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31 **Abstract**

32 Hydrogen as an atomic impurity in mantle minerals is recurrently proposed as a key element impacting  
33 significantly on many mantle properties and processes such as melting temperature and mechanical  
34 strength. Nevertheless, interpretation based on the natural samples remains weak as we do not have yet  
35 a robust world-wide database for hydrogen concentrations in mantle minerals and rocks. Here, we report  
36 the first hydrogen concentrations in nominally anhydrous minerals from a rare selection of ultramafic  
37 rocks and minerals embedded in Mesoproterozoic Wajrakarur kimberlites (Eastern Dharwar craton,  
38 India). Based on key chemical elements, we demonstrate that olivine, pyroxenes and garnet from the  
39 Dharwar craton are of mantle origin. We quantify the hydrogen concentrations using Fourier transform  
40 infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) and mineral-specific FTIR calibrations. Calculated hydrogen  
41 concentrations are, in average, 18 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O in olivine, 70 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O in orthopyroxene and 207  
42 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O in clinopyroxene. Garnet has highly variable hydrogen concentration ranging from 0 to  
43 258 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O, probably influenced by nano-scale inclusions. The average of clean garnet spectra  
44 yields 14.5 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O. The reconstructed hydrogen bulk concentrations of Dharwar peridotites yields  
45  $40_{-8}^{+10}$  ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O. This value is two to five times lower than the estimated hydrogen concentration in  
46 the lithospheric mantle, and agree well with the lower range of hydrogen bulk concentration from the  
47 current data base for the upper mantle minerals transported by kimberlites from other cratons (e.g., South  
48 Africa, Siberia). The low hydrogen concentration in mantle minerals, together with petrological and  
49 geochemical evidence of carbonated silicate melt metasomatism in Dharwar cratonic lithospheric  
50 mantle, suggest that these xenoliths are possibly related to proto-kimberlite melts with low water activity  
51 prior to being transported to the surface by the Mesoproterozoic Wajrakarur kimberlites. These  
52 observations, valid to a depth of ~165-km, suggest that cratonic lithosphere beneath the Dharwar craton  
53 may not be particularly indicative of an abnormal hydrogen-rich southern Indian lithosphere in the late  
54 Archean and that hydroxylic weakening in olivine would induced a negligible effect on the mantle  
55 viscosity of Indian subcontinent.

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57 **Keywords:** Peridotite xenolith; Wajrakarur kimberlite; Eastern Dharwar craton; hydrogen; FTIR

## 58 **1. Introduction**

59 Hydrogen (H) can be embedded within the crystallographic lattice of nominally  
60 anhydrous minerals (NAMs, such as olivine, pyroxenes, and garnet) as extrinsic point defects  
61 (e.g., Beran and Zeman, 1969; Beran and Libowitzky, 2006). Hydrogen incorporation, even  
62 at a low concentration level (expressed in part per million of water by weight in this study) is  
63 known to enhance many physical and chemical properties of mantle minerals and rocks. For  
64 example, a small amount of H can increase electrical conductivity (Karato, 1990; Yoshino et  
65 al., 2006; Poe et al., 2010; Novella et al., 2017; Sun et al., 2019; Fei and Katsura, 2020) or  
66 increase ionic diffusion of major elements in mantle minerals (e.g., Costa and Chakraborty  
67 2008; Demouchy et al., 2007). Furthermore, the incorporation of H was also proposed to  
68 weaken the strength of single crystal and polycrystalline olivine (e.g., Mackwell et al., 1985;  
69 Hirth and Kohlstedt, 2003; Demouchy et al., 2012; Tielke et al., 2017). As a consequence,  
70 distribution of H in the upper mantle minerals is repetitively proposed as a major parameter in  
71 geodynamic models (e.g., Regenauer-Lieb and Kohl, 2003; Regenauer-Lieb et al., 2006;  
72 Albarède, 2009; Peslier et al., 2010; Masuti et al., 2016).

73 Laboratory experiments have been crucial to understand the primary mechanisms of  
74 incorporation of H in mantle silicates at point defects scale and also to quantify the ‘water  
75 solubility’ in mantle minerals as a function of thermodynamic parameters (e.g., Bali et al., 2008;  
76 Férot and Bolfan-Casanova, 2012; Gaetani et al., 2014; Keppler and Bolfan-Casanova, 2006;  
77 Kohlstedt et al., 1996; Mierdel et al., 2007; Mierdel and Keppler, 2004; Padrón-Navarta and  
78 Hermann, 2017). Although, it has long been known that almost all natural NAMs contain  
79 variable amounts of H in their structures (Beran and Libowitzky, 2006; Litasov et al., 2007;  
80 Skogby, 2006). Furthermore, the systematic characterization and quantification of H  
81 concentrations in upper mantle minerals from mantle peridotites of different geological settings  
82 have been explored in the last two decades (see Peslier, 2010; Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova,

83 2016 for reviews). Mantle xenoliths and large phenocrysts hosted by kimberlites in cratonic  
84 settings have received most of the attention regarding their H concentrations (e.g., Bell and  
85 Rossman, 1992a; 1992b; Bell et al., 2004; Grant et al., 2007; Peslier et al., 2008, 2010, 2012;  
86 Baptiste et al., 2012), with undeniable popularity for the Kaapvaal craton, South Africa. Several  
87 studies are also available for the Siberia craton (Matsyuk et al., 1998; Matsyuk and Langer,  
88 2004; Koch-Mueller et al., 2006; Schmädicke et al., 2013; Doucet et al., 2014; Taylor et al.,  
89 2016, Jean et al., 2016). The literature has reported astonishing NAMs inclusions in diamonds,  
90 which also permit to further constrain the H concentration in the Earth's upper mantle (e.g.,  
91 Kurosawa et al., 1997; Matsyuk and Langer, 2004; Novella et al., 2015; Taylor et al., 2016;  
92 Jean et al., 2016).

93 To date, available literature data only reports four H concentrations in nominally anhydrous  
94 mineral specimens from the Indian subcontinent: (1) one garnet from an unknown geological  
95 setting in Maldener et al., 2003 (sample # RAJA, Prp<sub>42</sub>Alm<sub>54</sub>Sps<sub>2</sub>Grs<sub>2</sub>, 14 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O ); (2)  
96 large gem-quality metamorphic diopsides from Jaipur (Rajasthan) recurrently used for diffusion  
97 experiments (i.e., sample # CIT. 11221 in Skogby et al., 1990 ; Skogby and Rossman, 1989;  
98 Carpenter Woods et al., 2000; Ferriss et al., 2016); (3) an augite from Kangan area, Andhra  
99 Pradesh (i.e., sample # GRR 1660, Skogby et al., 1990), and (4) two metamorphic enstatites  
100 (i.e., samples GRR1650a,b; Skogby et al., 1990). Nevertheless, none of these nominally  
101 anhydrous mineral specimens have a confirmed mantle origin, thus no statement can be  
102 proposed regarding the hydrogenation state and strength of the continental mantle lithosphere  
103 of any part of Indian subcontinent.

104 Here, we report the first detailed measurements of H concentrations, major and key  
105 minor and trace element concentrations in NAMs (olivine, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene and  
106 garnet) from spinel- and garnet-bearing peridotite xenoliths and olivine grains embedded in  
107 kimberlites from the Wajrakarur kimberlite field in the Eastern Dharwar craton, India.

108 Moreover, we also report H contents in several fresh garnet and clinopyroxene single crystals  
109 which were separated from Wajrakarur kimberlite-hosted peridotite xenoliths. Our main aim is  
110 therefore to quantify the H content in mantle NAMs beneath the Eastern Dharwar craton.

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## 112 **2. Material and Methods**

113 Previous studies by Ganguly and Bhattacharya (1987) and Nehru and Reddy (1989)  
114 already described the petrography of peridotitic mantle xenoliths hosted by Proterozoic  
115 Wajrakarur kimberlites from the Eastern Dharwar craton and calculated the equilibrium  
116 pressures and temperatures of these samples. The more recent study by Pattnaik et al. (2020)  
117 focused on trace element compositions of olivine, garnet, clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, spinel  
118 and ilmenite of a larger selection of ultramafic xenoliths from the same area. Here we mainly  
119 focus on the quantification of H in NAMs from selected peridotite mantle xenoliths and mantle  
120 minerals hosted in Group-II kimberlites (orangeites) from the Wajrakarur kimberlite field in  
121 the Eastern Dharwar craton, India. Please note that Group-II kimberlites (orangeites) are  
122 recently being classified as a variety of lamproite (Pearson et al., 2019). The geological context  
123 of the Dharwar craton and Wajrakarur kimberlite field is briefly presented below.

124 The Archean Dharwar craton represents a classical granite-greenstone terrane which is  
125 overlaid on a basement of tonalite-trondhjemite-granodiorite gneisses (Naqvi and Rogers,  
126 1987). The Dharwar craton is bounded in the east by the Proterozoic Eastern Ghats Mobile Belt,  
127 in the northeast by the Archean Bastar craton and in the northwest by the cretaceous-tertiary  
128 Deccan traps. The Dharwar craton is divided into the Eastern Dharwar craton (EDC) and the  
129 Western Dharwar craton (WDC) by the Chitradurga boundary fold, which is considered as a  
130 distinct shear zone (Chadwick et al., 2000; Ramakrishnan and Vaidyanadhan, 2010).

131 The kimberlite pipes in the Dharwar craton are mainly confined to the Eastern part and  
132 are distributed in three fields as illustrated in Figure 1: *Wajrakarur kimberlite field* ( $\sim 80 \times 70$

133 km), situated in the southern part of the EDC, approximately at 400 km east of Goa and 200 km  
134 north of Bangalore (Anantapur district, Andhra Pradesh); the *Narayanpet kimberlite field* in the  
135 northern part of the EDC, and at last the *Raichur kimberlite field* located between the other  
136 fields. In the *Wajrakarur field*, there are more than 30 individual pipes spread over four distinct  
137 clusters: *Wajrakarur-Lattavaram*, *Chigicherla*, *Kalyandurg* and *Timmasamudram* (Nayak and  
138 Kudari, 1999). Kimberlites from the Wajrakarur field are poorly diamondiferous, while the  
139 other fields are diamond-free (Ravi et al., 2013). Ages based on  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  and U–Pb isotope  
140 systems on separate grains of phlogopite and crustal perovskite indicate that kimberlite  
141 emplacement occurred around 1.1 Ga (Gopalan and Kumar, 2008; Osborne et al., 2011;  
142 Chalapathi Rao et al., 2014; see also study on major and trace element compositions of  
143 clinopyroxenes and garnets in Shaikh et al., 2020).

144 The magmatic intrusions in the Wajrakarur field are mostly kimberlites, while some are  
145 lamproites or orangeites, and ultramafic lamprophyres (Smith et al., 2013). A detailed account  
146 of the mode of occurrence and features of the individual pipes of Wajrakarur kimberlite field is  
147 given by Neelkantam (2001), Ravi et al. (2009) and Fareeduddin and Mitchell (2012). The  
148 magmatic rocks contain peridotites, eclogites and crustal xenoliths as well as megacrysts  
149 (Ganguly and Bhattacharya, 1987; Nehru and Reddy, 1989; Karmalkar et al., 2009). In the  
150 Kalyandurg cluster eclogites dominate the mantle xenolith population (95%).

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## 152 **2.1. Samples description**

153 The studied samples are olivine (ol), orthopyroxene (opx), clinopyroxene (cpx) and  
154 garnet (grt) from two fresh mantle xenoliths: one spinel ( $\pm$ garnet)-lherzolite (sample P3/5/1)  
155 and one garnet-lherzolite (sample P3/6/1); and mantle olivines within a kimberlitic matrix  
156 (sample P3/6/3), all from pipe 3 (Fig. 1). We also selected 10 garnets and 15 diopsides fresh  
157 single grains, which were hand-separated from crushed xenoliths from different pipes of the

158 Wajrakarur kimberlite field (pipes 1, 3, 6, 7 and 10; Fig. 1). Unfortunately, satisfying grains of  
159 olivines and orthopyroxenes could not be recovered from crushed peridotites.

160 All the samples are from the *Wajrakarur-Lattavaram* cluster (Fig. 1) and the samples  
161 description is summarized in Table 1. The mineral modal compositions were calculated using  
162 a free image processing software ImageJ v.152 for two lherzolites (samples P3/5/1 and P3/6/1)  
163 and yield:  $Ol_{77}Opx_{15}Cpx_7Sp_1$  (garnet $\ll$ 0.5) for sample P3/5/1, and  $Ol_{74}Opx_{13}Cpx_9Grt_4$  for  
164 sample P3/6/1. Modal compositions of these two samples are reported in Table 1. Equilibrium  
165 temperatures were calculated using the classical two-pyroxenes geothermometer by Brey and  
166 Köhler (1990) for a hypothetical initial pressure of 4 GPa. It yields 3.0 GPa of pressure and a  
167 temperature of 940 °C for sample P3/5/1; 4.5 GPa of pressure and a temperature of 1050 °C for  
168 sample P3/6/1 and; 5.5 GPa of pressure and a temperature of 1270 °C for sample P3/6/3 (Table  
169 1). Furthermore, following recommendations by Nimis and Grutter (2010), two-pyroxenes  
170 thermometer by Taylor (1998) was also used to calculate the equilibration temperatures ( $T_{TA}$ )  
171 with an assumed initial pressure of 3 GPa for spinel peridotites and 5 GPa for garnet peridotites.  
172 The estimated equilibration temperatures for these peridotite give lower temperature ranging  
173 from 710 to 1179 °C. Furthermore, garnet-orthopyroxene geobarometer based on aluminum  
174 exchange was taken into consideration by Nickel and Green (1985) for calculating the  
175 equilibration pressures with  $T_{TA}$  values set as the initial temperatures, which yield a pressure  
176 range of 2.5-5.0 GPa.

177 The peridotite xenoliths are coarse-grained, with olivine grain size between 2 and 7 mm,  
178 orthopyroxene grain size up to 3 mm, clinopyroxenes have grain size between 2 and 7 mm,  
179 garnets have grain size below 2 mm, and spinel below 1 mm, as illustrated in Fig. 2. The olivines  
180 and orthopyroxenes do not show undulose extinction or specific features of plastic deformation.  
181 Nevertheless, the rock sections are commonly fractured (Fig. 2), probably due to rapid ascent  
182 toward the surface. The clinopyroxenes are of irregular shape and mainly intergranular and thus



183 are likely formed after the olivines and orthopyroxenes. Garnets have subhedral to anhedral  
184 shape with no apparent chemical zoning and some garnets are embedded in clinopyroxene.  
185 Spinel is intergranular with typical holly-leaf shape.

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## 187 **2.2. Electron probe micro-analyzer**

188 The chemical compositions of the mantle-derived minerals were analyzed using a  
189 Cameca SX-100 electron probe micro-analyzer (EPMA) wavelength dispersive spectroscopy  
190 (WDS) at Department of Geology and Geophysics, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)  
191 Kharagpur (India). Analytical procedures were performed with a 15 kV accelerating voltage  
192 and 20 nA probe current on regular 30- $\mu\text{m}$  thin sections. The measuring peak and background  
193 times were 20 s and 10 s, respectively. The oxides and silicates standards used for the EPMA  
194 calibration were orthoclase (Si, K), rutile (Ti), chromite (Cr), corundum (Al), hematite (Fe),  
195 rhodonite (Mn), periclase (Mg), diopside (Ca), jadeite (Na). The number of point analyses per  
196 mineral grain range from 3 to 25 (further analytical details are given in Pattnaik et al., 2020).  
197 Homogeneity was checked by comparing core to rim composition. Mg# was calculated as equal  
198 to  $100 \times \text{Mg}/(\text{Mg} + \text{Fe})$  in atomic ratio, whereas Cr# in spinel was calculated as  $100 \times \text{Cr}/(\text{Cr} + \text{Al})$ .  
199 The typical EPMA results are reported in Table 2.

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## 201 **2.3. Laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer**

202 Laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (LA-ICP-MS)  
203 measurements for minor and trace elements in olivine, clinopyroxene, and garnet were carried  
204 out using a Thermo Fisher Scientific ICAP-Q quadrupole ICP-MS combined to a New Wave  
205 193 ArF Excimer laser ablation system at Department of Geology and Geophysics, IIT  
206 Kharagpur, India. The laser was used with an energy density of 5 J/cm<sup>2</sup> at a frequency of 5 Hz  
207 and using a spot size of 50  $\mu\text{m}$ . The ICP-MS was perfected for maximum sensitivity for Li and

208 Th using the NIST 612 as a reference glass. The oxide production rate was monitored using  
209  $^{232}\text{Th}^{16}\text{O}$  and was below 1.0-1.2 %. The analyses were performed in time-resolved mode with  
210 each analysis consisting of 35 seconds of background measurement with the laser turned off  
211 followed by 45 seconds peak signal measurement while the laser was ablating the sample.  
212 External standardization was obtained by the bracketing group of two measurements of NIST  
213 612. The data quality was monitored by measuring the NIST 610 reference glass as unknown  
214 interspersed with the measurements of the samples. The raw data were reduced using the  
215 GLITTER<sup>®</sup> software, with  $\text{SiO}_2$  as an internal standard from electron microprobe analyses for  
216 olivine and pyroxenes, and CaO for garnet, and carefully inspected against heterogeneities in  
217 the analyzed volume. Analyses were performed on a thin polished section for the rock slabs and  
218 epoxy mounts for the mineral separates. Only unaltered and crack-free mineral grain areas were  
219 analyzed. For each mineral, 1 to 6 analyses were performed within the grain cores. Here, we  
220 only focused on minor and trace elements known to form major associated point defect with H  
221 (e.g., Ti in olivine, e.g., Padrón-Navarta and Hermann, 2017), or coupled incorporation (Li,  
222 e.g., Kent and Rossman, 2002) or to have similar incompatible behavior (e.g., according to  
223 Dixon et al., 2002, between La and Ce) and common divalent ions not obtained accurately by  
224 EPMA (Ni, Mn, Na, Ti). These concentrations are also reported in Table 2.

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#### 226 **2.4 Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy**

227 Hydrogen in mantle minerals was detected and quantified using transmission Fourier  
228 transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) spectroscopy at the Laboratoire Charles Coulomb  
229 (University of Montpellier, France). Rock thick sections (samples P3/5/1, P3/6/1 and P3/6/3)  
230 and separated grain were hand-polished with diamond lapping films (grid size from 30  $\mu\text{m}$  to  
231 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$ ) down to a thickness ranging from 211 to 590  $\mu\text{m}$ . The final thickness for each sample  
232 is reported in Table 3. To preserve the microstructures, the crystals were not

233 crystallographically oriented, and thus only unpolarized infrared spectra were acquired using a  
234 Bruker IFS66v spectrometer, equipped with a liquid nitrogen-cooled MCT detector (Mercatel  
235 alloy, HgCdTe), a KBr/Ge beam splitter. The spectrometer was coupled to a Bruker  
236 HYPERION microscope. Unpolarized IR measurements were performed following the  
237 protocol of Demouchy et al. (2019): A square aperture ( $100 \times 100 \mu\text{m}$ ) was used, only optically  
238 clean zones, free of cracks or inclusions, of the mineral grains were chosen for analyses, and  
239 over 200 scans were accumulated at a resolution of  $4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Each spectrum was baseline  
240 corrected (using OPUS software or subsequently, if needed, using the spline function in Igor  
241 Pro), and the absorbance was normalized to 1 cm thickness to yield the absorption coefficient.

242 We used two different types of infrared calibrations to calculate H concentrations: (1)  
243 the classic empirical frequency-dependent calibration of Paterson (1982) for unpolarized  
244 infrared and (2) mineral-dependent calibrations (Bell et al., 1995, for pyroxenes and garnet;  
245 Withers et al., 2012, for olivine). The frequency-dependent calibration of Paterson (1982) is  
246 given as

$$247 \quad C_{OH} = \frac{\chi_i}{150\zeta} \int \frac{k(\nu)}{3780 - \nu} d\nu$$

248 Where the following mineral specific factors  $\chi_i$  (Paterson, 1982) were used, and adjusted  
249 as a function of the chemical composition in major element of the mineral  $i$  and thus its density  
250 (see method of calculation in Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova, 2016):  $\chi_{ol} = 2718$  or  
251  $2726 \text{ ppm wt H}_2\text{O}$  for  $\text{Fo}_{92.2}$  or  $\text{Fo}_{93.3}$ , respectively;  $\chi_{Opx} = 2727 \text{ ppm wt H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\chi_{Cpx} = 2695$  or  
252  $2714 \text{ ppm wt H}_2\text{O}$ , for P6 or P1P2, respectively and  $\chi_{\text{garnet}} = 2326 \text{ ppm wt H}_2\text{O}$  for an average  
253 composition close to  $\text{Prp}_{76}\text{Alm}_{12}\text{Sp}_{81}\text{Grs}_{11}$ ;  $\zeta$  is the orientation factor and equals  $1/3$  for  
254 unpolarized infrared analyses (here on non-crystallographically oriented grains, see Paterson,  
255 1982 for details); and  $k(\nu)$  the absorption coefficient is a function of the wavenumber  $\nu$ . Typical  
256 integration of the spectrum ranges from  $3620\text{--}2900 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for olivine,  $3700\text{--}3000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  
257 pyroxenes and garnet, and was slightly adjusted if necessary (e.g.,  $\pm 10 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). Note that when

258 concentration obtained by unpolarized infrared are multiplied by a factor three, it yields  
259 satisfying estimate compare to the sum of concentrations obtained by polarized infrared for the  
260 three crystallographic directions (see suppl. Fig. S1 in Férot and Bolfan-Casanova, 2012). This  
261 calibration allows a detection limit of about 1 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O for a 1-mm-thick olivine sample  
262 (Demouchy and Mackwell, 2003, 2006). The estimated error from the empirical calibration in  
263 the resulting H concentration is around 30% (Paterson, 1982; Rauch, 2000), but lower for the  
264 olivine calibration of Withers et al. (2012). Note that the maximum linear absorbance of the  
265 non-normalized spectrum did not exceed 0.3, in agreement with the recommendations of  
266 Withers et al. (2012) for unpolarized FTIR measurements of olivine. Also, if possible, at least  
267 10 spectra of different orientation should be average to improve accuracy of the measurements  
268 (Kovács et al., 2008). Here is was only possible for the PIP2 diopsides. The normalized  
269 integrated area (absorption) are also reported for application to future IR mineral-dependent  
270 calibrations or to previous calibrations (for olivine Bell et al., 2003, which overestimate H  
271 content, see Withers et al., 2012 for discussion).

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### 273 **3. Results**

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#### 275 **3.1 Summary of major and minor elements**

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277 Major element compositions are reported in Table 2 for olivines, orthopyroxenes,  
278 clinopyroxenes and Al-rich phases (garnet or spinel). They are used to infer mineral  
279 petrogenetic origin and to further investigate potential variations in H as a function of major  
280 element concentrations. Only a selection of minor and trace elements is reported here (Ni, Mn,  
281 Na, Ti, La, Ce, Li, V) which are recurrently proposed as potentially associated point defects  
282 with proton in olivine (e.g., Ti-clinohumite-like point defect, Padrón-Navarta et al., 2014;

283 Padrón-Navarta and Hermann, 2017) or orthopyroxenes (e.g., Al-H coupled substitution,  
284 Mierdel et al., 2007) or having a chemical behavior similar to H.

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#### 286 *Olivine*

287 Olivines have relatively homogeneous composition with high Mg# ranging between  
288 92.4 and 93.4. The compositions in FeO and CaO range from 6.8-7.6 wt.% and 0.02- 0.04 wt.%,  
289 respectively. Contents in Ni range from 2932-2942 ppm. The Mg# data from this study and  
290 other olivine samples from the Dharwar craton are inversely but weakly correlated with NiO  
291 contents as illustrated in Figure 3a. The concentrations in Ti and V vary from 34-93 ppm and  
292 2.4-5.6 ppm respectively. The Li concentration was too low to be determined in olivine (< 4  
293 ppm).

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#### 295 *Orthopyroxene*

296 The concentration of orthopyroxene is quite homogeneous within grains with MgO and  
297 FeO contents ranging from 36-37 wt.% and 4.3-4.6 wt.% respectively. The orthopyroxenes are  
298 enstatite with Mg numbers ranging from 93.3 to 93.9, which is typical for mantle-derived  
299 orthopyroxene (Dick and Bullen, 1984). The Cr# varies between 17.7 and 18.7, with Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
300 contents ranging from 0.31 to 0.33 wt.%. The contents in CaO and MnO range from 0.2 to 0.4  
301 wt.% and 0.08 to 0.11 wt.%, respectively, while Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents are very low in these  
302 orthopyroxene samples (0.96 wt.%, Table 2).

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#### 304 *Clinopyroxene*

305 Clinopyroxenes are mostly Cr-diopsides with 1.0-2.6 wt.% Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, except for sample  
306 P3/5/1 (spinel-bearing peridotite) and P3 grain, which have a very low Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> content (0.25  
307 wt.% and 0.6 wt.%, respectively, see Table 2). The Mg# and Cr# vary from 91.35 to 93.55 and

308 24.4 to 32.3, respectively, whereas in case of P3 and P6 grains the Cr# is 16.71 and 42.20,  
309 respectively. The MgO and FeO contents range from 16.3–20.5 wt.% and 2.15–3.0 wt.%,  
310 respectively. The CaO, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, and Na<sub>2</sub>O contents vary from 17.79-23.6 wt.%, 0.52-3.2 wt.%,  
311 and 0.5-2.4 wt.%, respectively. The TiO<sub>2</sub> content and Mg# of clinopyroxenes from the studied  
312 xenoliths show a weak negative correlation (Fig. 3b, R<sup>2</sup>=0.83) if the clinopyroxene grain from  
313 P1P2 is excluded. Indeed, the latter sample is also at odds with the current database as shown in  
314 Fig 3b. The CaO and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents of clinopyroxenes are also weakly correlated (R<sup>2</sup>=0.73) as  
315 shown in Fig 3c, if clinopyroxene from sample P3/5/1 is discarded which has a CaO content  
316 very low compare to the rest of the database.

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### 318 *Spinel*

319 Spinel is present only in sample P3/5/1 and displays Mg# of ~ 64.8, and Cr# of ~ 67.6  
320 with MgO and Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents of 13.9 wt.% and 53.8 wt.%, respectively (Table 2). The Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
321 and FeO contents are also homogeneous within the sample with 17.3 wt.%, and 14.9 wt.%,  
322 respectively. The Mg# of olivine together with the high Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents still place these spinel  
323 in the olivine-spinel mantle array (OSMA, Arai, 1994), although in the cratonic subgroup (e.g.,  
324 Tran and Nguyen, 2018).

325

### 326 *Garnets*

327 Garnets are homogeneous with no distinct compositional variation from the core to rim.  
328 The Mg# and Cr# range from 84.6- 85.8 and 5.1- 7.5, respectively for the garnets group P1P2,  
329 P3D and P3B. Compared to other garnets from this study, P7 garnets have high Cr# ranging from  
330 14.8- 23.7. We have further separated P7 garnets individually (P7-1 and P7-2, see Table 2).  
331 Using the classic negative correlation between Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents as a petrogenetic  
332 indicator, it confirms that our samples have mantle peridotite origin, as such a relation is never

333 observed for mantle eclogites as illustrated in Fig 3d. The Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and CaO contents range from  
334 17.5- 22.3 wt.% and 4.2 - 5.1 wt.%, respectively, which are also typical for the peridotitic  
335 garnets (e.g., Ingrin and Skogby, 2000; Peslier, 2010). The Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> content lies in the range of  
336 1.8 to 2.6 wt. % for lherzolitic garnets while in case of harzburgitic garnets, P7G1 and P7G2, it  
337 varies from 5.1 to 8.1 wt.% and P10 is just between these latter values with a concentration of  
338 6.9 wt.% Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. The content in Ti and Ni vary from 1280- 2544 ppm and 30-111 ppm,  
339 respectively, while the Ti concentrations are low (<300 ppm) in P7 garnets.

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### 341 **3.2 Fourier transform infrared spectra**

342 Over 182 analyses were performed by FTIR, unfortunately only a handful of spectra  
343 could be used to providing accurate estimates of H distribution and concentration in mantle  
344 nominally anhydrous minerals from Wajrakarur kimberlite field. Despite optical clearness,  
345 many grains were altered, and contamination by hydrous minerals lamellae (e.g., serpentine and  
346 amphibole) or along cleavages prevented accurate detection and quantification of H. The  
347 unpolarized FTIR spectra of uncontaminated olivine, pyroxenes and garnet are shown in Figure  
348 4. Examples of contamination by lamellae of hydrous minerals are shown in Figure 5, where  
349 the strong absorption band at 3686 cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponds to structural OH groups in serpentines  
350 (Miller et al. 1987; Post and Borer 2000; Baptiste et al. 2012) and 3670 cm<sup>-1</sup> OH groups in  
351 amphibole (Skogby, 2006).

352 The spectra of olivine grains show distinct FTIR features: these olivine grains within  
353 the kimberlitic matrix in sample P3/6/3 have typical mantle-derived spectra with absorption  
354 bands at 3600, 3572, 3525 and 3227 cm<sup>-1</sup> (Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova, 2016).

355 The spectra of orthopyroxenes (P3/5/1) display OH bands located at 3602, 3548, 3517,  
356 3409, 3313, and 3052 cm<sup>-1</sup>. While the bands at 3602, 3517, 3313, and 3052 cm<sup>-1</sup> are typical of

357 hydrogen-rich mantle-derived orthopyroxenes, the band at  $3542\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is not easily found in other  
358 mantle-derived orthopyroxene, even when hydrogen content is low (Fig. 4c).

359 The spectra of Dharwar peridotitic clinopyroxenes display three major bands, again  
360 typical of mantle-derived diopsides located at  $3640$ ,  $3530$  and  $3444\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Fig. 4b, Ingrin and  
361 Skogby, 2000; Skogby, 2006; Peslier, 2010, Demouchy and Bolfan-Canova, 2016).

362 Garnets, despite excellent clarity and large grain size ( $> 2\text{ mm}$ ), do not show typical  
363 hydroxyl absorption bands. Only three samples (PIP2, P7, P3/6/1, Fig. 4c) show broad  
364 absorption bands at  $3630\text{-}3622\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $3427\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The first band positions match the typical  
365 hydrogarnet substitution mechanism (e.g.,  $4\text{ H}^+$  occupying a Si vacancy, Geiger and Rossman,  
366 2018; Mookherjee and Karato, 2010). However here the band at  $3630\text{-}3620\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which is  
367 notably broad and do not display the usual well-defined Lorentzian shape for hydrogarnet  
368 substitution. The absorption band around  $3427\text{ cm}^{-1}$  could be linked to molecular water in  
369 micro- to nano-inclusions (e.g., Rossman and Aines, 1991; Bell and Rossman, 1992b; Matsyuk  
370 and Langer, 2004, Xia et al., 2005; Sheng et al., 2007).

371 Peridotites-derived garnets transported in alkali basalts are typically H-free, only  
372 mantle-derived garnets hosted by kimberlite display absorption bands at  $3571$  and  $3512\text{ cm}^{-1}$   
373 often linked to Ti-rich composition (Bell and Rossman, 1992a, 1992b; Beran and Libowitzky,  
374 2006 see their Fig. 8; Kurosawa et al., 1997). It is interesting to note that the absence of H in  
375 peridotitic garnets equilibrated at depths greater than  $80\text{ km}$  is unusual (Bell et al., 1995;  
376 Withers et al. 1998; Peslier et al., 2012), while H-free or low H concentrations in garnet  
377 inclusions in diamonds were reported in a number of studies (e.g., Novella et al., 2015; Taylor  
378 et al., 2016). At last, the infrared features of the Dharwar peridotite garnets do not match either  
379 the typical FTIR spectra of eclogitic garnets (see Fig. 7 in Beran and Libowitzky, 2006).

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### 381 **3.3 Hydrogen concentrations**



382 Hydrogen concentrations, expressed in ppm by weight of H<sub>2</sub>O and quantified using  
383 several calibrations are reported in Table 3. Following the calibration of Paterson (1982), the H  
384 concentration ranges from 7-18 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O in olivine, 53-77 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O in opx, 41-309 ppm  
385 wt H<sub>2</sub>O in cpx, and 0–75 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O in garnet (Table 3). Conversion to atomic ratio H/10<sup>6</sup> Si  
386 (= ppm H/Si), which is commonly used in mineral physics community, is achieved by  
387 multiplying the concentration in ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O by a factor of 16.16 for olivine (for Fo<sub>92.5</sub>, see  
388 calculation method in Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova (2016) for other mineral phases, cf.  
389 their Table 1). As the calibration of Paterson (1982) underestimated the H concentrations (Bell  
390 et al., 2003; Withers et al., 2012), we also give the concentrations using mineral-dependent  
391 calibrations and it yields 11–29 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O in olivine, 56-88 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O in opx, 81-642 ppm  
392 wt H<sub>2</sub>O in cpx, and 0–258 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O in garnet (see Table 3, details of calibrations are given  
393 in section 2.4). Note that if abnormal spectra for garnet are excluded, it yields an average of  
394 14.5 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O in garnet. Nevertheless, note that the IR bands for our garnets are not perfectly  
395 matching the IR spectra of the two garnets used as standards in the calibration by Bell et al.  
396 (1995). The same issues applied for the synthetic and very hydrous high pressure olivines used  
397 by Withers et al. (2012).

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## 399 **4. Discussion**

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### 401 **4.1. Incorporation of hydrogen in upper mantle minerals**

402 Since hydrogen is embedded as atomic impurities in point defects within the structure  
403 of NAMs, its incorporation is dependent of the intrinsic parameters (pressure, temperature, and  
404 also oxygen fugacity) including chemical composition (e.g., Fe, Ti, Al), which leads to coupled  
405 or associated point defects (e.g., Nakamura and Schmalzried, 1983; Mackwell and Kohlstedt,  
406 1990; Berry et al., 2005). Here, the effect of iron can be deciphered using Mg# of the mantle-

407 derived olivines from the Dharwar craton and they are within the cratonic mantle database as  
408 illustrated in Figure 6. Nevertheless, the H concentrations in olivine reported in this study agrees  
409 with other Mg-rich and garnet-bearing peridotitic olivines from cratonic (>2.5 Ga) mantle  
410 lithosphere (Fig. 6 and Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova, 2016). It confirms that olivines from  
411 spinel-bearing peridotite from off-cratonic settings have lower Mg# (90.4) than olivines  
412 cratonic garnet-bearing peridotites (Figure 6, P3/5/1 olivine = Mg# 93.3 and P3/6/1 olivine =  
413 Mg# 92.4), but indistinctly with low to high hydrogen concentrations.

414 Another notable mechanism incorporation mechanism of H in mantle olivine is the  
415 association with Ti as a complex (coupled) point defect (PD): the occupancy of Mg vacancy by  
416  $Ti^{4+}$  is balanced by  $2H^+$  incorporation in Si vacancy in olivine (abbreviated henceforth  $[Ti-H]_{PD}$   
417 e.g., Berry et al., 2005; Walker et al., 2007; Padrón-Navarta et al., 2014; Padrón-Navarta and  
418 Hermann, 2017; Tollan et al., 2018). This mechanism is characterized by a positive correlation  
419 between the absorption of IR bands at 3575 and 3525  $cm^{-1}$  and Ti concentration (at saturation)  
420 as shown in Figure 7a. Furthermore, the low Ti and H concentrations of olivine from sample  
421 P3/6/3 agrees very well with the current database for mantle-derived olivines as illustrated in  
422 Fig. 7b.

423 In pyroxenes, at low pressure (<5 GPa) and based on experimentally hydrogenated  
424 enstatite,  $Al^{3+}$  is commonly considered as a H incorporation enhancer (e.g., Rauch, 2000,  
425 Mierdel et al., 2007; Stalder, 2004; Stalder et al., 2005; Stalder and Ludwig, 2007; Stalder et  
426 al., 2015; Tenner et al., 2009; O'Leary et al., 2010; Férot and Bolfan-Casanova, 2012; Gaetani  
427 et al., 2014; Novella et al., 2014). Here, we could not analyze the hydrogen concentration of  
428 orthopyroxenes with different alumina content (only in P3/5/1, 0.96  $Al_2O_3$  wt.%) by FTIR, but  
429 fresher clinopyroxenes were available and large enough to yield statistically relevant H  
430 concentrations (Fig. 4b and Table 3). The different fields of eclogitic cpx, peridotitic cpx  
431 transported in basalts, and kimberlites of mantle origin are easily identified by  $Al_2O_3$  contents

432 of cpx (cf. dotted lines in Fig. 8), it supports the petrogenetic origin of peridotitic diopsides  
433 from the Dharwar craton.

434 Hydrogen concentrations in garnet are very heterogeneous (0-258 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O) and  
435 comparison of chemical composition among different garnets does not reveal significant  
436 variation in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO, or Ti concentrations potentially resulting from metasomatism and  
437 explaining the abnormal FTIR spectra. At present, we cannot rule out the possibility of  
438 hydroxyl-rich alteration or local contamination by nano-scale inclusions in P1P2 and P3/6/1  
439 garnets (Bell and Rossman, 1992b; Beran and Libowitzky, 2006).

440 We must also mention the potential re-hydration by the volatiles-rich kimberlitic magma  
441 during transport toward the surface: as shown experimentally by Baptiste et al. (2015), the co-  
442 existence of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O in kimberlitic magma lead to an effective decrease in water fugacity,  
443 which does not promote hydrogen incorporation in olivine, or other NAMs. At the opposite,  
444 transport within kimberlitic magma also does not seem to promote notable dehydration during  
445 ascent, probably due to local point defect interactions and long-term hydrogen locking in  
446 peculiar point defects (Thoraval and Demouchy, 2014; Thoraval et al., 2019).

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#### 448 **4.2. Reconstructed hydrogen whole-rock concentrations**

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450 Despite the limited number of mantle minerals successfully analyzed in this study, we  
451 can attempt to estimate, for the first time, the whole-rock (bulk) H concentration of the late  
452 Archean Dharwar cratonic lithosphere (3.6-2.5 Ga; Jayananda et al., 2018). Using the estimated  
453 mineral modes (a lherzolite with ol: 74%, opx, 14%, cpx 9%, grt 4%, from Table 1) and the  
454 average hydrogen concentrations obtained from mineral-specific calibrations (Table 3, 18 ppm  
455 wt H<sub>2</sub>O in olivine, 70 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O in opx, 207 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O in cpx and 14.5 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O in  
456 garnet (based on clean spectra of P1P2-garnet 2 and P7 garnet 3, thus excluding the potentially

457 contaminated garnets), bulk H concentration yields 40 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O. Furthermore, we can use  
458 experimentally determined partition coefficients of hydrogen for coexisting olivine,  
459 orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene to cross-check if this estimate is indicating equilibrium  
460 hydrogen concentration distribution. Here, we use the following published partition coefficients  
461 from Demouchy et al. (2017): (1) partition coefficients of hydrogen between orthopyroxene  
462 and olivine ( $D^{\text{opx/ol}} = 5$ ), (2) partition coefficients of hydrogen between clinopyroxene and  
463 orthopyroxene ( $D^{\text{cpx/opx}} = 2$ ), and (3) partition coefficients of hydrogen between clinopyroxene  
464 and olivine ( $D^{\text{cpx/ol}} = 10$ ), which were obtained at pressure and temperature ranges as close as  
465 possible to the equilibrium conditions of our samples (3 GPa and 1100 °C) for a mantle-derived  
466 composition and importantly for a basaltic melt-free system. Indeed, most of the experimental  
467 studies have focused on basaltic melt-bearing systems, and a recent compilation can be found  
468 in Demouchy et al. (2017, see their Table 3). Since, there is no experimental data for partition  
469 coefficient of H between olivine and garnet ( $D^{\text{ol/grt}}$ ) in a basaltic melt-free system, we decided  
470 to use an average value of  $D^{\text{ol/grt}}=0.65$ , calculated using the results of experimental studies on  
471 hydrous lherzolites ( $D^{\text{ol/grt}}=0.6$  from Gaetani and Grove, 1998;  $D^{\text{ol/grt}}=0.7$  recalculated from  
472 Hirschmann et al., 2009). Temperature and pressure conditions of these experiments are fairly  
473 close to those of our samples. These experimental values are also close to the previous estimates  
474 of partition coefficient of H between olivine and garnet in MORB composition (e.g.,  $D^{\text{ol/grt}}=1$ ,  
475 Hirth and Kohlstedt, 1996). Using these partitioning coefficients, the same mineral mode (ol:  
476 74%, opx, 14%, cpx 9%, grt 4%) and the hydrogen concentration in olivine as a reliable  
477 concentration, it yields 41 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O, thus in agreement with the first estimate given above.  
478 If opx or cpx is used as the initial concentration, it yields 32 or 48 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O, respectively.  
479 These estimates permit to further constrain the bulk H concentration to  $40_{-8}^{+10}$  ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O.

480         The bulk H concentration in the Dharwar cratonic lithosphere is four to five times lower  
481 than the geochemical estimates of bulk H concentration in the upper mantle, e.g., 150 ppm wt

482 H<sub>2</sub>O (Michael, 1988; Saal et al., 2002; Marty, 2012), H concentration in peridotites from  
483 lithospheric mantle (150-200 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O; Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova, 2016). This bulk  
484 hydrogen concentration is also well below saturation values of H concentration reported by  
485 experimentation at lithospheric conditions, i.e. ~ 700 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O. (at 220 km of depth, see  
486 F erot and Bolfan-Casanova, 2012). However, together with the equilibrium pressure estimates,  
487 the resulting H concentrations in olivine from the Dharwar craton (Fig. 9) agree well with the  
488 lower range of the current database for H-rich mantle olivines transported by the kimberlitic  
489 magmas (e.g., South Africa and Udachnaya; Peslier et al., 2010; Baptiste et al., 2012; Doucet  
490 et al., 2014).

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#### 492 **4.3. Role of metasomatism**

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494 Metasomatism might be considered as a mantle process inducing enrichment or  
495 depletion of H in the mantle NAMs (e.g., Bell and Rossman, 1992a; Ingrin and Skogby, 2000;  
496 Peslier et al., 2012; Denis et al., 2015; Demouchy et al., 2015; Satsukawa et al., 2017). On the  
497 contrary, undersaturated partial melting and melt extraction can only induce H extraction as H  
498 is an incompatible element (e.g, Dixon et al., 2002). As mentioned above, the estimated bulk H  
499 concentration of Dharwar peridotites is  $40_{-8}^{+10}$  ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O is much lower than the current  
500 estimates for the Earth's upper mantle (e.g., 150 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O, Michael, 1988; Saal et al., 2002;  
501 Marty, 2012; Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova, 2016). Such low H concentrations could also  
502 be linked to (1) melting-induced depletion, as the depleted peridotites from the Dharwar craton  
503 probably represent a mantle residue after ~35-50 % melting, as suggested by Pattnaik et al.  
504 (2020), or (2) melt-rock interactions as suggested in the irregular REE<sub>N</sub> patterns in peridotitic  
505 clinopyroxenes from the Dharwar craton (Pattnaik et al., 2020) or as shown by a study on Japan  
506 back arc system, e.g. Oki-Dogo locality (SW Japan, Satsukawa et al., 2017). These low H

507 concentrations, together with trace element enrichment in clinopyroxenes, are indeed the  
508 accurate witness of significant melt-rock interactions (Pattnaik et al., 2020). They have a  
509 different signature than results from cryptic metasomatism (e.g., Ichinomegata peridotites,  
510 which preserved or enhanced the H concentrations in pyroxenes (Satsukawa et al., 2017). Here,  
511 in Figure 8, the hydrogen and alumina compositions of clinopyroxenes from Dharwar  
512 peridotites agree well with the relative decrease in H observed in clinopyroxenes from Okidogo  
513 relative to Ichinomegata. Furthermore, based on REE concentrations of calculated hypothetical  
514 melts composition in equilibrium with Dharwar garnet (Pattnaik et al., 2020) and following the  
515 protocol of Aulbach et al. (2013), the results suggested that the metasomatic agent of the  
516 Dharwar cratonic lithospheric mantle is likely to be small volumes of carbonated silicate melt  
517 (Pattnaik et al., 2020), closely similar in composition to the natural kimberlite and lamproites  
518 from the Dharwar craton (e.g., Chalapathi Rao et al., 2013). This conclusion is further supported  
519 by the occurrence of kimberlite-carbonatite rocks in the Eastern Dharwar craton (Chatterjee et  
520 al., 2008; Smith et al., 2013), notably at the Khaderpet pipe, which is located only 15 km east  
521 of the Wajrakarur pipes. Thus, as recall above (section 4.1), if the metasomatic agent was CO<sub>2</sub>-  
522 rich melt, it could have lowered the water fugacity in the system and could limit H incorporation  
523 in the NAMs lattice (e.g., Dixon and Stolper, 1995; Baptiste et al., 2015). Nonetheless, to  
524 strengthen this outcome, specific H partition coefficients between peridotitic minerals co-  
525 existing with the carbonated silicate melt would be necessary. To date, such experimental data  
526 are not yet available and only experiments with variable water activity are reported in simplified  
527 systems (e.g., Matveev et al., 2001, Wang et al., 2014, Gaetani et al., 2014, Tollan et al., 2018).  
528 Thus, further studies at high pressures are required to understand the partitioning of H in these  
529 complex petrological systems.

530 NAMs inclusions in diamonds prior to kimberlite emplacement are shielded from  
531 interaction with passing fluids and melts, which define the variation of H concentration in the

532 upper mantle and transition zone at the time of diamond formation, (e.g., Novella et al., 2015).  
533 Assuming that hydrogen diffusivity in diamond is indeed very slow (e.g., Popovici et al., 1995),  
534 we can thus consider these specimens are reliable H concentration proxy for the pristine mantle,  
535 that isolated NAMs from subsequent modification by discrete partial melting, melt-rock  
536 interactions, metasomatism or aqueous fluids percolation occurring within subcontinental  
537 mantle. A few studies reported H concentrations in inclusions in diamonds, using FTIR or  
538 secondary ion mass spectrometry (Kurosawa, 1997, Matsyuk and Langer, 2004, Novella, et al.,  
539 2015; Taylor et al., 2016, Jean et al., 2016), with striking lower H concentrations in olivine (0-  
540 34 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O) when compared to co-existing olivines in cratonic peridotite xenoliths (Fig.  
541 9). Nevertheless, rigorous comparisons remain challenging due to the paucity of accurate  
542 determination of equilibrium temperatures and pressures for these rare NAMs inclusions in  
543 diamonds.

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#### 545 **4.4. Implication for the Dharwar Craton Viscosity**

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547 Incorporation of H in mantle minerals is recurrently proposed as a key parameter  
548 affecting many physical and chemical properties of the upper mantle minerals and rocks (e.g.,  
549 Regenauer-Lieb and Kohl, 2003; Regenauer-Lieb et al., 2006; Albarède, 2009; Peslier et al.  
550 2010; Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova, 2016; Masuti et al., 2016). One particular property is  
551 the viscosity of olivine-rich rocks, which constitute about 67 vol.% of the lithospheric upper  
552 mantle (Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova, 2016). It includes the lithosphere-asthenosphere  
553 boundary where a significant decrease in viscosity (from 10<sup>24</sup> to 10<sup>20</sup> Pa.s, e.g., Garel et al.,  
554 2014, 2020) is at the origin of partial mechanical decoupling, leading to the formation of a  
555 horizontal boundary of tectonic plates. Several studies have proposed that this partial  
556 mechanical decoupling between the lithosphere and asthenosphere is enhanced or even

557 triggered by H incorporation in olivine (Regenauer-Lieb and Kohl, 2003; Regenauer-Lieb et  
558 al., 2006, Peslier et al., 2010; Faul et al., 2016; Masuti et al., 2016). Combined with numerical  
559 modeling to test the longevity of South African cratonic root, it has been also proposed that a  
560 drastic decrease in H concentration in olivine at the base of a cratonic root would generate a  
561 ‘hard shell’, which protects the cratonic root from erosion by underlying convective  
562 asthenosphere (Peslier et al., 2010). Later on, this hypothesis was not confirmed by the results  
563 from the Siberian craton (Doucet et al., 2014). Furthermore, the most recent studies on H in  
564 olivine inclusions within diamond tend to confirm H depletion in cratonic root (Taylor et al.,  
565 2016; Jean et al., 2016) even if the depletion is not as drastic as reported previously (Kurosawa,  
566 1997; Matsyuk and Langer, 2004; Novella et al., 2015).

567         Here, the mantle beneath the Dharwar craton is of particular interest to test this  
568 hypothesis because the Indian subcontinent was attached to Gondwana and located close to 40  
569 °S-80 °E, before it drifted ( $\sim 20$  cm year<sup>-1</sup>, e.g., Aitchinson et al., 2007) toward the Eurasian  
570 plate during Cretaceous, until collision began at Eocene (55 Ma, Aitchinson et al., 2007).  
571 Unfortunately, the results from rare Dharwar peridotitic olivines cannot permit to radically  
572 confirm or infirm the hypothetic marked H-depletion in olivine at the base of the cratonic root,  
573 since our mantle samples are not particularly from a deep upper mantle section ( $\sim 5$  GPa, i.e. <  
574 150 km depth). Nevertheless, this is the first study which report the H concentrations in mantle  
575 minerals from the Indian cratonic mantle lithosphere and the results are in good agreements  
576 with the current data base for other mantle minerals and peridotites for similar depth. This  
577 value permits to calculate for the first time the viscosity of the Dharwar craton as a function of  
578 the hydrogen concentration. We can not use the most recent experimental study on hydroxyl  
579 weakening for dislocation glide and climb flow laws, that is equations (16) and (17) in Tielke  
580 et al., 2017, since these equations are not a function of the hydrogen concentration but use a  
581 fixed hydrogen concentration ( $60 \text{ H}/10^6\text{Si}$ , which equals 3.7 ppm wt H<sub>2</sub>O following the



582 calibration of Paterson, 1982). Nevertheless, we can use the dislocation creep flow laws given  
583 by Hirth and Kohlstedt (2003, see their Table 1). We calculate the stress for a strain rate of  $1 \times$   
584  $10^{-14} \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , a temperature of  $1179 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (P3/6/3,  $T_{\text{TA}}$  reported in Table 1), a confining pressure of  
585  $5 \text{ GPa}$  (P3/6/3,  $P_{\text{NG}}$  reported in Table 1), and the olivine hydrogen concentration of  $11 \text{ ppm wt}$   
586  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Table 3, thus equals to  $178 \text{ H}/10^6\text{Si}$ , with the calibration of Paterson, 1982). The ratio  
587 stress/strain rate gives the viscosity, which yields  $5.3 \times 10^{20} \text{ Pa s}$  for an anhydrous olivine and  
588  $1.5 \times 10^{20} \text{ Pa s}$  for hydrous olivine. The weakening factor is only 3.5 at high equilibrium  
589 temperature and pressure of these xenoliths. Note that for a millimetric grain size, and a volume  
590 fraction of olivine  $> 60\%$ , the strength of a peridotite is not expected to be strongly impacted  
591 by secondary phases (e.g., Ji et al., 2001). Therefore, we conclude that the occurrence of  
592 hydrogen in olivine is not inducing a major change in viscosity of the Indian craton for these  
593 conditions (hydrogen concentrations, high temperature and 165 km of depth).

594

## 595 **5. Conclusion**

596 We quantified the H concentrations in the four main rock-forming nominally anhydrous  
597 minerals from a rare selection of peridotite xenoliths and minerals embedded in Wajrakarur  
598 kimberlites from the Eastern Dharwar craton, India. We have demonstrated that olivines,  
599 orthopyroxenes, clinopyroxenes and garnets from the Dharwar craton are of mantle origin. The  
600 Dharwar peridotites show a range of H concentrations from 11-29 ppm wt  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in olivines,  
601 from 56- 88 ppm wt  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in opx, from 81-642 ppm wt  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in cpx, and 14-15 ppm wt  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . in  
602 garnets (using mineral-dependent calibration and excluding abnormal spectra). The range of H  
603 concentrations in nominally anhydrous minerals present in Dharwar peridotites agrees well with  
604 the current database for mantle minerals transported by kimberlites in other Archean cratons  
605 (e.g., South Africa, Siberia) and are not especially indicative of a H-rich mantle lithosphere  
606 beneath the Dharwar craton in the late Archean. Finally, despite having a limited number of

607 studied mantle samples, we provide the first estimate of bulk H concentration in mantle  
608 minerals from the Dharwar craton. Our results also permit to quantify the negligible impact of  
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## 1043 **Figures Captions**

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1045 **Figure 1.** (a) Geological map of southern India comprising of different tectonic units redrawn  
1046 from Patel et al. (2009). EDC: Eastern Dharwar Craton, WDC: Western Dharwar Craton,  
1047 EGMB: Eastern Ghat Mobile Belt, CG: Closepet granite and equivalents, GG: Godavari graben,  
1048 NKF: Narayanpet kimberlite field, RKF: Raichur kimberlite field, WKF: Wajrakarur kimberlite  
1049 field, CBF: Chitradurga boundary fault. (b) Enlarged map of Wajrakarur kimberlite field  
1050 showing locations of studied samples (after Nayak and Kudari, 1999).

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1052 **Figure 2.** Peridotite xenolith and mineral micrographs from Wajrakarur kimberlites field,  
1053 Eastern Dharwar craton. (a) Thin section scans in natural light of spinel ( $\pm$  garnet) peridotite  
1054 (sample P3/5/1) showing granular texture with highly fractured large olivine grains, elongated  
1055 shaped orthopyroxenes, clinopyroxenes surrounding the olivines as veinlets. (b) Garnet  
1056 peridotite (sample P3/6/1) with polygonal garnets in a matrix of orthopyroxenes and  
1057 clinopyroxenes along with euhedral larger grains of olivines. (c) Sample P3/6/3 with mantle  
1058 olivine xenocrysts present in the kimberlitic matrix. (d) Mantle mineral separates of  
1059 clinopyroxenes and garnets from kimberlite pipes: P6 (clinopyroxenes), P7 (garnets), P1P2  
1060 (clinopyroxenes), P3P (garnet), P3 (clinopyroxene), P3D (garnets), P10 (garnet) and P1P2  
1061 (garnets).

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1063 **Figure 3.** Key major element distribution in mantle minerals. Large red symbols are results  
1064 from this study, small red symbols are from previous studies for Dharwar craton (Ganguly and  
1065 Bhattacharya, 1987 and Nehru and Reddy, 1989; and Shaikh et al., 2020) and small grey  
1066 symbols are from previous studies for peridotite xenoliths from others cratons: Canada  
1067 (Kopylova et al., 1999; MacKenzie and Canil, 1999; Menzies et al., 2004); Kaapvaal (Grégoire  
1068 et al., 2005; Gibson et al., 2008; Lazarov et al., 2009; Konzett et al., 2013; Hanger et al.,  
1069 2015; Bell et al., 2005); Siberia (Ionov et al., 2010; Doucet et al., 2012; 2014). (a) Mg# as a  
1070 function of NiO contents (wt.%) in olivine; b) CaO content (wt.%) as a function of  
1071 Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> content (wt.%) in clinopyroxenes. (b) Mg# as a function of TiO<sub>2</sub> content (wt.%) in  
1072 clinopyroxenes; and (d) Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents (wt.%) as a function of Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents (wt.%) in  
1073 garnet. Red squares are for eclogitic garnets from Eastern Dharwar craton (Dongre et al., 2015)  
1074 and grey squares are for garnets from other eclogites transported by kimberlites from Koidu  
1075 (Hills and Haggerty, 1989), Roberts Victor (MacGregor and Manton, 1986), Yakutia (Snyder  
1076 et. al, 1997; Jerde et al., 1993; Sobolev et al., 1994).

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1078 **Figure 4.** Representative unpolarized infrared spectra for anhydrous nominally minerals from  
1079 Wajrakarur; (a) olivine, (b) diopside, (c) orthopyroxenes, and (d) garnet. The integrated  
1080 absorbance is reported for each spectrum of olivine, opx and cpx. The dotted lines represent the  
1081 range of integration and the star symbol represents the contamination by hydrous minerals (see  
1082 main text for details). All spectra have been normalized to 1 cm of thickness. Spectra from  
1083 previous studies are shown for comparison.

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1085 **Figure 5.** Representative unpolarized infrared spectra for anhydrous nominally minerals from  
1086 Wajrakarur contaminated by hydrous mineral lamellae. All spectra have been normalized to  
1087 1 cm of thickness.

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1089 **Figure 6.** Hydrogen concentrations (express in ppm by weight of water) of olivine from  
1090 Wajrakarur peridotites as a function of magnesium number [ $Mg\# = 100 \times Mg/(Mg+Fe)$ ]. Full  
1091 red symbol is for sample P3/6/3 olivine, while open symbols are the H concentration is the  
1092 result of calculation using partitioning coefficient for samples P3/5/1 and P3/6/1 (see main text  
1093 for values used in this study). For comparison data for other olivines are shown here: olivine  
1094 megacrysts from Kaapvaal (Bell et al., 2004); peridotitic olivines from Kaapvaal (Peslier et al.,  
1095 2010; Baptiste et al., 2012); olivine phenocrysts from Udachnaya (Kamenetsky et al., 2008);  
1096 peridotitic olivines from Udachnaya (Doucet et al., 2014); off-craton spinel-bearing peridotites  
1097 (Demouchy et al., 2015, Demouchy and Bolfan-Casanova, 2016, Denis et al., 2013, 2018; Li et  
1098 al., 2008, NB: the spinel-lherzolites only).

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1100 **Figure 7.** (a) Ti concentrations in ppm determined by LA-ICP-MS as a function of the sum of  
1101 the normalized integrated absorbance from the IR bands  $3575$  and  $3525\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which are

1102 attributed to titanium clinohumite-like point defects (see main text for details). For comparison,  
1103 results from experimental studies and data from natural mantle samples are also reported  
1104 (S2013: Schmädicke et al., 2013; Dm2015: Demouchy et al., 2015; PN&H2017: Padrón-  
1105 Navarta and Hermann, 2017; Dn2015: Denis et al., 2015; T2018: Tollan et al., 2018). (b)  
1106 Compilation of Ti concentrations observed in peridotites together with data from O'Reilly et  
1107 al. (1997); De Hoog et al. (2014); Peslier (2010); Peslier et al. (2012); Satsukawa et al. (2017)  
1108 for comparison.

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1110 **Figure 8.** Hydrogen concentrations (express in ppm of water by weight) in clinopyroxenes  
1111 from Wajrakarur peridotites as a function of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents (wt.%) in clinopyroxenes. For  
1112 comparison, data for clinopyroxenes from a variety of tectonic settings are also shown.  
1113 Clinopyroxenes in kimberlites from Premier Mine and Lesotho (Peslier et al., 2010); eclogites  
1114 from the Alps and from Khazakstan (Katayama et al., 2006; Peslier, 2010), basalts from Nushan  
1115 and Hannuoba (Yang et al., 2008); Massif central (Denis et al., 2015); Mexico (Peslier et al.,  
1116 2002); Ichinomegata and Okidogo in Japan (Satsukawa et al., 2017).

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1118 **Figure 9.** Hydrogen concentrations (express in ppm of water by weight) in olivine from  
1119 Wajrakarur peridotites as a function of depth (using two different geobarometers, BK: Brey and  
1120 Kohler (1990) or NG: Nickel and Green (1985), see main text for details). Open symbols are  
1121 values derived from partitioning coefficients. For comparison, data for olivines from two well-  
1122 studied cratons are also shown: Kaapvaal (Peslier et al., 2010; Baptiste et al., 2012); and  
1123 Udachnaya (Doucet et al., 2014). Hydrogen concentrations in olivine inclusion within  
1124 diamonds are also shown for comparison (Novella et al., 2015 by FTIR and Jean et al., 2016 by  
1125 secondary ion mass spectrometry). Matsyuk and Langer (2004) reported two dry olivines within  
1126 diamond, but without pressure of equilibrium, which prevents us to implement these data in the

1127 figure. We encountered the same problem for olivine inclusion in diamonds from Taylor et al.

1128 (2016).

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Pattnaik et al., Fig. 1

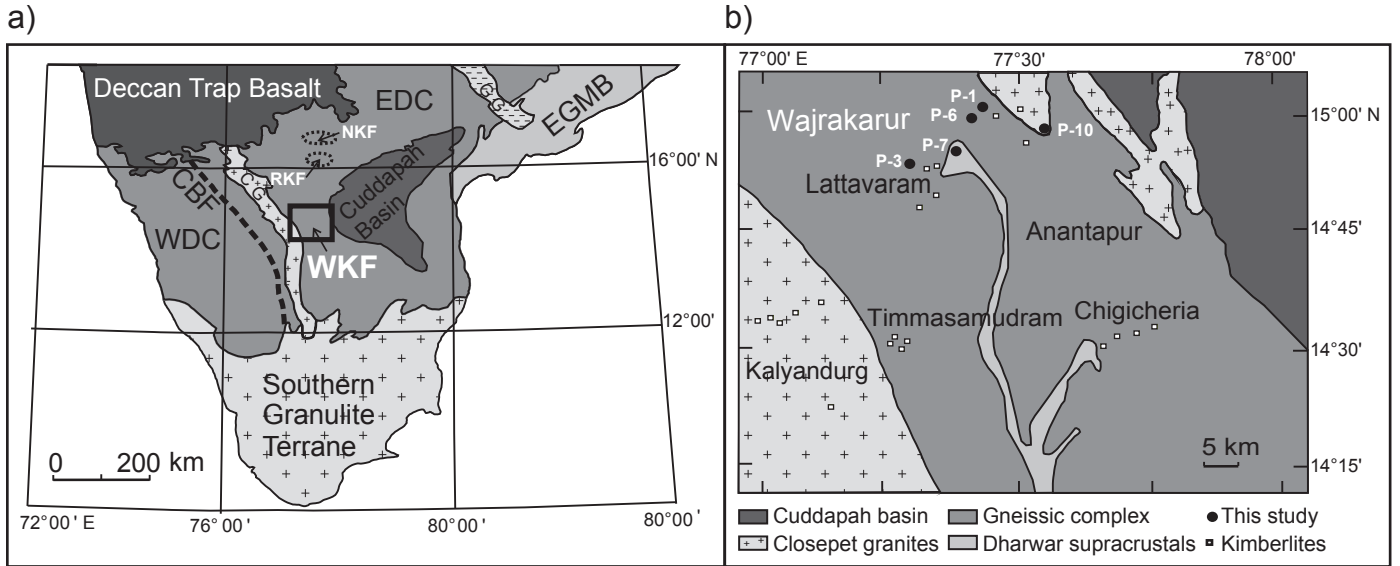
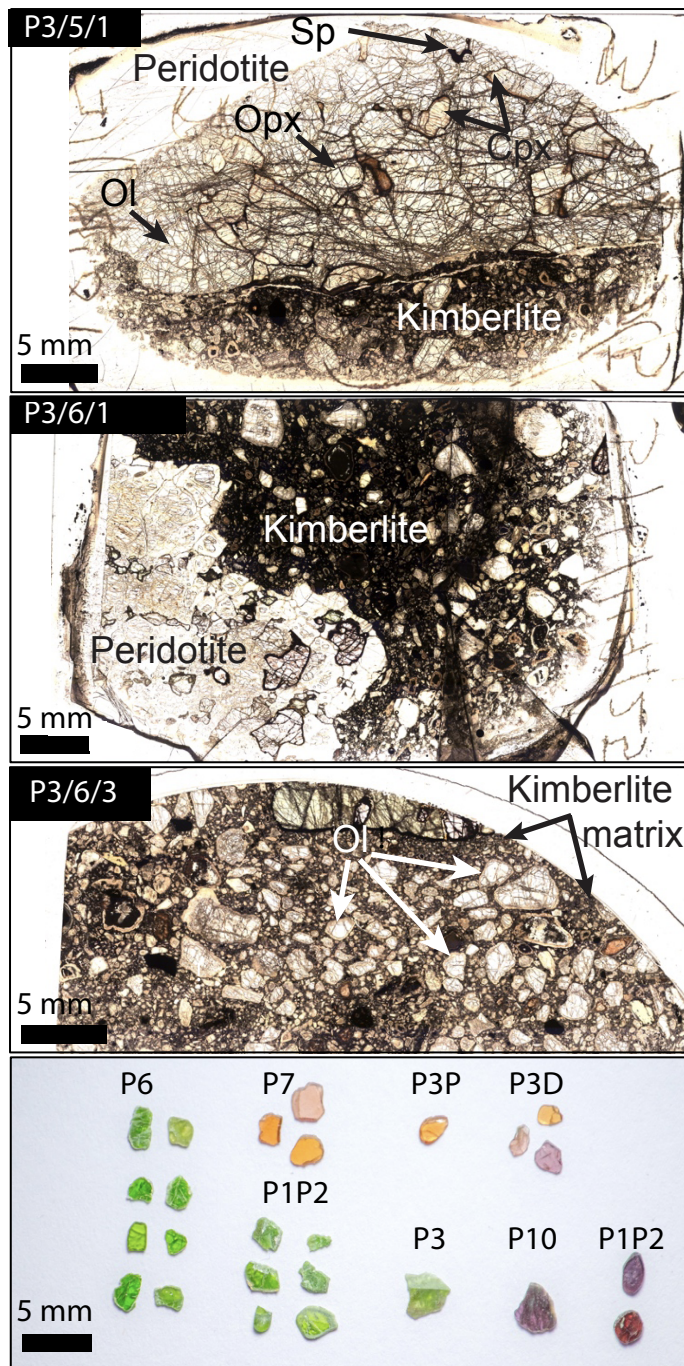




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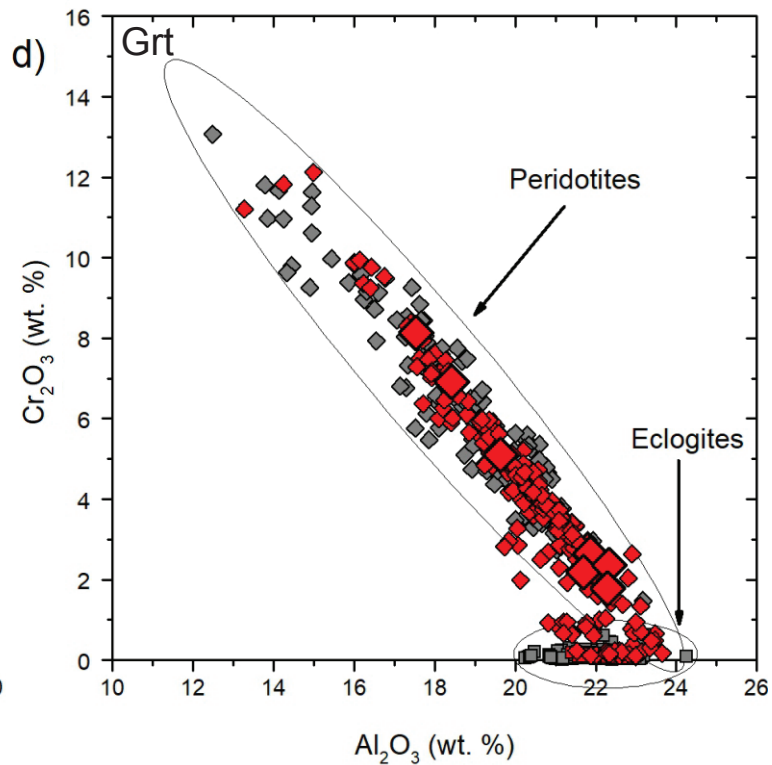
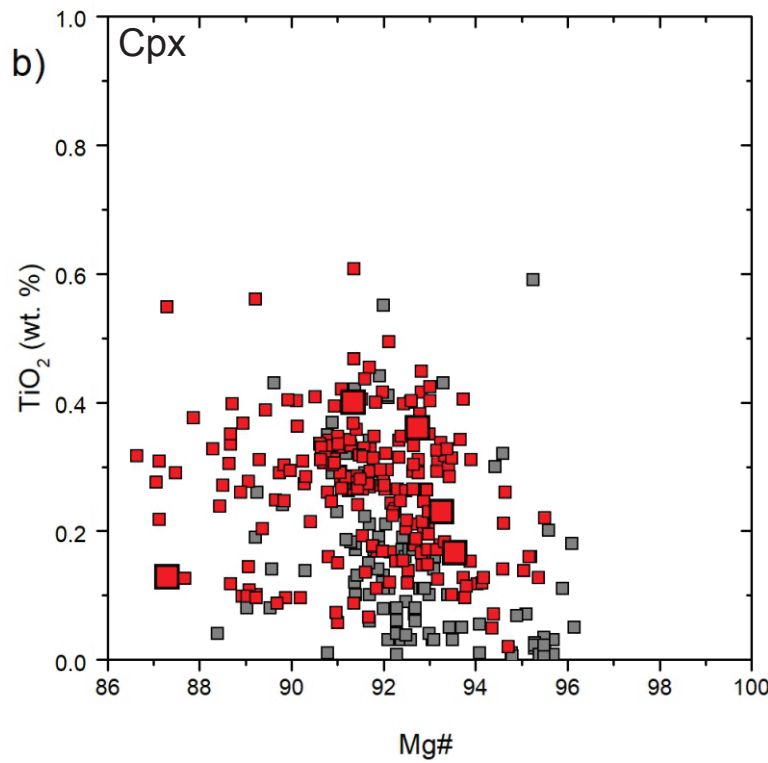
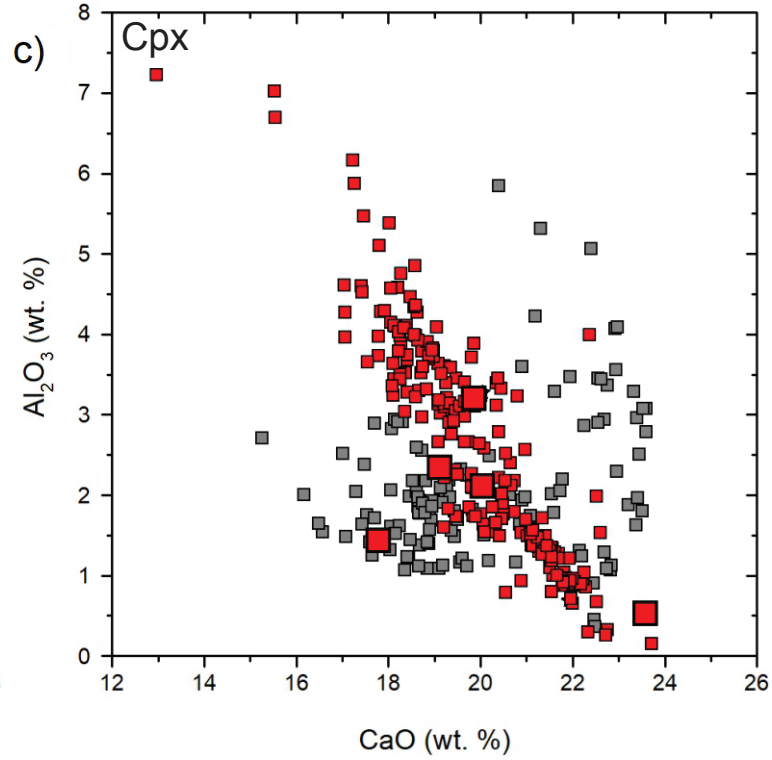
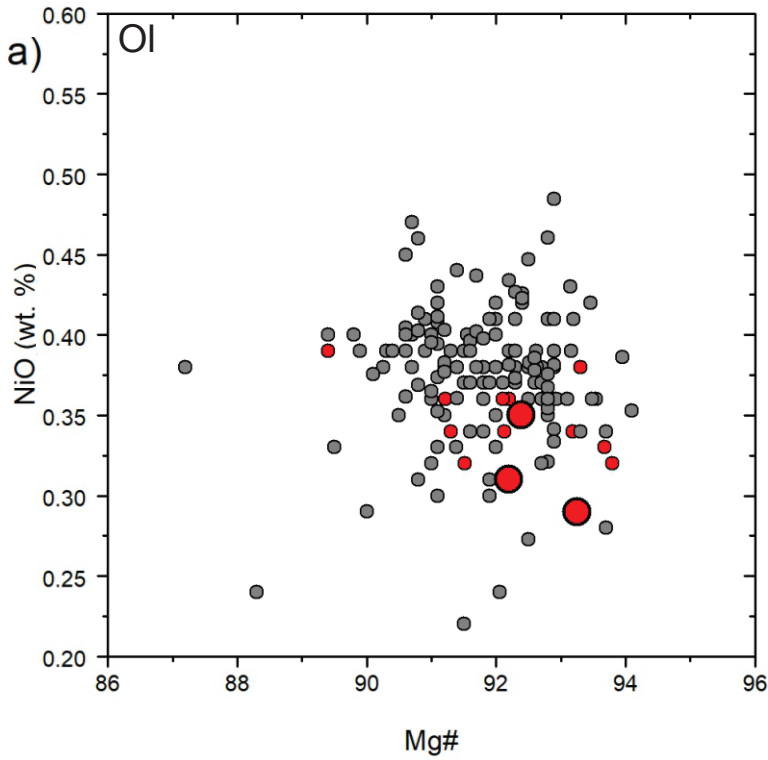
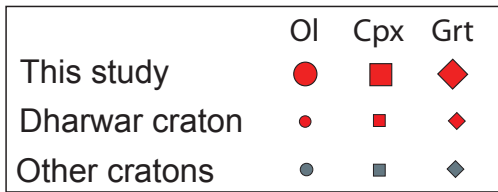


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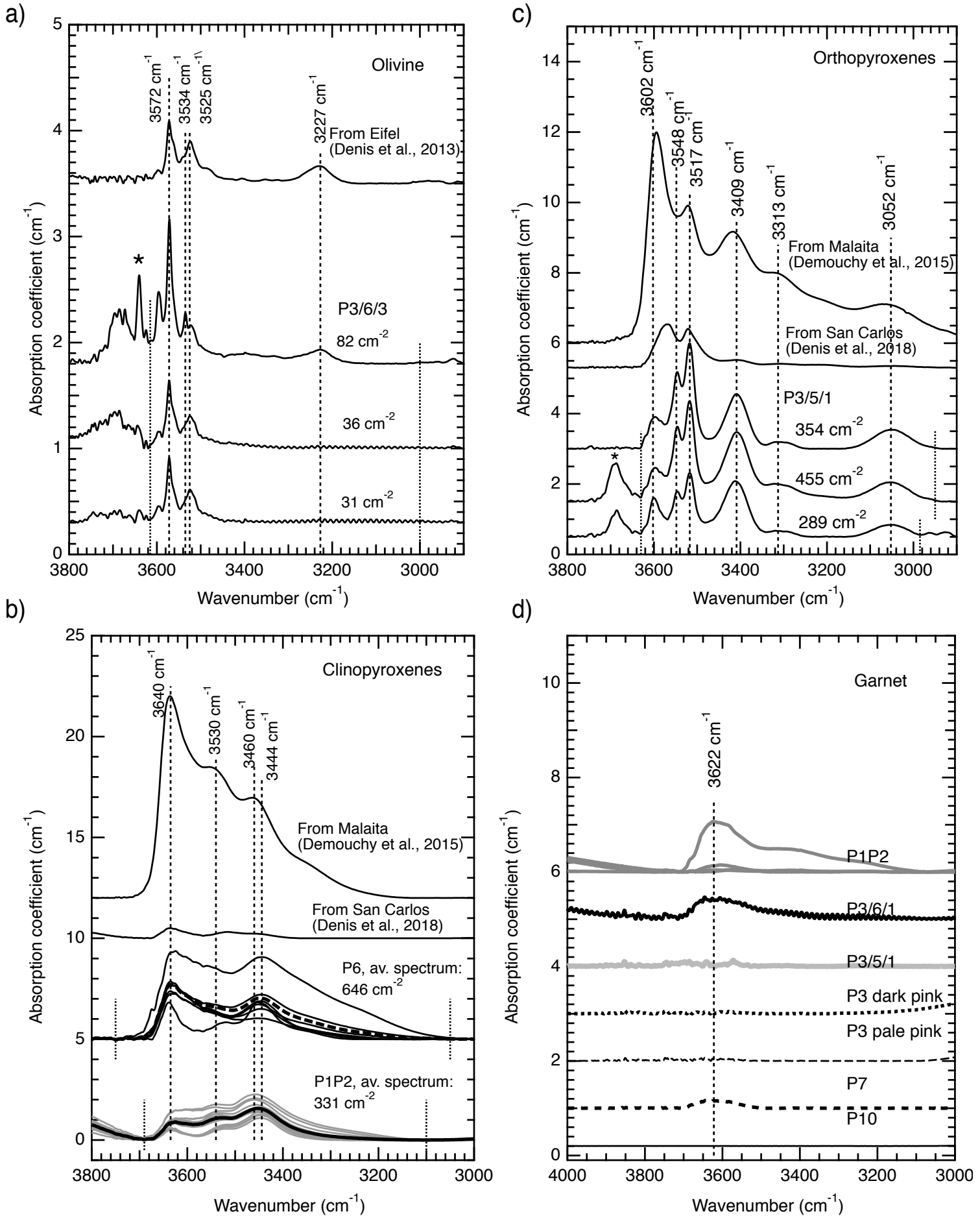


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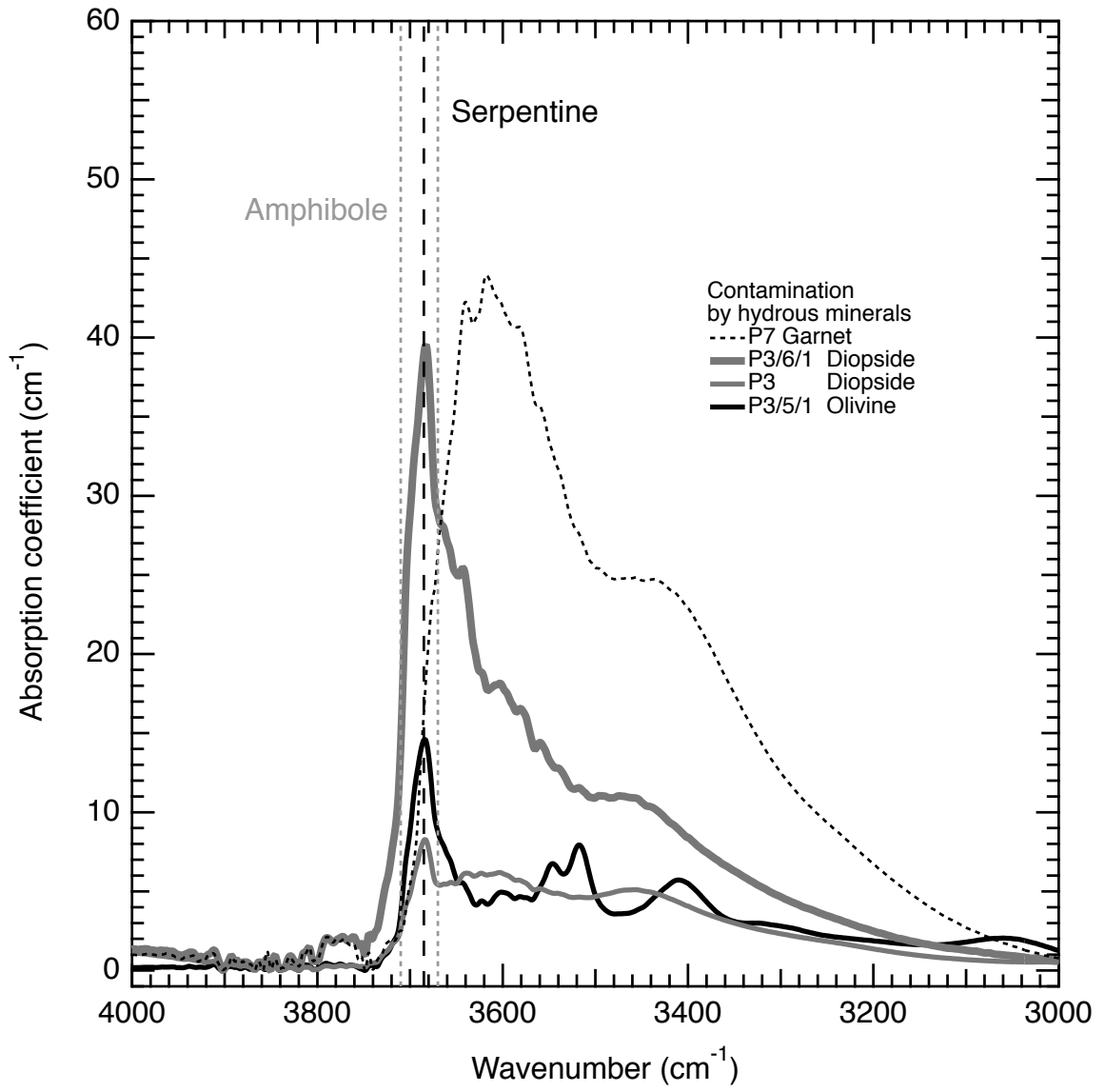


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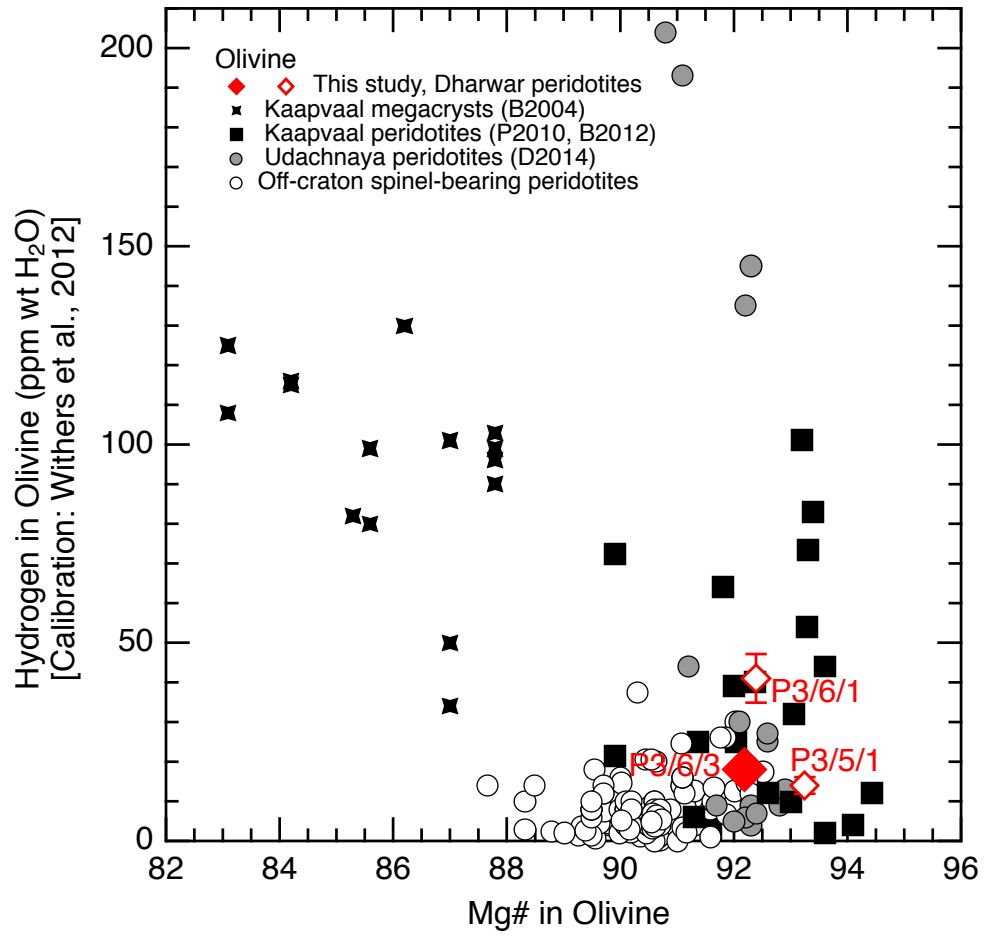


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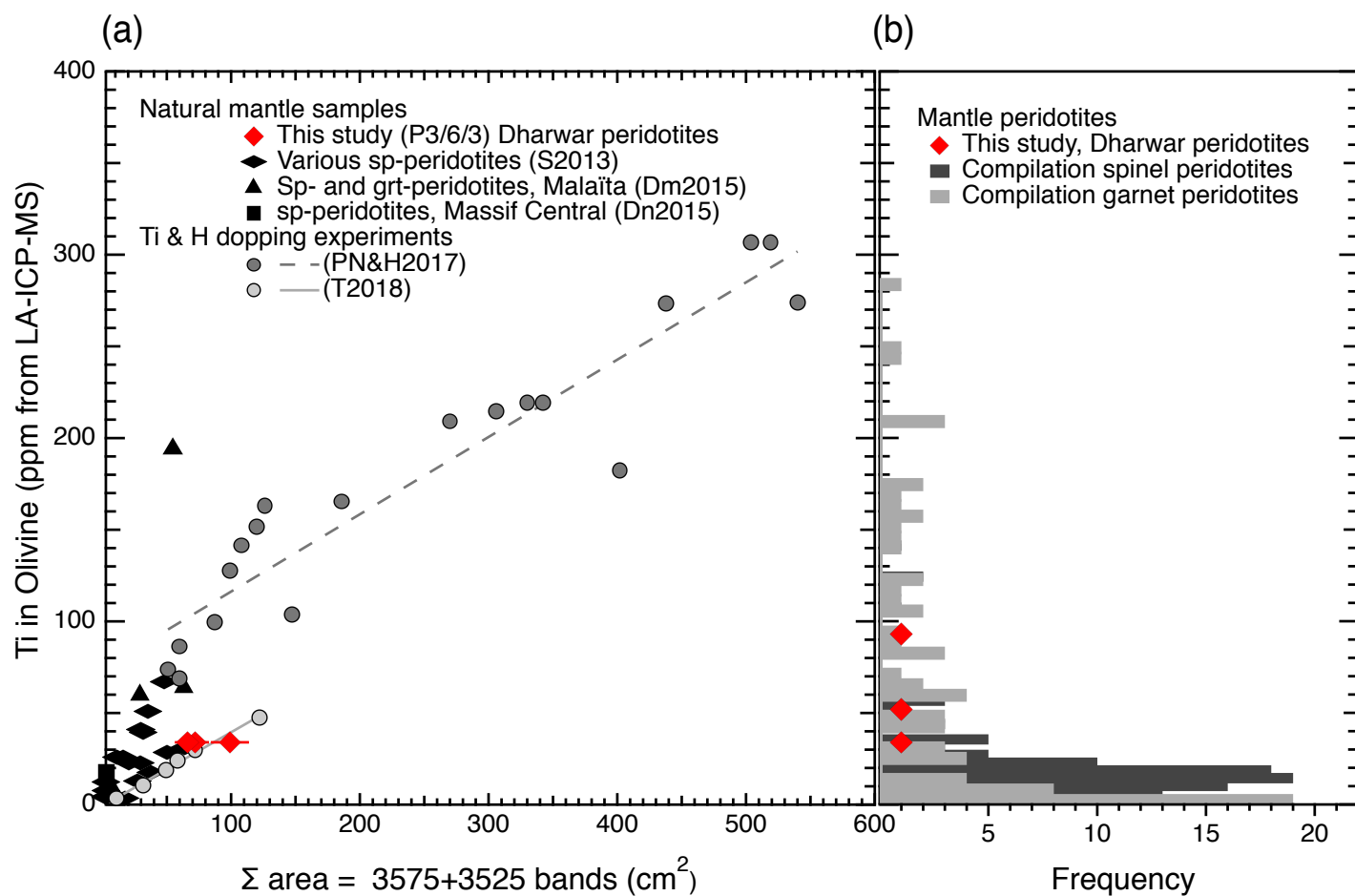


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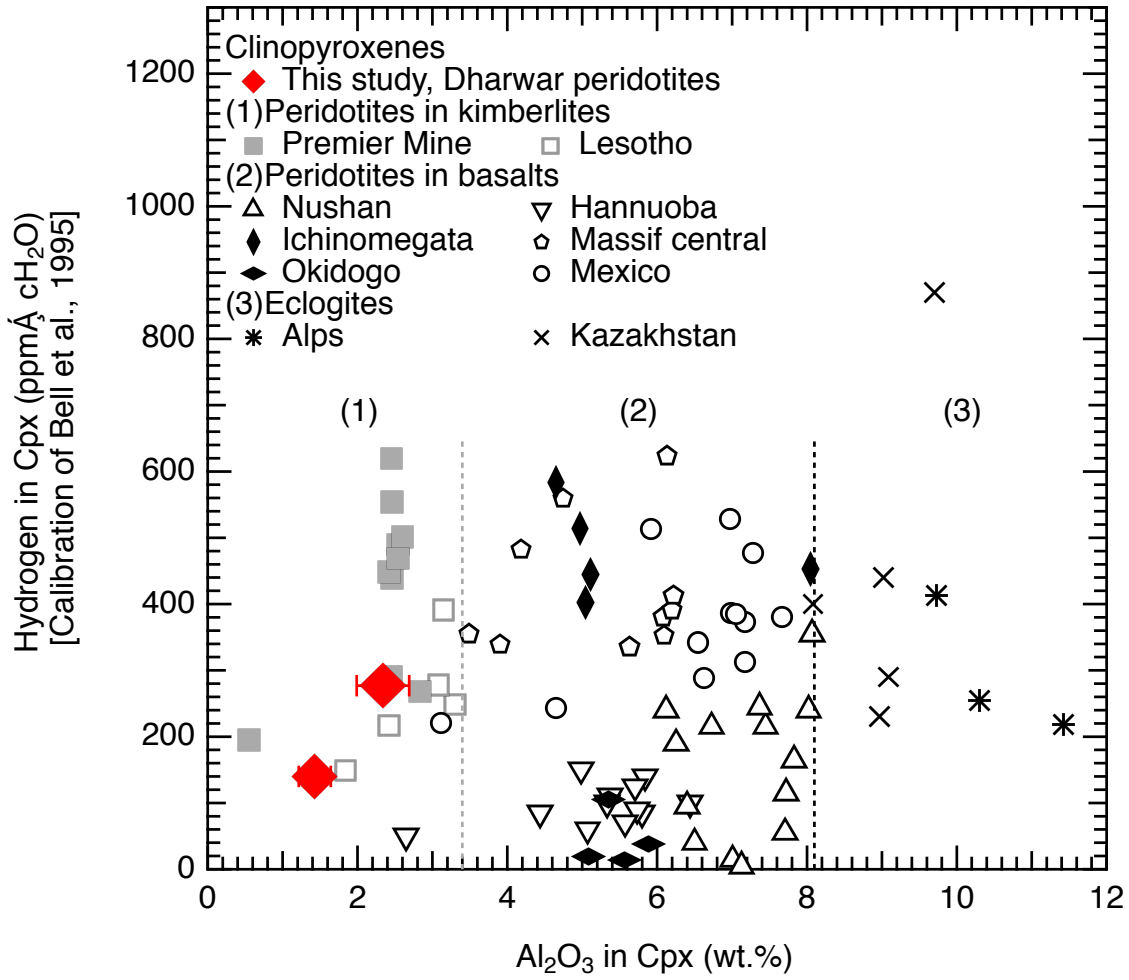
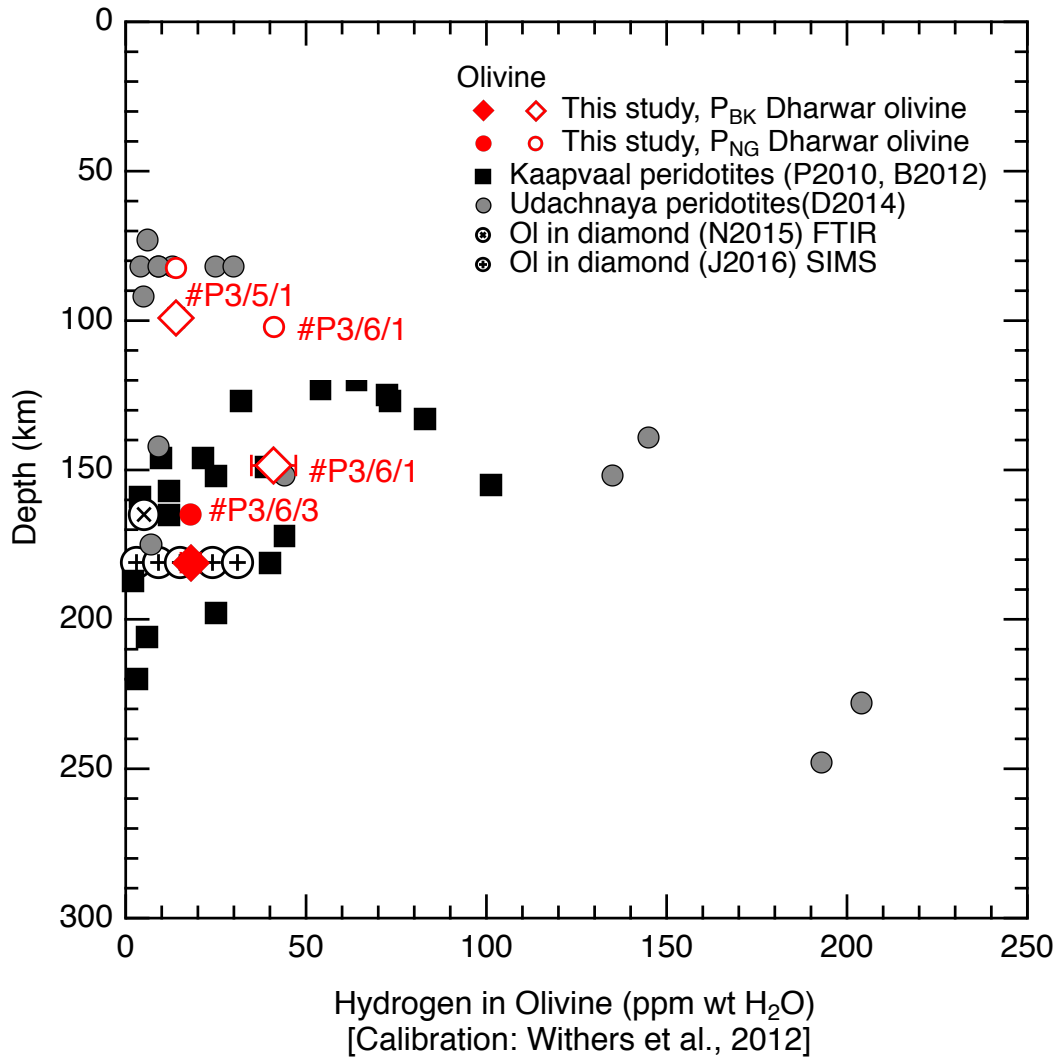


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**Table 1. Sample types, mineral modes and estimated equilibrium temperatures and pressures for peridotites and mantle minerals from Dharwar craton.**

Sample no.	Location	Sample Type	Rock type/Mineral	Mineral modes (vol.%)	T <sub>BK90</sub> (°C)	P <sub>NG</sub> (GPa)	T <sub>TA</sub> (°C)	P <sub>NG</sub> (GPa)
P3/5/1	Pipe 3	Mantle xenolith	Spinel ± Garnet Lherzolite	Ol <sub>77</sub> Opx <sub>15</sub> Cpx <sub>8</sub> Sp <sub>1</sub>	940	3.0	710	2.5
P3/6/1	Pipe 3	Mantle xenolith	Garnet Lherzolite	Ol <sub>74</sub> Opx <sub>15</sub> Cpx <sub>9</sub> Grt <sub>4</sub>	1050	4.5	831	3.1
P3/6/3*	Pipe 3	Mantle mineral	Olivine grains in matrix	3 grains	1270	5.5	1179	5
P1P2	Pipe 1	Mineral separated from mantle xenolith	Diopside	6 grains	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
P1P2	Pipe 1	Mineral separated from mantle xenolith	Garnet	2 grains	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
P3D	Pipe 3	Mineral separated from mantle xenolith	Garnet	3 grains	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
P3P	Pipe 3	Mineral separated from mantle xenolith	Garnet	1 grain	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
P3	Pipe 3	Mineral separated from mantle xenolith	Diopside	1 grain	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
P6	Pipe 6	Mineral separated from mantle xenolith	Diopside	8 grains	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
P7	Pipe 7	Mineral separated from mantle xenolith	Garnet	3 grains	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
P10	Pipe 10	Mineral separated from mantle xenolith	Garnet	1 grain	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.

Ol - olivine; Cpx - clinopyroxene; Opx - orthopyroxene; Sp - spinel; Grt - Garnet

T<sub>BK90</sub> - Brey and Kohler (1990); T<sub>TA</sub> - Taylor (1998); P<sub>NG</sub> - Nickel and Green (1985)

Temperatures (T<sub>TA</sub>) and Pressures (P<sub>NG</sub>) were calculated assuming an initial pressure of 3 GPa for spinel peridotite and 5 GPa for garnet peridotites.

\* Garnet was not present in this section, we assumed 5 vol. % of garnet as observed in samples from the same pit (Ganguly and Bhattacharya, 1987).



**Table 3:** Integrated normalized absorbance and hydrogen concentrations for the-mineral grains from this study

Sample	Thickness (mm ± 0.001 )	Mineral phase	Int. Abs. Coeff. (cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Paterson (1982) (ppm wt H <sub>2</sub> O) 2σ=30%	Garnet or Pyroxenes Bell et al. (1995) (ppm wt H <sub>2</sub> O) 2σ=20-30%	Olivine - Withers et al. (2012) (ppm wt H <sub>2</sub> O) 2σ=10%
<i>Thin sections</i>						
P3/5/1	0.211	Orthopyroxene	455	77	88	-
P3/5/1	0.211	Orthopyroxene1	354	64	68	-
P3/5/1	0.211	Orthopyroxene2	289	53	56	-
P3/5/1	0.211	<b>Orthopyroxene (average)</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>70</b>	-
P3/5/1	0.211	Garnet	Dry	Dry	-	-
P3/6/1	0.216	Diopside	contaminated	-	-	-
P3/6/1	0.216	Garnet	88	75	63	-
P3/6/3	0.211	Olivine1	82	18	-	29
P3/6/3	0.211	Olivine2	36	8	-	13
P3/6/3	0.211	Olivine3	31	7	-	11
P3/6/3	0.211	<b>Olivine (average)</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>11</b>	-	<b>18</b>
<i>Mineral separated from mantle xenolith</i>						
P1P2	0.390	Diopside1 position1	318	69	135	-
P1P2	0.390	Diopside1 position2	355	73	150	-
P1P2	0.390	Diopside1 position3	320	69	135	-
P1P2	0.390	Diopside2 position1	282	61	119	-
P1P2	0.390	Diopside2 position2	355	77	150	-
P1P2	0.390	Diopside2 position3	325	66	138	-
P1P2	0.390	Diopside3 position1	192	40	81	-
P1P2	0.390	Diopside3 position3	162	34	69	-
P1P2	0.390	Diopside3 position4	193	39	82	-
P1P2	0.390	Diopside4 position1	209	41	88	-
P1P2	0.390	Diopside5 position1	449	91	190	-
P1P2	0.390	Diopside6 position1	602	122	255	-
P1P2	0.390	Diopside6 position2	603	122	255	-
P1P2	0.390	<b>Diopside (average)</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>142</b>	-
P1P2	0.590	Garnet1	359	54	258	-
P1P2	0.590	Garnet1	21	5	15	-
P1P2	0.590	Garnet2	Dry	Dry	-	-
P3	0.241	Diopside	contaminated	-	-	-
P3	0.458	Garnet	Dry	Dry	-	-
P3D	0.351	Garnet	Dry	Dry	-	-
P3D	0.351	Garnet	Dry	Dry	-	-
P3D	0.351	Garnet	Dry	Dry	-	-
P6	0.336	Diopside1	528	124	223	-
P6	0.336	Diopside2	481	118	204	-
P6	0.336	Diopside3	1518	309	642	-
P6	0.336	Diopside4	308	71	130	-
P6	0.336	Diopside5	497	107	210	-
P6	0.336	Diopside6	726	162	307	-
P6	0.336	Diopside7	463	122	196	-
P6	0.336	<b>Diopside (average)</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>273</b>	-
P7	0.372	Garnet1	Dry	Dry	-	-
P7	0.372	Garnet2	Dry	Dry	-	-
P7	0.372	Garnet3	19	6	14	-
P10	0.492	Garnet	Dry	Dry	-	-