

AX Mineral end-member activity models

Activities of mineral endmembers for thermobarometry may be calculated with the help of the program AX which accepts raw microprobe data in the form of oxide weight percents and performs standard mineral recalculations, with attempts at ferric iron estimation. The program calculates activities for end-members which can then be used for rock calculations in THERMOCALC. The assumptions used in deriving the activities and in estimation of ferric iron are listed briefly below. (R_{\max} is the maximum allowed ratio of ferric to ferrous iron; ox is the number of oxygens, and cats is the number of cations in the formula unit; HP90 is Holland & Powell 1990, *J. Met. Geol.* **8**, 89–124. HP98 is Holland & Powell 1998, *J. Met. Geol.* **16**, 309–343.)

See 1) HP90 p 100 & especially HP98 p 315–318
2) www pages at www.esc.cam.ac.uk/astaff/holland/

Mineral	Ferric scheme	Notes on activity
<i>garnet</i>	12 ox, 8 cats.	Regular soln. W's: py.alm=2.5, gr.py=41.4-0.0188T, py.andr=73, alm.andr=60, spss.andr=60kJ.
<i>cpx, opx</i>	6 ox, 4 cats.	2-sitemixing (Wood-Banno) with regular soln (opx: en-fs-mgts-di). cpx(di-hed-en-cats-jd-acm).
<i>olivine</i>	4 ox, 3 cats	2-site mixing W(MgFe)=4kJ
<i>omphacite</i>	6 ox, 4 cats.	Omph: ideal mixing 1-site model
<i>ilmenite-hematite</i>	3 ox, 2 cats.	2-site ideal mixing
<i>talc</i>	11 ox, 7 cats. $R_{\max}=0.10$	Ideal site mixing - (HP90, p100)
<i>cordierite</i>	18 ox, 11 cats	2 site mixing+ nonideal (WFeMg=1.5 kJ, WMnMg=1.5 kJ)
<i>chloritoid</i>	6 ox, 4 cats. $R_{\max}=0.20$	2 site mixing+ nonideal (WFeMg=1.5 kJ, WMnMg=1.5 kJ)
<i>staurolite</i>	All ferrous	4-site Fe-Mg ideal mixing
<i>chlorite</i>	14 ox, 10 cats. $R_{\max}=0.30$	Holland, Baker & Powell (E.J.Min. 10 , 395–406)
<i>biotite</i>	11 ox, M1+M2+M3+T=6.9 $R_{\max}=0.15$	see www page + non-ideal A-site mixing from (Eugster et al 1972, <i>J. Pet.</i> 13 , 147-179)
<i>phengite, paragonite, margarite</i>	11 ox, M1+M2+M3+T=6.05 $R_{\max}=0.50$	Non-ideal mixing - see www pages

<i>spinel</i> s	4 ox, 3 cats	Normal spinels: 2-site mixing, $W_{hs}=1.5$, $W_{hm}=39$, $W_{ms}=41$ (kJ) [h=herc, m=mt, s=sp]. Inverse spinels - ideal mixing
<i>sapphirine</i>	20 ox, 14 cats	ideal mixing-on-sites: $2(\text{Mg,Al})_{\text{oct}} + 2(\text{Al,Si})_{\text{tet}}$
<i>osumilite</i>	30 ox, 18 cats	ideal mixing-on-sites: [K,Na] $(\text{Mg,Fe})_2 [\text{Al,Mg,Fe}]_3 \text{Si}_{10} [\text{Al,Si}]_2 \text{O}_{30}$
<i>scapolite</i>	16 cations	ideal-Al/Si ordered model
<i>epidote</i>	12.5 ox, $\text{Si}+\text{Al}+\text{Fe}^{3+}=6.0$	2-site ordering model (HP98, see www pages)
<i>carbonates</i>	All ferrous	calcite, siderite: 1-site mixing; dolomite, ankerite: 2-site mixing (HP98)
<i>alkali feldspar</i>	All ferric	Waldbaum & Thompson 1969, subregular model
<i>plagioclase</i>	All ferric	Holland & Powell (1992) <i>Am Min</i> , 77 , 53-61. (model 1)
<i>amphibole</i>	Holland & Blundy (1993) <i>Cont. Min. Pet.</i> 116 , 433-447	Mixing model: Dale, Holland & Powell (CMP in review)