption bands of Fe^{2+} , when their short-
492 wave tail reaches the visible range, may contribute to a bluish hue of the green color of the sample.
493 We can roughly estimate both $^{\text{Be}}\text{Fe}^{2+}$ - and $^{\text{Al}}\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -content from the spectra as ~ 0.004 and
494 ~ 0.008 apfu, respectively (Taran and Vyshnevskiy 2019). The Fe^{3+} -content cannot be estimated,
495 because a weak spin-forbidden band of the ion at $\sim 26.820 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, used for that is hidden by an
496 absorption edge and broad band of Cr^{3+} . There can also be some $^{\text{Be}}\text{Fe}^{3+}$, less than $^{\text{Be}}\text{Fe}^{2+}$, which
497 again we are unable to quantify.

498 Comparing the calculated BeO content of the Kruta Balka emerald analyses with the measured
499 SiO_2 content (Fig. 12), they plot above the line connecting the ideal with the substituted beryls (Fig.
500 12). This indicates either an over-determination of the calculated BeO content or an
501 underestimation of the SiO_2 content by EPMA. However, since both methods (WDS and EDS) with
502 three different instruments on three different crystals yielded similar results for SiO_2 ,
503 underestimation seems unlikely, suggesting that in these emeralds the Be-content is possibly
504 slightly below 3.000. The formula calculated with a value corrected by $-0.30 \text{ wt}\%$ BeO (taken from
505 Fig. 12) and with the average Li_2O content for beryl from Kruta Balka (Rozanov and Lavrinenko
506 1979), yields 2.944 Be apfu.

507 The infrared spectra of beryl show the presence of both types H_2O I and H_2O II in the channels.
508 Clearly observable structures in the vicinities of ν_2 and ν_1 bands of H_2O II lead us to conclude that
509 both are represented by envelopes formed from at least two overlapping separate narrower bands.
510 For ν_2 their maxima are located at 1620 and 1632 cm^{-1} (Fig. 10c), and at 3600, 3592 with a shoulder
511 at 3585 cm^{-1} for ν_1 . Fukuda and Shinoda (2008) proposed that Na-associated water molecules in
512 beryl may exist in two configurations, either as doubly coordinated $\text{H}_2\text{O}\text{-Na}\text{-OH}_2$ (H_2O IId), or as
513 singly coordinated $\text{H}_2\text{O}\text{-Na}$ (H_2O IIs). They assumed that in the case of H_2O IId, a ν_2 band has its
514 maximum at 1620 to 1624 cm^{-1} and ν_3 band at 3660 to 3664 cm^{-1} , while the same bands of H_2O IIs
515 are centered at 1633 to 1637 and 3643 cm^{-1} , respectively (Fukuda and Shinoda 2008; Fridrichova et
516 al. 2016). Thus, we assign the peak at 1620 cm^{-1} to vibrations of H_2O IId, whereas the ν_2 maxima at
517 1632 cm^{-1} is assigned to H_2O IIs. The position of the central point of the broad ν_3 band at 3655 cm^{-1}
518 is also situated between predicted wave numbers for pure H_2O IId and H_2O IIs configurations. This
519 indicates that the amounts of H_2O II molecules in both configurations are nearly equal. Taking the
520 dominant intensities of H_2O II bands into consideration, we can assume that this species is much

521 more (at least 2 times) abundant compared to H₂O I. Total water content was not analyzed, but
522 through a comparison of respective bands' intensities (Fig. 10a-c) with those in the spectra of
523 samples with known water content (Table EA 4) we estimate about 1.5 wt% of total H₂O in the KB
524 samples.

525 With these values, the 'best estimate' for the crystal chemical formula for the KB emeralds is
526 $(\text{Na}_{.324}\text{K}_{.004}\text{Cs}_{.020}\text{Li}_{.016})_{0.364}(\text{Al}_{1.815}\text{Cr}_{.015}\text{V}_{.004}\text{Fe}^{2+}_{.018}\text{Mg}_{.063}\text{Mn}_{.002}\text{Ca}_{.002}\text{Ti}_{.001}\text{Li}_{.076})_{2.000}[\text{Be}_{2.944}\text{Li}_{0.056}\text{Si}$
527 $_{5.937}\text{Al}_{0.063}\text{O}_{18}]\text{H}_2\text{O}_{0.920}$, neglecting small amounts of Fe²⁺ at the Be-site and Fe³⁺. The very high Na
528 contents are likely explained by a combination of the tetrahedral substitution $\text{LiNaBe}_{-1}\square_{-1}$ and the
529 octahedral substitution $\text{LiNa}_2\text{Al}_{-1}\square_{-2}$. As shown above that the tetrahedral substitution accounts for
530 0.056 Be apfu, but the total amount of Na(+K+Cs) is 0.349 apfu, which leaves enough Na for
531 charge compensation for $\text{LiNa}_2\text{Al}_{-1}\square_{-2}$.

532 The estimated H₂O content of 1.5 wt% (from FTIR), equivalent to 0.920 H₂O pfu, is consistent
533 with the total amount of H₂O II bound to Na⁺ (H₂O IId + H₂O IIc). This value is low compared to
534 emeralds worldwide and does not fit the generally observed correlation between Na₂O and H₂O
535 (Marshall et al. 2016), which is based on the crystal-chemical argument of the combination of Na
536 with H₂O molecules (e.g. Hawthorne and Černý 1977). However, experimental data (Pankrath and
537 Langer 2001) clearly show that the water content in Na-free beryl is a function of $P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ and T ; thus
538 the Na-content is a complex function of P , T , crystal chemistry and the presence of other Na-
539 bearing phases (e.g. albite, tourmaline, fluid; see discussion below). Unquantified amounts of CO₂
540 were identified as a narrow band at 2359 cm⁻¹, in the same range as first reported by Wood and
541 Nasssa (1967) for CO₂ molecules in the channels. In the absence of fluid inclusion data there is no
542 clear indication for the source of CO₂, but the geological situation at Kruta Balka with carbonates
543 among the country rocks suggests metamorphic fluids.

544 The c/a ratio of the KB emerald of 0.999 classifies them as 'tetrahedrally substituted' beryls in
545 the nomenclature of Aurisicchio et al. (1988), although the chemical composition requires that
546 substitution of Li at the octahedral position is equally important; in addition, some Li must be
547 assigned to the channel position. Within the channels, Li likely occupies the 2b-position with a
548 planar [6]-fold coordination and a distance to oxygen O₁ of 2.548 Å (Hawthorne and Černý 1977).
549 The 2a-site with a [12]-fold coordination is much too large, and such a high coordination number
550 has not been observed in Li-compounds (Gagné and Hawthorne 2016). Hawthorne and Černý
551 (1977) also assigned 0.049 Li apfu to the 2b site in their crystal structure refinement of a Cs-Li
552 beryl.

553 The Li for KB emeralds is sourced from pegmatites, which are rich in Li, as indicated by the
554 presence of spodumene and petalite, and the Li-bearing tourmaline inclusions in emeralds.
555 Emeralds from Crabtree Mts, USA are also from a locality with spodumene-bearing pegmatites

556 (Wise and Anderson 2006), and they are also closely associated with tourmaline. The high Hf-
557 content of zircon inclusions (up to 11 wt% HfO₂) is consistent with the association of the KB
558 emeralds to albite-spodumene pegmatites with a complex Be-Li-Cs-Ta-mineralization; high-Hf
559 zircons are characteristic for pegmatites with Ta-Nb-mineralization (Speer 1982).

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561 **Substitutions in emeralds and Cr-V sources for emerald**

562 In order to compare the KB emeralds with other deposits we compiled critical major element
563 values from all to us known localities worldwide (Table 5; complete data set in Table EA 6). This
564 data reveals a wide range in Al₂O₃ contents ranging between ~11 and 19 wt%. The calculated
565 content of wt% BeO, assuming 3.000 Be apfu for all these analyses, varies between ~13 and 14
566 wt%. We use these data together with the determined SiO₂ contents by EPMA (Fig. 12) to show if
567 the assumption of 3.000 Be apfu is robust. Figure 12 also shows the ideal compositions for both
568 beryl and other possible end-members, as well as reference data from a relatively pure beryl from a
569 pegmatite (Table EA 3) and data from emerald and synthetic beryl reported on by Aurisicchio et al.
570 (1988). All data should lie between ideal beryl and these end-members. The theoretical values for
571 ideal beryl (hydrous and anhydrous), femag-beryl (shown for hydrated Fe and Mg end-members)
572 and for Li-octahedrally substituted beryl LiNa₂Al₁□₂ lie on a line, because the ratio BeO:SiO₂ does
573 not vary significantly. However, the tetrahedral substitutions LiNaBe₁□₁ (avdeevite) and
574 LiCsBe₁□₁ (pezzotaite) change the ratio strongly, and due to the high atomic weight of Cs the
575 pezzotaite component also significantly influences the weight percentages of SiO₂ and BeO. In fact,
576 all analyses of emeralds cluster near to the line connecting ideal anhydrous beryl with the
577 hypothetical end-members for hydrated femag-beryl, confirming our assumption. For those, which
578 are off the line a correction needs to be applied.

579 For a further characterization of emerald composition, we use the Mg# and Cr# as characteristic
580 values. This is based on the original concept for emerald genesis (Fersman 1929), in which Be is
581 supplied by pegmatites, and metasomatic reactions with metamorphosed ultramafic country rocks
582 (serpentinites and others) supplied the chromophore elements Cr and V. Ultramafic-ultrabasic rocks
583 in general are mantle-derived, and therefore their Mg# is restricted to values between ~0.80 and
584 ~0.90. Lower and higher values indicate other sources. Chromium is always concentrated in
585 (metamorphosed) ultramafic-ultrabasic rocks (see e.g. Cawthorn et al. 2005, for enrichment of both
586 elements in mafic and ultramafic rocks), but in common ultramafic rocks V is present only at low
587 concentrations (e.g. Cawthorn et al. 2005), and therefore Cr# in emeralds are high.

588 The average Mg# of emeralds worldwide (Fig. 13) range from ~0.15 to 0.99, but cluster between
589 0.80 and 0.90. The average Cr# vary between 0 and 1.0, but most values are ≥0.70. The reader
590 should be aware that the characterization presented here is done with the average *typical* values;

591 individual analyses may deviate strongly (Fig. 5). Here we refer to localities with Mg# between
592 0.80 and 0.90 and Cr# ≥ 0.90 as 'ultramafic' schist type, associated with metamorphosed ultramafic-
593 ultrabasic host rocks.

594 Metasediments represent another possible source for Cr and V, typically in the form of organic-
595 rich rocks such as blackshales and impure limestones, as they are known organophiles (e.g.
596 Tribovillard et al. 2006). Incorporation of these elements into minerals during metamorphism is
597 well known for garnet and epidote (e.g. Bačík et al. 2017), and for oxide minerals (Di Cecco et al.
598 2018). In sediments, however, both elements are redox-sensitive, and can become enriched or
599 depleted during diagenetic and metasomatic events, and can be coupled or decoupled, which results
600 in highly variable Cr#. These localities are called 'sedimentary', referring to the sedimentary origin
601 of Cr and V. The best-known examples are the Cordilleran-type emeralds from Colombia. Hewton
602 et al. (2013) discovered a similar locality in the Canadian Cordillera (Mc Kenzie Mts.), but also
603 other Canadian localities (Lened with skarn as host rocks, and Yukon territories) belong to this
604 type.

605 Localities with Mg# between 0.70 and 0.80 and Cr# down to 0.70 are referred to as
606 'transitional', i.e. their host rocks are (meta)ultramafic-basic rocks, which may contain a
607 sedimentary component. For the KB emeralds, this situation is well documented (Fig. 2). Here,
608 country rocks of the pegmatites are both metamorphosed ultramafic rocks and meta-black shales.
609 For each individual sample the Mg# and Cr# depend strongly on the local situation within the
610 deposit.

611 The Alpine-type localities (from the Alpine-Himalaya-chain) are 'ultramafic' (Habachtal,
612 Austria; Bulgaria) or 'sedimentary' (Binntal, Switzerland; Sharbag-Swat and Gandao, Pakistan;
613 Afghanistan; Kazakhstan). The occurrence at Binntal, Switzerland is hosted in quartz veins and vein
614 breccia fragments within a magnetite-bearing meta-quartzite (Marshall et al. 2017), which provided
615 an extreme Mg# of 0.99. The majority of Gondwana-basement-type localities from Brazil, Africa,
616 Madagascar, Australia, and India are 'ultramafic' or 'transitional', with the exception of Sunbawanga
617 and Manyari (Tanzania), Jos (Nigeria), Salinhina (Brazil), and Emmaville (Australia). Emerald
618 localities from the Eurasian basement settings (Norway; Dyakou, Davdar, in China) are all
619 'sedimentary'.

620 In many emeralds the femag substitution $(\text{Mg,Fe}^{2+})\text{NaAl}_{1-x}\square_{x-1}$ is dominant (e.g. review by Groat
621 et al. 2008). The maximum degree of femag substitution has been observed for emeralds from
622 Egypt, Madagascar and Brazil (Fig. 14), and so far no indication for a miscibility gap has been
623 reported (see also Aurisicchio et al. 1988). However, there are two clusters of data, and we divide
624 the diagram at a value of 0.250 apfu in two groups with low and high substitutions. Theoretically,
625 the substitution can reach 1 (Mg,Fe) + 1 Na apfu, limited only by the number of 2b channel sites at

626 the level of the Si-rings. However, Na^+ is generally associated with water positioned within the
627 channels, requiring the water molecule in the channel site 2a to have its negative bipole oriented
628 toward the Na^+ (H_2O II orientation; Wood and Nassau 1968). Therefore, two H^+ near to the next
629 ring would cause extra positive charge, which does not allow Na^+ to occupy this neighboring
630 position, reducing the total amount of Na to 0.5 apfu; this can be considered to represent the end-
631 member of the solid solution. However, only for the samples from Sandawana (Zimbabwe) is Na (+
632 minor K, Cs) close to 0.500 apfu, for all others it is below 0.400 apfu (Fig. 15). This indicates an
633 additional substitution mechanism for Mg, such as MgBe_{-1} (see below).

634 Several individual analyses of emeralds from Ianapera, Madagascar (Andrianjakavah et al. 2009)
635 go slightly above this limit (not plotted in Fig. 14). However, these are among the rare emeralds
636 reported that have high K contents (0.156 apfu), even exceeding their Na contents (0.138 apfu). The
637 only other localities with elevated K content are those from Tanzania (Moroz et al. 2002), where up
638 to 0.33 wt% K_2O have been reported. With such large amounts of K in the channel the model above
639 about the water arrangement may no longer be strictly valid.

640 The fact that in most emeralds the K-content is near the detection limit is astonishing, because
641 the majority of the ultramafic schist-type localities are situated in biotite-rich country rocks, where
642 K-saturation can safely be assumed. We argue therefore that the absence of K in the beryl channel
643 is due to the intermediate size of K^+ between Na^+ , which fits well at the 2b ring center position, and
644 Cs^+ , which fits well at the 2a position between two rings. The Ianapera emerald locality is situated
645 in an area, where granulite facies conditions were achieved (see Andrianjakavah et al. 2009), and
646 possibly such high P - T conditions favored the incorporation of K into the channels of beryl.

647 A high femag substitution requires saturation with both Mg+Fe and Na. Saturation of Mg+Fe is
648 indicated by the presence of Fe-Mg minerals, predominantly biotite, chlorite, amphibole, talc, and
649 also tourmaline, which is in many deposits a characteristic accessory mineral. In quartz vein
650 assemblages where no Mg-Fe minerals are present, emeralds reveal little or no femag substitution,
651 such as those from Jos, Nigeria (Schwarz et al. 1996; Vapnik and Moroz 2000). They have only
652 0.08 wt% MgO and in the calculated formula $(\text{Al}+\text{V}+\text{Cr}) \sim 2.000$ apfu, with a negligible amount of
653 femag substitution. Thus we conclude that the amount of femag substitution is partly controlled by
654 the local availability of Mg+Fe.

655 The femag substitution requires the availability of an equivalent amount of Na, and the
656 availability of Na can be another limiting factor for the femag substitution. There are numerous
657 studies of fluid inclusions in emerald, which show a wide range in salinities (see review by Groat et
658 al. 2008) from almost nil (e.g. Swat, Pakistan; Seal 1989) up to 40 wt% NaCl_{equ} (e.g. the Colombian
659 emeralds; Groat et al. 2008). An example, where at a high Mg+Fe whole rock content is associated
660 with a low femag substitution in emerald of only ~ 0.1 apfu, is our sample from Western Australia

661 (Fig. 14); the crystal is embedded in a matrix of almost monomineralic phlogopite, such that a
662 saturation in the Mg+Fe component is assured, leading us to postulate a very low concentration of
663 Na in the fluid.

664 A typical Na-mineral in equilibrium with emerald is tourmaline, which is a key Mg-Fe mineral
665 in Kruta Balka (together with muscovite), Lened (Canada), the Crabtree Mts. (USA), and
666 Debelgetey (Kazakhstan). All these localities belong to the low substitution group. The exchange
667 vector $(\text{Mg,Fe}^{2+})\text{NaAl}_{1-x}\text{□}_{x-1}$ also operates in tourmaline [e.g. dravite-schorl
668 $\text{Na}(\text{Mg,Fe})_3\text{Al}_6\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_4$ - Mg-foitite-foitite $\square(\text{Mg,Fe})_2\text{AlAl}_6\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_4$]. If
669 tourmaline crystallized (due to a high B-content in the system) and if it controls the Mg,Fe + Na
670 content in the sample, then there is no Mg,Fe + Na left over for the femag-component in beryl.
671 Experimental studies on tourmaline have shown that this substitution depends strongly on fluid
672 composition, as well as on *P* and *T* (von Goerne et al. 2001, 2011; Berryman et al. 2016). Using the
673 experimental data by von Goerne et al. (2001) about Na-distribution between tourmaline and fluid,
674 a Na-concentration in the fluid of $\sim 0.6 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ Na is calculated for the KB emeralds, with very Ca
675 low concentrations in the fluid (using Ca-poor tourmaline-albite pairs; von Goerne et al. 2011).

676 For most data there is a fairly strong positive correlation between Mg+Fe and Na (+ minor K,
677 Cs) (Fig. 14). For those analyses which plot above the line for the exchange vector
678 $(\text{Mg,Fe}^{2+})\text{NaAl}_{1-x}\text{□}_{x-1}$ a certain amount of Fe^{3+} can be assumed, which shifts many analyses towards
679 the ideal line. However, for a number of localities (Sikait, Zabara, Um Kabu from Egypt; St.
680 Terezinha, Socotó from Brazil; Mananjary, Ianapera, from Madagascar; Chantete, Kagem from
681 Zambia) the data remain above the line, even when all Fe is assumed to be Fe^{3+} , indicating an
682 additional substitution for Al by Mg. This is also seen in Figure 14, where several localities
683 (Manyara, Tanzania; Ianapera, Madagascar; Mariinskoye, Russia; Socotó and Tauá, Brazil) lie
684 above the line for the ideal substitution. This additional component, which does not reduce the Al-
685 content of the beryl, and which does not include Na, is possibly the Be-cordierite component
686 $\text{Mg}_2[\text{Al}_2\text{BeSi}_6\text{O}_{18}]$ (Hölscher and Schreyer 1986); the substitution MgBe_{-1} increases the Mg-content
687 but does not change the amount of Al and Si in beryl. For the Tanzania and Madagascar deposits,
688 high-grade metamorphism has been postulated (Moroz et al. 2002; Andrianjakavah et al. 2009), and
689 it is likely that high temperatures should favor this substitution. Analyses below the line (Fig. 14)
690 indicate higher amounts of Na (+K+Cs) and the replacement of Be by Li+Na and Al by Li+2Na;
691 they are significant in the samples from Kruta Balka (Ukraine), Mavis Lake (Canada), Crabtree
692 Mts. (USA), Binntal (Switzerland), and Dyakou (China).

693 As discussed above, the *P-T* conditions also influence the amount of femag substitution.
694 Emeralds from high-grade Gondwana-type basement localities generally show a high amount of
695 femag substitution. For the Colombian emeralds, low temperature conditions of $\leq 350^\circ\text{C}$ near to the

696 lower P - T -stability of beryl (Barton and Young 2002) are well constrained (e.g. Pignatelli et al.
697 2015); a high Na-activity has been established due to the high salinity in fluid inclusions, and
698 Mg+Fe are provided by dolomite and chlorite. For the locality Peñas Blancas in the Eastern
699 Cordillera the amount of femag substitution is ~ 0.2 apfu (Pignatelli et al. 2015), and thus this is the
700 maximum femag component at low P - T . The emeralds from Austria, which crystallized during
701 prograde metamorphism (Grundmann and Morteani 1989), show a systematic core-rim relationship
702 with increasing femag component towards the rim (Franz et al. 1986), correlated with an increasing
703 temperature. Aurisicchio et al. (1988) have shown that with increasing femag substitution the size
704 and distortion of the Al-octahedron increases, and this is consistent with increasing temperature
705 favoring the femag substitution. The effect of pressure might be the opposite, although no data are
706 available for supporting this assumption.

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708 CONCLUSIONS

709 The analysis of emeralds is simplified by the assumption of 3.000 Be apfu in emerald being in
710 general valid. EPMA are sufficient for a first characterization, despite the fact that $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$ cannot
711 be distinguished and water contents are unknown. Comparison between the calculated BeO-content
712 with measured SiO_2 -contents (Fig. 12) is useful to check this assumption, and only in case of
713 significant deviation from the ideal compositions a correction might be applied or Be measured
714 directly with other methods (e.g. SIMS). Silicon values are mostly near to the ideal value of 6.000
715 apfu. Because of the low atomic weights of Be and Li, and because of the high amount of SiO_2 in
716 beryl, low analytical uncertainties are required when measuring these elements. Otherwise, no
717 robust conclusions can be made for substitutions involving Si-Be-Li.

718 Li-contents are in many cases quite important and necessary for calculating a correct mineral
719 formula. If Li-contents are available, normalization to $\text{Be}+\text{Li} = 3.000$ apfu is possible, because in
720 most emeralds Li substitutes for Be via $\text{LiNaBe}_{-1}\square_{-1}$ (see Table 1 for possible substitutions; Table 4
721 for cation distribution in selected emeralds). The tetrahedral coordination of Li is also the most
722 frequently observed (Gagné and Hawthorne 2016). Nevertheless, in KB emeralds Li is also
723 observed on the octahedral site, substituting for Al via $\text{LiNa}_2\text{Al}_{-1}\square_{-2}$ (which is also common in other
724 Li-compounds, Gagné and Hawthorne 2016), and at the channel position 2b, with a planar [6]-
725 coordination. Our data provide more evidence for Li as a minor channel constituent, as discussed
726 for CsLi-beryls (Hawthorne and Černý 1977).

727 Water molecules (at the 2a position) and Na (at 2b) are common at the channel position in
728 emeralds. The Na-atoms at 2b would be underbonded, if there were no water molecules bonded to
729 Na, which argues for a positive correlation between Na- and water contents, but Na only controls
730 the minimum possible amount of one H_2O molecule bonded to Na (Hawthorne and Černý 1977).

731 The positive correlation in emeralds, first observed by Zimmermann et al. (1997; refined correlation
732 by Marshall et al. 2016) was used to calculate water contents in emeralds, but it must be used with
733 caution, because even in Na-free synthetic beryls water content increases to 3 wt% as a function of
734 P and T (Pankrath and Langer 2001).

735 To explain the anomalous Na-contents of the KB emeralds (likely connected with Li), mapping
736 of the Na-contents has been proven to be extremely useful. The Na-distribution is irregular in a
737 vein-like and patchy network (Fig. 6) and in areas parallel to cracks (Fig. 7), likely correlated with
738 the strong infiltration by Na inducing $\text{LiNa}_2\text{Al}_{1-x}\text{□}_{-2}$ replacement during late-stage hydrothermal
739 activity. Our preliminary comparison of element maps of emeralds from other localities confirms
740 that this method yields important information on the crystallization processes of emeralds.

741 In most emeralds the femag-component is an important factor controlling the Na-content via
742 $(\text{Mg,Fe}^{2+})\text{NaAl}_{1-x}\text{□}_{-1}$. The maximum of 0.5 Na apfu is however rarely reached; more common is a
743 substitution of up to 0.4 Na apfu (Fig. 15). An apparently higher substitution (Fig. 14) suggests the
744 presence of Fe^{3+} (instead of Fe^{2+}) as the stoppaniite component (Fig. 15) and/or a Be-cordierite
745 component MgBe_{-1} . The femag-component is a complex function of P and T , saturation of Na
746 (controlled by other Na-minerals such as albite and tourmaline, and the fluid phase), and saturation
747 of Mg,Fe^{2+} (mostly controlled by biotite, amphibole, talc, and tourmaline). Again, mapping of the
748 element concentrations (mainly Mg; Figs. 6 and 7) provides valuable information about the growth
749 conditions.

750 At Kruta Balka the close connection of emerald mineralization to granites and pegmatites
751 strongly suggests that these provided the source of Be and Li. The small amount of femag
752 substitution points to low P - T conditions and/or a low Na-concentration in the fluid; tourmaline
753 composition at Kruta Balka indicates $\sim 0.6 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ Na in fluid (compared to the experimental fluid-
754 tourmaline partitioning data by von Goerne et al. 2001) and a very low concentration of Ca in fluid
755 as shown by Ca-poor tourmaline-albite pairs (von Goerne et al. 2011). The replacement structures
756 seen in the cores (Fig. 6) clearly indicate a metasomatic origin, where a Be-bearing fluid possibly
757 replaced an Al-Si-mineral such as feldspar. Inclusions of Hf-rich zircon and Sc-rich apatite are of
758 pegmatitic origin. Sector zoning in the core (Fig. 7) indicates several pulses of growth. The outer
759 part of the crystal, with oscillatory zoning and the highest amount of Cr, Sc, and V (Figs. 6, 7)
760 indicate further growth of emerald and incorporation of these elements from the fluid. Oscillatory
761 zoning of Cr, which is in most cases enriched on the growing prism faces (Fig. 7), is indicative of
762 rapid disequilibrium growth from a fluid.

763 **IMPLICATIONS**

764 The observations resulting from the study of Kruta Balka imply that detailed crystal chemical
765 information combined with the spatial distribution of certain elements can give important

766 indications of what is involved in the genesis of emeralds, which is also the basis for many
767 classification systems. Such information might even allow the otherwise difficult distinction
768 between metamorphic vs. metasomatic deposits where element mobility has been on the thin
769 section scale.

770 A number of different classification schemes have been proposed for emerald deposits, based on
771 their Be source, metamorphic grade, tectonic environment, metasomatic history, and fluid sources
772 as established by their stable isotope signatures (see reviews by Giuliani et al. 1988, 2018; Barton
773 and Young 2002; Schwarz et al. 2002; Groat et al. 2008; Aurisicchio et al. 2018; and references
774 therein). We suggest using the Mg# and Cr# (Fig. 13) of emeralds, which are controlled by their
775 sources, and the amount of femag substitution (Fig. 14) to present a simple characterization of
776 emerald deposits. We have identified three categories of emerald occurrences: (1) the 'ultramafic'
777 schist-type occurrence with Mg# between ~0.80 and ~0.90, and Cr# between 1.0 and 0.8, which is
778 the common one, (2) a 'sedimentary' group, where the source of Mg, Fe, Cr, and V are
779 (meta)sediments such as blackshales and impure limestones, with highly variable Mg# and Cr#, and
780 (3) a 'transitional' group, where the source includes both, ultramafic rocks and metasediments, for
781 which Kruta Balka is an excellent example.

782 This classification serves only as a first step. We propose a subdivision into low (≤ 0.25 apfu) and
783 high substitution (0.25 - 0.5 apfu) of femag-component. Deposits classified as 'sedimentary' and
784 'transitional' typically show a low femag-component, 'ultramafic' deposits a high femag-component.
785 If emeralds from deposits with a high femag-component, likely connected with the ultramafic schist
786 type, show elevated K contents, they might come from an area with high-grade metamorphism.
787 Pardieu et al. (2015) also used the K-content of emeralds for fingerprinting their origin. Further
788 refinement of the classification (and more information for provenance analysis) could be obtained
789 from trace elements. In addition to the commonly used elements such as Li, Cs and Ga (Aurisicchio
790 et al. 2018; Schwarz 2016), Sc is very promising not only because of a high potential for separation
791 of different deposits (Schwarz 2016), but also for the crystallization history, when analyzing its
792 spatial distribution in a crystal.

793 Furthermore, our data imply that analysis of solid inclusions provide important information for
794 the source of Be. Zircon with an extreme Hf-content is a strong indication of Li-Cs-Ta pegmatites,
795 In addition, tourmaline analysis (which allow calculating a theoretical Li-content) could point to an
796 elevated content of Li in the emeralds. Tourmaline analyses allow obtaining some information
797 about the fluid phase, and in combination with fluid inclusion data (which are often available for
798 emerald studies) tourmaline can assist in deciphering the origin and genesis of emeralds.
799 Knowledge of all this information might also help in prospecting. Assuming that only a small piece

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1044 **Figure captions**

1045 Fig. 1: Position of the Ukrainian Shield in the East European Platform and its tectonic zones
1046 (modified from Claesson et al. 2006). Domains: Volynskiy (North-West); RT, Ros-

1047 Tykichskiyi; P, Podilskiyi (Dnister-Buh); K, Kirovohradskiyi (Inhulskiyi); MD,
1048 Serednoprivodnirovskiyi; A, Pryazovskiyi. Suture zones: HSZ, Holovanivska; KSZ, Kryvorizka;
1049 OSZ, Orikhiv-Pavlohradka. Beryl occurrences: emerald KB = Kruta Balka, heliodor V =
1050 Volynske.

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1052 Fig. 2: Schematic geological map (a) and cross section (b) of Kruta Balka pegmatite occurrence.
1053 The host rocks of emerald are both, meta-ultramafic to metabasic rocks and metasediments, rich in
1054 organic matter.

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1056 Fig. 3: 3D-image of pegmatite vein with the sampling locations of emerald crystals #16 and
1057 #18; the locality of the KBE sample is not recorded in detail, but from a similar position.
1058 Cross-hatched area shows erosion cut of the vein; from Taran et al. (2005), with permission of
1059 the Mineralogical Journal, Ukraine.

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1061 Fig. 4: Hand specimen of emerald from Kruta Balka, Ukraine, with abundant muscovite and
1062 albite

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1064 Fig. 5: Cr and V content (in apfu) of emeralds from Kruta Balka; shown are the average
1065 compositions (large open circles) of three crystals and the individual point analyses (small
1066 dots), to illustrate the strong heterogeneity within a crystal and from crystal to crystal. Many
1067 crystals from emerald occurrences worldwide show such heterogeneity; two examples are
1068 given for the Mananjary deposit, Madagascar (squares; sample 81-193, four crystals; Table EA
1069 1), which is characterized by a large amount of Cr, and for the Sandagawa deposit, Zambia
1070 (diamonds; Zwaan et al. 1997), characterized by intermediate Cr and V contents. Note
1071 different scales of Cr and V; Cr is generally more abundant.

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1073 Fig. 6: Element mapping of crystal KB-1, Kruta Balka; orientation of the crystal's c-axis is
1074 indicated in corresponding BSE image. Al and Mg are inversely correlated, Mg and Cr (and V,
1075 Fe; hardly visible because of low concentrations) are positively correlated. Cr is also enriched
1076 in biotite (Bt), in late stage chlorite (Chl), and in muscovite (Ms) intergrown with biotite, but
1077 not in large muscovite inclusions. Cr distribution in emerald is indicative of oscillatory zoning
1078 and of replacement structures (note Cr-Mg-poor dark areas in center of Cr- and Mg-image).
1079 Na is completely independent of other element concentrations, enriched in an irregular
1080 network of μm -sized veins; some veins are oriented subparallel and -perpendicular to c. Sc, a
1081 trace element often observed in beryl, is enriched in apatite (Ap). For further discussion see

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1084 Fig. 7: Element mapping of inclusion-free crystal KB-2, Kruta Balka; orientation of the
1085 crystal's *c*-axis (and growth direction), traces of prism face (*hki0*) and basal pinakoid (*0001*)
1086 are indicated in corresponding BSE image. Al and Cr are inversely correlated, and Mg and Sc
1087 (and Fe; hardly visible because of low concentration) are inversely correlated. The zigzag
1088 pattern of Mg distribution in the internal part of the crystal indicates sector zoning (see dashed
1089 lines) with the **c**-sector enriched in Mg, the **a**-sector enriched in Sc. Oscillatory Cr zoning
1090 indicates general preferential Cr incorporation perpendicular to the **c**-axis; arrows in Cr-map
1091 point to irregularities in zoning on prism and pinakoid. Na is positively correlated with Mg,
1092 but enriched along cracks oriented subparallel and perpendicular to **c** (indicated by arrows).
1093 For further discussion see text.

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1095 Fig. 8: BSE images of the Kruta Balka emeralds (**a** #16, **c-h** #18). Abbreviations: Brl beryl, Bt
1096 biotite, Ms muscovite, Tour tourmaline, Zrn zircon. Zircon inclusions have up to 11 wt%
1097 HfO₂, tourmaline is Li-bearing with a calculated content of 0.39 wt% Li₂O corresponding to
1098 0.259 Li apfu.

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1100 Fig. 9: **(a)** Polarized optical absorption spectrum of emerald from Kruta Balka, sample #18 **(b)**
1101 Optical diffuse reflectance spectrum of sample #16; from Taran et al. (2005), with permission of the
1102 Mineralogical Journal, Ukraine.

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1104 Fig. 10: Polarized FTIR spectra of emerald from Kruta Balka, sample KBE **(a)** range 6000 to 1500
1105 cm⁻¹; **(b)** detailed area with fundamental H₂O-stretching bands; **(c)** middle IR-part with bands of
1106 H₂O-bending vibration; **(d)** CO₂ asymmetric stretching band (comparatively strong for beryls)

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1108 Fig. 11: Comparison of measured BeO contents (wt%) with the calculated BeO contents from
1109 EPMA, assuming 3.000 Be pfu, for emerald crystals from different localities; + data from
1110 Aurisicchio et al. (1988) for emeralds and beryl from emerald localities, photometric
1111 determination of BeO (localities in italics); x Aurisicchio et al. (1988) for synthetic flux grown
1112 beryl. For most samples the calculated BeO content is slightly overestimated, indicating a
1113 small amount of substitution of Be. The vertical error bar is 1% relative for BeO measured by
1114 SIMS and the horizontal error bar is for 0.26% relative for SiO₂ measured by EPMA and used
1115 to calculate BeO, whence the major impact of the SiO₂ measurement on calculated BeO
1116 content.

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1118 Fig. 12: SiO₂ contents (wt%) of emeralds from localities worldwide determined by EPMA,
1119 compared to the calculated BeO content, assuming 3.000 Be pfu (Table 5). Included are also
1120 the data for ideal compositions (diamonds), anhydrous beryl (labeled *ideal*) and beryl with a
1121 maximum content of 3.2 wt% H₂O (labeled *hydrous*), beryl with octahedral Al = Li + 2Na
1122 substitution (labeled *ideal Al-Li*), hydrous femag beryls with 0.5 Al = 0.5 Na + 0.5 Mg and 0.5
1123 Al = 0.5 Na + 0.5 Fe (labeled *ideal hydrous Mg*, *ideal hydrous Fe*), connected by the dashed
1124 line; the tetrahedral substitution Be = Li + Na (labeled *ideal Be-Li*) produces beryl with 65.79
1125 wt% SiO₂, 11.41 wt% BeO (indicated by the arrow) and pezzotaite has the lowest BeO-content
1126 with 10.26 wt%. The reference data from pure pegmatitic beryl (open circles, rim and core
1127 analysis) lie close to the line and underline the general validity of the assumption 3.000 Be
1128 pfu. Average analysis from Kruta Balka emeralds (# 16, 18 and KBE), Manyara (Tanzania),
1129 and Mavis Lake (Canada) lie above the line, indicating overestimation of the calculated BeO
1130 content by approximately 0.3 wt%. Data from Norway and the Egyptian localities Zabar,
1131 Sikait, and Um Kabu below the line; all these analyses show high Si between 6.042 and 6.081
1132 apfu. For further discussion see text.

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1134 Fig. 13: Characterization of emerald deposits, based on Cr# = Cr/(Cr+V) vs. Mg# =
1135 Mg/(Mg+Fe). Many emerald deposits (24 out of 52) are characterized by high ratios between
1136 0.8 and 0.9, which is the *ultramafic* schist type occurrence, where Cr as the coloring element
1137 is predominant, originating from metamorphosed mafic-ultramafic rocks. A small group (11
1138 localities) is considered as *transitional*, where the source for Mg+Fe+Cr+V are both mafic-
1139 ultramafic rocks and metasediments; Kruta Balka is a typical example for this group, and most
1140 of the Australian deposits belong to this group. All other localities (17) are considered as
1141 *sedimentary* with regard to their origin of highly variable Cr# and Mg#. The Cordilleran-type
1142 occurrences from Colombia and Canada (Yukon, McKenzie Mts., Lened) are typical
1143 examples, but also the Chinese deposits Davdar and Dyaku, Binntal (Switzerland), Pakistan
1144 (Sharbag-Swat, Gandao).

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1146 Fig. 14: Sum of trivalent (Al+Cr+V+Sc) and divalent cations (Mg+Fe+Mn; in apfu) of
1147 emeralds. All analyses are calculated with Fe_{tot} = Fe²⁺ and on the basis of 3.000 Be apfu. The
1148 dotted vertical line separates localities with a low amount of substitution from those with a
1149 high amount, arbitrarily set at 0.25 apfu; the Ukrainian Kruta Balka occurrence belongs to the
1150 group with a low amount of substitution, as most of the deposits classified as transitional and
1151 sedimentary. The majority of the 'ultramafic' deposits show a high amount of femag-

1152 component. Exchange vectors are shown in the inset lower left; the dashed line indicates the
1153 effect of the ideal femag substitution ${}^{\text{VI}}(\text{Al,Cr,V,Sc}) = {}^{\text{VI}}(\text{Mg, Fe}_{\text{tot}}^{2+}, \text{Mn}) + {}^{\text{channel}}(\text{Na,K,Cs})$,
1154 which goes up to 0.5 Mg+Fe+Mn, which is considered as the actual end-member. For further
1155 discussion see text.

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1157 Fig. 15: Sum of divalent cations (Mg, Fe²⁺, Mn) and monovalent cations (Na, K, Rb, Cs) of
1158 emeralds' EPMA from Kruta Balka, compared to analyses from the literature and from our
1159 data base (for data base and references see Table 5). The dashed line indicates the effect of the
1160 ideal femag substitution ${}^{\text{VI}}(\text{Al,Cr,V,Sc}) = {}^{\text{VI}}(\text{Mg, Fe}_{\text{tot}}^{2+}, \text{Mn}) + {}^{\text{channel}}(\text{Na,K,Cs})$. The Kruta
1161 Balka emeralds are exceptional showing a high amount of the substitution ${}^{\text{VI}}(\text{Al,Cr,V,Sc}) =$
1162 ${}^{\text{VI}}(\text{Li}) + 2 {}^{\text{channel}}(\text{Na,K,Cs})$; other data points below the line include emerald from Dyaku,
1163 China, Mavis Lake, Canada, Binntal, Switzerland, from Crabtree Mts, USA (Wise and
1164 Anderson, 2006), which also show a significant amount of Li. The emeralds from
1165 Sandawana/Tanzania are the only ones, which reach 0.5 apfu for both parameters. Data points
1166 above the line indicate the presence of some Fe³⁺; open diamonds connected with a dotted line
1167 indicate analyses where Fe_{tot} is assumed to be all Fe³⁺, and which still plot significantly above
1168 the line, indicating a different substitution. For further discussion see text.

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1172 Deposit items

1173 **List of Tables for Electronic Appendix EA**

1174 Table EA 1: Geological origin and preliminary characterization of emerald samples for comparison
1175 by means of SIMS (Li, Be determination, see Table 2; in bold) and EPMA; Li₂O contents were
1176 determined by spectrometry, H₂O contents by colorimetry; c = core; r = rim

1177 Table EA 2: Method of Li-Be determination with SIMS (GFZ Potsdam)

1178 Table EA 3: a) Point analyses of Kruta Balka emeralds and b-f) analysis of inclusions

1179 Table EA 4: EPMA of emeralds from different localities worldwide, this study

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1181 Table EA 6: Average *typical* EPMA of emerald from localities worldwide, and calculated formulae.

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1185 **Tables**1186 Table 1: Major substitutions in emerald with pure beryl $\text{Al}_2\text{Be}_3[\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}]$ as additive component

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sites involved	exchange vector	channel 2a (ch)	channel 2b (ch)	octahedral Al (oct)	tetrahedral Be (tet)	
ch	$\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\square-1}$	H_2O				<i>hydrous beryl</i>
oct	CrAl_{-1}			Cr		<i>'emerald'</i>
	VAl_{-1}			V		
	ScAl_{-1}			Sc		bazzite
	$\text{Fe}^{3+}\text{Al}_{-1}$			Fe^{3+}		stoppaniite
ch-oct	$\text{Na}(\text{Mg},\text{Fe}^{2+})_{\square-1}\text{Al}_{-1}$		Na	Mg,Fe^{2+}		<i>'femag-beryl'</i>
ch-tet	$\text{NaLi}_{\square-1}\text{Be}_{-1}$		Na		Li	avdeevite
	$\text{CsLi}_{\square-1}\text{Be}_{-1}$	Cs			Li	pezzotaite
ch-oct	$\text{Na}_2\text{Li}_{\square-2}\text{Al}$		Na	Li		
oct-tet	MgBe_{-1}			Mg	Al	<i>'Be-cordierite'</i> <i>(synthetic)</i>

1188 Note: Names not approved by the International Mineralogical Association are italicized.

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1191 Table 2: Results of SIMS determination of BeO and Li₂O of emeralds, calculated BeO contents on the basis of EMP analyses assuming 3.000 Be pfu
 1192 and Li₂O-determination by photometry

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Sample	Locality	BeO wt% (SIMS)		BeO wt% (calc)		Li ₂ O wt% (SIMS)		Li ₂ O wt% (photometry)	
		core	rim	core	rim	core	rim	core	rim
78-14	Ural Mountains, Russia	13.55	13.64	13.68	13.70	0.20	0.21	0.274	0.32
78-16	Leydendorp, Transvaal	12.71	12.73	12.87	12.81	0.077	0.053	na	
78-40	West Australia	13.22	13.11	13.13	13.17	0.078	0.065	na	
78-78	Takowaja, Ural Mountains, Russia	13.58; 13.9(c-r)	13.906	13.10	13.17	0.26; 0.28(c-r)	0.403	0.215	
78-83	Mouzo, Colombia	13.56	13.40	13.85	13.92	0.011	0.013	na	
80-47	Habachtal, Austria	13.24	13.21	13.49	13.52	0.020	0.067	na	
80-51	Habachtal, Austria	13.09; 13.10(c-r)	12.81	13.42		0.015; 0.019(c-r)	0.027	na	

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c-r transitional core to rim; na not analyzed

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 1196 Table 3: EPMA data from emeralds from Kruta Balka, Ukraine; Li₂O by photometry from Rozanov
 1197 and Lavrinenko (1979)
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Sample #	#16	#18	KBE	average	corrected ²
n ¹	15	10	4		
SiO ₂ wt%	64.81	65.10	63.77	64.56	
TiO ₂	0.01	0.01	n.d.	0.01	
Al ₂ O ₃	17.62	17.57	16.84	17.34	
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.15	0.15	0.31	0.20	
V ₂ O ₃	0.07	0.06	0.01	0.05	
FeO _{tot}	0.20	0.18	0.30	0.23	
MnO	0.02	0.05	n.d.	0.04	
MgO	0.35	0.35	0.67	0.46	
CaO	0.02	0.03	n.d.	0.02	
Na ₂ O	1.76	1.89	1.81	1.82	
K ₂ O	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.03	
Li ₂ O	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	
Cs ₂ O	0.55	0.41	0.61	0.52	
BeO _{calc}	13.61	13.66	13.45	13.62	13.32
H ₂ O					1.50
sum	99.62	99.89	98.22	99.31	100.51
apfu					
Si	5.913	5.918	5.917	5.915	5.937
Ti	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.001
Al	1.893	1.882	1.841	1.873	1.878
Cr	0.011	0.010	0.022	0.015	0.015
V	0.005	0.005	0.000	0.003	0.004
Fe ²⁺ _{tot}	0.015	0.014	0.023	0.018	0.018
Mn	0.002	0.004	0.000	0.003	0.003
Mg	0.048	0.048	0.093	0.063	0.063
Ca	0.002	0.003	0.000	0.002	0.002
Na	0.311	0.332	0.325	0.323	0.324
K	0.004	0.002	0.006	0.004	0.004
Li	0.150	0.149	0.152	0.150	0.152
Cs	0.022	0.016	0.024	0.018	0.020
Be	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	2.944
H ₂ O					0.920

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 1200 1) n = number of point analyses; 2) calculated BeO contents are corrected by deducting 0.3 wt%
 1201 from the average BeO content calculated for 3.000 Be per formula unit
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1204 Table 4: Cation coefficients and cation distribution of emeralds of this study (BeO and Li₂O determined by SIMS) and from Aurisicchio et al. (1988;
 1205 labeled as 'Auris'), based on 18 oxygen, arranged with increasing octahedral substitution
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Sample No.	Locality	Channel		Octahedra							Be tetrahedra		Si tetrahedra				
		Na (+K)	Cs	Li	Al	Mg	Fe ²⁺ (+Mn)	Cr	V	Li	Σ VI (+Ca)	Be	Li	Si/Al	Si	Al	Be
78-83c	Colombia	0.061	-	-	1.915	0.041	0.004	0.005	0.004	-	1.987	2.918	0.005	0.002/0.075	6.000	-	-
78-83r	Colombia	0.062	0.001	-	1.911	0.038	0.010	0.006	0.001	-	1.966	2.935	0.004	0.031/0.030	6.000	-	-
10 Auris	Muzo	0.088	-	-	1.780	0.120	0.024	0.027	0.047	-	1.998	2.961	-	0.024/0.014	6.000	-	-
78-78c	Ural Mts.	0.100	0.002	0.092	1.906	0.069	0.011	0.004	0.001	0.013	2.001	3.000	-	-	5.942	0.027	0.03
78-78r	Ural Mts.	0.097	0.002	0.104	1.916	0.059	0.012	0.002	0.001	-	2.000	3.000	-	-	5.925	-	0.08
78-14c	Ural Mts.	0.132	0.002	0.032	1.932	0.036	0.008	0.001	0.000	0.044	2.000	2.998	0.002	-	5.977	0.023	-
78-14r	Ural Mts.	0.118	0.002	0.027	1.921	0.045	0.013	-	-	0.021	2.000	2.975	0.025	-	5.985	0.015	-
26 Auris	Ural Mts.	0.091	-	0.019	1.924	0.060	0.019	-	-	-	2.003	2.979	0.020	0.001/-	6.000	-	-
78-40c	Westaustralia	0.096	-	-	1.865	0.075	0.025	0.007	0.001	-	1.977	2.893	0.024	0.016/0.066	6.000	-	-
78-40r	Westaustralia	0.100	0.001	-	1.853	0.122	0.047	0.034	0.001	-	1.990	2.913	0.029	0.011/0.047	6.000	-	-
9 Auris	Brazil	0.340	-	-	1.800	0.158	0.039	-	-	-	1.997	2.870	0.037	0.008/0.085	6.000	-	-
24 Auris	Mocambique	0.243	-	-	1.680	0.258	0.063	-	-	-	2.001	2.900	0.015	0.008/	6.000	-	-
78-16c	South Africa	0.179	0.012	-	1.681	0.249	0.074	0.007	0.002	-	2.025	2.903	0.025	0.042/0.030	6.000	-	-
78-16r	South Africa	0.251	0.010	-	1.652	0.257	0.076	0.008	0.001	-	1.995	2.900	0.025	0.037/0.039	6.000	-	-
23 Auris	Austria	0.316	-	-	1.623	0.321	0.030	0.026	-	-	2.000	2.960	0.015	0.025/	6.000	-	-
80-47c	Austria	0.369	0.001	-	1.596	0.342	0.049	0.002	0.001	-	1.995	2.953	0.007	0.006/0.034	6.000	-	-
80-47r	Austria	0.397	0.001	-	1.611	0.354	0.045	0.000	0.002	-	2.006	2.965	0.025	-/0.010	5.970	0.030	-
80-51c	Austria	0.417	0.001	-	1.528	0.381	0.071	0.024	0.002	-	1.982	2.929	0.008	0.006/0.057	6.000	-	-
80-51r	Austria	0.404	0.002	-	1.524	0.371	0.070	0.023	0.002	-	1.991	2.931	0.007	0.008/0.054	6.000	-	-
4 Auris	Pakistan	0.344	-	-	1.468	0.362	0.096	0.072	-	-	1.998	2.908	0.011	0.049/0.032	6.000	-	-

1207 Note: Extreme values are marked in bold. Fe_{tot} = Fe²⁺; traces of Rb, Sc, and Ti have been neglected; traces of Mn have been added to Fe, of K to Na, of
 1208 Ca to sum of octahedral cations; c = core, r = rim.
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1211 Table 5: Summary of emerald EPMA data from localities worldwide; listed are wt% SiO₂ and wt% BeO, calculated for 3.000 Be apfu, and other
 1212 critical parameters in apfu for classification and characterization of emeralds. For complete analyses and calculated formulae see Table EA 6.
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Country Locality	Afghanistan Panjsher	Australia Emmaville	Australia Poona	Australia Menzies	Australia West. Aust	Austria Habachtal	Brazil Bahia	Brazil Salinhina	Brazil Carnaíba	Brazil Fazenda Bomfin
SiO ₂ (wt%)	66.59	66.94	65.78	64.98	65.55	64.09	66.77	65.21	64.08	64.75
BeO (wt%)	13.84	13.95	13.70	13.54	13.69	13.36	13.87	13.51	13.33	13.50
Al+Sc+Cr+V	1.833	1.994	1.919	1.834	1.920	1.621	1.852	1.523	1.717	1.661
Mg+Fe+Mn	0.175	0.020	0.069	0.170	0.11	0.386	0.131	0.479	0.289	0.360
Na+K+Rb+Cs	0.134	0.011	0.081	0.172	0.10	0.358	0.131	0.363	0.200	0.329
Mg#	0.71	0.23	0.73	0.70	0.67	0.89	0.71	0.90	0.85	0.86
Cr#	0.89	0.87	0.73	0.88	0.93	0.95	0.72	0.03	0.95	0.95
references	Groat et al. 2008 Auriscchio et al. 2018	Loughrey et al. 2012	Morteani & Rhede Auriscchio et al. 2018	Schwarz 1991	this study sample 78- 40	Franz et al. 1986 Auriscchio et al. 2018 this study	Schwarz 1990	Schwarz 1990	Eidt & Schwarz 1988 Auriscchio. et al. 2018	Santiago et al. 2018

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Brazil Itabira Belmont	Brazil St Terezinha	Brazil Socotó	Brazil Tauá	Bulgaria Rila	Canada Tsa da Glisza	Canada Yukon	Canada Mavis Lake	Canada Lened	Canada McKenzie Mts
66.28	66.59	64.98	65.12	64.37	64.40	64.24	63.58	65.17	63.67
13.86	13.84	13.62	13.62	13.42	13.41	13.37	13.41	13.62	13.28
1.862	1.539	1.758	1.645	1.769	1.808	1.792	1.925	1.888	1.756
0.198	0.481	0.352	0.423	0.196	0.198	0.215	0.109	0.145	0.270
0.124	0.325	0.197	0.326	0.189	0.186	0.195	0.215	0.147	0.237
0.80	0.80	0.84	0.81	0.82	0.81	0.95	0.74	0.81	0.79
0.90	0.95		0.94	1.00	0.95	0.95	0.92	0.00	0.03
Hänni et al. 1987	Schwarz 1990 Groat et al. 2008	Schwarz et al. 1988a, 1990	Schwarz et al. 1988b	Groat et al. 2008	Groat et al. 2002	Groat et al. 2002	Brand et al. 2009	Lake et al. 2017 Marshall et al. 2004	Hewton et al. 2013

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China Davdar	China Dyaku	Colombia Muzo, Chivor	Egypt Zabara	Egypt Um Kabu	Egypt Sikait	Ethiopia Kenticha	India Raigsh	Kazakhstan Delbegetey	Madagascar Ianapera	Madagascar Mananjary
65.98	63.31	66.61	65.90	65.39	66.26	64.97	66.15	65.99	63.97	63.04
13.7	13.25	13.78	13.64	13.43	13.65	13.53	13.71	13.83	13.34	13.10
1.848	1.867	1.840	1.489	1.516	1.576	1.669	1.624	2.000	1.577	1.580
0.142	0.165	0.110	0.484	0.425	0.355	0.332	0.343	0.026	0.501	0.448
0.113	0.202	0.107	0.192	0.274	0.150	0.302	0.301	0.004	0.156	0.249
0.91	0.84	0.91	0.88	0.83	0.89	0.818	0.88	0.26	0.80	0.75
0.32	0.12	0.55	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.928	1.00	0.80	0.93	0.98
Marshal et al. 2012	Marshal pers comm	Groat et al. 2008 Auriscchio. et al. 2018 Pignatelli et al. 2015	Auriscchio. et al. 2018	Grundmann & Morteani 2008 Groat et al. 2008	Grundmann & Morteani 2008 Auriscchio et al. 2018 Groat et al. 2008	Auriscchio. et al. 2018 Marshall unpub	Auriscchio. et al. 2018	Groat et al. 2008	Groat et al. 2008 Vapnik et al. 2005	Auriscchio. et al. 2018 Vapnik et al. 2006 this study

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Mocambique Morrua	Namibia Maltahöhe	Nigeria Jos	Norway Bryrud/Eidsvoll	Pakistan Khaltaro	Pakistan Charbag-Swat	Pakistan Gandao	Russia Malysesvk	Russia Mariinskoye	Russia Takowaya
63.84	63.92	66.21	67.23	65.93	63.22	63.17	65.57	63.05	64.11
13.29	13.29	13.83	13.89	13.77	13.18	13.65	13.69	13.25	13.37
1.728	1.566	1.972	1.918	1.861	1.626	1.603	1.865	1.742	1.895
0.306	0.450	0.055	0.022	0.155	0.393	0.420	0.143	0.362	0.081
0.199	0.381	0.040	0.015	0.174	0.373	0.379	0.145	0.238	0.101
0.80	0.82	0.171	0.53	0.78	0.95	0.81	0.82	0.91	0.83
0.89	0.90	0.415	0.13	0.95	0.95	0.30	0.40	0.96	1.00
Auriscchio. et al. 2018 Auriscchio et al. 1988 this study	this study	Auriscchio. et al. 2018 Vapnik & Moroz 2000 Groat et al. 2008	Schwarz 1991 Loughrey et al. 2013	Groat et al. 2008 Laurs et al. 1996	Groat et al. 2008	Groat et al. 2008	Auriscchio. et al. 2018	Groat et al. 2008	this study

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Spain Franqueira	South Africa Leydsdorp	Switzerland Binntal	Tanzania Sumbawanga	Tanzania Manyara	Ukraine Kruta Balka	USA Crabtree Mts.	Zambia Miku/Kitwe	Zambia Chantete	Zambia Kagem	Zimbabwe Sandawana
66.06	63.61	65.44	66.28	63.50	64.56	64.34	63.43	64.09	62.90	65.05
13.72	13.23	13.66	13.82	13.40	13.62	13.40	13.31	13.32	13.06	13.66
1.753	1.702	1.838	1.968	1.821	1.891	1.794	1.714	1.682	1.635	1.574
0.237	0.325	0.170	0.052	0.334	0.083	0.199	0.326	0.353	0.400	0.465
0.214	0.213	0.215	0.023	0.210	0.345	0.232	0.345	0.222	0.228	0.488
0.81	0.77	0.99	0.41	0.88	0.78	0.87	0.80	0.84	0.81	0.89
0.90	0.83	0.29	0.86	0.00	0.78	0.94	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.96
Martín-Izard et al. 1995 this study	Schwarz et al. 1996 Nwe & Mortani 1983 this study	Marshall et al. 2017	Auricchio. et al. 2018	Groat et al. 2008	this study	Wise & Anderson 2006 this study	Auricchio. et al. 2018 Groat et al. 2008	Groat et al. 2008	Groat et al. 2008	Auricchio. et al. 2018 Zwaan 2006

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1232 **List of Tables for Electronic Appendix EA**

1233 Table EA 1: Geological origin and preliminary characterization of emerald samples for comparison by means of SIMS (Li, Be determination, see Table

1234 2; in bold) and EPMA; Li_2O contents were determined by spectrometry, H_2O contents by coulometry; c = core; r = rim

1235 Table EA 2: Method of Li-Be determination with SIMS (GFZ Potsdam)

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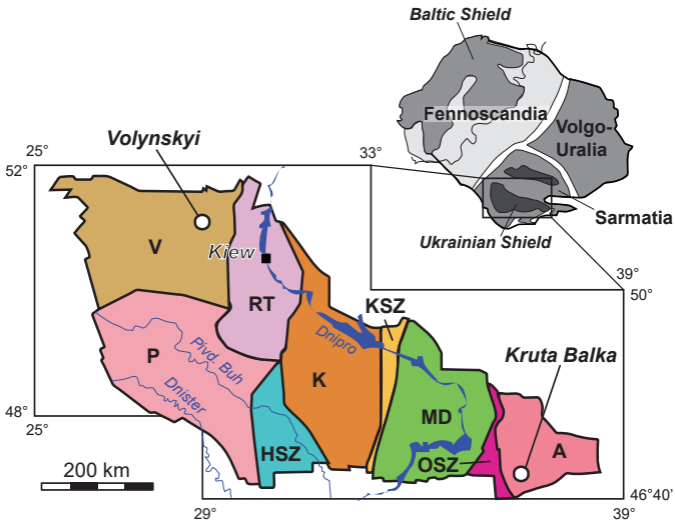
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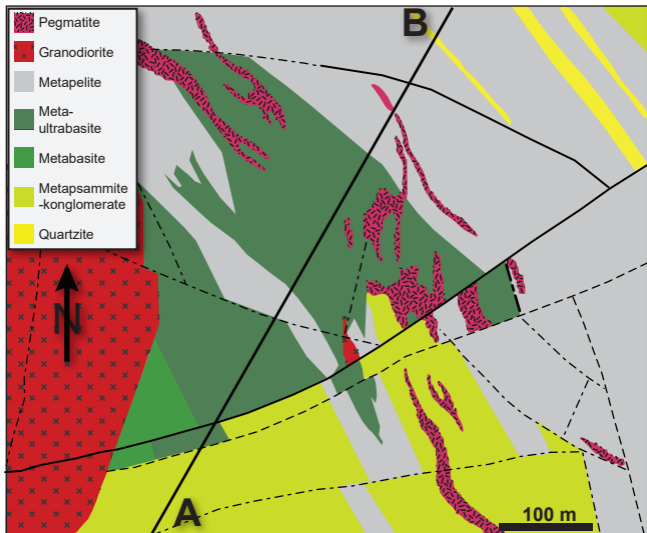
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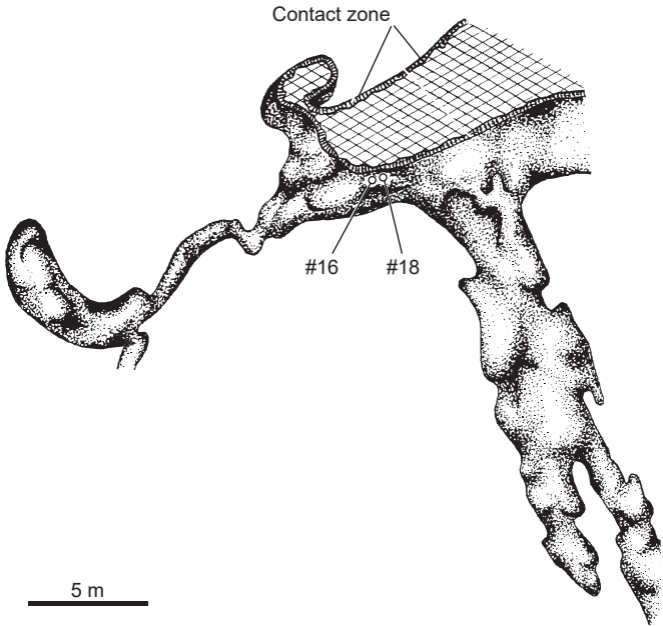




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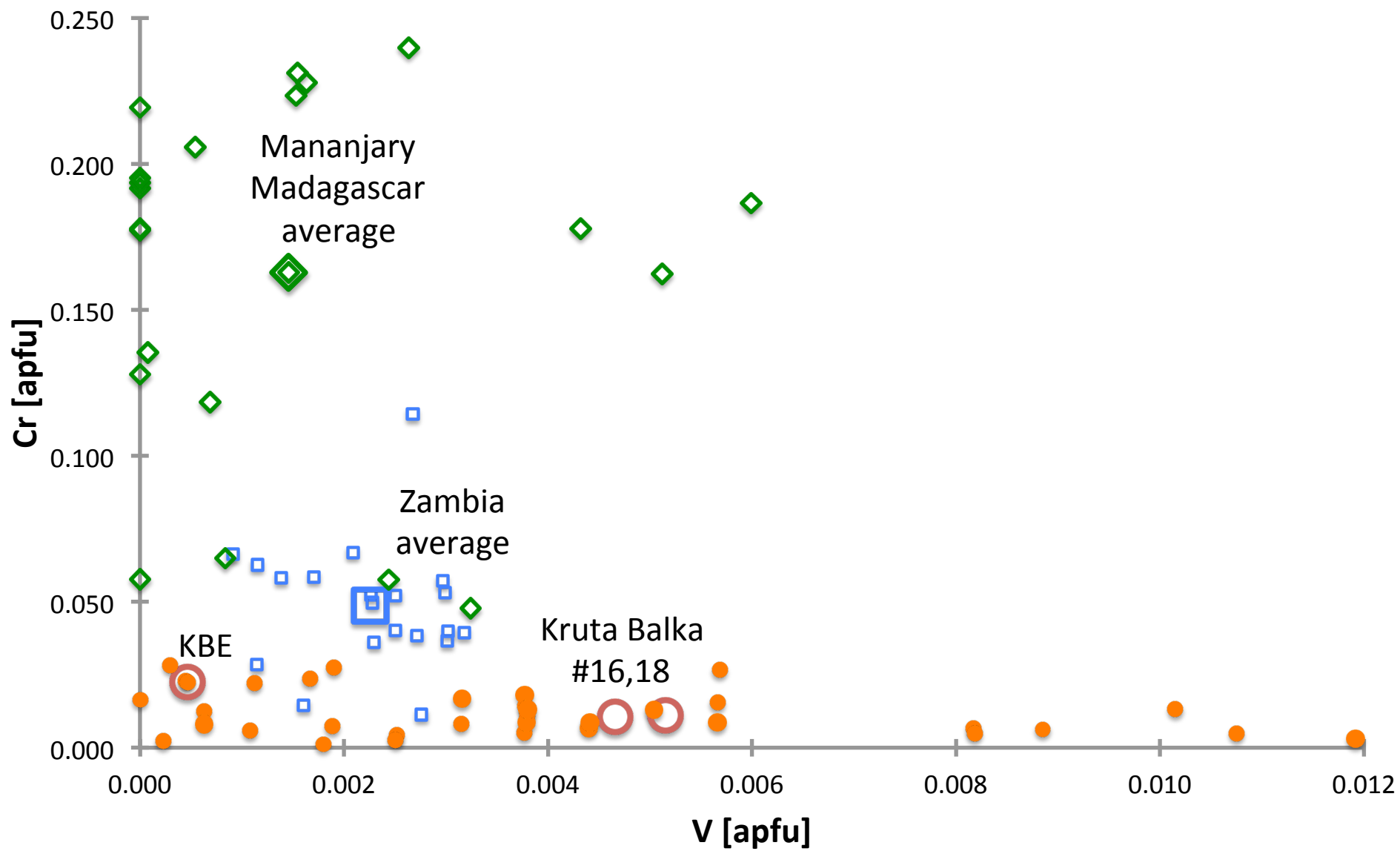


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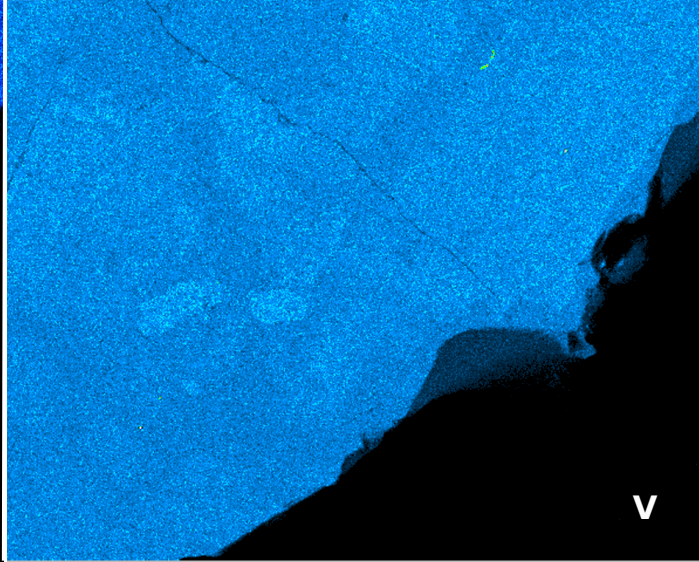
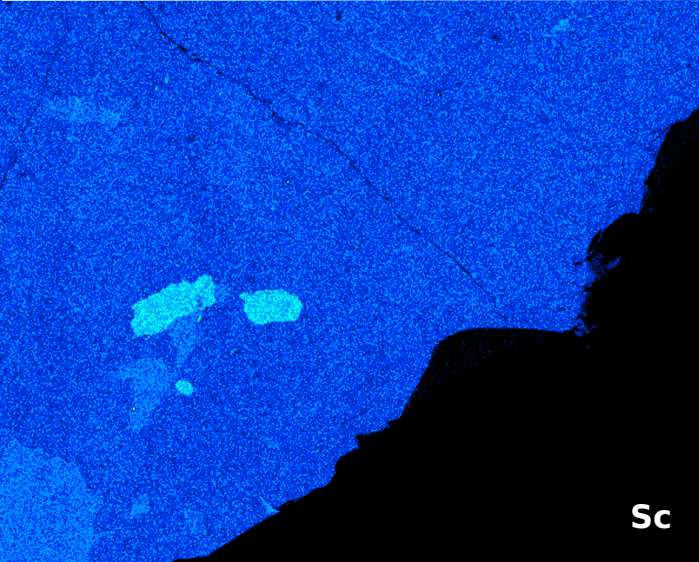
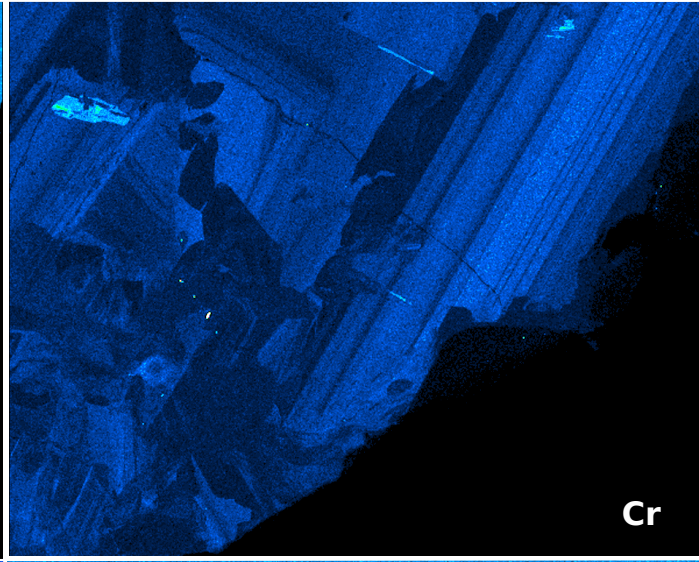
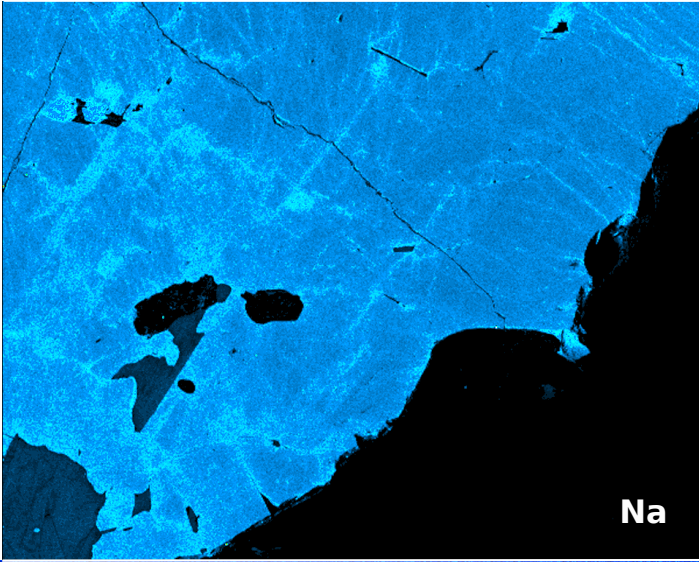
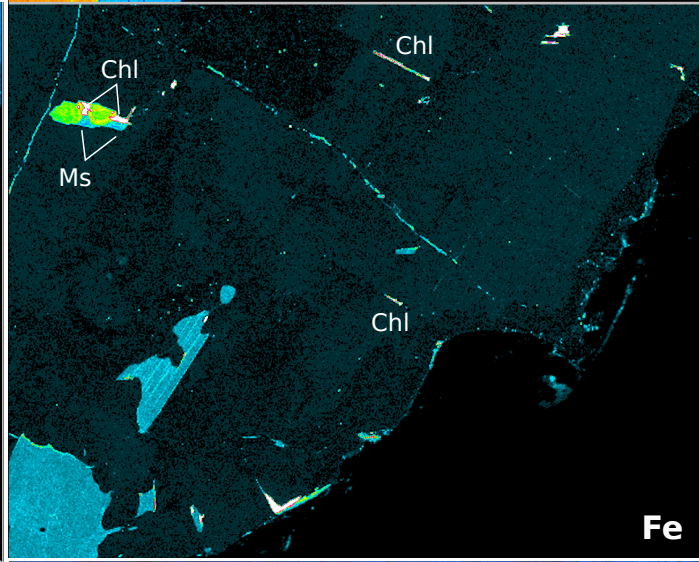
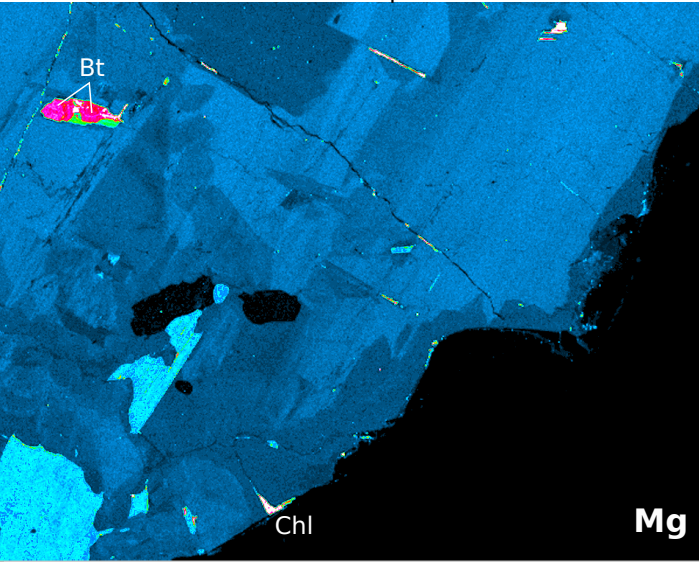
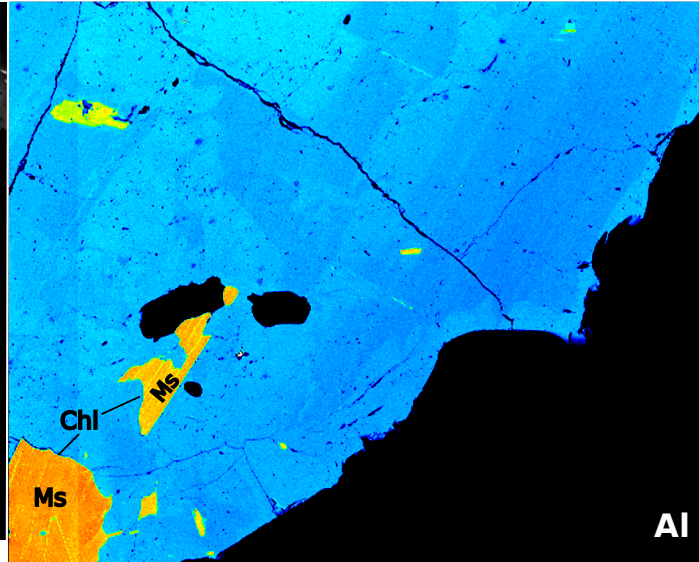
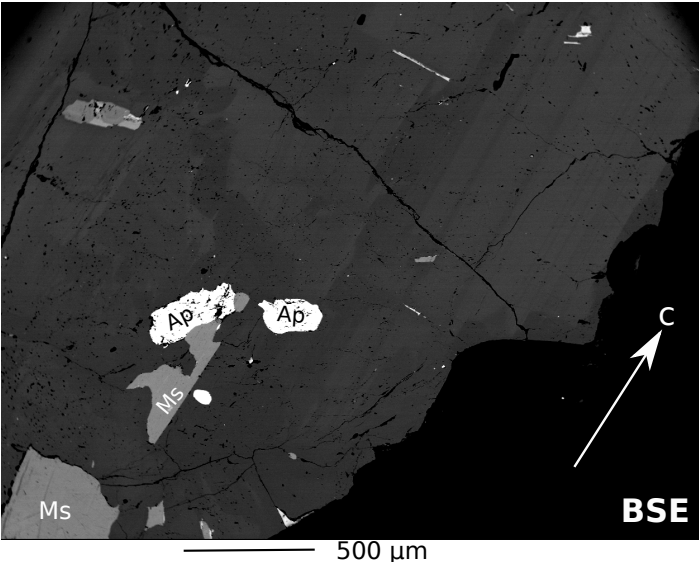


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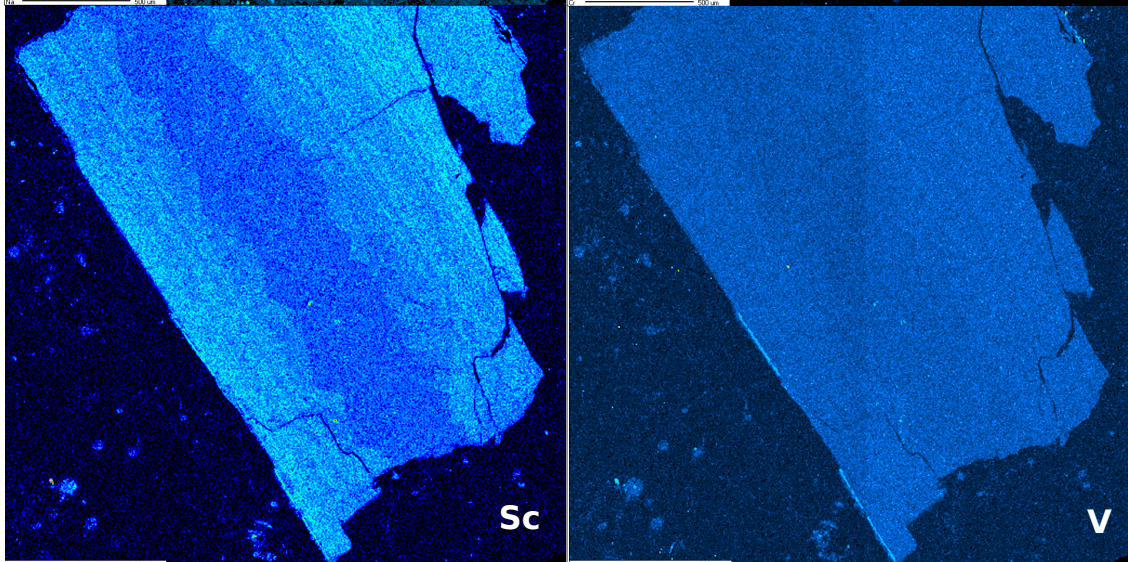
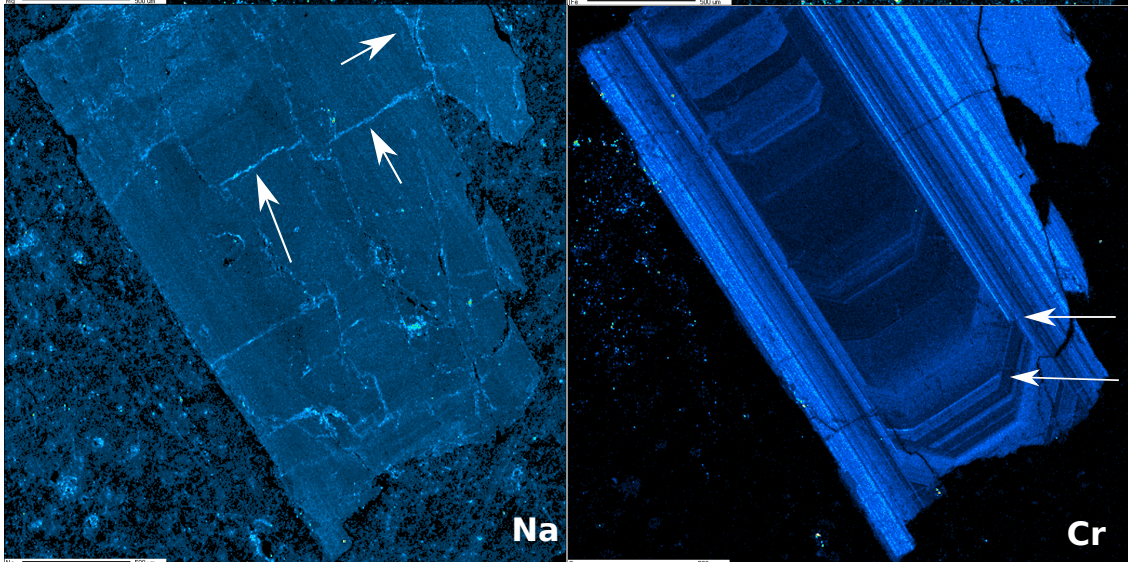
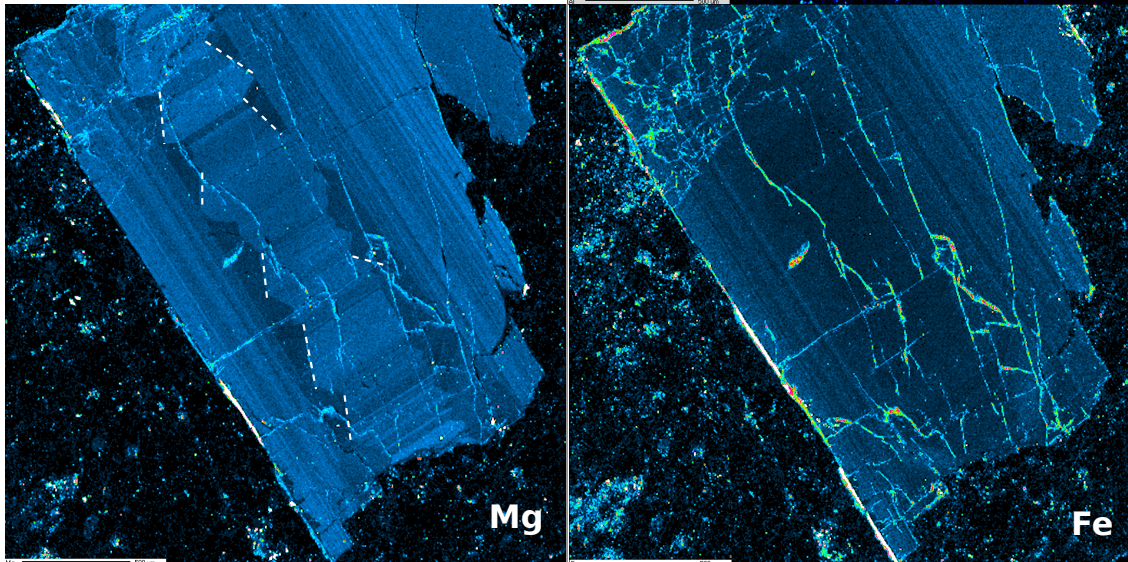
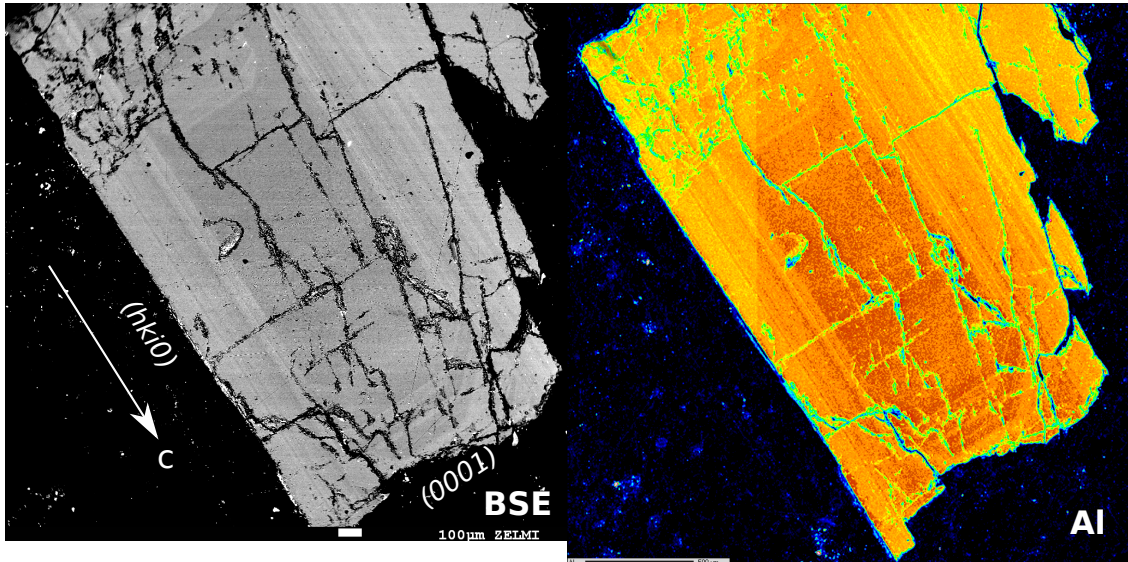


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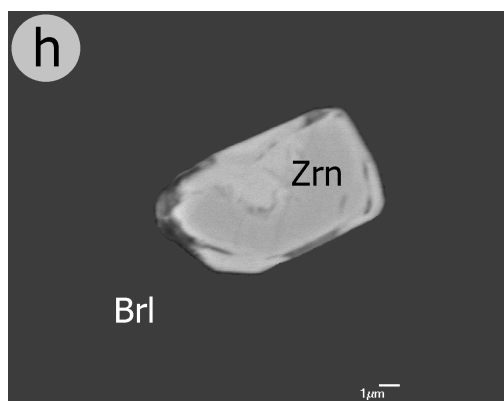
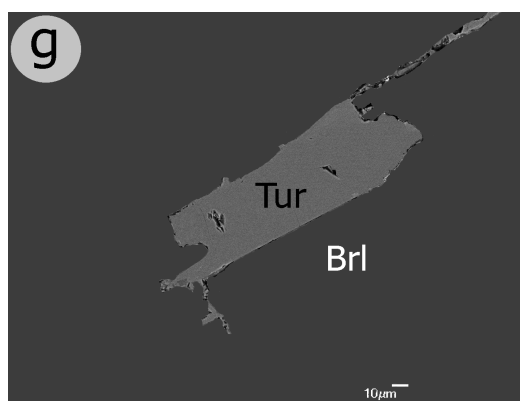
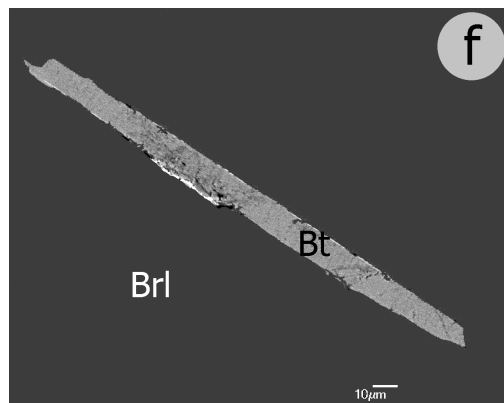
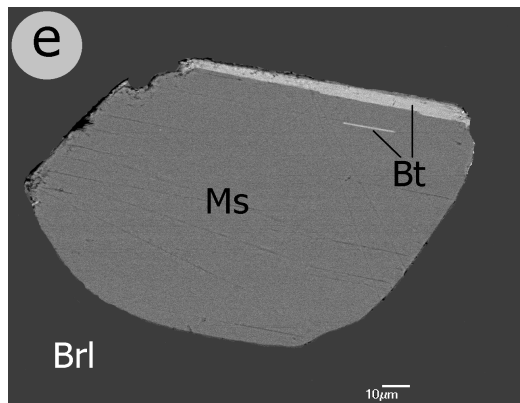
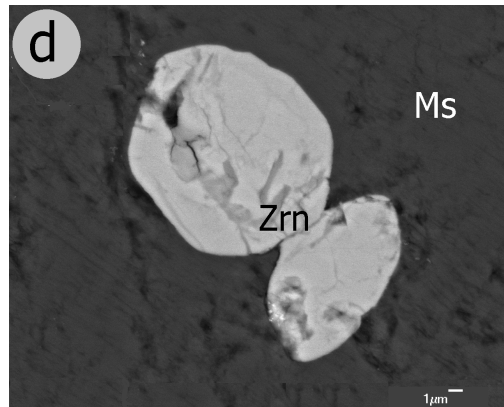
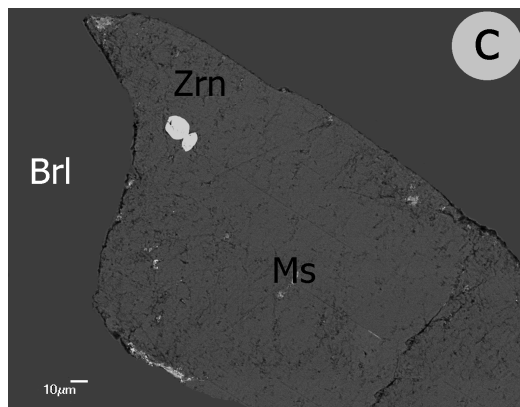
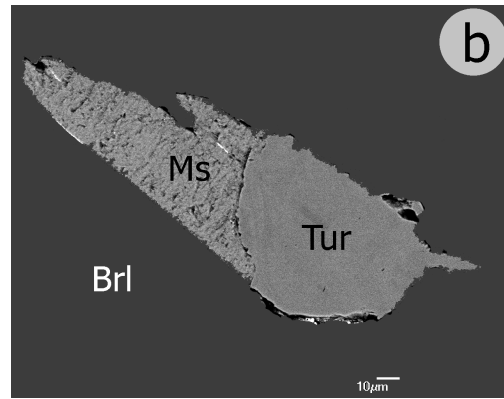
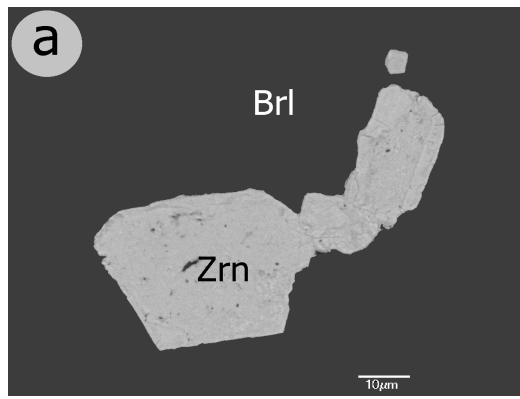


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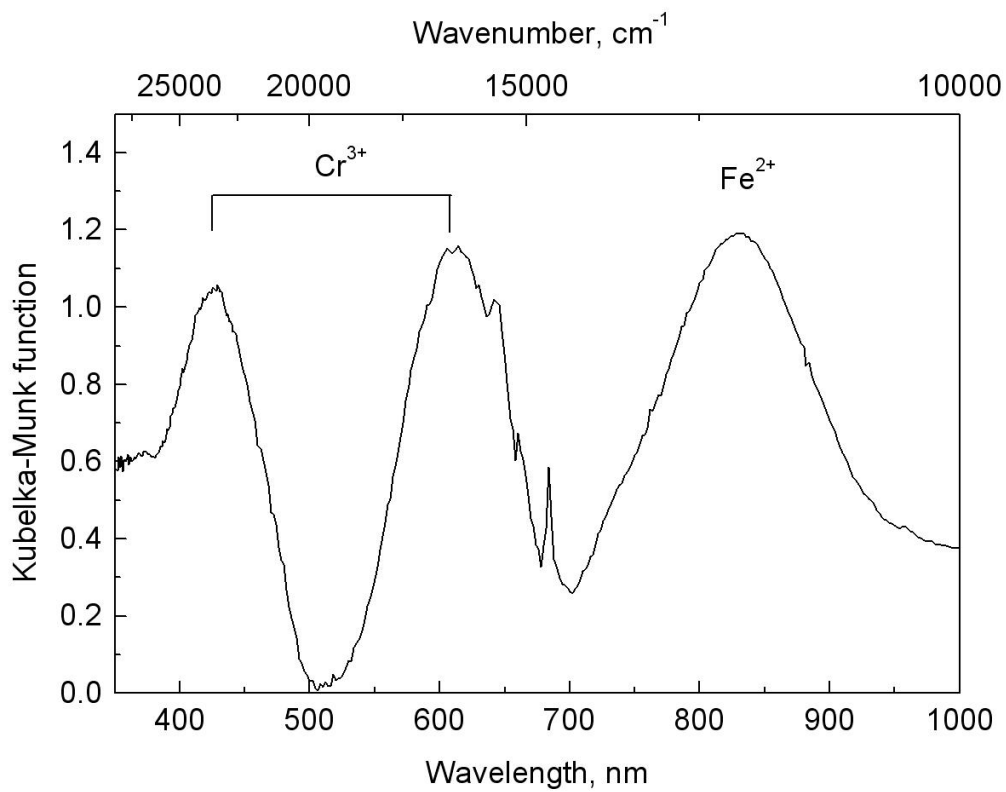


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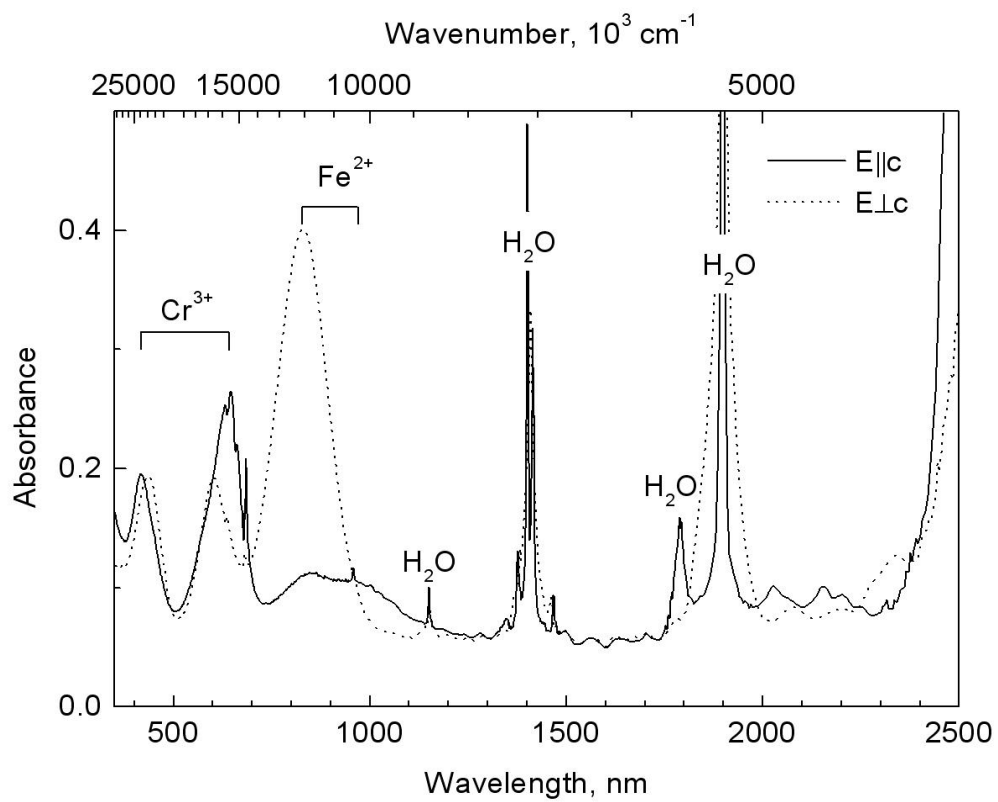
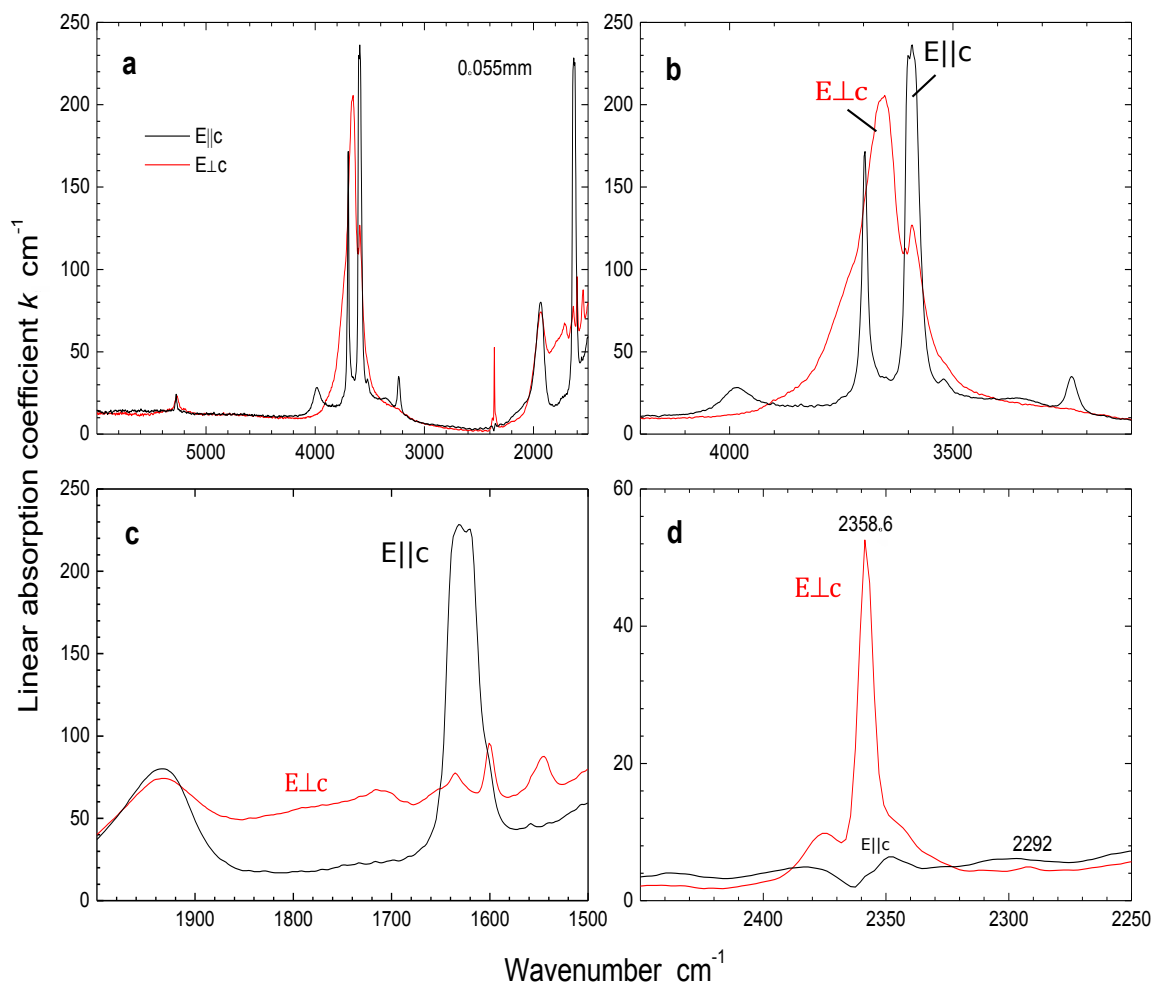
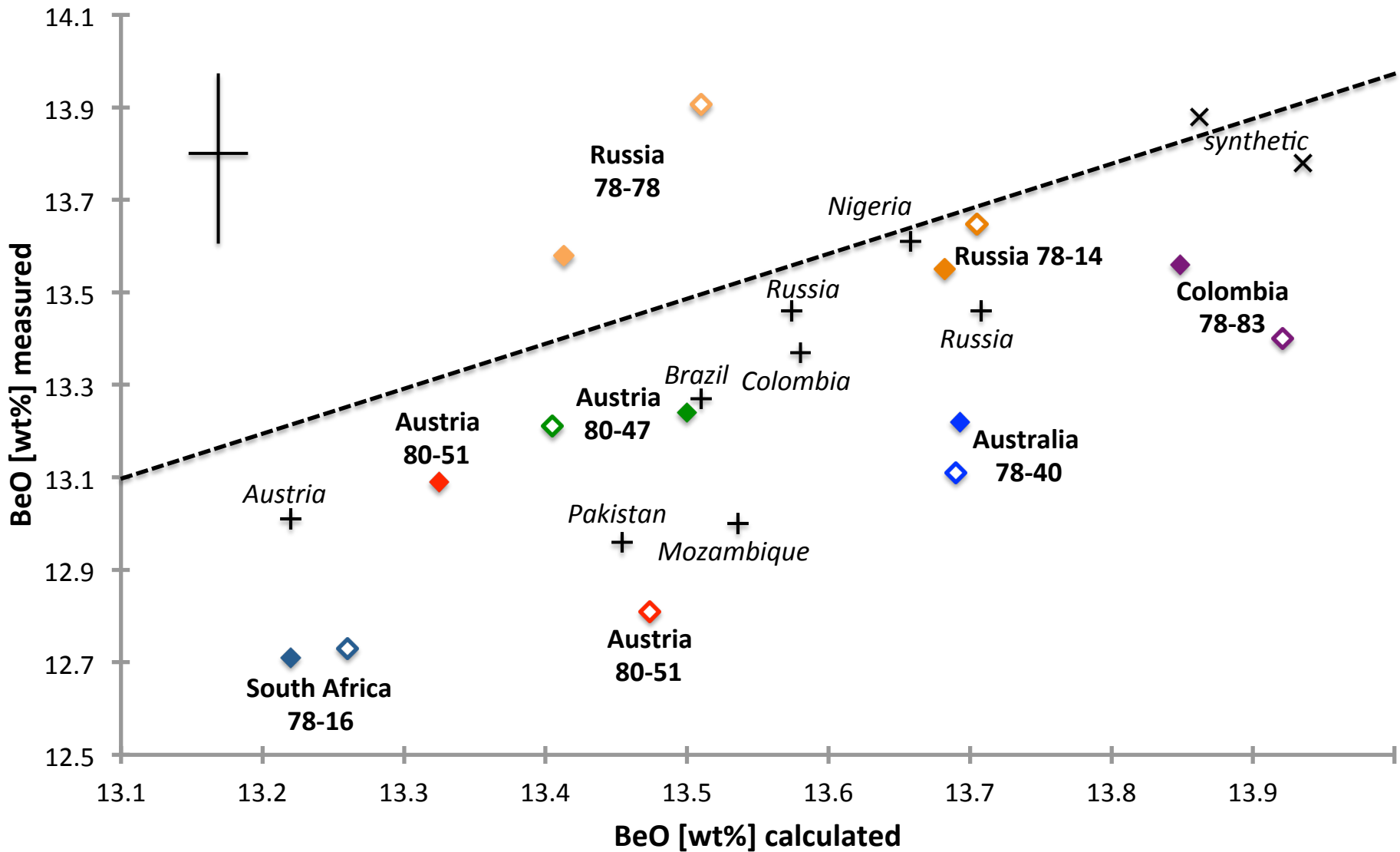


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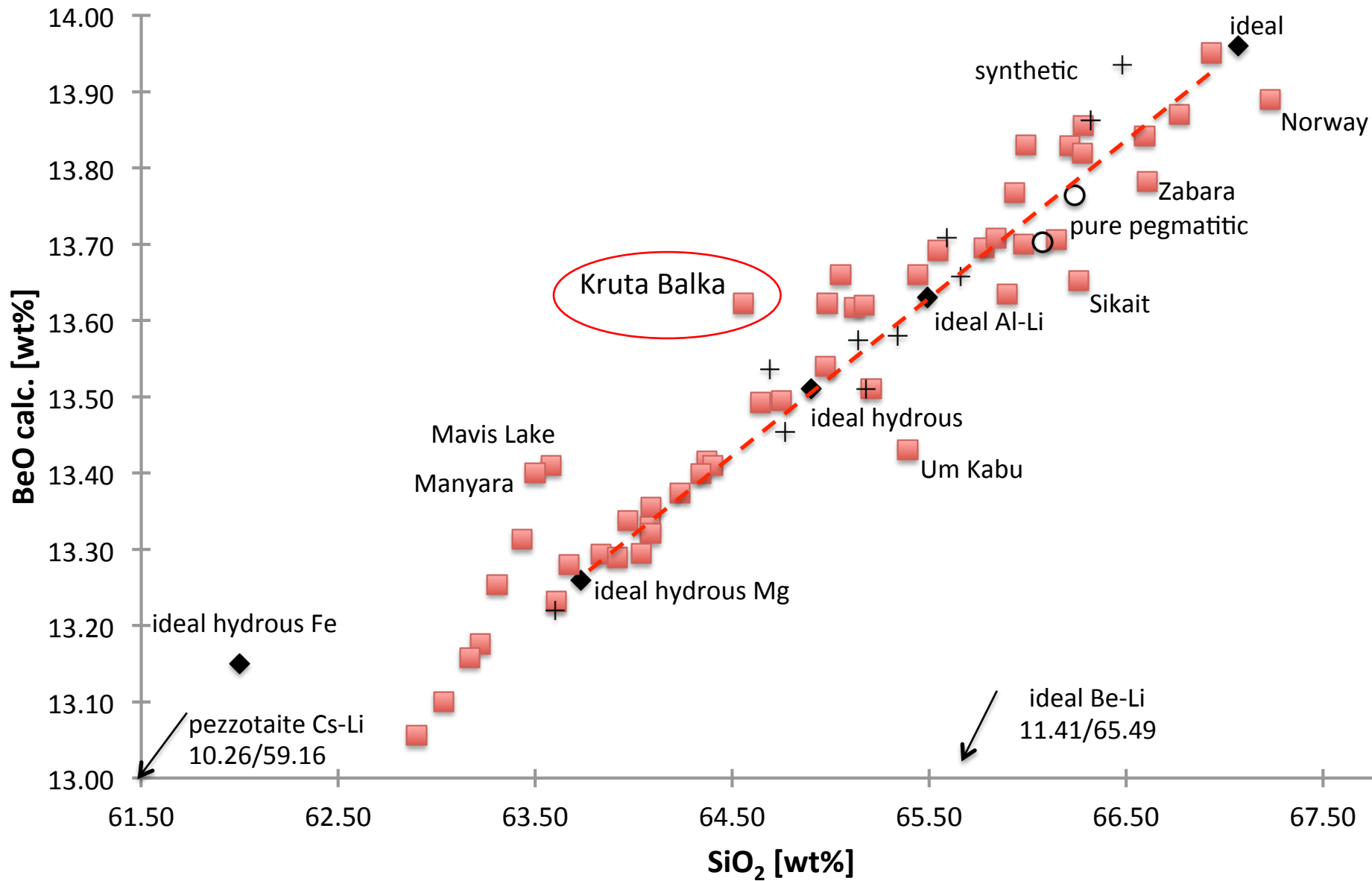


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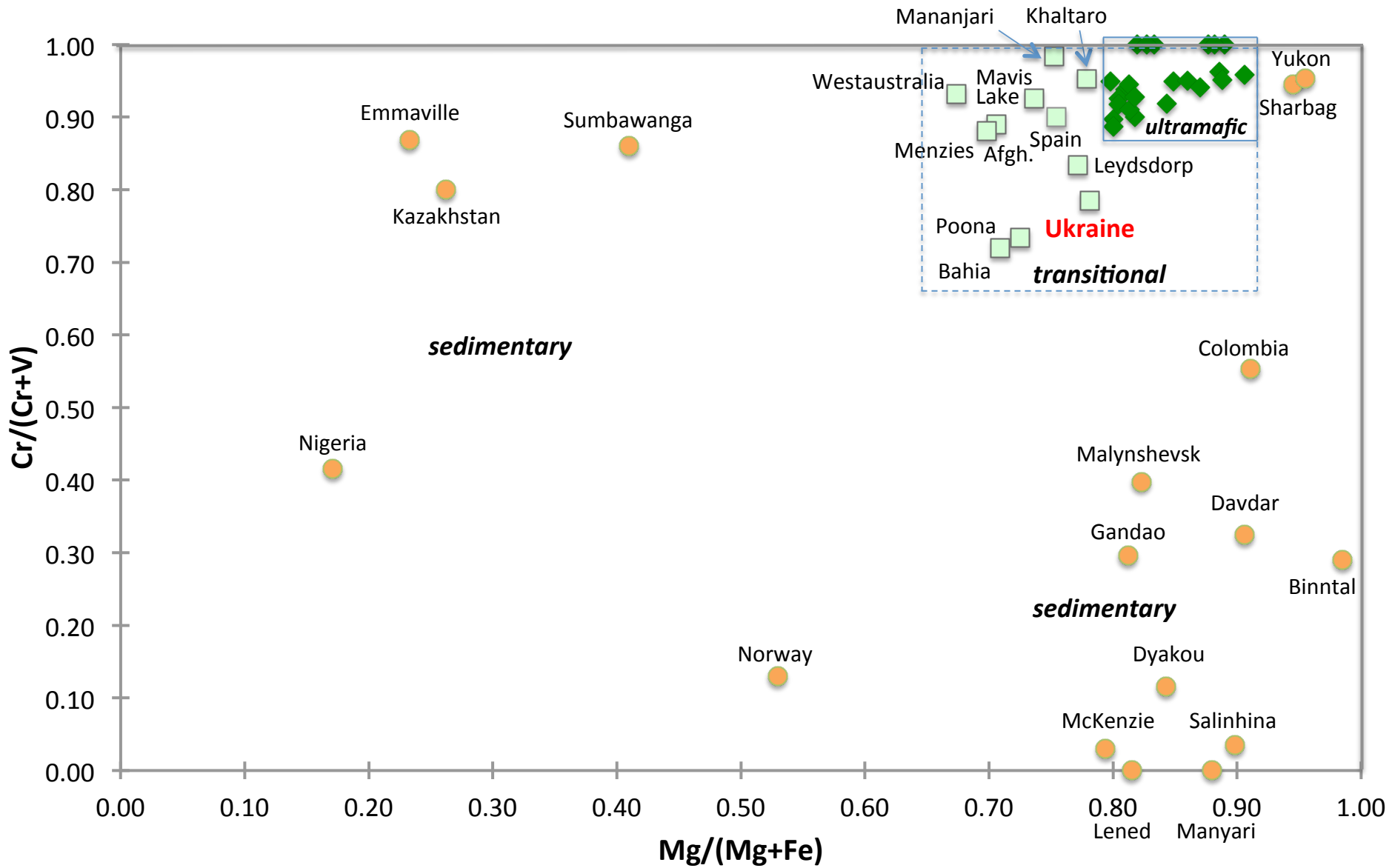


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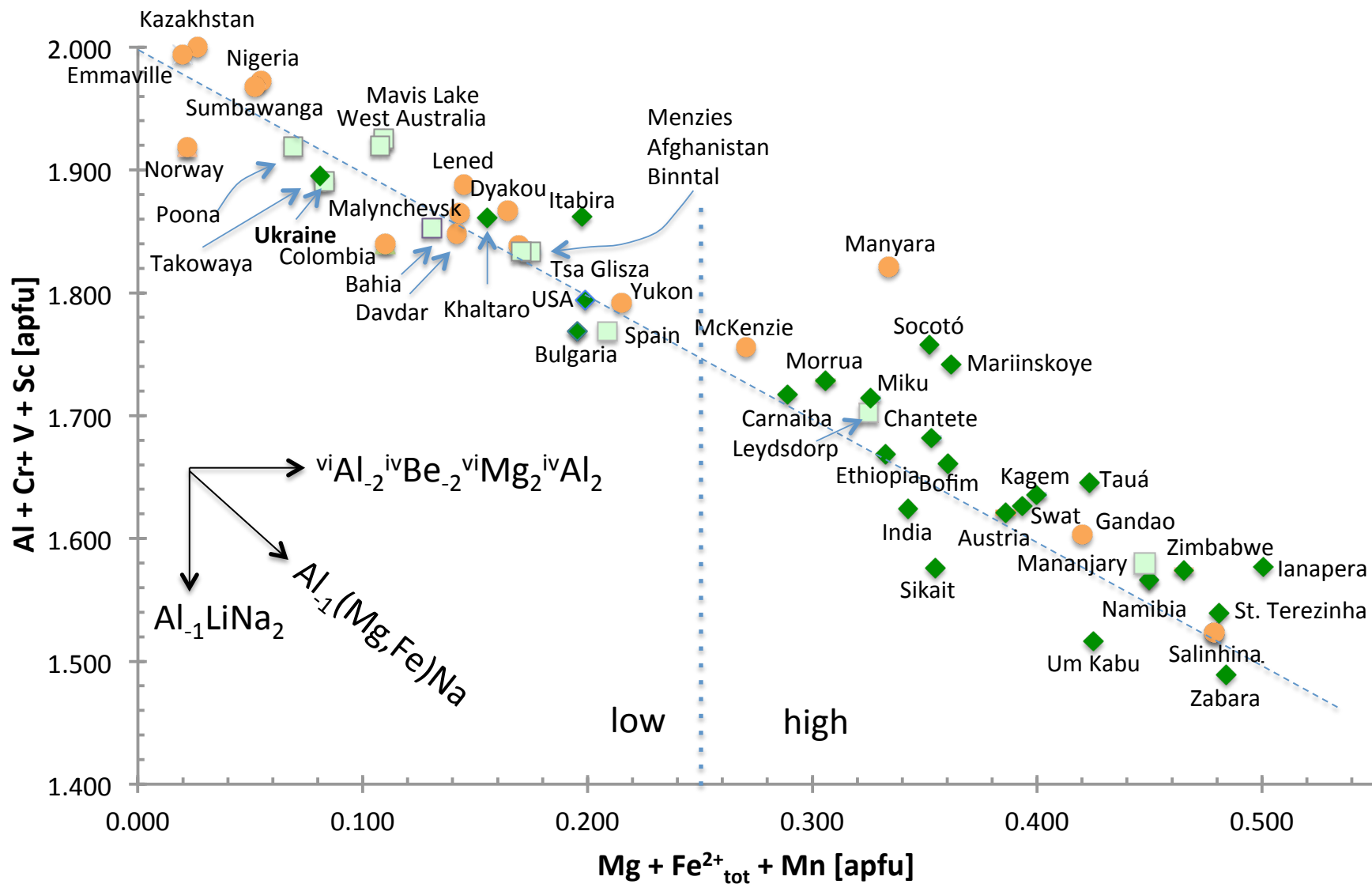


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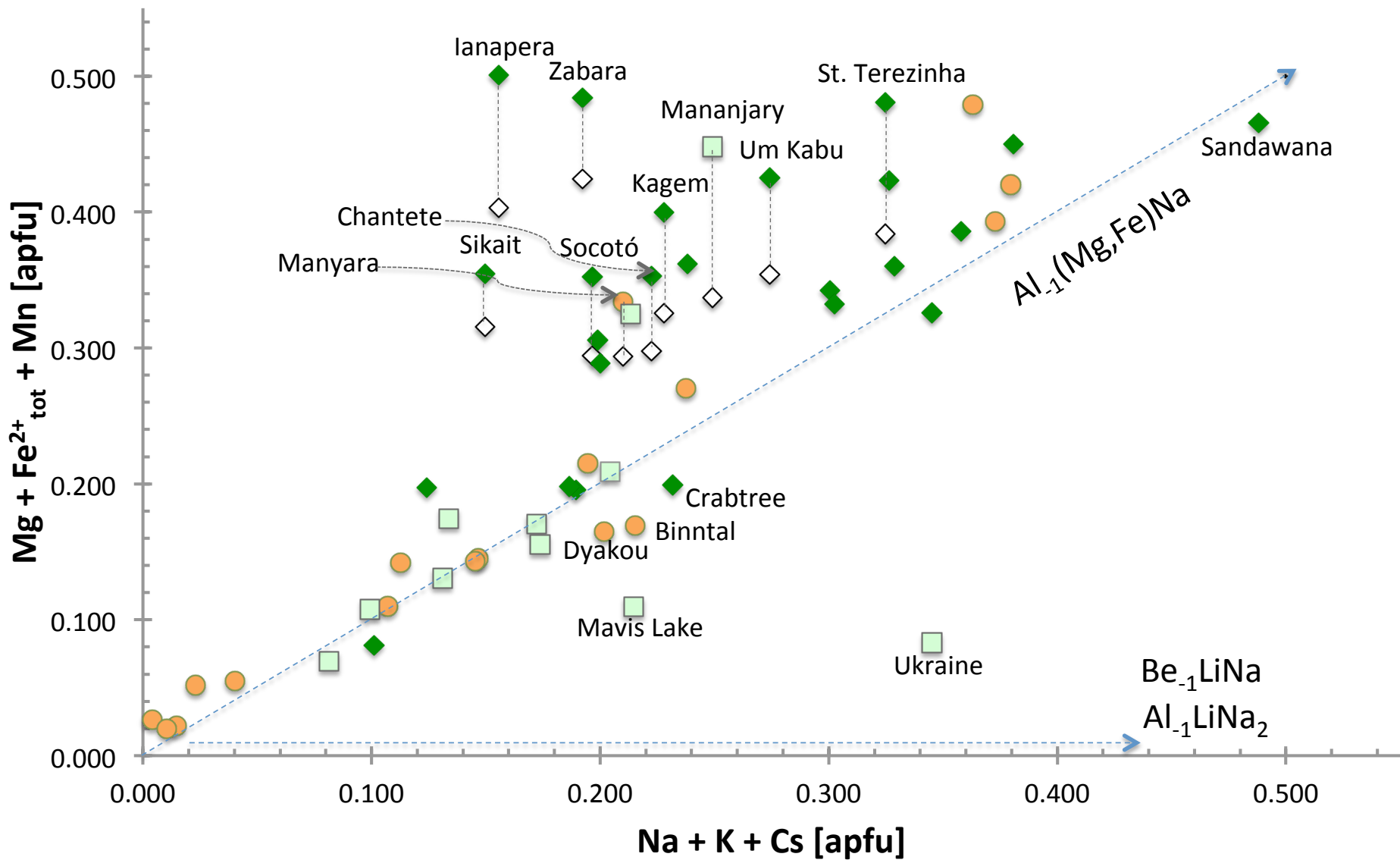


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