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Key Points:

- Partial melting experiments on metasomatized peridotite were performed to assess the thermal stability of F-bearing phlogopite and K-richterite
- The thermal stability of phlogopite containing several wt.% F exceeds continental and oceanic geotherms within the upper 150 km
- F-rich phlogopite would be stable in virtually all continental lithosphere, thereby acting as a major long-term sink for F and/or H

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Thermal Stability of F-Rich Phlogopite and K-Richterite During Partial Melting of Metasomatized Mantle Peridotite With Implications for Deep Earth Volatile Cycles

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Abstract Phlogopite and K-richterite constitute important carrier phases for H and F in Earth's lithosphere and mantle. The relative importance depends on their stabilities at high pressure and temperature, which in turn depends on bulk composition. Most previous experimental studies focused on the thermal stability of phlogopite and K-richterite were conducted using simplified chemical compositions. Here, partial melting experiments on metasomatized and carbonated, OH ± F-bearing near-natural peridotite were performed at high pressures (2 and 5 GPa) and temperatures (1,100–1,350°C) to assess the thermal stability of F-free versus F-bearing phlogopite and K-richterite. Experimental results demonstrate that the thermal stability of F-bearing phlogopite is increased by >55°C/wt.% F, relative to F-free phlogopite, whereas K-richterite is absent in all experiments with significant degrees of melting (>2%). The thermal stability of phlogopite containing several wt.% F exceeds continental and oceanic geotherms within the upper 150 km. Fluorine-rich phlogopite would therefore be stable in virtually all of the continental lithosphere, only to be decomposed during large, regional melting events such as continental break-up, thereby acting as a major long-term sink for F and/or H. This could even be the case for the oceanic asthenosphere, depending on the oceanic geotherm of the area of interest.

Plain Language Summary Phlogopite and K-richterite are important minerals for the fluorine and hydrogen cycles of the Earth's interior. The effects of fluorine on the thermal stability of phlogopite and K-richterite was studied using a suite of high pressure, high temperature experiments, mimicking partial melting in Earth's upper mantle and lower crust. The experimental results show that F dramatically enhances the stability of phlogopite, implying phlogopite can retain F and H up to greater depths in the Earth than previously assumed. Fluorine does not significantly affect the thermal stability of K-richterite. Given that F is more compatible in phlogopite compared to H, our results show that phlogopite becomes increasingly more stable through time as F is preferentially incorporated over OH during fluid alteration at high temperatures. Fluorine-rich phlogopite may only be decomposed during large, regional melting events, such as continental break-up, thereby acting as a long-term carrier of F and to a lesser extent OH in the Earth's lower crust and/or upper mantle.

1. Introduction

Fluorine is likely the most abundant halogen in the terrestrial mantle (Klemme & Stalder, 2018; McDonough & Sun, 1995). Subduction is an efficient means of transport of F-rich surface-altered material into the upper mantle (e.g., Flemetakis et al., 2022), but the relative proportion of F returned to the surface through volcanism versus F transported into the deep Earth remains debated (e.g., Straub and Layne (2003), Grützner et al. (2017), Bekaert et al. (2021) and references therein). Although F is not efficiently mobilized from the subducting slab during dehydration, relative to heavier halogens, F is incompatible during partial melting of eclogite-facies sediments and altered oceanic crust (e.g., Beyer et al., 2016; Straub & Layne, 2003; Van den Bleeken & Koga, 2015). As such, slab-derived melts can enrich mantle wedge peridotite in F where it can be incorporated in metasomatic OH-bearing minerals such as K-richterite and phlogopite (e.g., Gervasoni et al., 2017; Hecker et al., 2020).

Phlogopite, apatite and K-richterite are commonly found in upper mantle samples from the metasomatized continental lithosphere (Dawson & Smith, 1977; Exley & Smith, 1982; Fumagalli & Klemme, 2015; Gregoire et al., 2002; Konzett et al., 2012) and can contain several wt.% of F (Foley et al., 1986b; Edgar et al., 1991; Klemme & Stalder, 2018; Hecker et al., 2020; Figure S1 in Supporting Information S1). Phlogopite in peridotite xenoliths can contain up to as much as 8 wt.% F (Liu et al., 2011; Figure S1 in Supporting Information S1). A median content of 0.34 wt.% F was recently proposed for phlogopite derived from mantle

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Elevated F contents potentially increase the stability of phlogopite and K-richterite during partial melting (e.g., Condamine & Médard, 2014; Foley, 1991; Jaques et al., 1984; Petersen et al., 1982; Peterson et al., 1991; Tareen et al., 1995, 1998; Yoder & Eugster, 1954). Although Foley et al. (1986a) and Vukadinovic and Edgar (1993) concluded that F increases the compositional and thermal range of phlogopite stability, these experiments were conducted in "simple" chemical systems, that is, in the absence of Fe and Ti. In the KAlSiO₄-Mg₂SiO₄-SiO₂ system, Foley et al. (1986a) reported an increase in the thermal stability of phlogopite containing ~5 to 7.5 wt.% F of ~300°C, relative to F-free, water-saturated systems. Experiments conducted on dehydration melting of metagreywackes also suggest an important, positive effect of F on the thermal stability of phlogopite (Dooley & Patiño Douce, 1996). Condamine and Médard (2014) observed an increase of ~100°C of the thermal stability of phlogopite at 1 GPa in the presence of small amounts of F (<0.79 wt.%). Finally, Sun et al. (2022) conducted atomic level research on the effects of F on the structural stability of phlogopite using in situ high-temperature infrared-, Raman spectroscopy and X-ray powder diffraction. They proposed that O-H bonds and lattice modes are stiffer for F-rich phlogopite compared to F-poor phlogopite, resulting in greater stability of F-rich phlogopite at high temperatures. Previous data were thus mostly obtained in "simple" chemical systems, of which it is unclear if it can be applied to natural systems at all, or experiments were run in non-equilibrium, ambient pressure conditions (Sun et al., 2022). Here, we assess the effects of F on the thermal stability of phlogopite and Krichterite in complex compositions at P-T conditions directly relevant for partial melting of metasomatized mantle peridotite.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Experimental

High-pressure (P), high-temperature (T) experiments were performed to systematically study the potential effects of F on stability of K-richterite and phlogopite during partial melting of metasomatized continental lithosphere. Lower pressure (2 GPa) experiments were conducted in an end-loaded piston cylinder press and higher pressure (~5 GPa) experiments were conducted in a Walker-type multi-anvil apparatus, both at the University of Münster. Starting material compositions consisted of KLB-1 (the recommended composition of Davis et al., 2009) plus 5 wt.% of a K-richterite component and 5 wt.% of a phlogopite component (taken from the hydrous but F-free 6 GPa experiment Ma54 reported by Konzett, 1997). The F-free K-richterite and phlogopite from this particular experiment (Ma54) contained 2.17 and 4.37 wt.% H₂O, respectively (Konzett, 1997).

The KLB-1 composition is based on an off-cratonic, mildly-depleted (i.e., $Al_2O_3 = 3.51$ wt.%) lherzolite xenolith from Kilbourne Hole (USA; Davis et al., 2009 and references therein) and therefore considered to be most widely employed natural analog for moderately metasomatized mantle. The KLB-1 composition is slightly enriched in MgO and (mildly) depleted in SiO₂, Al_2O_3 , CaO, Na_2O , and TiO₂ relative to current estimates of the primitive mantle (Palme & O'Neill, 2014; Table S1 in Supporting Information S1). The addition of a 5 wt.% component of phlogopite and 5 wt.% component of K-richterite to KLB-1 yields an overall bulk composition that is enriched in MgO, K_2O and Na_2O , and (mildly) depleted in Al_2O_3 , CaO, and FeO, relative to the primitive mantle (Table S1 in Supporting Information S1).

The KLB-1 and the K-richterite and phlogopite components were individually synthesized by thoroughly mixing the appropriate amounts of oxides, carbonates, and/or fluoride under ethanol for at least 30 min. The K-richterite and phlogopite components of 5 wt.% each were added separately. The volatile compositions of the K-richterite and phlogopite components were varied by considering three different OH:F abundances (OH:F = 100:0, OH: F = 50:50, and OH:F = 10:90 by weight) for both the phlogopite and K-richterite component. This corresponds to

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an overall H₂O and F content of 0.32 and 0 wt.% in the OH:F = 100:0 bulk composition, 0.16 and 0.16 wt.% in the OH:F = 50:50 bulk composition and 0.03 and 0.29 wt.% in the OH:F = 10:90 bulk composition. Volatiles were added to the experiments by addition of the appropriate amounts of brucite Mg(OH)₂ and MgF₂. All experiments were performed using Au₈₀Pd₂₀ outer and/or graphite (inner) capsules. Graphite (inner) capsules were chosen to (a) minimize potential Fe loss from the starting composition, (b) to facilitate quantitative comparison of our new results with previous studies on Fe-bearing compositions (Foley et al., 2022; Konzett & Frost, 2009) and (c) to provide an upper limit for oxygen fugacity. However, the use of graphite capsules resulted in the presence of significant quantities of CO₂ in the silicate melt (<10 wt.%). It also imposed an oxygen fugacity lower than the CCO (carbon – carbon monoxide/carbon dioxide) buffer (Dasgupta et al., 2007; Frost & Wood, 1997). This could imply that the redox conditions of the experiments were slightly more reducing than estimated for the lithospheric upper mantle (FMQ -3 to +1; e.g., Ballhaus, 1993). Experiments in the piston cylinder press were conducted using talc-pyrex assemblies, with an inner boron-nitride container containing the three Au₈₀Pd₂₀ capsules (with inner graphite capsules) as well as crushable Al₂O₃ spacers. Piston cylinder experiments were performed with 2.1 mm O.D. Au₈₀Pd₂₀ outer capsules and 1.7 mm O.D., 0.7 mm I.D. graphite inner capsules with a length of 3-4 mm. In multi-anvil experiments AuPd outer capsules could not be used due to size limitations and only graphite capsules (1.95 mm O.D., 0.9 mm I.D., height of 1.5 mm) were used.

Experiments in the piston cylinder press could be conducted for three compositions at a given set of P-T conditions, whereas in the multi-anvil press only two samples could be run per experiment due to smaller assembly size and larger thermal gradients. However, runs ESS-223-1 and ESS-224-1 were performed using only one capsule in the piston cylinder press. Both capsules in the multi-anvil experiments were stacked to reduce thermal gradients and the top capsule was fitted and closed with a graphite 0.5 mm thick disc. Temperatures were in all cases monitored and controlled using Eurotherm 2604 controllers and type C (95%W/5%Re-74%W/26%Re, by weight) thermocouples. Pressure calibration for the piston cylinder talc-pyrex assembly is based on the $MgCr_2O_4 + SiO_2 = MgSiO_3 + Cr_2O_3$ reaction (Klemme & O'Neill, 1997), yielding an overall friction correction of 13%. Estimated pressure uncertainties for this set-up are approximately ~0.1 GPa (e.g., Flemetakis et al., 2022; van Kan Parker et al., 2011). The temperature gradient throughout the capsule for the latter experiments is estimated to be ~20°C, with a thermal gradient of ~10°C/mm with increasing distance from the hotspot (Sorbadere et al., 2013; Watson et al., 2002). Multi-anvil experiments were conducted using a 18/12 assembly, with MgO, Cr-doped octahedra consisting of a zirconia sleeve that surrounded a graphite furnace. The pressure calibration of this particular assembly at high temperature is based on the quartz-coesite (3 GPa, 1,100°C; Bose & Ganguly, 1995) and CaGeO₃ garnet to perovskite (6 GPa, 1,100°C, Susaki et al., 1985) transitions, which yields a pressure uncertainty of ~0.5 GPa (e.g., Dai & Karato, 2009; Fedortchouk et al., 2019). The thermal gradients for the latter assembly are estimated to be $\sim 20^{\circ}$ C in the central 3 mm of the assembly, where both samples are positioned (Knibbe et al., 2018; Van Westrenen et al., 2003). Run durations varied between 3 and 51 hr (Table 1). After the experiments were rapidly quenched, the charges were mounted in epoxy resin, finely polished using various grades of Al₂O₃ powder and carbon-coated for electron microprobe measurements.

2.2. Analytical

Experimental run products were measured with a JEOL JXA-8530F field emission electron probe microanalyser for major and minor element abundances at the University of Münster, Germany (Table S2 in Supporting Information S1). Minerals were measured using a defocused beam (1–2 μm) and beam currents of 15–20 nA. For the latter measurements an accelerating voltage of 15 kV was applied. For silicate melts, spot sizes of 10-20 µm (where possible) were used due to the highly heterogeneous textures of the silicate melts. Measurements were mostly conducted in raster grids or lines, depending on the available surface area of the measured phases, while avoiding measurement of areas close to the edge of phases and/or surrounding capsule materials. For all elements, except F, counting times of 10-30 s on peak and 5-15 s on each background were applied. Fluorine contents in silicates and minerals were measured using an accelerating voltage of 15 kV. The counting times were 120 s on the peak and 60 s on the background, using beam currents of 60 nA (see Steenstra et al., 2020). Fluorine detection limits were reduced by using high beam currents and longer counting times, while preventing any loss of F under the beam as demonstrated by C. Zhang et al. (2016). Fluorine background was measured on the high-wavelength side only because of the FeLa interference on the low side. Measured F contents of the minerals or silicate melts were corrected for the interference with Fe (C. Zhang et al., 2016). These corrections were done using calibration curves based on measurements of nominally F-free glasses or minerals with variable FeO concentrations. To

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 Experimental Run Conditions

									Moda	l prop	Modal proportions					
	Starting composition T (°C) P (GPa)	T (°C)	P (GPa)	Time (hr)	Observed phases ^a	ō	Opx]	K-rct	Cpx	Phl	Spl G	Grt Melt	lt Residual	$K_{\mathrm{D}}^{\mathrm{Mg-Fe}}$ Ol-melt $D_{\mathrm{F}}^{\mathrm{K-rct-melt}}$	$D_{\rm F}^{\rm K-rct-melt}$	$D_{ m F}^{ m Phl-melt}$
ESS-166-1	OH:F = 100:0	1,100	2.0	48	Ol, Opx, K-rct, Cpx, Phl, Spl	51	23	10	6	7	1	1	0.01	Ι	I	I
ESS-166-2	OH:F = 50:50	1,100	2.0	48	Ol, Opx, K-rct, Cpx, Phl, Spl	51	23	13	7	9		1	0.02	I	1	ı
ESS-166-3	OH:F = 10:90	1,100	2.0	48	Ol, Opx, K-rct, Cpx, Phl, Spl	51	23	14	9	9		1	0.22	I	I	ı
ESS-220-1	OH:F = 50:50	1,125	2.0	47	Ol, Opx, K-rct, Cpx, Phl, Spl	53	22	13	7	9	∠	1	90.0	I	ı	ı
$ESS-220-2^{b}$	OH:F = 10:90	1,125	2.0	47	Ol, Opx, K-rct, Cpx, Phl	50	24	14	9	9	ı	1	0.0002	I	ı	ı
ESS-222-1	OH:F = 100:0	1,125	2.0	43	Ol, Opx, K-rct, Cpx, Phl, Spl	53	21	12	8	7	∠	1	0.07	I	ı	ı
ESS-221-1°	OH:F = 50:50	1,150	2.0	48	Ol, Opx, K-rct, Cpx, Phl, melt	53	22	10	6	7	ı	- 1	0.0023	0.40	0.76 (13)	1.30 (17)
$ESS-221-2^d$	OH:F = 10:90	1,150	2.0	48	Ol, Opx, K-rct, Cpx, Phl, melt	48	25	12	7	9	ı	- 2	0.0004	0.43	0.87 (12)	1.70 (20)
ESS-224-1	OH:F = 100:0	1,150	2.0	27	Ol, Opx, K-rct, Cpx, Phl, Spl	53	23	3	4	∞	~	1	0.02	I	I	ı
ESS-223-1	OH:F = 100:0	1,175	2.0	24	Ol, Opx, Cpx, Phl, melt	58	17	I	12	9	ı	∞ -	0.02	0.37	I	ı
ESS-207-2	OH:F = 10:90	1,175	2.0	48	Ol, Opx, Cpx, Phl, melt	99	18	I	10	7	ı	6 -	0.03	0.38	I	1.13 (33)
ESS-207-3	OH:F = 50:50	1,175	2.0	48	Ol, Opx, Cpx, Phl, melt	57	17	ı	11	9	ı	- 6	0.04	0.39	1	1.24 (30)
ESS-199-1	OH:F = 100:0	1,250	2.0	48	Ol, Opx, Cpx, melt	61	13	ı	8	I	ı	- 18	0.03	0.33	1	I
ESS-199-2	OH:F = 10:90	1,250	2.0	48	Ol, Opx, Cpx, Phl, melt	28	16	I	7	3	ı	- 16	0.04	0.35	1	1.49 (15)
ESS-199-3	OH:F = 50:50	1,250	2.0	48	Ol, Opx, Cpx, Spl, melt	65	17	ı	2	I	. □	- 19	0.07	0.33	I	I
ESS-206-1	OH:F = 10:90	1,350	2.0	51	Ol, Opx, melt	09	14	I	I	I	ı	- 26	0.13	0.34	I	I
ESS-206-2	OH:F = 100:0	1,350	2.0	51	Ol, Opx, Cpx, melt	62	10	I	4	I	ı	- 24	. 0.08	0.32	I	I
ESS-206-3	OH:F = 50:50	1,350	2.0	51	Ol, Opx, melt	59	13	I	I	I	ı	- 28	0.12	0.34	I	I
ESS-MA-2-1	OH:F = 10:90	1,250	5.0	39.3	Ol, Opx, Cpx, Phl, Grt, melt	47	21	ı	12	4	- 1	0 7	0.04	0.32	1	0.38 (25)
ESS-MA-2-2	OH:F = 100:0	1,250	5.0	39.3	Ol, Opx, Cpx, Grt, melt	49	18	ı	10	I	ı) 13	0.005	0.33	1	I
ESS-MA-7-1	OH:F = 100:0	1,275	5.0	24.5	Ol, Opx ^a , Cpx, Grt, melt	52	13	ı	5	ı	-	1 19	0.01	0.33	I	I
ESS-MA-7-2	OH:F = 10:90	1,275	5.0	24.5	Ol, Opx ^a , Cpx ^a , Grt, melt	53	13	I	4	1	-	1 18	0.04	0.29	ı	ı
ESS-MA-4-1	OH:F = 100:0	1,325	5.0	29	Ol, Opx*, Cpx, Grt, melt*	53	14	ı	9	ı	-	0 17	90.0	ı	I	I
ESS-MA-4-2	OH:F = 10:90	1,325	5.0	29	Ol, Opx*, Cpx, Grt, melt*	54	12	ı	9	ı	- 1	1 16	0.04	I	1	I
ESS-MA-6-1	OH:F = 100:0	1,350	5.0	3.17	Ol, Opx, Cpx, Grt, melt	50	18	ı	9	ı	- 1	4 12	0.008	0.35	1	I
ESS-MA-6-2	OH:F = 10:90	1,350	5.0	3.17	Ol, Opx, Cpx, Grt, melt	54	15	ı	8	1	-	13 11	0.03	0.29	ı	ı
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K-rct-K-richterite, Cpx-clinopyroxene, Phl-phlogopite, Spl-spinel, Grt-garnet. *Opx, Cpx and/or melt of runs MA-4-1,2 and MA-7-1,2 were not readily observed in the cross section and their abundances were calculated from least square regressions. ^bThis run suffered approximately 0.9 wt.% FeO loss. ^cThis run suffered approximately 0.5 wt.% FeO loss. ^dThis run suffered approximately 2.4 wt.% FeO loss. or this run suffered approximately 0.5 wt.% FeO loss. defined approximately 2.4 wt.% FeO loss. Note. All experimental starting compositions consisted of 90% KLB-1 + 5 wt.% K-rct + 5 wt.% Phl but with variable OH:F (see Table S1 in Supporting Information S1). The OH:F ratios of 100:0, 50:50, and 10:90 of the KLB-1 starting mixtures correspond to 0.32 wt.% H₂O and 0 wt.% F, 0.16 wt.% H₂O and 0.16 wt.% F, and 0.03 wt.% H₂O and 0.29 wt.% F, respectively. *Ol-olivine, Opx-orthopyroxene,

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ensure data precision and accuracy, F was measured in reference glasses USNM Rhyolite VGA-568, NIST 610, USNM Makaopuhi A-99, USNM Juan da Fuca VG-2 and BCR2-G throughout the study, as in previous work (Flemetakis et al., 2020; Steenstra et al., 2020).

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Mineral modes were obtained by performing least-square regressions based on seven components (SiO₂, Al₂O₃, MgO, CaO, FeO, Na₂O, and K₂O). For the measurements of the more challenging MA experiments, uncertainties on derived modal abundances were assessed by performing Monte Carlo simulations with 10,000 iterations per experimental run. Obtained modes were largely unaffected by consideration of the different subsets of components, demonstrating the robustness of the results.

3. Results

3.1. Run Products and Attainment of Equilibrium

Experimental samples were composed of silicate minerals (Ol \pm Opx \pm Cpx \pm K-rct \pm Phl \pm Grt \pm Spl) and quenched silicate melt, depending on pressure, temperature and composition (Table 1). Run products that contained melt generally showed clear segregation of the melt from the crystals to the hottest side of the experiments, (Figure 1). This is due to the inevitable presence of temperature gradients in the charge that promote thermally induced compaction of melt away from solid (Walter, 1998). A steady-state can be achieved despite this segregation, where the observed phase compositions reflect the average "equilibrium" conditions of the entire experimental capsule (Lesher & Walker, 1988; Walter, 1998). The efficient segregation of melt generally resulted in relatively large (>15 μ m) pools of melt that contained fine-grained quench crystals at relatively low melt fractions (down to 1 to 2 modal % melt).

High pressure-temperature experiments were performed for durations ranging from three to 51 hr, depending on temperature and experimental assembly. The run times for piston cylinder experiments (>24 hr, but mostly >47 hr) are comparable or in some cases much longer than previous studies that focused on similar processes conducted in similar assemblies at comparable temperatures (e.g., Foley et al., 1986a; Hirose & Kawamoto, 1995; Sorbadere et al., 2018; Vukadinovic & Edgar, 1993; Y. Zhang et al., 2020). Run durations used for multi-anvil experiments were at least 3 hr, but mostly >20 hr Hirose and Kawamoto (1995) found that under hydrous conditions equilibrium was attained within 11.5 hr at 1,300°C and 1 GPa, respectively, for sample containers with an inner diameter of 4.7 mm. This is much larger than the inner diameter of the graphite capsules used in our multi-anvil experiments (~0.8 mm), suggesting that the experiments conducted for slightly over 3 hr at 1,350°C must have attained equilibrium as well (Table 1). Results from liquidus experiments performed by Presnall et al. (1978) show that appearance and disappearance of phases is much faster than homogenization of their phase compositions, that is, 2-4 hr for peridotite phases crystallized from a silicate melt at 1,400-1,600°C (Walter, 1998). Almost all of the reported experiments were conducted at much longer run durations, which should have resulted in equilibration. It should be noted that the high H₂O content of the melt also strongly promotes diffusion within the experiments, confirmed by near-identical mineral compositions for the different experiments (Table S2 in Supporting Information S1). The Fe-Mg K_D between olivine and melt varies between 0.29 and 0.43, which is generally within the estimated values for equilibrium experiments (see Figure 9a from Blundy et al., 2020; Roeder & Emslie, 1970; Table 1). Most values cluster around 0.32–0.35, and the anomalously higher values of 0.37-0.43 for the lowest P-T experiments could be a result of minor disequilibrium presumably due to the very low degree of melting. Finally, the minerals produced in our experiments did not show compositional zonation from core to rim.

In some of the multi-anvil experiments (MA4-1,2), melt was not observed although the presence of it is suggested by mass balance (Table 1). The melts of these experiments could therefore not be measured. This is most likely the result of relatively small melt fractions (<17 modal %) and concentration of the melt in a particular area not exposed in the mounted experimental run product (Walter, 1998). Finally, we were unable to locate Opx and/or Cpx in runs MA7-1,2, although including these as phases significantly improves least square regression results, suggesting they were present in the sample(s) but not in the cross-section considered (Table 1).

3.2. General Phase Relations and Melting Reactions

The first, low degree partial melts were observed at approximately 1,150°C (2 GPa) and 1,250°C (5 GPa), suggesting that the solidus temperatures for these compositions are slightly below these temperatures (Figures 2–4).

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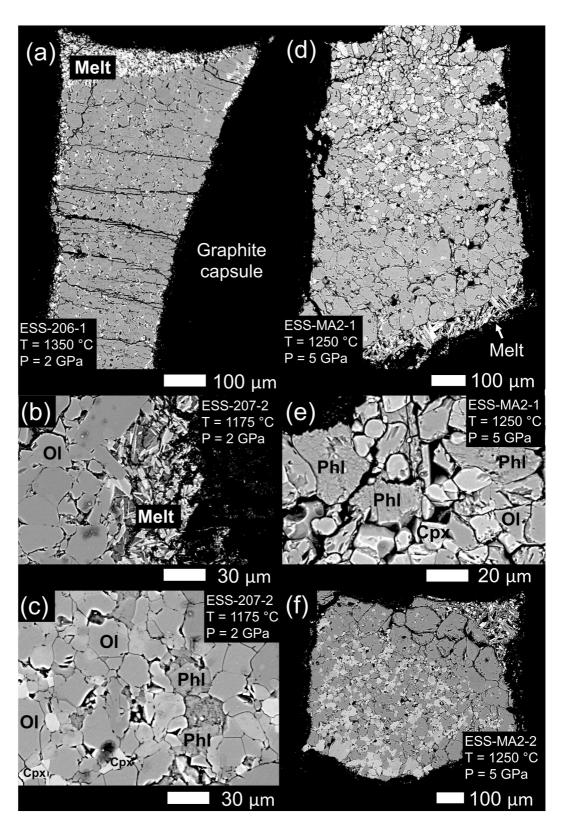


Figure 1. Backscattered electron-images depicting typical examples of experimental run products (a–c) Experimental charges obtained at 2 GPa. (d–f) Experimental run products synthesized at 5 GPa. In all experiments with melt present, the melt migrated to the hotspot region (see panels a, d, f).

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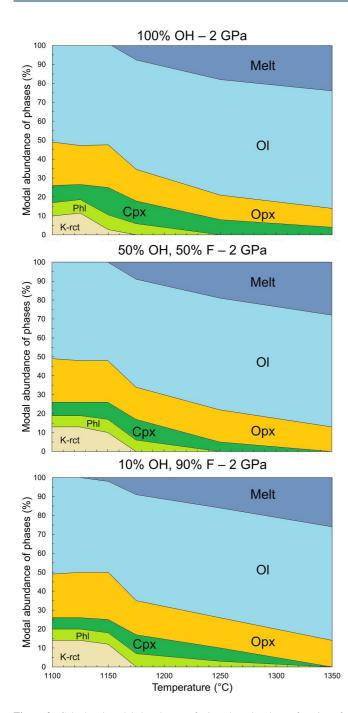


Figure 2. Calculated modal abundances of minerals and melt as a function of experimental peak temperatures at 2 GPa for the system 90 wt.% KLB-1 + 5 wt.% Phl (OH:F = 100:0) + 5 wt.% K-rct (OH:F = 100:0) (top panel), corresponding to a bulk $\rm H_2O$ and F content of 0.32 and 0 wt.%, 90 wt.% KLB-1 + 5 wt.% Phl (OH:F = 50:50) + 5 wt.% K-rct (OH:F = 50:50) (middle panel), corresponding to a bulk $\rm H_2O$ and F content of 0.16 and 0.16 wt.%, and 90 wt.% KLB-1 + 5 wt.% Phl (OH:F = 10:90) + 5 wt.% K-rct (OH:F = 10:90) (bottom panel), corresponding to a bulk $\rm H_2O$ and F content of 0.03 and 0.29 wt.%, respectively.

However, the apparent lack of a further increase in the degree of melting in the 5 GPa runs between 1,275 and 1,350°C is most readily explained by the termination of the initial decomposition of phlogopite, after which the remaining mineral assemblage remains stable to up to much higher temperatures (Figures 3 and 4). This strongly suggests that phlogopite determines the solidus temperature of this system (Sudo & Tatsumi, 1990; Trønnes et al., 1988). Indeed, the solidus for dry fertile peridotite is ~1,600°C (Kawamoto, 2004; Walter, 2003 and references therein) at 5 GPa. No clear differences were observed in the amount of melt present for different bulk compositions (Table 1). The presence of abundant feathery and dendritic crystallite and felt-like masses, in conjunction with the apparent absence of spherule-sheet mixtures, suggests the experimental melts were undersaturated in water (Wang et al., 2020 and references therein). This agrees with the generally much lower added H_2O amounts (<0.33 wt.% H_2O) relative to the maximum water-storage capacity estimated for peridotite (<0.5 wt.%; Green et al., 2010).

The use of graphite inner capsules resulted in the presence of $\rm CO_2$ in the melt, which could affect its solidus temperature (e.g., Pintér et al., 2021; Wyllie, 1987) and therefore the stability of hydrous phases, including K-richterite (Foley et al., 2022, and references therein). Although the $\rm CO_2$ contents could not be determined quantitively due to the dendritic nature of the melts, the silicate melt $\rm CO_2$ contents can be estimated. The results of Ghosh et al. (2014) for fertile and alkali-rich peridotitic compositions show that the $\rm CO_2$ content of the melt strongly correlate with both $\rm SiO_2$ and $\rm CaO$ (e.g., Pintér et al., 2021). Considering the melt compositions of this study (42.0–54.1 wt.% $\rm SiO_2$, 5.2–9.9 wt.% $\rm CaO$), in conjunction with the explored $\it P-T$ conditions, suggests that silicate melt $\rm CO_2$ contents are unlikely to exceed 10 wt.% (Ghosh et al., 2014). Finally, the use of graphite inner capsules and the corresponding potentially more reducing conditions, relative to redox states commonly inferred for the lithospheric mantle, could affect the thermal stabilities of the hydrous phases of interest.

K-richterite and spinel were found to be only stable at the lowest P-T experiments (<1,150°C), independent of bulk composition (Figures 2–4). At 5 GPa, K-richterite was not observed to be stable at a temperature down to 1,250°C. The absence of K-richterite in all experiments with significant amounts of melt present (>8 modal %) is consistent with the observations of Foley et al. (2022) that K-richterite is exhausted at only a few tens of °C above the solidus. At 5 GPa, and therefore in the presence of garnet, K-richterite is not stable, as it only re-appears after breakdown at pressures exceeding 6 GPa due to the reaction Phl + Cpx + Opx = K-rct + Grt + Ol + fluid (Konzett & Ulmer, 1999). Olivine and orthopyroxene were observed (or their presence was suggested by mass balance) in all experiments (Table 1). Phlogopite was found to be stable up to 1,250°C at both 2 and 5 GPa, but only for the most Frich bulk composition (Table 1).

3.3. Mineral and Melt Compositions

3.3.1. Melts

Table S2 in Supporting Information S1 and Figure 5 show the experimental melt compositions. The measured melt compositions obtained from experiments performed at 2 GPa plots in the basaltic andesite, basalt to basaltic trachyandesite field, whereas at 5 GPa, low-degree partial melts are significantly more Na₂O and K₂O-rich and can be classified as (phono)-tephrite or

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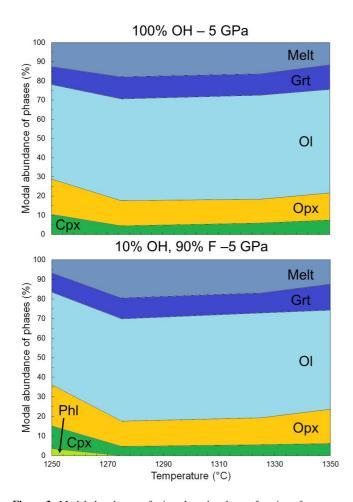


Figure 3. Modal abundances of minerals and melt as a function of experimental peak temperatures at 5 GPa for the system 90 wt.% KLB-1 + 5 wt.% Phl (OH:F = 100:0) + 5 wt.% K-rct (OH:F = 100:0) (top panel), and 90 wt.% KLB-1 + 5 wt.% Phl (OH:F = 10:90) + 5 wt.% K-rct (OH:F = 10:90) (bottom panel). See caption of Figure 2 for additional compositional details.

foidite (Figure 5). With increasing melt production, MgO, CaO, and FeO contents generally increase and/or remain constant, whereas Na_2O , Al_2O_3 , and TiO_2 decrease, largely consistent with the observations of Walter (1998) for melting of garnet peridotite (Figure S2 in Supporting Information S1). However, the overall melt compositions of the experiments are very different compared to low degree melts of garnet peridotite at similar pressures. The melts reported here are, as expected, richer in K_2O and Na_2O and thus have much higher K_2O/CaO and K_2O/MgO (Figure S3 in Supporting Information S1). Melt K_2O/Al_2O_3 ranges between 0.08 and 1.40, with an overall increase from 2 to 5 GPa (Figure S4 in Supporting Information S1), which is due to the retention of Al_2O_3 from in the residua in the presence of garnet in the 5 GPa runs. The TiO_2 contents overlap or are slightly elevated compared to garnet peridotite melting (Walter, 1998).

3.3.2. Clinopyroxene, Orthopyroxene, Garnet

Clinopyroxene in the experiments is diopside, and is partly incongruent during the breakdown of K-richterite and phlogopite in the various experiments (Foley et al., 2022). Clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene and garnet compositions are all very similar to mineral compositions from a previous anhydrous melting studies on KLB-1 at comparable pressures (Takahashi, 1986). The only exception is the Al₂O₃ contents of both Cpx and Opx, a result of the much higher temperatures at which the experiments of Takahashi (1986) were conducted.

3.3.3. Phlogopite and K-Richterite

The compositions of K-richterite measured in this study compositionally overlap with the majority of the experimental data previously reported (Table S2, Figure S5 in Supporting Information S1; Foley et al., 2022; Konzett, 1997). Phlogopite shows most compositional variation in Mg, Si, Ti, and Al contents. The Ti and Al contents correlate positively, whereas Al and Ti contents decrease with Mg and Si concentrations (Table S2 in Supporting Information S1). In addition, the Fe and F contents of phlogopite at a given bulk composition are strongly correlated, reflecting the F-Fe avoidance rule, that is, an increase of F in phlogopite yields a decrease of Fe and vice-versa (Munoz, 1984; Figure S6 in Supporting Information S1). The derived phlog-

opite/silicate melt partition coefficients for F ($D_F^{(Phl-melt)}$, defined as the ratio between the weight concentration of F in phlogopite and silicate melt, respectively) range between 0.38 ± 0.25 to 1.70 ± 0.20 for all of the experiments considered, within the range of previously reported values (e.g., Edgar & Pizzolato, 1995; Flemetakis et al., 2021). The range is explained by variation in melt compositions and variable P-T conditions (Edgar & Pizzolato, 1995; Ezad & Foley, 2022). Fluorine is mildly incompatible in K-richterite, with $D_F^{(K-rct-melt)}$ values of 0.76 ± 0.13 to 0.87 ± 0.12 , consistent with previous experiments at 2 GPa and comparable temperatures (Edgar & Pizzolato, 1995).

3.3.4. Quantification of the Effects of F on K-Richterite and Phlogopite Thermal Stability

The new phase relations can be used to quantify the effects of F on the thermal stability of K-richterite and phlogopite. Our results show that the effect of F on K-richterite stability is negligible within the explored compositions and P-T conditions. It should be noted that our results disagree with earlier findings for K-richterite and/or pargasite (Foley, 1991; Holloway & Ford, 1975). This may be explained by several reasons. First, Foley (1991) reported that the thermal stabilities of the OH- and F-endmembers of K-richterite differ only by 100 degrees at 3.5 GPa and this effect is likely smaller at 2 GPa. However, the F content of fluoro-K-richterite from Foley (1991) is \sim 2.6 wt.% which is almost 3 times higher than the highest F content measured for K-richterite in this study (\sim 0.9 wt.%, and usually less). It is therefore not surprising that no effects of F on the thermal stability of

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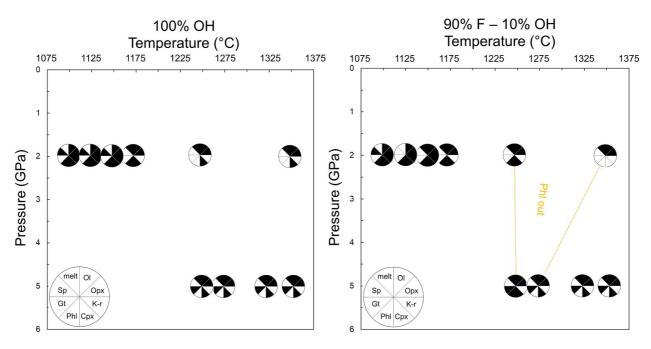


Figure 4. Phase relations at 2 and 5 GPa for the system 90 wt.% KLB-1 + 5 wt.% Phl (OH:F = 100:0) + 5 wt.% K-rct (OH:F = 100:0) (left panel) and the system 90 wt.% KLB-1 + 5 wt.% Phl (OH:F = 10:90) + 5 wt.% K-rct (OH:F = 10:90) (right panel). See caption of Figure 2 for additional details.

K-richterite were observed in this study. In addition, the fluoro-K-richterites reported by Foley (1991) were Fefree, whereas the F-bearing K-richterite phases from this study contain 2.44 to 3.81 wt.% FeO. As an increase of FeO likely reduces the thermal stability of K-richterite (Frost, 2006), Fe-poor K-richterite is destabilized at lower *P-T* conditions. It has also been shown that the stability of pargasitic amphibole is affected by the bulk alkali content of the system under water-undersaturated conditions (Niida & Green, 1999; Wallace & Green, 1991). An increase in the glaucophane, richterite, edenite and Ti tschermakite components of amphibole yields higher thermal stabilities (Mengel & Green, 1989; Wallace & Green, 1991). This means that the use of a more fertile bulk composition, instead of KLB-1, would yield relatively higher thermal stabilities of amphibole under water-

14 Phonolite Tephriphonolite Foidite $(Na_2O + K_2O, wt.\%)$ Phonotephrite Trachyte Tephrite Basaltic trachvandesite Basanite Picrobasalt Basaltic 2 andesite 0 38 41 44 47 50 53 56 SiO₂ (wt.%)

Figure 5. Summary of the chemical compositions of the silicate melts.

undersaturated conditions. Finally, the presence of Ti in K-richterite increases its stability field to lower pressures and toward higher temperature (Konzett & Ulmer, 1999).

For phlogopite, the incorporation of only 1.6 wt.% F results in an increased stability of at least 5°C at 2 GPa (Figures 2 and 4). This effect is larger than reported in most previous studies that were run at lower pressures and for simplified and/or for chemically distinct bulk compositions (Figure 6). At 5 GPa, the enhanced stability of F-rich phlogopite compared to that of F-free phlogopite cannot be quantitatively constrained. However, the minimal difference between the decomposition temperatures derived for F-free and Fbearing phlogopite is consistent with the 2 GPa trend (Figure 6). Previous studies have shown that phlogopite from peridotitic xenoliths can contain up to 8 wt.% F (Liu et al., 2011), with examples from Sicily, Italy (Gianfagna et al., 2007) and Namalulu, Tanzania (Feneyrol et al., 2012) (see also Figure S1 in Supporting Information S1). Assuming that the effects of F on thermal stability are approximately linear, consistent with in situ observations at ambient pressures reported by Sun et al. (2022), the thermal stability could be increased by as much as ~222 and ~445°C for phlogopite containing 4 and 8 wt.%, respectively. Note that an approximately linear dependency of phlogopite thermal stability with F content is also consistent with the observations for simplistic natural systems obtained at 0.7–2.8 GPa (Dooley & Patiño Douce, 1996; Foley et al., 1986a; Hensen & Osanai, 1994). The

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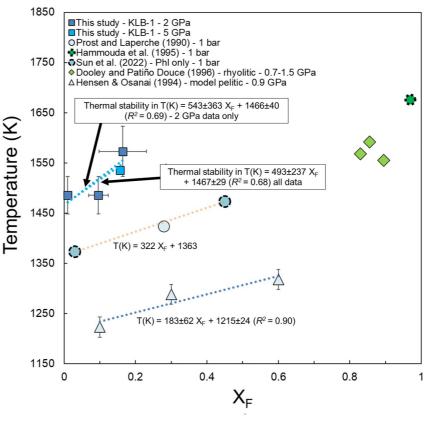


Figure 6. Thermal stabilities of phlogopite as a function of X_F , defined as F/(F/OH), at different pressures, based on data from this study and previous work. Included for comparison purposes are 1 bar data (Hammouda et al., 1995; Prost & Laperche, 1990; Sun et al., 2022) and high-pressure data (0.7–1.5 GPa, Dooley & Patiño Douce, 1996; 0.9 GPa, Hensen & Osanai, 1994). Dashed lines represent fits to thermal stabilities that were derived for a single study at a constant pressure or at 2 and 5 GPa (this study, for comparative purposes).

estimated thermal stabilities of F-bearing phlogopite thus significantly exceeds previous estimates for F-free phlogopite of <1,350°C (Trønnes, 2002). Besides F, Fe and Ti may also affect the thermal stability of F-bearing phlogopite (Condamine et al., 2016; Motoyoshi & Hensen, 2001; Tareen et al., 1995, 1998). However, for Fe this is most likely an avoidance effect as the phlogopite Fe content decreases with F concentration (Munoz, 1984). Although the Ti content of phlogopite is generally positively correlated with F, the combination of both increases its stability considerably more than that would be expected for F or Ti alone, as implied from Tifree F-KMASH experiments (Dooley & Patiño Douce, 1996). In addition, the phlogopite Ti content from natural samples and experiments varies greatly (e.g., Foley et al., 2022), which could explain some of the observed differences in thermal stabilities from previous studies. Our experimental results overall demonstrate that the important effects of F on phlogopite stability also occur in natural systems that are directly applicable to the terrestrial upper mantle and continental lithosphere.

4. Implications for F and OH Cycles of the Upper Mantle and Lithosphere

The observed stability of F-free and/or F-bearing K-richterite and phlogopite has important implications for the F and H cycles of the deeper Earth. We explore three different F contents of phlogopite, that is, 1.8, 4.5, and 8.1 wt. %. The effect of F on the thermal stability of phlogopite was assumed to be linear (Figure 6), consistent with currently derived thermal stabilities of phlogopite for different F content (see Section 3.3.4), and also to be constant with pressure. The validity of these assumptions needs to be explored in greater detail in future experimental work. Figures 7 and 8 show the modeled stabilities of K-richterite and phlogopite in a F-absent and F-rich system, with variable F contents, along different geothermal gradients (continental vs. oceanic).

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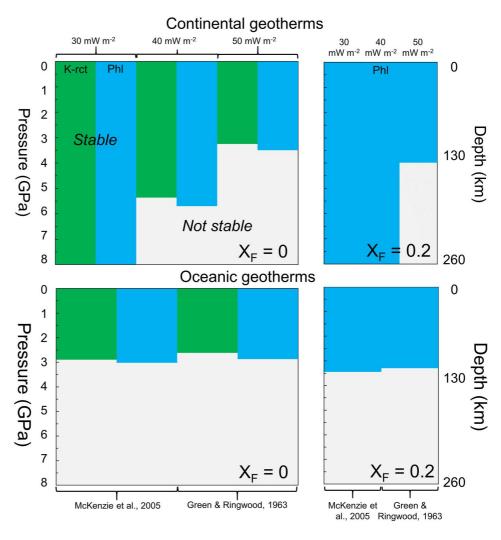


Figure 7. Modeled stabilities of K-richterite and phlogopite containing 0 or \sim 1.8 wt.% F (i.e., $X_F = 0$ or 0.20) along continental geotherms (assuming continental heat flows of 30, 40, or 50 mW m⁻²; Pollack & Chapman, 1977a, 1977b) and oceanic geotherms (Green & Ringwood, 1963; McKenzie et al., 2005) plotted as a function of pressure (GPa) and depth (km). The thermal stabilities of phlogopite were calculated using the fitted 2 GPa dependency from Figure 6. The thermal stabilities of K-richterite are plotted simply for reference purposes only in the $X_F = 0$ panel, as K-richterite is not affected by F within the resolution of our experimental work.

First, K-richterite is significantly less stable than F-bearing phlogopite at any F content and will readily decompose at relatively low P-T conditions (Figures 2–4). K-richterite is not expected to be stable at depths exceedingly approximately 110 km, corresponding to 3.25 GPa, for most considered geotherms, up to at least 240 km or ~8 GPa (Foley, 1991). At ~8 GPa, K-richterite reappears due to the destabilization of phlogopite (Frost, 2006 and references therein). As the presence of F seems to have little or no effect on K-richterite stability at 2 GPa in the KLB-1 composition, this conclusion remains likely valid for all considered scenarios. Both the F-free ($X_F = 0$) and 1.8 wt.% ($X_F = 0.2$) F-bearing phlogopite stability field generally does not extend to estimated upper mantle *P-T* conditions and those at greater depths (>200 km corresponding to 6 GPa). Only for the coldest continental geotherm, corresponding to a continental heat flow of 30 mW m⁻² (i.e., very old cratons; Pollack & Chapman, 1977a, 1977b), phlogopite is stable beyond a depth of 200 km (Figure 7).

Extrapolation of the estimated stability for phlogopite with 4.5 and 8.1 wt.% F (i.e., $X_F = 0.5$ and 0.9), the latter as approximately the upper limit given the solubility of F in phlogopite (Edgar & Pizzolato, 1995; Sun et al., 2022), yields phlogopite stability that extends well beyond the continental lithosphere—asthenosphere boundary (Figure 8). For example, even within a hot oceanic regime phlogopite containing >4.5 wt.% F ($X_F = 0.5$) would be stable to depths of up to 130 km. In continental lithosphere, phlogopite with 4.5 wt.% F would be stable at depths

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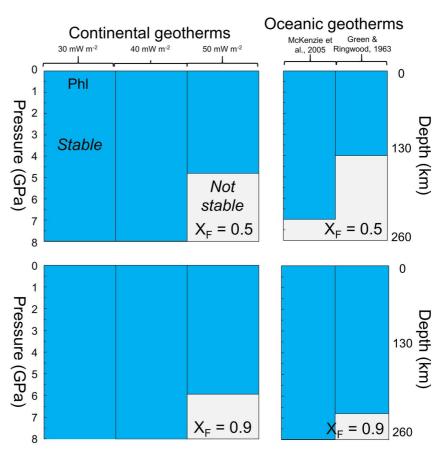


Figure 8. Modeled stabilities of K-richterite and phlogopite containing \sim 4.5 or 8.1 wt.% F (i.e., $X_F = 0.5$ or $X_F = 0.9$) along continental geotherms (assuming continental heat flows of 30, 40, or 50 mW m⁻²; Pollack & Chapman, 1977a, 1977b) and oceanic geotherms (Green & Ringwood, 1963; McKenzie et al., 2005) plotted as a function of pressure (GPa) and depth (km). See Figure 7 caption for additional details.

of >155 km, a trend which greatly increases with age of the continental crust (i.e., cooler geotherms) and increasing $X_{\rm F}$ of phlogopite (Figure 7). These calculations show that F-bearing phlogopite is an extremely efficient fluorine and hydrogen reservoir in the continental lithosphere. The longevity of F and H storage through phlogopite is likely profound, as only significant regional heating, for example, through continental rifting and/or break-up, would be sufficient to decompose phlogopite stable within these domains. Continuing metasomatism of the continental lithosphere through time will increase the F content of phlogopite present within the lithosphere, thereby increasing its stability. The degree of H storage would obviously depend on the F content of the phlogopite, as they both occupy the hydroxyl site.

The preferential incorporation of F over OH due to the more compatible behavior of F in phlogopite will yield a continuous increase of the F/OH ratio of the phlogopite during partial melting. In turn, this will further increase the stability of phlogopite, thereby acting as an efficient F sink within the upper mantle. This is expected to continue until most OH is replaced by F in the phlogopite (i.e., ~8 wt.% F), maximizing its thermal stability. Finally, due to the F-Fe avoidance observed in phlogopite (Figure S6 in Supporting Information S1), a higher initial FeO content of phlogopite will lower F solubility. Higher initial FeO will therefore reduce the maximum effects of F on phlogopite thermal stability.

5. Conclusions

New high P-T experiments were used to constrain the effects of F on K-richterite and phlogopite stability in natural systems. K-richterite was found to be stable only at the lowest P-T conditions considered ($<1,175^{\circ}$ C at 2 GPa), independent of the amount of F. The thermal stability of phlogopite in natural systems significantly increases by the addition of F, with an estimated increase of $\sim55^{\circ}$ C/wt.% F. These large effects of F on the thermal

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stability of phlogopite indicates that phlogopite can be stabilized at depths much greater than 250 km in very old, thick continental crust. Fluorine-rich phlogopite stability also extends to at least 130 km depth in oceanic lithosphere, depending on the geotherm and F content considered. This shows that F-rich phlogopite is a major carrier of F, H, and other volatiles which can be only decomposed in major regional volcanic events, such as rifting or continental break-up.

Data Availability Statement

Raw experimental data are publicly available in Steenstra (2024).

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