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1 **Calcium isotope fractionation associated with adsorption and**
2 **desorption on/from δ -MnO₂**

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13 **Abstract**

14 Small mineral particles present in soils, such as clay minerals and some oxyhydroxides,
15 constitute important nutrient reservoirs. This behavior is due to the negative charges and high
16 specific surface areas of these particles allowing them to adsorb cations such as calcium (Ca),
17 a macronutrient that occupies key physiological and structural functions in plant metabolism.
18 Although the chemical reactivity of clay minerals is rather well-known in the literature,
19 especially toward macronutrients such as Ca, that of oxyhydroxides such as phyllo-manganate
20 minerals remains largely unexplored.

21 To enhance our understanding of the mechanisms at the origin of the storage/release of the
22 different isotopes of Ca in a soil solution, the possible fractionation between ⁴⁰Ca and ⁴⁴Ca
23 during adsorption and desorption of Ca on a synthetic phyllo-manganate, abiotically precipitated
24 in the laboratory [synthetic analog of vernadite (δ -MnO₂)], was studied. Experiments were
25 performed in batch (closed system), and several parameters (time, pH of the solution, Ca

26 concentration and nature and concentration of the desorbent) were tested to cover a large range
27 of physicochemical conditions.

28 This study demonstrated that the light ^{40}Ca isotope is preferentially adsorbed on $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$, with
29 $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ (the apparent fractionation between initial and final conditions) of the adsorbed Ca that
30 can reach $1.19 \pm 0.15 \text{ ‰}$. The results showed that this isotopic fractionation occurs at chemical
31 equilibrium in a closed system and that the isotopic fractionation measured in this study during
32 Ca adsorption on phyllo-manganate is significantly higher than that reported in the literature
33 during Ca adsorption on other soil constituents such as clay minerals. At pH below 4 Ca
34 occupies only the interlayer/basal sites whereas above this pH it fills first the interlayer/basal
35 sites ($\sim 86\%$) and then edges sites ($\sim 14\%$). By combining the experimental data obtained at
36 different pH values, initial Ca concentrations and interaction times, our results suggest that
37 isotopic signature of the Ca adsorbed on $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ is dependent on the nature of the site involved
38 in the adsorption step (i.e., enriched in ^{40}Ca in the interlayer with $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ equal to -0.43 ‰ and
39 enriched in ^{44}Ca when bound to the edges with $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ equal to $+3.5\text{ ‰}$). As revealed by surface
40 complexation modeling, such contrasting behavior between the two types of adsorption sites
41 could be due to the bidentate nature of the Ca adsorption occurring on edges and to ion
42 exchange of Ca^{2+} with H^+ in the interlayer sites. Finally, desorption experiments point to total
43 but not instantaneous Ca desorption, probably due to a partial collapse of the interlayer with
44 some ions used to desorb Ca^{2+} (K^+ , NH_4^+ , hexaamine-cobalt). This suggests that the amount of
45 bioavailable Ca in soils by simple ion-exchange reactions is highly dependent on the nature of
46 the ions which could desorb Ca present in the soil solution.

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48 **Keywords**

49 Ca isotopes, adsorption/desorption, $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ (vernadite), surface complexation model,
50 fractionation factor

51 **1. Introduction**

52 Sustainable management of forest ecosystems requires better knowledge of the dynamics of
53 nutrients in forest soils. In contrast to other macronutrients, such as nitrogen (N) or phosphorus
54 (P), studies about the dynamics in soils and the availability to plants of calcium (Ca) are not
55 well developed although it is an essential nutrient with key physiological and structural
56 functions in plant metabolism (Marschner, 1995). Field-based studies performed in nutrient-
57 depleted soils (e.g. acidic substratum and/or subject to acidic rain) point to the essential role of
58 nutrients reservoir within soil in the Ca uptake by vegetation (e.g., soil solutions, adsorbed Ca
59 on organo-mineral soil phases, secondary minerals) (Schmitt et al., 2017). Consequently, it
60 appears essential to precisely identify and characterize these reservoirs to improve our
61 understanding of the dynamics operating in the different soil reservoirs and the Ca
62 bioavailability for trees.

63 Over the last decade, , studies of the Ca biogeochemical cycle in the critical zone using the
64 different stable Ca isotopes have revealed isotopic fractionations associated with biotic (taken
65 up by roots and translocation within trees, recycling by vegetation) or abiotic (precipitation of
66 secondary minerals, adsorption/desorption) processes (e.g., Cenko-Tok et al., 2009; Cobert et
67 al., 2011; Schmitt et al., 2012; Bagard et al., 2013; Schmitt et al., 2013; 2017; 2018; Gangloff
68 et al., 2014; Schmitt, 2016; Brazier et al., 2019; 2020; Griffith et al., 2020).

69 A recent study showed that during the adsorption and desorption of Ca on model phyllosilicates
70 commonly found in soils (i.e., kaolinite KGa-2, montmorillonite Swy2 and Tuftane muscovite
71 sorted in size), the light isotope (^{40}Ca) was preferentially adsorbed/desorbed (relative to ^{44}Ca)
72 and that the amplitude of this fractionation for a given mineral was a function of (i) the particle
73 size fraction considered (0.1–1 μm versus 50-200 μm ; i.e., influence of the external specific
74 surface area), (ii) the surface charge (induced in particular by the structural charge due to defects
75 in the considered crystal structures), and (iii) the presence of an interlayer space accessible to

76 cations (Brazier et al., 2019). In particular, these authors have shown that the most significant
77 isotopic fractionation that has been measured (+ 0.24 ‰, apparent fractionation between solid
78 and reactive solution) was obtained with the small size fraction (0.1–1 µm) of muscovite,
79 suggesting that the structural charge was, at least at zero order, the main force driving the
80 isotopic fractionation for a given size fraction of a phyllosilicate mineral.

81 In addition to clay minerals, other layered minerals as phylломanganates are ubiquitous in soils.
82 Therefore, question remains to discuss if parameters governing Ca isotopic fractionation during
83 Ca adsorption on phylломanganates are the same than those previously obtained for
84 phyllosilicates (Brazier et al., 2019). For example, vernadite, $(\text{Na}_{0.24}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0.72}[\text{Mn}^{4+}_{0.94}\square_{0.06}]\text{O}_2$,
85 Villalobos et al., 2006), which is a nanocrystalline turbostratic disordered phylломanganate
86 oxide, is also common as nodules and coatings on minerals found in soils, sediments and rocks
87 (e.g., Burns and Burns, 1977; Dorn et al., 1992; Palumbo et al., 2001). Because of substitutions
88 in its structure, hydrated cations such as Ca^{2+} can be located between the layers of this mineral
89 to compensate for the negative layer charge deficit and can also be adsorbed onto the edges of
90 the particles if these sites are negatively charged (e.g., Lanson et al., 2000; 2002; Grangeon et
91 al., 2012; Manceau et al., 2013; Peña et al., 2015; Simanova et al., 2015; Grangeon et al., 2017).
92 These minerals therefore have a high chemical reactivity in soils and play a major role in solid-
93 solution interactions (Baize, 1997), especially in the biogeochemical cycles of cationic species.
94 The main objective of this study is to quantify the isotope fractionation during Ca adsorption
95 and desorption on and from a phylломanganate. To do this, we abiotically precipitated a
96 synthetic analog of vernadite ($\delta\text{-MnO}_2$) in laboratory and performed Ca sorption experiments in
97 batch reactors to test the influence of several parameters (time, pH of the solution, Ca
98 concentration and nature and concentration of the desorbent) on the magnitude of Ca isotopic
99 fractionation during adsorption and desorption on/from $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$. The obtained data were
100 interpreted by using a surface complexation model (SCM) to improve our understanding of the

101 mechanisms leading to the Ca storage/release in soils and to better explain the behavior of some
102 of its natural isotopes (i.e., ^{40}Ca and ^{44}Ca).

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104 **2. Materials and methods**

105 *2.1 Preparation of $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ minerals*

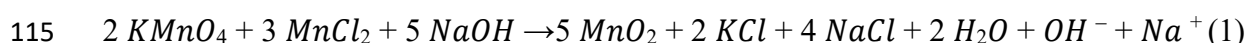
106 The phylломanganate used in this work was synthesized in the laboratory following the protocol
107 of Villalobos et al. (2003). For this, three solutions were prepared, containing the following:

108 1) 28 g (i.e., 0.7 mole) of NaOH in 1440 mL of distilled water

109 2) 40 g (i.e., 0.25 mole) of KMnO_4 in 1280 mL of distilled water

110 3) 75 g (i.e., 0.37 mole) of $\text{MnCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in 1280 mL of distilled water

111 The amounts used correspond to the stoichiometric quantities for the synthesis of $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$,
112 therefore avoiding adsorption of Mn^{2+} in excess onto the surfaces of the synthesized
113 material, according to the following reaction proposed by Villalobos et al. (2003) and Marafatto
114 et al. (2018):



116 All of the solution 2) was added slowly to the solution 1) in a borosilicate beaker, previously
117 cleaned with distilled water and 10% HCl, under continuous stirring with a magnetic bar at 400
118 rpm. Following this, the solution 3) was added to the solution 1)-2) mixture dropwise (3
119 mL.min⁻¹). The brown precipitates that formed were then transferred to 50 mL centrifuge tubes
120 and rinsed following five washing cycles with a 1 M NaCl solution and five rinsing cycles with
121 distilled water. These washing and rinsing cycles consisted of replacing the solutions in the
122 tubes with 1 M NaCl or distilled water followed by a stirring of the mixture solid-solution for
123 1 hour at 40 rpm on an SB3 StuartTM rotator and a centrifugation at 4700 rpm for 15 min on a

124 Thermo Jouan multifunction B4I®. After these cycles, the residue was dried for 72 hours in an
125 oven at 60 °C and gently hand ground in an agate mortar. The grounded solid was then sorted
126 granulometrically (size fraction of 0.1–1 µm) to minimize impurities and match some previous
127 studies using other sorbents (i.e., phyllosilicates) (Brazier et al., 2019). For this, 1 g of raw dried
128 powder was mixed with 50 mL of a deflocculant solution (10^{-2} mol.L⁻¹ Na₄P₂O₇·10H₂O) to
129 disperse the particles as much as possible and thus avoid aggregates. After 24 hours of stirring
130 at 40 rpm on an SB3 StuartTM, size separation was performed according to Stokes' law applied
131 to centrifugation steps, allowing the elimination of particles with sizes out the 0.1–1 µm range
132 (see Reinholdt et al., 2013). These centrifugations were carried out on a Thermo Scientific
133 Heraeus Megafuge 40RTM centrifuge and a Beckman Coulter Avanti J-30ITM ultracentrifuge
134 instrument. After the size sorting, the 0.1–1 µm solid was rinsed several times with distilled
135 water by successive centrifugation, supernatant removal, and mixing with new distilled water
136 to remove the desorbent before its drying in an oven at 60°C.

137 The 0.1-1 µm size fraction powder was then conditioned in mono-ionic form (using Na⁺ in our
138 case) to facilitate the interpretation of Ca adsorption. For Na saturation, 0.25 g of powder was
139 mixed with 50 mL of a 1 M NaCl solution (99.99%) (at distilled water pH = 5.6) for nine days.
140 Every three days, the supernatant was replaced with a new NaCl solution (three cycles) to
141 remove the desorbed elements, with the second solution being at pH = 3 (acidified with HCl)
142 to ensure decarbonation of the sample. The samples were then dialyzed with distilled water for
143 five days in dialysis bags (porosity 6-8 kDa) from Spectrum Laboratories IncTM by filling them
144 with 200 mL of solution (NaCl + δ-MnO₂) and let them equilibrate in 1.5 L of distilled water.
145 This distilled water was renewed every 24 hours until its conductivity is sufficiently low (~ 30
146 µS.cm⁻¹) and no longer changed, indicating that the dialysis/rinsing was finished. The 0.1–1 µm
147 size fraction powder was then dried in an oven at 60 °C for five days, finely and gently crushed
148 using an agate mortar and stored until it was used (see Brazier et al., 2019).

149 *2.2 Characterization of δ -MnO₂*

150 The synthesized and conditioned final mineral was characterized by performing four types of
151 analyses: (1) A powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis using a Bruker AXS D5000
152 diffractometer at the ITES (Strasbourg, France) was carried out in θ/θ mode by scanning
153 between 3° and 65° with steps of 0.04° every 10 sec. Acquisition was obtained using an X-ray
154 tube equipped with a copper (Cu) anticathode operating at 40 kV and 30 mA. (2) The cation
155 exchange capacity (CEC) was measured at ITES (Strasbourg, France) using the hexamine
156 cobalt-chloride method described by Ciesielski et al. (1997). Succinctly, 100 mg of powder was
157 mixed with 45 ml of 10⁻² mol. L⁻¹ hexamine cobalt-chloride solution for two hours at 40 rpm
158 on an SB3 StuartTM rotator at room temperature. The suspensions were then filtered at 0.22 μ m
159 using regenerated cellulose filters and elementarily analyzed. (3) The external specific surface
160 area was measured on a Micrometrics TristarTM at IC2MP (Poitiers, France) according to the
161 Brunauer–Emmett–Teller (BET) method (Brunauer et al., 1938) using the N₂ adsorption
162 isotherm. (4) The chemical composition of the solid δ -MnO₂ was determined by wet chemistry
163 analysis. For this, 50 mg of initial δ -MnO₂ (after Na saturation and before Ca-exchange) and
164 aliquots of final δ -MnO₂ (after Ca adsorption) were digested in SavillexTM beakers with 5 N
165 HCl on a hot plate at 100 °C and then evaporated to dryness. The residues were then converted
166 to HNO₃, evaporated to dryness, and then dissolved in 0.25 M HNO₃ for analysis.

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168 *2.3 Ca-for-Na⁺ cation-exchange experiments and Ca desorption procedure*

169 All adsorption and desorption experiments were performed in well-mixed closed reactors
170 ("batch" system) allowing the homogeneity of the medium and by considering the decrease in
171 the Ca concentration of the starting solution due to adsorption. The aqueous concentration of
172 Ca in the initial solution was adjusted to be limiting (i.e., more than 75% of the initial Ca

173 quantity is adsorbed at steady state) but to still have enough Ca remaining in the reactive
174 solution for isotopic fractionation quantification.

175 Adsorption experiments were performed with an initial solution prepared using hydrated
176 $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ salt (Alfa Aesar 99.99% purity) at room temperature (20 °C) and by considering a
177 2.5 g.L^{-1} solid/solution ratio. The ionic strength was comprised between 0.009 (at pH 10) and
178 0.019 mol.L^{-1} (at pH 2) and fixed solely by $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$, and the reagent used to adjust the pH of
179 the initial solutions between 2 and 10 (i.e., $5 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ mol.L}^{-1} \text{ HNO}_3$ or $5 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ mol.L}^{-1} \text{ NaOH}$). Each
180 experiment consisted of mixing 50 mg of dried $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ (0.1-1 $\mu\text{m Na}^+$ -size fraction) with 20
181 mL of initial Ca solution and corresponded to a single measurement point. Each mixture was
182 stirred at 40 rpm on an SB3 StuartTM rotator for a given duration and centrifuged for 5 min at
183 4000 rpm in a Thermo Jouan multifunction B4-ITM centrifuge. This procedure was used for the
184 following experiments):

185 1. Adsorption kinetics made of eight measurement points at different time (i.e., 5 min, 10
186 min, 15 min, 35 min, 65 min, 125 min, ~ 24 h and ~ 48 h; including the 5 min of
187 centrifugation) at pH 7 with initial aqueous Ca concentrations fixed at 2.25 mmol.L^{-1}
188 (i.e., 0.10 mmol/mmol Mn).

189 2. Adsorption experiments performed at different initial pH values ranging from 2 to 10
190 (range chosen to match different pH soil environments) with initial Ca concentrations
191 fixed at 2.86 mmol.L^{-1} (i.e., 0.124 mmol/mmol Mn) and an adsorption time reaction of
192 125 min.

193 3. Adsorption isotherms performed at different initial aqueous Ca concentration varying
194 from 2.20 to 9.81 mmol.L^{-1} (i.e., 0.098 to 0.436 mmol/mmol Mn) at pH 7 and with an
195 adsorption time of 125 min. This initial aqueous Ca concentrations range was chosen to
196 cover a range from limiting to infinite Ca aqueous reservoir considering the
197 solid/solution ratio used (see discussion).

198 (note that throughout the manuscript, mmol/mmol Mn refers to mmol Ca_{aq}/mmol Mn in the
199 solid or mmol Ca_{adsorbed}/mmol Mn in the solid depending on the experimental conditions
200 (adsorption or desorption). After each experiment, the supernatant was removed using a 20-mL
201 syringe and filtered at 0.22 μm using cellulose acetate membrane filters and stored prior to
202 analyses.

203 Additionally, some solid residues recovered after adsorption experiments performed at pH 7
204 using an initial aqueous Ca concentration of 2.86 mmol. L⁻¹ were used for Ca desorption
205 experiments. These residues (i.e., slurry remaining after supernatant removal) were weighed to
206 quantify the residual liquid mass, and were then stirred during 2 hours, at room temperature (20
207 °C), with 20 mL of different desorbents: hexamine cobalt-chloride - [(Co(NH₃)₆Cl₃] (2.10⁻², 10⁻²
208 ² and 10⁻¹ mol.L⁻¹), ammonium acetate (CH₃COONH₄) (10⁻¹ and 1 M) and potassium nitrate
209 (KNO₃) (10⁻², 10⁻¹ and 1 mol. L⁻¹) (hereafter abbreviated Cohex, NH₄⁺ and K⁺, respectively).
210 The mixtures were then centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 5 min, the supernatant was taken up and
211 filtered (following the same procedure presented above), and replaced by 20 mL of fresh
212 desorbents that were let to react for 48 h with the residues. This procedure was repeated two
213 additional times with 72 h and 120 h of interaction between fresh desorbents and residues.
214 These leaches will be referred to as "sequential leaches" later in the paper. In parallel, 20 mL
215 of Cohex was added to the slurry for 72 h of interaction (referred to as "cumulative leaching"
216 hereafter).

217 *2.4 Analytical procedures*

218 The evolution of pH with time was measured on an aliquot of each filtered sample using a
219 Metrohm 905 Titrando™ titrator calibrated at 25 °C. Elemental and isotopic analyses were
220 performed at the Cortecs-Pacite platform of the University of Strasbourg at ITES (Strasbourg,
221 France).

222 Aqueous Ca, Na, P and Mn concentrations were measured with an ICP–AES iCAP 6000 Series
223 (ThermoFisher Scientific™), with detection limits, respectively equal to 0.08, 0.1, 0.1 and 0.01
224 $\mu\text{mol.L}^{-1}$. The repeatability was equal to 5% of the concentration of the sample. The accuracy
225 was assessed by repeated measurements of reference materials (SLRS5, Perade-20, Rain 97,
226 Big-Moose 02, Super 05) during each sequence.

227 For the $\delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ analyses, 0.14 μmol of Ca from each analyzed solution supernatant and
228 digestion product was mixed with 0.01 μmol of Ca from a ^{42}Ca - ^{43}Ca double spike ($^{42}\text{Ca}/^{43}\text{Ca}$
229 spike ratio of ~ 5), and this mixture was dried at 70 °C on a hot plate. The mixtures were then
230 dissolved in 2 mol.L^{-1} HNO_3 , and chemical separations were performed on a DGA resin normal
231 (TODGA, Triskem™) according to the procedure of Brazier et al. (2019). Eluted Ca was dried
232 a first time at 70 °C and converted to nitric form with 7 M HNO_3 before a second phase of
233 drying at 70 °C on a hot plate. The total Ca blank for the chemical separation procedure
234 represents less than 1.25 nmol. This represents an average contribution of 0.009% to the Ca
235 present in the sample and will be considered negligible in the rest of this work.

236 The dried residues of the chemical separation were dissolved in 1 to 3 μL of 1 mol.L^{-1} HNO_3
237 and deposited on single tantalum filaments (99.995% purity) previously outgassed and oxidized
238 (under primary vacuum) for the $\delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ measurements. All Ca isotope measurements were
239 performed on a TIMS (ThermoFischer Scientific Triton™) in static mode (see details in Schmitt
240 et al., 2013 and Brazier et al., 2019). To avoid $\delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{SRM915a}}$ intersession drifts, the ^{42}Ca - ^{43}Ca
241 double spike was calibrated at each measurement session by measuring three mixtures
242 composed of NIST SRM 915a standard solution and ^{42}Ca - ^{43}Ca double spike following the
243 protocol proposed by Lehn et al. (2013).

244 The measured values were expressed as $\delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ per mil relative to the NIST SRM915a standard
245 (Hippler et al., 2003; Eisenhauer et al., 2004):

246
$$\delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{SRM915a}} (\text{‰}) = \left(\frac{\left(\frac{^{44}\text{Ca}}{^{40}\text{Ca}} \right)_{\text{Sample}}}{\left(\frac{^{44}\text{Ca}}{^{40}\text{Ca}} \right)_{\text{SRM915a}}} - 1 \right) \times 1000 \quad (2)$$

247 To directly assess the apparent isotopic fractionation, our results will be expressed as a
 248 difference ($\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_i$) between the measured Ca isotopic composition in the final aqueous or
 249 solid phase ($\delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_i$) and that of the initial solution ($\delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{ini}}$):

250
$$\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_i (\text{‰}) = \delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_i - \delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{ini}} \quad (3)$$

251 where i represents the liquid after adsorption (LAA), the solid after adsorption (SAA) or the
 252 liquid after desorption (LAD).

253 The associated propagated uncertainty (Δ_{error} , in ‰) can be expressed as

254
$$\Delta_{\text{error}}(\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_i) = \sqrt{\left(\Delta_{\delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_i} \right)^2 + \left(\Delta_{\delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{ini}}} \right)^2} \quad (4)$$

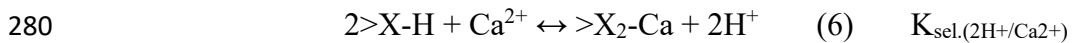
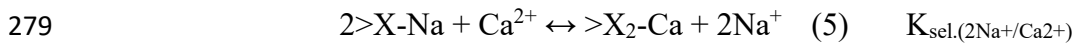
255 The average internal repeatability obtained during the course of the study was 0.07 ‰ based on
 256 repeated measurements of NIST SRM 915a (2 SD, N=63). Repeated measurements of the
 257 initial Ca solution yielded a value equal to 0.85 ± 0.04 ‰ (2SE, N= 6). The external uncertainty
 258 calculated from external long-term sample replicates was equal to 0.11 ‰ (2SD, N=22) for
 259 $\delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ values. Using these values and according to Equation (4), the propagated error
 260 associated with $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ is equal to 0.15 ‰. The accuracy of our measurements was explored
 261 through the measurements of an in-house Atlantic seawater standard ($1.90\text{‰} \pm 0.11$, 2SD,
 262 N=22) during the same period of time, which showed consistent values with those reported by
 263 Hippler et al. (2003) and Heuser et al. (2016 and references therein).

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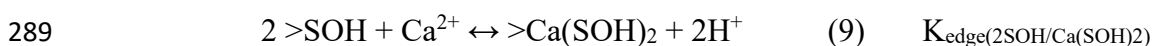
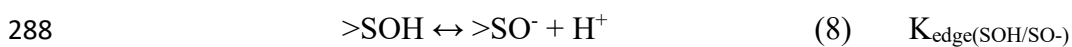
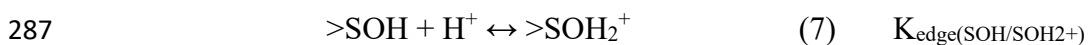
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266 3. Modeling of adsorption experimental data

267 δ -MnO₂ minerals have a layered structure with cations adsorbed in interlayer, allowing to
268 compensate the negative charge due to cation vacancies in the layer, and possible cations
269 adsorbed onto edge sites (van Genuchten and Peña, 2016; Marafatto et al., 2018). Thus, to
270 model the experimental data of Ca²⁺ adsorption on δ -MnO₂, two types of adsorption sites on
271 two different surfaces are considered. The first type of site corresponds to cation exchange sites
272 located in the interlayer/basal surface compensating the negative permanent charges due to the
273 vacancies in the structure (i.e., called >X⁻ hereafter) and formed during the synthesis of δ -MnO₂
274 (see below). On/in these sites, the Ca present in solution adsorbs on δ -MnO₂ by an exchange
275 with the compensating cations (Na⁺ and/or H⁺) electrostatically bounded to the basal/interlayer
276 surfaces (above the vacancies). This cationic exchange can be described by a selectivity
277 coefficient K_{sel.} (Gaines and Thomas, 1953; Bradbury and Baeyens, 2009; Tertre et al., 2011).
278 The reactions of cation exchange can be expressed by the following equations:



281 The second type of sites corresponds to the surface edge sites of the sheets with variable charge
282 depending on the pH (i.e., called >SOH hereafter). Experimental data were modeled by using
283 a geometrical diffuse layer model (DLM). It was used due to its simplicity (i.e., only K_{edge} as
284 adjustable parameter; no capacitance values to fix; see Table 1). Coupling to
285 protonation/deprotonation of the >SOH sites, the reactions of Ca²⁺ adsorption on these sites can
286 be expressed by the following equations:



290 The Visual Minteq program (Version 3.1; Gustafsson, 2013) together with the PEST
291 optimization option (Parameter ESTimation; see also <http://www.pesthomepage.org>) was used
292 to model the experimental data of Ca^{2+} adsorption on $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ considering the two types of
293 adsorption sites mentioned above. The adsorption model was applied to the initial Ca solutions
294 in contact with $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ (see section 4), using the aqueous species constants from the default
295 thermodynamic database associated with Visual Minteq 3.1., and the sites densities (for $>\text{X}^-$
296 and $>\text{SOH}$) deduced from experimental data measured in this study.

297

298 4. Results

299 4.1 Mineral characterization

300 The acid digestion experiment allowed us to determine the molar ratios Ca/Mn and Na/Mn of
301 the $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ mineral (0.001 and 0.29, respectively). Based on the generic formula for $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$
302 minerals ($\text{Na}_y(\text{Mn}_x\Box_a)\text{O}_2, \text{H}_2\text{O}$), and the fact that $\text{Na}/\text{Mn} = y/x+a = 1$, and $y=4a$ (Villalobos et
303 al., 2003), the following structural formula can be proposed for the solid:
304 $\text{Na}_{0.27}(\text{Mn}_{0.93}\Box_{0.07})\text{O}_2, \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ($M=107.73 \text{ g}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$) in accordance with the literature (Post and
305 Veblen, 1990; Drits et al., 1997; Luo et al., 2000; Villalobos et al., 2003). The solid
306 characterized by this structural formula will be represented by the term “ $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ ” throughout
307 the manuscript. Consequently, the minimum percentage of structural vacancies is equal to 7%.
308 By considering this structural formula, the average Mn oxidation number is equal to 3.93, which
309 is close to that reported by previous authors (between 3.49 and 4.02) (Villalobos et al., 2003;
310 Zhao et al., 2009; Grangeon et al. 2012). Furthermore, the $\text{Na}^+/\text{Mn}_{\text{total}}$ ratio equal to 0.29 in our
311 case is representative of the negative structural charge of the solid (Villalobos et al., 2003) and
312 gives an indication of the layer charge per cell value.

313 The CEC and BET N_2 specific surface area values measured in this work on the 0.1-1 μm size
314 fraction of the Na^+ - $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ synthesized grains are presented in Table 2. The CEC is rather high

315 (215 meq/100 g) compared to those of the previous phyllosilicate minerals used for similar
316 experiments (see Table 2). The percentage of the CEC represented by Na cations in the initial
317 solids was calculated (see Table 2) and was higher than 99%, indicating that Na-homoionic
318 conditioning was effective. The BET specific surface area measured (i.e., 27.6 m²/g) is in the
319 range of the values that can be found in the literature for MnO₂ solids (from 15 to 290 m²/g)
320 (e.g., Murray, 1975; Balistrieri and Murray, 1982; Catts and Langmuir, 1986; Burdige et al.,
321 1992; Gotfredsen and Stone, 1994; Nelson et al., 1999; Villalobos et al., 2003; Tonkin et al.,
322 2004; Marafatto et al., 2018) . The value obtained is coherent with those obtained for other
323 materials characterized by the same particle size (see Table 2). The experimental XRD pattern
324 confirmed that δ-MnO₂ is poorly crystallized (see S1 in Appendix A).

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326 4.2 Calculation of Ca and Na concentrations and mass balance

327 The Ca adsorption and desorption experimental results from the filtered supernatant obtained
328 at the end of the adsorption and desorption steps are presented in Tables 3 and 4. The amount
329 of adsorbed Ca (and desorbed Na) is calculated as the difference between (i) the initial amount
330 of Ca (or Na) in the liquid ($Ca_{ini} = 0.124$ mmol/mmol Mn; $Na_{ini} = 0.002$ mmol/mmol Mn) and
331 (ii) the amount of Ca (or Na) in the supernatant after adsorption (Ca_{LAA}) (or desorption, Na_{LAA})
332 experiments.

333 It has to be noted that the filtration process is never total at the end of the adsorption step
334 procedure, and thus some aqueous Ca remaining in the pores of the slurry after Ca adsorption
335 have to be considered in the calculation of the amount of desorbed Ca (and associated isotopic
336 ratio). These values (i.e., Ca_{LAD_corr} , $\delta^{44/40}Ca_{LAD_corr}$) are calculated as the difference between
337 the quantity of Ca measured in the supernatant after desorption (Ca_{LAD} , $\delta^{44/40}Ca_{LAD}$) and the
338 sum of Ca remaining in the slurry and present in the desorbent itself (see Brazier et al., 2019
339 for detailed calculations). Applied corrections were not significant in either elemental

340 concentration (~1% in average) or isotopic measurements (1.5% of the Δ -value in average), and
341 they will no longer be considered in this work.

342 The dissolution of δ -MnO₂ during the adsorption/desorption experiments can also be neglected.
343 Indeed, no aqueous Mn was detected in the analyzed supernatants (<0.01 $\mu\text{mol. L}^{-1}$), and the
344 total amount of Ca from dissolution of the solid (0.01 $\mu\text{mol.mg}^{-1}$) was less than 1% of the Ca
345 coming from the initial solution used for adsorption experiments. Similarly, no P (< 0.1 $\mu\text{mol.L}^{-1}$)
346 was detected, so that there could be no pyrophosphate adsorption onto MnOx particles nor
347 interferences to subsequent Ca²⁺ adsorption. Finally, for the samples for which the apparent
348 isotopic composition of Ca in both the residual liquid (LAA) and in the solid (SAA) after
349 adsorption were analyzed, we ensured that the mass balance was equilibrated using the equation
350 (see section 4.1):

$$351 \quad \Delta^{44/40}Ca_{IS} = f \times \Delta^{44/40}Ca_{LAA} + (1 - f) \times \Delta^{44/40}Ca_{SAA} \quad (10)$$

352 with *IS* the initial solution, and *f* is the proportion of Ca remaining in the aqueous phase after
353 the adsorption step.

354 4.3 Kinetics of Ca adsorption and desorption

355 After 20 min of adsorption, the amount of Ca remaining in the aqueous phase stabilizes to
356 approximately $1.5 \pm 0.9\%$ of the initial Ca, which corresponds to approximately $98.5 \pm 0.9\%$
357 (2SE, N=7) of Ca adsorbed (Table 3; Fig. 1a). In contrast, Ca desorption by Cohex is not
358 complete since beyond 30 min of reaction this amount stabilizes to $72.1 \pm 1.4\%$ (2SE, N=6) of
359 adsorbed Ca (Table 4; Fig. 1a).

360 Isotopically, the first interaction times experience high $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ values of the solution, followed
361 by a decrease (after 15 and 10 min for adsorption and desorption, respectively) and again an
362 increase, whether for adsorption or desorption steps. After 20 (or 15) min of adsorption
363 (desorption), the isotope composition in Ca of the solution stabilizes to approximately $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$
364 = $1.26 \pm 0.09 \text{ ‰}$ (2SE, N=5) ($0.49 \pm 0.07 \text{ ‰}$, 2SE, N=5) (Fig. 1b). Note that the Ca isotope

365 composition of the supernatant after desorption is enriched in the light ^{40}Ca isotope of 0.77 ‰
366 relative to the supernatant after adsorption, pointing to partial desorption.
367 Furthermore, the amount of Ca that is desorbed is linked to the nature of the desorbent used, its
368 concentration and the interaction time with the solid (Fig. 2a). The higher the concentration of
369 the desorbent, and the higher the number of successive sequential desorption, the greater the
370 quantity of Ca extracted (Fig. 2a). The maximum quantity of Ca (99.5%) is extracted with 0.1
371 M Cohex and with four successive desorption cycles (2 h + 48 h + 72 h + 120 h) (Fig. 2a). After
372 2 hours of interaction, the apparent isotopic fractionation compositions of the desorbed Ca are
373 variable (from 0.12 ‰ for 0.1 M Cohex to 0.90 ‰ for 0.01 M) (Fig. 2b). For 0.1 M Cohex, the
374 first fractions are enriched in the heavy ^{44}Ca isotope (0.12 ‰ for the first 56.6%), while the
375 more we extract Ca, the more we enrich the aqueous phase in the light ^{40}Ca isotope (-1.17 ‰
376 for the last 8.3%) (Table 4; Fig. 2b). The weighted average $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ value of the different 0.1
377 M Cohex extractions is -0.12 ± 0.24 ‰, which is equal, within propagated error, to the value of
378 the initial solution (i.e. $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca} = 0$) used for the experiments, confirming that mass balance is
379 effective.

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381 4.4 Results of pH and initial Ca concentration

382 4.4.1 pH effect (at Ca equal to 0.124 mmol/mmol Mn and 125-min interaction time)

383 For this experiment, the elemental and isotopic analysis results of the liquid and solid fractions
384 after Ca adsorption are presented in Table 5 and in Fig. 3a and b. For Ca solutions with an initial
385 pH between 2 and 4, the concentrations of adsorbed Ca vary between 0.042 mmol/mmol Mn
386 and 0.118 mmol/mmol Mn. At the same time, an increase in final pH from 2.3 to 5.6 is observed,
387 coinciding with a decrease in H_3O^+ in solution, as well as a variation in desorbed Na
388 concentration from 0.244 mmol/mmol Mn (at pH=2) to 0.202 mmol/mmol Mn (at pH=4). Over
389 this pH range, there is thus an adsorption of H_3O^+ and Ca^{2+} with a desorption of Na^+ . For Ca

390 solutions with an initial pH between 6 and 10, the adsorbed Ca concentrations are relatively
391 stable at 0.122 mmol/mmol Mn. At the same time, the final pH decreased with a stabilization
392 of approximately 6.1.

393 In parallel, the isotopic compositions in $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ of the aqueous phase, at the end of the Ca
394 adsorption step, increase from pH 2 to pH 4 from 0.25 to 1.15 ‰ and stabilize above pH 4 at
395 1.23 ± 0.06 (2SE, N=2). Concomitantly, the isotopic compositions of solids vary from -0.43 ‰
396 at pH 2 to -0.06 ‰ at pH 4 to finally attain 0.12 ‰ at pH 10 (Table 5 and Fig. 3b).

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398 4.4.2 Ca concentration effect (at pH=7 and 125-min interaction time)

399 The results of elemental and isotopic analyses of the supernatant liquid after adsorption and of
400 the solid after the Ca-adsorption step are presented in Table 6 and Figs. 3c and d. At pH 7, when
401 the initial Ca concentration increases from 0.098 mmol/mmol Mn to 0.436 mmol/mmol Mn,
402 the adsorbed Ca concentrations vary between 0.097 mmol/mmol Mn and 0.138 mmol/mmol
403 Mn. During this variation, we also noticed a decrease in pH, initially at 7, from 6.36 to 4.48 and
404 an increase in desorbed Na^+ from 0.184 to 0.229 mmol/mmol Mn (Table 6), suggesting
405 desorption of H^+ and Na^+ during Ca^{2+} adsorption. Such a decrease in pH was also observed by
406 van Genuchten et Peña (2016) during the sorption of cations to $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$. The adsorbed Ca
407 concentrations stabilize to approximately 0.129 ± 0.006 (2SE, N=6) mmol/mmol Mn from the
408 initial Ca concentration of 0.127 mmol/mmol Mn, and those of desorbed Na stabilize to
409 approximately 0.226 ± 0.004 (2SE, N=6) (Table 6; Fig. 3c). Isotopically, as the initial Ca
410 concentration increases, $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{LAA}}$ decreases from 1.19 ± 0.01 (2SE, N=2) to stabilize at 0.34
411 ± 0.06 (2SE, N=2) for the largest amount of Ca adsorbed investigated. The behavior of the solid
412 logically follows that of the liquid with lighter values of 1.27 ± 0.23 ‰ (2SE, N=4) (Fig. 3d).

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414 4.5 Modelling

415 The results obtained by modelling the experimental Ca adsorption data on δ -MnO₂ by
416 considering two types of sites (i.e. interlayer and edge sites) are shown in Figures 4a and 4b.
417 Consequently, Ca adsorption on δ -MnO₂ suggests two types of adsorption sites on two different
418 reactive surfaces. Their corresponding modeling parameters are shown in Table 1. These results
419 allow to deduce the relative proportion of the two species of Ca as a function of the initial pH
420 values (Fig. 5). For initial pH values between 2 and 4, this model shows that there is an exchange
421 between Ca²⁺ in solution, and Na⁺ and H⁺ adsorbed. This exchange occurs only through sites of
422 fixed charge (interlayer/basal site due to vacancies in the structure). For initial pH>4, the
423 adsorption of Ca²⁺ is maximal and is distributed for approximately 14% on the edge sites and
424 approximately 86% on/in interlayer sites for charge compensation. For adsorption of Ca²⁺ on
425 edge sites, the best fit is obtained by considering a bidentate coordination (see Fig. 4a) rather
426 than monodentate coordination (results not shown).

427 Final pH's calculated by the model are also in good agreement with experimental ones
428 measured at stationary state (not shown). This can be illustrated in the Appendix in which a
429 good agreement can be observed by comparing the pH variations (i.e. between the initial Ca
430 solution and the supernatant at the end of the experiment) of both experimental and modelled
431 data sets (see Tables 5 and 6 for the variations). The initial pH and the initial Ca concentrations
432 have been presented on the abscissa for the graphical representations throughout the
433 manuscript, in agreement with representations used in previous studies (e.g. Su et al., 2010;
434 Huang et al, 2017; Yuan et al., 2018; Li et al., 2020; Xu et al., 2020).

435 Note also that over the pH range considered in this study, Ca is either in dissolved or adsorbed
436 form and is never located in precipitated forms. Calculations performed with VisualMinteq™
437 version 3.1 software associated with the “thermo.vdb” thermodynamic database (Gustafsson,
438 2013) indeed showed that all solutions recovered after adsorption and desorption experiments

439 are strongly undersaturated with respect to $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$, CaCO_3 , $\text{Ca}(\text{MnO}_4)_2$ and $\text{Ca}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ solid
440 phases. Thus, isotopic fractionation due to Ca precipitation in solution can be excluded.

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442 5. Discussion

443 5.1 Calcium fractionation coefficient $\alpha_{\delta\text{-MnO}_2\text{-solution}}$

444 The experiments show that the solution is enriched in the heavy isotope ^{44}Ca over time to reach
445 a plateau after 65 min of adsorption (Fig. 1). These results agree with those obtained by using
446 phyllosilicate minerals, for which authors reported that the light ^{40}Ca isotope was preferentially
447 adsorbed on the solid (Brazier et al., 2019). The representation of $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ versus the fraction
448 of Ca in solution (f) shows that the data follow a straight line (Fig. 6). This implies a
449 fractionation in a closed system at equilibrium between $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ and the corresponding solution
450 of Ca and not by a kinetic fractionation process. At first sight the desorption is slow (Fig. 1a),
451 but it is nevertheless complete after 4 successive sequential extractions with Cohex and 242 h
452 of interactions (Fig. 2), probably because Ca is more strongly retained in the interlayer sites
453 which are more abundant than edge sites (see paragraph 4.5). This behavior tends to indicate
454 that Ca forms exchangeable bonds with the studied manganese oxide.

455 From isotopic signatures of supernatant recovered after the adsorption experiment ($\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{LAA}}$)
456 and that of the initial solution ($\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{IS}}$), a global isotope fractionation factor (i.e. $\delta\text{-MnO}_2\text{-}$
457 solution) can be calculated as follows:

$$458 \quad \alpha_{\delta\text{-MnO}_2\text{-solution}} = \frac{\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{IS}} + 1000}{\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{LAA}} + 1000} \quad (11)$$

459 We obtain a fractionation factor $\alpha_{\delta\text{-MnO}_2\text{-solution}}$ equal to 0.99874 ± 0.00005 (N=5). This value is
460 slightly lower than those obtained during the adsorption of Ca on the muscovite of Tuftane
461 (0.99976) or the montmorillonite Swy-2 (0.99991) due to larger amplitudes of fractionation
462 between the solid and the liquid (see paragraph 5.3). Ikeda et al. (2007) showed that exchange

463 reactions of hydrated Ca^{2+} have a weak associative character, suggesting that Ca is mainly
464 linked to water molecules in the solution, in accord with previous studies (e.g., Koneshan et al.,
465 1998; Jalilehvand et al., 2001). Consequently, since our experiments follow a closed-system
466 equilibrium fractionation process, the ^{44}Ca heavy isotope is mainly concentrated in the aqueous
467 phase having the highest bond force constant (Urey, 1947; Bigeleisen and Mayer, 1947),
468 whereas the light ^{40}Ca isotope is preferentially adsorbed to the reactant (i.e., $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ in our
469 case). Thus, similar to the explanation proposed for ^{40}Ca incorporation in carbonate minerals
470 (Marriott et al., 2004) we suggest that the change from Ca binding to water molecules in
471 solution to the binding of Ca to $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ involves a decrease in bond strength and thus causes
472 light ^{40}Ca isotope enrichment into the solid.

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474 5.2 Factors controlling adsorption

475 Cations can adsorb on internal and external sites of Mn oxides. For vernadite samples, internal
476 sites (i.e., interlayers) exist due to the deficit of charge in the sheets (vacancies) and lead to
477 adsorption of cations above the sheet or within the interlayer space. Cations can also adsorb on
478 edge sites located on the lateral borders of the $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ sheets (i.e., -OH functional groups).
479 Their reactivity depends on the pH of the medium (Villalobos et al., 2003; Manceau et al., 2007;
480 Grangeon et al., 2008; Sherman and Peacock, 2010; Grangeon et al., 2012; Li et al., 2020). The
481 point of zero charge (PZC) of $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ is between pH values of 1.5 and 3 (Murray, 1974; Tonkin
482 et al., 2004 and references therein), which is consistent with our results. Over the whole range
483 of pH values investigated in this study, adsorption takes place which implies that, the pH_{PZC} of
484 studied $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ is below 2. For pH values lower than 4, there is competition between H^+ and
485 Ca^{2+} for the exchange sites available in the system studied (Fig. 3a). This competition is not
486 significant for pH values above 4 (Fig. 3a). Indeed, as pH increases, the -OH sites at the edge
487 of the sheet deprotonate (their pK_a has been estimated to be between pH 6 and 7; Tonkin et al.,

488 2004; van Genuchten and Pena, 2016), allowing the binding of metal cations such as Ca^{2+}
489 (Morton et al., 2001; Tonkin et al., 2004; Villalobos, 2015; van Genuchten and Pena, 2016).
490 At pH 7, except for the lowest values of initial Ca, amounts of adsorbed Ca and desorbed Na
491 remain rather stable compared to the amount of adsorbed protons which increases with
492 increasing initial Ca concentration (Fig. 3c). Furthermore, for a given concentration, for initial
493 pH values above 4, the final pH stabilizes at approximately 6.3 ± 0.3 (2SE, N=4) (Table 5).
494 Beyond pH 6-7, the edge sites are deprotonated, and a release of H^+ ions at these pH values
495 could suggest that the H^+ were located initially in the interlayer or above the vacant sites.

496 At pH=7, during the first 5 minutes, the $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ of the liquid increases rapidly to reach 1.31
497 ‰, which corresponds to approximately 82% Ca adsorption. After 15 minutes, it decreases to
498 0.63 ‰, corresponding to approximately 95% adsorption, and then reaches a plateau at 1.26 ‰
499 beyond 35 minutes and almost 100% adsorption (Table 3, Fig. 1). This could correspond to Ca
500 adsorption on two different types of sites: first in the interlayer, and then on the edge sites, then
501 again in the interlayer. It could also correspond to an effect of interlayer migration of adsorbed
502 Ca ions to edge sites. Based on the results reported in Tables 3 and 5, we can estimate that the
503 signatures of Ca bound to the interlayer are enriched in ^{40}Ca ($\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ equal to -0.43 ‰), while
504 those bound to the edge sites are enriched in ^{44}Ca ($\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ equal to 3.5 ‰) (see explanations
505 in Appendix A). At first sight these two splitting intensities might be contradictory to the
506 discussion in section 5.1. However, in section 5.1, we discussed the global average isotope
507 fractionation factor which results from the combination of the apparent isotopic signatures due
508 to adsorption in/on different adsorption sites, as in interlayer space and on the edges (see e.g.
509 Tertre et al., 2009; Lu et al., 2014 for additivity of sorption properties of different types of
510 sorption sites).

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5.3 Fractionation amplitude during Ca adsorption on phyllominerals

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514 In this study, a higher amplitude of $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ fractionation between final and initial solutions
515 during Ca adsorption on $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ (1.19‰) was measured and compared to other minerals
516 previously analyzed in the literature (phyllosilicates; between 0 and 0.22‰) (Brazier et al.,
517 2019). Different fractionation amplitudes were already suggested for different adsorption sites
518 (interlayer or edge sites, as in this study) or for different minerals containing Ca in their crystal
519 lattice (silicates, carbonates, phosphates, hydrous minerals...) or aqueous species. Previous
520 works explained that these different fractionation amplitudes could be related to the
521 coordination number or the mineral-dependent Ca-O bond length (e.g., Hedwig et al., 1980;
522 Katz et al., 1996; Jalilehvand et al., 2001; Ikeda et al., 2007; Colla et al., 2013; Moynier and
523 Fuji, 2017; Huang et al., 2019; Méheut et al., 2021; Nelson et al., 2021). For the adsorption of
524 Ca on phyllosilicate minerals, Brazier et al. (2019) showed that the magnitude of the apparent
525 fractionation of Ca was controlled by the layer charge and the external specific surface of the
526 mineral (i.e., size fraction) considered, as well as by the presence or absence of an interlayer
527 space open to aqueous cations. Following the results of the present study, it can be proposed
528 that the fractionation amplitude depends also on the nature of the site involved in the adsorption
529 (interlayer vs. edge sites; see Section 5.2) and thus on the nature of the bonds. Indeed, the results
530 from the surface complexation model suggest that the adsorption bonds with the edges are of
531 the bidentate type, while those implying interlayer sites create H-bonds between H_2O bound to
532 Ca and O of the sheet (Gaillot, 2002).

533 Further structural studies are necessary to better explain the mechanisms of fractionation
534 depending on the nature of the adsorption sites involved.

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537 5.4 Conventional methods of extracting bioavailable Ca and implication for natural
538 environments

539 Identifying nutrient pools and accurately quantifying their size are necessary for the sustainable
540 management of forest ecosystems. Classically, exchangeable reservoirs are considered as
541 major contributors in nutrient cycles in soils. Decomposition of litter, atmospheric inputs and
542 rock/mineral weathering provide nutrient cations, while root removal and runoff via gravity
543 water carry them out of the reservoir. The cations (such as Ca^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , Na^+) electrostatically
544 retained on the negative charges of the soil constituents (e.g., humic substances, phyllosilicates,
545 oxy-hydroxides) by outer sphere complexes are generally easily exchangeable with other
546 cations (e.g., Gangloff et al., 2016).

547 The reserves of basic cations in soils are classically estimated by measuring the quantities of
548 cations extracted by soluble salts (e.g., ammonium acetate, sodium acetate, magnesium
549 chloride, magnesium nitrate, potassium nitrate, ammonium chloride, barium chloride, cobalt
550 hexamine chloride (e.g., Tessier et al., 1979; Ciesielski et al., 1997; Leleyter and Probst, 1999;
551 Blum et al., 2002; Nezat et al., 2007; Holmden and Bélanger, 2010; Bélanger et al., 2012; Moore
552 et al., 2013; Andrews et al., 2016; Bullen and Chadwick, 2016; Lehn et al., 2017). Note,
553 however, that several authors showed that the choice of the salt used for the extraction, as well
554 as the concentration of the salt, pH and interaction times (from 1 h to 24 h), could induce
555 significant variation in the amount of cations that could be exchanged (e.g., Ciesielski et al.,
556 1997; Jaremko and Kalembasa, 2014). The results obtained in the present study showed that
557 the isotopic signature of the solution after Ca desorption from $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ by using a specific
558 desorbent (Cohex) was highly dependent on the concentration of this desorbent and the time of
559 the interaction. Indeed, solution after partial desorption (lower than ~70 % of Ca desorbed) was
560 enriched in heavier isotopes (i.e., positive $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ value in Fig. 2b) compared to the initial
561 solution, while it was enriched in lighter isotopes (i.e., negative $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ value in Fig. 2b) when

562 more than 70% of the Ca is desorbed. In agreement with what we observed for the adsorption
563 experiments, one could suggest that desorption occurs first from a ^{44}Ca -enriched site and then
564 from a ^{40}Ca -enriched site. However, if we make the analogy that, as for the phyllosilicates, Ca
565 desorbs first from the interlayer sites and then from the edges, this is in contradiction with the
566 results of this study, which suggest that the edges have a signature enriched in the heavy isotope
567 (^{44}Ca). Meanwhile, the interlayer space has a signature enriched in the light isotope ^{40}Ca . Such
568 behavior obtained for $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ is significantly different from what was recently measured from
569 clay minerals (Brazier et al., 2019), especially for smectites and fine muscovite particles, for
570 which isotopic signatures of the desorbed Ca solutions (from Cohex as used in this study) were
571 instantaneously equal to that of the initial solution used to perform adsorption, due to full
572 desorption, irrespective of the time contact. These different behaviors between clay minerals
573 and $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ could be tentatively assigned to structural control during the exchange of Ca^{2+} in
574 the interlayer space of $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ considering other cations (Cohex, K^+ or NH_4^+ ; Table 4 and Fig.
575 2). Indeed, for Mn oxides, a possible rearrangement of the different cations in the interlayer
576 space during exchange cannot be excluded; a process which could lead to a decrease in the
577 thickness of the interlayer space and can cause then cause a partial collapse of the interlayer as
578 reported in previous studies (Drits et al., 1998; Gaillot, 2002, Han et al., 2022). Furthermore, it
579 is interesting to note that the concentration of aqueous K^+ in natural waters is generally lower
580 than 10^{-2} mol/L (e.g., Wang et al. 2021) implying that desorption of an initial cation adsorbed
581 on mineral (as Ca^{2+} on $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$) by another cation in the fluid (as K^+) is rarely total. This leads
582 then to isotopic signature of the fluid after interaction that are highly dependent on the Ca
583 fraction desorbed from the solid. In this context, it is likely that a part of the Ca trapped in the
584 interlayer space will tend not to be desorbed without a weathering reaction leading to hydrolysis
585 of $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$. This suggests that under natural condition, not all the bioavailable Ca in soils is
586 attainable by exchange reactions, as often suggested.

587 Finally, other studies have questioned the relevance of using these salts to access the
588 bioavailable fraction of nutrient cations in soils (e.g., Mengel and Rahmatullah, 1994; Hamburg
589 et al., 2003; Lucash et al., 2012). Indeed, different reservoirs that can play a role as Ca reservoirs
590 in soils are not extractable by soluble salts, such as Ca trapped in oxalate compounds, microbial
591 biomass, carbonate minerals, primary minerals (e.g., apatite or secondary minerals, such as Fe
592 oxy-hydroxides) and organic complexes bound in P fractions (Sparks, 1987; Farkas et al., 2011;
593 Dauer and Perakis, 2014; van der Heijden et al., 2014; Schmitt et al., 2017; Chabaux et al.,
594 2019; Rodionov et al., 2020; Uhlig et al., 2020). To extract bioavailable nutrients from these
595 different reservoirs, sequential leaching can be considered. Problems similar to those noted in
596 this study are therefore likely to arise depending on the different reagents/interaction times used
597 in these steps, as well as on the nature of the soil. Combining these basic approaches with
598 isotopic measurements allows us to identify the underlying mechanisms.

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600 **5 Conclusion**

601 This study confirms that, as observed for Ca adsorption on phyllosilicates, the light isotope ^{40}Ca
602 is preferentially adsorbed on $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$. As the experiments follow equilibrium fractionation in a
603 closed system, this implies that the heavy isotope ^{44}Ca remains preferentially bound to the
604 aqueous phase of the nutrient solution. Our results suggest that at pH below 4, Ca almost
605 exclusively occupies the interlayer space, while above pH 4, Ca first fills the interlayer space
606 (~86%) and then edges (~14%). Our results propose that the isotopic signature of Ca bound to
607 the edge sites is enriched in ^{44}Ca ($\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ equal to 3.5‰) compared to that of Ca adsorbed in
608 the interlayer space ($\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ equal to -0.43‰).

609 This contrasting behavior between the two types of adsorption sites could be due to the
610 bidentate nature of the Ca surface complex formed on the edge sites and to exchange of Ca^{2+}
611 with H^+ in the interlayer sites, as revealed by surface complexation modeling. Finally, our study

612 shows that Ca adsorption on a poorly crystallized phyllosilicate (δ -MnO₂) exhibits the
613 highest fractionation intensity observed to date in Ca adsorption on solids ($\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ is equal to
614 $1.19 \pm 0.15\%$). These inter- and intramineral differences could be explained by different types
615 of Ca binding or coordination, with the precise mechanisms yet to be determined.

616 We also observed that, unlike phyllosilicates, the Ca desorption was complete, but not
617 instantaneous. This could be explained by structural control during the exchange of Ca²⁺ in the
618 interlayer, which can lead to the partial collapse of the latter, making Ca difficult to extract.
619 This questions the use of salts in the laboratory and the representativeness of the exchange
620 complex to have access to the full amount of bioavailable Ca. Similarly, in the natural
621 environment, this suggests that other Ca reservoirs should be considered, and that much of
622 bioavailable Ca remains non-extractable using conventional methods.

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633 **Appendix A. Supplementary Materials**

634 Information about X-ray data performed on the studied δ -MnO₂, comparison of initial and final
635 pH values for experimental and modelled data as well as calculation of $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ isotope
636 signature in the interlayer and on the edges are provided in Supplementary materials.

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928 **Table captions**

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930 **Table 1:** Parameters of the surface complexation model used to interpret Ca adsorption on δ -
931 MnO_2 (E_i : equivalent fraction in charge of the CEC occupied by the "i" species (eq/eq), $\{i\}$:
932 activity of the aqueous species "i", F: Faraday constant 96485 C/mol, R: ideal gas constant
933 8.314 J/mol/.K, T: temperature in K, ϕ_o : surface potential (V) in the surface plane (O – plane)
934 and see section 3 in the text for details). * from Tonkin et al. (2004) and Van Guenuchten et
935 Peña (2016), ** optimized values, determined by PEST option, allowing to interpret
936 experimental data.

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938 **Table 2:** Characteristics of studied δ - MnO_2 mineral and maximum amount of adsorbed Ca and
939 associated $^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ isotopic fractionation measured in this study. Comparison of data with those
940 previously obtained by Brazier et al. (2019) for clay minerals.

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942 **Table 3:** Amount of adsorbed Ca and desorbed Na and Ca apparent isotopic fractionation
943 between initial solution and supernatant measured after adsorption using 50 mg of δ - MnO_2 and
944 initial Ca concentration of 0.10 mmol/mmol Mn for variable interaction time steps. LAA=
945 liquid after adsorption, ini = initial, fin = final.

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947 **Table 4:** Amount of desorbed Ca and Ca apparent isotopic fractionation between initial solution
948 and supernatant after desorption experiments uncorrected and corrected with respect to Ca
949 contributions in residual liquid (clay slurry) and desorbent at pH 7. LAA = liquid after
950 adsorption, LAD = liquid after desorption, ini = initial, LAD_corr = liquid after desorption
951 corrected from slurry and from desorbent Ca contributions.

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953 **Table 5:** Amount of adsorbed Ca and H, desorbed Na and Ca apparent isotopic fractionation
954 between initial solution and supernatant and in solid after adsorption using 50 mg of δ -MnO₂,
955 initial Ca concentration of 0.124 mmol/mmol Mn at variable initial pH values and after 125
956 min of interaction time. Concentration of adsorbed Ca is calculated as the difference between
957 initial concentration of Ca (i.e., 0.124 mmol/mmol Mn) and concentration of Ca in supernatant
958 after adsorption experiment. Concentration of desorbed Na is calculated from the concentration
959 of Na in solution after adsorption minus the initial concentration of Na (i.e., 0.002 mmol/mmol
960 Mn). LAA= liquid after adsorption, SAA= solid after adsorption, ini = initial, fin = final.

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962 **Table 6:** Amount of adsorbed Ca and desorbed Na, and Ca apparent isotopic fractionation
963 between initial solution and supernatant and in solid after adsorption using 50 mg of δ -MnO₂
964 at variable initial Ca concentrations and after 125 min of interaction time. Amount of adsorbed
965 Ca was calculated as the difference between initial amount of Ca and amount of Ca in
966 supernatant after adsorption experiment. Amount of desorbed Na was calculated from the
967 difference between the amount of Na in solution after adsorption and in the initial solution (i.e.,
968 0.002 mmol/mmol Mn). LAA= liquid after adsorption, SAA= solid after adsorption, ini =
969 initial, fin = final, ads = adsorption, des = desorption.

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975 **Fig. 1:** Variation of (a) concentration of Ca and (b) $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ in the liquid after adsorption (LAA)
976 and desorption (LAD) experiments as function of interaction time. Experiments were conducted
977 at pH 7 with Ca concentration of 0.1 mmol/mmol Mn. Desorption was performed using 0.1 M
978 Cohex. LAA = liquid after adsorption, LAD = liquid after desorption.

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980 **Fig. 2:** Variation of (a) percentage of Ca adsorbed (the 5% repeatability is comprised within
981 the symbols) and (b) $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ in liquid after desorption with different desorbents at different
982 concentrations and at varying times. IS = initial solution. The weighted average value of the
983 different 0.1 M Cohex extractions is $-0.12 \pm 0.24 \%$, which is equal, within propagated error,
984 to the value of the initial solution used for the experiments ensuring mass balance comp. This
985 value is represented by the orange straight line, and the error corresponds to the orange dashed
986 lines.

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988 **Fig. 3:** Variation of: (a) concentrations H^+ and Ca^{2+} adsorbed and Na^+ desorbed as a function
989 of initial pH, (b) $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ in liquid after adsorption (LAA) and solid after adsorption (SAA) as
990 function of initial pH, (c) concentrations H^+ and Ca^{2+} adsorbed and Na^+ desorbed as function
991 of initial Ca concentration, and (d) $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ in liquid (LAA) and in solid (SAA) after adsorption
992 as function of initial Ca concentration.

993 For (b) and (d), dotted circles correspond to weighted average isotopic value between LAA and
994 SAA. The dashed line shows that all the values are equal to zero, i.e., similar to that of initial
995 solution, pointing to isotopic mass balance (see text for explanation).

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997 **Fig. 4:** (a) Amount of Ca^{2+} and H^+ adsorbed and Na^+ desorbed as function of initial pH, and
998 (b) Amount of Ca^{2+} and H^+ adsorbed and Na^+ desorbed as function of the initial concentration

999 of Ca (initial pH = 7). Our experimental data are shown with symbols while the SCM results
1000 are depicted by dotted lines.

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1002 **Fig. 5:** Percentage of Ca adsorbed on interlayer and edge sites as a function of initial pH

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1004 **Fig. 6:** Evolution of Ca reservoirs in solution and corresponding δ -MnO₂ solid showing $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$
1005 as a function of the fraction of remaining Ca in solution.

1006 The pH variation dataset corresponds to a fixed initial Ca²⁺ concentration of 0.124 mmol/mmol
1007 Mn and variable pH values (i.e. $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{LAA}}$ & $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{SAA}}$ from Table 4).

1008 The Conc. variation dataset corresponds to variable Ca²⁺ concentrations and fixed initial pH
1009 equal to 7 (i.e. $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{LAA}}$ & $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{SAA}}$ from Table 5).

1010 The Time var. dataset refers to a fixed initial Ca²⁺ concentration of 0.10 mmol/mmol Mn and
1011 fixed initial pH equal to 7 for experimental time over 65 min (i.e. $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{LAA}}$ from Table 2)

1012 Kinetic theoretical law was drawn from equation $\partial_{\text{reactant}} = [(\partial_{\text{reactant}0} + 1000) \times f^{\alpha-1}] -$
1013 1000 (Ding et al., 2005). Equilibrium theoretical law was its part drawn from $\partial_{\text{product}} = \alpha \times$
1014 $(\partial_{\text{reactant}0} + 1000) \times f^{\alpha-1} \times 1000$ (Black et al., 2008), with α fractionation factor
1015 (reactant/product) and f: fraction of Ca remaining in solution.

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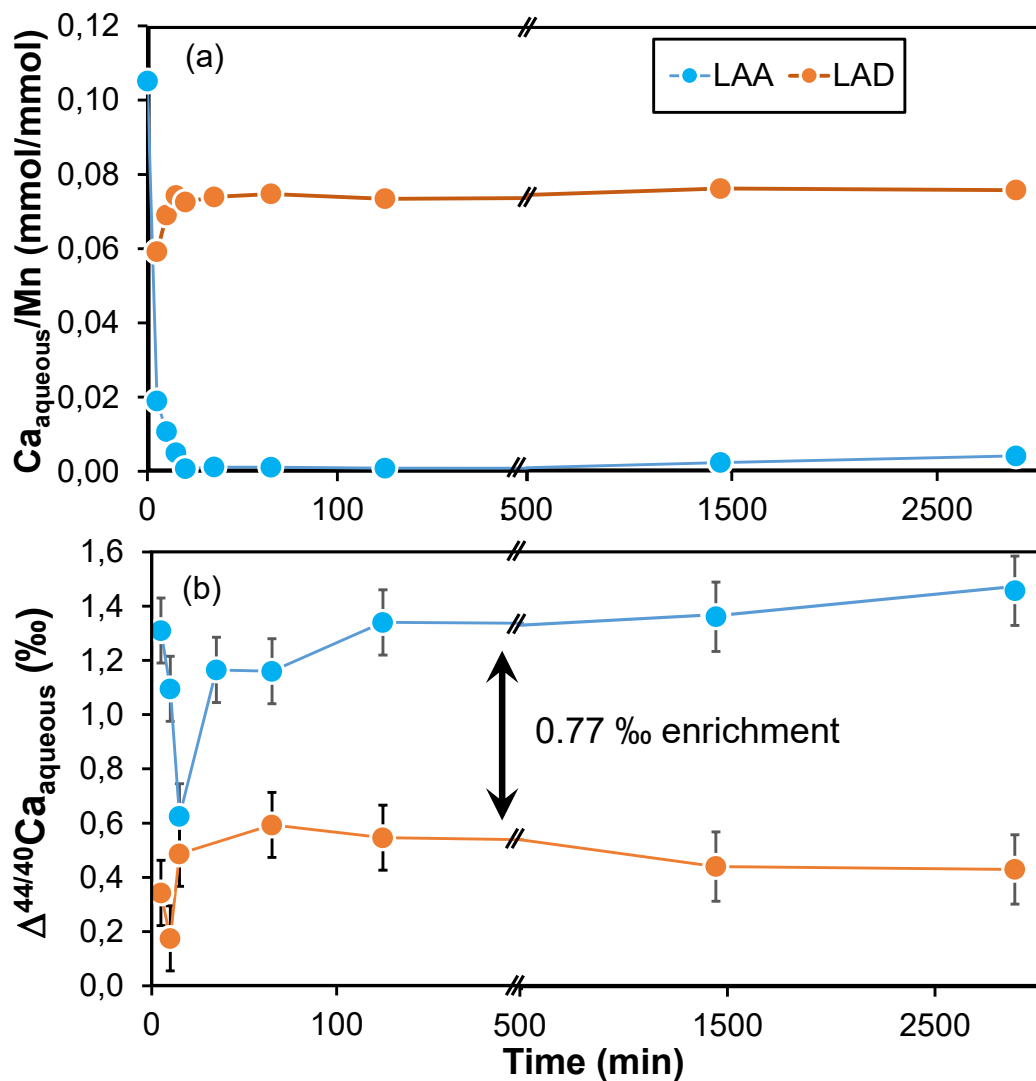
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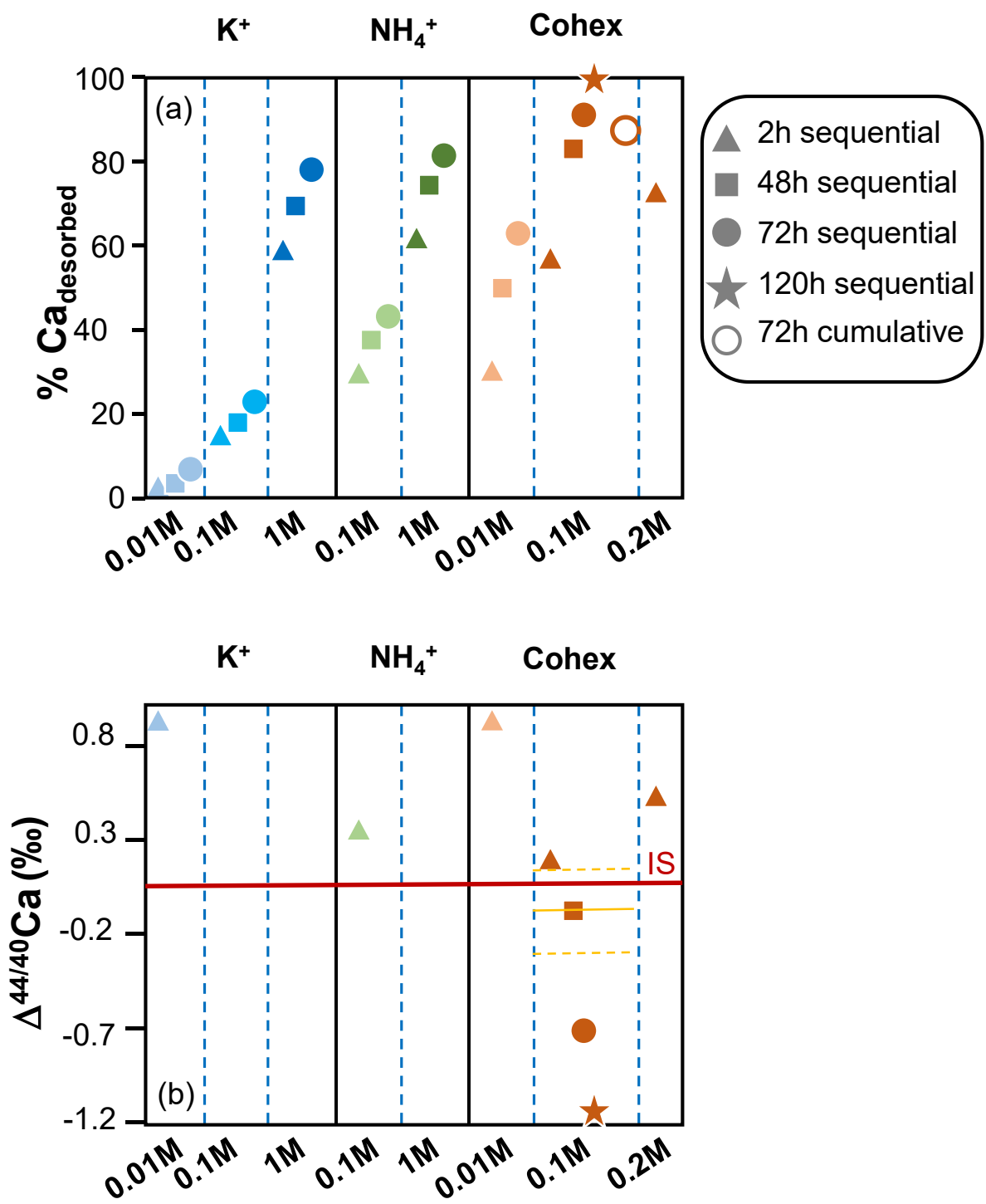
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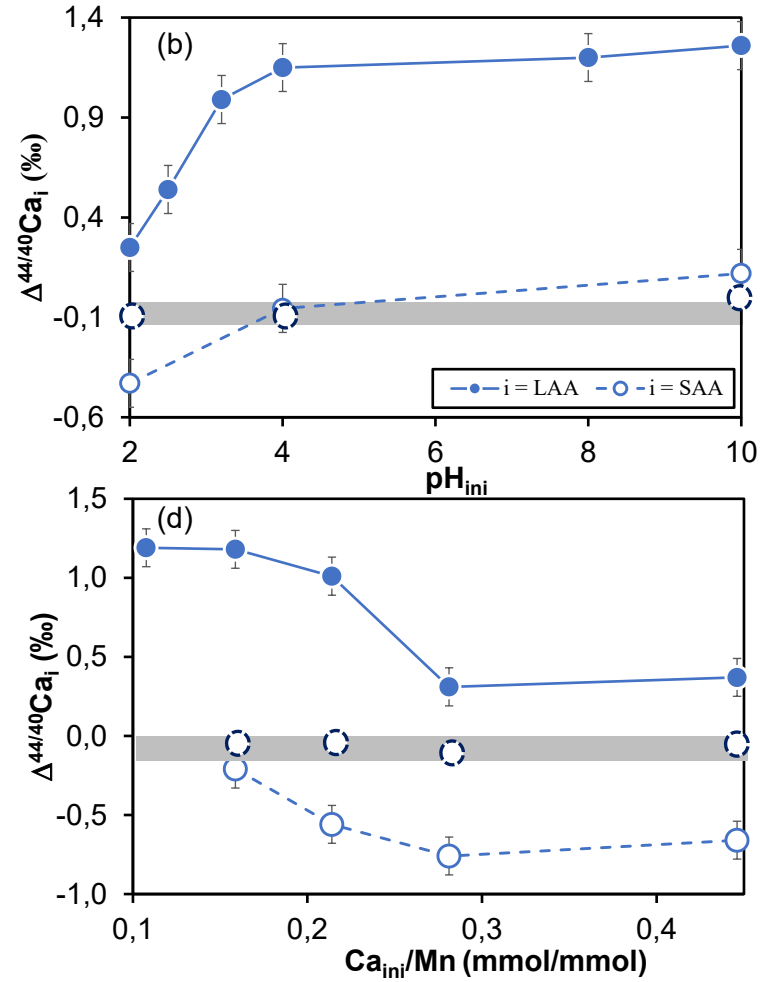
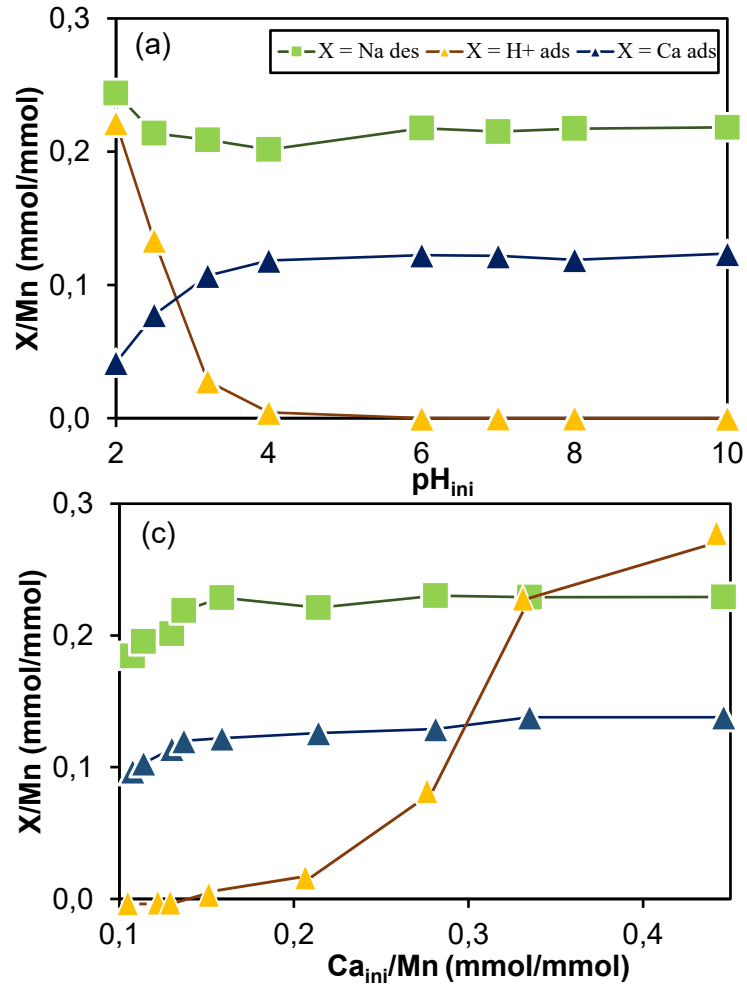


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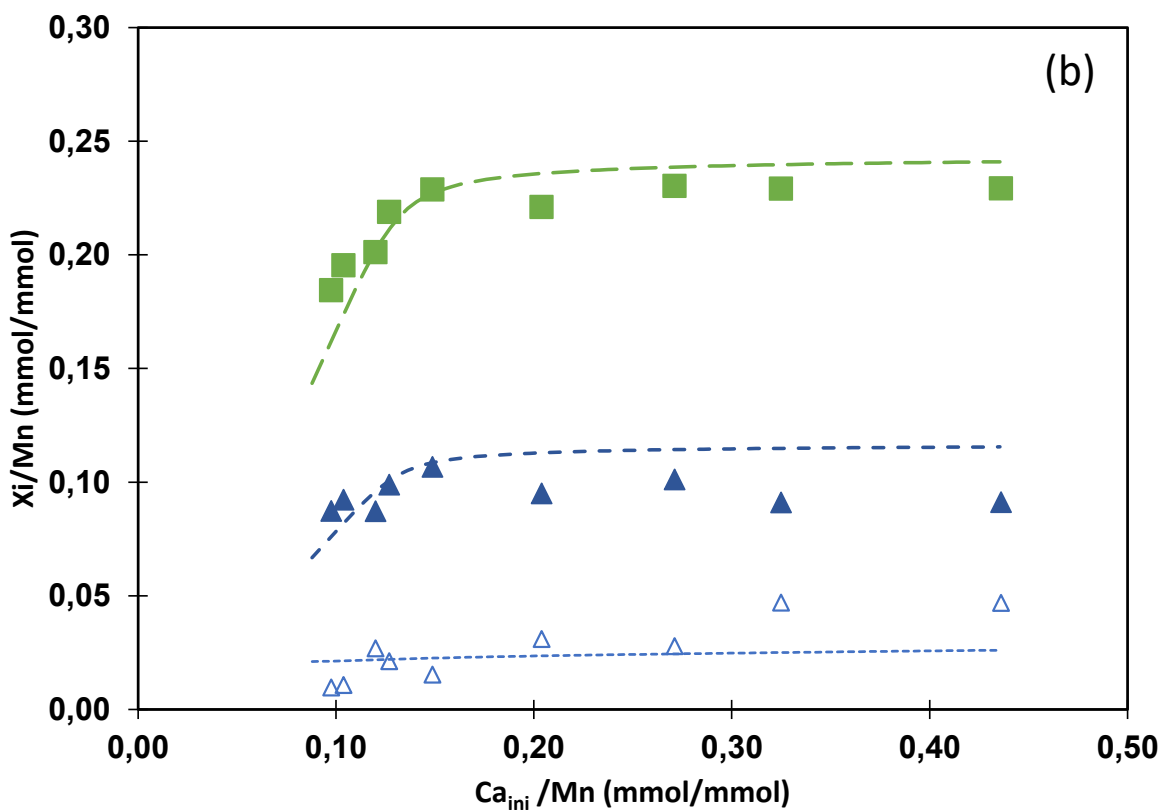
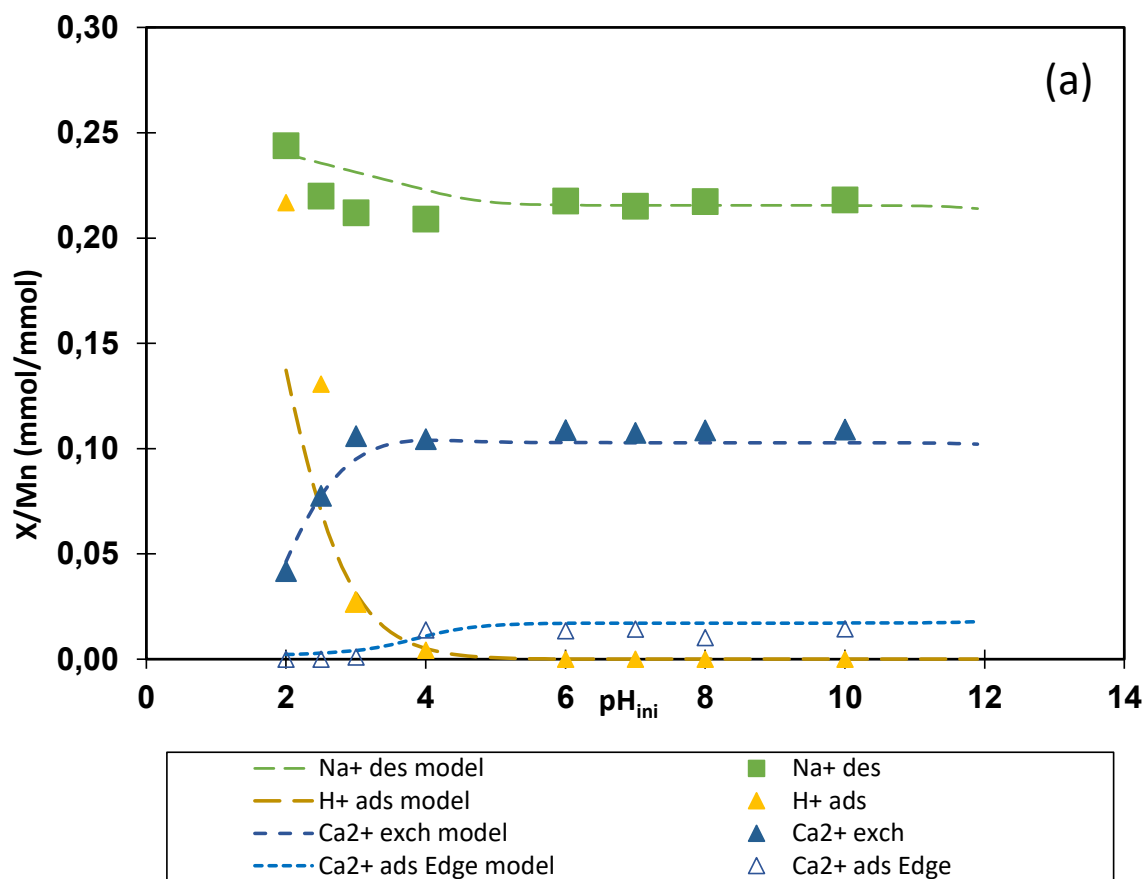
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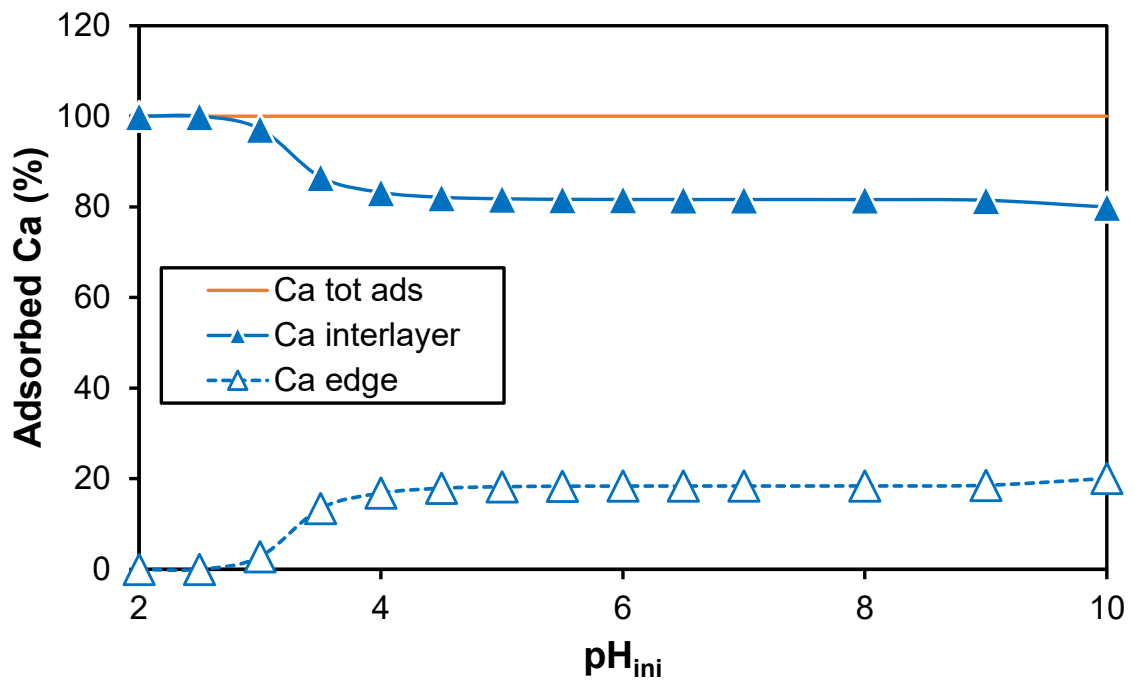
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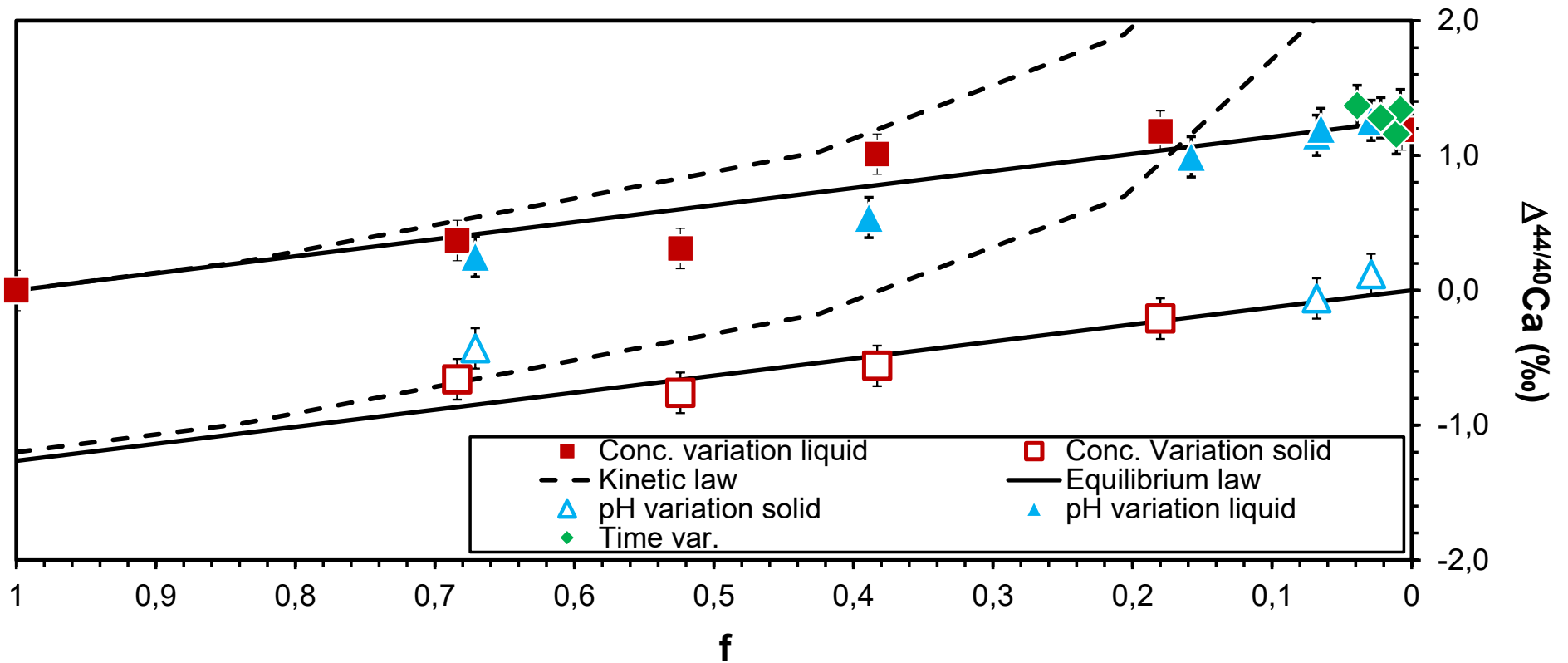
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Table 1**Permanently charged sites (Vacancies)**

Cation exchange reaction	Selectivity coefficients	K_{sel}
$2>X-H + Ca^{2+} \leftrightarrow >X_2Ca + 2H^+$	$K_{sel(2H^+/Ca^{2+})} = \frac{E_{Ca} \cdot \{H^+\}^2}{E_H^2 \cdot \{Ca^{2+}\}}$	0.33
$2>X-Na + Ca^{2+} \leftrightarrow >X_2Ca + 2Na^+$	$K_{sel(2Na^+/Ca^{2+})} = \frac{E_{Ca} \cdot \{Na^+\}^2}{E_{Na}^2 \cdot \{Ca^{2+}\}}$	3.33
Sites concentration 2.15×10^{-3} eq/g (calculated from CEC)		

Variable charge site (edge sites)

Ca sorption reaction on edge for DLM	Surface complexation constants	Log K_{edge}
$>SOH + H^+ \leftrightarrow >SOH_2^+$	$K_{edge(SOH/SOH_2^+)} = \frac{[SOH_2^+]}{[SOH] \cdot \{H^+\}} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{F \cdot \varphi_o}{R \cdot T}\right)$	8*
$>SOH \leftrightarrow >SO^- + H^+$	$K_{edge(SOH/SO^-)} = \frac{[SO^-] \cdot \{H^+\}}{[SOH]} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{F \cdot \varphi_o}{R \cdot T}\right)$	- 6.1*
$2 >SOH + Ca^{2+} \leftrightarrow >Ca(SOH)_2 + 2H^+$	$K_{edge(2SOH/Ca(SOH)_2)} = \frac{[Ca(SOH)_2] \cdot \{H^+\}^2}{[SOH]^2 \cdot \{Ca^{2+}\}} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{2F \cdot \varphi_o}{R \cdot T}\right)$	-0.689**

Sites concentration 0.54×10^{-3} eq/g
(edge concentration = 0.25 x vacancies concentration according to Marafatto et al. (2018))

1064 **Table 2**

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Mineral	Grain size (μm)	CEC (meq/100g)	CEC represented by Na^+ in initial solid (%)	BET (N_2) (m^2/g)	Layer charge (/cell)	Interlayer open	pH	$\text{Ca}_{\text{ads_max}}$ (mmol/g)	$\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ (‰)	Reference
$\delta\text{-MnO}_2$	0.1-1	215	99.2	27.6	0.29	yes	4	1.06	1.15	this study
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	1.16	1.19	"
Kaolinite (KGa-2)	0.1-1	3.74	94.5	20.14	0	no	4	4.26	0.00	Brazier et al. (2019)
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	9.66	"	"
Montmorillonite (Swy-2)	0.1-1	74.6	90.1	28.6	0.6	yes	4	292.9	0.10	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	293.7	"	"
Tuftane muscovite	0.1-1	46.7	94.2	62.23	2	no	4	57.95	0.22	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	63.79	0.27	"
"	50-200	0.42	92.7	0.07	2	no	7	0.209	0.00	"

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Reference	pH _{ini}	pH _{fin}	Interaction time (min)	Ca _{LAA} (mmol)	Ca _{ads} (%)	Ca _{LAA} /Mn (mmol/mmol)	Na _{LAA} (mmol)	Na _{LAA} /Mn (mmol/mmol)	$\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{LAA_1}$	$\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{LAA_2}$	$\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{LAA_mean}$ (‰)
AdsMnO-0.1 pH7 0m	7	-	5	0.00852	82.0	0.01893	0.078	0.174	1.29	1.33	1.31
AdsMnO-0.1 pH7 5m	"	-	10	0.00482	89.8	0.01072	0.084	0.187	1.00	1.19	1.10
AdsMnO-0.1 pH7 10m	"	-	15	0.00225	95.2	0.00500	0.088	0.196	0.55	0.70	0.63
AdsMnO-0.1 pH7 15m	"	-	20	0.00032	99.3	0.00072	0.092	0.204	-	-	-
AdsMnO-0.1 pH7 30m	"	-	35	0.00052	98.9	0.00116	0.094	0.210	1.08	1.25	1.17
AdsMnO-0.1 pH7 60m	"	-	65	0.00050	98.9	0.00111	0.093	0.207	1.11	1.21	1.16
AdsMnO-0.1 pH7 120m	"	-	125	0.00038	99.2	0.00084	0.091	0.203	1.34	-	1.34
AdsMnO-0.1 pH7 7h	"	-	425	0.00036	99.2	0.00080	0.087	0.193	-	-	-
AdsMnO-0.1 pH7 24h	"	-	1445	0.00104	97.8	0.00231	0.086	0.192	1.28	-	1.28
AdsMnO-0.1 pH7 48h	"	6.8	2885	0.00184	96.1	0.00409	0.090	0.200	1.37	-	1.37

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Reference	Desorbent	Concentration (mol.L ⁻¹)	Interaction time (h:min)	Dead volume (g)	Ca _{LAA} (mmol)	Ca in slurry (mmol)	Ca in desorbent (mmol)	Ca _{ini} (mmol)	Ca _{LAD} (mmol)	Ca _{LAD,corr} (mmol)	Ca _{LAD,corr} (cumulated %)	Ca _{LAD,corr} /Mn (mmol/mmol)	Δ ^{44/40} Ca _{LAD,1} (%)	Δ ^{44/40} Ca _{LAD,2} (%)	Δ ^{44/40} Ca _{LAD,mean} (%)	Slurry and desorbent contribution (%)	Δ ^{44/40} C _{can,corr} (%)
aC2pH7	K ⁺	0.01	2:00	0.31	3.78	0.058	0.03	57.2	0.825	0.73	1.5	0.0016	0.87	-	0.87	0.01	0.86
"	"	"	48:00	"	"	"	"	"	1.34	1.31	4.0	0.0029	-	-	-	"	"
"	"	"	72:00	"	"	"	"	"	1.04	1.00	5.9	0.0022	-	-	-	"	"
C2pH7	"	0.1	2:00	0.22	3.78	0.042	"	"	7.89	7.81	14.6	0.0174	-	-	-	"	"
"	"	"	48:00	"	"	"	"	"	2.70	2.67	19.6	0.0059	-	-	-	"	"
C2pH7F	"	"	72:00	"	"	"	"	"	1.93	1.90	23.2	0.0042	-	-	-	"	"
aC2pH7	"	1	2:00	0.34	3.78	0.065	"	"	29.46	29.36	54.5	0.0653	-	-	-	"	"
"	"	"	48:00	"	"	"	"	"	6.26	6.23	66.1	0.0138	-	-	-	"	"
aC2pH7F	"	"	72:00	"	"	"	"	"	3.64	3.60	72.9	0.0080	-	-	-	"	"
bC2pH7	NH ₄ ⁺	0.1	2:00	0.20	3.78	0.039	0.05	"	15.95	15.86	29.5	0.0352	-	-	-	"	"
"	"	"	48:00	"	"	"	"	"	4.64	4.59	38.1	0.0102	-	-	-	"	"
"	"	"	72:00	"	"	"	"	"	2.79	2.74	43.3	0.0061	-	-	-	"	"
cC2pH7	"	1	2:00	0.21	3.78	0.040	"	"	33.29	33.20	61.6	0.0738	0.30	-	0.30	0.01	0.29
"	"	"	48:00	"	"	"	"	"	7.45	7.40	75.4	0.0165	-	-	-	"	"
"	"	"	72:00	"	"	"	"	"	3.55	3.50	82.0	0.0078	-	-	-	"	"
dC2pH7	Cohex	0.01	2:00	0.07	3.78	0.014	0.03	"	16.64	16.59	30.8	0.0369	0.90	-	0.90	0.00	0.90
"	"	"	48:00	"	"	"	"	"	11.26	11.23	51.7	0.0250	-	-	-	"	"
dC2pH7F	"	"	72:00	"	"	"	"	"	6.00	5.96	62.8	0.0133	-	-	-	"	"
eC2pH7	"	0.1	2:00	0.20	3.78	0.039	"	"	30.58	30.50	56.6	0.0678	0.13	-	0.13	0.01	0.12
"	"	"	48:00	"	"	"	"	"	14.17	14.14	82.8	0.0314	-0.12	-	-0.12	0.00	-0.12
"	"	"	72:00	"	"	"	"	"	4.54	4.50	91.2	0.0100	-0.77	-	-0.77	0.00	-0.77
eC2pH7F	"	"	120:00	"	"	"	"	"	4.49	4.45	99.5	0.0099	-1.17	-	-1.17	0.00	-1.17
Cc2pH7D4	"	"	72:00	0.22	"	"	"	"	47.0	46.96	87.0	0.1043	-	-	-	"	"
DesMnO-0.1 pH7 0min	"	0.02	0:05	0.18	8.11	0.072	"	39.2	26.7	26.62	67.9	0.0592	0.35	0.34	0.35	0.01	0.34
DesMnO-0.1 pH7 5min	"	"	0:10	0.12	4.74	0.028	"	42.6	31.12	31.06	73.0	0.0690	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.01	0.17
DesMnO-0.1 pH7 10min	"	"	0:15	0.08	2.37	0.009	"	44.9	33.47	33.43	74.4	0.0743	0.49	0.51	0.49	0.00	0.49
DesMnO-0.1 pH7 15min	"	"	0:20	0.24	0.57	0.007	"	46.7	32.70	32.66	69.9	0.0726	-	-	-	"	"
DesMnO-0.1 pH7 30min	"	"	0:35	0.12	0.58	0.003	"	46.7	33.31	33.27	71.2	0.0739	-	-	-	"	"
DesMnO-0.1 pH7 60min	"	"	1:05	0.16	0.48	0.004	"	46.8	33.67	33.64	71.8	0.0747	0.60	-	0.60	0.01	0.59
DesMnO-0.1 pH7 120min	"	"	2:05	0.09	0.44	0.002	"	46.9	33.08	33.04	70.5	0.0734	0.55	0.60	0.55	0.00	0.55
DesMnO-0.1 pH7 7h	"	"	7:05	0.11	0.12	0.001	"	47.2	33.46	33.42	70.8	0.0743	-	-	-	"	"
DesMnO-0.1 pH7 24h	"	"	24:05	0.09	0.81	0.004	"	46.5	34.29	34.26	73.7	0.0761	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.00	0.42
DesMnO-0.1 pH7 48h	"	"	48:05	0.09	1.66	0.007	"	45.6	34.11	34.07	74.6	0.0757	0.41	-	0.41	0.00	0.41

Table 5

Reference	C2pH2	C2pH2.5	C2pH3	C2pH4	C2pH6	C2pH7	C2pH8	C2pH10
pH_{ini}	2.0	2.5	3.2	4.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	10.0
pH_{fin}	2.3	3.8	5.2	5.6	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.7
ΔH^+ (mmol/L)	5.0E+00	3.0E+00	6.2E-01	9.7E-02	2.1E-04	6.9E-04	7.3E-04	2.0E-04
Ca_{ads} (mmol)	0.019	0.035	0.048	0.053	0.055	0.055	0.054	0.056
Ca_{ads} (%)	32.9	61.1	84.2	93.2	96.3	95.9	93.5	97.1
[A]: Ca_{ads}/Mn (mmol/mmol)	0.042	0.078	0.107	0.118	0.122	0.122	0.119	0.123
H⁺_{ini} (mmol)	2.0E-01	6.3E-02	1.3E-02	2.0E-03	2.0E-05	2.0E-06	2.0E-07	2.0E-09
H⁺_{ini}/Mn (mmol/mmol)	4.4E-01	1.4E-01	2.8E-02	4.4E-03	4.4E-05	4.4E-06	4.4E-07	4.4E-09
H⁺_{ads} (mmol)	1.0E-01	6.0E-02	1.2E-02	1.9E-03	4.1E-06	1.4E-05	1.5E-05	4.0E-06
H⁺_{ads}/Mn (mmol/mmol)	2.2E-01	1.3E-01	2.8E-02	4.3E-03	9.1E-06	3.1E-05	3.2E-05	8.9E-06
N_{ads} (mmol)	0.110	0.096	0.094	0.091	0.098	0.097	0.098	0.098
[B] : N_{ads}/Mn (mmol/mmol)	0.244	0.214	0.209	0.202	0.218	0.215	0.217	0.218
[A] – [B] (meq/mmol)	<0	<0	0.005	0.035	0.027	0.029	0.020	0.029
$\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{LAA}}$ (‰)	0.25	0.54	0.99	1.15	-	-	1.20	1.26
$\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{SAA}_1}$ (‰)	-0.43	-	-	-0.06	-	-	-	0.12
$\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{SAA}_2}$ (‰)				-0.05				
$\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{\text{SAA_mean}}$ (‰)	-0.43			-0.06				0.12

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Table 6

Reference	C8pH7	C6pH7	C1pH7	C2pH7	C3pH7	C4pH7	C5pH7	ADS300pH7	ADS400pH7
pH_{ini}	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
pH_{fin}	6.36	6.32	6.31	6.22	5.92	5.55	5.00	4.56	4.48
ΔH⁺ (mmol/L)	6.7E-06	7.6E-06	7.8E-06	1.0E-05	2.2E-05	5.4E-05	2.0E-04	5.5E-04	6.6E-04
H⁺_{des}/Mn (mmol/mmol)	1.5E-05	1.7E-05	1.7E-05	2.2E-05	4.9E-05	1.2E-04	4.4E-04	1.2E-03	1.5E-03
Ca_{ini} (mmol)	0.044	0.047	0.054	0.057	0.067	0.092	0.122	0.146	0.196
[A] : Ca_{ini}/Mn (mmol/mmol)	0.098	0.104	0.120	0.127	0.149	0.204	0.271	0.325	0.436
Ca_{ads} (mmol)	0.044	0.046	0.051	0.054	0.055	0.057	0.058	0.062	0.062
Ca_{ads} (%)	99.3	99.2	95.0	94.5	82.0	61.7	47.6	42.5	31.6
[B]: Ca_{ads}/Mn (mmol/mmol)	0.097	0.103	0.114	0.120	0.122	0.126	0.129	0.138	0.138
N_{des} (mmol)	0.083	0.084	0.087	0.092	0.094	0.093	0.092	0.107	0.107
N_{des}/Mn (mmol/mmol)	0.184	0.195	0.201	0.219	0.229	0.221	0.230	0.229	0.229
[A] – [B] (meq/mmol)	0.010	0.011	0.027	0.021	0.015	0.031	0.028	0.047	0.047
Δ^{44/40}Ca_{LAA} (‰)	1.19	-	-	-	1.18	1.01	0.31	-	0.37
Δ^{44/40}Ca_{SAA} (‰)	-	-	-	-	-0.21	-0.56	-0.76	-	-0.66

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1080 **Supplementary materials for**
1081 **Calcium isotope fractionation associated with adsorption and**
1082 **desorption on/from δ -MnO₂**

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1094 This file includes:

1095 (1) X-ray data of the studied δ -MnO₂: X-ray diffractogram (S1) and XRD raw data (S2)

1096 (2) Comparison of initial and final pH values for experimental and modelled data (S3)

1097 (3) Calculation of $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ isotope signatures in the interlayer and on the edges

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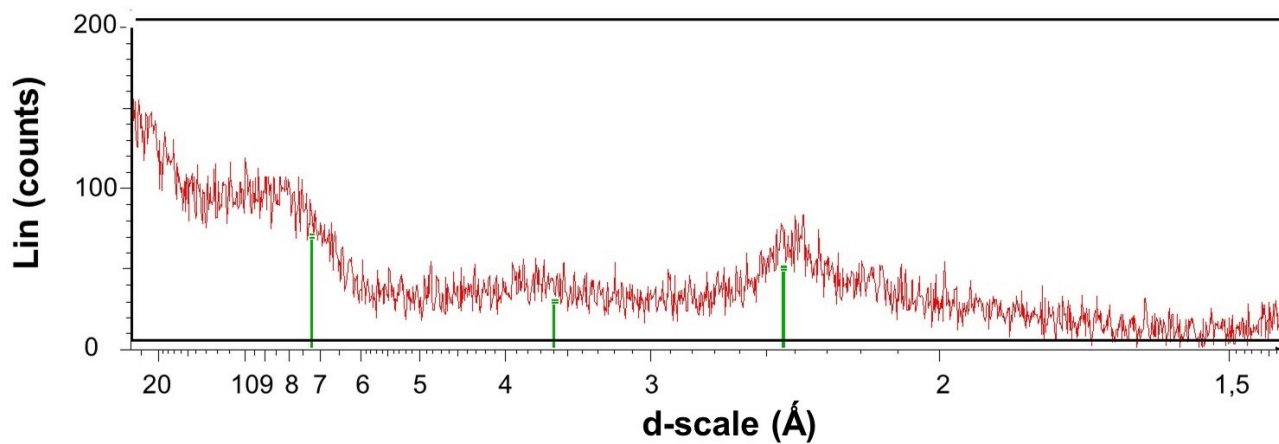
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1105 **X-ray diffractogram of the studied δ -MnO₂ sample**

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1109 **S1:** δ -MnO₂ diffractogram after particle size sorting and Na saturation. The attenuation of basal

1110 reflections is due to the small size of the coherent domains of δ -MnO₂ and is underlined by the

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1125 **S2: XRD raw data**

δ -MnO ₂ pH7										
X		Y		4.92	17.940	122		6.88	12.833	137
2theta (degrees)	conversion to d (Angström)	Intensity (shots)		4.96	17.795	124		6.92	12.759	112
3.04	29.028	224		5	17.653	129		6.96	12.685	129
3.08	28.651	192		5.04	17.513	114		7	12.613	111
3.12	28.284	222		5.08	17.375	114		7.04	12.541	109
3.16	27.926	205		5.12	17.239	128		7.08	12.471	121
3.2	27.577	186		5.16	17.106	124		7.12	12.401	125
3.24	27.237	172		5.2	16.974	131		7.16	12.331	130
3.28	26.905	175		5.24	16.845	119		7.2	12.263	112
3.32	26.581	162		5.28	16.717	111		7.24	12.195	126
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4.12	21.421	130		6.08	14.519	127		8.04	10.984	132
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27.6	3.228	68		29.56	3.018	63		31.52	2.835	71
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27.68	3.219	84		29.64	3.010	70		31.6	2.828	62
27.72	3.214	81		29.68	3.006	74		31.64	2.824	61
27.76	3.210	70		29.72	3.002	78		31.68	2.821	72
27.8	3.205	60		29.76	2.998	62		31.72	2.818	72
27.84	3.201	65		29.8	2.995	64		31.76	2.814	73
27.88	3.196	66		29.84	2.991	72		31.8	2.811	73
27.92	3.192	66		29.88	2.987	84		31.84	2.807	61
27.96	3.187	81		29.92	2.983	72		31.88	2.804	70
28	3.183	79		29.96	2.979	78		31.92	2.800	64
28.04	3.178	59		30	2.975	72		31.96	2.797	75
28.08	3.174	70		30.04	2.971	74		32	2.794	63
28.12	3.170	77		30.08	2.967	67		32.04	2.790	58
28.16	3.165	82		30.12	2.963	71		32.08	2.787	67
28.2	3.161	57		30.16	2.960	72		32.12	2.783	62
28.24	3.156	65		30.2	2.956	67		32.16	2.780	80
28.28	3.152	72		30.24	2.952	74		32.2	2.777	82
28.32	3.148	85		30.28	2.948	68		32.24	2.773	79
28.36	3.143	70		30.32	2.944	56		32.28	2.770	67
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32.36	2.763	64		34.32	2.610	76		36.28	2.473	105
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32.44	2.757	83		34.4	2.604	82		36.36	2.468	110
32.48	2.753	70		34.44	2.601	70		36.4	2.465	98
32.52	2.750	74		34.48	2.598	69		36.44	2.463	86
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32.64	2.740	99		34.6	2.589	82		36.56	2.455	116
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32.76	2.730	55		34.72	2.581	80		36.68	2.447	101
32.8	2.727	77		34.76	2.578	81		36.72	2.445	103
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32.88	2.721	70		34.84	2.572	88		36.8	2.439	96
32.92	2.718	73		34.88	2.569	74		36.84	2.437	112
32.96	2.714	75		34.92	2.566	85		36.88	2.434	105
33	2.711	70		34.96	2.563	80		36.92	2.432	122
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33.08	2.705	72		35.04	2.558	76		37	2.427	118
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33.36	2.683	68		35.32	2.538	90		37.28	2.409	111
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39.76	2.264	91		41.72	2.162	87		43.68	2.070	89
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40	2.251	90		41.96	2.151	81		43.92	2.059	68
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40.08	2.247	94		42.04	2.147	75		44	2.055	72
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44.12	2.050	70		46.08	1.967	81		48.04	1.892	51
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44.24	2.045	70		46.2	1.963	75		48.16	1.887	62
44.28	2.043	69		46.24	1.961	64		48.2	1.886	60
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45	2.012	80		46.96	1.933	73		48.92	1.860	72
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45.44	1.994	60		47.4	1.916	50		49.36	1.844	64
45.48	1.992	80		47.44	1.914	59		49.4	1.843	66
45.52	1.990	84		47.48	1.913	66		49.44	1.841	55
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45.76	1.980	74		47.72	1.904	70		49.68	1.833	78
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45.84	1.977	68		47.8	1.901	63		49.76	1.830	63
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46	1.971	51		47.96	1.895	61		49.92	1.825	53
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55.92	1.642	54		57.88	1.591	53		59.84	1.544	44
55.96	1.641	43		57.92	1.590	54		59.88	1.543	53
56	1.640	60		57.96	1.589	51		59.92	1.542	56
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56.72	1.621	42		58.68	1.571	52		60.64	1.525	54
56.76	1.620	53		58.72	1.570	60		60.68	1.524	36
56.8	1.619	40		58.76	1.570	39		60.72	1.523	60
56.84	1.618	50		58.8	1.569	39		60.76	1.523	52
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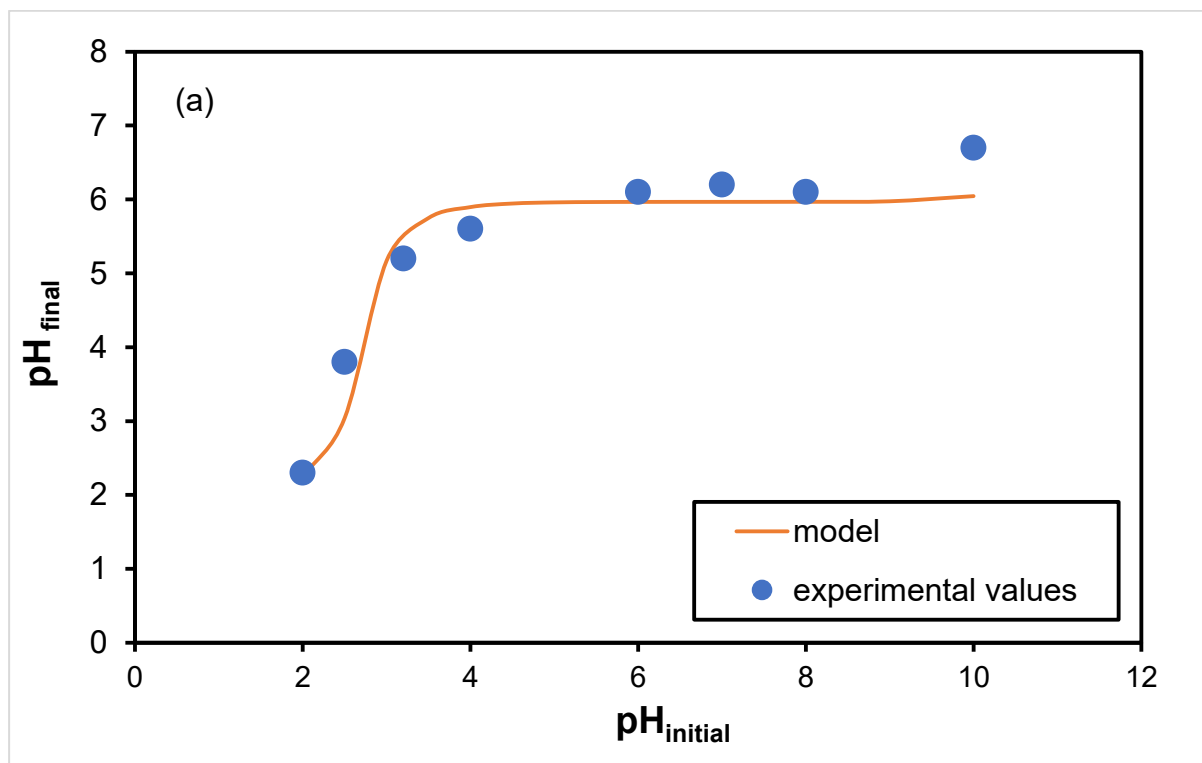
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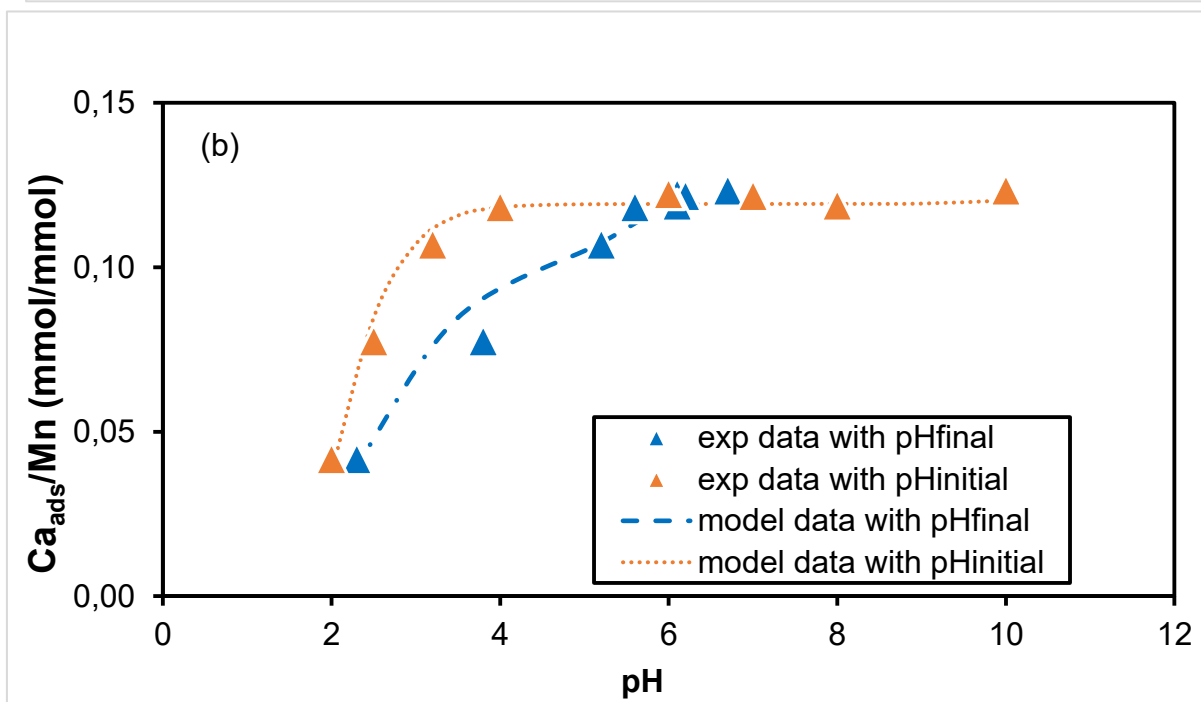
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61.88	1.498	47		63.84	1.456	51
61.92	1.497	50		63.88	1.455	48
61.96	1.496	38		63.92	1.455	50
62	1.495	48		63.96	1.454	42
62.04	1.494	48		64	1.453	64
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62.36	1.487	52		64.32	1.447	65
62.4	1.486	51		64.36	1.446	58
62.44	1.486	61		64.4	1.445	67
62.48	1.485	62		64.44	1.444	60
62.52	1.484	49		64.48	1.443	65
62.56	1.483	53		64.52	1.443	60
62.6	1.482	43		64.56	1.442	60
62.64	1.481	60		64.6	1.441	51
62.68	1.480	48		64.64	1.440	58
62.72	1.480	65		64.68	1.439	63
62.76	1.479	54		64.72	1.439	63
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62.88	1.476	52		64.84	1.436	68
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62.96	1.475	37		64.92	1.435	67
63	1.474	39		64.96	1.434	65
63.04	1.473	45		65	1.433	67
63.08	1.472	56				
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63.4	1.465	46				
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63.56	1.462	66				
63.6	1.461	53				
63.64	1.460	53				

1159 Comparison of initial and final pH values for experimental and modelled data



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1161 S3: (a) Variation of pH_{final} versus pH_{ini} for model and experimental data and (b) Ca_{ads}/Mn versus
1162 pH for model and experimental data (data are plotted for initial and final pH)

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1164 Final pH calculated by the model and final experimental ones were plotted in figure S3 (a) as a
1165 function of initial pH (input of the model and fixed experimentally). As seen in the figure, a
1166 good agreement is observed between the two data sets (modeled/experimental). Then,
1167 representation of the Ca-data can be done by using either initial or final pH (figure (b); by using
1168 obviously the same convention for both calculated and measured datasets).

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1170 **Calculation of $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}$ isotope signature in the interlayer and on the edges**

1171 $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{total}$ of the $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ solid at stationary state corresponds to a mixture between the Ca
1172 in the interlayer and the Ca bound to the edges:

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$$\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{total} = \%_{interlayer} \times \Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{interlayer} + \%_{edge} \times \Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{edge} \text{ (eq. A.1)}$$

1174 With $\%_{interlayer}$ and $\%_{edge}$ the respective proportions of Ca in the interlayer and on the edges, and
1175 $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{interlayer}$ and $\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{edge}$ the apparent isotope fractionation of Ca in the interlayer and on
1176 the edges, respectively

1177 From Table 5, if we consider that for $\text{pH} < 4$ Ca is mainly adsorbed in the interlayer, we have

1178
$$\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{interfoliar} \sim -0.43 \text{ ‰}$$

1179 We can therefore propose that at $\text{pH} 10$, the Ca is distributed between the two sites and still
1180 using the Ca proportions obtained from the model (c.f. paragraph 4.5), from equation A.1 we
1181 obtain

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$$\Delta^{44/40}\text{Ca}_{edge} \sim 3.5 \text{ ‰}$$

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