

**REACTION RIMS ON ILMENITE AND CHROMITE: IMPLICATIONS FOR  
VOLATILE BEHAVIOUR AND CRYSTALLISATION CONDITIONS OF KIMBERLITE  
MAGMA**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**

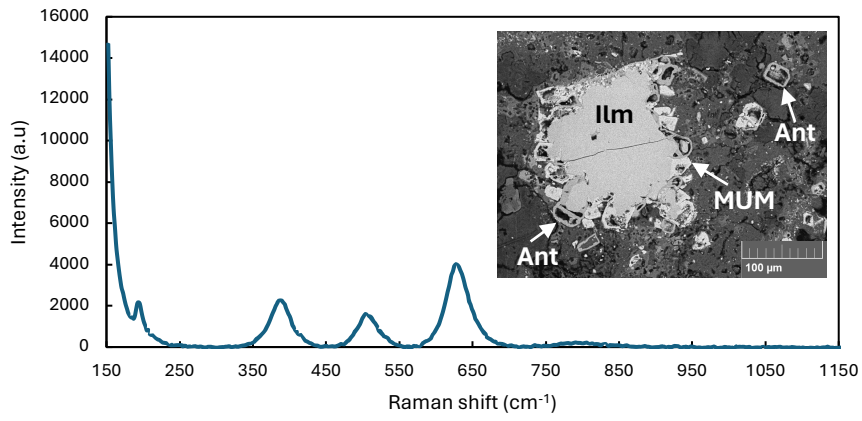
## NOTES ON EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

The choice of capsule material was contingent upon the specific temperature conditions of the experiment and the implementation of an inner graphite liner. Given that all of our initial compositions contained Fe, the utilisation of a platinum (Pt) capsule was only viable in experiments that incorporated the graphite liner. This was done to mitigate any potential loss of Fe. Conversely, for experiments that did not involve the use of a graphite liner, high-temperature conditions exceeding approximately 1000 °C (subject to pressure) mandated the use of an AuPd capsule, while low-temperature experiments relied on an Au capsule. The capsules were welded using the three-corner crimp technique or the "ash-can" design (Sneeringer & Watson 1985) with a Lampert PUK 3 welder in micro mode, with the output power set at 12-18% depending on the capsule material. The capsules were weighed before and after welding to check for any loss of H<sub>2</sub>O. The welded capsules were inserted into a MgO ceramic and fitted inside a graphite furnace, which was surrounded by a Pyrex-NaCl sleeve of ¾" assembly (Fig. 1A). The assembly was stored at 100 °C for more than 12 hours. The pressure calibration was performed using diopside melting at 1 GPa and 1530 °C. Temperature calibration was achieved by measuring the thickness of spinel growth between the Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> thermocouple sleeve and the MgO rod (Watson *et al.* 2002). Temperature was monitored using a Eurotherm controller with a W<sub>95</sub>Re<sub>5</sub>-W<sub>74</sub>Re<sub>26</sub> thermocouple. Pressure and temperature readings were accurate within ± 0.1 GPa and ± 20 °C, respectively.

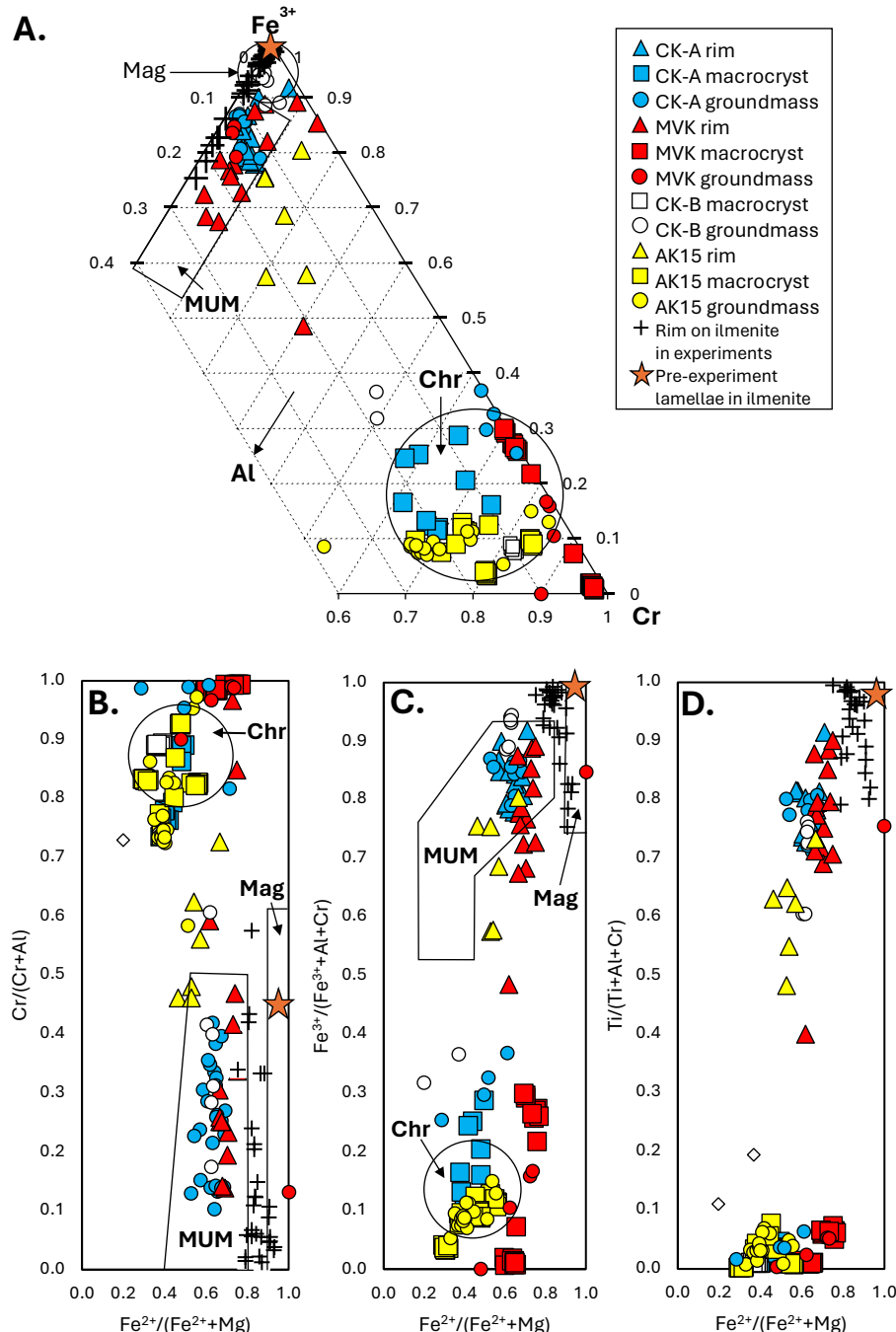
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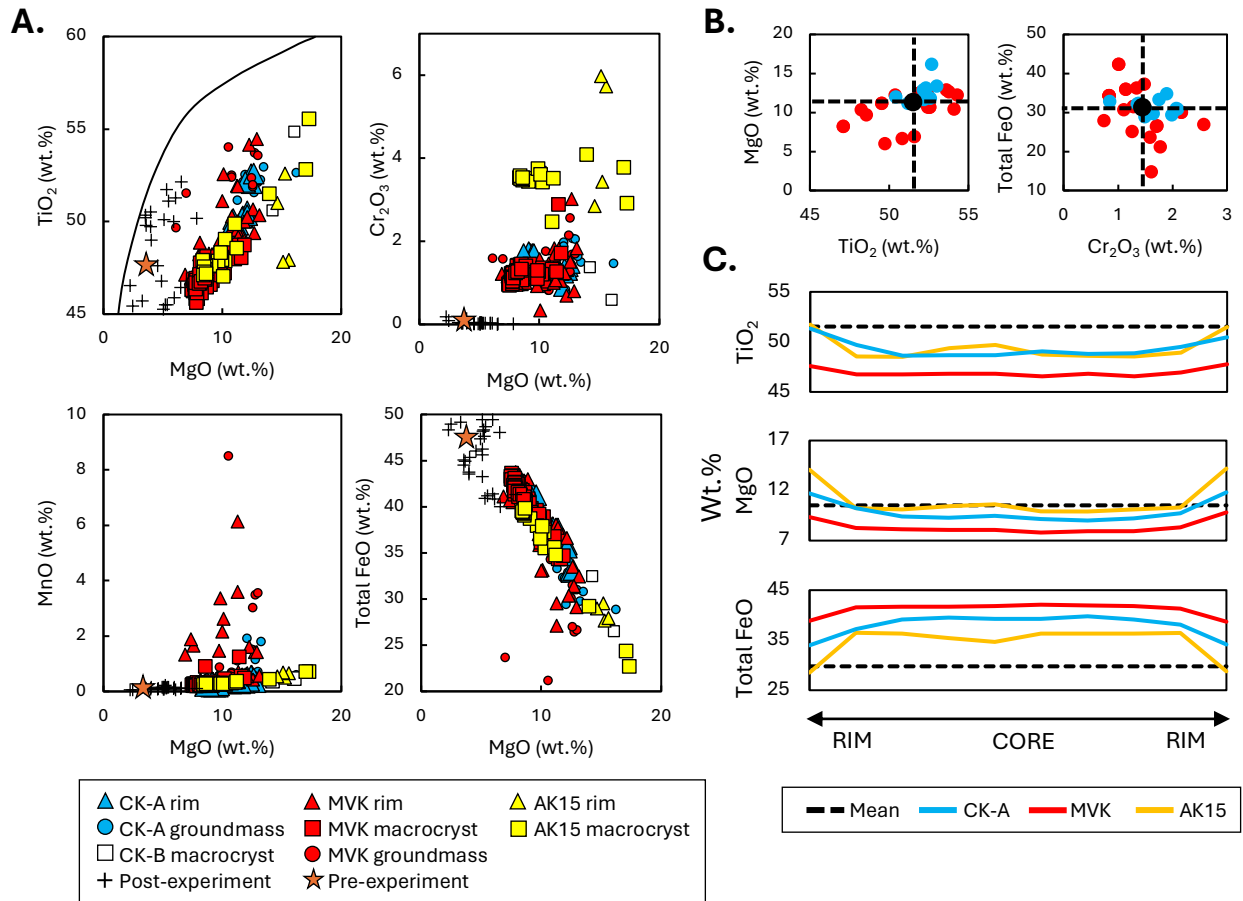
## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES



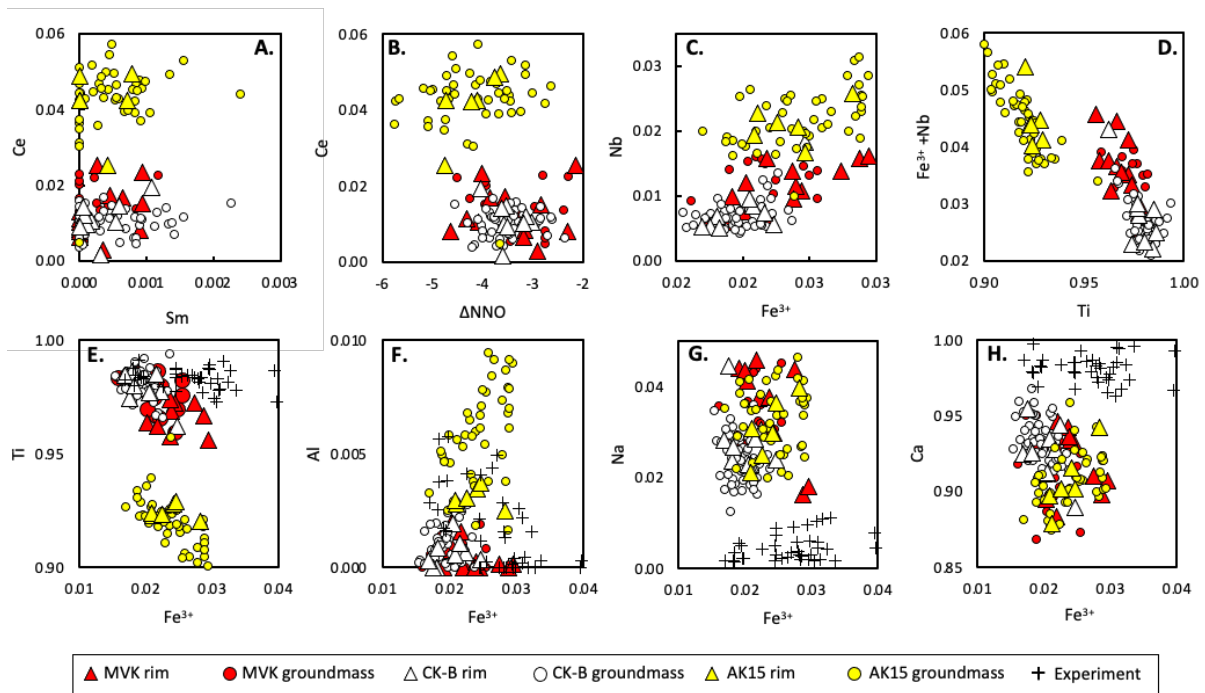
SUPPLEMENTARY FIG 1. Representative laser raman spectra of anatase from CK-A.



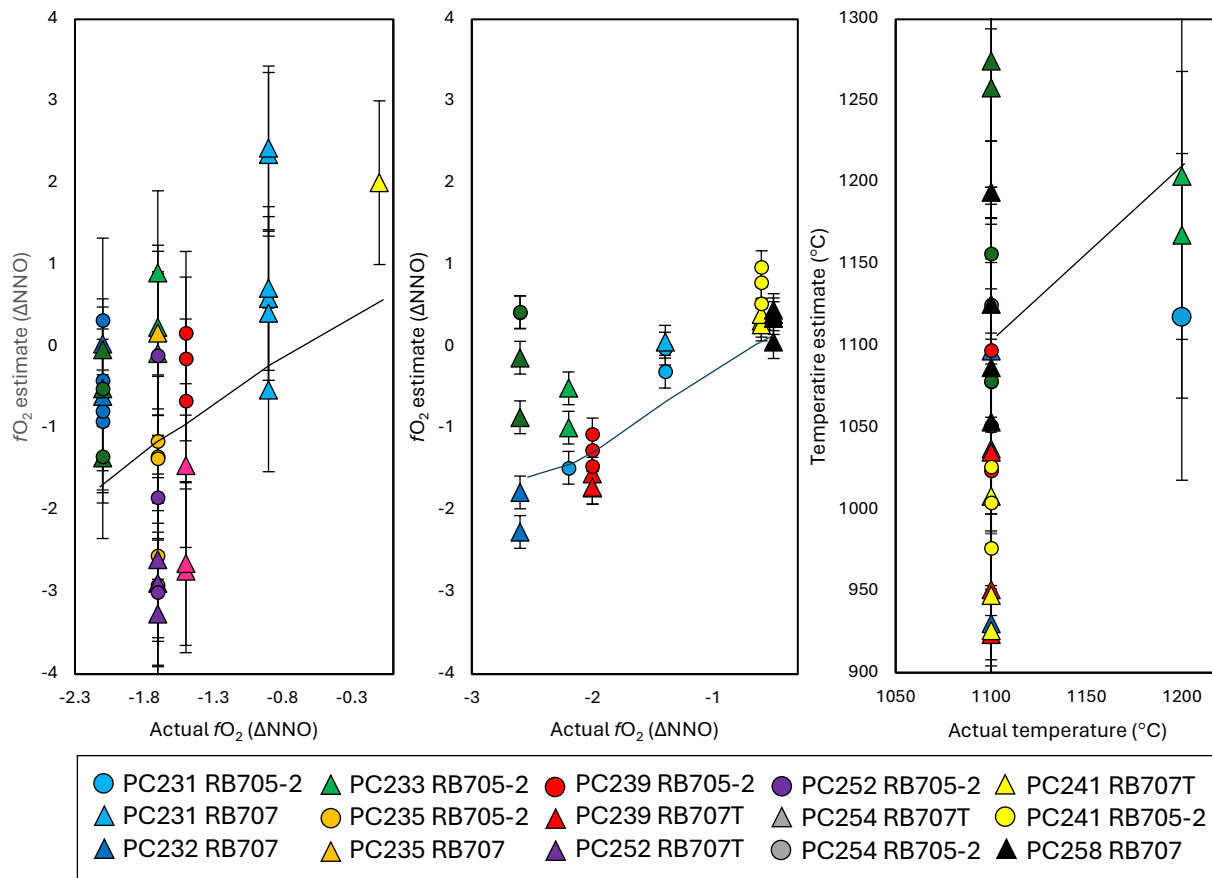
SUPPLEMENTARY FIG 2 Composition of spinel-group minerals in Orapa samples and in experiments. Ilmenite from natural samples includes spinel macrocrysts, reaction rim phases on ilmenite macrocrysts and groundmass spinel. Experimental data includes spinel reaction rims on ilmenite spheres and pre-experimental spinel lamellae on ilmenite spheres. (A) Ternary  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -Al-Cr diagram and plots of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}/(\text{Fe}^{2+}+\text{Mg})$  versus (B)  $\text{Cr}/(\text{Cr}+\text{Al})$ , (B)  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/(\text{Fe}^{3+}+\text{Al}+\text{Cr})$ , (D)  $\text{Ti}/(\text{Ti}+\text{Al}+\text{Cr})$ . Spinel group fields from Roeder & Schulze (2008).



SUPPLEMENTARY FIG 3 (A) Composition of ilmenite from Orapa samples and experiments. In key, macrocryst refers to macrocryst profiles and rim specifically refers to analyses in outermost rim of the macrocryst. Experimental data includes ilmenite pre-experiment and post-experiment. All values right of the empirical line in (A) are considered kimberlitic ilmenite (Schulze *et al.* 1995). (B) Groundmass ilmenite composition including the mean value and (C) mean macrocryst profiles including mean groundmass value.



SUPPLEMENTARY FIG 4 (A-D) Trace element content of perovskite in natural samples and (B) comparison with  $\Delta\text{NNO}$ . (E-H) Major element content of natural and experimental samples. Experimental samples refer to perovskite reaction rims found in ilmenite spheres.



SUPPLEMENTARY FIG 5 Estimated run temperature and  $fO_2$  estimates compared to the actual run conditions.