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# **First-principles modeling of chlorine isotope fractionation between chloride-bearing molecules and minerals**

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22 **Abstract**

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24 Equilibrium  $^{37}\text{Cl}/^{35}\text{Cl}$  fractionation factors in selected molecules, Cl-bearing  
25 crystalline solids, and silicates in which Cl occurs at trace or minor concentration level  
26 are determined from first-principles calculations, within the density functional theory  
27 (DFT) scheme. Results on benchmarking molecules and crystalline solids are consistent  
28 with the previous theoretical study of Schauble et al. (2003). The present study further  
29 documents the control of the isotopic fractionation properties of chlorine by its local  
30 bonding environment. Chloromagnesite and chlorapatite display similar isotopic  
31 fractionation properties due to relatively similar bonding environment. In contrast,  
32 trace Cl in Mg-serpentine (lizardite) and Mg-amphibole (anthophyllite) are enriched in  
33  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  with respect to chloromagnesite, due to the structural constraints exerted by the  
34 host structure on the substituted ion. This effect is even more pronounced when Cl is  
35 associated to hydroxylated cationic vacancies in forsterite. An effect of the local bonding  
36 environment on the Cl isotopic fractionation properties is also inferred for  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions in  
37 saturated aqueous solutions. It explains the systematic departure between theoretical  
38 and empirical reduced partition function ratio observed for the alkaline chlorides,  
39 differing from the agreement observed for the hydrated Cl salts. The reduced partition  
40 function ratio of  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions in concentrated solution of alkaline chlorides is smaller from  
41 that observed in dilute solutions by an amount potentially reaching 1‰ at 22°C. Finally,  
42 the calculation of fractionation factors between gas ( $\text{HCl}_{(\text{g})}$ ,  $\text{NaCl}_{(\text{g})}$ ,  $\text{KCl}_{(\text{g})}$ ) and solids  
43 (sodalite, chlorapatite, halite, HCl trihydrate) which likely prevailed in the solar nebula,  
44 sustains a model in which the  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  enrichment of  $\text{HCl}_{(\text{g})}$  is produced by a Rayleigh type  
45 fractionation during chlorine condensation at temperatures between 400 and 500 K.

46 This model could explain the heavier isotopic composition observed for bulk Earth and  
47 various chondrites compared to the nebular gas.

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## 49 **1. Introduction**

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51 The  $^{37}\text{Cl}/^{35}\text{Cl}$  isotopic composition of chlorine in major Earth's reservoirs  
52 (seawater, evaporites, mantle) exhibits a limited range of values, with most of them  
53 falling between  $-0.5\text{‰}$  and  $+0.5\text{‰}$  from the seawater composition (Eggenkamp, 2014;  
54 Barnes and Sharp, 2017). Strong departures from these values are most often ascribed  
55 to non-equilibrium kinetic processes affecting the Cl isotopic composition, which include  
56 Cl loss during degassing processes (Sharp et al., 2010a,b) as well as diffusion and ion  
57 filtration in porous media explaining negative values of sedimentary pore fluids (e.g.  
58 Godon et al., 2004). At a larger scale, degassing processes are expected to explain the  
59 heavier isotopic composition of planetary reservoirs, such as the Moon or the crust of  
60 Mars, because of the preferential loss of light chlorine isotope (Sharp et al., 2010a;  
61 Barnes and Sharp, 2017; Wang et al., 2019). Equilibrium isotopic fractionation of  
62 chlorine in nature is generally expected to be of smaller magnitude because chlorine  
63 mostly occurs under a single redox state, the reduced chloride ions, and the relative  
64 mass difference between the isotopes is small. In addition, and although equilibrium  
65 isotopic fractionation involving oxidized forms of chlorine such as perchlorates can be  
66 large (Schauble et al., 2003), the photochemical formation of these unstable species is  
67 not expected to fractionate the chlorine isotopes (Barnes and Sharp, 2017).

68 Few equilibrium fractionation factors of Cl isotopes have been experimentally  
69 determined. They include the  $\text{HCl}-\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})}$  (Sharp et al., 2010b) and the  $\text{Cl}_2-\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})}$  (Giunta et  
70 al., 2017) fractionation coefficients at near-ambient conditions; as well as fractionation  
71 between chloride salts and saturated solutions (Eggenkamp et al., 1995, 2016). At high  
72 temperature, Sharp et al. (2007) reported a  $-0.3\text{‰}$  fractionation factor between  
73 sodalite and  $\text{NaCl}_{(\text{l})}$  at  $825\text{ °C}$  and Cisneros (2013) documented a  $+0.1\text{‰}$  fractionation

74 factor between amphibole and NaCl-bearing solution at 700°C and 0.2 GPa. Observations  
75 made on seafloor serpentinite and altered oceanic crust also point to a small positive  
76 serpentine-Cl<sub>(aq)</sub> and amphibole-Cl<sub>(aq)</sub> fractionation.

77 Theoretical isotopic fractionation factors between molecular species and  
78 crystalline chlorides have been predicted by combining experimentally observed  
79 vibrational frequencies and theoretically predicted frequency shifts due to the isotopic  
80 substitution (Schauble et al., 2003). For molecules, theoretical predictions were based  
81 on ab-initio quantum-mechanical calculations, whereas those for crystalline solids made  
82 use of empirical force-fields. This set of theoretical fractionation coefficients revealed  
83 significant equilibrium enrichment in <sup>37</sup>Cl in oxidized chlorine species as well as in Cl-  
84 bearing organic molecules. The fractionation between more reduced Cl<sub>2</sub> and HCl  
85 molecules was found to be consistent with experimental data and the role of the local  
86 environment of chloride ions in minerals was underlined, suggesting enrichment of  
87 silicates in <sup>37</sup>Cl with respect to simple Na, K or Rb chlorides (Schauble et al., 2003). More  
88 recently, Schauble and Sharp (2011) reported a -0.7 ‰ fractionation between sodalite  
89 and HCl at 950 K and a -0.02 ‰ fractionation between sodalite and NaCl<sub>(c)</sub> at 1098 K.  
90 They also predicted a +3 to +6 ‰ fractionation between crystalline HCl hydrate and  
91 HCl<sub>(g)</sub> at 140-160 K, a fractionation potentially explaining the variability of Cl isotopic  
92 composition observed in chondrites (Sharp et al., 2013; Gargano et al., 2017).

93 Previous studies have shown that theoretical fractionation factors computed  
94 from first-principles within density functional theory (DFT) provide useful information  
95 on isotopic systems that are difficult to address on a purely experimental basis because  
96 they involve, e.g., uncommon isotopic effects (Schauble et al., 2006), slow chemical  
97 reactions (Méheut et al., 2007), weakly fractionating isotopes (Blanchard et al., 2009;  
98 Moynier et al., 2011; Blanchard et al., 2017), incorporation of minor or trace elements in

99 minerals (Rustad and Zarzycki, 2008; Balan et al., 2018) or high-temperature reactions  
100 between solids and dilute gas (Javoy et al., 2012). In the present work, we apply this  
101 approach to chlorine isotopes by providing a set of theoretical fractionation factors  
102 between selected molecules (Table 1) and crystalline solids (Table 2) in which chlorine  
103 occurs as a major or a trace element, all systems being treated at the same theoretical  
104 level. This study mostly focuses on chloride, the lowest redox state of chlorine, which  
105 corresponds to the most frequently observed in natural systems. The investigated  
106 phases include cosmochemically important molecules, ( $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$ ,  $\text{NaCl}_{(g)}$  and  $\text{KCl}_{(g)}$ ), Cl-  
107 bearing minerals (chlorapatite, sodalite, chloromagnesite and Cl salts precipitating from  
108 aqueous solutions), as well as rock-forming silicates displaying Cl as a trace element  
109 (lizardite, anthophyllite, forsterite).

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## 111 **2. Methods**

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### 113 *2.1. Expression of isotopic fractionation factors*

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115 Assuming a system with two stable isotopes, the equilibrium isotopic  
116 fractionation coefficient of an element Y between two phases a and b, referred to as  
117  $\alpha(a,b,Y)$ , is defined by the isotopic ratios:

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$$119 \quad \alpha(a,b,Y) = (Y^*/Y')_a / (Y^*/Y')_b \quad (1)$$

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121 where  $Y^*$  and  $Y'$  are the abundances of the two different isotopes. Accordingly, it  
122 can be related to the equivalent coefficients, referred to as  $\beta$ -factors, obtained for each  
123 phase and a reference system corresponding to an ideal gas of Y atoms:

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$$10^3 \ln \alpha(a,b,Y) = 10^3 \ln \beta(a,Y) - 10^3 \ln \beta(b,Y) \quad (2)$$

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127 The  $\beta(a,Y)$  factor is related to the reduced partition function ratio of the isotopomers  
128 and harmonic expressions have been derived for molecular systems by Bigeleisen and  
129 Mayer (1947). Using the high-temperature product (Redlich-Teller) rule, the harmonic  
130  $\beta$ -factor of a diatomic molecule is given by:

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$$\beta(a,Y) = \frac{\nu^*}{\nu} \frac{e^{-h\nu^*/(2kT)}}{1 - e^{-h\nu^*/(kT)}} \frac{1 - e^{-h\nu/(kT)}}{e^{-h\nu/(2kT)}} \quad (3)$$

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134 where  $\nu$  and  $\nu^*$  are the harmonic stretching frequencies of molecules differing by a single  
135 isotopic substitution,  $k$  the Boltzmann constant,  $h$  the Planck constant, and  $T$  the  
136 temperature. This expression is valid for molecules containing more than a single  $Y$   
137 atom provided that the isotopic mixing is ideal, a verified assumption in the case of  
138 chlorine isotopes (Schauble et al., 2003).

139 For a crystal, harmonic  $\beta$ -factors can be calculated in a similar way using the  
140 following expression:

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$$\beta(a,Y) = \left[ \prod_{i=1}^{3N_{at}} \prod_{\{q\}} \frac{\nu_{q,i}^*}{\nu_{q,i}} \frac{e^{-h\nu_{q,i}^*/(2kT)}}{1 - e^{-h\nu_{q,i}^*/(kT)}} \frac{1 - e^{-h\nu_{q,i}/(kT)}}{e^{-h\nu_{q,i}/(2kT)}} \right]^{1/(NqN)} \quad (4)$$

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144 where  $\nu_{q,i}$  are the frequencies of the phonon with wavevector  $q$  and branch index  $i =$

145  $1, 3N_{at}$ .  $N_{at}$  is the number of atoms in the unit cell,  $\nu_{q,i}$  and  $\nu_{q,i}^*$  are the vibrational

146 frequencies in two isotopically different materials,  $N$  is the number of sites for the  $Y$   
147 atom in the unit cell (e.g., Méheut et al., 2007). In the product over the  $N_q$   $q$ -vectors of Eq.  
148 (4), the three translational modes at the center of the Brillouin zone with  $\nu_{0,i} = 0$  are not  
149 considered. The  $\beta$ -factors can thus be calculated for molecules and crystalline solids  
150 using Eq. (3) and (4) and vibrational frequencies calculated from first-principles.

151 The calculation of the whole vibrational spectrum is sometimes prevented by the  
152 too large size of the considered system. In this case, a useful approximation can be used  
153 to obtain the  $\beta$ -factor from the restoring force constants  $F_i$  corresponding to the  
154 displacement of the isotopic atom in three mutually perpendicular directions  
155 (Bigeleisen and Mayer, 1947; Moynier et al., 2011; Ducher et al., 2017):

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$$157 \quad \beta \approx 1 + \frac{M' - M}{M'M} \frac{h^2}{96\pi^2 k^2 T^2} \sum_{i=1}^3 F_i \quad (5)$$

158 where  $M$  and  $M'$  are the masses of the two isotopes.

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## 160 *2.2 Computational details*

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162 Relevant vibrational properties, i.e. phonon frequencies (Eq. 3 and 4) or restoring  
163 force constants (Eq. 5), were obtained within the density functional theory (DFT)  
164 framework, using the generalized gradient approximation (GGA) to the exchange-  
165 correlation functional as proposed by Perdew, Burke and Ernzerhof (PBE; Perdew et al.,  
166 1996) and a plane-wave / pseudopotential scheme, as implemented in the PWscf and  
167 PHonon codes from the Quantum-Espresso package (Baroni et al., 2001; Giannozzi et al.,  
168 2009; <http://www.quantum-espresso.org>). The ionic cores were described using  
169 optimized norm-conserving Vanderbilt (ONCV) pseudopotentials (Hamann, 2013;

170 Schlipf and Gigy, 2015) with 80 and 480 Ry cut-offs on the electronic wave functions and  
171 charge density, respectively, ensuring that total energies are converged within 1  
172 mRy/atom. Before the computation of vibrational properties, the relaxation of atomic  
173 internal coordinates was performed until the residual forces were less than  $10^{-4}$  Ry/au.  
174 Initial guess of mineral structures were built using the experimental data (Table 2)  
175 obtained from the American Mineralogist Crystal Structure Database (Downs and Hall-  
176 Wallace, 2003). To compute the properties of isolated molecules (Table 1), a single  
177 molecule was inserted in a cubic box with cell parameter  $a = 15.87 \text{ \AA}$ , a size large enough  
178 to marginalize the interactions between periodic images of the molecule. In this case, the  
179 electronic integration was performed by restricting the Brillouin-zone sampling to a  
180 single k-point. For minerals, k-point grids are reported in Table 2 and both the cell-  
181 parameters and atomic positions were relaxed under zero pressure. Depending on the  
182 system size a finite grid of q-points (Eq. 4) or the force-constant approximation (Eq. 5)  
183 were used to compute the  $\beta$ -factors (Table 2). In the finite grids of q-vectors (Eq. 4), the  
184 center of the Brillouin zone ( $\Gamma$  point) was not included.

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### 186 *2.3 Structural models of Cl incorporation in silicates at trace or minor* 187 *concentration level*

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189 Chlorine usually occurs in rock-forming minerals as a trace or minor element.  
190 Hydrous phyllosilicates and amphiboles are able to incorporate chlorine up to the wt. %  
191 level. These significant concentrations are explained by the possibility to substitute  
192 chloride ions for structural OH groups in these hydrous minerals (Volfinger et al., 1985).  
193 Oceanic serpentines can contain up to 6200 ppm Cl (e.g. Scambeluri et al., 2004) and are  
194 considered as key actors of Cl recycling in the mantle (Kendrick et al., 2011).

195 Accordingly, periodic models of Cl-bearing lizardite ( $\text{Mg}_3\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4$ ) and anthophyllite  
196 ( $\text{Mg}_7\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{22}(\text{OH})_2$ ) have been considered for their relative chemical simplicity. In order to  
197 minimize, as much as possible, spurious interactions between the periodic images of the  
198 substituted chloride ions, the unit-cell of the periodic Cl-bearing lizardite model has  
199 been built from a 2x2x2 supercell containing 112 atoms. Two different lizardite models  
200 were considered, referred to as Cl1 and Cl2, corresponding to Cl substitution for an  
201 inner-OH or an inter-layer OH group, respectively. The anthophyllite cell also contains  
202 two non-equivalent OH-groups leading to two different models, referred to as Cl1 and  
203 Cl2. The local environment around the two OH-groups is however more similar than in  
204 lizardite. In anthophyllite, the primitive cell contains 164 atoms and it was not possible  
205 to handle a larger supercell. The distance between Cl in neighboring cells is 5.27 Å along  
206 the c direction. As the structure is constrained along this direction by the silicate chains,  
207 we expect that the local structure around chlorine ions, and therefore their isotopic  
208 fractionation properties, is weakly affected by the presence of the chlorine ions in  
209 neighboring cells.

210 The incorporation mechanisms of halogens in olivine are still debated, despite its  
211 potentially important role in the storage of halogens in the upper mantle (Beyer et al.,  
212 2012; Dalou et al., 2012; Joachim et al., 2015; 2017). Several studies have pointed out  
213 the key role of hydroxylated defects in the incorporation of fluorine in forsterite, the Mg  
214 olivine end-member (Crépisson et al., 2014; Joachim et al., 2015). Compared with  
215 fluorine, partition coefficients of chlorine between olivine and melt are smaller, with a  
216 lower dependence on the olivine water content (Joachim et al., 2017). Nonetheless, in  
217 absence of definite conclusions concerning the incorporation mechanism of chlorine in  
218 olivine, we considered that the Cl for OH substitution in hydroxylated defects of olivine  
219 still is a viable incorporation mechanism. Other mechanisms involving, e.g. the charge

220 compensation of cationic vacancies by the association of several chloride ions in a single  
221 defect, does not seem to be more favorable because of the low Cl concentration.  
222 Accordingly, two types of models of hydroxylated defects, related to Si or Mg vacancies  
223 in forsterite, were considered as potential candidates for the structural incorporation of  
224 chloride ions. These models have been built from a 2x1x2 forsterite supercell and  
225 previously validated by comparison with infrared spectroscopic observations (Balan et  
226 al., 2011; 2017). In these models, only one Cl atom has been substituted for one of the  
227 OH groups. In the case of the hydroxylated Si vacancy, three non-equivalent OH groups  
228 can be substituted, leading to three Cl-bearing forsterite models referred to as Si\_Cl1,  
229 Si\_Cl2 and Si\_Cl3 (Table 3), where the number corresponds to the substituted hydroxyl  
230 and the configuration is identical to that of the fluorinated models investigated by  
231 Crépinsson et al. (2014). An additional model (Si\_Cl1b) was considered, corresponding to  
232 a configuration in which the O2-H group points toward the neighbouring vacant site as  
233 in the hydroxylated Si vacancy model described in Balan et al. (2017). Five models  
234 preserving the electrostatic charge neutrality can be built for the hydroxylated Mg  
235 vacancy (Table 3).

236 The equilibrium geometry of Cl-poor silicates was obtained by displacing all  
237 atoms up to a minimum energy state, characterized by the fact that the forces  
238 experienced by the atoms vanish. During this relaxation, the cell geometry was kept  
239 fixed to that of the pure phase, as previously done in e.g. Balan et al. (2014) or Crépinsson  
240 et al. (2018).

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## 242 **3. Results**

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### 244 *3.1 Benchmarking the modeling approach*

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246           The first-principles calculation of isotopic fractionation factors relies on a  
247 number of approximations which can introduce systematic bias in the computed values  
248 of  $\beta$ -factors. The stronger approximations rely on the use of the harmonic  
249 approximation and in the choice of the exchange-correlation functional, here the PBE  
250 functional. As observed in previous studies, the PBE calculations tend to overestimate  
251 bond lengths and crystal cell-parameters by typically 1 to 2 % (Table 1 & 2). The  
252 agreement is slightly poorer for chlorapatite, with a stronger overestimation of the  $a$   
253 cell-parameter and a slight contraction of the  $c$  cell-parameter (Table 1). Similar  
254 distortion of the cell geometry was observed in previous modeling of the properties of F-  
255 and OH-apatite at the GGA level (Corno et al., 2006; Balan et al., 2011b; Aufort et al.,  
256 2018). An overestimation of the  $c$  cell-parameter of chloromagnesite is also observed. It  
257 is likely related to the dominant Van der Waals contribution to the cohesion energy of  
258 the layered chloromagnesite structure, a contribution which is not accounted for by the  
259 PBE functional. Similar overestimation is observed in other layered minerals displaying  
260 non hydrogen-bonded neutral layers, such as talc. It is however not expected to strongly  
261 affect the vibrational properties of the structure as the layer geometry is preserved  
262 (Blanchard et al. 2018). Significant differences between theory and experiment are also  
263 observed in the cell geometry of the hydrated salts bischofite ( $\text{MgCl}_2 \cdot 6(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ ) and  
264  $\text{BaCl}_2 \cdot 2(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  (Table 2). The structure of bischofite displays  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH}_2)_6^{2+}$  polyhedra  
265 sharing H-bonds with neighboring  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions or  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules; whereas the hydrated  
266 barium dichloride displays layers of edge sharing  $\text{Ba}(\text{OH}_2)_4\text{Cl}_4$  polyhedra. In such type of  
267 molecular edifices, the neglect of Van der Waals interactions and thermal effects related  
268 to the anharmonicity of weak H-bonds could be stronger than in crystals whose  
269 cohesion is ensured by ionic-covalent bonding.

270 The properties of small molecules (HCl, Cl<sub>2</sub>) and simple chloride salts (Table 1 &  
271 2) can be compared to their experimental counterparts and to previous calculations by  
272 Richet et al. (1977) and Schauble et al. (2003) (Fig. 1). As expected, the systematic  
273 overestimation of bond distances and cell parameters due to the GGA, leads to an  
274 underestimation of vibrational frequencies by ~5% (Fig. 2). The difference is however  
275 larger for CsCl<sub>(c)</sub> than for the other halides, reaching 25% despite similar agreement  
276 between theoretical and experimental cubic cell parameters (Table 2). A modeling of  
277 CsCl using a different exchange-correlation functional (PBEsol; Perdew et al., 2008)  
278 provided a smaller *a* cell-parameter (4.06 Å), increasing the zone-center TO frequency  
279 to 93.5 cm<sup>-1</sup> and the  $\beta$ -factor at 22°C by 0.43 ‰. For the molecules, a systematic ~0.5 ‰  
280 decrease of  $\beta$ -factor at 0°C with respect to the previously calculated values is observed  
281 (Fig. 1). The equilibrium fractionation factor between Cl<sub>2</sub> and halite at 0°C is 4.6 ‰, very  
282 close to the 4.75 ‰ value computed by Schauble et al. (2003). Similarly the halite-  
283 sylvite fractionation at 0°C is 0.9 ‰ both in the present study and that of Schauble et al.  
284 (2003), confirming that systematic bias tend to compensate when combining  $\beta$ -factors  
285 computed at the same theoretical level.

286 As mentioned in the Method section, the whole vibrational spectrum is hardly  
287 obtained for systems having a large number of atoms in their unit-cell. In this case, it can  
288 be useful to use an approximate expression that relates the  $\beta$ -factor to the restoring  
289 force constant when the relevant atom is displaced from its equilibrium position (Eq. 5).  
290 This approximation of the harmonic expression of the reduced partition function ratio  
291 assumes that the force-constants are isotope-independent. It is valid when the ratio of  
292 the relevant vibrational frequencies to the temperature and the relative mass difference  
293 between the isotopes are sufficiently small (Blanchard et al., 2017). Accordingly, the use  
294 of the force-constant approximation was tested on the forsterite\_Si\_Cl1 model. This

295 model displays a relatively high  $\beta$ -factor indicating that the relevant vibrational  
296 frequencies are among the highest observed among the investigated systems. The  
297 comparison between the  $\beta$ -factor obtained using the full expression (Eq. 4) and the  
298 approximate one (Eq. 5) indicate that for a temperature above 450 K, the difference is  
299 smaller than 0.1 ‰. As the force constant approximation is obtained from a finite  
300 expansion of the full harmonic expression of the  $\beta$ -factor, the quality of the  
301 approximation is better for systems displaying smaller vibrational frequencies and  
302 related smaller  $\beta$ -factor. For example, the difference between the force constant  
303 approximation and the full calculation for the NaCl and KCl molecules is smaller than 0.1  
304 ‰ at 298 K.

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### 306 *3.2 Local environment and isotopic $\beta$ -factor of chloride in condensed phases*

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308 The isotopic fractionation properties of chlorine reflect its local bonding  
309 environment. For all the investigated solid phases, the temperature dependence of the  
310 reduced partition function ratios is mostly linear and the corresponding slope  
311 coefficients are given in Table 4. In monochloride salts, chlorine displays a coordination  
312 varying from 8 in CsCl to 6 in the other chlorides with halite structure. The  
313 corresponding reduced partition function ratio at 22°C (Table 5) display a systematic  
314 variation as a function of the cation ionic radius, the larger cations leading to smaller  $\beta$ -  
315 factors (Fig. 3). In the hydrated Mg, Ca and Sr dichloride salts, the chloride ion is bonded  
316 to water molecules belonging to the coordination sphere of the cations (Table 3).  
317 Consistently, these phases display similar  $\beta$ -factors, not correlated with the cation  
318 radius (Fig. 3). In the peculiar HCl tri-hydrate structure, the HCl molecule is dissociated  
319 and the chloride ions are surrounded by Zündel ions ( $\text{H}_5\text{O}_2^+$ ) (Lundgren and Olovsson,

320 1967). The corresponding  $\beta$ -factor is larger than that observed in the hydrated  
321 dichloride salts in which chloride ions are surrounded by water molecules (Table 4).

322 When solely bound to divalent cations, chlorine displays a three-fold  
323 coordination. This environment is observed in chloromagnesite and chlorapatite, as well  
324 as in the silicates anthophyllite and lizardite. The  $\beta$ -factor of chloromagnesite (6.2 ‰ at  
325 0°C) is consistent with the values reported for the isostructural compounds  $\text{FeCl}_2$  and  
326  $\text{MnCl}_2$  (6.7 and 6.2 ‰ at 0°C, respectively) by Schauble et al. (2003). Despite an  
327 apparently similar environment and Mg-Cl distances close to 2.5 Å, the  $\beta$ -factor of Cl-  
328 sites in lizardite and anthophyllite are significantly higher than that of chloromagnesite  
329 (Table 4, Fig. 4). This suggests that the environment of Cl atoms is more constrained  
330 when Cl is incorporated as a substituting element in silicates than when it occurs as a  
331 major constituent of the mineral. As a matter of fact, the Mg-Cl-Mg angle decreases from  
332 93 ° in chloromagnesite to about 80° in lizardite and anthophyllite. The effect of the host  
333 structure on the vibrational and isotopic fractionation properties of Cl is even stronger  
334 when considering the Cl sites in forsterite. In the case of the defects related to Si  
335 vacancies, the Mg-Cl distances are smaller than in the chloride minerals (Table 3).  
336 Neighboring OH groups can also point toward the Cl ion, suggesting a weak additional  
337 bonding to H atoms. For the defects related to Mg vacancies, Cl ions are bound to Si  
338 atoms and the largest  $\beta$ -factors are observed. Although it is not possible to directly  
339 compare the energy of chemically different incorporation mechanisms, it can be noticed  
340 that the less stable configurations of a given defect are observed for the environments  
341 leading to the shortest Cl-cation distances (Table 3).

342 Finally, chloride ions in sodalite display a lower 4-fold coordination states with  
343 bonding to Na atoms. Compared with halite, the lowering of the coordination state is  
344 balanced by a shortening of the Cl-Na bond leading to a very similar  $\beta$ -factor for both

345 minerals. The calculated fractionation factor between HCl and sodalite (0.7 ‰ at 950 K)  
346 is in excellent agreement with the value proposed by Schauble and Sharp (2011).

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## 348 **4. Discussion**

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### 350 *4.1 Chlorine isotope fractionation during precipitation from saturated solutions*

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352 The precipitation of chloride salts from concentrated aqueous solutions is an  
353 important natural process leading to the formation of evaporitic rocks. The equilibrium  
354 isotopic fractionation factors of chlorine between aqueous solutions and precipitating  
355 NaCl, KCl and hydrated MgCl<sub>2</sub> has been experimentally determined by Eggenkamp et al.  
356 (1995). The moderate values, varying between +0.26 ‰ and -0.08 ‰ for NaCl<sub>(c)</sub> and  
357 KCl<sub>(c)</sub>, respectively, were found to be roughly consistent with the theoretical values  
358 provided by Schauble et al. (2003). Although debated (Luo et al., 2014, 2015;  
359 Eggenkamp et al., 2015), the initially proposed experimental values have been more  
360 recently confirmed by Eggenkamp et al. (2016). This series was also complemented by  
361 the experimental determination of fractionation factors between aqueous solutions and  
362 Li, Cs, Rb, Ca and Sr salts (Eggenkamp et al., 2016). The comparison of theoretical  
363 results with experimental fractionation factors is not straightforward because theory  
364 only provides  $\beta$ -factors within a given level of approximation. Although fractionation  
365 factors and  $\beta$ -factors are simply related by Eq. (2), the theoretical prediction of  
366 equilibrium isotopic fractionation between solids and solutions is hampered by  
367 computational constraints which make it difficult to treat the liquid and solid phases at  
368 the same approximation level (Blanchard et al., 2017). Using an empirical electrostatic  
369 model of ion solvation by water molecules, Czarnacki and Halas (2012) have computed

370 the  $\beta$ -factor of the aqueous chloride ion. Combined with the  $\beta$ -factor of the  $\text{Cl}_2$  molecule  
371 computed by Schauble et al. (2003), a good agreement was observed between the  
372 theoretical values and the experimental fractionation factor between  $\text{Cl}_2$  vapor and  
373 aqueous chloride ions determined by Giunta et al. (2017). This suggests that the  $\beta$ -factor  
374 determined by Czarnacki and Halas (2012) can account for equilibrium fractionation  
375 properties of chloride in real aqueous solutions. Thus, the  $\beta$ -factor of the salts can be  
376 empirically assessed from Eq. (2), assuming that the reduced partition function ratio of  
377 aqueous chloride calculated by Czarnacki and Halas (2012) ( $1000\ln(\beta)=3.13$  ‰ at 22  
378 °C) matches that of saturated solutions and using the fractionation factors determined  
379 by Eggenkamp et al. (2016). Similarly, the  $\beta$ -factor of the  $\text{Cl}_2$  molecule can be obtained  
380 using the experimental data of Giunta et al. (2017). The comparison of these empirical  $\beta$ -  
381 factors with the present theoretical ones reveal a high level of consistency for the  $\text{Cl}_2$   
382 molecule and the hydrated Li, Mg, Ca and Sr salts, with a minor theoretical  
383 underestimation of the  $\beta$ -factors most likely due to the systematic bias related to the  
384 PBE functional (Fig. 5). A more pronounced departure is observed for cubic salts (NaCl,  
385 KCl, RbCl, CsCl) and hydrated  $\text{BaCl}_2$ , with the empirical values being systematically  
386 larger than the theoretical ones. The observed difference is always above 0.5 ‰ and can  
387 reach 1.5 ‰ for CsCl. In comparison, the difference between empirical and theoretical  
388  $\beta$ -factors for  $\text{Cl}_2$  molecules is only 0.14 ‰, supporting the combination of the aqueous  
389 chloride  $\beta$ -factor computed by Czarnacki and Hallas (2012) with experimental  
390 fractionation factors to infer empirical  $\beta$ -factors of solids and molecules. Experimental  
391 measurements also provide isotopic composition values with typical errors smaller than  
392  $\pm 0.1$  ‰ (Eggenkamp et al. 2016). Assuming that the experiments correspond to isotopic  
393 equilibrium conditions, this suggests that the observed departure between empirical

394 and theoretical  $\beta$ -factors for these salts does not solely arise from theoretical or  
395 experimental inaccuracies but rather reflects a variation in the  $\beta$ -factor of  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions in  
396 concentrated aqueous solutions. The weak experimental fractionation observed  
397 between brines and crystalline salts, compared to the theoretical variation of the  $\beta$ -  
398 factor of solid phases (Fig. 3), suggests that the  $\beta$ -factor of  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions in concentrated  
399 solutions follows the trend observed in the solids. According to the present results, the  
400  $\beta$ -factor of  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions in saturated solutions could be smaller than that observed in dilute  
401 solutions. The observed difference is larger than 0.5 ‰ and could reach 1 ‰ for CsCl  
402 (Fig. 6), taking into account the  $\sim 0.43$  ‰ difference related to the lower accuracy of the  
403 PBE functional to model  $\text{CsCl}_{(c)}$ . Potential role of ion pairing in solution was previously  
404 suggested by Schauble et al. (2003) and Eggenkamp et al. (2016). Significant contact ion-  
405 pairing in concentrated CsCl and RbCl solutions has been recently observed by X-ray  
406 absorption fine structure (XAFS) spectroscopy and X-ray diffraction (XRD) (Pham and  
407 Fulton, 2016; 2018). In contrast,  $\text{CaCl}_2$  solutions are dominated by solvent-separated ion  
408 pairs (Pham and Fulton, 2013; Friesen et al., 2019). Although deserving further  
409 investigation, these observations consistently point to a stronger modification of the  
410 local environment of chloride ions in concentrated aqueous solutions for the larger  
411 alkaline cations with a smaller ionic potential.

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#### 413 *4.2 Chlorine isotope fractionation in rock-forming silicates*

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415 Equilibrium fractionation of chlorine isotopes among silicate minerals is constrained by  
416 few experimental measurements. Sharp et al. (2007) reported a  $-0.3$  ‰ fractionation  
417 factor between sodalite and  $\text{NaCl}_{(l)}$  at  $825$  °C and Cisneros (2013) determined a  $+0.1$  ‰  
418 fractionation factor between amphibole and NaCl-bearing solution at  $700$ °C and  $0.2$  GPa.

419 A fractionation of +0.33 ‰ between structurally bound and water-soluble Cl in seafloor  
420 serpentinites is documented by Sharp and Barnes (2004). A positive amphibole-Cl<sub>(aq)</sub>  
421 fractionation is also consistent with observations made on altered oceanic crust (Barnes  
422 and Cisneros, 2012) and metasomatised meta-gabbro (Kusebauch et al., 2015). Based on  
423 the similarity between the local environment of chlorine in serpentine and amphiboles  
424 and that observed in dichloride salts, a <sup>37</sup>Cl enrichment with respect to parent fluids is  
425 consistent with the theoretical constraints (Schauble et al., 2003). The present results  
426 provide twice as large β-factors of chlorine occurring as a trace or minor element in  
427 silicates as those of dichloride salts. Assuming that the Cl β-factor in high temperature  
428 fluids does not exceed the theoretical predictions for aqueous Cl (Czarnacki and Halas,  
429 2012), they confirm the <sup>37</sup>Cl enrichment of chloride bearing silicates with respect to the  
430 parent fluids. The equilibrium isotopic fractionation between silicates and fluids  
431 remains however weak, not exceeding 2 ‰ at 400 °C.

432         Concerning trace chlorine occurring as defects in forsterite, the usually high  
433 formation temperature of olivine leads to very small isotopic fractionation. The  
434 fractionation factor between forsterite and halite is smaller than 0.3 ‰ at 1300 °C.  
435 Although very weak, measurement of differences in the isotopic composition of  
436 experimentally grown samples of forsterite in presence of NaCl might help to  
437 discriminate between inclusion of small halite particles and structural incorporation of  
438 chlorine. We note however that lower formation temperature (<610 °C) of Fe-rich  
439 olivine has been reported in some chondrites (Ganino and Libourel, 2017) potentially  
440 leading to larger Cl isotope fractionation.

441         Overall, the weakness of equilibrium isotopic fractionation factors of chlorine at  
442 high temperature cannot explain the variations observed in Middle Ocean Ridge basalts  
443 (Bonifacie et al., 2008) or olivine-hosted melt inclusions from island arcs basalts

444 (Bouvier et al., 2019). It sustains the use of Cl isotopes to identify mixing processes  
445 involving more fractionated and shallow Cl reservoirs such as seawater, altered oceanic  
446 crust serpentinites or sediments.

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#### 448 *4.3 Isotopic fractionation during Cl condensation in the solar nebula*

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450 The behavior of Cl and related isotopic fractionation during the formation of the  
451 solar system is still an open question. It was initially thought that the homogeneity of  
452 isotopic composition between bulk Earth, chondritic meteorites and lightest values of  
453 Moon samples reflected a nebular composition close to 0 ‰ (Sharp et al., 2007). The  
454 lack of isotopic fractionation between Earth and chondrites is explained by the hydrous  
455 character of silicate melts, leading to a compensation between the positive fractionation  
456 between HCl and Cl dissolved in melts and the preferential loss of light isotopes during  
457 HCl degassing (Sharp et al., 2010a). In contrast, the elevated  $^{37}\text{Cl}/^{35}\text{Cl}$  ratio measured on  
458 Moon samples is explained by NaCl(g) loss from anhydrous melts.

459 However, the Cl isotopic composition of several ordinary chondrites (Sharp et al.,  
460 2013), some shergottites having preserved the Mars mantle composition (Sharp et al.,  
461 2016) and several iron meteorites (Gargano et al., 2017), suggests a lighter isotopic  
462 composition of the nebular gas, between -3 and -5 ‰ (Sharp et al., 2016). Starting from  
463 this composition, the high-temperature condensation of chlorine, corresponding to the  
464 formation of sodalite at 950 K (Fegley and Lewis, 1980; Lodders, 2003), is not expected  
465 to strongly fractionate the Cl isotopes. At this temperature NaCl molecules are the  
466 dominant speciation of chlorine in the nebular gas (Fegley and Lewis, 1980). Based on  
467 the present calculations, NaCl<sub>(g)</sub> displays almost no fractionation with sodalite, whereas  
468 HCl<sub>(g)</sub> in equilibrium with NaCl<sub>(g)</sub> is only 0.7 ‰ heavier. Accordingly, the significantly

469 heavier composition observed on various chondrites, as well as in bulk Earth, cannot be  
470 explained by high-temperature fractionation mechanisms. For this reason, Sharp et al.  
471 (2016) proposed that these heavy compositions could reflect the low-temperature (<  
472 140K) addition of Cl as HCl hydrates formed beyond the snow line. Theoretical  
473 fractionation factors proposed by Schauble and Sharp (2011), confirmed by the present  
474 results, indicate that HCl hydrates could be enriched in  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  by up to 3-4 ‰ at these  
475 temperatures (Fig. 7). This interpretation is consistent with the suggestion of Zolotov  
476 and Miromenko (2007) that aqueous alteration of chondrites at low-pH could reflect the  
477 incorporation of HCl hydrates at temperatures as low as 160 to 140 K. However, the  
478 postulated enrichment in  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  of HCl hydrates would only correspond to a minor fraction  
479 of hydrates in equilibrium with a dominant fraction of HCl gas having escaped from  
480 high-temperature condensation processes and still not fully condensed at low  
481 temperature. Otherwise, mass balance implies that the isotopic composition of HCl  
482 hydrates should tend to that of the nebular gas as their low-temperature condensation  
483 proceeds. Such a low fraction of HCl condensed as hydrates is at odd with observations  
484 of protostars (Kama et al., 2015) and comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko (Dhooghe et  
485 al., 2017), indicating that up to 90% of HCl, the major Cl-bearing species in the  
486 interstellar medium is frozen as ice onto the surfaces of dust grains.

487         The above described scenario is strongly dependent on the assumptions made on  
488 the high-temperature condensation of chlorine. Considering the condensation model  
489 proposed by Schaefer and Fegley (2010), a different scenario of the evolution of the Cl  
490 isotopic composition in the solar nebula could be proposed. According to the  
491 thermodynamical modeling of Schaefer and Fegley (2010) and more recently of Wood et  
492 al. (2019), chlorine condensates at a lower temperature, starting by forming  
493 chlorapatite at 470K by reaction of previously formed whitlockite or fluorapatite with

494 HCl<sub>(g)</sub> up to about 40% of total chlorine, and ending by the condensation of halite  
495 directly from HCl gas at temperatures below 420K. Such lower condensation  
496 temperature of chlorine is also consistent with the recent reevaluation of chlorine  
497 during Earth accretion by Clay et al. (2017). New measurements of Cl concentration in  
498 carbonaceous, enstatite and primitive ordinary chondrites reveals that a lower  
499 condensation temperature of chlorine, close to 500 K, would be consistent with the  
500 general trend observed for the other volatile elements. Based on the present results,  
501 HCl<sub>(g)</sub>, which is the dominant Cl-bearing constituent of the nebular gas at these  
502 temperatures (Schaefer and Fegley, 2010), is enriched by 0.7 ‰ with respect to  
503 chlorapatite at 470K and 1.7 ‰ with respect to halite at 420K (Fig. 8). At these  
504 temperatures, it is reasonable to assume that the solid grains were isolated from the gas  
505 and do not re-equilibrate with the gas, sustaining a Rayleigh fractionation model in the  
506 absence of volatilization. In its simplest expression, this model describes the evolution of  
507 the <sup>37</sup>Cl/<sup>35</sup>Cl ratio *R* of the remaining HCl<sub>(g)</sub> as a function of the condensed fraction of  
508 mineral phase *f*:

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$$\frac{R}{R^{\circ}} = f^{(\alpha-1)} \quad (6)$$

510 where *R*<sup>°</sup> is the initial ratio of the nebular gas and *α* the fractionation factor between the  
511 gas and the condensed phase. While a significant degree of supercooling or HCl<sub>(g)</sub>  
512 supersaturation during condensation would request the use of kinetic fractionation  
513 factors, equilibrium fractionation factors can be used in the theoretical framework of  
514 condensation at thermodynamical equilibrium. Using the calculated fractionation  
515 factors, it appears that the condensation of halite can lead to a significant enrichment in  
516 <sup>37</sup>Cl of the residual HCl<sub>(g)</sub>, which is fractionated by more than +3 ‰ with respect to the  
517 starting nebular composition for a condensed fraction above 90 % (Fig. 9). At this point

518 40% of nebular chlorine is locked in chlorapatite and 50% in halite, while 10% is still  
519 present as  $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$ . The fractionation reaches more than +5.5 ‰ for a condensed fraction  
520 above 98 ‰ (in this case halite now accounts for 58% of total nebular chlorine and only  
521 less than 2% are still present as  $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$ ). Later interaction of chondrites with heavier HCl  
522 at lower temperature, still under gas state or condensed as hydrates, could lead to both  
523 their acidic alteration (Zolotov and Miromenko, 2007) and isotopic enrichment in  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  as  
524 proposed by Sharp et al. (2016).

525 The present scenario relies on an efficient condensation of halite as the source of  
526 isotopic fractionation between nebular gas and chondrites and is only based on  
527 equilibrium fractionation processes. However, the origin of halite in chondrites remains  
528 unclear and more complex processes are likely involved. As for chlorapatite and  
529 sodalite, halite probably formed during brine circulations on the parent bodies  
530 (Zolensky et al., 1999, Whitby et al., 2000, Bridges et al., 2004) but some halite crystals  
531 and their fluid inclusions have H and O isotopic systematics indicating preservation of  
532 pristine nebular volatiles (Yurimoto et al., 2014). While the low Cl abundance in  
533 chondrites (less than 10% of the solar Cl based on Clay et al. 2017) does not favor  
534 efficient condensation of halite, we note that the Cl isotopic compositions of halite in the  
535 Zag ordinary chondrite ( $-2.8\text{‰} \leq \delta^{37}\text{Cl} \leq -1.4\text{‰}$ , Bridges et al., 2004) and sodalite in  
536 carbonaceous chondrites inclusions ( $-2.1\text{‰} \leq \delta^{37}\text{Cl} \leq -0.4\text{‰}$ , Sharp et al., 2007) are  
537 well in line with the composition expected in our Rayleigh distillation model.

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## 539 5- Conclusion

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541 In the present work, a consistent set of theoretical  $^{37}\text{Cl}/^{35}\text{Cl}$   $\beta$ -factors has been  
542 computed for selected minerals and molecules at the density functional theory level. The

543  $\beta$ -factor is an intrinsic property of the phases, defined with respect to an ideal system.  
544 They are not directly accessible from experiment but their computation makes it  
545 possible to relate the isotopic fractionation properties to local chemical bonding and to  
546 disentangle the contribution of individual phases in equilibrium isotopic fractionation  
547 processes.

548 The present results reveal the important role of solution chemistry on the  
549 isotopic fractionation of chlorine during the precipitation of chloride salts from aqueous  
550 solutions. They also suggest that the variability of chlorine isotopic composition  
551 observed in objects of the solar system could be inherited from Rayleigh fractionation  
552 processes during the nebula condensation.

553 Accordingly, further works should aim at developing efficient modeling methods  
554 able to treat large systems such as chemically complex aqueous solutions and their  
555 interfaces with solids at the best approximation level. The present results could also  
556 motivate experimental works on isotopic fractionation processes during the high-  
557 temperature condensation of solids and further measurements of Cl isotopic  
558 composition in mineral paragenesis of primitive meteorites.

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819 Figure 1: Reduced partition function ratio of  $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$ ,  $\text{Cl}_{2(g)}$ , halite ( $\text{NaCl}_{(c)}$ ), sylvite ( $\text{KCl}_{(c)}$ )  
820 and  $\text{RbCl}_{(c)}$ . Continuous lines: this study; dotted lines: Schauble et al. 2003; dashed lines:  
821 Richet et al. 1977. Inset: comparison of  $\beta$ -factors at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ .

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823 Figure 2: Comparison of theoretical and experimental vibrational frequencies in  $\text{Cl}_2$   
824 molecule and alkaline chlorides.

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826 Figure 3: Theoretical  $\beta$ -factors at  $22^\circ\text{C}$  of anhydrous (full circles) and hydrated (empty  
827 circles) chloride salts as a function of the cationic radius. Note the correlation observed  
828 for the anhydrous salts and the weak variations of  $\beta$ -factors observed among the series  
829 of hydrated salts. Ionic radii from Shannon (1976) for cations in 6-fold coordination,  
830 excepted Cs and Ba (8-fold coordination).

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832 Figure 4: Theoretical  $\beta$ -factors of minerals for temperatures above 450 K. Note the  
833 higher values observed for substitutional Cl in silicates. The less stable forsterite models  
834 ( $\text{Si\_Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Mg\_Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Mg\_Cl}_3$  and  $\text{Mg\_Cl}_4$ ) are not displayed.

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836 Figure 5: Comparison of empirical and theoretical  $\beta$ -factors at  $22^\circ\text{C}$ . Full and empty  
837 circles correspond to anhydrous and hydrated salts, respectively. Note the larger and  
838 systematic discrepancy observed for the heavier alkaline chlorides. The size of the  
839 symbols corresponds to an error bar of  $\pm 0.1\text{‰}$ . The error bar on the empirical  $\beta$ -  
840 factor of  $\text{Cl}_2$  corresponds to that of the  $\text{Cl}_2\text{-Cl}^-$  fractionation factor at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  reported by  
841 Giunta et al. (2017).

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843 Figure 6: Estimated theoretical  $\beta$ -factor of aqueous chloride ions, obtained by combining  
844 the present theoretical  $\beta$ -factors of solids and the fractionation factors reported by  
845 Eggenkamp et al. (2016), reported as a function of the ionic potential ( $Z/r_{\text{ion}}$ ) of the  
846 associated cation. The highest values, observed for Li and alkaline-earth (Sr, Ca, Mg)  
847 counter-cations and averaging to 2.92, likely matches the theoretical  $\beta$ -factor of water  
848 coordinated  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions. Departure from this value is ascribed to the formation of contact  
849 ion pairs with large alkaline cations. Estimated errors bars are  $\pm 0.2$  ‰ combining the  
850 precision of experimental measurements and theoretical values.

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852 Figure 7: Reduced partition function ratio of  $\text{HCl}_{(\text{g})}$  and HCl trihydrate. Note the cross-  
853 over at 205 K, leading to significant  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  enrichment of  $\text{HCl}_{(\text{g})}$  at temperatures lower than  
854 140 K as previously reported by Schauble and Sharp (2011).

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856 Figure 8: Isotopic fractionation factors between  $\text{HCl}_{(\text{g})}$  and other Cl-bearing molecules  
857 and condensates from the nebular environment. Depending on the condensation  
858 models, formation of sodalite at 950 K (Lodders 2003; Fegley and Lewis 1980) only  
859 leads to a weak isotopic fractionation of  $\text{HCl}_{(\text{g})}$  with other phases; whereas a later  
860 chlorine condensation as chlorapatite and halite (Schaefer and Fegley 2010) can lead to  
861 a more significant  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  enrichment of  $\text{HCl}_{(\text{g})}$  at temperatures between 400 and 500K.  
862 Note that the Cl speciation in the nebular gas is dominated by NaCl at 950 K and by HCl  
863 at temperatures below 800 K.

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865 Figure 9: Isotopic composition of remaining  $\text{HCl}_{(\text{g})}$  in a simple scenario of Rayleigh  
866 fractionation during chlorine condensation between 500 and 400 K. The chlorapatite

867 accounts for 40% of chlorine condensation. For condensed fraction above 90 %, the  
868 remaining  $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$  is fractionated by more than +3 ‰ with respect to a starting nebular  
869 composition of  $\delta^{37}\text{Cl} = -3 \text{ ‰}$ .

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872 Table 1: Structure and vibrational stretching frequencies of diatomic molecules.  
873 Experimental harmonic frequencies (Richet et al. 1977) are indicated in parenthesis.

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	d (Å)	theo. - exp. (%)	$\omega$ <sup>35</sup> Cl (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	theo. - exp. (%)	$\omega$ <sup>37</sup> Cl (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	theo. - exp. (%)
Cl <sub>2(g)</sub>	2.01 (1.98)	+1.5	538.4 (559.7)	-3.8	523.7 (544.4)	-3.8
HCl <sub>(g)</sub>	1.29 (1.27)	+1.6	2888.2(2990.9)	-3.4	2886.0 (2988.7)	-3.4
NaCl <sub>(g)</sub>	2.38		352.7		348.9	
KCl <sub>(g)</sub>	2.67		268.7		264.8	

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878 Table 2: Structural and modeling parameters of the investigated crystalline phases. (c),  
 879 (h), (m) and (o) stand for cubic, hexagonal, monoclinic and orthorhombic crystal  
 880 systems, respectively.  
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model		crystal syst.	k-point grid	atoms/ cell	cell parameters (Å)	theo. - exp. (%)	$\omega$ TO (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	q-point grid
halite	NaCl	(c)	4x4x4	8	a = 5.69 (5.64) <sup>a</sup>	+0.9	154 (164) <sup>a</sup>	4x4x4
sylvite	KCl	(c)	4x4x4	8	a = 6.38 (6.29) <sup>a</sup>	+1.4	129 (142) <sup>a</sup>	4x4x4
	RbCl	(c)	4x4x4	8	a = 6.70 (6.59) <sup>a</sup>	+1.6	102 (116.5) <sup>a</sup>	4x4x4
chloromagnesite	CsCl	(c)	6x6x6	2	a = 4.21 (4.12) <sup>a</sup>	+2.1	74 (99.5) <sup>a</sup>	6x6x6
	MgCl <sub>2</sub>	(h)	4x4x2	9	a = 3.68 (3.60) <sup>b</sup> c = 19.62 (17.59)	+2.2 +11.5		4x4x2
bischofite	MgCl <sub>2</sub> .6(H <sub>2</sub> O)	(m)	2x2x2	42	a = 9.08 (9.86) <sup>c</sup> b = 7.39 (7.11) c = 6.62 (6.07) $\beta = 100.6^\circ$ (93.7 <sup>o</sup> )	-7.9 +3.9 +9.0		1x1x1
	LiCl.H <sub>2</sub> O	(o)	2x2x2	40	a = 7.69 (7.58) <sup>d</sup> b = 7.77 (7.68) c = 7.64 (7.62)	+1.4 +1.2 +0.3		1x1x1
	BaCl <sub>2</sub> .2(H <sub>2</sub> O)	(m)	2x2x2	36	a = 6.85 (6.72) <sup>e</sup> b = 11.76 (10.91) c = 6.99 (7.13) $\beta = 90.06^\circ$ (91.1 <sup>o</sup> )	+1.9 +7.8 -1.9		1x1x1
HCl tri-hydrate	CaCl <sub>2</sub> .6(H <sub>2</sub> O)	(h)	3x3x3	21	a = 7.88 (7.88) <sup>f</sup> c = 4.04 (3.95)	+0.0 +2.2		2x2x2
	SrCl <sub>2</sub> .6(H <sub>2</sub> O)	(h)	3x3x3	21	a = 7.97 (7.96) <sup>f</sup> c = 4.21 (4.12)	+0.0 +2.2		2x2x2
chlorapatite	HCl.3(H <sub>2</sub> O)	(m)	3x2x2	32	a = 4.07 (3.99) <sup>g</sup> b = 12.25 (12.05) c = 6.75 (6.70) $\beta = 101.1^\circ$ (100.6 <sup>o</sup> )	+2.0 +1.7 +0.7		3x2x2
	Ca <sub>5</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Cl	(h)	2x2x2	42	a = 9.86 (9.52) <sup>h</sup> c = 6.73 (6.85)	+3.6 -1.7		fca
sodalite	Na <sub>8</sub> Al <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>6</sub> O <sub>24</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	(c)	2x2x2	46	a = 8.96 (8.89) <sup>j</sup>	+0.8		fca
anthophyllite	Mg <sub>7</sub> Si <sub>8</sub> O <sub>22</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	(o)	1x1x2	164	a = 18.78 (18.50) <sup>i</sup> b = 18.14 (17.90) c = 5.33 (5.27)	+1.5 +1.3 +1.1		fca
	Mg <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (OH) <sub>4</sub>	(h)	3x3x3	18	a = 5.37 (5.33) <sup>j</sup> c = 7.35 (7.25)	+0.8 +1.4		fca
forsterite	Mg <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub>	(o)	1x1x1		a = 9.60 (9.5) <sup>k</sup>	+1.1		fca
			(2x1x2 supercell)	112	b = 10.30 (10.19) c = 12.07 (11.96)	+1.1 +0.9		

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 884 <sup>d</sup>Hönnerscheid et al. (2003), <sup>e</sup>Padmanabhan et al. (1978), <sup>f</sup>Agron and Busing (1986), <sup>g</sup>Lundgren  
 885 and Olovsson (1967), <sup>h</sup>Hendricks et al. (1932), <sup>i</sup>Hassan et al. (2004), <sup>j</sup>Gregorkiewitz et al. (1996),  
 886 <sup>k</sup>Fujino et al. (1981)

887 Table 3: Cl coordination in crystals and relative energy of substitutional Cl-defects.  
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model		Energy* kJ/mol	Coord.	distances (Å)	model	Coord.	distances (Å)
forsterite	Si_Cl1	9.7	3 Mg, 3H	Mg: 2.44, 2 x 2.40 H: 2 x 1.98, 2.0	halite	6 Na	2.84
	Si_Cl1b	4.0	3 Mg, 2H	Mg: 2 x 2.39, 2.48 H: 2 x 1.95	sylvite	6 K	3.19
	Si_Cl2	44.3	3 Mg, 1H	Mg: 2.29, 2 x 2.31 H: 2.08	RbCl	6 Rb	3.35
	Si_Cl3	0	3 Mg, 1H	Mg: 2.33, 2.39, 2.42 H: 2.0	CsCl	8 Cs	3.65
	Mg_Cl1	0	2 Mg, 1Si	Mg: 2.39, 2.40 Si: 2.17	chloromagnesite	3 Mg	2.53
	Mg_Cl2	83.5	2 Mg, 1Si	Mg: 2.43, 2.47 Si: 2.04	bischofite	4 H	2.13, 2.17, 2.21, 2.23
	Mg_Cl3	94.9	2 Mg, 1Si	Mg: 2.41, 2.50 Si: 2.05	HCl tri-hydrate	4 H	2.03, 2.08, 2.11, 2.15
	Mg_Cl4	56.4	2 Mg, 1Si	Mg: 2.40, 2.51 Si: 2.08	chlorapatite	3 Ca	2.79
	Mg_Cl5	2.1	2 Mg, 1Si	Mg: 2.37, 2.51 Si: 2.14	sodalite	4 Na	2.74
lizardite	Cl1	0	3 Mg	2.53	LiCl·H <sub>2</sub> O	4 Li, 2H	Li: 2.56, 2x2.67, 2.93 H: 2x2.
	Cl2	47.4	3 Mg	2 x 2.42, 2.46	BaCl <sub>2</sub> ·2(H <sub>2</sub> O)	2 H	2.11, 2.18
anthophyllite						2 H	2.12, 2.19
	Cl1	10	3 Mg	2.47, 2 x 2.48	CaCl <sub>2</sub> ·6(H <sub>2</sub> O)	6 H	3x2.19, 3x2.28
	Cl2	0	3 Mg	2.45, 2 x 2.5	SrCl <sub>2</sub> ·6(H <sub>2</sub> O)	6 H	3x2.21, 3x2.26

889 \*For each type of defect, the energy is computed with respect to that of the most stable configuration.

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Table 4: Polynomial fits of  $\beta$ -factor of crystals and molecules.

model		a *	$10^6/T^2$ range	model	a *	b *	c*	d*	$10^6/T^2$ range
forsterite	Si_Cl1	0.985	0-5	halite	0.253				0-13.4
	Si_Cl1b	0.944	0-5	sylvite	0.185				0-13.4
	Si_Cl2	1.124	0-5	RbCl	0.162				0-13.4
	Si_Cl3	0.988	0-5	CsCl	0.130				0-13.4
	Mg_Cl1	1.080	0-5	bischofite	0.243				0-13.4
	Mg_Cl2	1.295	0-5	LiCl.H <sub>2</sub> O	0.272				0-13.4
	Mg_Cl3	1.293	0-5	BaCl <sub>2</sub> .2(H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.263				0-13.4
	Mg_Cl4	1.173	0-5	CaCl <sub>2</sub> .6(H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.263				0-13.4
	Mg_Cl5	1.071	0-5	SrCl <sub>2</sub> .6(H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.254				0-13.4
lizardite	Cl1	0.645	0-5	chloromagnesite	0.471				0-5
	Cl2	0.740	0-5	HCl tri-hydrate	0.319	-1.993 10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.951 10 <sup>-5</sup>	-3.629 10 <sup>-7</sup>	0-45
anthophyllite	Cl1	0.740	0-5	NaCl <sub>(g)</sub>	0.226				0-5
	Cl2	0.725	0-5	KCl <sub>(g)</sub>	0.175				0-5
sodalite		0.234	0-5	Cl <sub>2(g)</sub>	0.6756	-6.557 10 <sup>-3</sup>	8.684 10 <sup>-5</sup>	-8.648 10 <sup>-7</sup>	0-13.4
chlorapatite		0.418	0-5	HCl <sub>(g)</sub>	0.9415	-0.1164	9.165 10 <sup>-3</sup>	-2.728 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0-13.4

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\*The coefficients are defined by the relation:  $10^3 \ln(\beta) = ax + bx^2 + cx^3 + dx^4$  where  $x = 10^6/T^2$  and T is the temperature in Kelvin. Note that quadratic, cubic and quartic coefficients have no physical meaning and simply aim at reproducing the curvature of  $10^3 \ln(\beta)$  as a function of  $10^6/T^2$  for Cl<sub>2</sub>, HCl molecule and HCl trihydrate.

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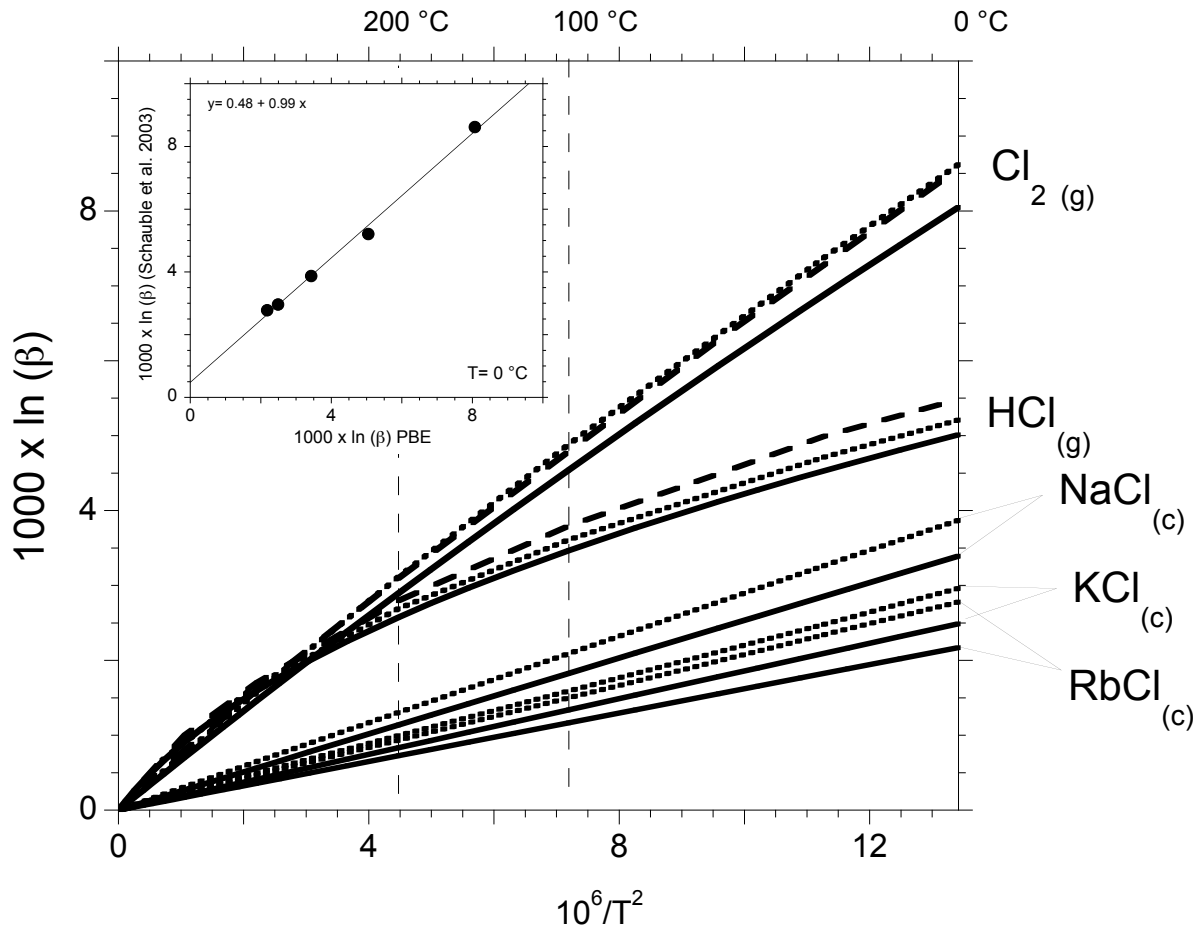
Table 5: Theoretical  $\beta$ -factor of chloride salts and  $\text{Cl}_2$  molecule at 22 °C.

model	1000 $\ln(\beta)$ at 22°C
halite	2.9
sylvite	2.1
RbCl	1.9
CsCl	1.5
bischofite	2.8
LiCl.H <sub>2</sub> O	3.1
BaCl <sub>2</sub> .2(H <sub>2</sub> O)	3.0
CaCl <sub>2</sub> .6(H <sub>2</sub> O)	3.0
SrCl <sub>2</sub> .6(H <sub>2</sub> O)	2.9
Cl <sub>2(g)</sub>	7.0

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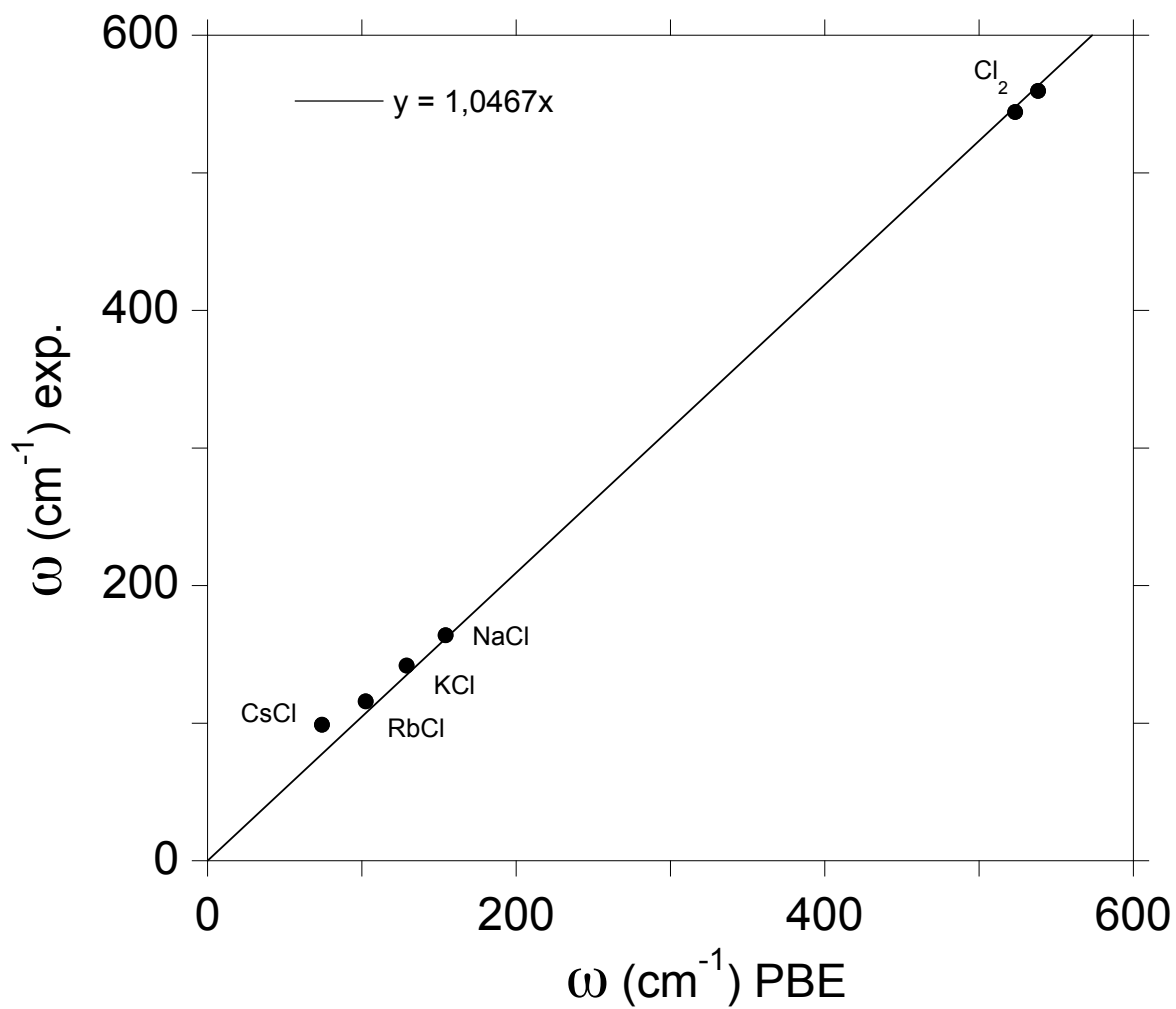
Figure 1: Reduced partition function ratio of  $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$ ,  $\text{Cl}_{2(g)}$ , halite ( $\text{NaCl}_{(c)}$ ), sylvite ( $\text{KCl}_{(c)}$ ) and  $\text{RbCl}_{(c)}$ . Continuous lines: this study; dotted lines: Schauble et al. 2003; dashed lines: Richet al. 1977. Inset: comparison of  $\beta$ -factors at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ .



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923 Figure 2: Comparison of theoretical and experimental vibrational frequencies in Cl<sub>2</sub>  
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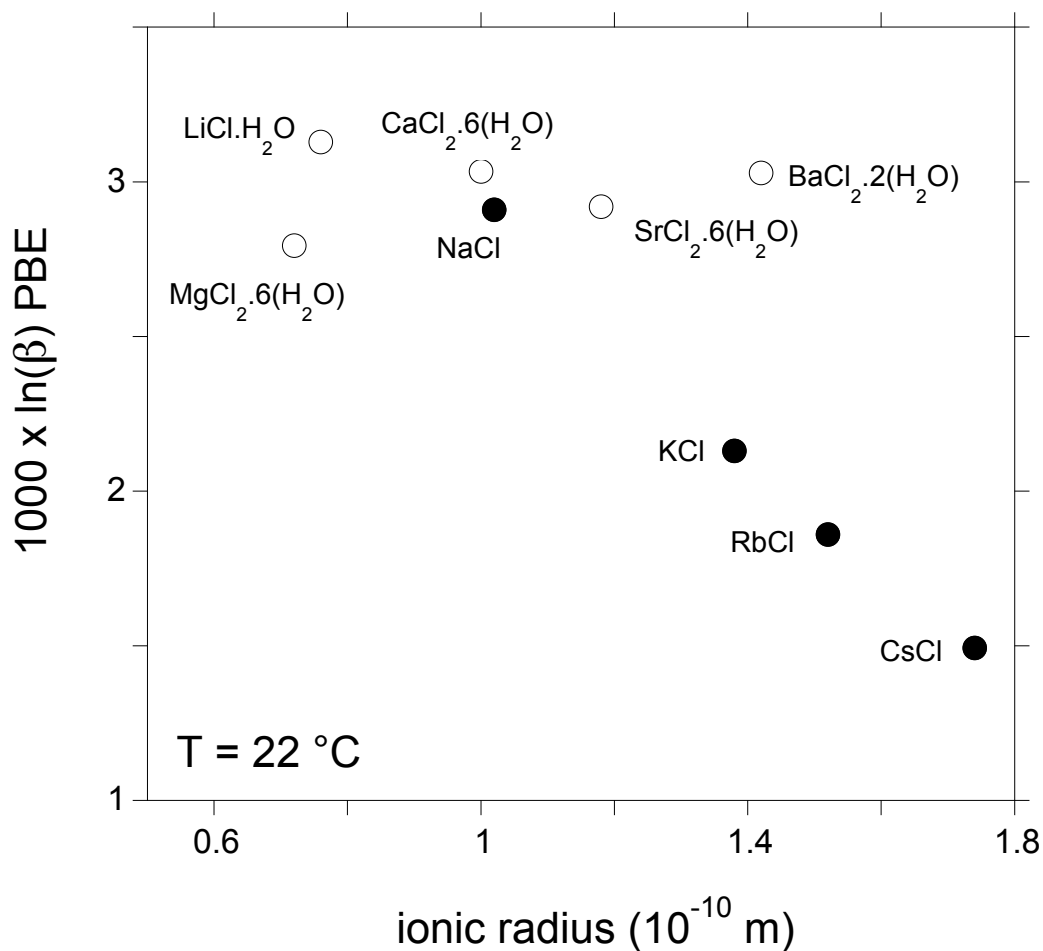
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932 Figure 3: Theoretical  $\beta$ -factors at 22°C of anhydrous (full circles) and hydrated (empty  
933 circles) chloride salts as a function of the cationic radius. Note the correlation observed  
934 for the anhydrous salts and the weak variations of  $\beta$ -factors observed among the series  
935 of hydrated salts. Ionic radii from Shannon (1976) for cations in 6-fold coordination,  
936 excepted Cs and Ba (8-fold coordination).

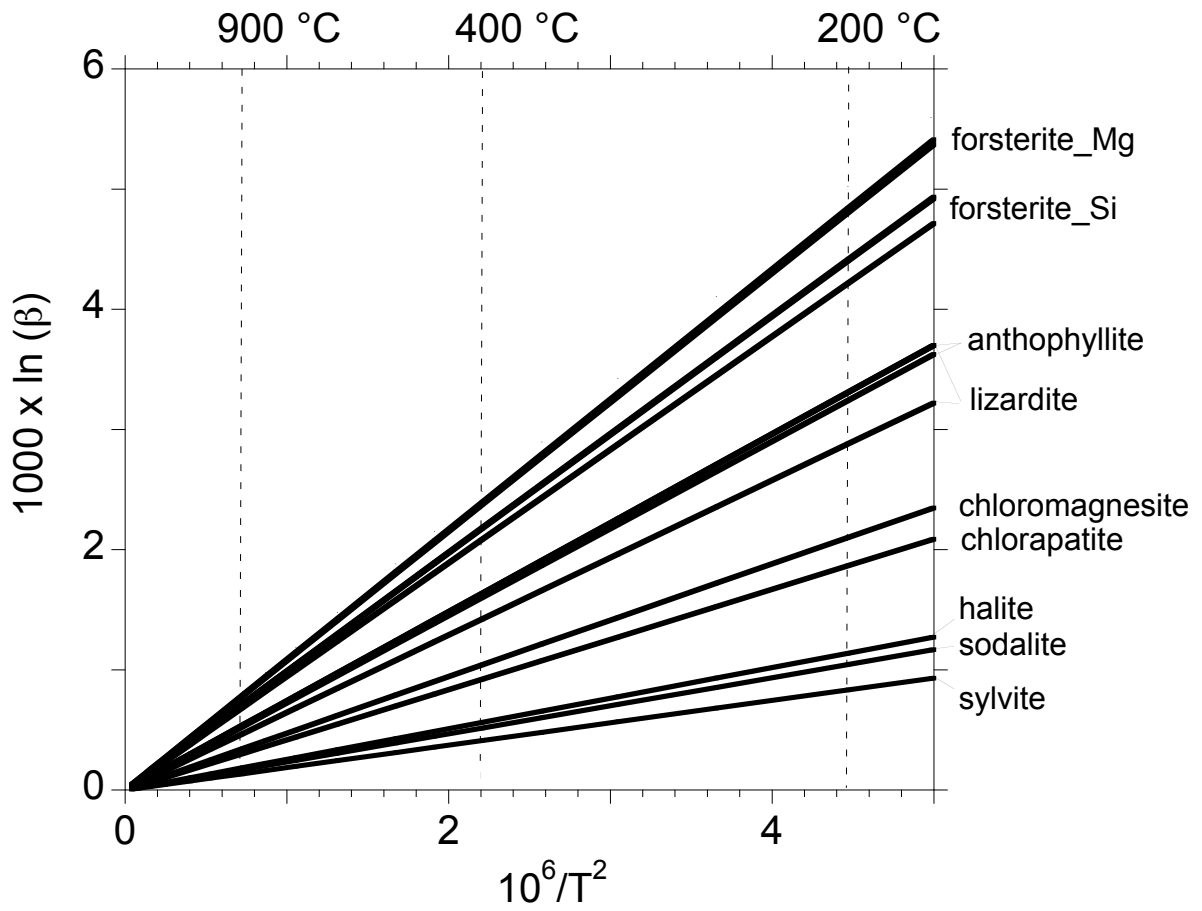
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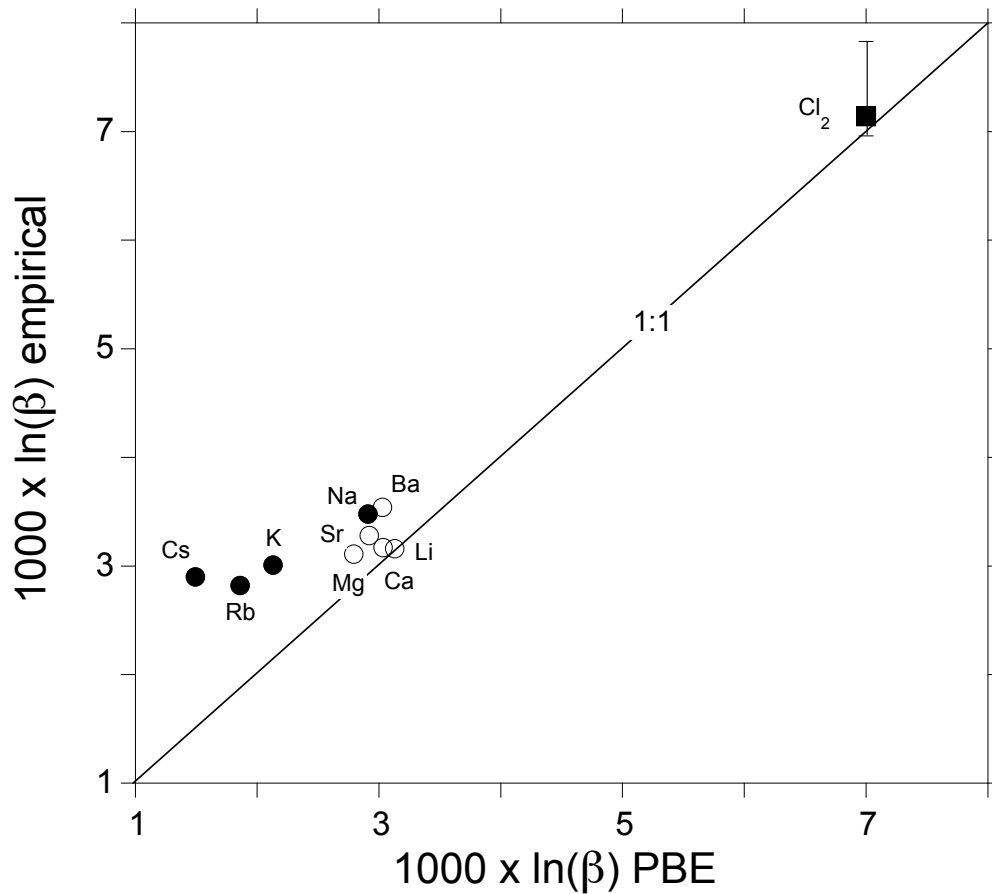
Figure 4: Theoretical  $\beta$ -factors of minerals for temperatures above 450 K. Note the higher values observed for substitutional Cl in silicates. The less stable forsterite models (Si\_Cl2, Mg\_Cl2, Mg\_Cl3 and Mg\_Cl4) are not displayed.



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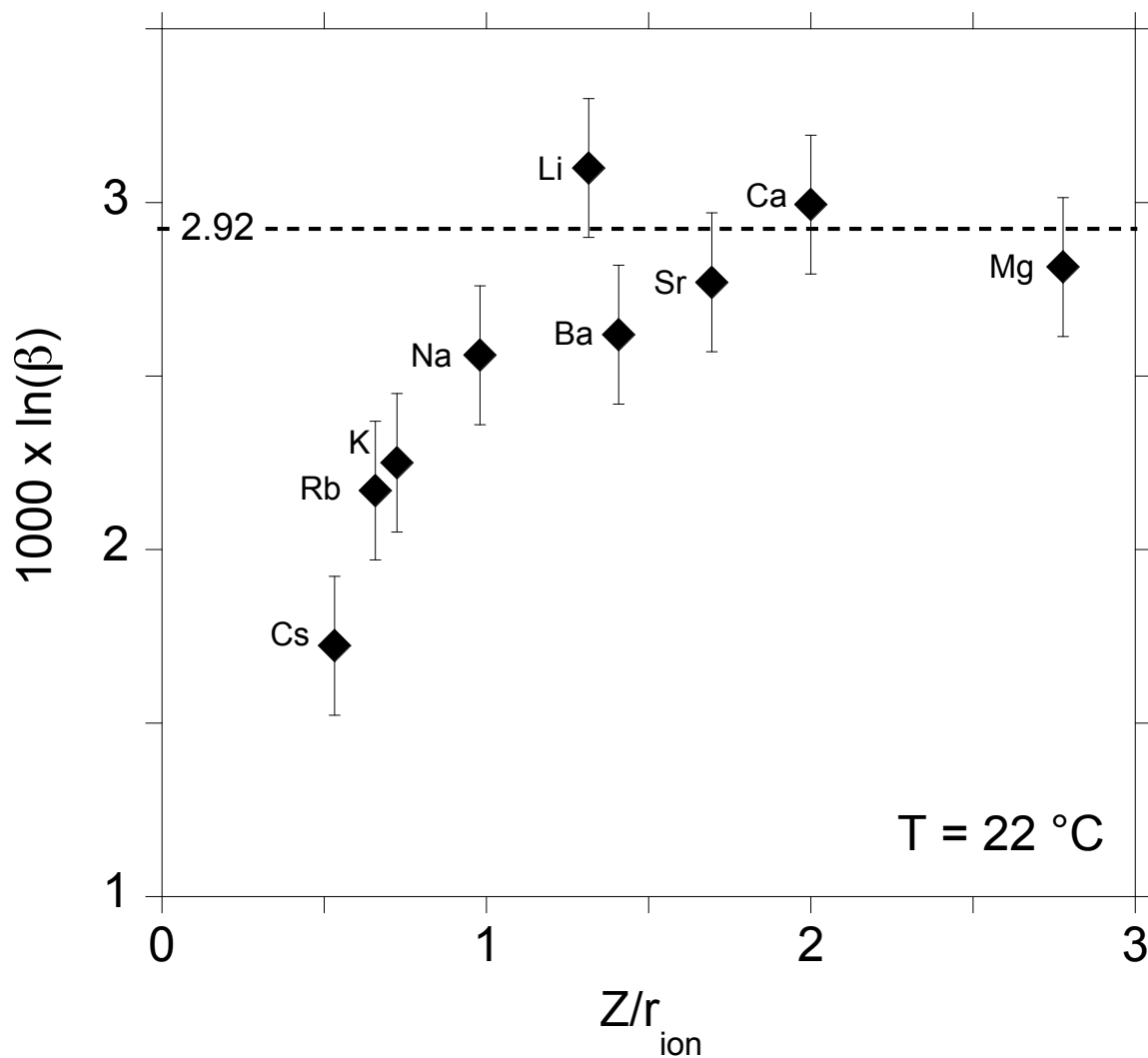
Figure 5: Comparison of empirical and theoretical  $\beta$ -factors at 22°C. Full and empty circles correspond to anhydrous and hydrated salts, respectively. Note the larger and systematic discrepancy observed for the heavier alkaline chlorides. The size of the symbols correspond to error bars of +/- 0.1 ‰. The error bar on the empirical  $\beta$ -factor of  $\text{Cl}_2$  corresponds to that of the  $\text{Cl}_2\text{-Cl}^-$  fractionation factor at 25°C reported by Giunta et al. (2017).



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971 Figure 6: Estimated theoretical  $\beta$ -factor of aqueous chloride ions, obtained by combining  
972 the present theoretical  $\beta$ -factors of solids and the fractionation factors reported by  
973 Eggenkamp et al. (2016), reported as a function of the ionic potential ( $Z/r_{\text{ion}}$ ) of the  
974 associated cation. The highest values, observed for Li and alkaline-earth (Sr, Ca, Mg)  
975 counter-cations and averaging to 2.92, likely matches the theoretical  $\beta$ -factor of water  
976 coordinated  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions. Departure from this value is ascribed to the formation of contact  
977 ion pairs with large alkaline cations. Estimated errors bars are  $\pm 0.2 \text{ ‰}$  combining the  
978 precision of experimental measurements and theoretical values.

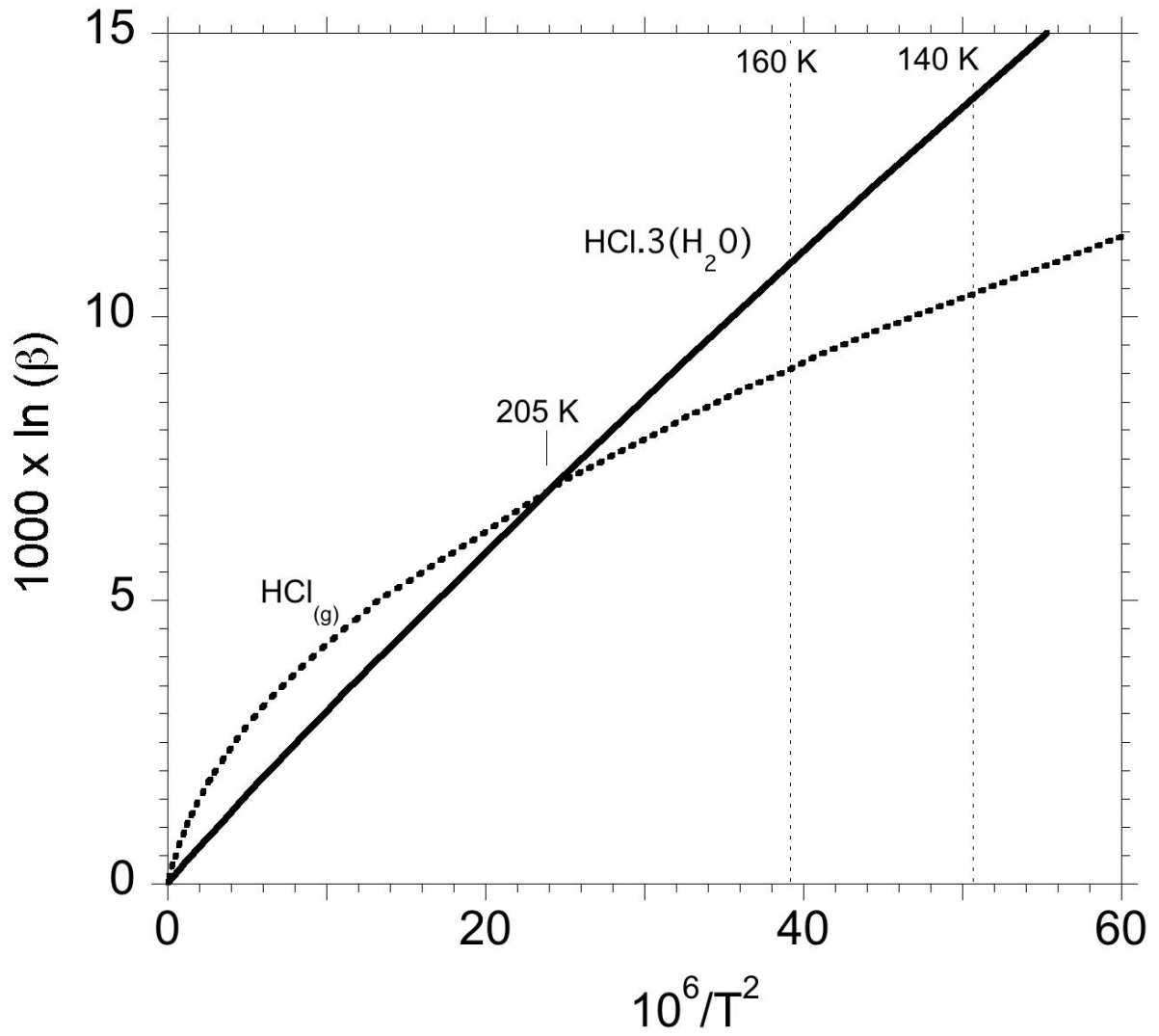
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985 Figure 7: Reduced partition function ratio of  $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$  and  $\text{HCl}$  trihydrate. Note the cross-  
986 over at 205 K, leading to significant  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  enrichment of  $\text{HCl}$  trihydrate at temperatures  
987 lower than 140 K as previously reported by Schauble and Sharp (2011).

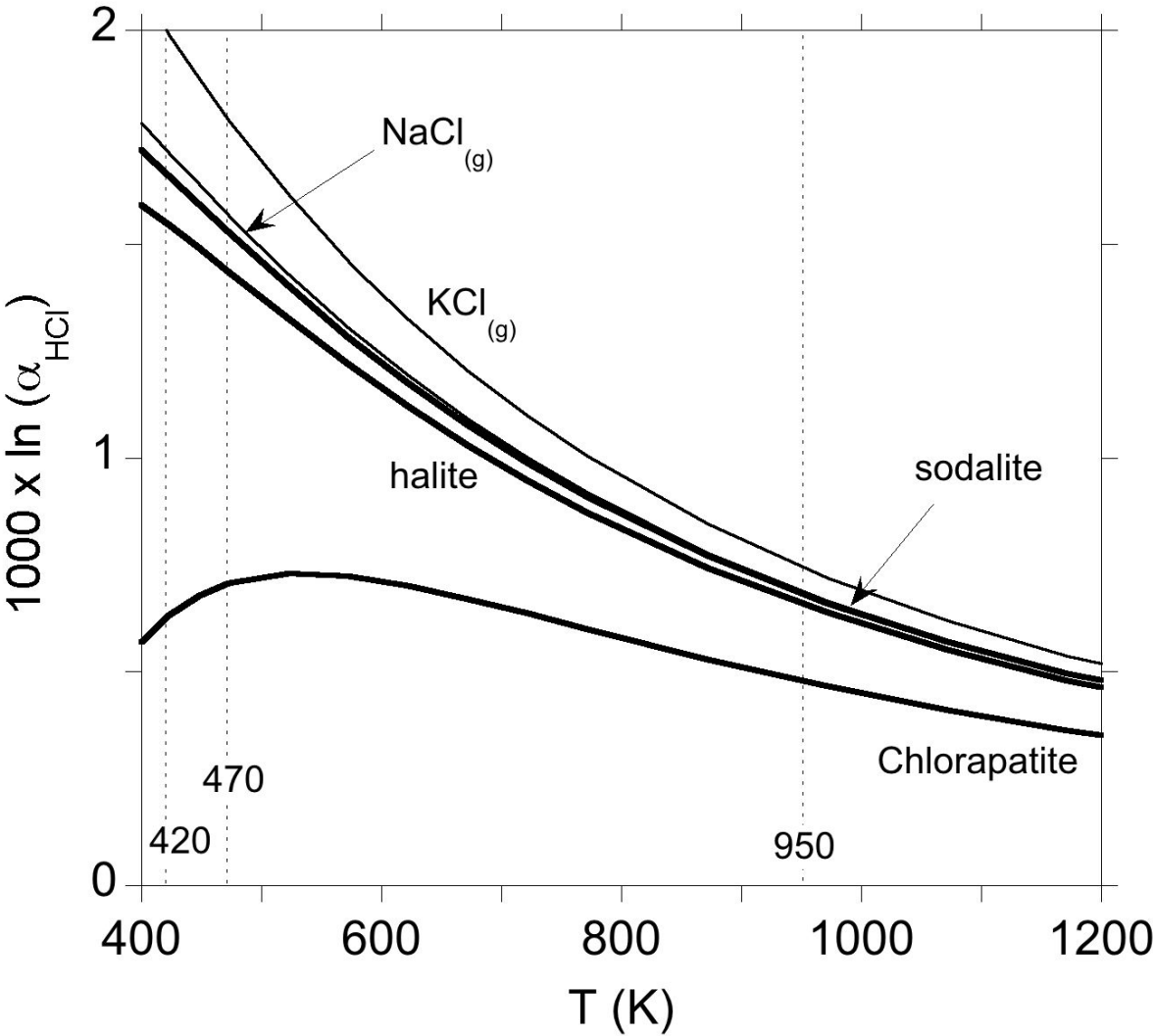
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Figure 8: Isotopic fractionation factors between  $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$  and other Cl-bearing molecules and condensates from the nebular environment. Depending on the condensation models, formation of sodalite at 950 K (Lodders 2003; Fegley and Lewis 1980) only leads to a weak isotopic fractionation of  $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$  with other phases; whereas a later chlorine condensation as chlorapatite and halite (Fegley and Schaefer 2010) can lead to a more significant  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  enrichment of  $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$  at temperatures between 400 and 500K. Note that the Cl speciation in the nebular gas is dominated by  $\text{NaCl}$  at 950 K and by  $\text{HCl}$  at temperatures below 800 K.



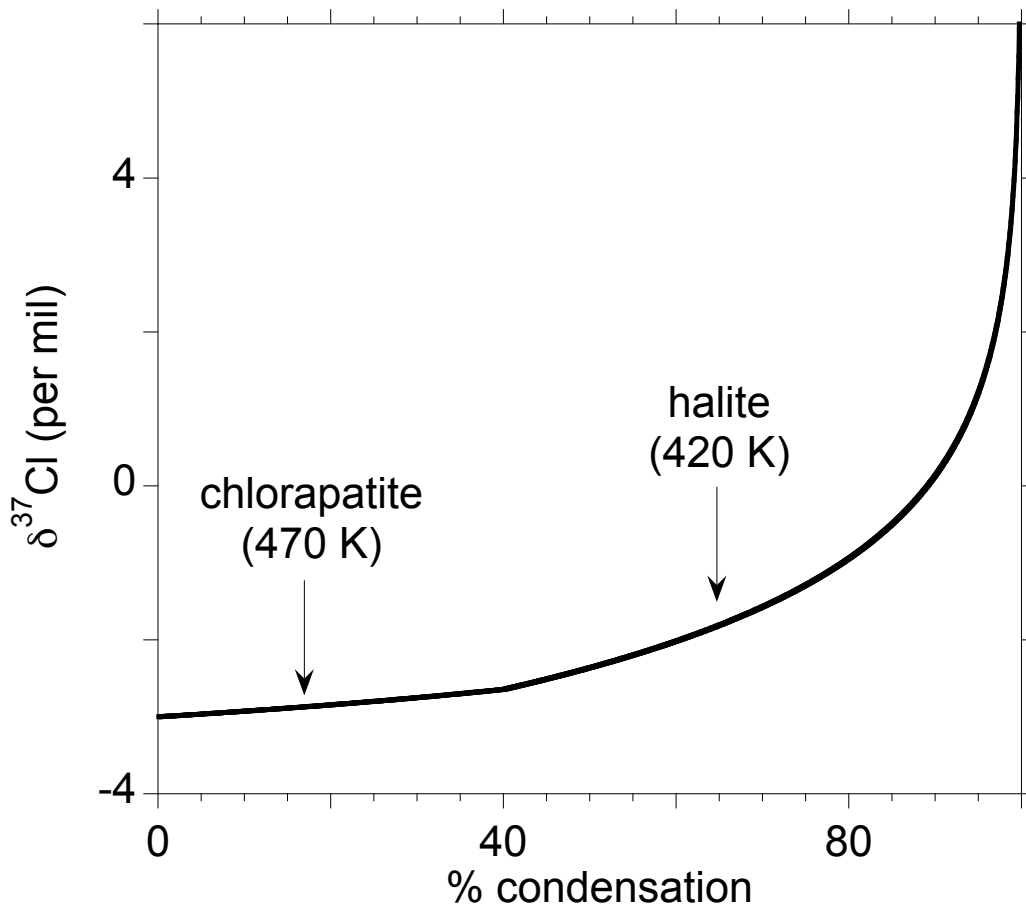
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1011 Figure 9: Isotopic composition of remaining  $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$  in a simple scenario of Rayleigh  
1012 fractionation during chlorine condensation between 500 and 400 K. The chlorapatite  
1013 accounts for 40% of chlorine condensation. For condensed fraction above 90 %, the  
1014 remaining  $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$  is fractionated by more than +3 ‰ with respect to a starting nebular  
1015 composition of  $\delta^{37}\text{Cl} = -3$  ‰.

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