

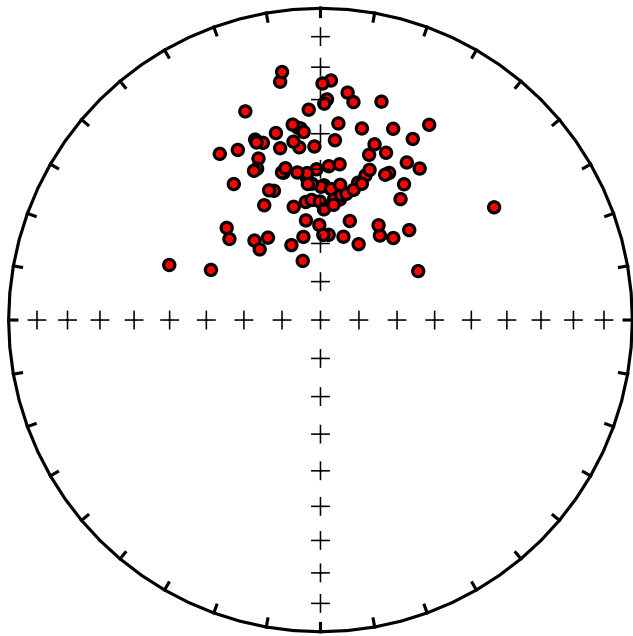
# Finishing up Fisher statistics

# More useful statistics

- what about confidence in VGPs?
- Test for randomness
- Are two directions significantly different from each other?
- How to combine best fit lines and planes
- What to do with inclination only data (see book)
- Test for fishiness (see book)

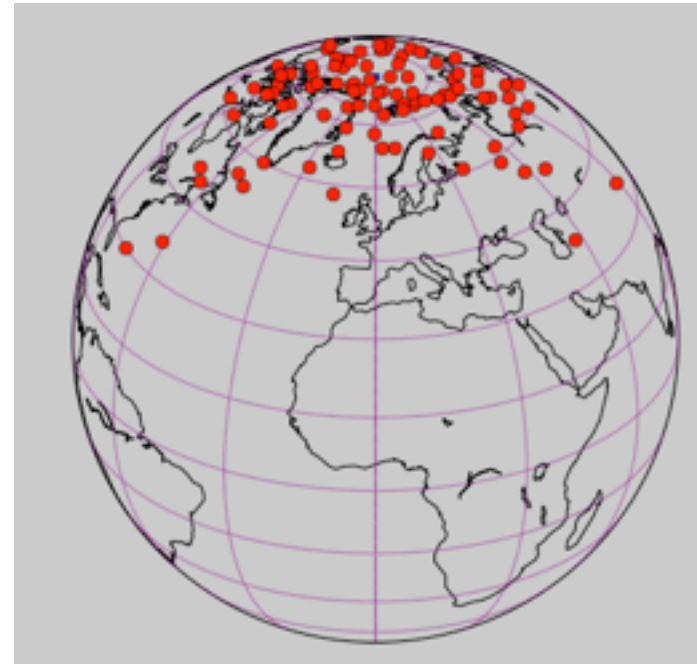
# Mapping of D,I to VGP

- Review Chapter 2 for how to do it



Directions  
measured at  
latitude of 30

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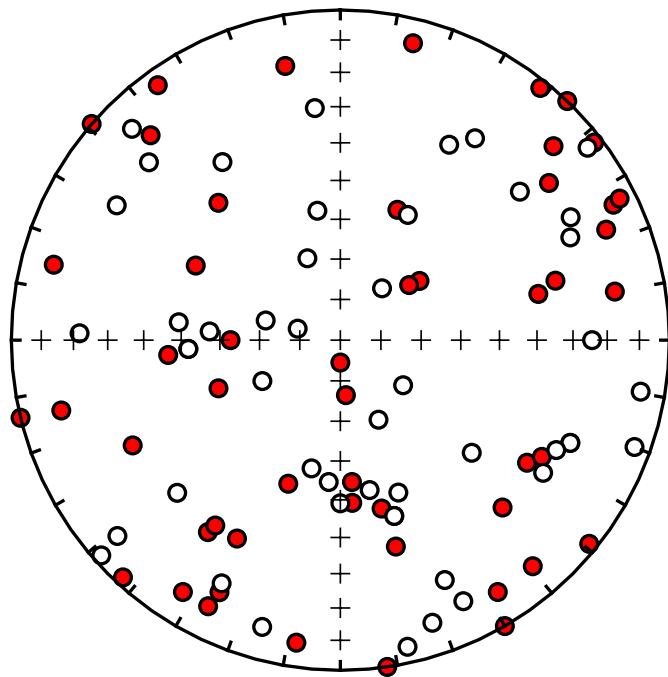
Not a circular distribution!

$$dm = \alpha_{95} \frac{\cos \lambda}{\cos \bar{I}}, \quad dp = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{95} (1 + 3 \sin^2 \lambda)$$

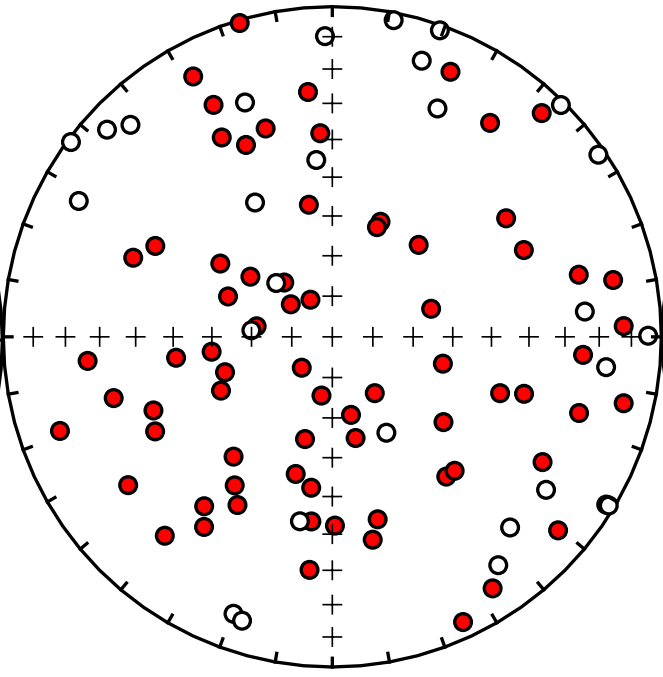
# Randomness: who wants to know?

- The conglomerate test (Chapter 9) relies on a test for randomness – if cobble directions are not random, then they were magnetized AFTER deposition
- If a paleomagnetic site has random directions, then the mean is meaningless

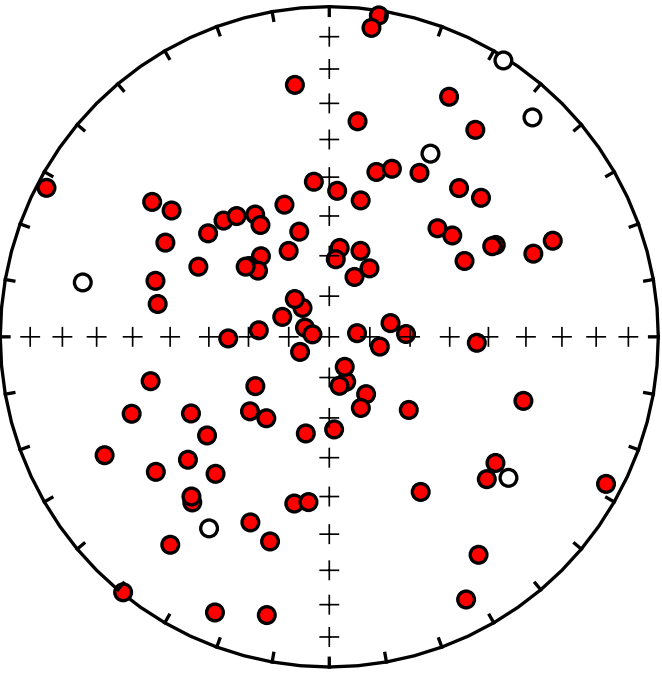
Random



$\kappa = 1$

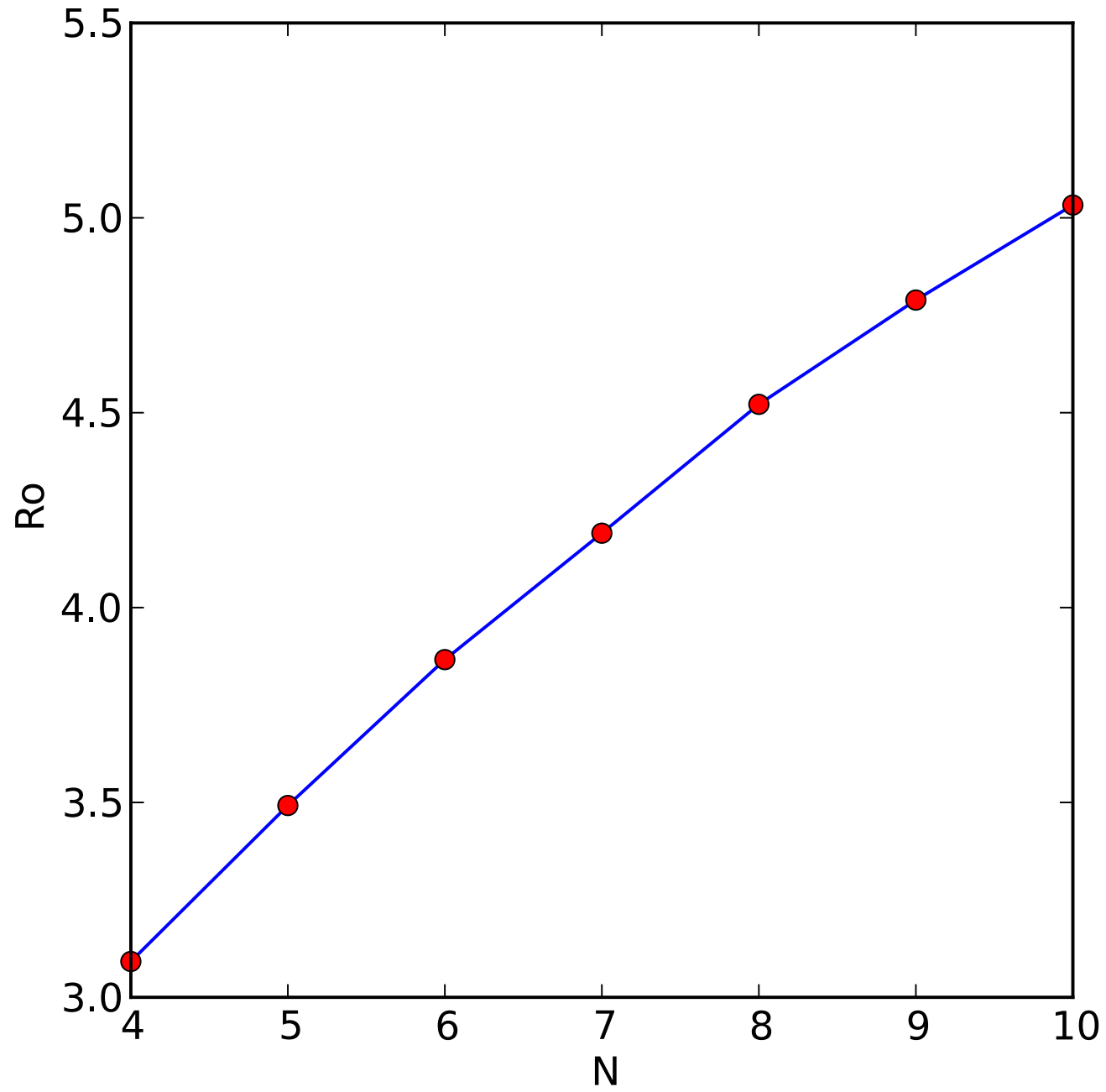


$\kappa = 3$



# Basic approach

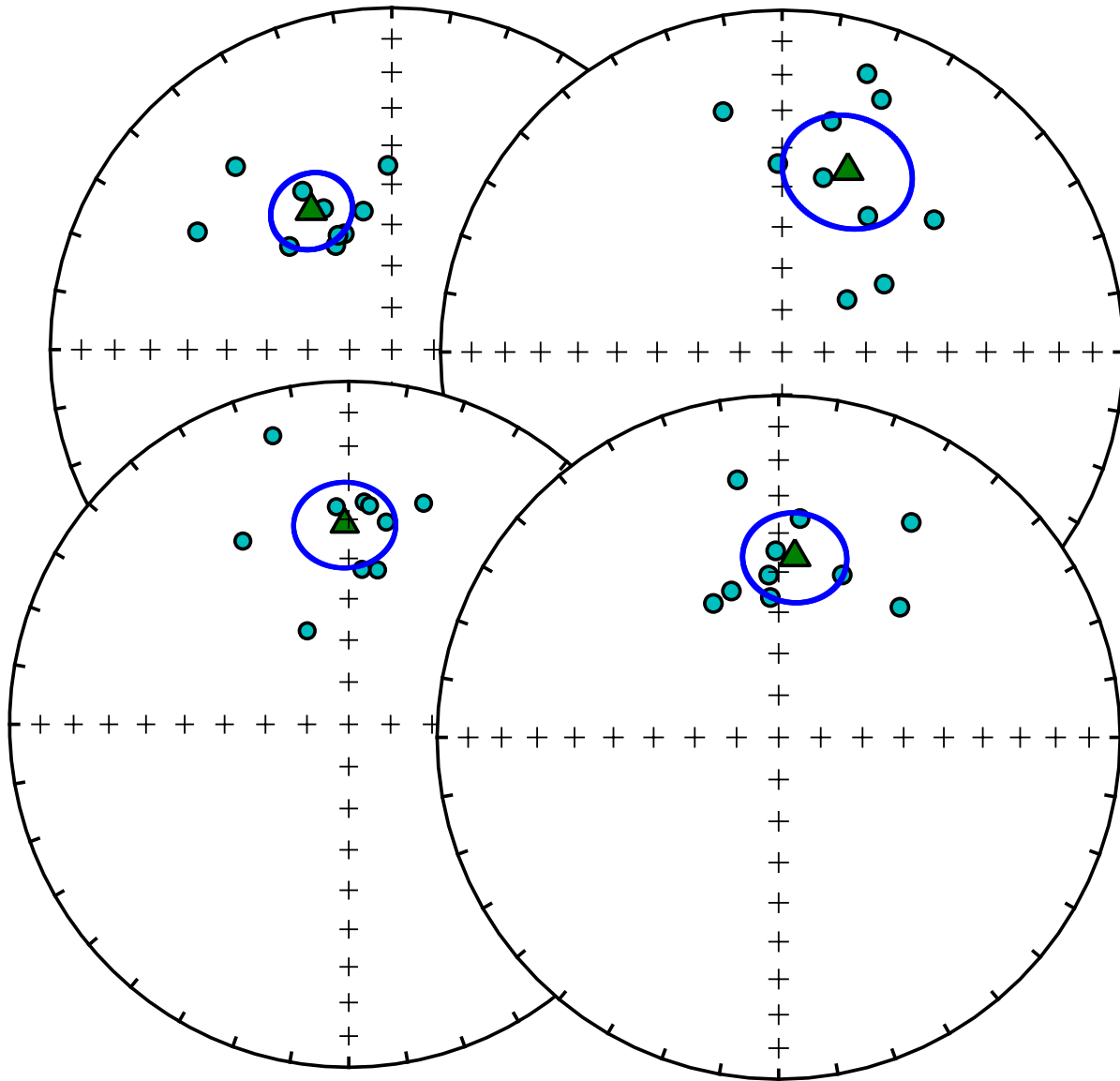
- Scatter is related to  $R$
- We can generate distributions that are spread uniformly on a sphere (random) [use program `uniform.py` in `PmagPy`]
- Generate a bunch (10,000) of sets of uniform directions with  $N$  data points; calculate  $R$  and find the 95th percentile of these (95% of the  $R$ s are smaller than that). Call that  $R_0$  [This is a "Monte Carlo" type of approach.]
- If  $R$  in a given set of directions is  $> R_0$ , then your data set is 95% sure not to be random
- Can use shortcut of Watson (1956) in book. (see Chapter 11 and Table C.2)



# Comparing directions

- If one is “known”, i.e. has no uncertainty, just see if a95 of other includes it: Is a given direction vertical? Is a given direction coincident with the IGRF direction at the site?
- If both have some uncertainty (compare two paleomagnetic directions – for example the normal and reverse data from a study), this is a trickier case

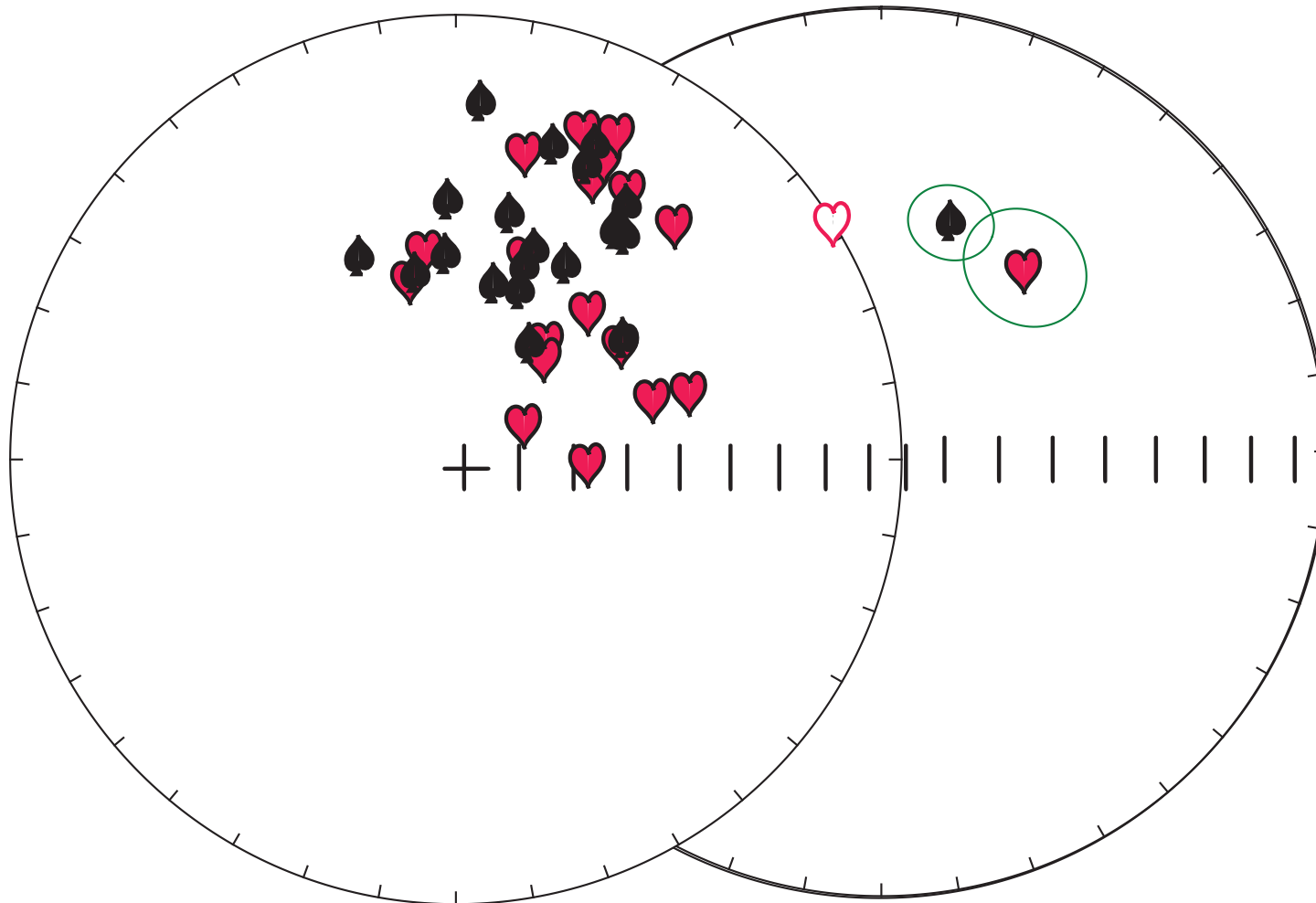




$\alpha_{95S}$  don't overlap  
means of other  
dataset  
clearly different

$\alpha_{95S}$  overlap mean of  
other dataset  
clearly the same

What about this case? Not so clear



Two ways to do this (both by Geoff Watson):

- Watson's F test
- Watson's V

# Watson's F test

- Consider two directions data sets with different  $N$ s and different  $R$ s

$$N_1, N_2 \text{ and } R_1, R_2$$

- Calculate the statistic:

$$F = (N - 2) \frac{(R_1 + R_2 - R)}{(N - R_1 - R_2)}$$

- where  $N$  and  $R$  are for the combined data sets.
- if  $F$  exceeds the value in the  $F$  tables for 2 and  $2(N-2)$  degrees of freedom, the data sets are different (at 95% confidence level)

# Don't know what an F-table is?

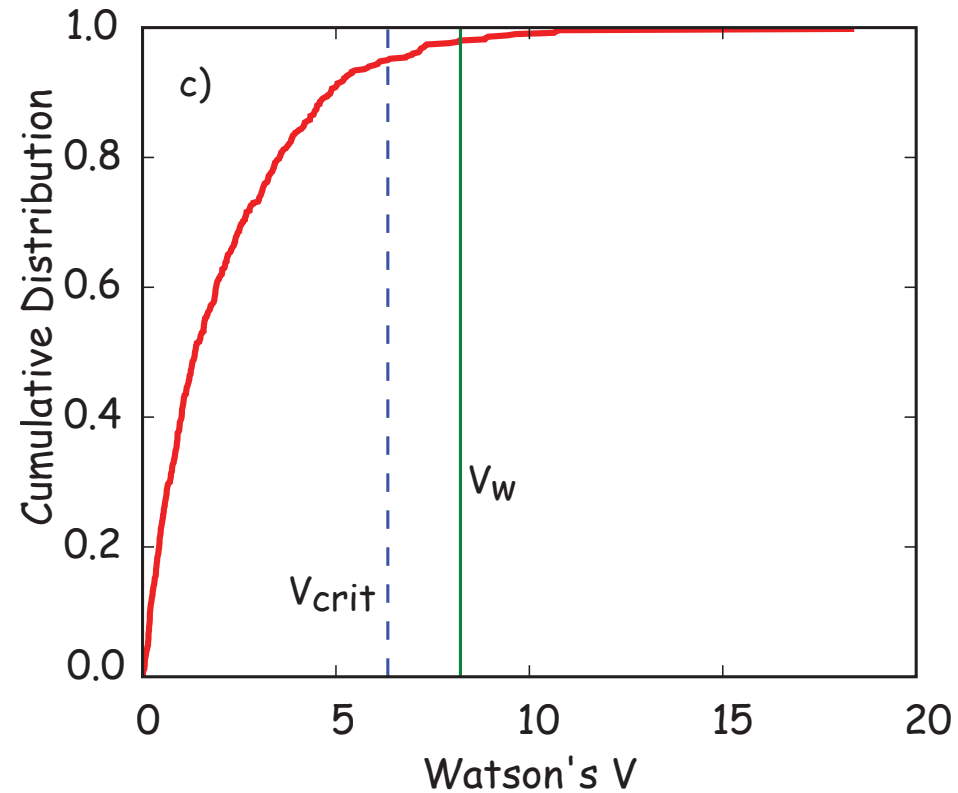
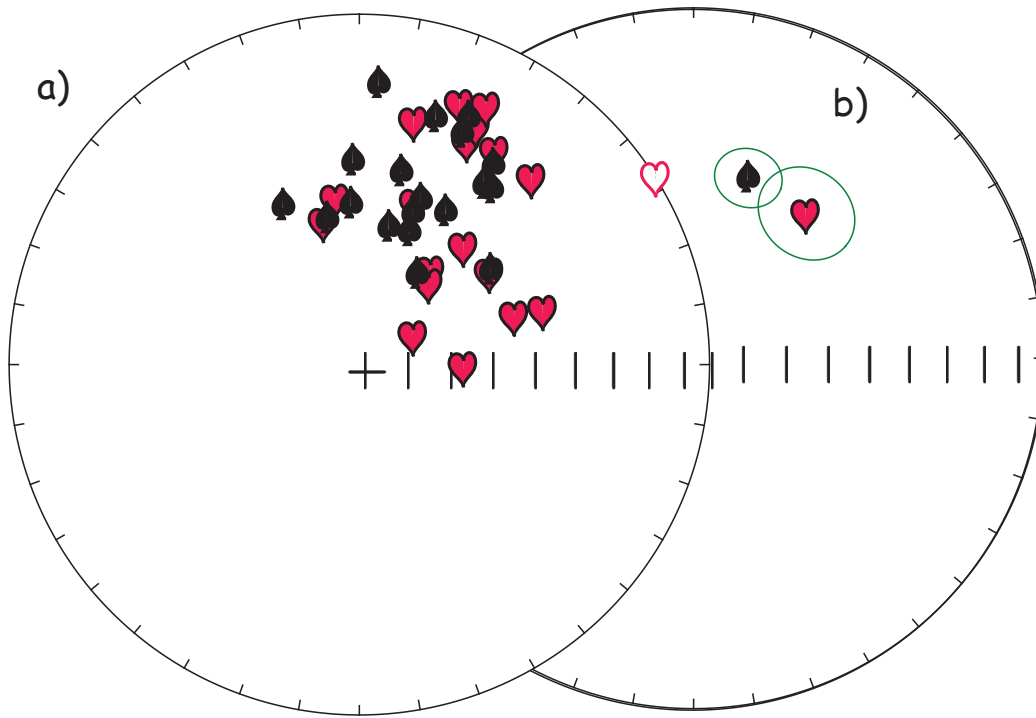
look here:

[http://www.socr.ucla.edu/Applets.dir/F\\_Table.html](http://www.socr.ucla.edu/Applets.dir/F_Table.html)

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2	18.5128	19.0000	19.1643	19.2468	19.2964	19.3295	19.3532	19.3710	19.3848	19.3959	19.4125	19.4291	19.4458	19.4599
3	10.1280	9.5521	9.2766	9.1172	9.0135	8.9406	8.8867	8.8452	8.8123	8.7855	8.7446	8.7029	8.6602	8.6250
4	7.7086	6.9443	6.5914	6.3882	6.2561	6.1631	6.0942	6.0410	5.9988	5.9644	5.9117	5.8578	5.8025	5.7550
5	6.6079	5.7861	5.4095	5.1922	5.0503	4.9503	4.8759	4.8183	4.7725	4.7351	4.6777	4.6188	4.5581	4.5038
6	5.9874	5.1433	4.7571	4.5337	4.3874	4.2839	4.2067	4.1468	4.0990	4.0600	3.9999	3.9381	3.8742	3.8173
7	5.5914	4.7374	4.3468	4.1203	3.9715	3.8660	3.7870	3.7257	3.6767	3.6365	3.5747	3.5107	3.4445	3.3853
8	5.3177	4.4590	4.0662	3.8379	3.6875	3.5806	3.5005	3.4381	3.3881	3.3472	3.2839	3.2184	3.1503	3.0895
9	5.1174	4.2565	3.8625	3.6331	3.4817	3.3738	3.2927	3.2296	3.1789	3.1373	3.0729	3.0061	2.9365	2.8743
10	4.9646	4.1028	3.7083	3.4780	3.3258	3.2172	3.1355	3.0717	3.0204	2.9782	2.9130	2.8450	2.7740	2.7103

# Watson's $V_w$

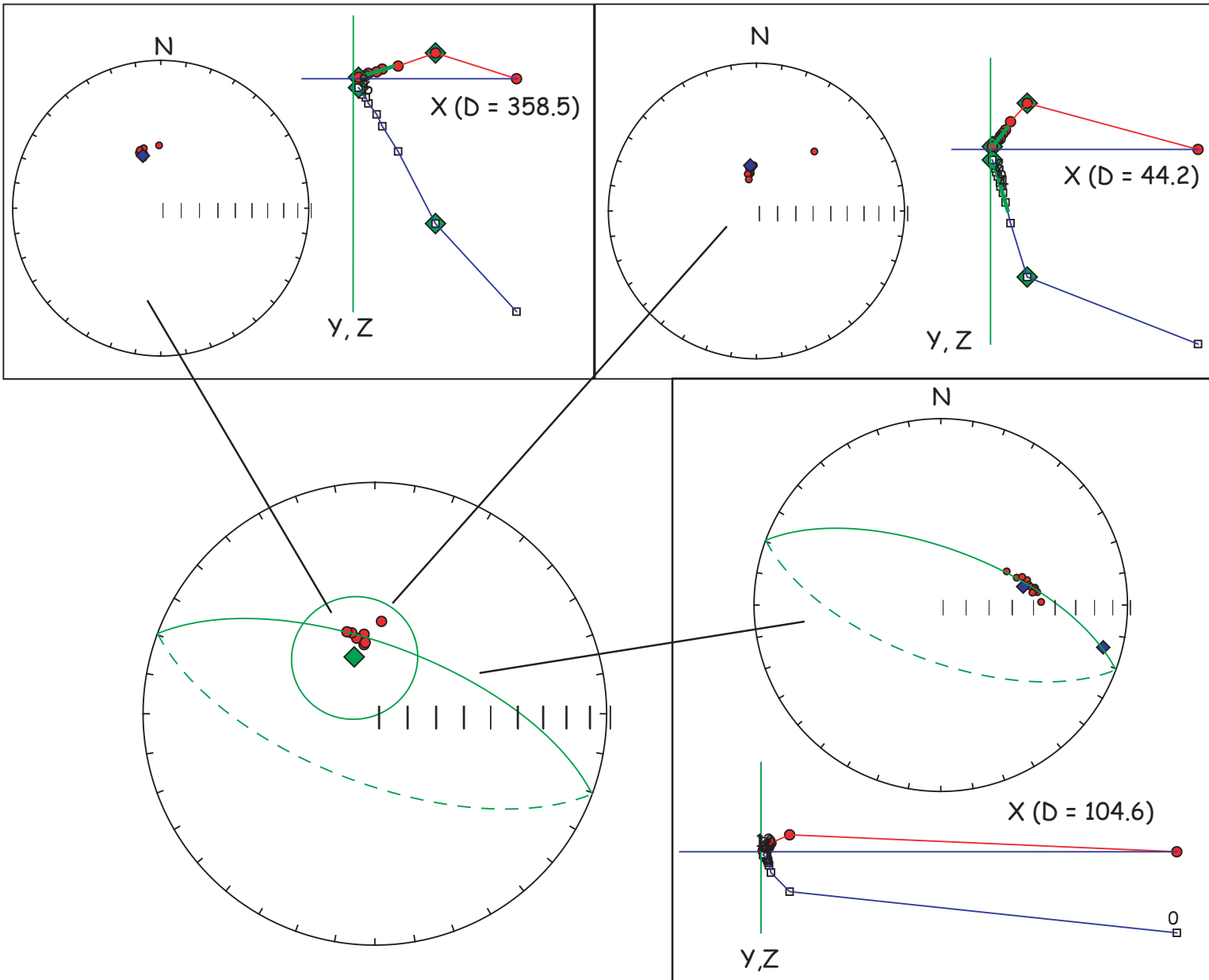
- use statistic  $V_w$  - it increases with increasing distance between two data sets (see Chapter 11 and Appendix C.2.1) [check out `watsonsv.py` in `PmagPy`]
- null hypothesis that two datasets share common mean can be rejected if  $V_w$  is bigger than some critical value.
- Use Monte Carlo simulation to determine  $V_{crit}$  by calculating  $V_w$ s for lots of data sets with same  $N_s$  and  $k_s$  that DO share a common mean (e.g., `fishrot.py` in `PmagPy`). Determine 95th percentile for  $V_{crit}$
- If  $V_w > V_{crit}$ , two data sets are different (95% confidence)



$$F = 4.15, F(2, 70) = 3.12 \quad V_w = 8.2, V_{crit} = 6.3$$

Both the F test and Watson's V show the two data sets are different at the 95% level of confidence

# Combining lines and planes:



McFadden & McElhinny (1988) see Chapter 11



# Lecture 10

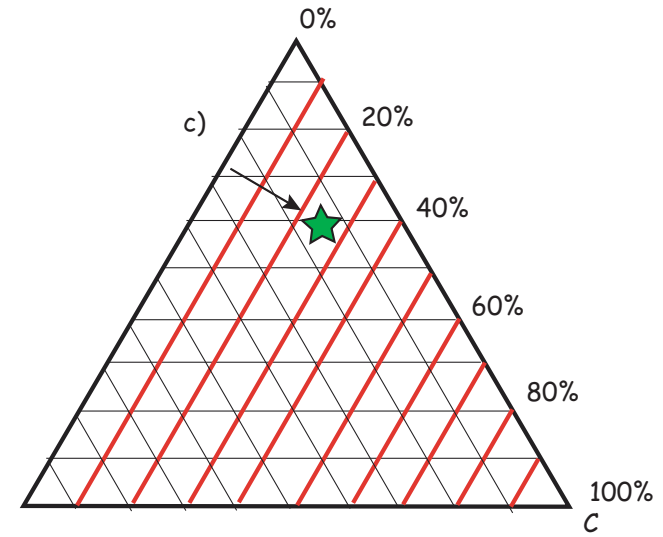
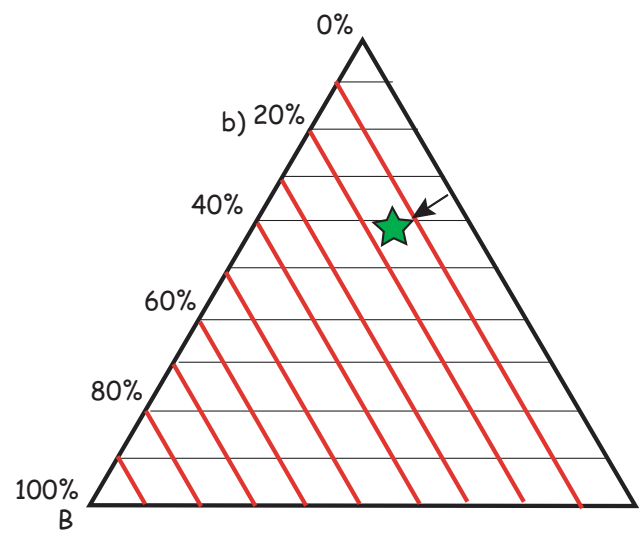
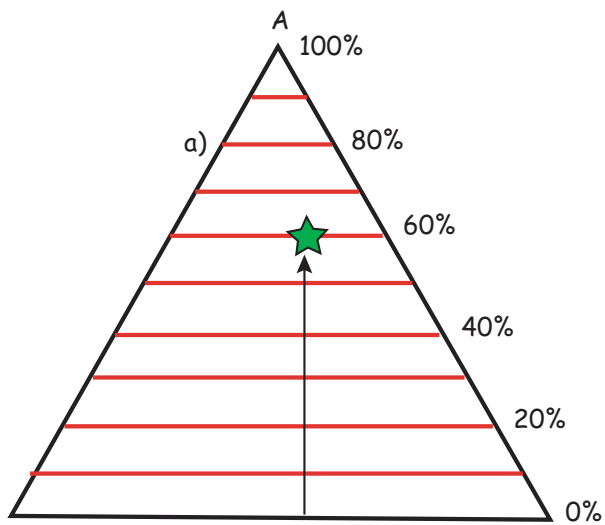
- Magnetic mineralogy
- Iron Oxides
- Iron oxyhydroxides
- Iron sulfides
- Sources of magnetic minerals
- Intro to Natural Remanence (if time)

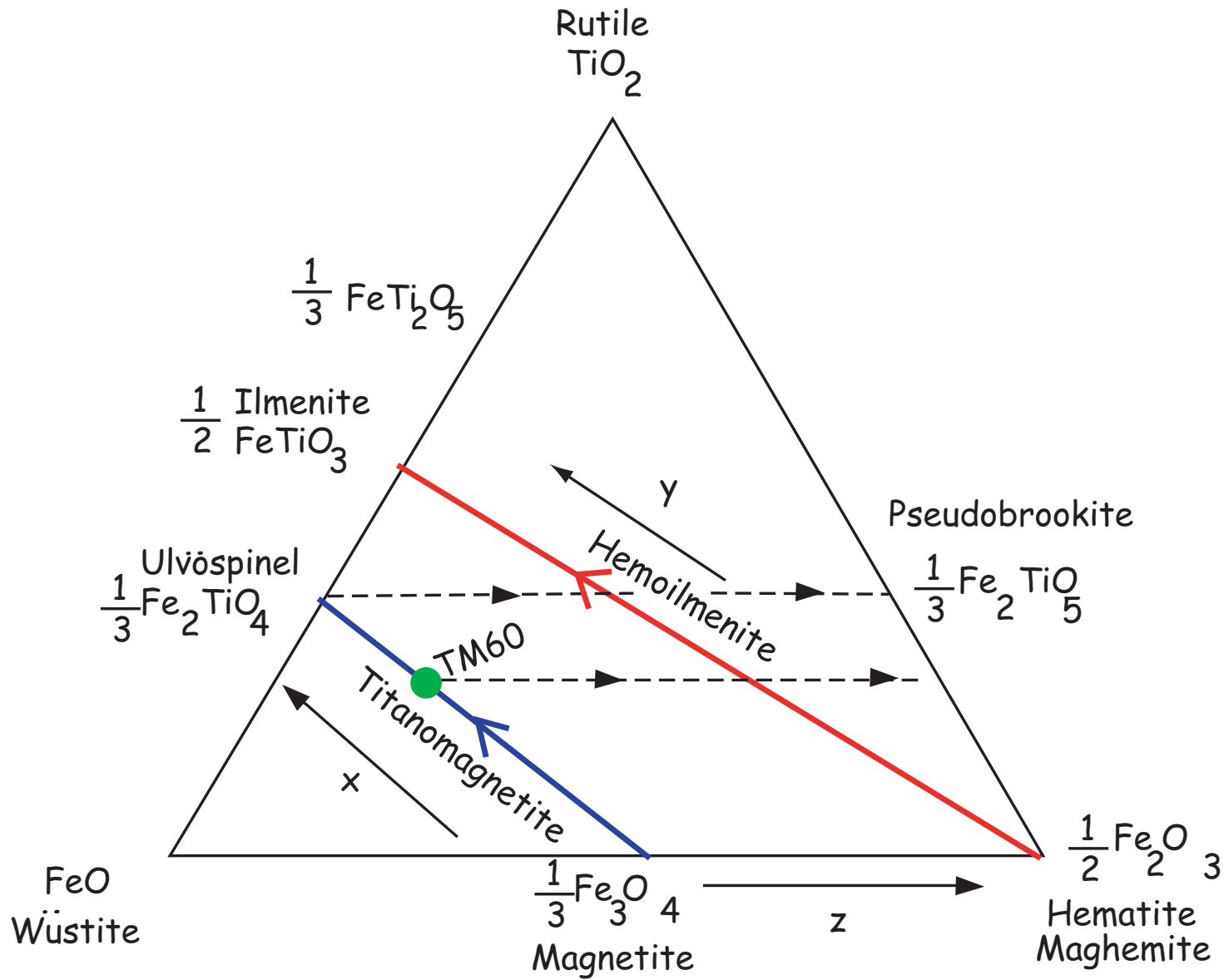
# Iron oxides

- Titanium often substitutes for iron in the crystal structure
- Also have Aluminum as a frequent guest, but much less work has been done on this, so we'll discuss mostly titanium-iron solid solutions

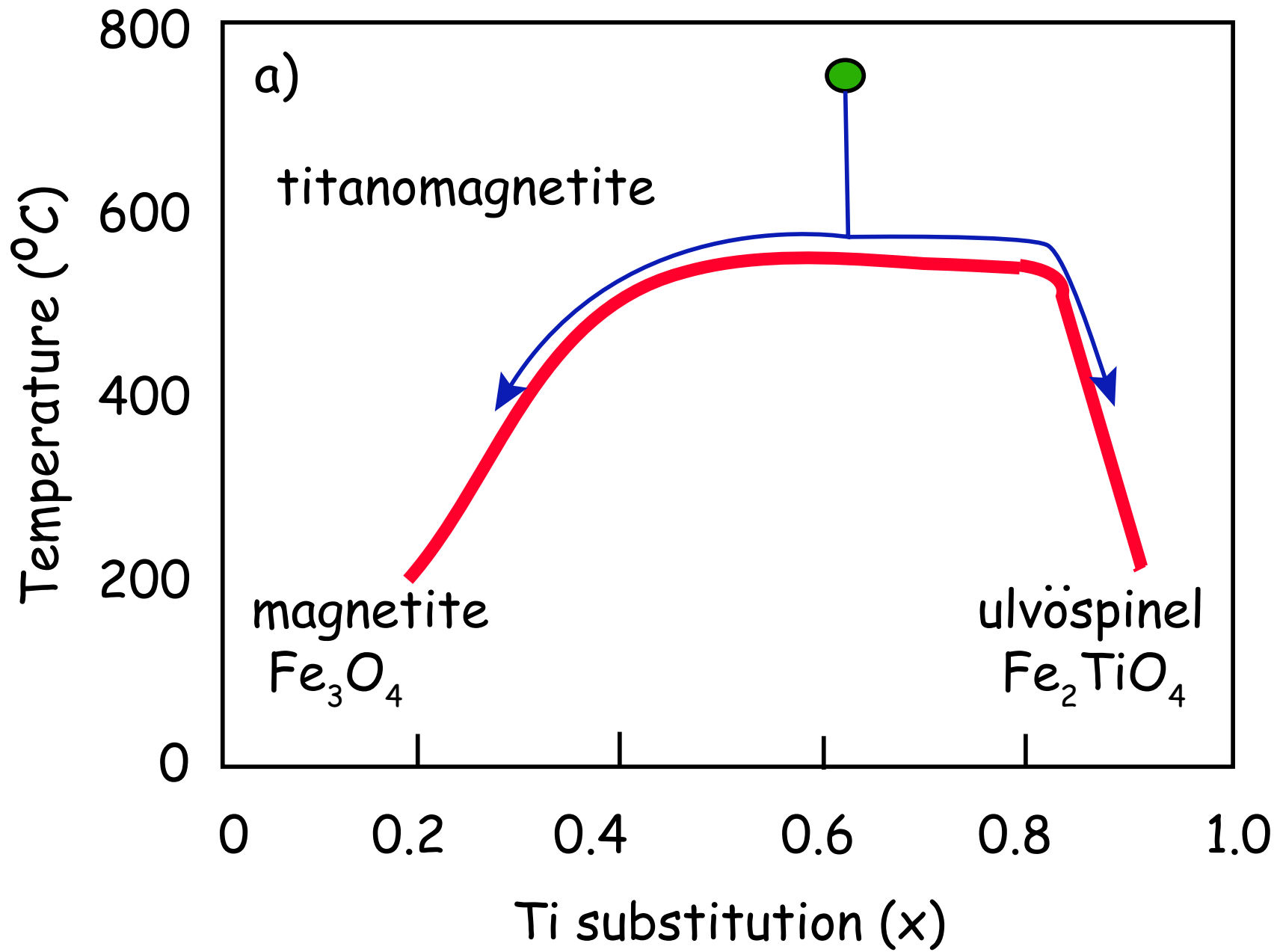
# solid solutions

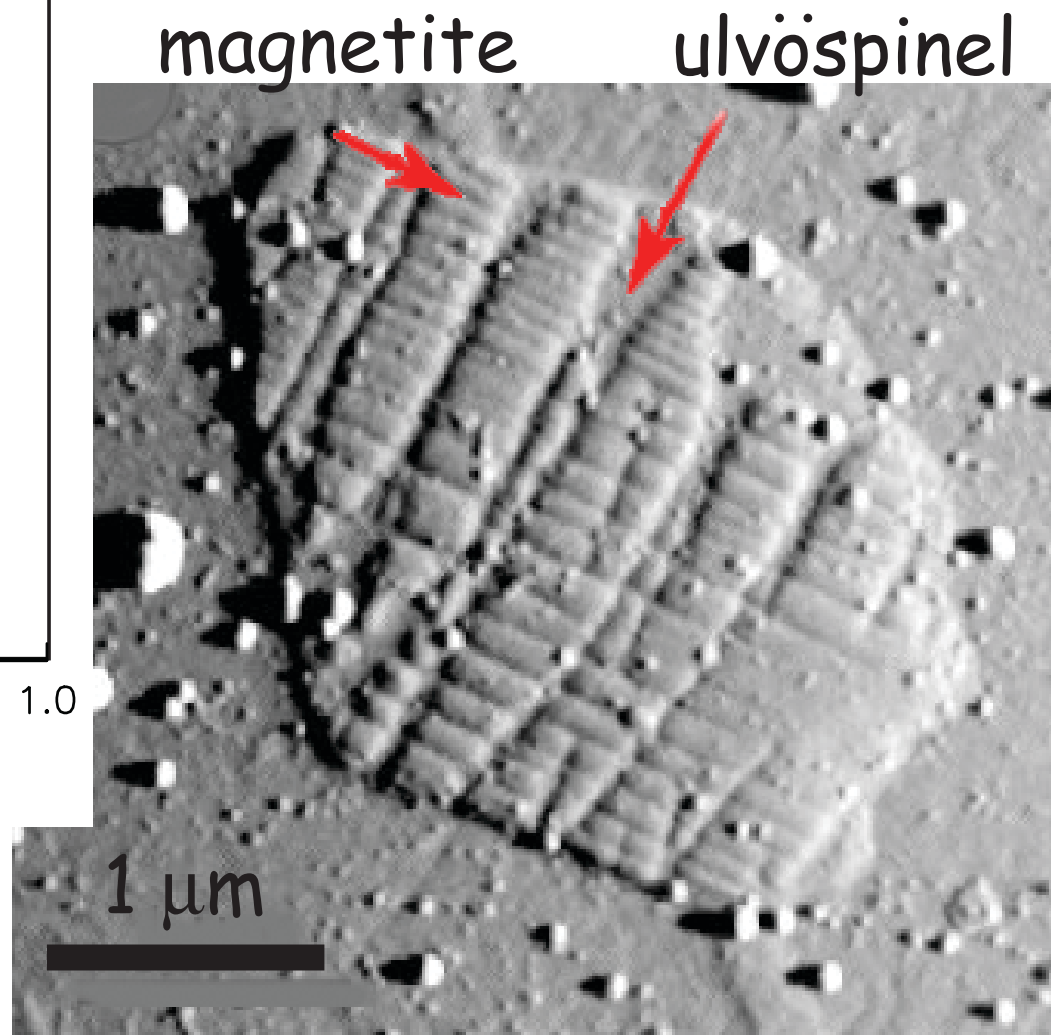
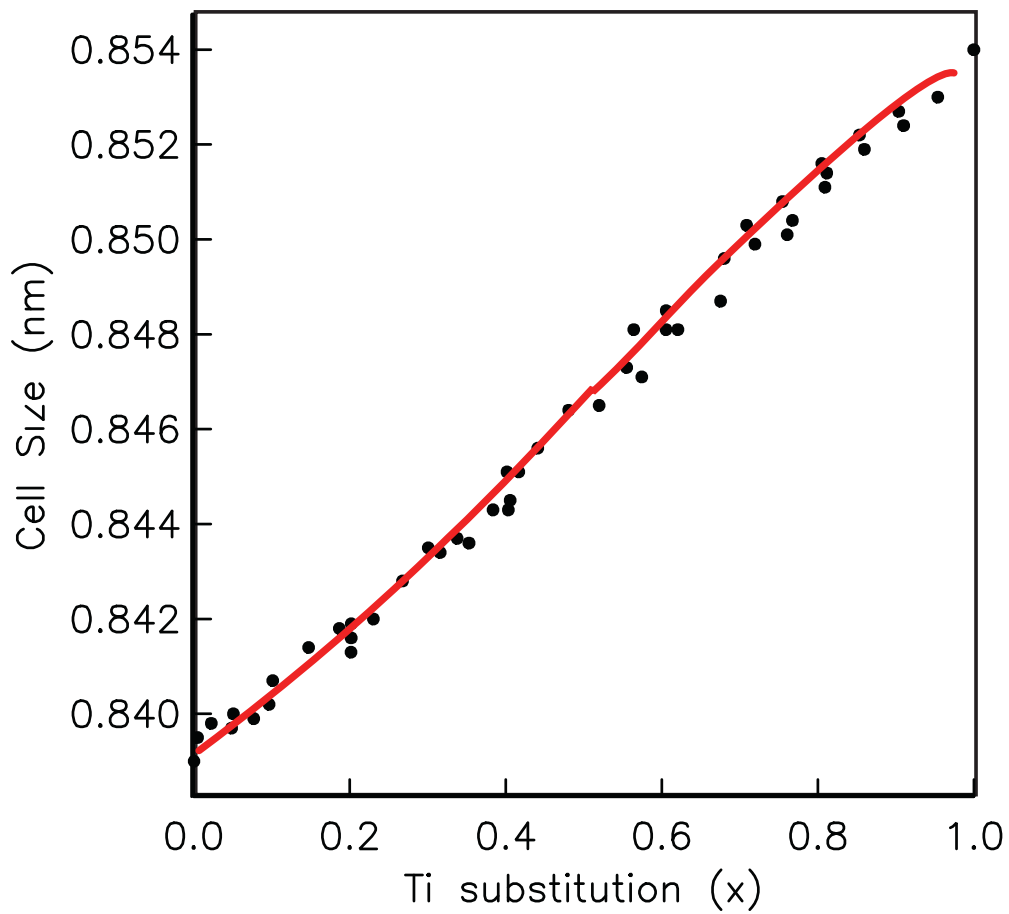
- Definition: A homogeneous crystalline structure in which one or more types of atoms or molecules may be partly substituted for the original atoms and molecules without changing the structure.
- two important ones in paleomagnetism:
  - ulvospinel-magnetite
  - ilmenite-hematite



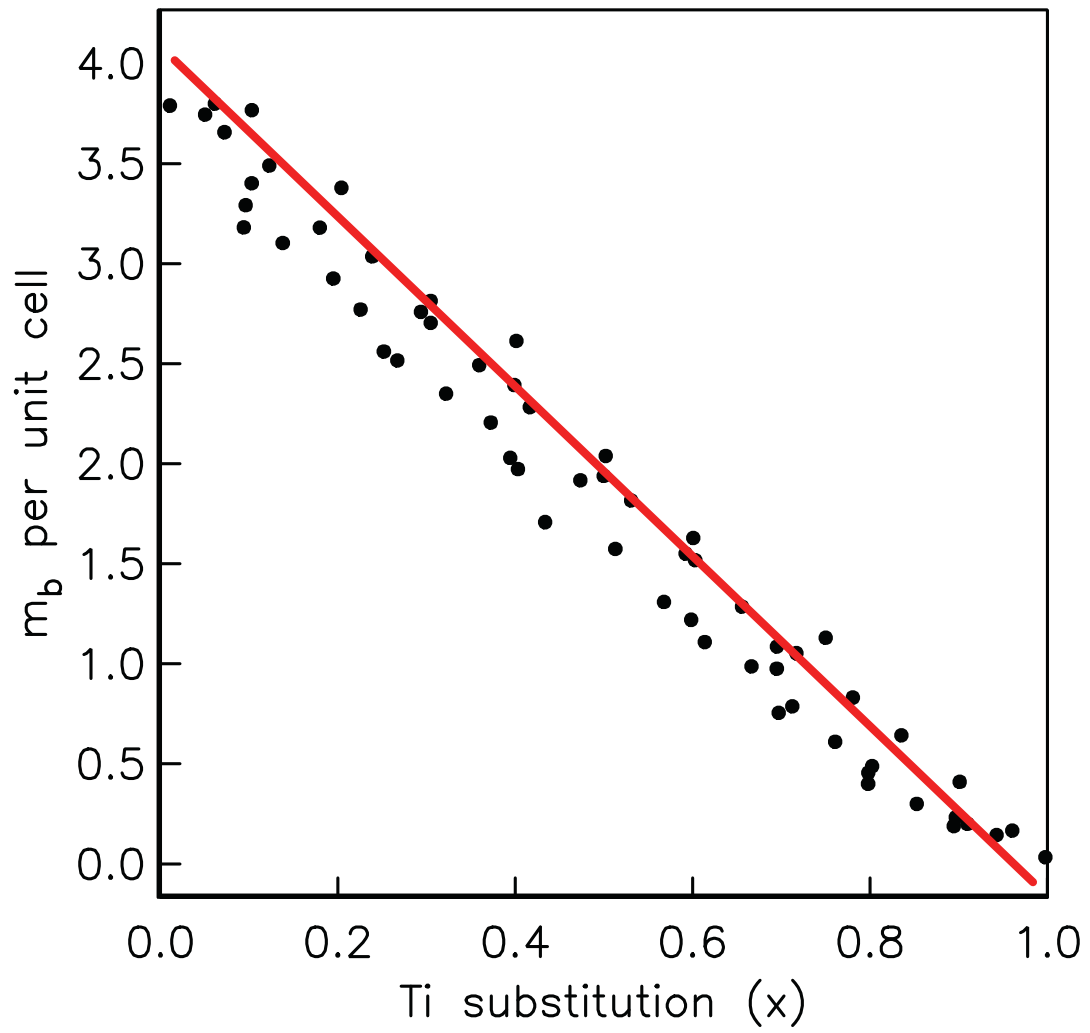


ulvospinel - magnetite

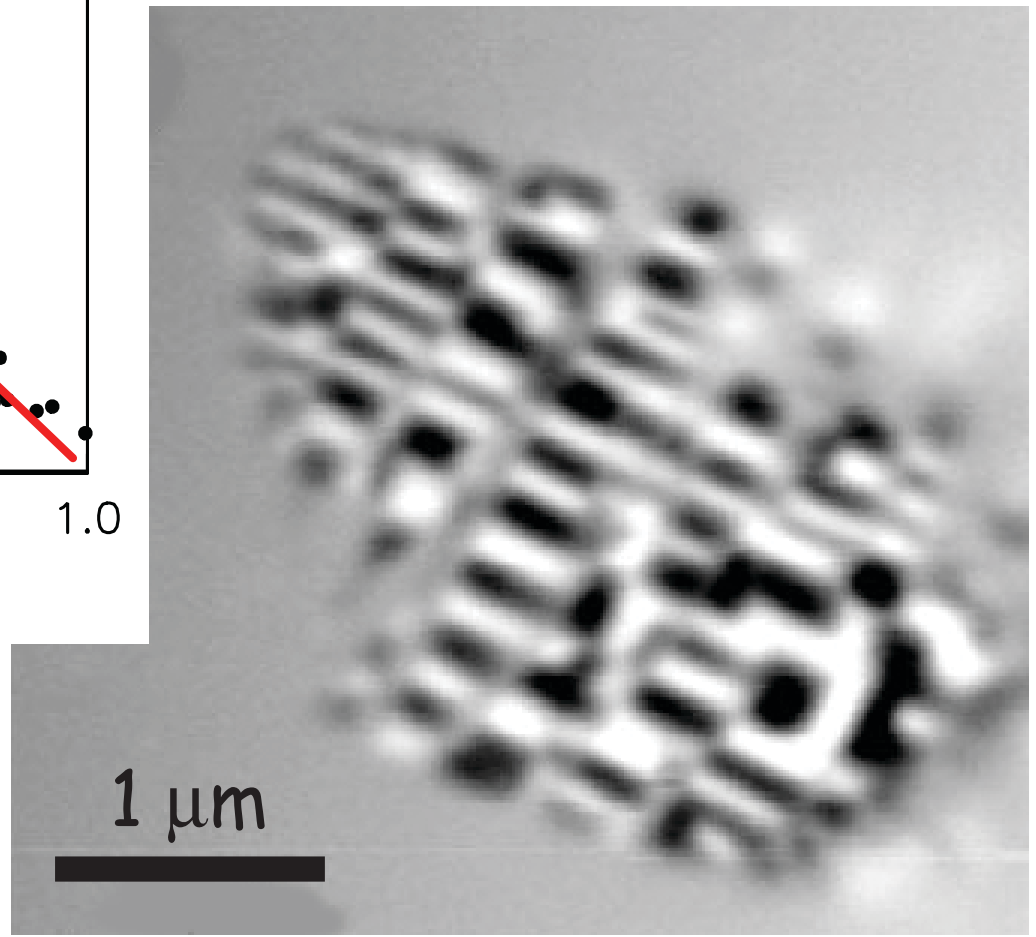


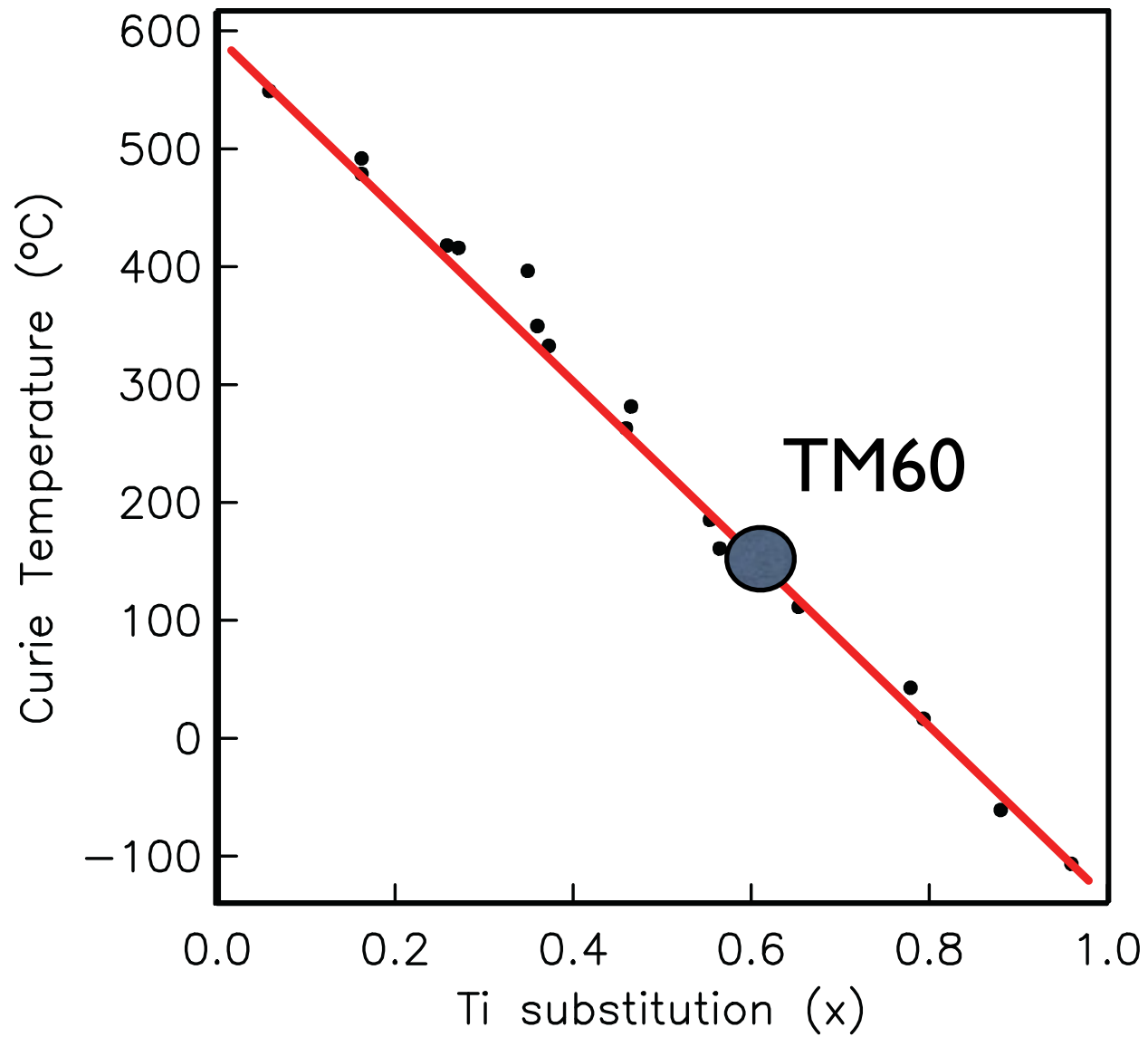




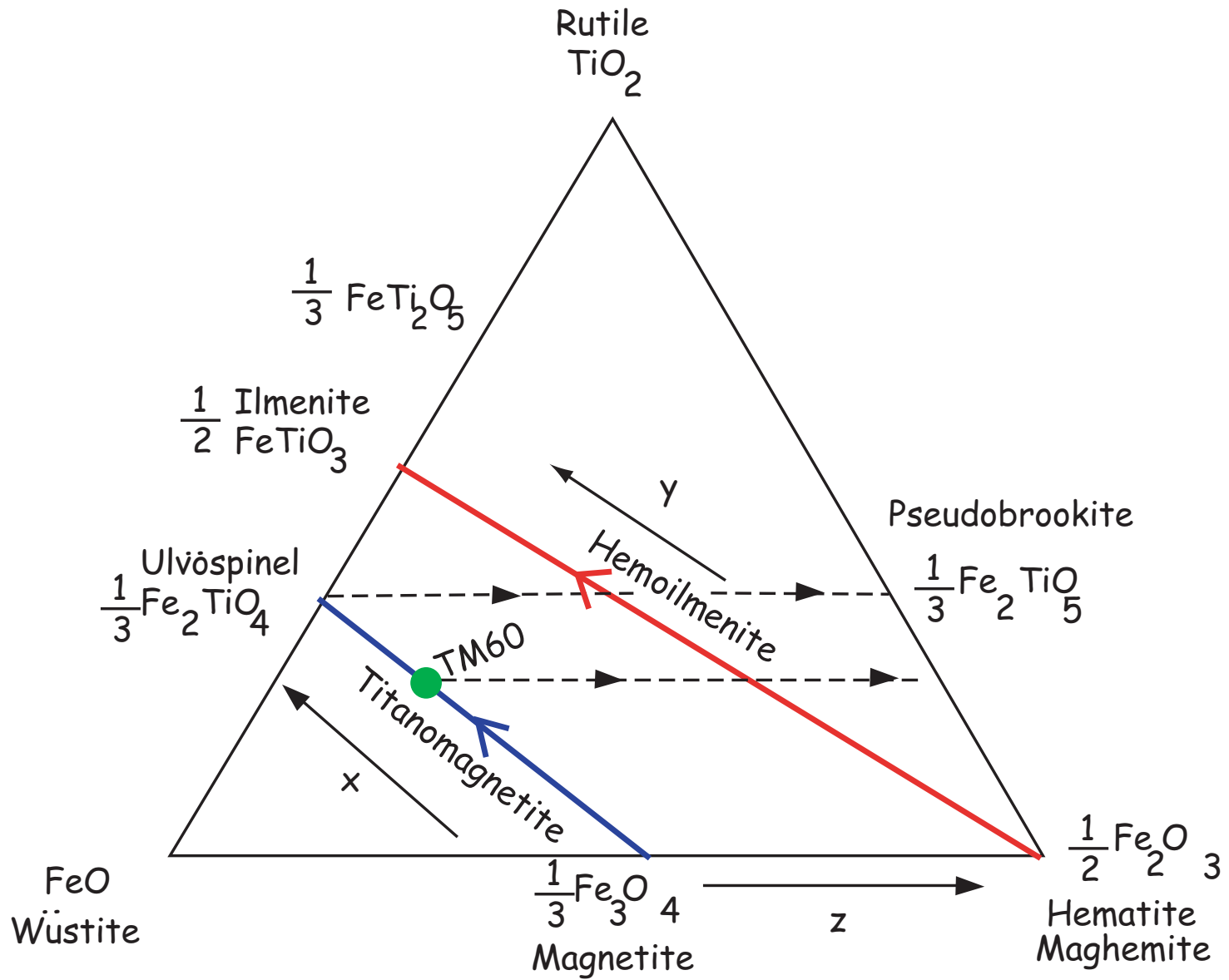


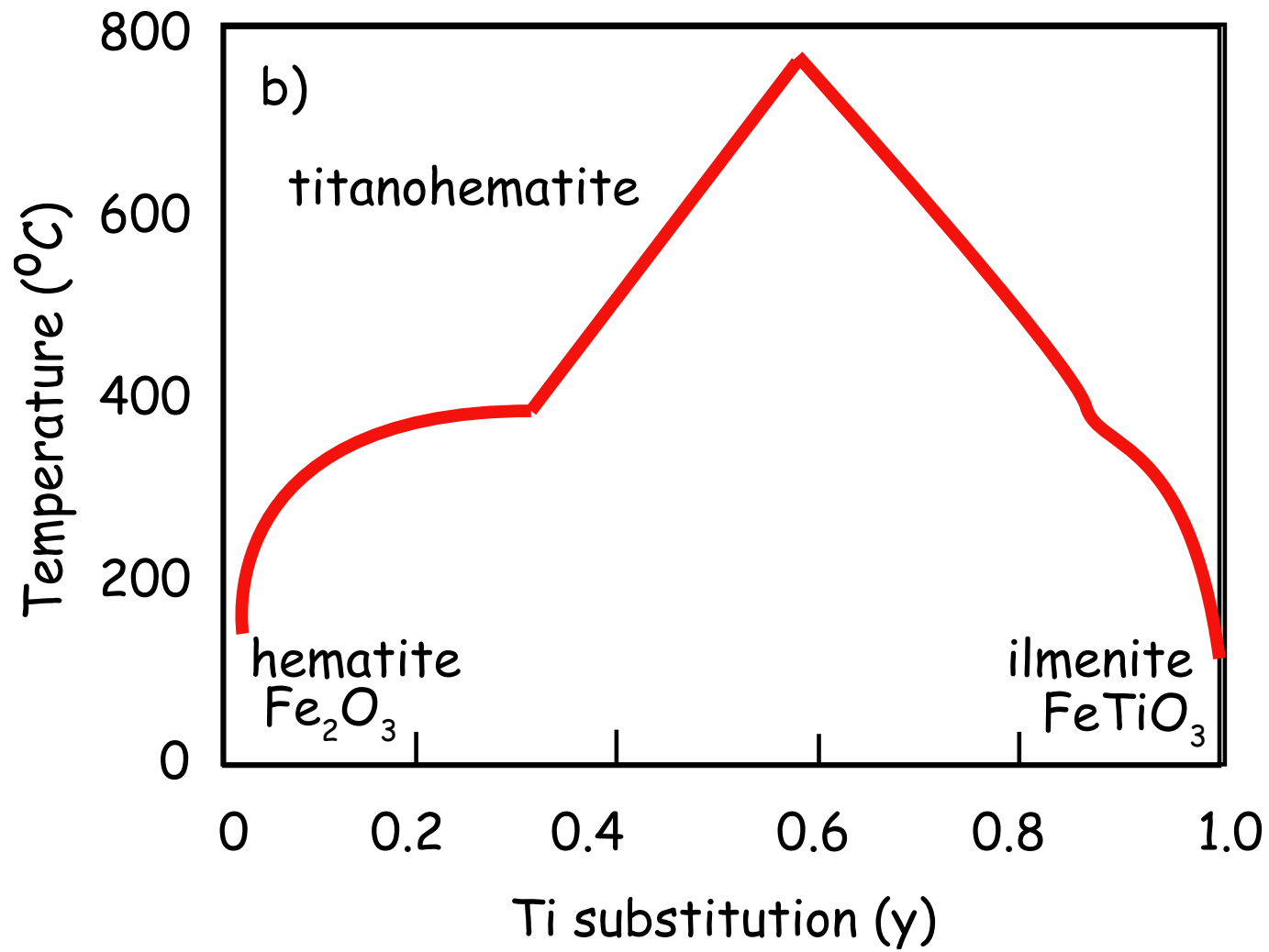
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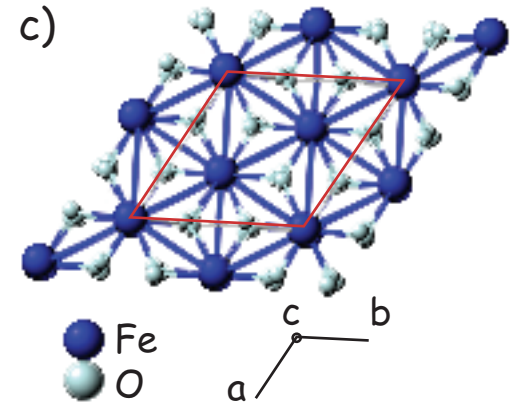
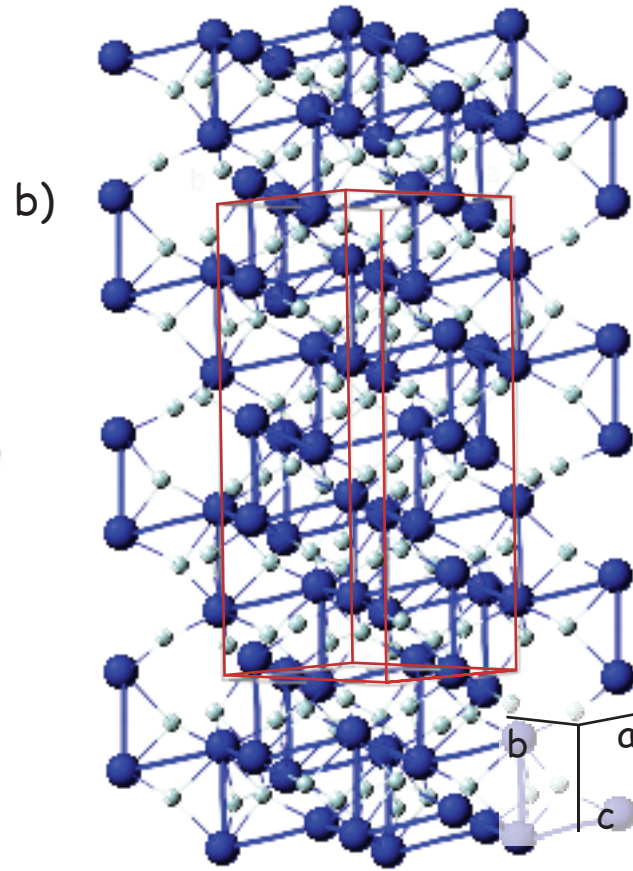




ilmenite-hematite



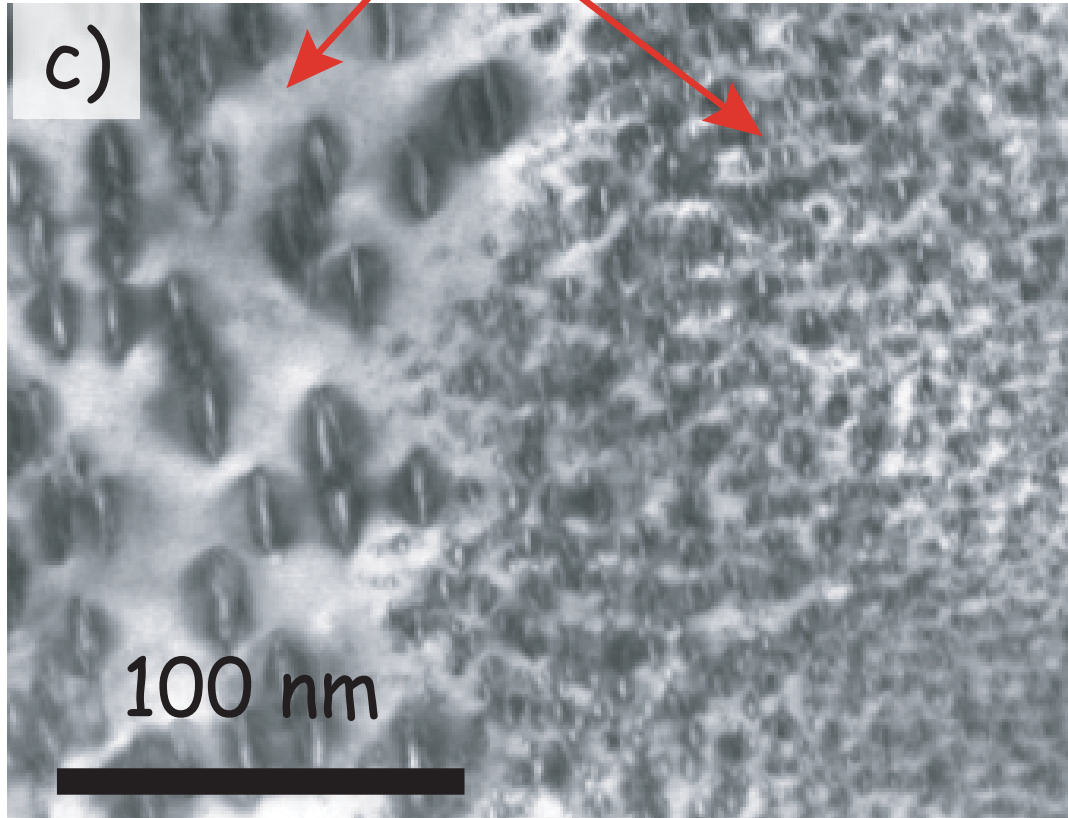


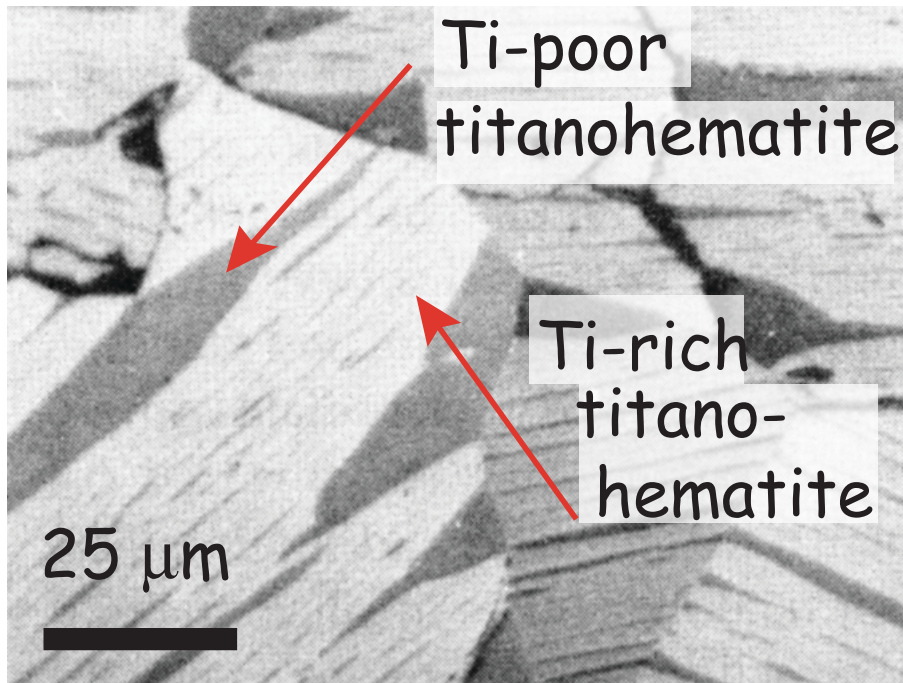
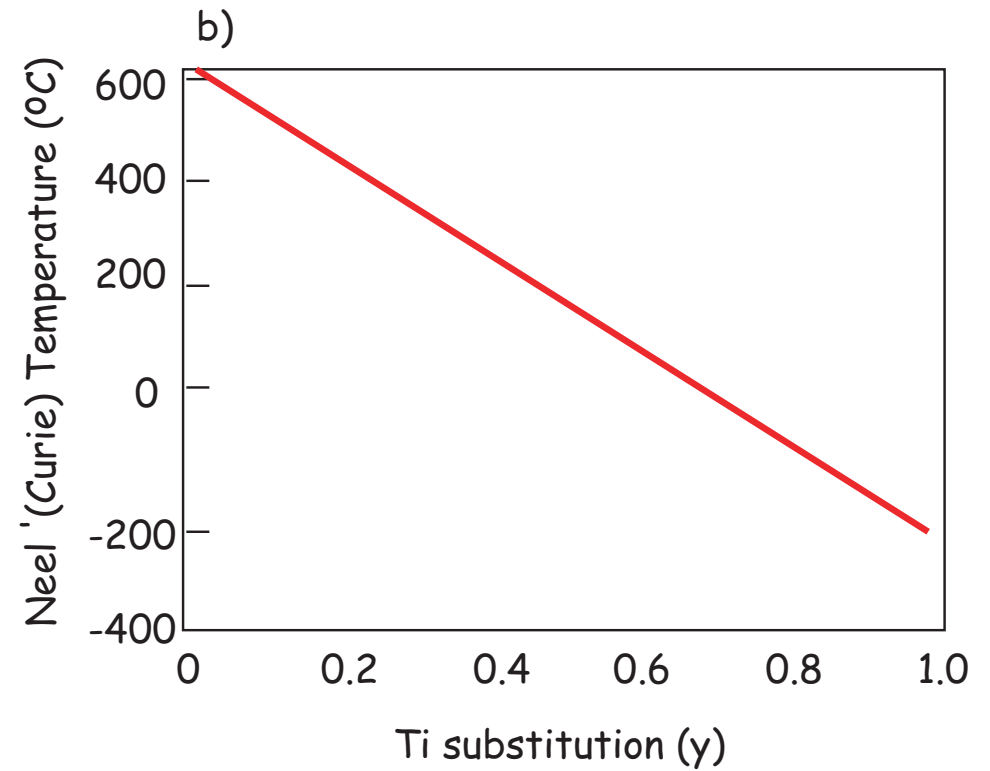
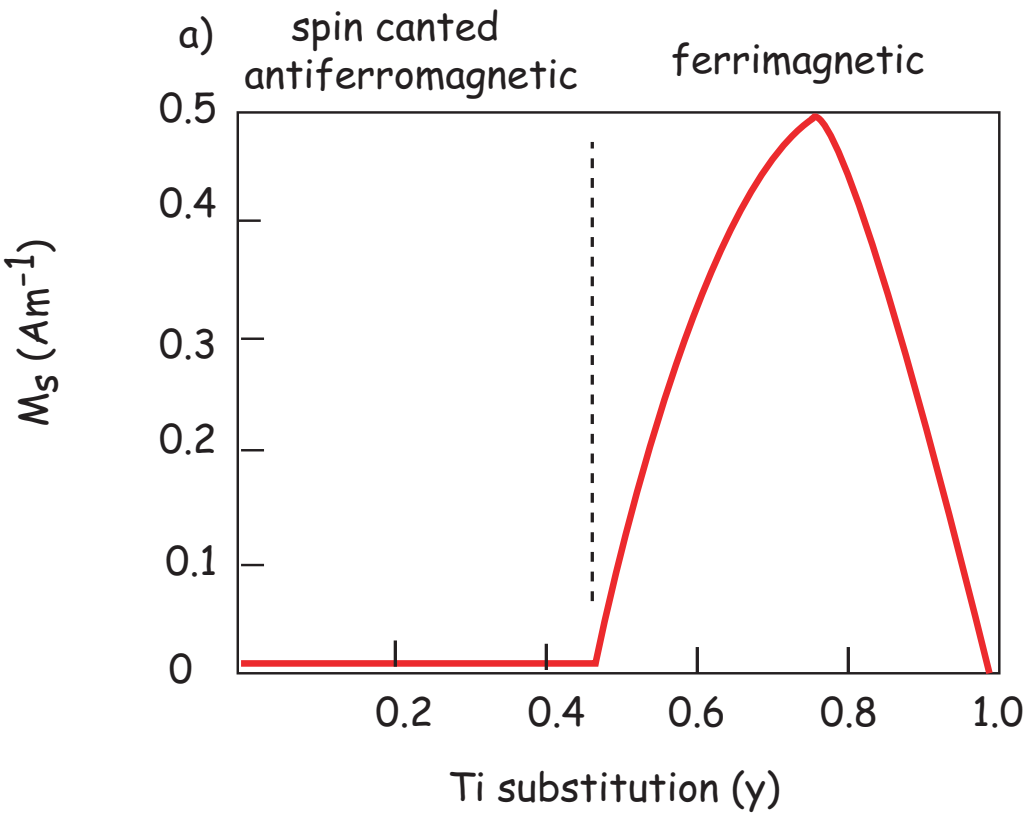


Hematite

hematite

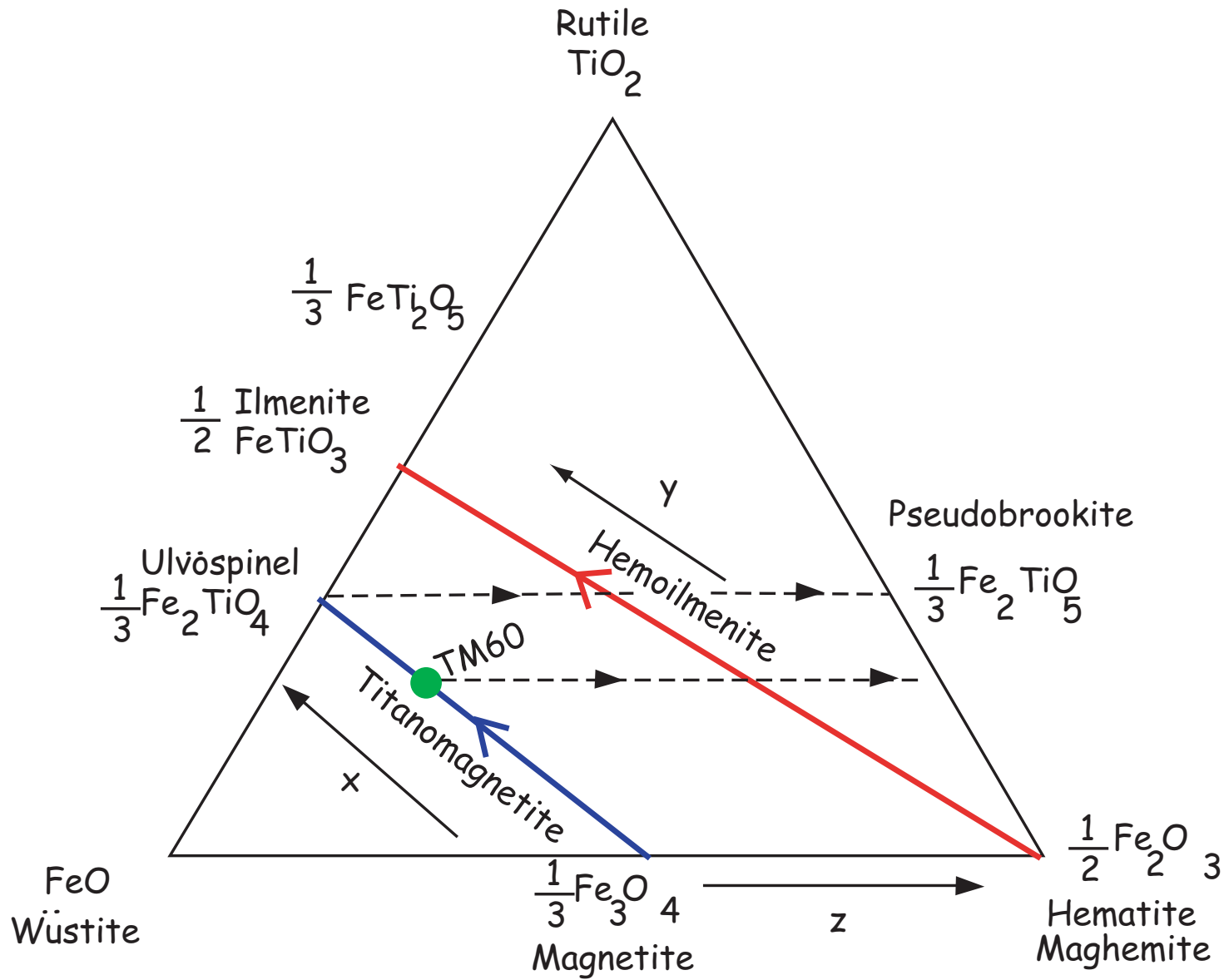
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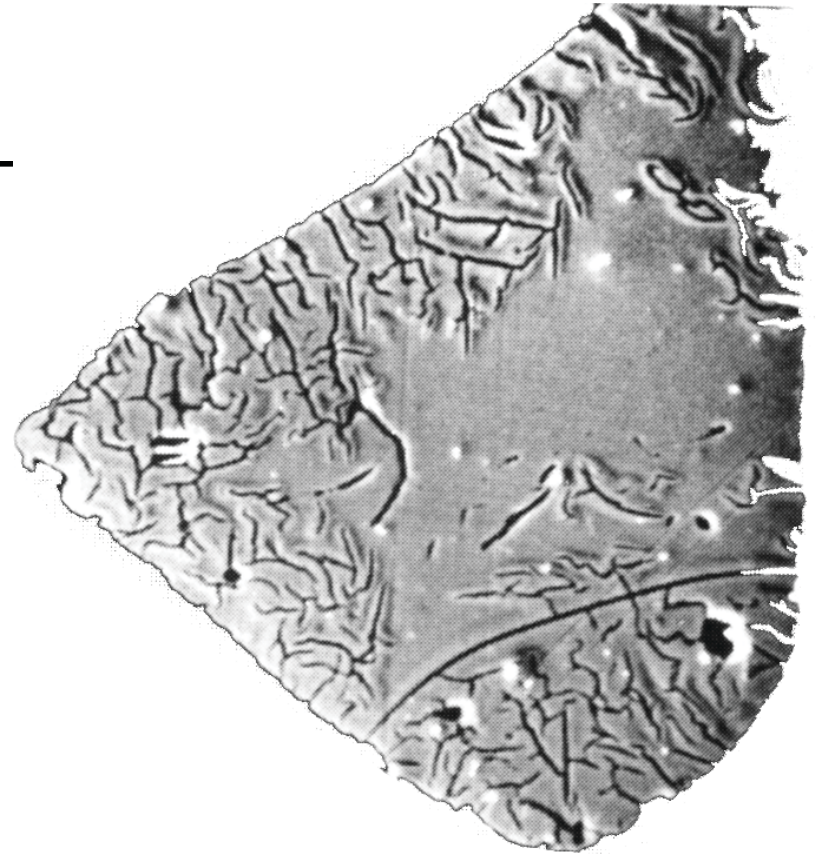
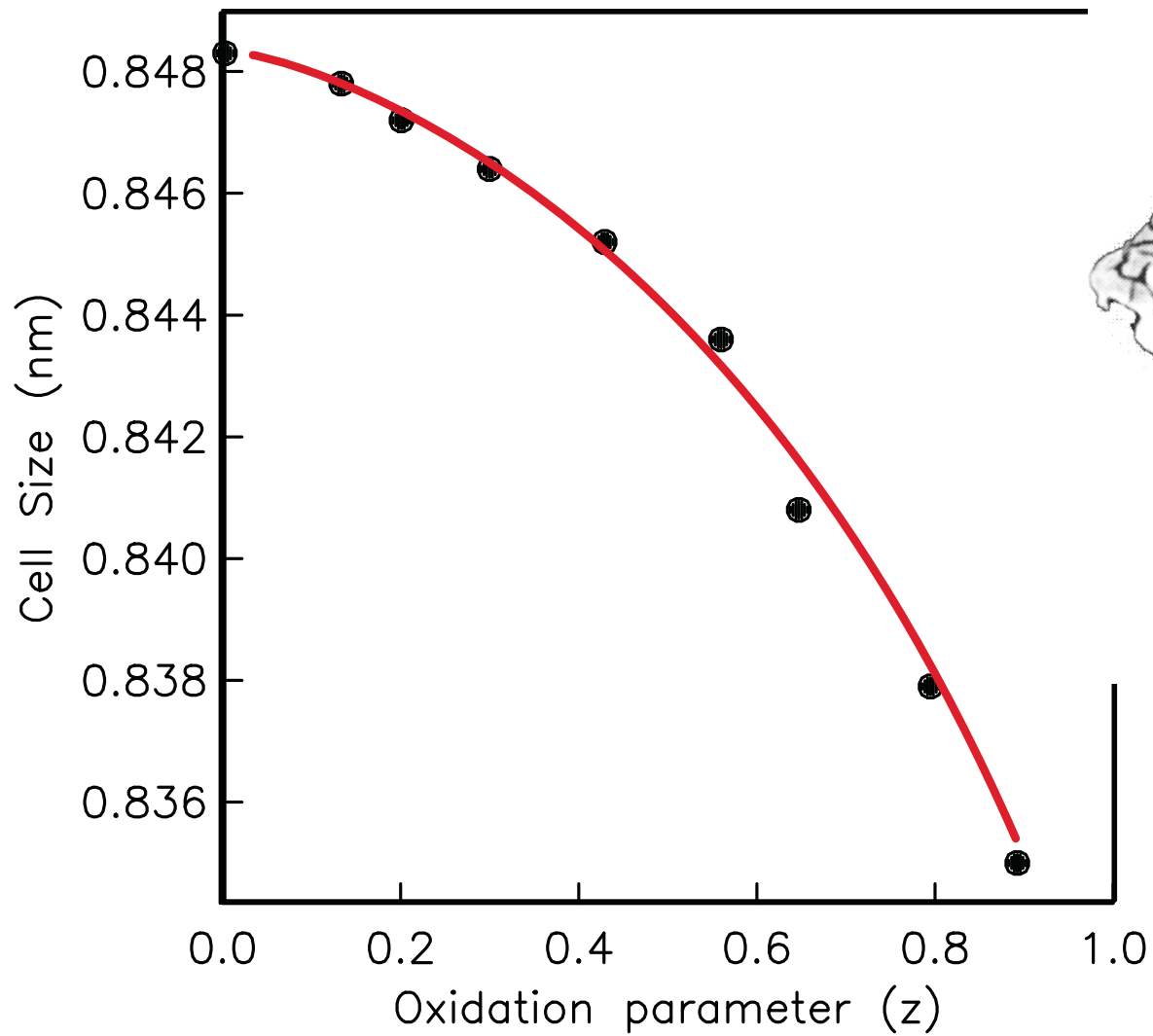


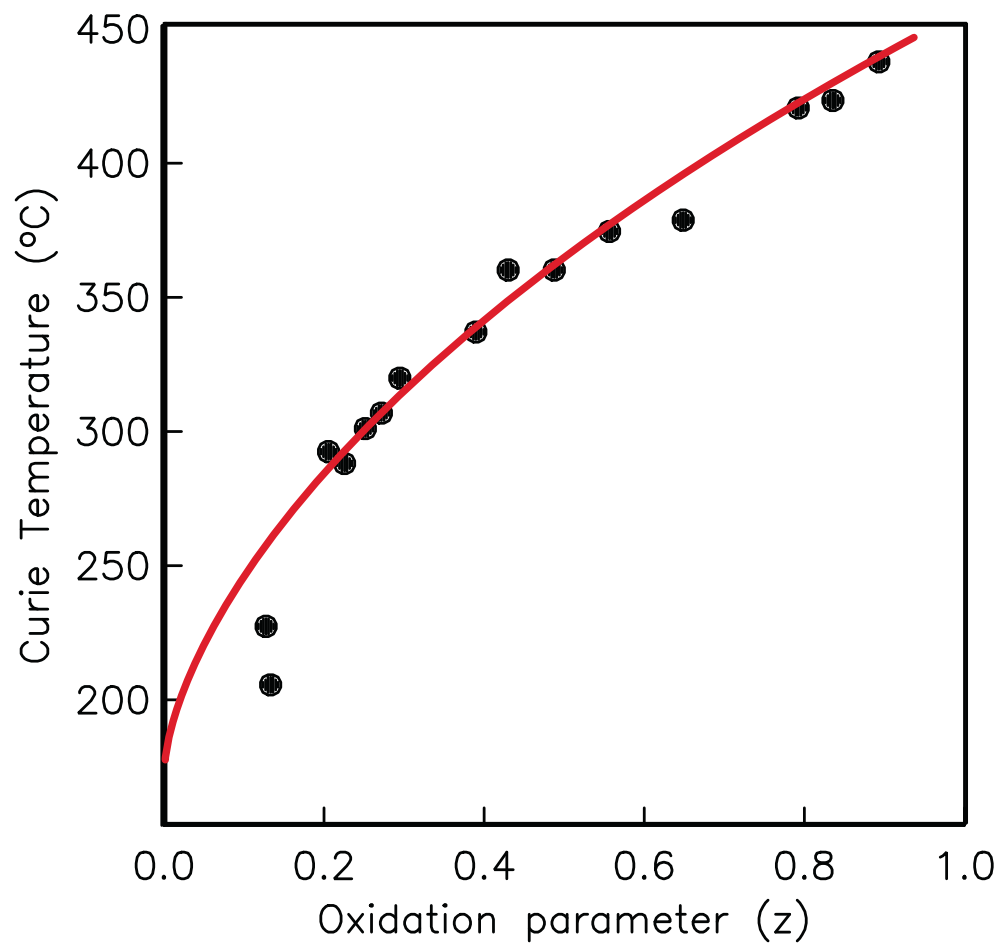
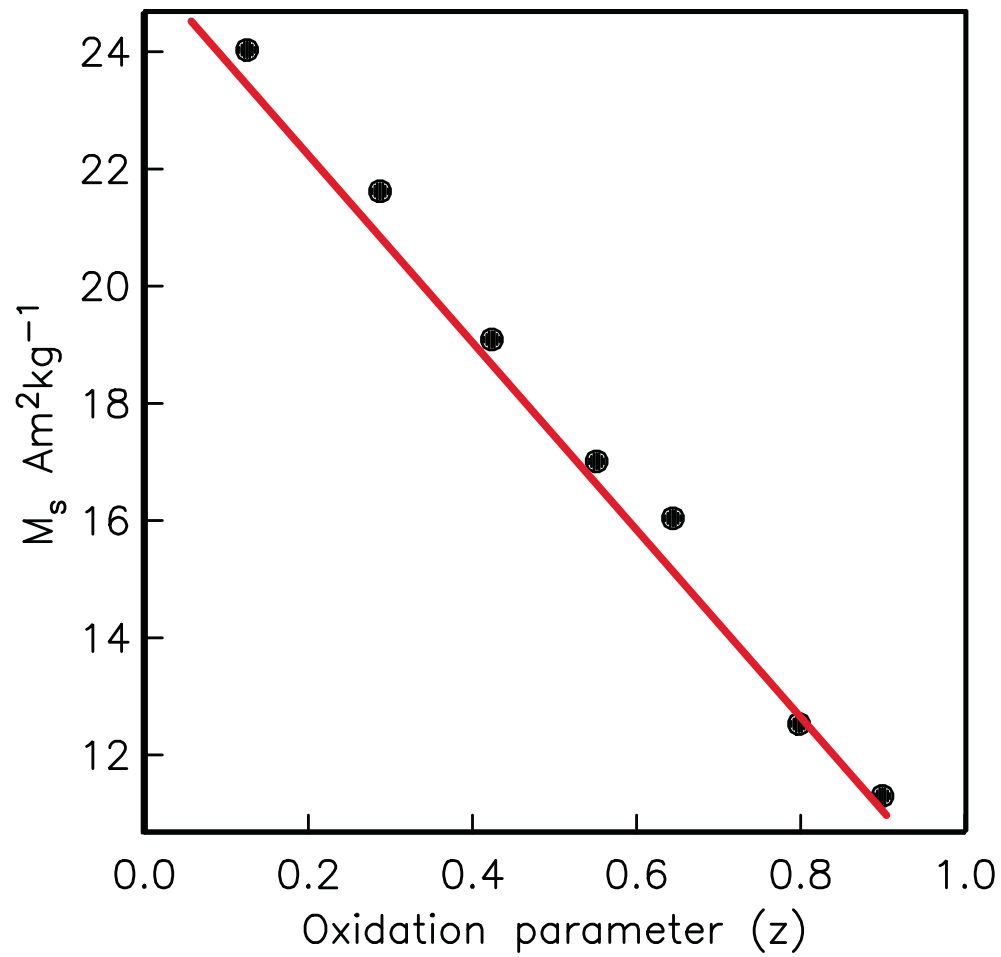


rare phenomenon of self-reversal



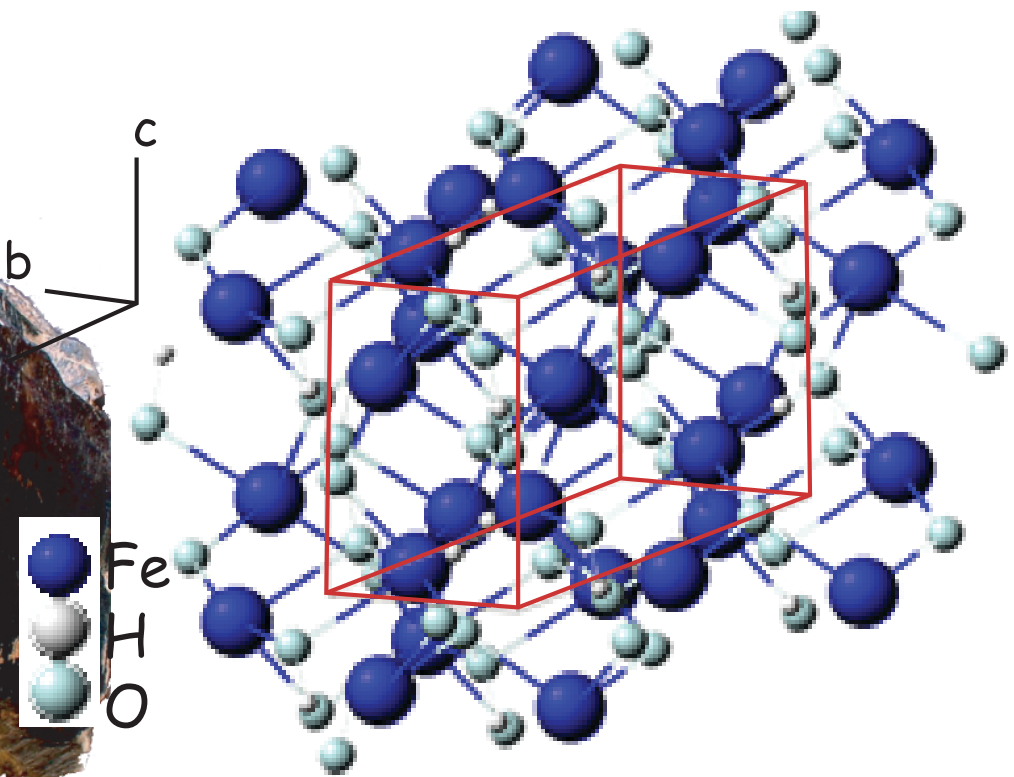
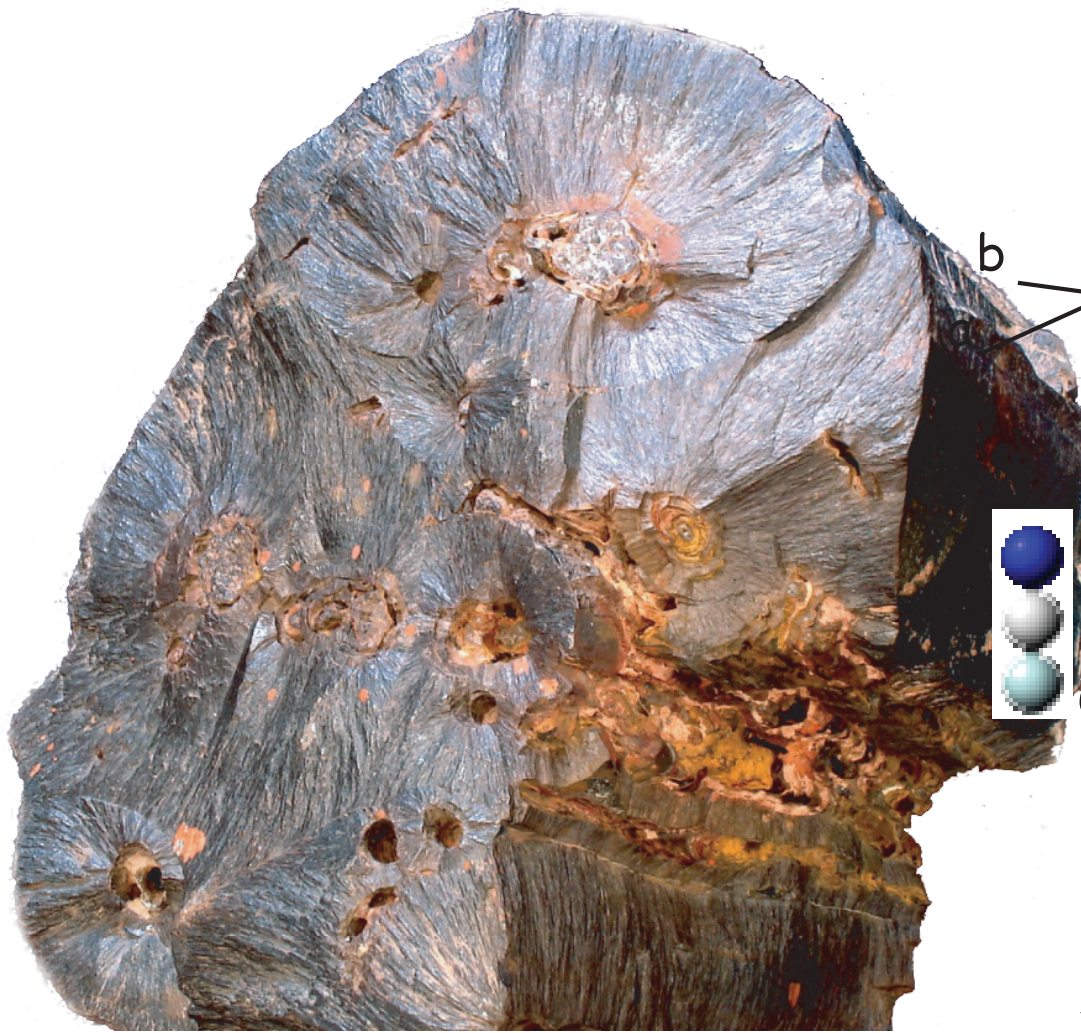






iron oxyhydroxides

# Goethite - iron oxyhydroxide



$\alpha$  FeOOH

Very high coercivity  
low  $T_c$  (125C)

# Iron sulfides

- Greigite
- Pyrrhotite

# Sources of magnetic minerals

- Igneous and metamorphic processes
- Soil formation and diagenesis
- Industrial pollution
- cosmic dust
- Bacteria

