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2 **Insights into the structure of disordered layered lead oxychlorides:**

3 **Twinning and short-range order in janchevite, $\text{Pb}_9\text{VO}_{10.25}\square_{0.75}\text{Cl}_{2.5}$**

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15 **ABSTRACT**

16 The crystal structure of the rare mineral janchevite was solved using intensity data collected from a
17 twinned crystal from the Kombat mine, Namibia. This study revealed that, in spite of the strong
18 tetragonal subcell, the structure is triclinic (space group $P-1$) with $a = 8.8382(7)$, $b = 8.8567(7)$, $c =$
19 $11.7103(17)$ Å, $\alpha = 103.385(10)$, $\beta = 94.192(10)$, $\gamma = 90.294(6)^\circ$, $V = 889.13(16)$ Å³, and $Z = 2$.
20 Chemical data indicate the presence of Mo, As, and Si, besides Pb, Cl, O, and V. The refinement of an
21 anisotropic model, which takes into account a two domains non-merohedral twinning (twinning matrix
22 $[-100/0-10/1/5^3/51]$), led to an $R = 0.0522$ for 6037 independent observed reflections [$2\sigma(I)$ level] and 165
23 parameters and an $R = 0.0964$ for all 11701 independent reflections. The structure consists of PbO
24 litharge sheets alternating with a layer of Cl⁻ anions in a 2:1 ratio. The incorporation of high-charge
25 cations (V^{5+} , Mo^{6+} , As^{5+} , Si^{4+}) into the litharge sheet involves the formation of square cavities where

26 MoO₅ square pyramids and (Si,As,V)O₄ tetrahedra are hosted. On the basis of information gained from
27 the chemical, structural, and spectroscopic characterization, the crystal chemical formula was revised,
28 yielding Pb₉VO_{10.25}□_{0.75}Cl_{2.5} (Z = 2). The presence of additional apical oxygen atoms between Pb
29 layers influences the interlayer thickness, as evident by the linear correlation between the interlayer
30 oxygen content and the type of structural defects. A correct comprehension of short- and long-range
31 order is crucial to understand and predict the functional properties of this family of materials.

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INTRODUCTION

34 Layered lead oxychlorides (hereafter LLO) represent a fascinating class of materials that have garnered
35 significant attention in the realm of solid-state chemistry and materials science (e.g. Kusainova et al.
36 2001; Shan et al. 2009; Salje 2015; Hirai 2024). These compounds are characterized by a structure
37 ideally composed by litharge blocks, made of neutral layers of edge-sharing OPb₄ tetrahedra, alternated
38 with sheets of Cl⁻ ions. The electroneutrality is usually reached through deviations from the ideal
39 topology through the removal of OPb₄ groups, often associated with the insertion of anionic groups
40 containing a number of cations such as Mo⁶⁺, W⁶⁺, V⁵⁺, As^{3+/5+}, I^{3+/5+}, Si⁴⁺, B³⁺, Sb³⁺, and Bi³⁺ (e.g.
41 Siidra et al. 2008; Chukanov et al. 2019). Moreover, substitution of OH⁻ for O²⁻ in the PbO layer or
42 insertion of Pb²⁺ in the chloride sheet, with the formation of square planar PbCl₄ groups, may occur.
43 The resulting cavities, exhibiting different sizes and shapes, may be ordered, giving rise to several
44 superstructures deviating from the tetragonal basic structure (*I4/mmm*) (e.g. Chukanov et al. 2019;
45 Siidra et al. 2012). In many cases, the presence of superstructures has been observed by electron
46 diffraction alone, so that scarce structural information about the incorporated groups is available
47 (Welch et al. 1996; Welch 2004; Bindi et al. 2008).

48 In the context of a project aimed at improving our knowledge on the structural features of some
49 minerals of the LLO family, we report a study focused on the mineral janchevite, ideally $\text{Pb}_7\text{V}^{5+}(\text{O}_{8.5}\square_{0.5})\text{Cl}_2$
50 $(\text{Chukanov et al. 2018})$, an oxygen-deficient, V-analogue of parkinsonite, ideally $\text{Pb}_7\text{MoO}_9\text{Cl}_2$
51 $(\text{Symes et al. 1994; Lepore and Welch 2010})$.

52 According to Chukanov et al. (2018), the tetragonal average janchevite structure can be described as a
53 2:1 alternation of Pb–O blocks and sheets of Cl^- ions. V and other substituent cations (Mo and minor
54 amounts of Si) are supposed to randomly replace Pb in the litharge block.

55 In order to investigate the crystal-chemical environment of V, Mo and other substituents and their
56 possible ordering schemes in the structure of janchevite, a chemical, structural and spectroscopic study
57 was undertaken on a sample from the type-locality, Kombat mine, Namibia (sample 3740/I, Museo di
58 Storia Naturale, Università di Firenze, Italy). The results are presented here.

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60 EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

61 **Electron probe microanalysis.** Four janchevite crystals were embedded in epoxy resin, polished with
62 diamond paste down to 0.25 μm and then coated with a ~ 28 nm-thick graphite layer. Chemical analysis
63 was carried out using a JEOL-JXA-8230 electron microprobe operated at 15 kV and 10 nA and 5 μm
64 beam diameter. The calibration standards used were crocoite (for Pb- $M\alpha$), tugtupite (for Cl- $K\alpha$), GaAs
65 (for As- $L\alpha$), Mo and V metal (for Mo- $L\alpha$ and V- $K\alpha$, respectively) and albite (for Si- $K\alpha$). The data were
66 corrected for matrix effects using the $\Phi\rho Z$ method of the JEOL software package. The average
67 composition (means and ranges in wt.% of oxides) is reported in Table 1.

68 **Single-crystal X-ray diffraction.** A fragment of about $0.05\times 0.03\times 0.01$ mm^3 was selected and
69 examined by means of a Bruker D8 Venture single-crystal X-ray diffractometer operated at 50 kV and
70 40 mA and equipped with a Photon 100 CMOS detector system, employing graphite-monochromatized

71 MoK α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). Indexing of reflections led to the triclinic unit cell with $a = 8.8382(7)$,
72 $b = 8.8567(7)$, $c = 11.7103(17) \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = 103.385(10)$, $\beta = 94.192(10)$, $\gamma = 90.294(6)^\circ$, and $V = 889.13(16)$
73 \AA^3 . Many other crystals were also tested, all leading to similar unit-cell values. The strongest
74 reflections are consistent with the tetragonal I subcell [$a = 3.9542(1)$ $c = 22.708(1) \text{ \AA}$] previously
75 reported for janchevite. Intensity integration and standard Lorentz-polarization corrections were
76 performed with the *CrysAlis* RED (*CrysAlis*PRO 2014) software package. The program ABSPACK in
77 *CrysAlis* RED was used for the absorption correction. A full sphere (up to $\sin\theta/\lambda \sim 0.75$) was collected,
78 yielding 11701 independent reflections in the -1 Laue group. A careful examination of the collected
79 intensity data revealed the coexistence of two twin domains related by the twinning matrix $|-100/0-$
80 $10/1/3^3/51|$. Data reduction was then carried out accordingly ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.080$ for reflections from both twin
81 domains). The structure solution was carried out in the $P-1$ space group using direct methods
82 (Sheldrick 2008). Ten heavy atoms (Pb1-to-Pb10) were identified in the Fourier map and initially
83 refined as Pb vs. structural vacancy. Pb1-Pb9 were fully occupied by Pb and their occupancy was fixed
84 accordingly. Refined electron density of Pb10 was lower and the site was observed to be split into two
85 partially occupied positions (M10a and M10b). M10b was considered occupied by the minor amount of
86 metals substituting for Pb (V, Mo, As and Si) and refined using the Mo scattering curve. The resulting
87 electron density at the site is in agreement with the weighted mean electron number of the above
88 elements in the proportion obtained from EPMA data (Table 1). In the subsequent cycles, three peaks
89 were assigned to Cl. Eleven oxygen atoms were then located in the difference Fourier map and their
90 occupancy was initially left free to vary. O1-O6 were fully occupied by O while O7-O11 showed a
91 partial occupancy. Noteworthy, atoms O7-O10, close to M10a-M10b, showed extremely large atomic
92 displacement parameters (ADPs). So, we decided to fix their ADPs to 0.05 \AA^2 and keep free their
93 occupancies free to refine. At the last stage, all atom positions, apart O atoms, were refined
94 anisotropically up to the residual value $R = 0.0522$ for 6037 independent observed reflections [$2\sigma(I)$

95 level] and 165 parameters and at $R = 0.0964$ for all 11701 independent reflections. Neutral scattering
96 curves were taken from the International Tables of Crystallography (Wilson 1992). Selected
97 interatomic distances and site scattering (s.s.) values are shown in Table 2. Details relating to data
98 collection and structure refinement, atomic coordinates and displacement parameters are available in
99 the CIF file deposited at the editorial office of The American Mineralogist.

100 **X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy (XAS).** Several crystals, sufficient to keep the total absorption
101 coefficient $\mu \leq 1.5$ at all the measured edges, were hand-picked, powdered, and pressed in a 3 mm
102 pellet with cellulose. XAS measurements were performed at the “LISA” CRG beamline (BM-08)
103 (d’Acapito et al. 2019) at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF, Grenoble, France) at the
104 K -edges of V, As, and Mo (5465.1, 11866.7 and 19999.5 eV, respectively). Measurements were
105 performed using a pair of Si (111) (for V and As K edges) and Si (311) (for Mo K edge) flat
106 monochromator crystals. Si- and Pt-coated focusing mirrors ($E_{\text{cut-off}} \approx 16$ and 40 keV, respectively)
107 were used for harmonic rejection, providing a beam of a roughly circular spot with a diameter of ≈ 200
108 μm . The step size in the XANES (X-ray absorption near-edge structure) region was 0.3 eV for V and
109 As K -edge measurements and 0.5 eV for Mo K -edge; the pre-edge region of V K -edge was sampled
110 with 0.2 eV steps. The post-edge EXAFS (extended X-ray absorption fine structure) region of the
111 spectrum was acquired with a fixed k step width of 0.05 \AA^{-1} . Measurements were performed in
112 fluorescence mode by means of a 12-element solid state (high purity germanium) detector (Puri et al.
113 2019). The following model compounds were also measured in the transmission mode: vanadinite
114 $[(\text{Pb}_5(\text{VO}_4)_3\text{Cl})]$ and cavansite $[\text{Ca}(\text{VO})\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10} \cdot 4(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ (Giuli et al. 2004; Moretti et al. 2013), V_2O_5 ,
115 V_2O_3 , adamite $[\text{Zn}_2(\text{AsO}_4)(\text{OH})]$ (George et al. 2019), As_2O_5 , As_2O_3 , MoO_3 , MoO_2 . All measurements
116 were carried out at room temperature. Standard procedures (Lee et al. 1981) were followed to extract
117 the structural EXAFS signal ($k \cdot \chi(k)$): pre-edge background removal, spline modelling of bare atomic
118 background, edge step normalization using a far above the edge region, and energy calibration using

119 the software ATHENA (Ravel and Newville 2005). Model atomic clusters centered on the absorber
120 atom were obtained by ATOMS (Ravel 2001); theoretical amplitude and phase functions were
121 generated using the FEFF8 code (Ankudinov et al. 1998) starting from the structural model presented
122 in this study. EXAFS spectra were fitted through the ARTEMIS software (Ravel and Newville 2005) in
123 the Fourier-Transform (FT) space.

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125 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

126 *Chemical composition*

127 The chemical composition of the studied sample is very close to that reported by Chukanov et al.
128 (2018) although it also contains significative amounts of As, besides V, Mo and Si. On the basis of
129 XAS data we can infer information on oxidation states of the cations substituting for Pb. Vanadium *K*-
130 edge in janchevite lies at the same position as in V₂O₅ and vanadinite (Fig. 1a and b) indicating it
131 occurs as V⁵⁺; the same applies to As *K*-edge (Fig. 1c), lying at the same energy value observed for
132 adamite and As₂O₅, pointing to the presence of As⁵⁺ only. The comparison between the Mo *K*-edge
133 spectrum in janchevite and those of MoO₂ and MoO₃ indicates that Mo in janchevite is hexavalent (Fig.
134 1d). Taking into account all the observations, the empirical formula of janchevite was calculated on
135 $\Sigma_{(Pb+V+Mo+As+Si)} = 10 \text{ apfu}$ yielding the formula Pb_{9.09}V_{0.30}Mo_{0.33}As_{0.15}Si_{0.13}O_{10.16}Cl_{2.61} (Table 1). The
136 overall mean electron number (27.53) is in excellent agreement with that derived from the structural
137 refinement (27.30; Table 2).

138 *Twinning and superstructure*

139 The investigated crystal was made of two twin domains (I and II in the proportion 52:48) with domain I
140 related to domain II by the twinning matrix $[-100/0-10/1/5^3/51]$. There are three different categories of
141 reflections (Figure 2): the first one from domain I only (blue), the second one from domain II only

142 (red), and the third one grouping the overlapped reflections. The condition for reflection overlapping is
143 $h + 3k = 5n$, corresponding to the subcell reflections. In Figures 2a and 2b are reported the twinned $h0l$
144 and $0kl$ planes showing the additional binary symmetry introduced by twinning; the [001] twin axis in
145 the direct space is shown in Figure 2c. The pattern observed in Figure 2d, where the $(hk0)$
146 reconstruction is shown, is very similar to what was observed by Welch et al. (1996) in the electron
147 diffraction pattern of a V-rich parkinsonite. Welch et al. (1996) also observed the occurrence of a
148 monoclinic distortion in some of the superstructure reflection quartets of the pattern, which was
149 attributed to the presence of V. The triclinic P unit cell found here for janchevite is related to the
150 tetragonal I subcell by the transformation matrix $|\frac{2}{5}\frac{1}{5}0/-\frac{1}{5}\frac{2}{5}0/\frac{1}{5}\frac{3}{5}2|$; the $hk0$ plane of the P unit cell is
151 thus not coplanar with that of the I unit cell. In light of this result, a further thing to take into account in
152 the analysis of the distortion in the SAED pattern of V-rich parkinsonite is the possibility that, as in
153 janchevite, the $hk0$ plane of the superstructure observed by Welch et al. (1996) is not coplanar with the
154 $hk0$ plane of the substructure thus likely affecting the geometry of the observed pattern.

155 *Crystal structure and short-range order*

156 Analogously to other minerals within the family of layered lead oxychlorides, janchevite shows a
157 structural arrangement consisting of PbO litharge sheets alternating with square-net layers of Cl-anions.
158 In particular, as already argued by Chukanov et al. (2018), the stacking sequence exhibits a PbO:Cl
159 ratio of 2:1 (Fig.3). However, the incorporation of high-charge cations replacing Pb in the litharge sheet
160 is not completely disordered as originally supposed but gives rise to a superstructure. The ordering
161 scheme that results in such a superstructure can be readily visualized by employing an oxocentered
162 representation of the PbO sheet made of OPb₄ units (Fig. 4a). Compared to an ideal litharge structure,
163 O7, O8, O9, and O10, which showed large ADPs, are partially occupied and displaced from the ideal
164 center of the OPb₃M tetrahedron towards M10b. Accordingly, high-charge M cations are bonded to 4
165 oxygen atoms and to a further, partially occupied, apical oxygen (O11). This arrangement results in a

166 square pyramidal geometry with 4 longer basal bonds ($\sim 1.83 \text{ \AA}$) and one shorter apical bond ($\sim 1.71 \text{ \AA}$).
167 Bond-valence sums for cations and anions in the refined model are listed in Table 3. They are in
168 general agreement with the expected oxidation states. The low sum on most of the oxygen atoms
169 forming the square pyramid can be ascribed to the intrinsic difficulty in accurately characterizing the
170 disordered MO_5 polyhedron. Following the topological description proposed by Siidra et al. (2008)
171 and Chukanov et al. (2019), janchevite can thus be seen as characterized by square DN4 cavities (Fig.
172 4b), DN standings for defect number, where a square-pyramidal (MO_5) group substitutes four OPb_4
173 units. However, although the coordination of cations such as V^{5+} , Mo^{6+} , Si^{4+} and As^{5+} may vary
174 significantly, this kind of bonding geometry is extremely unlikely in the case of Si and As. The actual
175 geometry of each M polyhedron remains thus indistinct in the average structure. Additional details on
176 this aspect have been obtained by the XAS results, which indicate a distinct environment for Mo^{6+} on
177 one side and As^{5+} and V^{5+} on the other; Si coordination, despite the lack of XAS data, can be
178 statistically safely assumed as tetrahedral (Waroquiers et al. 2017). The comparison of XANES data at
179 V *K*-edge with model compounds (Fig. 1a) clearly indicates that the V local environment in janchevite
180 is extremely close to that of vanadinite, thus occurring as VO_4^{3-} groups as in kombatite (Cooper and
181 Hawthorne 1994), hereroite (Turner et al. 2012) and erikjonssonite (Chukanov et al. 2019). The same
182 goes for As: As *K*-edge XANES (Fig. 1b) shows a marked similarity of janchevite spectrum with that
183 of adamite, where As^{5+} is in the typical tetrahedral coordination as in sahlinite (Bonaccorsi and Pasero
184 2003). In line with this, the EXAFS fit (Fig. 5a, Table 4) yields an As-O mean bond length of 1.69 \AA
185 with four oxygen atoms thus in line with what observed in sahlinite ($\langle \text{As-O} \rangle = 1.694 \text{ \AA}$). In the case of
186 Mo, the XANES spectrum (Fig. 1c) suggests that Mo in janchevite is hosted within a strongly distorted,
187 non-centrosymmetric coordination such as tetrahedral or pentahedral, as evidenced by the pronounced
188 intensity of the pre-edge peak compared to that of the nonetheless distorted, octahedrally-coordinated
189 Mo in molybdenite. Mo XANES in janchevite closely resembles the case of parkinsonite, the Mo

190 analogue of janchevite, described in detail by Welch et al. (1996) where the intensity of the pre-edge
191 peak was attributed to Mo⁶⁺ in pentahedral coordination. This interpretation is quantitatively confirmed
192 for janchevite by the results of the EXAFS fit (Fig. 5b, Table 4) that indicates a 4+1 geometry with four
193 1.88 and one 1.74 Å Mo-O distances for the first coordination shell of Mo, yielding a bond-valence
194 sum on Mo of ~5.9 v.u.. The analysis of the second coordination shell around Mo is in substantial
195 agreement with the average model. The local coordination of Si, V and As in janchevite is thus in
196 disagreement with the average structure, which implies mainly a [4+1] bonding geometry for M
197 cations. However, the partial occupancy of the 4 basal oxygens, together with their high displacement
198 parameters, indicates a significant level of positional disorder. This is likely the effect of the disordered
199 distribution of MoO₅ square pyramids and (Si,As,V)O₄ tetrahedral groups in different orientations
200 within the DN4 cavity. The presence of additional oxygen atoms in between Pb layers, which are
201 normally connected by lone-pair interactions only, causes a strengthening of the interlayer bonding
202 (note the long O11-Pb distances in Table 2), yielding a contraction of the interlayer thickness. The
203 extent of the contraction is indeed linearly correlated with the number of apical oxygens in the
204 interlayer as can be seen from Figure 6, where the ratio between apical oxygens and the interlayer
205 thickness (IT) of adjacent Pb layers is plotted. LLO with 2:1 (PbO:Cl) ratio basically divide into 3
206 groups, showing an excellent trend between the amount of additional oxygens between Pb layers and,
207 consequently, the number and type of defects in the PbO layer and the IT. Hence, phases like sahlinite
208 (Bonaccorsi and Pasero 2003) and kombatite (Cooper and Hawthorne 1994), with a PbO layer
209 characterized by double square (DN7) cavities where tetrahedral groups are hosted, show the shortest
210 IT among the 2:1 LLO, while janchevite, having DN4 cavities and thus a lower density of interlayer
211 oxygen atoms, has the largest one. Hereroite (Siidra et al. 2013) and erikjonssonite (Chukanov et al.
212 2019), having both DN4 and DN7 cavities, show intermediate values. The equation, $IT (\text{Å}) = 2.648 -$
213 $0.711(O_{\text{apical}}/\text{Pb})$, can also be used to hypothesize the type of cavities in phases like asisite and

214 parkinsonite, where such information has not been determined yet, on the basis of the z coordinate of
215 the Pb₂ site in the $I4/mmm$ substructure; as a matter of fact, both minerals fall in the field of DN4
216 cavities, suggesting a strong similarity with janchevite (Fig. 6). This is not surprising for parkinsonite,
217 given the analogies with janchevite highlighted by the comparison between this study and TEM data
218 (Welch et al. 1996). In the case of asisite, Welch (2004) suggested a Pb₁₂Si superstructure on the basis
219 of TEM observations which would not be compatible with the superstructure of janchevite and
220 parkinsonite; however Welch (2004) also pointed out that different chemical compositions can occur
221 for asisite (e.g., Rouse et al. 1988) and this could produce distinct superstructures arising from slightly
222 different Pb-Si ordering.

223 *Nomenclature remarks*

224 From a chemical point of view, janchevite is close to erikjonssonite, where V, Mo, As and Si polyhedra
225 are hosted in two different types of cavities. The substitution scheme in janchevite is apparently more
226 disordered, yielding to the formation of DN4 cavities only, as in the 1:1 LLO symesite (Welch et al.
227 2000). The DN4 sheet has [Pb₉O₆]⁶⁺ stoichiometry yielding, taking into account 2.5 Cl⁻ atoms, a
228 negative charge deficit of 3.5, which is balanced by the incorporation of square-pyramidal (MO₅)
229 anionic groups. The integrated analysis of single-crystal X-ray diffraction and EXAFS data provides a
230 deeper look on the origin of the disorder related to the substitution of Pb by other elements. XAS
231 results indicate an ordered local environment for Mo, As and V, each having a distinct coordination
232 which deviates from the average structure. The complex structure of janchevite then arises from the
233 combination of two types of partially ordered substitution mechanisms, one related to the formation of
234 the DN4 cavities and their stacking sequence, and the other to the distribution of tetrahedral and
235 square-pyramidal groups inside the cavities. These observations, along with what previously reported
236 for parkinsonite and asisite (Welch et al. 1996; Welch 2004; Lepore and Welch 2010), raise the
237 question as to whether defect-free (DN0) structures (e.g. Rouse and Dunn 1985; Welch et al. 2001)

238 actually exist when Pb atoms are substituted by very different elements in both size and charge. The
239 difficulty in defining the actual structure of some LLO minerals has important nomenclature
240 implications, since the lack of a structural formula, as already emphasized (Welch et al. 1996; Welch
241 2004; Lepore and Welch 2010), may lead to inaccurate classification. In the case of janchevite, the
242 ideal stoichiometry proposed by Chukanov et al. (2018) should be revised to $\text{Pb}_9\text{VO}_{10.25}\square_{0.75}\text{Cl}_{2.5}$. Such
243 a formula would imply a 5-fold coordination of part of V atoms (0.25 apfu) which has never been
244 reported in members of the LLO family. It is then possible that this constraint prevents the formation of
245 pure V end-members. The Pb_9V stoichiometry also agrees with the $\text{Pb}_9\text{MoO}_{11}\text{Cl}_2$ formula proposed by
246 Welch et al. (1996) and Lepore and Welch (2010) for parkinsonite based on TEM and EPMA
247 observations. This similarity allows us to define a general formula for the janchevite-parkinsonite join
248 as $\text{Pb}_9\text{V}_{1-x}\text{Mo}_x\text{O}_{(10.25+3/4x)}\text{Cl}_{2.5-x/2}$, where the V/Mo ratio dictates the number of oxygens in the cavities
249 and the Cl deficiency.

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IMPLICATIONS

252 The solution of the crystal structure of janchevite offers the opportunity to make some general
253 comments on the importance of deciphering fine structural details in disordered layered lead
254 oxychlorides. It indeed provides insights into the relationship between atomic structure and physical
255 and chemical properties, which is crucial for tailoring materials with specific functionalities, such as
256 electronic, magnetic, optical, or catalytic properties. In this light, the investigation of short-range
257 ordering phenomena is even more important, since they are often reported to have a strong impact on
258 several properties of functional materials (e.g. Keen and Goodwin 2015). Furthermore, the knowledge
259 gained from studying these compounds can guide the design and synthesis of new materials with
260 enhanced properties as those for applications ranging from energy storage and conversion to sensing
261 and environmental remediation. Layered oxychloride heteroanionic compounds have, for example,

262 recently emerged as materials with unique electronic properties, having potential optical and quantum
263 magnetic applications (Harada et al. 2019; Hirai 2024). Moreover, layered oxychlorides are promising
264 candidates for rechargeable battery electrodes due to their unique structural characteristics (Gao et al.
265 2016). Thus, understanding the relationship between short- and long-range order in these materials and
266 its impact on their chemical and physical properties can lead to the development of high-performance
267 and stable battery systems for energy storage applications, including electric vehicles and grid storage.

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Figure Captions

- 385 **Figure 1.** Normalized XANES spectra of janchevite and selected model compounds: a) V K-edge with
386 b) detailed comparison between vanadinite and janchevite; c) As-K edge; d) Mo-K edge. Given the
387 small difference in energy position between Mo^{4+} and Mo^{6+} , vertical lines in d) have been added
388 indicating the position of the main inflection point, which, by convention, is considered to be the
389 absorption edge energy. Mo^{4+} in MoO_2 has the absorption edge at 20014 eV while MoO_3 and
390 janchevite have absorption edge at 20016 eV.

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391 **Figure 2.** Reconstructed precession images showing the $h0l$ (a), $0kl$ (b) and $hk0$ (d) planes. The
392 superstructure scheme in black in (d) is taken from (Welch et al. 1996). In (c), the $[001]$ twin axis
393 in the direct space is shown along with a representation of the two unit-cells.

394 **Figure 3.** The crystal structure of janchevite based on oxocentered tetrahedra as seen down $[100]$. OPb_4
395 tetrahedra in red, Cl atoms in green, MO_5 groups in orange.

396 **Figure 4.** Projection down $[001]$ of the PbO sheet in litharge (a) and janchevite (b) with MO_5
397 polyhedra (in orange) filling DN4 cavities (highlighted in green).

398 **Figure 5.** a) As- and b) Mo K-edge EXAFS of janchevite. Black lines are data, and red lines are fits.

399 **Figure 6.** Thickness variation of the Cl free interlayer sheet between litharge units as a function of the
400 relative abundance of oxygen atoms in the interlayer. The O_{apical}/Pb ratio for parkinsonite and
401 asisite was calculated on the basis of the formulae proposed by Welch et al. (1996) and Welch
402 (2004), respectively.

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405 **Table 1.** Chemical composition (in wt% of oxides) of janchevite

	Mean	Ranges	S.D.
PbO	90.92	90.11-92.12	0.60
As ₂ O ₅	0.80	0.63-1.04	0.13
MoO ₃	2.15	1.88-2.51	0.21
V ₂ O ₅	1.21	0.99-1.41	0.14
SiO ₂	0.34	0.30-0.40	0.03
Cl	4.14	3.99-4.27	0.10
O _{eq}	0.93		
Total	98.63		

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412 **Table 2** Selected bond distances and site scattering (*s.s.*) values

Pb1—O5	2.41 (1)	Pb4—O3	2.29 (1)	Pb7—O1	2.25 (1)
Pb1—O2 ⁱ	2.42 (1)	Pb4—O1	2.29 (1)	Pb7—O5	2.29 (1)
Pb1—O1 ⁱⁱ	2.43 (1)	Pb4—O9	2.59 (2)	Pb7—O6	2.38 (1)
Pb1—O4	2.45 (1)	Pb4—O7	2.64 (2)	Pb7—O7	2.60 (2)
<Pb1—O>	2.43	<Pb4—O>		Pb7—O11	2.92 (2)
Pb1—Cl1	3.358 (1)	Pb3—Cl2	3.365 (4)	<Pb7—O>	2.49
Pb1—Cl2	3.340 (5)	Pb3—Cl2'	3.434 (4)	<i>s.s.</i>	82.00
Pb1—Cl2'	3.414 (5)	Pb3—Cl3	3.140 (6)		
Pb1—Cl3	3.279 (6)	Pb3—Cl3'	3.494 (6)	Pb8—O2	2.19 (1)
<Pb1—Cl>	3.348	<Pb4—Cl>	3.358	Pb8—O4	2.30 (1)
<i>s.s.</i>	82.00	<i>s.s.</i>	82.00	Pb8—O6	2.37 (1)
				Pb8—O10	2.64 (2)
Pb2—O3	2.30 (1)	Pb5—O4	2.28 (1)	Pb8—O11	2.97 (2)
Pb2—O2	2.35 (1)	Pb5—O6 ⁱⁱ	2.30 (1)	<Pb8—O>	2.49
Pb2—O8	2.39 (2)	Pb5—O7	2.47 (1)	<i>s.s.</i>	82.00
Pb2—O10	2.66 (2)	Pb5—O8	2.74 (1)		
<Pb2—O>	2.423	<Pb5—O>	2.44	Pb9—O5	2.26 (1)
Pb2—Cl1	3.372 (1)	Pb5—Cl1	3.301 (1)	Pb9—O2	2.31 (1)
Pb2—Cl2	3.276 (5)	Pb5—Cl2	3.329 (5)	Pb9—O3	2.33 (1)
Pb2—Cl3	3.242 (4)	Pb5—Cl3	3.306 (5)	Pb9—O9	2.63 (2)
Pb2—Cl3'	3.581 (6)	Pb5—Cl3	3.519 (7)	Pb9—O11	3.01 (2)
<Pb2—Cl>	3.368	<Pb5—Cl>	3.364	<Pb9—O>	2.508
<i>s.s.</i>	82.00	<i>s.s.</i>	82.00	<i>s.s.</i>	82.00
Pb3—O6	2.31 (1)	Pb6—O4	2.22 (1)	M10a—O7	1.85 (2)
Pb3—O5	2.31 (1)	Pb6—O1 ⁱⁱ	2.28 (1)	M10a—O8	2.04 (2)
Pb3—O10	2.47 (2)	Pb6—O3	2.41 (1)	M10a—O9	2.04 (2)
Pb3—O9	2.55 (2)	Pb6—O8	2.62 (2)	M10a—O10	2.22 (3)
<Pb3—O>	2.41	Pb6—O11	2.92 (2)	<M10a—O>	2.04
Pb3—Cl1	3.382(1)	<Pb6—O>	2.49	<i>s.s.</i>	10.82
Pb3—Cl2	3.387(4)	<i>s.s.</i>	82.00		
Pb3—Cl2	3.269(4)			M10b—O11	1.71 (2)

Pb3—Cl3	3.515(6)	M10b—O8	1.82 (2)
<Pb3—Cl>	3.388	M10b—O10	1.82 (2)
<i>s.s.</i>	82.00	M10b—O9	1.82 (2)
		M10b—O7	1.87 (2)
		<M10b—O>	1.81
		<i>s.s.</i>	27.30

413 **Table 3** Bond-valence values for janchevite

	Pb1	Pb2	Pb3	Pb4	Pb5	Pb6	Pb7	Pb8	Pb9	M10a	M10b*	Sum	Theor.
O1	0.38			0.51		0.53	0.56					1.98	<i>2.00</i>
O2	0.40	0.46						0.63	0.49			1.98	<i>2.00</i>
O3		0.51		0.51		0.41			0.48			1.91	<i>2.00</i>
O4	0.37				0.52	0.59		0.51				1.99	<i>2.00</i>
O5	0.40		0.50				0.51		0.55			1.96	<i>2.00</i>
O6			0.50		0.51		0.43	0.43				1.87	<i>2.00</i>
O7 (89%)				0.22	0.32		0.28			0.15	0.78	1.75	<i>1.78</i>
O8 (87%)		0.37			0.18	0.23				0.10	0.72	1.60	<i>1.74</i>
O9 (74%)			0.22	0.21					0.19	0.08	0.61	1.31	<i>1.48</i>
O10 (72%)		0.17	0.26					0.18		0.06	0.60	1.27	<i>1.44</i>
O11 (87%)						0.13	0.13	0.13	0.10		0.95	1.44	<i>1.74</i>
Cl1	0.11 ^{×2→}	0.10 ^{×2→}	0.09 ^{×2→}		0.12 ^{×2→}							0.84	<i>1.00</i>
Cl2	0.11 0.09	0.13	0.12 0.08	0.09 0.11	0.12							0.85	<i>1.00</i>
Cl3	0.13	0.15 0.06	0.06	0.19 0.07	0.12 0.07							0.85	<i>1.00</i>
Sum	2.00	1.94	1.88	1.91	1.95	1.87	1.91	1.86	1.81	0.38	3.96		
Theor.	<i>2.00</i>	<i>2.00</i>	<i>2.00</i>	<i>2.00</i>	<i>2.00</i>	<i>2.00</i>	<i>2.00</i>	<i>2.00</i>	<i>2.00</i>	<i>0.26</i>	<i>4.50</i>		

414 Notes: Bond-valence values were calculated using the parameters of Krivovichev (2012) for Pb²⁺-O bonds, Brese and
 415 O'Keeffe (1991) for Pb²⁺-Cl bonds and Gagné and Hawthorne (2015) for the other bonds. *Calculated on the basis of
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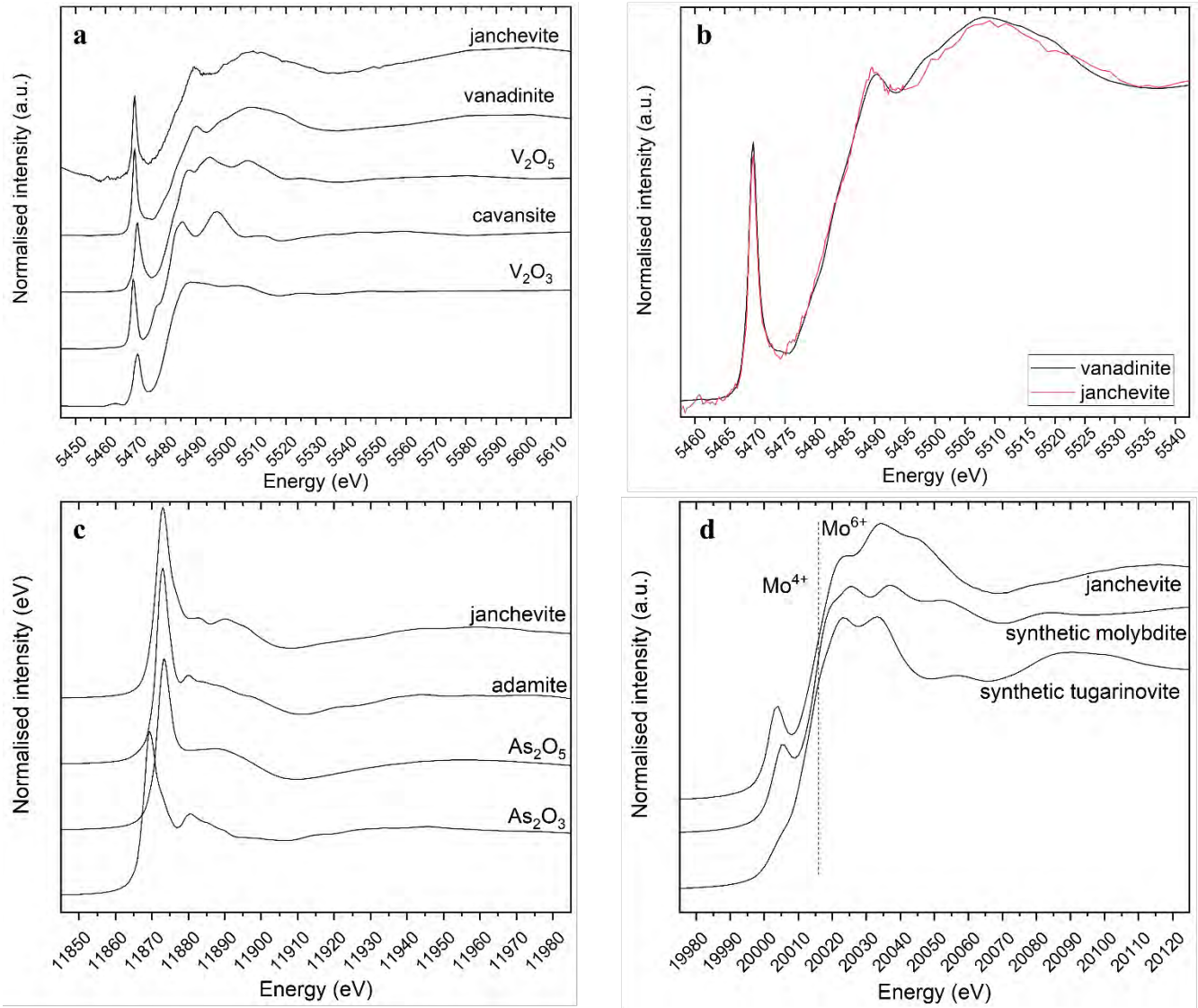
Table 4. Quantitative fit parameters for EXAFS analysis for As and Mo K-edge

Edge	R factor	S_0^2	path	N	R (Å)	σ^2 (Å ²)
Mo K-edge	0.014	0.9(1)	Mo-O	4	1.88(1)	0.006(1)
			Mo-O	1	1.75(1)	0.006(1)
			Mo-Pb	2	3.50(2)	0.003(3)
			Mo-Pb	2	3.59(3)	0.003(3)
			Mo-Pb	1	3.78(3)	0.003(3)
			Mo-Pb	2	3.9(2)	0.02(3)
			Mo-Pb	4	4.1(2)	0.02(3)
			Mo-Pb	1	4.2(2)	0.02(3)
			Mo-Cl	1	4.2(1)	0.001(11)
As K-edge	0.026	1.0(1)	As-O	4	1.69(1)	0.002(1)

Notes: Errors in brackets as reported by Artemis; S_0^2 = Amplitude reduction factor; R = refined path distance; N=path degeneracy; σ^2 = Debye-Waller factor (in order to reduce the total number of variables σ^2 parameter were refined as follows: one parameter for Mo-O paths, two parameters for Mo-Pb paths, split into two groups according to Mo-Pb distance, one parameter for Mo-Cl).

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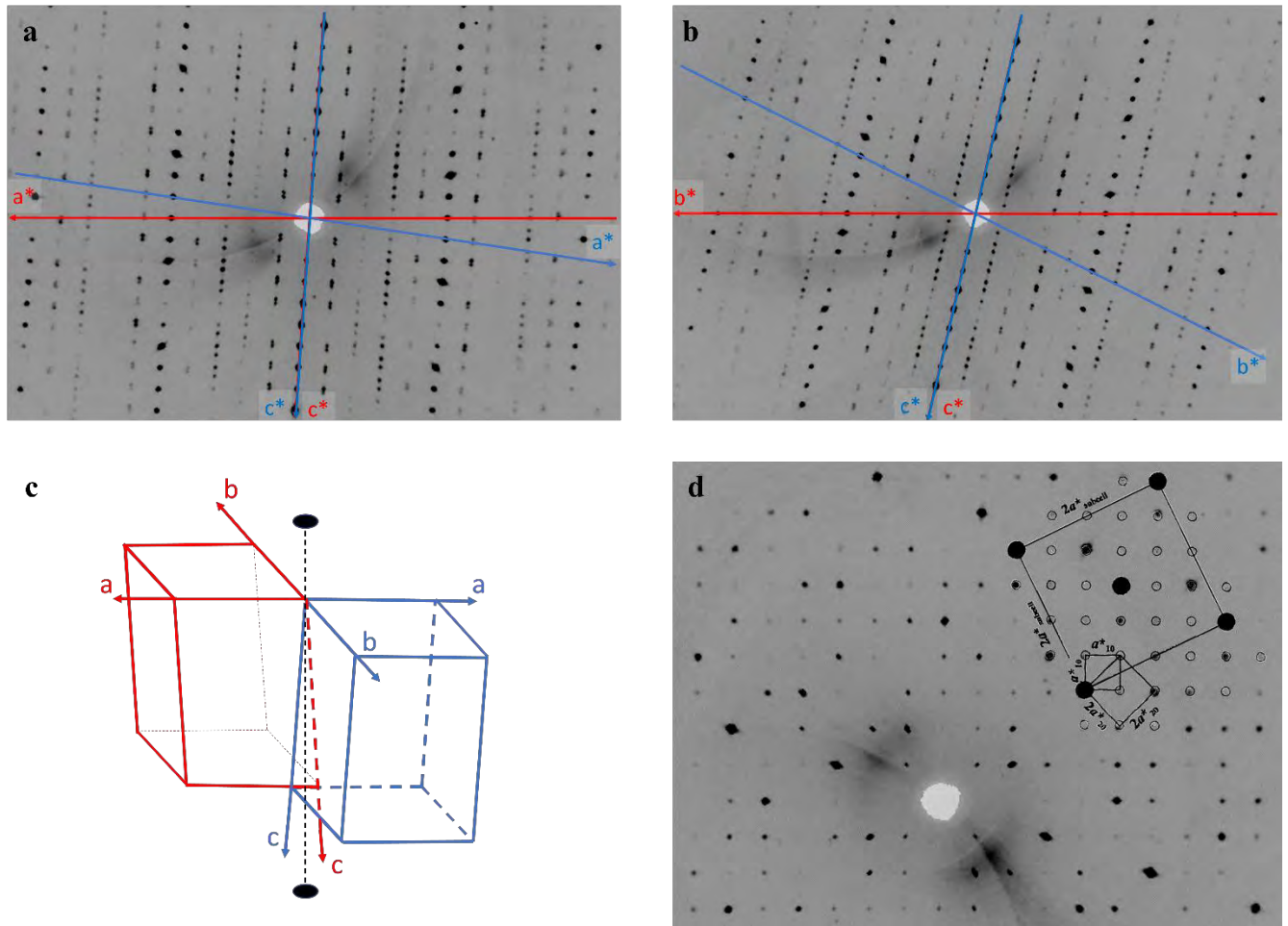
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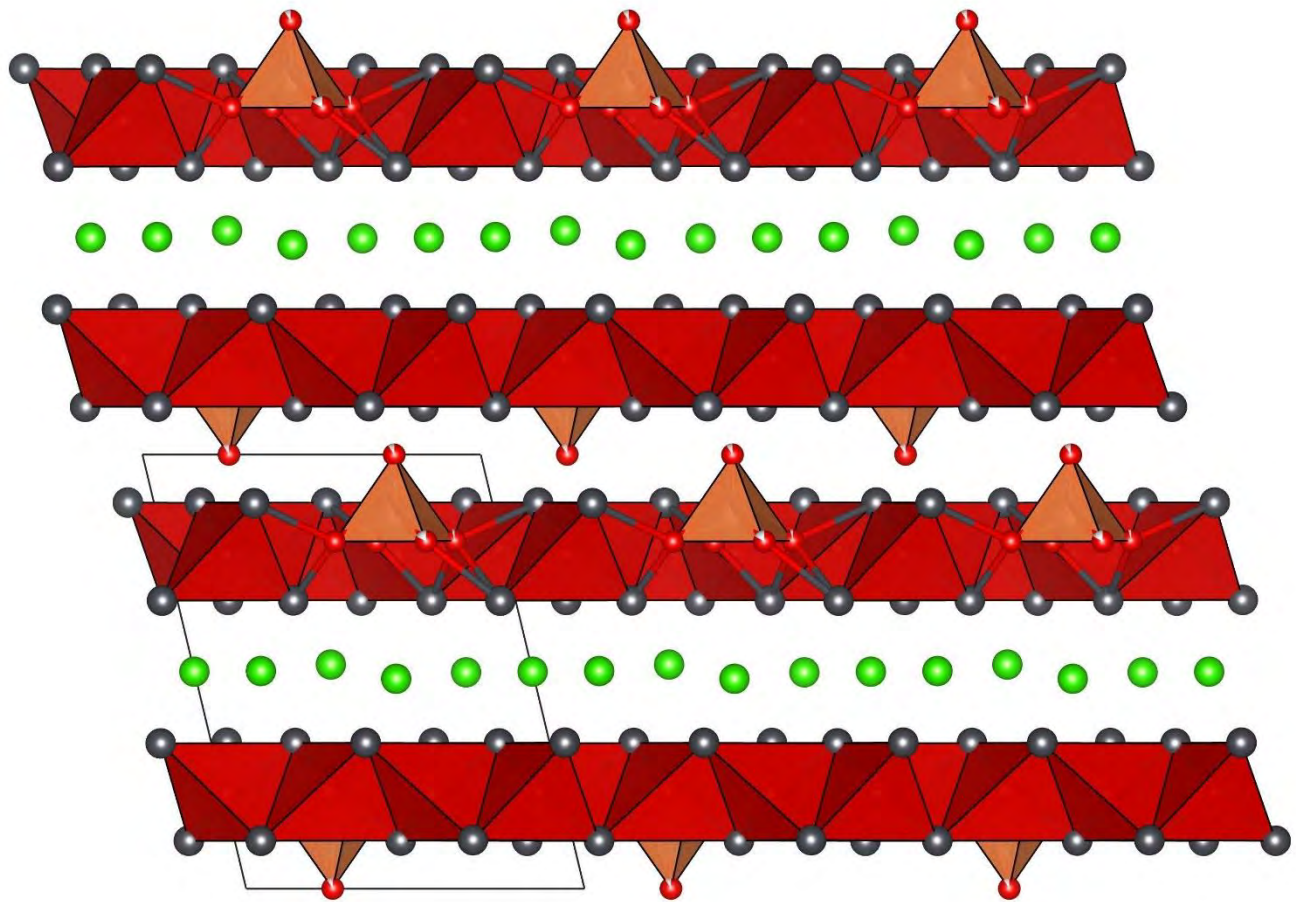
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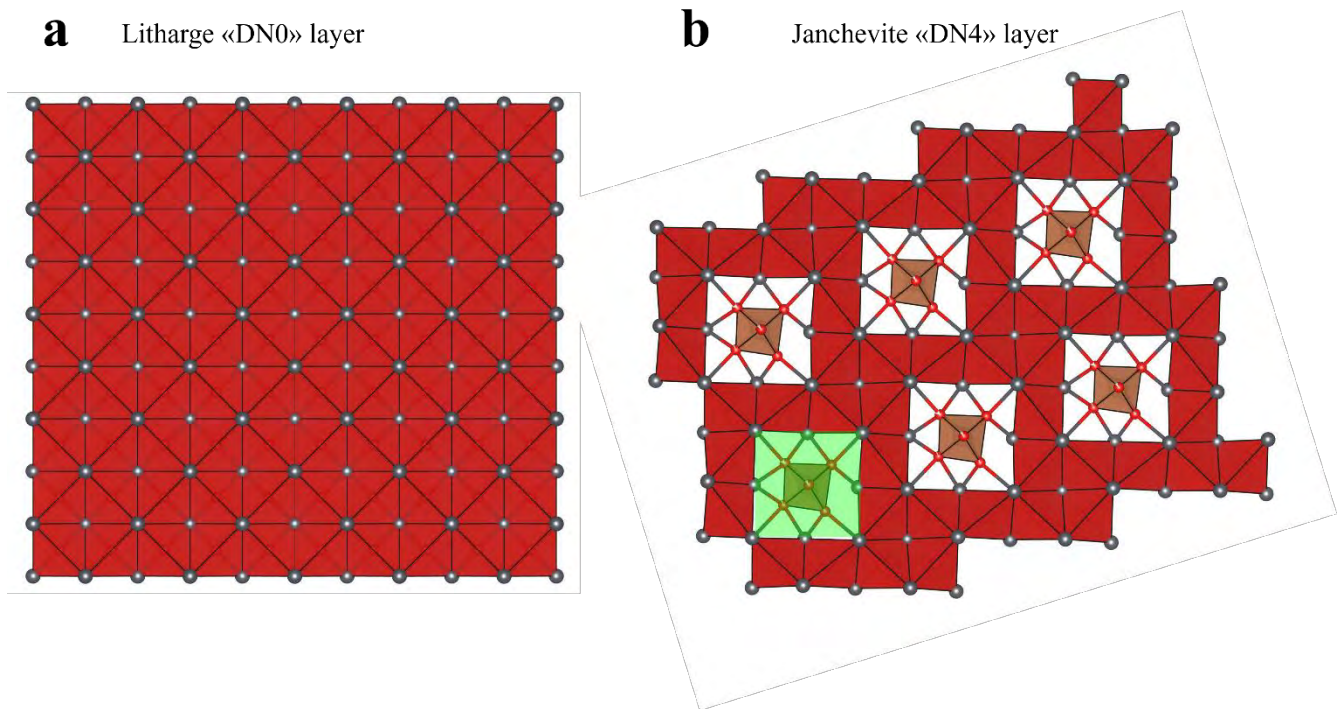
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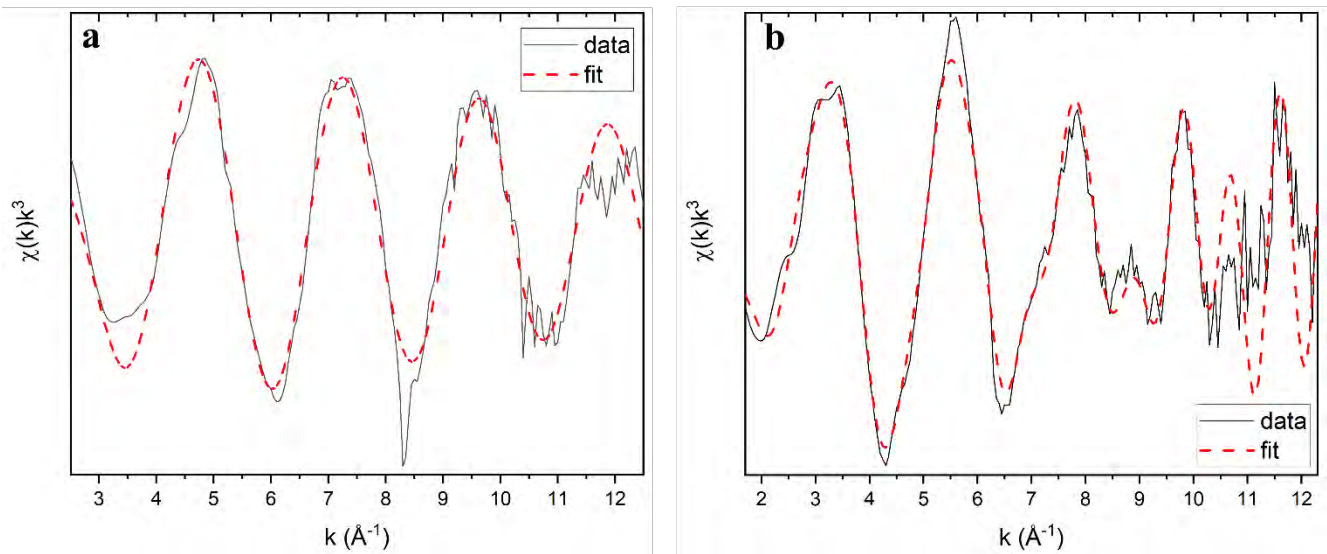
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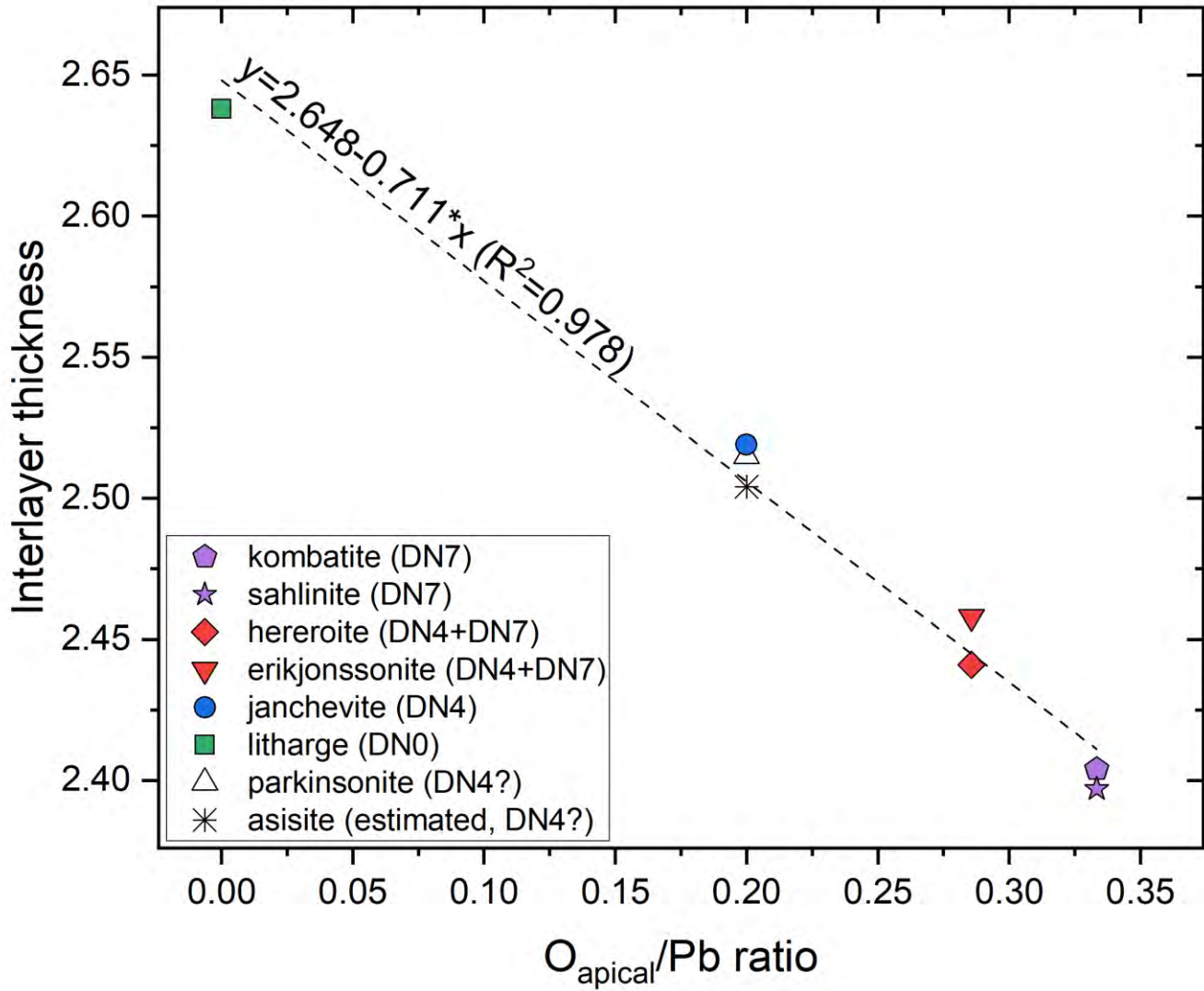
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