
Feldspar–lead partition coefficients are becoming increasingly important for Pb isotope studies of feldspars using in situ methods. Partition coefficients of Pb, as for many other trace elements, are functions of plagioclase composition and temperature as given by the relationship $RT \ln D_{\text{Pb}} = aX_{\text{An}} + b$, where $a$ and $b$ are linear fit parameters. Several researchers have called our attention to a very steep dependence (high value of $a$) in $D_{\text{Pb}}$ in Table 4 on page 1191 of our original paper. In checking the old parameterization, we noticed an error of exclusion of two data points and too heavy a weight (due to an unreasonably small analytical uncertainty) given to one existing data point.

The coefficients of parameterization of the $RT \ln D_{\text{Pb}} = aX_{\text{An}} + b$ in Table 4 should be replaced with the following expression (in kJ):

$$RT \ln D_{\text{Pb}} = -13.0 \pm 9.2X_{\text{An}} + 3.7 \pm 5.8.$$

This fit is much more reasonable, as all the data points are well within the error envelope of the fit (Fig. 1). Furthermore, this parameterization shows Pb to be a moderately incompatible trace element in a wide range of plagioclase compositions. The $D_{\text{Pb}}$ value increases only slightly with decreasing anorthite content from ~0.5 for anorthite to ~1 for albite, in accordance with observations in nature.

Fig. 1. Plagioclase-lead partition coefficients with the best fit line (Eq. (1)).

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