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Comprehensive chemical analyses of natural cordierites: implications for exchange mechanisms

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Abstract

Cordierite samples from pegmatites and metamorphic rocks have been analysed for major [electron microprobe analysis (EMPA)] and trace elements [inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS), secondary ion mass spectrometry analyses (SIMS)] as well as for H₂O and CO₂ (coulometric titration), and the results evaluated in conjunction with published data in order to determine which exchange mechanisms are significant. Apart from the homovalent substitutions FeMg₋₁ and MnMg₋₁ on the octahedral site, some minor KNa₋₁ on the Ch0 channel site, and Fe³⁺Al₋₁ on the T₁1 tetrahedral site, the three most important substitution mechanisms are those for the incorporation of Li on the octahedral sites (NaLi□₋₁Mg₋₁), and of Be and other divalent cations on the tetrahedral T₁1 site (NaBe□₋₁Al₋₁ and Na(Mg,Fe²⁺)□₋₁Al₋₁). The dominant role of the last vector is clearly demonstrated. We propose a new generalized formula for cordierite: ^{Ch}(Na,K)₀₋₁ ^{VI}(Mg,Fe²⁺,Mn,Li)₂ ^{IV}Si₅ ^{IV}Al₃ ^{IV}(Al, Be, Mg, Fe²⁺, Fe³⁺)O₁₈ **x*^{Ch}(H₂O, CO₂...). Our results show that the population of (Mg, Fe²⁺) on the T₁1-site is limited to about 0.08 a.p.f.u. Other exchange mechanisms that were encountered in experiments operate only under *P*-*T* conditions or in bulk compositions that are rarely realized in nature. Routine analyses by electron microprobe in which Li and Be are not determined can be plotted as (Mg+Fe+Mn) versus (Si+Al) to assess whether significant amounts of Li and Be could be present. These amounts can be calculated as Li (a.p.f.u.)=Al+Na–4 and Be (a.p.f.u.)=10–2Al–M²⁺–Na.

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1. Introduction

* Corresponding author. Tel.: +43 662 8044 5407. *E-mail address:* christian.bertoldi@sbg.ac.at (C. Bertoldi). The mineral cordierite is an important and common rock forming mineral in medium and high-grade aluminous rocks of the amphibolite and granulite

facies. The two main reasons that cordierite has attracted a lot of attention during the last 50 years are (1) its usefulness as a thermobarometer based on Fe-Mg exchange with garnet and (2) order-disorder and cell size. There has been considerable interest in the distortion index Δ , which is a measure of deviation from the geometrically hexagonal unit cell, and in the ability of cordierite to incorporate variable amounts of uncharged molecules, such as H₂O and CO_2 , in its channels and to serve as a potential recorder of paleofluid composition. It has, however, been known for some time that the light elements Li and Be can be highly enriched in cordierite (up to 4139 ppm Li₂O and up to 6378 ppm BeO), which affects formula recalculation and contributes to the fact that electron microprobe totals are often less than 100%. Most of the published cordierite analyses do not report Li or Be contents (see Appendix A for a summary of those that do). In addition, the analytical accuracy and precision available to these authors for major and trace elements has often remained insufficient to isolate beyond doubt all exchange vectors contributing to measured cordierite compositions.

We therefore decided to perform chemical analyses by electron microprobe analysis (EMPA), by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) and by coulorimetric titration for H_2O and CO_2 with as much care as possible in order to obtain complete, highly accurate and precise analyses of cordierites, and to constrain the most relevant substitution vectors controlling the composition of cordierites from a wide range of parageneses.

1.1. Crystal chemistry and trace element fractionation

Cordierites with the idealized composition $(Mg,Fe)_2[Al_4Si_5O_{18}] * (H_2O,CO_2)$ are silicates with a tetrahedral framework structure and occur in nature mostly in the (Si,Al)-ordered orthorhombic low-temperature modification. Indialite or high-cordierite, the (Si,Al)-disordered hexagonal high temperature modification, is very rare in nature. In low-cordierite different types of tetrahedral and channel sites are distinguished: $(M)_2(T_11)_2(T_26)_2(T_23)_2(T_21)_2(T_16)O_{18},$ (Ch0, Ch1/4). Six-membered rings of T₂ tetrahedra are cross-linked into a framework by T₁ tetrahedra (Fig. 1). The octahedral M-sites typically contain Mg^{2+} , Fe^{2+} , Mn^{2+} as well as Li⁺. Al is ordered on T₁1



Fig. 1. Polyhedral structural model of low cordierite. Si occupies the tetrahedra in red (T_16 , T_21 and T_23) and Al those in grey (T_11 and T_26). The large brown sphere represents sodium in the Ch0-site. The small yellow spheres connected to a green sphere represent a water molecule in the Ch1/4-site with its H–H vector parallel (Type I) or perpendicular (Type II) to [001] (Goldman et al., 1977). (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

and T_26 , whereas Si occupies T_16 , T_21 and T_23 . Be and small amounts of Mg^{2+} , Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} can enter the distorted T_11 -site. Open channels parallel to [001] range in diameter from ~2.6 Å (Ch0-site) to 5.4 Å along b and to 6.0 Å along a (Ch1/4-site). Na⁺ or K⁺ (and rarely Cs⁺ and Ca²⁺) ions can occupy Ch0, whereas molecules such as H₂O and CO₂ can be incorporated on Ch1/4 (Gibbs, 1966; Meagher, 1967; Cohen et al., 1977; Meagher and Gibbs, 1977; Hochella et al., 1979; Wallace and Wenk, 1980; Vance and Price, 1984; Armbruster, 1985b; Armbruster, 1986; Geiger et al., 2000a,b; Malcherek et al., 2001). Mass spectrometer investigations disclosed minor amounts of other gases, which are released from cordierite during heating: CO, N₂, H₂, O₂, He, Ne, Ar, CH₄, H₂S (Damon and Kulp, 1958; Beltrame et al., 1976; Heide, pers. comm.).

Intervalence charge transfer between the Fe^{2+} in the octahedron and Fe^{3+} in the edge shared T_11 tetrahedron causes colour and pleochroism in cordierite (Faye et al., 1968; Robbins and Sterns, 1968; Pollack, 1976; Smith and Strens, 1976; Parkin et al., 1977; Vance and Price, 1984). Recent Mössbauer investigations on cordierites showed that the amount of Fe^{3+} on the T_11 -site in natural cordierites, no matter whether Mg-rich or Fe-rich, is generally low, i.e., below 0.004 a.p.f.u. Fe^{3+} (Černý et al., 1997; Geiger et al., 2000b).

Cordierite was investigated for trace elements by Beeson (1978), Giraud et al. (1986), Harris et al. (1992), Bea et al. (1994, 1996), Bea (1996) and Bea and Montero (1999), who showed that cordierite strongly fractionates Li and Be, whilst the concentrations of the REEs Y, Th and U are very low. The most important elements proved to be Li, Be, Cs and Mn.

Most of the Na–Be-cordierites with more than 0.1 wt.% BeO have been found in pegmatites (unmetamorphosed and metamorphosed) and in related vein deposits (Grew, 2002; Černý, 2002), whereas the Becordierite of Alpe Sponda occurs in a kyanite– paragonite–staurolite schist and is strictly metamorphic with no evidence for the introduction of Be from an external source (Armbruster and Irouschek, 1983). Grew (2002) stated that cordierite, like sapphirine and kornerupine–prismatine, is a sink for Be, and proposed that the sequence of fractionation between the sinks is most likely sapphirine–kornerupine–prismatine>cordierite. Based on LA-ICP-MS analyses of minerals from the upper-amphibolite and granulite facies of Peña Negra, Spain (Bea et al., 1994), and Ivrea-Verbano, Italy (Bea and Montero, 1999), Grew (2002) derived the following sequence for the incorporation of Be: cordierite \gg whole-rock-silli-manite-biotite-garnet>plagioclase>K-feldspar.

Cordierites in which Li dominates over Be are reported from pegmatites in Dolní Bory, Czech Republic (Černý et al., 1997; Armbruster and Irouschek, 1983; Malcherek et al., 2001), from contact metamorphic schists in Kos, Greece (Kalt et al., 1998), from migmatites of the Peña Negra Complex, Spain (Bea et al., 1994; Malcherek et al., 2001), from biotite schists and leucocratic kyanite bearing gneisses in Miregn, Switzerland (Armbruster and Irouschek, 1983), and from a pelitic schist with a garnet-cordierite-sillimanite-quartz assemblage in south-central Maine, USA (Ferry, 1980; Armbruster, 1986). Cordierites can be a sink for Li if the Na activity is high, even if Li concentration is very low in the parent medium (Černý et al., 1997). The sequence of Li fractionation into common metapelitic minerals is in the order: staurolite>cordierite> biotite>muscovite>garnet, tourmaline, and chloritoid (Dutrow et al., 1986). For comparison, Steppan (2003) found the following sequence of Li and Be fractionation in cordierite-free metapelites: staurolite>biotite>chlorite>muscovite>garnet>tourmaline>andalusite>plagioklase>kyanite for Li, and staurolite>plagioclase>muscovite>biotite>tourmaline>chlorite>kyanite>garnet>andalusite for Be.

Boron, another light element that is not detected in routine electron microprobe analyses, does not enter cordierite in significant amounts, most likely because of "B–Al" avoidance (Klaska and Grew, 1991).

Cordierite is the only magmatic mineral in granitic rocks in which Cs behaves compatibly and is expected to enter the channels (Evans et al., 1980, Schreyer et al., 1990; London, 1995; Thompson et al., 2002; Evensen and London, 2003). The presence or absence of cordierite may largely determine the budget of Be in granitic rocks (London and Evensen, 2002). According to Evensen and London (2002), the distribution of Be and Cs in granitic magmas is controlled by cordierite, that of Li by micas, and that of Mn by biotite and cordierite.

Indialite or high cordierite (P6/mcc) is found in pyrometamorphic meltrocks or paralavas (which are rocks melted by proximity to burning coal seams), in buchites (Fermor, 1924; Venkatesh, 1952; Miyashiro and Iiyama, 1954; Schreyer et al., 1990; Sokol et al., 1998) and in volcanic xenoliths (Hentschel, 1977; Schreyer et al., 1990). Potassic cordierites with up to 1.71 wt.% K_2O are either hexagonal high-cordierites or preserve intermediate structural states. They occur in typical high-temperature/very low pressure sanidine facies environments showing evidence of rapid growth as well as rapid cooling (Schreyer et al., 1990). In general, however, Na strongly predominates over K, Cs and Ca in low cordierites.

In summary, almost all natural cordierites deviate from the ideal composition. A more complete crystal chemical formula has been recently given by Geiger et al. (2000a), modified from Schreyer (1985), as

^{Ch}(Na, K)₀₋₁ ^{VI}(Mg, Fe²⁺, Mn, Li)₂
^{IV}(Si, Al, Be, Fe²⁺, Fe³⁺)₉O_{18*}
$$x$$
^{Ch}(H₂O, CO₂..).

1.2. Exchange mechanisms in cordierite

Charge deficiency in the framework structure is balanced by the incorporation of ions on the Ch0 channel site. Several substitution schemes have been proposed to explain deviation from the ideal composition, some of which are well confirmed whilst others are still under debate, particularly with regard to their relevance for natural cordierites. The following mechanisms of coupled substitution are considered to be the most important ones in published literature:

(1) $^{\rm Ch}{\rm Na}^++^{\rm IV}({\rm Mg}^{2+},{\rm Fe}^{2+})=^{\rm Ch}\Box+^{\rm IV}{\rm Al}^{3+},$	Schreyer (1965)
(2) $^{Ch}Na^{+}+^{IV}Be^{2^{+}}=^{Ch}\Box+^{IV}Al^{3^{+}}$	Černý and Povondra,
	1966
(3) $^{Ch}Na^{+}+^{VI}Li^{+}=^{Ch}\Box+^{VI}Mg^{2+}$	Schreyer (1985)
(4) $^{Ch}Na^{+}+^{IV}Al^{3+}=^{Ch}\Box+^{IV}Si^{4+}$	Schreyer (1965)
$(5)=[(1)-(4)]: {}^{\text{IV}}(\text{Mg}^{2+},\text{Fe}^{2+})+{}^{\text{IV}}\text{Si}^{4+}=2{}^{\text{IV}}\text{Al}^3,$	Schreyer (1985)
(6)=[(2)-(4)]: $^{IV}Be^{2+}+^{IV}Si^{4+}=2^{IV}Al^{3+}$	Schreyer (1965)
(7)=[(3)-(4)]: $^{VI}Li^{+}+^{IV}Si^{4+}=^{VI}Mg^{2+}+^{IV}Al^{3+}$	Schreyer and Yoder
	(1964)

In terms of exchange vectors, (5)–(7) are linear combinations of (1)–(4).

1.3. Exchange vectors introducing Li and Be

A strong correlation of both Li and Be with Na [vectors (2) and (3)] has been well established by

various authors (e.g., Gordillo et al., 1985; Černý et al., 1997) and explained by the presence of abundant Na in pegmatites and metapelites. Na can easily enter the channel and charge balance Be and Li, which have a relatively high crystal chemical affinity for the T₁1 and M sites in cordierite respectively. Field evidence for mechanism (7) appears contradictory: Kalt et al. (1998) found a correlation, whilst Černý et al. (1997) clearly state that this mechanism is not relevant for their cordierites. ^{Ch}Ca²⁺+2^{IV}Be²⁺=^{Ch}□+2^{IV}Al³⁺is a rare coupled substitution mechanism in nature, reported by Grew et al. (2000). Other Li and Be substitution vectors not involving Na or K have been investigated experimentally: according to Kirchner et al. (1984) and Schreyer (1985), V^ILi^{IV}Si^{VI}Mg $_{1}$ ^{IV}Al $_{1}$ (7) and ^{Ch}Li^{VI}Li^{Ch} \square_{1} ^{VI}Mg $_{1}$ are possible, but ^{Ch}Li^{IV}Al ^{Ch} \square_{1} ^{IV}Si $_{1}$ does not seem to be operative. ${}^{IV}Be{}^{IV}Si{}^{IV}Al_{-2}$ (6) was found to operate in experimental systems, not only in Nafree environments (Hölscher et al., 1986), but also in metapelitic compositions at high temperatures, i.e., above the solidus (Evensen and London, 2003).

1.4. Other exchange vectors

Since natural cordierites usually have (Na+K)> (Li+Be), another mechanism must cause additional Na or K to enter the structure. Schreyer (1985) lists three potential candidates: $^{Ch}Na^{IV}Al^{Ch}\Box_{-1}^{IV}Si_{-1}$ (4), ^{Ch}Na^{IV} Mg^{Ch} \Box_{-1}^{IV} Al₋₁ (1) and ^{Ch}Na^{IV}₂Mg₋₁ and then points out that experiments have confirmed a limited extent of solid solution via mechanism (4). Wolfsdorff and Schreyer (1992) experimentally investigated four substitution schemes for cordierite in the system NMAS: ^{Ch}Na+^{IV}Al=^{Ch} \Box +^{IV}Si (4), ^{Ch}Na+^{IV}Si = ^{VI}Mg+^{IV}Al, ^{Ch}Na+^{IV}Mg=^{Ch} \Box +^{IV}Al (1) and ^{Ch}Na+^{VI-} Na=^{Ch}□+^{VI}Mg. They found a considerable range of miscibility on all for pseudobinary joins (50%, 20%, 25% and 10%, respectively). Mottana et al. (1983) invoked Na₂Mg₋₁ as mechanism $^{Ch}Na_2^{VI}\square^{Ch}\square_{-2}Mg_{-1}$ for a natural cordierite. The presence of Mg or Fe²⁺in tetrahedral coordination on the T₁1-site was confirmed by structural and spectroscopic investigations of natural cordierites (Vance and Price, 1984; Geiger et al., 2000a; Malcherek et al., 2001). According to Geiger et al. (2000a), Fe²⁺enters the T₁1-site by exchange mechanism (1), i.e., $^{Ch}Na+^{IV}Fe=^{Ch}\Box+^{IV}Al$. Kalt et al. (1998) and Malcherek et al. (2001) mention mechanism (1) as possibly relevant for their cordierites.

Solid solutions along the ^{IV}(Mg²⁺,Fe²⁺)+^{IV}Si⁴⁺= ^{IV}2Al³⁺exchange (5) have been synthesized experimentally by several workers (Iiyima, 1955; Schreyer and Schairer, 1961; Smart and Glasser, 1977), but their significance for natural cordierites has yet to be confirmed. It should be noted that the reverse vector $2AIMg_{-1}Si_{-1}$, starting from the ideal cordierite composition, is not equivalent structurally, because 1 Al would be incorporated on an octahedral site: ^{VI}Al+^{IV}Al=^{VI}Mg+^{IV}Si. To our knowledge, Al enrichment by this reverse vector (5) has not yet been observed (however, see discussion of our sample TUB-1 below).

Whilst substitution mechanisms (2) and (3) clearly operate in natural cordierites, the role of the other coupled substitution mechanisms remains unclear, mostly due to Li and Be not being analysed and/or a lack of sufficient analytical accuracy.

1.5. Material

Available information about the locality, rock type, metamorphic facies, mineral assemblage and P-T conditions of the investigated cordierites are summarized in Appendix B. Contamination due to traces of mineral intergrowth or fluid inclusions was avoided by careful mineral separation under the microscope. Between 20 and 120 mg of pure, gem-quality cordierite were hand-picked for H₂O and CO₂ determination, and about 40–60 mg for investigation by ICP-MS. Samples for coulrimetric titration and ICP-MS were ground in an agate mortar under isopropanol to avoid oxidation of ferrous to ferric iron, and dried at 110 °C for 8 h.

Several grains from each sample were embedded in epoxy holders and checked by BSE imaging for chemical homogeneity. In most cases, two or more grains from each sample were analysed by electron microprobe; chemical homogeneity was confirmed in each case (see values for standard deviation in Table 1). Most of the investigated samples have also been used previously and various properties characterized by other workers (see Appendix B).

2. Methods

2.1. Coulometric titration for H_2O and CO_2

Karl-Fischer titration: the water content of the cordierites was determined after thermal dehydration (1300 °C) using Karl-Fischer titration (KFT). A description of the apparatus used in this study and of the analytical procedures is given by Behrens and Stuke (submitted for publication). In crushed crystalline, material transport distances are short and H₂O can migrate rapidly out of the sample via fractures and open pores. Hence, water can be extracted completely down to several hundreds of ppm H₂O. The reliability of the method was checked by analysing materials with a known water content (rock standards; hydrous minerals such as muscovite, biotite, phlogopite or chlorite; staurolite; glasses synthesized with a welldefined amount of H₂O (see Behrens et al., 1996; Koch-Müller et al., 1997). Based on these analyses the maximum uncertainty in the titration rate is estimated to be ± 0.02 µg/s. However, duplicate analyses of cordierites show that the reproducibility of the measurements can be better than the above estimate.

 CO_2 determination: The carbon content of the crystals was measured after thermal extraction (1200 °C) using CO₂ coulometric titration (Deltromat 500, Deltronik). A detailed description of the analytical technique is given in Behrens et al. (submitted for publication). Since CO₂ coulorimetric titration is an absolute method, no standards are required for calibration. The reliability of the method was tested using carbon-bearing rock powders that had been analysed in two other laboratories. The agreement between the measurements was better than 5% relative for materials containing 0.5 and 1.6 wt.% carbon (Behrens et al., submitted for publication).

2.2. Electron microprobe analysis (EMPA)

Chemical analyses were obtained with a Jeol electron microprobe (JXA-8900R) at operating conditions of 15 keV and 20 nA. The standards were either from the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History (Jarosewich et al., 1980) or commercial MAC standards (Micro-Analysis Consultants, UK)—SiK_{α}: wollastonite (MAC), AlK_{α}: syn corundum (USNM657S), FeK_{α}: fayalite (USNM

Table 1	
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Sample	TA-2	88593	2630	84-265-1	C004	G155a	TUB-1	106886	TA-4	CL-97-2	VS-1	VS-2	VS-3	42/IA	T393	40-6	25GecoMine	TA5
n ^a	127/5	130/7	63/2	26/1	32/2	30/2	95/5	26/2	52/2	50/2	70/2	23/1	200/2	30/2	22/1	199/8	86/6	49/2
SiO_2	48.49 (15) ^b	48.49 (13)	48.36 (15)	49.04 (10)	49.68 (16)	49.62 (17)	45.79 (15)	49.47 (13)	49.33 (14)	49.53 (15)	48.75 (12)	48.94 (15)	48.63 (15)	49.65 (12)	48.68 (13)	49.34 (13)	49.02 (15)	49.28 (22)
Al_2O_3	31.21 (12)	31.20 (13)	30.94 (15)	32.89 (13)	33.13 (15)	33.30 (13)	31.93 (13)	33.01 (12)	33.19 (13)	33.33 (13)	32.93 (11)	33.13 (13)	32.80 (11)	33.17 (16)	32.88 (19)	33.10 (12)	33.10 (13)	33.13 (14)
FeO ^c	6.21 (15)	6.79 (12)	6.24 (12)	5.28 (08)	2.29 (08)	2.62 (07)	16.22 (20)	1.27 (05)	3.05 (09)	4.38 (10)	6.41 (11)	6.21 (10)	5.60 (11)	2.34 (08)	7.04 (14)	3.68 (09)	4.60 (11)	4.26 (11)
MgO	8.74 (12)	8.59 (07)	8.72 (08)	10.12 (06)	12.09 (13)	12.40 (09)	2.18 (03)	12.86 (08)	11.77 (08)	10.83 (08)	9.44 (09)	9.60 (09)	10.04 (07)	12.54 (09)	9.03 (09)	11.51 (09)	10.53 (09)	10.97 (12)
MnO	0.36 (04)	0.38 (04)	0.43 (03)	0.23 (02)	0.05 (02)	0.04 (01)	0.70 (04)	tr.	0.07 (01)	0.05 (01)	0.07 (02)	0.12 (02)	0.05 (02)	0.03 (01)	0.12 (02)	0.05 (02)	0.22 (02)	0.09 (03)
ZnO ^d	tr: °	0.02	n.a.	0.01	tr:	tr:	tr:	tr:	tr:	n.a.	0.02	0.02	0.02	tr:	tr:	tr:	0.07	0.10
CaO	b.d.l. ^f	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.03 (01)	b.d.l.	0.04 (01)	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
BeOd	0.893	0.832	n.a	0.006	0.061	0.007	0.005	0.008	0.002	n.a.	0.005	0.008	0.004	0.008	0.038	0.020	0.002	0.039
Li ₂ O ^d	0.188	0.155	n.a	0.072	0.060	0.014	0.110	0.001	0.006	n.a	0.013	0.004	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.005	0.040	0.008
K_2O	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.02(01)	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Na ₂ O	1.40 (09)	1.36 (03)	1.40 (06)	0.41 (02)	0.51 (04)	0.43 (01)	0.55 (03)	0.32 (03)	0.21 (02)	0.08 (01)	0.11 (01)	0.06 (01)	0.10 (01)	0.33 (02)	0.07 (01)	0.28 (02)	0.28 (02)	0.25 (04)
H_2O	n.a. ^g	2.25 (02/1) ^h	2.34 (02/1)	1.28 (01/2)	1.47 (02/6)	1.46 (07/3)	1.67 (02/5)	n.a.	0.97 (05/1)	0.53 (02/1)	0.75 (02/1)	n.a.	0.36 (02/1)	1.21 (08/2)	n.a.	1.04 (01/1)	1.29 (02/1)	2.06 (08/3)
CO ₂	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.54 (02/1)	0.66 (03/2)	0.20 (02/3)	0.14 (02/2)	n.a.	1.47 (03/1)	1.36 (02/2)	1.32 (02/3)	n.a.	1.97 (02/4)	0.59 (02/2)	n.a.	0.77 (01/1)	1.25 (02/1)	0.20 (01/2)
Total	97.48 (35)	100.06 (29)	98.44 (30)	99.87 (26)	100.03 (37)	100.08 (33)	99.32 (36)	96.94 (23)	100.06 (24)	100.06 (28)	99.82 (25)	98.09 (29)	99.59 (27)	99.85 (26)	97.82 (37)	99.87 (26)	100.40	100.30
Li (ppm)	873 ⁱ	720 ^j	n.a.	247 /332	279	62 /63.0	509	6.2	27.6	n.a	60.7	10.0 /20.8	0	5.57	5.83	21.3	186	11/36.9
Be (ppm)	3217	2996	n.a.	21 /21.2	218	40 /24.0	17.1	30	8.87	n.a.	19.5	39 /29.5	15.6	27.5	136	71.2	6.68	140 /140
B (ppm)	1.12	n.a	n.a.	3.9	n.a	1.3	n.a	3.3	n.a	n.a	n.a	0.56	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.80
F (ppm)	14	n.a	n.a.	11	n.a.	12	n.a.	12	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	16
Si	5.000 (11)	5.000 (10)	5.080 (11)	5.002 (08)	5.004 (10)	4.991 (11)	4.958 (07)	5.007 (11)	4.996 (11)	5.013 (11)	5.003 (07)	5.001 (07)	5.000 (10)	4.999 (11)	5.004 (10)	4.995 (10)	4.994 (10)	4.997 (10)
Al	3.793 (13)	3.791 (10)	3.831 (15)	3.953 (10)	3.933 (13)	3.932 (11)	4.075 (11)	3.937 (11)	3.962 (13)	3.972 (11)	3.984 (10)	3.990 (10)	3.974 (11)	3.935 (14)	3.984 (11)	3.949 (11)	3.974 (11)	3.958 (12)
Be	0.221	0.206	n.a.	0.001	0.015	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.001	n.a.	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.009	0.005	0.000	0.009
[IV]	9.014 (11)	8.997 (08)	8.911 (11)	8.956 (07)	8.952 (11)	8.925 (08)	9.034 (11)	8.946 (07)	8.959 (08)	8.984 (05)	8.989 (12)	8.993 (12)	8.975 (08)	8.936 (09)	8.997 (08)	8.949 (08)	8.968 (09)	8.964 (13)
Fe	0.536 (13)	0.585 (10)	0.548 (11)	0.451 (07)	0.193 (07)	0.219 (06)	1.469 (16)	0.107 (05)	0.259 (07)	0.370 (09)	0.550 (10)	0.531 (10)	0.482 (11)	0.197 (07)	0.605 (13)	0.311 (08)	0.392 (10)	0.361 (10)
Mg	1.343 (17)	1.320 (10)	1.366 (12)	1.539 (09)	1.816 (16)	1.851 (11)	0.351 (6)	1.940 (11)	1.777 (11)	1.634 (12)	1.445 (14)	1.463 (14)	1.540 (12)	1.866 (12)	1.384 (11)	1.736 (13)	1.599 (13)	1.658 (17)
Mn	0.031 (04)	0.034 (04)	0.038 (03)	0.020 (02)	0.004 (03)	0.003 (2)	0.064 (03)	tr.	0.006 (02)	0.005 (02)	0.006 (02)	0.010 (02)	0.004 (02)	0.003 (01)	0.011 (02)	0.004 (02)	0.019 (02)	0.008 (03)
Zn	tr.	0.001	n.a.	0.001	tr.	tr.	tr.	tr.	tr.	n.a.	0.001	0.001	0.002	tr.	tr.	tr.	0.005	0.008
Li	0.078	0.064	n.a.	0.029	0.024	0.005	0.048	0.001	0.002	n.a.	0.005	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.016	0.003
[VI]	1.988 (22)	2.004 (16)	1.951 (17)	2.039 (12)	2.037 (18)	2.079 (14)	1.932 (18)	2.048 (13)	2.044 (14)	2.009 (10)	2.008 (19)	2.007 (19)	2.027 (15)	2.066 (15)	2.001 (14)	2.054 (14)	2.026 (15)	2.037 (21)
Na	0.280 (19)	0.271 (08)	0.286 (13)	0.081 (04)	0.099 (09)	0.083 (04)	0.115 (04)	0.064 (06)	0.041 (04)	0.016 (03)	0.023 (03)	0.011 (03)	0.020 (02)	0.064 (05)	0.013 (02)	0.056 (04)	0.056 (04)	0.050 (09)
K	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.002 (01)	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Ca	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.003 (01)	b.d.l.	0.004 (01)	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
[ch]	0.280 (19)	0.271 (08)	0.286 (13)	0.081 (04)	0.102 (10)	0.083 (04)	0.119 (05)	0.064 (06)	0.041 (04)	0.016 (03)	0.023 (03)	0.011 (03)	0.022 (02)	0.064 (05)	0.013 (02)	0.056 (04)	0.056 (04)	0.050 (09)
X _{Fe} ^K	0.269 (19)	0.292 (08)	0.281 (13)	0.221 (03)	0.096 (03)	0.106 (02)	0.760 (03)	0.052 (02)	0.127 (03)	0.184 (04)	0.274 (04)	0.265 (04)	0.238 (05)	0.095 (03)	0.304 (5)	0.152 (04)	0.193 (04)	0.177 (04)

Sample	TA-1	126178F	C005	WYO-2	118871	HO6	CTsiM	C006	129875	7114	7107	TA-6	TA3	C2623	DA-1	CMikM
n	98/3	25/2	31/2	83/4	41/2	63/5	75/3	33/1	30/1	91/5	30/3	25/2	33/2	29/2	60/2	26/2
SiO_2	50.03 (12)	48.28 (16)	49.61 (17)	49.68 (15)	49.10 (13)	47.71 (16)	49.67 (15)	49.62 (12)	49.76 (16)	48.67 (12)	48.88 (12)	49.83 (17)	49.46 (10)	49.34 (15)	49.76 (14)	49.26 (16)
Al_2O_3	33.71 (15)	32.61 (14)	33.49 (10)	33.35 (15)	33.01 (12)	32.15 (13)	33.31 (13)	33.32 (18)	33.60 (13)	32.83 (10)	32.94 (10)	33.37 (17)	33.13 (13)	33.05 (14)	33.26 (15)	33.22 (13)
FeO	1.07 (06)	8.93 (16)	4.55 (09)	2.53 (08)	3.73 (09)	12.20 (14)	2.57 (07)	2.63 (07)	1.06 (06)	6.58 (11)	5.84 (10)	1.51 (05)	2.37 (07)	2.32 (07)	2.11 (08)	4.95 (10)
MgO	12.90 (07)	7.92 (08)	10.75 (07)	12.19 (09)	11.13 (07)	5.47 (05)	12.15 (07)	11.99 (08)	12.99 (07)	9.44 (06)	9.86 (08)	13.04 (08)	12.28 (08)	12.34 (9)	12.56 (07)	10.57 (09)
MnO	0.07 (03)	0.18 (02)	0.06 (01)	0.05 (01)	0.34 (01)	0.67 (03)	0.02 (01)	tr.	tr.	0.04 (02)	0.04 (02)	tr.	0.067	0.07 (02)	0.03 (01)	0.12 (02)
ZnO	tr:	n.a.	tr:	tr.	n.a.	0.01	tr.	tr.	tr.	n.a.	n.a.	tr.	n.a.	tr.	n.a.	n.a.
CaO	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.02 (01)	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.02 (1)
BeO	0.008	0.003	0.018	0.004	0.002	0.118	0.000	0.001	0.010	n.a.	n.a.	0.004	n.a.	0.005	n.a.	n.a.
Li ₂ O	0.029	0.006	0.017	0.012	0.036	0.023	0.006	0.007	0.005	n.a.	n.a.	0.006	n.a.	0.015	n.a.	n.a.
K_2O	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.14 (01)	0.02 (01)	b.d.l.	0.04 (01)	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Na ₂ O	0.23 (02)	0.10 (02)	0.13 (01)	0.30 (06)	0.38 (02)	0.20 (02)	0.02 (1)	0.18 (01)	0.15 (02)	0.09 (02)	0.10 (01)	0.37 (01)	0.36 (02)	0.41 (02)	0.35 (02)	0.06(01)
H_2O	1.33 (02/1)	n.a. ^f	0.89 (07/2)	1.21 (02/2)	n.a.	0.37 (01/1)	1.15 (03/5)	1.12 (01/7)	0.38 (01/6)	0.26 (01/1)	0.80 (0/12)	n.a.	1.44 (02)	1.33 (07/3)	1.19 (01)	0.33 (02/2)
CO_2	0.53 (02/2)	n.a.	0.12 (02/2)	0.51 (01/2)	n.a.	0.28 (02/2)	0.90 (02/3)	1.02 (02/2)	1.74 (03/3)	1.23 (02/1)	1.44 (01/1)	n.a.	n.a	1.20 (01/2)	0.75 (02)	0.88 (01)
Total	99.89 (26)	98.03 (40)	99.63 (21)	99.82 (30)	97.73 (23)	99.35 (33)	100.01 (27)	99.89 (27)	99.73 (32)	99.14 (18)	99.89 (27)	98.22 (34)	99.10 (28)	100.05 (28)	100.02 (28)	99.41 (26)
Li (ppm)	136	27.3	78.0	56.8	168	107	28.9	32.3	24.9	n.a.	n.a.	26.0	n.a.	69.1	n.a.	n.a.
Be (ppm)	29.7	10.1	63.9	12.6	7.8	425	1.19	4.77	34.5	n.a.	n.a.	15.1	n.a.	16.6	n.a.	n.a.
B (ppm)	n.a.	0.65	n.a.	n.a.	3.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
F (ppm)	n.a.	6	n.a.	n.a.	10	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Si	5.000 (10)	5.002 (13)	5.003 (09)	4.997 (11)	4.993 (10)	4.998 (08)	5.002 (10)	5.006 (12)	4.993 (10)	5.004 (08)	5.008 (08)	4.995 (11)	4.996 (09)	4.992 (11)	4.999 (10)	5.000 (12)
Al	3.970 (12)	3.982 (11)	3.980 (12)	3.953 (12)	3.956 (11)	3.954 (10)	3.954 (13)	3.962 (13)	3.974 (11)	3.978 (11)	3.978 (08)	3.935 (12)	3.944 (10)	3.940 (11)	3.938 (11)	3.975 (11)
Be	0.002	0.001	0.004	0.001	0.001	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.002	n.a.	n.a.	0.001	n.a.	0.000	n.a.	n.a.
[IV]	8.971 (07)	8.984 (09)	8.987 (09)	8.951 (11)	8.950 (08)	8.998 (07)	8.956 (06)	8.969 (06)	8.970 (06)	8.982 (07)	8.985 (08)	8.930 (06)	8.940 (07)	8.933 (07)	-148.937 (06)	8.975 (09)
Fe	0.089 (06)	0.773 (13)	0.384 (08)	0.213 (07)	0.317 (08)	1.069 (11)	0.216 (06)	0.222 (06)	0.089 (05)	0.565 (10)	0.500 (09)	0.126 (04)	0.200 (06)	0.196 (06)	0.177 (07)	0.420 (08)
Mg	1.921 (10)	1.223 (10)	1.616 (09)	1.827 (14)	1.688 (10)	0.854 (08)	1.825 (10)	1.803 (10)	1.943 (08)	1.447 (10)	1.505 (11)	1.944 (09)	1.848 (10)	1.861 (11)	1.881 (10)	1.599 (13)
Mn	0.006 (03)	0.016 (02)	0.005 (02)	0.004 (02)	0.029 (02)	0.059 (03)	0.001 (01)	tr.	tr.	0.003 (02)	0.003 (02)	tr.	0.006 (02)	0.006 (02)	0.003 (01)	0.011 (01)
Zn	tr.	n.a.	tr.	tr.	n.a.	0.001.	tr.	tr.	tr.	n.a.	n.a.	tr.	n.a.	tr.	n.a.	n.a.
Li	0.012	0.002	0.007	0.005	0.015	0.010	0.003	0.003	0.002	n.a.	n.a.	0.002	n.a.	0.006	n.a.	n.a.
[VI]	2.028 (12)	2.014 (17)	2.011 (14)	2.049 (17)	2.049 (14)	1.993 (13)	2.045 (10)	2.028 (11)	2.034 (10)	2.016 (11)	2.008 (14)	2.073 (11)	2.055 (11)	2.069 (14)	2.061 (11)	2.030 (16)
Na	0.044 (04)	0.019 (04)	0.025 (04)	0.058 (12)	0.076 (04)	0.041 (04)	0.040 (03)	0.034 (03)	0.029 (03)	0.019 (04)	0.020 (02)	0.072 (03)	0.070 (04)	0.080 (04)	0.068 (04)	0.011 (03)
K	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.019 (02)	0.003 (01)	b.d.l.	0.05(1)	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Ca	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.002 (01)	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.002 (01)
[ch]	0.044	0.019 (04)	0.025 (04)	0.058 (04)	0.076 (04)	0.060 (05)	0.042 (03)	0.034 (03)	0.034 (03)	0.019	0.020	0.072	0.072(04)	0.080 (04)	-140.068	0.013 (04)
$X_{\rm Fe}$	0.044 (03)	0.384 (04)	0.191 (03)	0.104 (03)	0.155 (03)	0.536 (04)	0.106 (03)	0.109 (03)	0.044 (03)	0.280 (04)	0.249 (04)	0.061 (02)	0.098 (03)	0.095 (02)	0.086 (03)	0.207 (03)

If both SIMS and ICP-MS data are available, the latter had been used for the calculation of the chemical formula. The chemical formulae of cordierites were calculated on the basis of 36 positive charges.

^a Number of analyses/grains.

^b Numbers in brackets are 1σ standard deviations in terms of the last two digits.

- ^c All Fe as FeO.
- d ppm converted into wt.%.
- e tr.=trace amounts.
- ^f b.d.l=below detection limit.
- g n.a.=not analysed.
- ^h (02/1)=error propagation/number of titrations.
- ⁱ Bold numbers=values obtained by SIMS.
- ^j Italic numbers=values obtained by ICP-MS.
- ^k X_{Fe}=Fe/(Fe+Mg+Mn+Zn).

85276), MgK_{α}: forsterite (MAC), MnK_{α}: spessartine (MAC), NaK_{α}: anorthoclase (USNM 133868), KK_{α}: microcline (USNM 143966), CaK_{α}: wollastonite (MAC), TiK_{α}: benitoite (USNM 86539). Raw counts were corrected with a CITZAF- procedure. The chemical formula of cordierites were calculated on the basis of 36 positive charges.

2.3. Secondary ion mass spectrometry analyses (SIMS)

A Cameca IMS-4f ion microprobe was used for the analyses of Li, Be, B and F at the CNR Centro di Studio per la Cristallochimica e Cristallographia in Pavia, under analytical conditions described in full by Ottolini et al. (1993). The accuracy for Li, Be, B and F was typically better than 10% relative.

2.4. Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS)

Trace element concentrations were determined from pressurised mixed acid HF-HNO₃-HCl-HClO₄ digests dissolved in 2% (v/v) HNO₃ (Garbe-Schönberg, 1993). Sample weights were 40–60 mg. The following 43 elements were measured with an Agilent 7500c quadrupole-based ICP-MS under standard operating conditions using the isotopes: Li-7, Be-9, V-51, Cr-52, Mn-55, Co-59, Ni-60, Cu-63, Zn-66, Ga-71, Rb-85, Sr-88, Y-89, Zr-90, Nb-93, Mo-98, Ag-109, Cd-114, Sn-120, Sb-121, Cs-133, Ba-138, La-139, Ce-140, Pr-141, Nd-146, Sm-147, Eu-151, Gd-157, Tb-159, Dy-163, Ho-165, Er-166, Tm-169, Yb-172, Lu-175, Hf-178, Ta-181, W-182, Tl-205, Pb-206-208, Th-232, and U-238. A freely aspirating PFA micronebuliser was used for sample uptake. In and Re (5 µg/ml) were used for internal standardisation. Results are averages from three analytical runs. For Eu and Gd, corrections were applied for O and OH interferences, respectively. Precision, as estimated from replicate digests and replicate measurements, was <3% relative for most elements with concentrations over 0.5 ppm, and <10% relative for Be and Cr. Accuracy was controlled by international rock/mineral reference standards feldspar JF-1, K-feldspar FK-N, albite Al-1, phlogopite IWG Mica-Mg.

3. Results

The results of the EMPA analyses, the coulometric titration for H_2O (KFT) and CO_2 , and the SIMS and ICPMS analyses are listed in Table 1. Where both SIMS and ICPMS data were available for Li and Be, the latter was used for the calculation of cordierite formula. For some samples, H_2O and CO_2 and/or trace elements could not be determined because the amount of material was too small, or cordierite was too finely intergrown with other phases for a clean separation.

The Si cations p.f.u. are close to $5.00 (\pm 0.01)$ and the Al cations p.f.u. are significantly below 4.00 for most samples. Following a standard formula recalculation procedure, most of the investigated cordierites have "excess occupation" of the octahedral position. In most of the investigated cordierites the alkali and alkaline earth metals, except for sodium and magnesium, are trace elements (below 0.10 wt.%). The only exceptions are samples TA-2, 88593, TUB-1 and HO6, where Li₂O, BeO and K₂O contents are above 0.1 wt.%. K₂O and CaO are below the limit of detection (0.02 wt.%) of the electron microprobe for most of these cordierites. TiO₂ is below the detection limit of 0.06 wt.% of the electron microprobe. Mn values obtained by ICPMS lie within the standard deviation of EMPA-values for most of the cordierites, with the only notable exceptions being the Fe-rich cordierites TUB-1 and HO6.

The cordierites investigated contain up to 873 ppm Li and 3217 ppm Be. B and F contents are generally low: 0.52–3.9 and 8–16 ppm, respectively.

The concentration of the large ion lithophile elements Pb^{2+} and Tl^+ , the second series transition metals Y^{3+} , Ag^{1+} and Cd^{2+} , the high field-strength elements Hf^{4+} , Nb^{5+} , Ta^{5+} , U^{4+} , Mo^{6+} , Sn^{4+} , W^{6+} , the rare earth elements, and the actinides Th^{4+} and U^{4+} as well as Sb^{2+} are always lower than 10 ppm and very commonly lower than 1 ppm. The large ion lithophile elements content ranges between 0.430 and 21.7 ppm for Rb^+ , between 0.446 and 11.5 ppm for Sr^{2+} , between 0.112 and 41 ppm for Cs^+ and between 1.27 and 901 ppm for Ba^{2+} . The concentration of the first series transition metals Sc^{3+} , Ti^{4+} , V^{5+} , Cr^{3+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Zn^{2+} and of the second series transition metal Zr^{4+} ranges between 0.16 and 811ppm. Ga³⁺contributes between 14.5 and 70.4 ppm.

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wt.% of their oxides and added together they contribute between 0.005 and 0.119 wt.% to the total and thus only affect it within its standard deviation. Together with H_2O and CO_2 , as determined by the coulometric titration, the full totals range between 99.50 and 100.50 (except for TUB-1, HO6 and CMikM). These good totals, the small standard deviations of analyses and the excellent cation numbers, particularly for cordierites where Li and Be were determined, indicate a high accuracy and precision for the analyses (Table 1).

As a first step, we have combined our own analyses with all those from published literature in which both Li and Be had been analysed (Miyashiro, 1957; Ginzburg and Stavrov, 1961; Newton, 1966; Černý and Povondra, 1966; Povondra and Čech, 1978; Schreyer et al., 1979; Armbruster and Irouschek, 1983; Povondra et al., 1984; Gordillo et al., 1985; Kalt et al., 1998, 1999; Grew et al., 1987, 1990, 1995; Bea et al., 1994; Visser et al., 1994; Černý et al., 1997; Istomin et al., 1997; Malcherek et al., 2001),



Fig. 2. (a) (Li+Be) versus (Na+K) for cordierites from the literature (circles) and our own analyses (dots with error bars, 1σ) shows a clear correlation. Most analyses plot to the right of the diagonal, indicating that additional Na is incorporated by other exchange vectors than mechanisms (2) and (3). (b)–(d) Plots of Si, Al and (Mg+Fe+Mn+Li) versus (Na+K–Li–Be), respectively, for cordierites with little or no Li and Be. Our own analyses (crosses) confirm that exchange mechanism (1) is dominant. Literature analyses (solid diamond, Armbruster and Irouschek, 1983; open diamond, Grew et al., 1990; solid triangle, Malcherek et al., 2001) have a considerable spread that cannot be explained by exchange mechanisms (4) or (5), which are shown by arrows.



in order to establish any significant correlations. Fig. 2a demonstrates that Li and Be correlate strongly with Na (+K), confirming the conclusion of other workers that mechanisms (2) and (3) are the dominant mechanisms for the uptake of Li and Be in natural cordierite, and most probably the only ones necessary to explain this uptake. A large quantity of analyses plot below the diagonal, indicating that an additional mechanism, e.g., mechanism (1) or (4), causes further Na uptake in cordierite. In order to discover the exchange mechanisms that operate independently of Be and Li substitution, we looked for correlations in cordierites that are virtually free of Be and Li.

Fig. 2b–d shows plots of Si, Al and (Mg+ Fe+Mn+Li) versus (Na+K–Li–Be) for cordierites where Li and Be were analysed and their levels found to be near or below detection limit. These minor amounts of Li and Be found were subtracted from (Na+K) corresponding to vectors (2) and (3), so that the *x*-axis shows all (Na+K) remaining for other vectors as precisely as possible. In all three plots, our own data strongly indicate exchange mechanism (1) as the only other valid mechanism operating, whilst data from other authors (Armbruster and Irouschek, 1983; Grew et al., 1990; Malcherek et al., 2001) show a considerable spread.

Vectors (4) and (5) in Fig. 2b and c give the impression that they could explain the deviations, but this is clearly contradicted by Fig. 2d. A detailed inspection of each of the deviant analyses in the literature reveals that almost all of them require a somewhat different set of exchange vectors, including several new ones. These inconsistencies are, in our view, most likely due to analytical error (see Discussion).

In Fig. 3a and b, published data is combined with our results and plotted as Al (a.p.f.u.) versus Na+Be+Li (a.p.f.u.). In this diagram all seven exchange vectors (arrows) can be shown. Vector (7) coincides with (1), and is not labelled. The symbols demonstrate that most of the Be-rich or Li-rich cordierites investigated to date are from pegmatites, except for those from Alpe Sponda (Armbruster and Irouschek, 1983) and south-central Maine, USA (Ferry, 1980; Armbruster, 1986). Fig. 3a and the enlargement in Fig. 3b reveal that virtually all cordierites plot between exchange vectors (1) and (4). Most of our analyses plot in the vicinity of vectors (1) and (2). The published data scatter more broadly between mechanisms (1) and (4).

4. Discussion

The discrepancy between the smooth correlation of our analyses and the lack of correlation [except for vectors (2) and (3)] of analyses from within published literature is marked. As it was virtually impossible for us to find a reasonable consistent set of exchange vectors that would explain the majority of analyses from published literature we conclude that a larger range of analytical error (compared to our analyses) blurs the view.

Five out of 12 deviant analyses in Fig. 2b-d are from Malcherek et al. (2001), four are from Grew et al. (1990) and three are from Armbruster and Irouschek (1983). The focus of the Malcherek et al. (2001) paper is on crystallography and major elements were analysed with an energy dispersive system only, the accuracy of which is significantly less than that of a wavelength dispersive microprobe analyser. Another source of inaccuracy may be the use of an ion microprobe (SIMS) for Li and Be measurements by most groups, exceptions being ourselves and Armbruster and Irouschek (1983). From our experience, ICPMS on solutions is slightly more precise than SIMS (see Methods), and possibly also more accurate. Any incorrect Li and Be values result in incorrect Na for vectors (1) or (4) and propagate into the calculation of the remaining exchange vectors.

Only two of our own complete analyses deviate significantly from 100%: TUB-1 and HO6. Interestingly, these are the most Fe-rich cordierites. TUB-1 is from a Li-pegmatite in Dolní Bory; HO6 is from a xenolith in a volcanic rock and contains substantial K. Both deviate from the general trend of vector (1),

Fig. 3. (a) Diagram illustrating the exchange mechanisms (1)–(7) in cordierites. Chemical analyses for Be-rich cordierites (solid diamond, 21 analyses) and Li-rich cordierites (open diamond, 13 analyses) from pegmatites and from cordierites with known Be and Li content from other rock types (open triangle, 39 analyses) are taken from published literature and compared with our own results (dots with error bars, 1σ). (b) Enlarged detail of panel a. Our own analyses with significant Li and Be content are labeled for comparison with Table 1.

but the reasons (analytical error or other exchange vectors) are not clear. TUB-1 is the only analysis with Si \ll 5.00 and Al \gg 4.00. The analysis could be explained by a combination of $^{Ch}Na^{VI}Li^{Ch}\Box_{-1}^{VI}Fe_{-1}$, ^{VI}Al^{IV}AlFe₋₁Si₋₁ and ^{Ch}Na₂^{VI} \square ^{Ch} \square_{-2} Fe₋₁, as could be the analysis by Armbruster and Irouschek (1983) of another cordierite from Dolní Bory. Other analyses of Dolní Bory cordierites (e.g., Černý et al., 1997; Malcherek et al., 2001) are not consistent enough to support a Tschermak-type exchange mechanism, but the tendency of some metamorphic cordierites as well as some from Dolní Bory to plot to the right of vector (3) in Fig. 3 indicates such a possibility. Further high-precision analyses of these and other cordierite samples from a great diversity of geological settings and P-T conditions are needed to establish whether other exchange vectors, in addition to vectors (1), (2) and (3), are significant for natural cordierite compositions.

4.1. Cordierites without Li and Be analyses

Most of the published cordierite analyses do not report the contents of light elements or volatiles. For any such analysis, the difference between the total wt.% measured by EMPA and 100.00 wt.% can be caused by any combination of volatiles, Li and Be, or by analytical error. Thus, the question arises whether it is possible to predict light element contents in cordierite from our knowledge of dominant exchange vectors as derived above.

Whilst volatiles have no effect on formula recalculation, unknown but significant Li and Be contents do have an effect. Consequently, we have adopted the following procedure: all analyses, both from published literature and from our own data compilation, have been recalculated, disregarding any Li and Be content (Li, Be=0), and plotted in a



Fig. 4. Octahedral (Mg+Fe+Mn) versus tetrahedral (Si+Al) site occupancy of natural cordierites, ignoring Li and Be content (if present) for formula calculations. Comparison of our results (dots with error bars, 1σ) with data from published literature. Frequency of the published data (309 chemical analyses) is denoted by grey shading.

diagram showing octahedral (Mg+Fe+Mn) versus tetrahedral (Si+Al) site occupation (Fig. 4). Exchange vectors (1) to (3) are also shown on this diagram. The frequency of analysis points (309 analyses in total) is given by shading. Exchange vectors (2) and (3) indicate the characteristic changes in the calculated occupancy of the octahedral and tetrahedral sites obtained by neglecting an actual Be and Li content, respectively.

If exchange mechanism (1) has been operational, then (Mg+Fe)>2 and (Si+Al)<9.00 a.p.f.u, i.e., Si=5.00 and Al<4.00 a.p.f.u.

If exchange mechanism (2) has been operational but Be is not determined, then Si>5.00 a.p.f.u. and Al \ll 4.00. (Si+Al)<9.00 a.p.f.u. and (Mg+Fe)>2.00 a.p.f.u.

If exchange mechanism (3) has been operational but Li is not determined, then Si>5.00 a.p.f.u. and Al>4.00 a.p.f.u., $(Si+Al) \gg 9.00$ a.p.f.u. and $(Mg+Fe) \ll 2.00$ a.p.f.u.

In other words, if Be and Li are not taken into account for the formula calculations the other elements are systematically overestimated. Sample 2630 (Li and Be not analysed) plots very close to samples TA-2 and 88593 (Li and Be analysed), which are from the same locality (Haddam, see Appendix B). Si is calculated as 5.08 a.p.f.u., Al is significantly less than 4.00, and (Si+Al) less than 9.00 a.p.f.u. (Table 1), as we would expect of exchange mechanism (2). Haddam cordierites also contain Li (vector 3), thus (Mg+Fe) drops below 2.00 a.p.f.u.

If a carefully performed EMPA analysis of a cordierite plots left of the dotted lines in Fig. 5, it lies outside the range of analytical uncertainty with regard to exchange vector (1) and should be analysed for Li and/or Be. If the analysis of major elements were perfect, it would contain more than 0.02 a.p.f.u. Be and/or 0.02 a.p.f.u. Li, i.e., more than 0.086 wt.% BeO and or 0.051 wt.% Li₂O in the case of end member Mg-cordierite and more than 0.077 wt.% BeO and or 0.046 wt.% Li₂O in the case of end member Fecordierite (sekaninaite).

Given that mechanisms (1), (2) and (3) are the only relevant coupled substitution mechanisms, theoretical Li and Be contents can be calculated from the cordierite analysis by normalizing to 5 Si atoms p.f.u. in the idealized formula Na_{x+y+z} ^{VI}(Li_z M_{2-z}^{2+}) ^{IV}(Be_y $M_x^{2+}Al_{4-x-y})Si_5O_{18}$ [with $M^{2+}=Mg$, Fe²⁺, Mn,



Fig. 5. Enlarged portion of Fig. 4. If an EMP analysis plots to the left of the dotted line, more than 0.02 a.p.f.u., Be and/or Li can be expected. Sample numbers of Be-rich and/or Li-rich cordierites are given.

Zn and with x, y, z corresponding to the modal amounts of vectors (1), (2) and (3), respectively].

From Na=x+y+z, Al=4-y-x, (^{VI}M^{2++IV}M²⁺)= M²⁺=2+x-z, we obtain:

$$x = Al + M^{2+} + Na - 6;$$

 $y = 10 - 2Al - M^{2+} - Na;$
 $z = Al + Na - 4.$

The reliability of the numbers calculated is highly dependent on the accuracy of electron microprobe analyses: values below 0.02 or even 0.03 a.p.f.u. are probably not significant.

5. Conclusions

In natural cordierites, sodium is the dominant alkali metal and is incorporated mainly by the coupled substitution mechanisms (1) to (3). Substitution of Na by K^+ or Cs^+ is mostly below the detection limit. Concentrations of the first series transition elements, apart from manganese and iron, are also very low and play a negligible role in compositional variations of cordierite.

Deviation from the ideal composition in the investigated samples can be explained by the simple and linearly independent exchange vectors (1) to (3), and the homovalent substitutions of FeMg_{-1} , Mn Mg₋₁ and KNa₋₁.

The most important coupled substitution is ${}^{Ch}Na^++ {}^{IV}(Mg^{2+},Fe^{2+})={}^{Ch}\Box + {}^{IV}Al^{3+}(1)$ because most of the investigated cordierites show an "excess occupation" of the octahedral position and Al is significantly below 4.00 a.p.f.u.. However, the extent of this substitution seems to be limited to about 0.08 a.p.f.u. (Fig. 3b). The possibility of coupled substitution by this mechanism had been mentioned by several workers (e.g., Schreyer, 1985; Kalt et al., 1998; Malcherek et al., 2001), but its almost exclusive restriction to Be or Li poor cordierites has only become clear in the data presented above.

Beryllium is incorporated in cordierite by the coupled substitution vector (2) because analyses with Si>5.00 a.p.f.u., as would result, e.g., from exchange vector (6) $^{IV}Be^{2+}+^{IV}Si^{4+}=2^{IV}Al^{3+}$ (Schreyer, 1985) are most probably artefacts resulting either from Li

and/or Be not being analysed and Si thus being overestimated, or from a general lack of analytical accuracy. Analogous arguments apply for lithium. It enters natural cordierites by mechanism (3) only. None of the cordierites analysed had (Na+K)< (Li+Be) or Si>5, thus exchange vector (7) does not add Li to the structure. Finally, there is no evidence for a Tschermak-type substitution, i.e., $^{IV}(Mg^{2+},Fe^{2+})+^{IV}Si^{4+}=$ $^{IV}2Al^{3+}$ (5). In summary, the exchange mechanisms (5), (6) and (7), which are known from experiments, cannot be confirmed for the investigated natural cordierites. The same holds for Li entering the channel site: ${}^{Ch}Li^+ + {}^{VI}Li^+ = {}^{Ch}\Box + {}^{VI}Mg^{2+}$ (Kirchner et al., 1984) and ${}^{Ch}Li^+ + {}^{IV}Al^{3+} = {}^{Ch}\Box + {}^{IV}Si^{4+}$ (Schreyer, 1985) do not seem to apply to natural cordierites. The observed discrepancies between natural and experimentally grown cordierites are considered to be mainly due to the restricted range of compositions and P-T conditions accessible to cordierite in the most common natural settings.

We propose a modified general structural formula for natural cordierites, which also considers the incorporation of Mg in the T_11 site:

^{Ch}(Na, K)₀₋₁^{VI}(Mg, Fe²⁺, Mn, Li)₂^{IV}Si₅^{IV}Al₃
^{IV}(Al, Be, Mg, Fe²⁺, Fe³⁺)O₁₈
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$$x^{Ch}(H_2O, CO_2...)$$
.

For all cordierites with mechanisms (1), (2) and (3) as the dominant mechanisms of coupled substitution, Li and Be contents, if not measured, can be calculated from a mineral formula normalized to 5 Si as Li (a.p.f.u.)=Al+Na-4 and Be (a.p.f.u.)= $10-2Al-M^{2+}-Na$.

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Appendix A

Lithium and beryllium content of cordierites, expanding on Table 5 of Grew (2002)

Rock type and/or facies and/or mineral assemblage and/or $P-T$ estimates, (references)	Locality	Li [ppm] (<i>n</i>)	Be [ppm] (<i>n</i>)
Pegmatite, vein and unspecified			
Pegmatite (Černý et al., 1997)	Dolní Bory, Czech Republic	497-2560 (8)	4-29 (8)
Pegmatite (Malcherek et al., 2001)	Dolní Bory, Czech Republic	715-725 (2)	0 (2)
Pegmatites (Ginzburg and Stavrov, 1961;	Murzinka, Urals, Kazakhstan	883-1998 (3)	19-580 (2)
Istomin et al., 1997)			
Pegmatite or possibly vein (miscellaneous)	_	36-1874 (6)	-
(Istomin et al., 1997)			
Pegmatite (Heinrich, 1950; Newton, 1966;	Haddam, CT, USA	1069 (1)	1874–5189 (3)
Povondra and Cech, 1978;			
Armbruster and Irouschek, 1983)			
Nodules in pegmatite (Gordillo et al., 1985)	El Peñón, Argentina	883–976 (5)	3135–4180 (5)
Pegmatite or possibly vein (miscellaneous) (Malcherek et al., 2001)	-	0–534 (9)	0–270 (9)
Metasomatic zones in pegmatite (Černý and Povondra, 1966)	Věžná, Czech Republic	93	6378
Pegmatite (Grew et al., 1995)	Homagama, Sri Lanka	0-9 (3)	0-292
Vein formed by reaction of pegmatitic magma	Ukraine (exact locality	n.a.	6378
and ultramafic rock (Piyar et al., 1968)	unknown)		
Pegmatite (Povondra et al., 1984)	Gammelsmerskärr,	n.a.	5585
	Kemiö Island, Finland		
Metamorphosed pegmatite (Grew et al., 2000; Harley, 1985; Sandiford, 1985)	"Christmas Point", Antarctica	n.a.	3603
Metamorphosed pegmatite (Grew et al., 2000; Harley, 1985; Sandiford, 1985)	Mt. Pardoe, Antarctica	n.a.	2306
Porphyroblast in "bt-cordieritite" a few meters	El Pilón Soto Argentina	na	3351
from a pegmatite (Schrever et al. 1979)	Er mon, soto, mgenuna		0001
Pegmatite (Sambonsugi, 1957; Miyashiro, 1957;	Sugamo, Japan	n.a.	~3600
Selkregg and Bloss, 1980)			
Pegmatite (Heinrich, 1950; Newton, 1966)	Micanite, CO, USA	n.a.	2522
Pegmatites and veins (Griffitts and Cooley, 1961)	_	n.a.	1.5-2000 (6)
Pegmatite (Newton, 1966)	Bjordammen ("Bjordan"),	n.a.	430
	Bamble, Norway		
Metamorphic			
Miscellaneous metasediments	_	93-2973 (6)	0-144 (6)
(Ginzburg and Stavrov, 1961)			
Pelitic schist; grt-crd-sil-qtz (Ferry, 1980;	south-central Maine, USA	3438-4130 (2)	n.a.
Armbruster, 1986, Dutrow et al., 1986)			
Contact metapelite; crd–bt–pl–ilm \pm grt \pm and \pm qtz; T=508–762 °C, P=2 kbar (Kalt et al., 1998)	Kos, Greece	413–790 (8)	7-22 (8)
Migmatite (Malcherek et al., 2001)	Peña Negra Complex, Spain	534 (1)	22 (1)
Migmatite, (Bea et al., 1994)	Peña Negra Complex, Spain	454-465 (3)	7-16 (3)
Bt-schist and leucocratic ky-gneiss	Lepontine Alps, Miregn,	0-465 (3)	36 (3)
(Armbruster and Irouschek, 1983)	Switzerland		
Micaschist (Armbruster and Irouschek, 1983)	Alpe Sponda, Ticino, Switzerland	232-418 (3)	2162-2919 (3)
Migmatite; crd-bt-grt-pl-kfs-qtz-ilm, 770-846 °C, 4.4-5.1 kbar (Kalt et al., 1999)	Bavarian Forest, Germany	18–133 (–)	1-49 (-)
Cordierite-bearing gneiss (Visser et al., 1994)	Bamble Sector, South Norway	17-115 (20)	<2-257 (20)
Granulite facies; (Grew et al., 1987, 1990)	Ellammankovilpatti, India	37–98 (3)	18–169 (3)

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Rock type and/or facies and/or mineral assemblage and/or $P-T$ estimates, (references)	Locality	Li [ppm] (<i>n</i>)	Be [ppm] (<i>n</i>)
Granulite facies (miscellaneous) (Grew et al., 1990, 1991)	_	9-42 (5)	0–30 (5)
Sapphirine-cordierite-biotite-garnet-hypersthene rock (Barker, 1964)	Val Codera, Italy	0	5
"Cordieritite" formed by an anatectic process (Schreyer et al., 1979)	El Pilón, Soto, Argentina	n.a.	40-65 (2)
Sil+Kfs zone (Lebedev and Nagaytsev, 1980)	Ladoga complex, NW Russia	n.a.	40 (5)
Hypersthene zone (Lebedev and Nagaytsev, 1980)	Ladoga complex, NW Russia	n.a.	18 (3)
"Kinzigite" (amphibolite-facies metapelite) (Bea and Montero, 1999)	Ivrea-Verbano, Italy	n.a.	12.3
Miscellaneous gneiss (Griffitts and Cooley, 1961)	_	n.a.	10-30 (6)

(n): number of analyses; n.a.=not analyzed. Mineral abbreviations after Kretz (1983).

Appendix B

Cordierite sample information

	Sample	Locality and other information	Rock type and/or facies and/or mineral assemblage and/or $P-T$ estimates, (references), [donor]
1	TA-2	Haddam, CT, USA	Pegmatite cutting bt-gneiss; crd-qtz-mc-ab-tur-grt-zrn-col-bi-cbrl; (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10); [TA]
2	88593	Haddam, Middelsex, CO, USA, 19th Cent	Pegmatite cutting bt-gneiss; crd-qtz-mc-ab-tur-grt-zrn-col-bi-cbrl; (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9); [HM]
3	2630	Haddam, CT, USA	Pegmatite cutting bt-gneiss; crd-qtz-mc-ab-tur-grt-zrn-col-bi-cbrl; (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9); [SI]
4	84-264-1	Guilford, CT, USA	Pegmatite vein cutting crd-bt-gneiss; (1); [SI]
5	C004	Soendeled, Norway; (8c6b/004)	Pegmatite; qtz-crd; [UKMC]
6	G-155a	Pamirs, Muzkol	Pegmatoid isolations in rock grading from epidote-amphibolite to amphibolite facies. (11); [ES]
7	TUB-1	Dolní Bory, Czech Republic	Pegmatite; sek-ab-ms-qtz-and-srl-bt-crn; (5, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19); [SH]
8	106886	Bjordammen, Bamble, Telemark, Norway	Pegmatite; [HM]
9	TA-4	Arendal, Bamble Sector, S Norway; (#12348)	Granulite facies; bt-crd-grt-amph; 836±49 °C, 7.7±0.3 kbar; (20, 21, 22, 23, 24); [TA]
10	CL-97-2	Lake Cauchon, Manitoba, Canada	Granulite facies; qtz (rt)-kfs-bt-crd-opx-grt-po-zrn; 648 °C/6.1-6.8 kbar; (22); [JKV]
11	VS-1	Chiaravalle, Calabria, Italy; (8/90)	Granulite facies; grt-crd-sil-bt-pl-qtz; 680-790 °C/5.5-7.5 kbar, (25); [VS]
12	VS-2	Colombo, Sri Lanka; (20-4)	Granulite facies; grt-crd-bt-kfs-pl-qtz; 730 °C/5.2-5.9 kbar, (26); [VS]
13	VS-3	Polia, Calabria, Italy (15/81)	Granulite facies; grt-crd-sil-bt-pl-qtz; 680-790±20 °C/5.5-7.5 kbar, (25); [VS]
14	42/IA	Kiranur, South India	Granulite facies; spr-ged-crd-sil-spl-crn-bt-pl; 740±40 °C/7±0.4kbar; (19, 27, 28); [PR]
15	T393	Lhosy, Central Madagascar	Granulite facies; migmatic gneisses; crd-bt-grt±pl±kfs±sil±qtz; 700 °C, 4-5 kbar; (29)
16	40-6	Mt. Ibity, Central Madagascar, Itremo sheet	Amphibolite facies; Metaquartzite; 500-750 °C, 2-6 kbar; (30); [JVK]
17	25Geco mine	GECO mine, Manitouwadge, Ontario, Canada; (HW#1855/44 Crd#25)	Amphibolite facies; crd–po–ccp–py–qtz–bt–fsp; 650 \pm 30 °C/6 \pm 1 kbar; (22, 31, 32); [JKV]

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	Sample	Locality and other information	Rock type and/or facies and/or mineral assemblage and/or $P-T$ estimates, (references), [donor]
18	TA-5	Orijärvi, Finland; (#78228)	Orthoamphibole–gneiss; qtz–pl–crd–bt–ilm–ath±ged±cum±alm; 550–600 °C/3 kbar (33); [TA]
19	TA-1	White Well, Western Australia	Phl-schist; crd-crn-phl-tur-sil-rt-zrn; (5, 22, 34, 35, 36) [TA]
20	126178F	Snyder Bay, Canada	Contact aureole; 450–900 °C, 2.25 kbar (5, 7, 37, 38)
21	C005	Sundsvall, Sweden; (8c6b/005)	Migmatic schist; crd-bt-qtz-pl-grt; [UKMC]
22	WYO-2	Laramie Range, Albany, WY, (Laramie Range cordierite no.2), USA	Metasomatic cordierite-deposit in a metamorphosed norite; (22,39,40); [JKV]
23	118871	Richmond, Cheshire, NH (Harris soapstone quarry?) USA	Quartz-vein; crd-qtz-tur-rt; qtz-crd-(ky)-crn-st-ath; (41); [HM]
24	HO6	El Joyazo volcano (Cerro de Joyazo), SE Spain	Metapelitic xenolithes in dacitic lava; loose crystal; 850 ± 50 °C, 5–7 kbar; (42); [BC]
25	CTsiM	Tsihombe, South Madagascar	Granulite facies; [SH]
26	C006	Madagascar; (8c6b/006)	Granulite facies; [UKMC]
27	129875	Manik Ganga, Sri Lanka	Granulite facies; [HM]
28	7114	Sopparjok, Norway	Crd-grt-gneiss; [UKMC]
29	7107	Airport Ivalo, Finland	Crd-grt-gneiss; [UKMC]
30	TA-6	Hards Range, Australia	(22); [TA]
31	TA-3	Tanzania	Gemstone; [TA]
32	C2623	Tanzania	Gemstone [HM]
33	DA-1	Zimbabwe	Gemstone; [DA]
34	CMikM	Mikon, Madagascar	

Mineral abbreviations: albite (ab), almandine (alm), amphibole (amph), andalusite (and), anthophyllite (ath), bismutite (bi), biotite (bt), chalcopyrite (ccp), chrysoberyl (cbrl), columbite (col), cordierite (crd), corundum (crn), cummingtonite (cum), garnet (grt), gedrite (ged), ilmenite (ilm), K-feldspar (kfs), kyanite (ky), microcline (mc), muscovite (ms), orthopyroxene (opx), phlogopite (phl), plagioclase (pl), pyrite (py), pyrrhotite (po), quartz (qtz), rutile (rt), sapphirine (spr), schorl (srl), sekaninaite (sek), sillimanite (sil), spinel (spl), staurolite (st), tourmaline (tur), zircon (zrn).

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