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1 Estimation of standard molar entropy of cement hydrates and 2 clinker minerals

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9 ABSTRACT

10 It is not straightforward to experimentally measure the standard molar
11 entropy of cement hydrates or clinker minerals. This is further compounded
12 by the controversies surrounding the entropy values reported in established
13 thermodynamic datasets for cements. The purpose of this study is to
14 assess the reliability of standard entropies compiled in those datasets. To
15 this end, a simple but robust method is used in which the standard entropy
16 of an inorganic solid is correlated to its formula unit volume via a linear
17 equation. The results of this analysis show that the standard entropies
18 and/or molar volumes (and in cases solubility products) of the following
19 phases deserve closer scrutiny: meta-ettringite phases;
20 magnesium/aluminium layered double hydroxide solid solutions; almost all
21 iron-bearing monosulfate and hydrogarnet phases; and several calcium
22 silicate hydrate solid solution end-members. In addition, this study reports
23 the provisional estimates for the standard entropies of minerals ternesite
24 and ye'elimite.

25 **Keywords:** Thermodynamic, Standard entropy, Cement

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27 1. Introduction

28 Thermodynamics has long been crucial to materials science, with the field of
29 cement being no exception. The past two decades have seen more uses of
30 thermodynamics in studying cements, but the key advancements include the
31 equilibrium calculations of cement clinkering [1,2] and of the hydration of
32 cements which occur at much lower temperatures [3,4]. Progress has been
33 made at pace with respect to the latter where the interest lies in predicting
34 the phase assemblage of hydrating cements at standard pressure but over
35 a wide range of temperatures from 10 to 100 °C. In most studies, cements
36 are not the only reacting solids in the system, but they coexist with inorganic
37 salts, natural minerals and/or industrial by-products of various chemical
38 compositions. Overall, it is fairly complex to model these materials in
39 reactions with water. This is in part due to the lack of thermodynamic data

Cement oxide notations used in this paper are: A=Al₂O₃; C=CaO; F=Fe₂O₃; H=H₂O;
M=MgO; S=SiO₂; c=CO₂; s=SO₃

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40 for some of the compounds that are expected to form during the hydration of
41 a given cement system, in particular when constituents other than Portland
42 cement are present, or at temperatures other than 25 °C. The accuracy of
43 some of the existing data is also open to question, which further complicates
44 the problem.

45 To perform the equilibrium calculations of hydration, the common practice is
46 to use available software packages (such as GEMS [5,6] or PHREEQC [7])
47 coupled with thermodynamic databases developed specifically for cements.
48 Thermodynamic properties of several cement hydrates and clinker minerals,
49 especially as relates to Portland cement (and its blends) and alkali-activated
50 materials, are compiled into two major datasets; *Cemdata* [3,8,9] and
51 *Thermoddem* [10,11]. These databases report the value of Gibbs free energy
52 of formation, enthalpy of formation, entropy, heat capacity, molar volume and
53 equilibrium solubility products for substances and reactions pertaining to
54 cements. All reported data are for the standard temperature and pressure of
55 298.15 K and 1 bar albeit the heat capacities are given as a function of
56 temperature, valid up to 100 °C. The accuracy of reported data is essential
57 to performing reliable thermodynamic calculations.

58 The complete thermodynamic properties of a material can be constructed by
59 combining experimentally obtained entropy, enthalpy and heat capacity data.
60 Amongst these parameters, entropy at a reference temperature (for example
61 at 298.15 K for standard entropy) is difficult to measure. To experimentally
62 derive the standard entropy of a material, the third law of thermodynamics
63 needs to be followed; that is, to measure the isobaric heat capacity (C_p) over
64 a range of temperatures (T) from near 0 K to above 298.15 K, and then
65 integrate the C_p/T function with respect to T from 0 K to 298.15 K. This
66 method is hardly ever used in the cement literature to derive the standard
67 entropy of cement hydrates, possibly because (i) the experimental setup
68 required for the direct determination of heat capacity to near absolute 0 is not
69 widely available, and (ii) it is difficult to prepare cement hydrates (and their
70 selected end-members) in a sufficiently pure form so that to enable precise
71 measurements. The alternative approach commonly used is to measure the
72 equilibrium solubility product of hydrates at multiple temperatures, then to fit
73 the standard entropy term within the so-called three-term approximation
74 equation to the measured solubility data (for more detail, see [12] or Section
75 3 of this paper). The entropy value that gives the best fit to the measured
76 solubility data is deemed to be the one representing the hydrate in question.

77 The three-term approximation method may lead to inaccurate entropy values
78 if it happens that the measured solubility products are missing, incorrect (or
79 subject to significant uncertainty), or somehow fail to represent the hydrates
80 studied. No matter how meticulously experiments are performed, there exists
81 a possibility that the measured solubility product represents a condition in
82 which the solution is not in equilibrium with respect to the hydrate, but rather

83 is influenced by one or more remnant precursor materials and/or metastable
84 phases. Unfortunately, the accuracy of entropy data obtained to date via this
85 method is rarely assessed using independent techniques (although a few
86 exceptions exist, e.g. [13]). Therefore, an issue arises regarding whether the
87 standard entropies and equilibrium solubility data of substances reported in
88 established thermodynamic databases for cements are accurate and reliable
89 – and this poses a significant challenge.

90 Given the paucity of experimental entropy data, and the labour-intensive and
91 complex processes involved in obtaining and assessing them, it would be
92 very valuable to estimate the standard entropy using methods that have solid
93 thermodynamic grounds but are independent of the experimental procedures
94 used so far.

95 The purpose of this study is to examine the accuracy of standard entropies
96 of cement hydrates and clinker minerals given in *Cemdata18* [3]. This dataset
97 is chosen as it contains more hydrates than *Thermoddem* [10,11]; however,
98 discrepancies between the two are also discussed.

99 In what follows, we first present a description of various methods to estimate
100 standard entropy. Then, a simple method is employed and compared against
101 the published entropy data. The method is also used to derive the standard
102 entropy of ye'elimite and ternesite. These are clinker minerals that have been
103 under rigorous investigation recently due to their potential environmental and
104 economic benefits [14]; however, their standard entropy is still unknown.

105

106 **2. Estimation of standard entropy**

107 Methods to find estimates of standard entropy are numerous, with some
108 dating back to as early as the 1920s. Their use is also relatively familiar in
109 the field of cement science. For instance, in 1985, Babushkin *et al.* [15], who
110 for the first time compiled a relatively comprehensive thermodynamic dataset
111 for cement substances, adopted a few of those methods. It is not our
112 intention to comprehensively review all such methods in detail, but the key
113 methods that have already been applied to cements or have the potential to
114 be used in the future, are discussed here.

115 By far the most widely used type of method to estimate the standard entropy
116 of inorganic minerals and hydrates consists of a mathematical relationship in
117 which the standard molar entropy of a compound is related to [15–19]:

- 118 (i) the sum of the standard molar entropies of the constituent
119 oxides and hydroxides, or
- 120 (ii) a weighted sum of the standard molar entropies and standard
121 molar volumes of the constituent oxides and hydroxides, or
- 122 (iii) only the standard molar volume of the solid in question.

123 The first two of these are known as *additivity methods* and take the forms
124 given by Eq. 1 or Eq. 2, respectively:

$$S_{298,j}^{\circ} = \sum_{i=1}^x n_i S_{298,i}^{\circ}, \quad (1)$$

$$S_{298,j}^{\circ} - k'V_{molar,j} = \sum_{i=1}^x n_i (S_{298,i}^{\circ} - k'V_{molar,i}), \quad (2)$$

125 where $S_{298,j}^{\circ}$ and $V_{molar,j}$ are the standard molar entropy and molar volume
126 of the inorganic compound of interest, n_i is the stoichiometric coefficient of
127 the i th constituent species within this compound, $S_{298,i}^{\circ}$ and $V_{molar,i}$ are the
128 standard molar entropy and molar volume, respectively, of the constituent
129 oxide or hydroxide. k' is a constant and its value depends on the constituent
130 type and their coordination state. Holland [16] has further simplified Eq. 2, by
131 showing that k' can be approximated to 1 as $\partial S/\partial V$ at 298.15 is close to unity.
132 Eq. 1 has been more common than Eq. 2 in the cement literature, and has
133 previously been used, for instance, by Myers *et al.*, to estimate the standard
134 entropy of several end-members of the calcium (sodium) aluminosilicate
135 hydrate solid solution which can occur in Portland cement blends and alkali
136 activated cements [20,21].

137 It is worth noting that the standard molar entropy of a compound is related to
138 its heat capacity; factors that affect the latter will also affect the former (and
139 are known to be significant at temperatures near 298.15 K [17]). Considering
140 this, Eq. 2 can yield relatively smaller errors than Eq. 1, as it enables one to
141 account for factors that influence standard entropy. This includes the effect
142 of volume, coordination state and/or magnetic order-disorder transformation
143 which specifically occurs in minerals with transition metals [16,17]. To correct
144 for these, different $S_{298}^{\circ} - k'V_{molar}$ can be adopted for different coordination
145 states, thereby also allowing for the correction of the magnetic disorder. The
146 absence of this from Eq. 1, and its consequent influence on estimating the
147 entropy, becomes particularly evident when different polymorphs of the same
148 composition are to be analysed. Using Eq. 1 leads to identical standard
149 entropies for different polymorphs, because their selected oxide or hydroxide
150 constituents are the same. However, it is not really possible for two (or more)
151 polymorphs with the same chemical composition (*i.e.* undoped) to have the
152 same standard entropy. This is due to the fact that different structures have
153 different heat capacity and thus entropy. In spite of their popularity, Eq. 1 and
154 Eq. 2 are not straightforward to use as they require very careful consideration
155 in the selection of the constituent oxides or hydroxides.

156 Using a somewhat similar principle to that embodied by Eq. 1, it has become
157 customary in the cement literature to estimate the standard entropy of a solid
158 by assuming a reference (usually fictive) reaction involving compounds of
159 known entropies and with a net zero entropy ($\Delta_r S^{\circ}=0$), where reactants and

160 products are structurally analogous to each other [10,22]. This method was
 161 first proposed by Helgeson in 1978 [23]. For instance, in order to approximate
 162 the standard entropy of Fe-bearing ettringite, one can write Fe-ettringite +
 163 $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \rightarrow \text{Al-ettringite} + \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$. The shortcoming of this method (in addition to
 164 those pertinent to Eq. 1) is that errors can arise and propagate if the entropies
 165 of the reference compounds are already inaccurate, or if the compounds are
 166 not selected carefully. This is specifically important in the case of hydrates,
 167 as the binding state of water (e.g. whether it is easily removable zeolitic water
 168 or structurally bound) has a significant influence on the entropy estimations.

169 The third type of estimation method concerns a simple relationship whereby
 170 the standard entropy of an inorganic solid is directly correlated to its molar
 171 volume. A seemingly rather simple form of such relationships was developed
 172 by Turkdogan and Pearson [24] in 1953, which was later recommended by
 173 Babushkin *et al.* in their book [15]:

$$S_{298}^{\circ} = a \cdot V_{molar}^n \quad (3)$$

174 where V_{molar} is molar volume, a and n are variables and their values depend
 175 on several factors such as the crystal structure, cation-anion ratio, the cation
 176 group in the periodic table, and the nature of the anions (whether oxides,
 177 silicates, sulfates or carbonates). However, Turkdogan and Pearson [24]
 178 could not systematically establish how the constants would be defined from
 179 fundamental principles, mainly because they had access to an insufficient
 180 body of thermodynamic data at the time. Their method was therefore proven
 181 difficult to apply in estimating the entropy of material classes for which a and
 182 n did not exist (or were not able to be fitted to existing databases).

183 Recently, Jenkins and Glasser established a new volume-based relationship
 184 [25–27] which is much simpler than Eqs. 1-3. In their studies, the authors
 185 found that the standard entropies of inorganic minerals and hydrates obey a
 186 distinct relationship in which entropy is an increasing function of formula unit
 187 volume. The general form of their relationship is presented in Eq. 4:

$$S_{298}^{\circ} = kV_m + c \quad (4)$$

188 where V_m is the formula unit volume ($\text{nm}^3 \cdot \text{formula-unit}^{-1}$), and k and c are
 189 empirically determined constants. There are several ways to calculate V_m
 190 [28], but the easiest is to use Eq. 5:

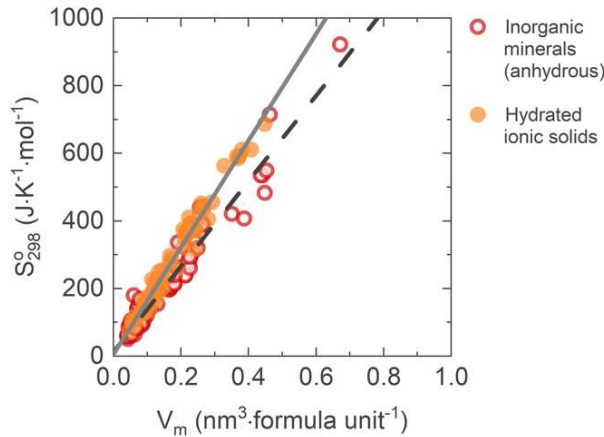
$$V_m = V_{molar} \times 10^{21} / N_A \quad (5)$$

191 where V_{molar} ($\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$) can be readily retrieved from most thermodynamic
 192 databases (including those related to cementitious systems), and N_A is the
 193 Avogadro constant ($6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ formula-unit} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$). Jenkins and Glasser
 194 derived Eq. 4 (which has thermodynamic basis; $\partial S / \partial V$ is constant at a given
 195 pressure [25]) by the regression analysis of a standard dataset involving
 196 inorganic materials with different stoichiometries. Fig. 1 shows the data used
 197 in their analysis. The filled circles represent 67 inorganic ionic hydrates (e.g.

198 CaSO₄·2H₂O) whereas the hollow circles are 94 anhydrous minerals. From
 199 these data, the authors of those studies identified that the values of the fitted
 200 constants in Eq. 4 depend on whether the inorganic solids are hydrated or
 201 anhydrous. Their two resulting equations are Eq. 6 and Eq. 7, providing a
 202 simple means to estimate standard molar entropy (note that there are errors
 203 associated with such estimates; 7.4% for Eq. 6 and 12.6% for Eq. 7 [25]).

$$S_{298}^{\circ} = 1579 V_m + 6; \text{ for solid hydrates} \quad (6)$$

$$S_{298}^{\circ} = 1262 V_m + 13; \text{ for anhydrous inorganic minerals} \quad (7)$$



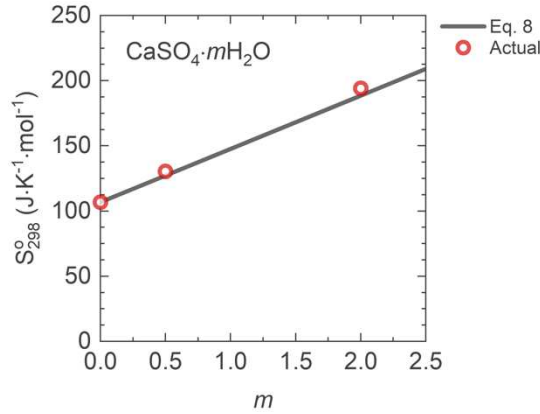
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 205 **Fig. 1:** Standard molar entropy versus formula unit volume, for inorganic minerals
 206 (anhydrous) and hydrated ionic solids, reproduced from the dataset given in [25].
 207 The dashed and solid lines are the result of regression analysis carried out by
 208 Jenkins and Glasser on each given dataset.

209 Following on from their earlier work, Jenkins and Glasser [26,27,29,30] have
 210 also established that the standard molar entropy of a hydrated mineral (e.g.
 211 CaSO₄·2H₂O) is linearly correlated to that of its anhydrous counterpart (e.g.
 212 CaSO₄), via Eq. 8:

$$S_{298}^{\circ}\{X \cdot m\text{H}_2\text{O}\} - S_{298}^{\circ}\{X\} = m\theta_{S_{298}^{\circ}} \quad (8)$$

213 where X denotes the anhydrous crystal, m is the number of water molecules
 214 in the hydrated crystal, and $\theta_{S_{298}^{\circ}}$ is a constant. Eq. 8 is identical to the concept
 215 underpinning the additivity methods in Eq. 1 and Eq. 2, where entropy is seen
 216 as an additive quantity of the constituents. Water is one of the constituents
 217 of hydrates and so could be defined separately as a component of Eq. 1 or
 218 Eq. 2. Jenkins and Glasser investigated 83 salt pairs in [31] and determined
 219 a value of $\theta_{S_{298}^{\circ}} = 40.9 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O molecule})^{-1}$, regardless of the
 220 composition of the parent salt. As an example, Fig. 2 shows the standard
 221 entropy of CaSO₄· m H₂O as a function of the number (m) of water molecules
 222 in its formula. The hollow circles are the standard entropies measured
 223 experimentally, whereas the solid line represents Eq. 8. The entropy data are
 224 an increasing function of water content, and Eq. 8 fits these data very well.
 225 The same has been observed for other 83 salt pairs, with correlation

226 coefficient r^2 being equal to 0.978 [31]. Nevertheless, the possible downside
 227 of Eq. 8 with a fixed constant of $\theta_{S_{298}^\circ} = 40.9 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O molecule})^{-1}$ is
 228 that it only represents one state of water in the crystal structure; this will be
 229 discussed further in Section 3.4.



230

231 **Fig. 2:** Standard molar entropy of $\text{CaSO}_4\cdot m\text{H}_2\text{O}$ as a function of the number of
 232 formula water. Data points are retrieved from [31]. Solid line is the estimation of
 233 standard entropy based on Eq. 8 where $\theta_{S_{298}^\circ} = 40.9 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O molecule})^{-1}$.

234 Compared to Eq. 1 and Eq. 2, Jenkins and Glasser's method is easy to apply
 235 and has already been used for a variety of problems [30]. The only parameter
 236 required in their approach is the formula unit volume, leading to calculations
 237 which are simple to execute. However, this simplicity comes at a price. Eq. 4
 238 compromises the accuracy of predicted standard entropy, compared to Eq.
 239 2 where additional $S_{298}^\circ - k'V_{molar}$ terms could be incorporated (if necessary)
 240 to correct for the factors that affect standard entropy [16,17]. An example
 241 where Eq. 4 falls short is with respect to the standard entropies of minerals
 242 larnite and calcium olivine (which are the β and γ polymorphs of Ca_2SiO_4 ,
 243 respectively). The standard molar entropies of these materials, as measured
 244 experimentally, are $127.61 \text{ J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ and $120.5 \text{ J}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$, respectively;
 245 however, their formula unit volumes are $0.085 \text{ nm}^3\cdot\text{formula-unit}^{-1}$ and 0.098
 246 $\text{nm}^3\cdot\text{formula-unit}^{-1}$ (see data in supporting information of [25]). Eq. 4 would
 247 predict a lower entropy for larnite based on its lower formula unit volume, but
 248 the reverse is true. The aluminosilicate minerals andalusite and sillimanite
 249 (both polymorphs of Al_2SiO_5) also show this type of inverted relationship (see
 250 supporting data given in [25]). Nonetheless, such cases are rare; generally,
 251 the differences in standard entropies caused by factors other than change of
 252 molar volume are small [16,17].

253 Equations 6-8 can be useful in the thermodynamics of cement hydrates and
 254 clinker minerals. The application of these equations is twofold: (i) to assess
 255 the reliability of standard entropies already acquired via experiments, or (ii)
 256 to estimate standard entropies (even if provisionally) when it is difficult to
 257 measure them directly. Either way, errors associated with the use of Eq. 6-8

258 are small, based on the statistical estimates of uncertainties given in [25] for
259 a wide range of mineral phases.

260 Equation 8 can also play an important role in estimating standard entropies
261 of hydrates with different water contents, especially when the entropy value
262 of a specific hydration level is required (and when molar volume is not known
263 to high precision, preventing the use of Eq. 6). It has occurred in the past that
264 studies derived the standard entropy of a hydrate with specific water content,
265 but then struggled to compare their findings with other datasets (see e.g.
266 [13]).

267 In the following sections, we take the standard entropies of cement hydrates
268 and clinker minerals in [3], and plot them against their corresponding formula
269 unit volumes. Therein, Eq. 6 or Eq. 7 is also plotted for comparison. Where
270 the relationship between the standard entropy and formula unit volume falls
271 significantly away from the lines defined by Eq. 6 or Eq. 7, it is possible that
272 errors are associated with one or both of these parameters, and the possible
273 reasons for such errors are therefore explored. Discussions are also included
274 when discrepancies are found between *Cemdata18* [3] and *Thermoddem*
275 [10,11] datasets.

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277 **3. Cement hydrates**

278 3.1 AFt phases

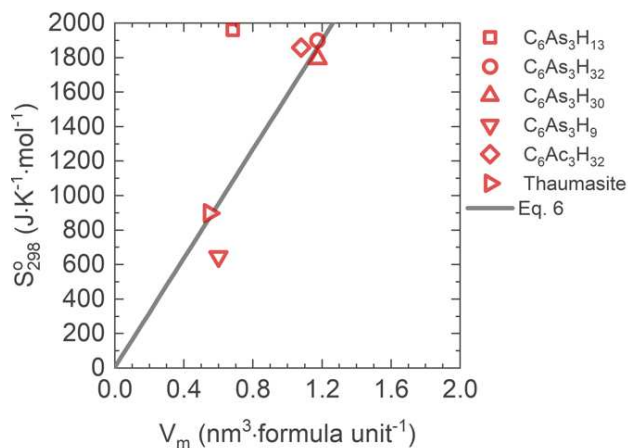
279 The standard molar entropies and formula unit volumes of all AFt hydrates
280 listed in [3] are shown in Fig. 3. The solid line represents Eq. 6, which is
281 applicable to hydrous phases. The main observation from Fig. 3 is that there
282 are only two data points which are not described accurately by Eq. 6: the
283 ettringite hydrates with 13H₂O and 9H₂O water contents. The reason for this
284 is as follows.

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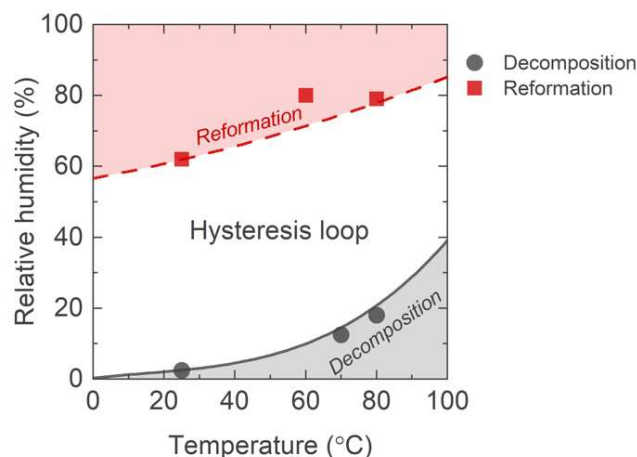
286 3.1.1 *meta-ettringite*

287 The standard entropies of these phases were originally derived by Baquerizo
288 *et al.* [32], by examining how ettringite (C₆As₃H₃₂) decomposes or reforms as
289 relative humidity and temperature change. Those authors made an
290 interesting observation, consistent with an earlier study by Zhou and Glasser
291 [33], that C₆As₃H₃₂ loses water as relative humidity reduces, thereby
292 transforming to C₆As₃H₁₃ or C₆As₃H₉ (these phases are generally referred to
293 as meta-ettringite). However, once they are exposed to increased levels of
294 relative humidity, ettringite reforms, but following a pattern which is distinct
295 from that of decomposition. This pattern is shown in Fig. 4.

296 Unfortunately, this behaviour of ettringite made it difficult for Baquerizo *et al.*
 297 [32] to derive the exact standard entropies of $C_6As_3H_{13}$ or $C_6As_3H_9$. To better
 298 appreciate why, their method is briefly discussed here.

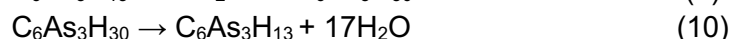


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 300 **Fig. 3:** Standard molar entropy (from [3]) plotted against formula unit volume, for
 301 AFt hydrates. Formula unit volumes were calculated using Eq. 5 and the molar
 302 volumes tabulated for these phases in Table 1 of [3]. The solid line is Eq. 6.



303
 304 **Fig. 4:** Stability of ettringite as a function of relative humidity and temperature, for
 305 reactions given in Eq. 9 and Eq. 10 as defined in the text; data are from [32]. The
 306 dots represent the data obtained experimentally, whereas the solid and dashed
 307 curves result from the thermodynamic model developed in [32]. The true
 308 thermodynamic equilibrium for $C_6As_3H_{13}$ is believed to be somewhere within the
 309 hysteresis loop (not shown here, but an estimate of the zero-hysteresis line was
 310 made by Baquerizo *et al.* in their article [32]).

311 To calculate the standard entropy of $C_6As_3H_{13}$, the authors of [32] followed
 312 reactions given in Eq. 9 and Eq. 10:



313 and determined the equilibrium relative humidity at different temperatures for
 314 these reactions. Thereafter, the equilibrium points, shown in Fig. 4, were
 315 entered into the van't Hoff equation (Eq. 11) to calculate $\Delta_r H^\circ$:

$$\frac{\partial(\ln K_{eq})}{\partial(1/T)} = \frac{-\Delta_r H^\circ}{R} \quad (11)$$

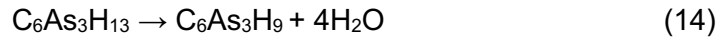
316 where K_{eq} is the equilibrium constant, R is the gas constant (8.31451 J·mol⁻¹·K⁻¹) and T is the temperature in Kelvin. The Gibbs free energy ($\Delta_r G^\circ$) of the
 317 reactions was then calculated using Eq. 12:
 318

$$\Delta_r G^\circ = -RT \ln K_{eq} \quad (12)$$

319 and $\Delta_r S^\circ$ was subsequently obtained via Eq.13:

$$\Delta_r G^\circ = \Delta_r H^\circ - T\Delta_r S^\circ \quad (13)$$

320 The standard entropy of $C_6As_3H_{13}$ could then be simply calculated using the
 321 standard entropies of water and $C_6As_3H_{30}$. A similar procedure was also used
 322 to calculate the standard entropy of $C_6As_3H_9$ but considering the reaction in
 323 Eq. 14:



324 Taking $C_6As_3H_{13}$ as an example, since the formation and decomposition of
 325 this phase follow two different patterns (as seen in Fig. 4), the calculations
 326 via Eqs. 11-13 would lead to two different quantities of standard entropy for
 327 $C_6As_3H_{13}$; that is 710.6 J·K⁻¹·mol⁻¹ for Eq. 9 and 1960 J·K⁻¹·mol⁻¹ for Eq. 10.
 328 The key question is which entropy value should be taken as the standard
 329 entropy of $C_6As_3H_{13}$ – in principle the answer is that neither of these should
 330 be, as neither Eq. 9 nor Eq. 10 represents the true equilibrium conditions with
 331 respect to $C_6As_3H_{13}$ formation. The same argument applies to $C_6As_3H_9$.

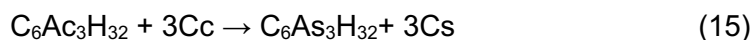
332 In light of Fig. 3 and the procedure outlined above, it becomes clear that the
 333 entropies of $C_6As_3H_{13}$ and $C_6As_3H_9$ derived by Baquerizo *et al.* [32] should
 334 have been expected to depart far from their equilibrium values.

335 According to Eq. 6, the standard entropies of $C_6As_3H_{13}$ and $C_6As_3H_9$ phases
 336 should be close to 1079.7 J·K⁻¹·mol⁻¹ and 953.4 J·K⁻¹·mol⁻¹, respectively.
 337 Interestingly, Baquerizo *et al.* did attempt to find a zero-hysteresis curve for
 338 Eq. 9 and Eq. 10 which might represent the true equilibrium. They used the
 339 curve to calculate an alternative standard entropy for $C_6As_3H_{13}$ and found it
 340 to be 1132.5 J·K⁻¹·mol⁻¹. This is in fact quite close to the value of 1079.7 J·K⁻¹·mol⁻¹
 341 estimated from the volume-based method here. This is an important
 342 outcome, as it indirectly confirms the validity of the zero-hysteresis approach
 343 chosen by Baquerizo *et al.* [32] in order to define the equilibrium properties
 344 of meta-ettringite. Nevertheless, for reasons not discussed in [3], the zero
 345 hysteresis data are currently not included in *Cemdata18*.

346 3.1.2 tricarboaluminate

347 According to Fig. 3, it also seems that the data point for $C_6Ac_3H_{32}$ lies slightly
 348 above Eq. 6. Although the difference seems small on the scale of the graph,
 349 it is around 150 J·K⁻¹·mol⁻¹, which is significant and beyond the uncertainty
 350 level of Eq. 6 [25]. It is known that $C_6Ac_3H_{32}$ is metastable with respect to

351 C_4AcH_{11} ; thus, studies have paid less attention to the thermodynamic
352 properties of $C_6Ac_3H_{32}$ [9,10]. For instance, *Thermoddem* includes no
353 thermodynamic data for this phase. Nevertheless, Matschei *et al.* [22]
354 estimated the standard entropy of $C_6Ac_3H_{32}$, which is used in [3], by
355 employing the reference reaction in Eq. 15:



356 where $\Delta_r S^\circ$ is assumed to be zero and the standard entropies of $C_6As_3H_{32}$,
357 Cc and Cs are $1900 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$, $93 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ and $107 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$,
358 respectively. This led to a standard entropy of $1858 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ for $C_6Ac_3H_{32}$.
359 A possible reason for the observed discrepancy might reside in the value of
360 molar volume given for this phase in [3] being inconsistent with the hydration
361 level of $32H_2O$. That molar volume was calculated by Thomas *et al.* [22] using
362 the unit cell parameters given in Taylor's book [34]. To test this hypothesis,
363 we use Eq. 15 but replace $C_6Ac_3H_{32}$ and $C_6As_3H_{32}$ by their $30H_2O$ water
364 content counterparts. Taking $1792.4 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ as the standard entropy of
365 $C_6As_3H_{30}$ (reported in [3] for this phase), the standard entropy of $C_6Ac_3H_{30}$
366 would be $1750.4 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ which is closer to the estimate from Eq. 6 (1709.7
367 $\text{J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$). Nevertheless, the exact reason for the observed inconsistency
368 is not easy to identify at this stage, as the water contents of carbonate AFT
369 phases are still subject to some uncertainty.

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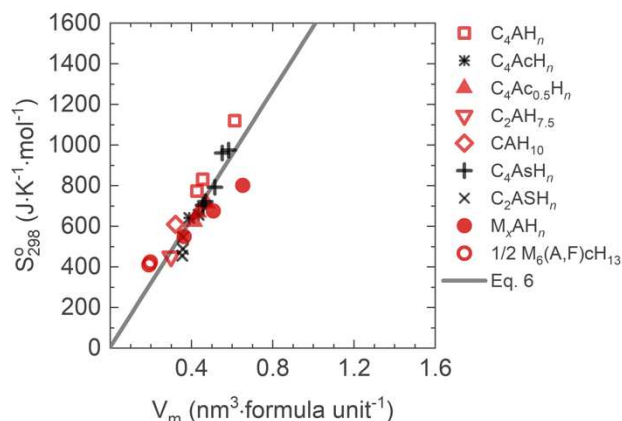
371 3.1.3 thaumasite

372 Another hydrate that is worthwhile to discuss here is thaumasite. Two values
373 have been reported for the standard entropy of thaumasite, but they differ by
374 about $40 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$. *Cemdata* [3] reports $897.1 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$, whereas Blanc
375 *et al.* gave $941.5 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ [10] although the molar volumes are identical in
376 both compilations. The former value, shown in Fig. 3, agrees well with Eq. 6,
377 and it was originally calculated by Matschei *et al.* [35] using the solubility
378 products of phase-pure thaumasite measured at several temperatures. On
379 the other hand, Blanc *et al.* [10] approximated the entropy following the
380 method used by Schmidt *et al.* [36], assuming a fictive reaction with $\Delta_r S^\circ = 0$
381 involving seven compounds of known entropies (including amorphous SiO_2).
382 However, as discussed earlier, the assumption of $\Delta_r S^\circ = 0$ should be used with
383 high caution, as this method is susceptible to errors propagation depending
384 on the type and number of compounds chosen. The reference reaction
385 proposed by Schmidt *et al.* [36] is rather long with an unusually high number
386 of compounds, making it even more prone to errors. Since the value obtained
387 by Matschei *et al.* [35] is more consistent with Eq. 6, it seems reasonable to
388 infer that their value is more accurate, compared to that proposed in
389 *Thermoddem* [10].

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391 3.2 Layered double hydroxides: AFm phases and hydrotalcite

392 Figure 5 shows the extent to which the standard molar entropies and formula
 393 unit volumes of AFm phases included in *Cemdata* [3] can be described by
 394 Eq. 6. All phases appear to match the linear trend, although slight deviations
 395 from Eq. 6 can be seen. All data points of C_4AH_n lie above Eq. 6 with some
 396 of the entropy values exceeding Eq. 6 by as much as $100 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$. Some
 397 of the M_xAH_n phases seem to have been underestimated, compared to Eq.
 398 6.



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400 **Fig. 5:** Standard molar entropy versus formula unit volume of several AFm
 401 hydrates and M_xAH_n phases. Entropies are from [3]. Formula unit volumes were
 402 calculated using Eq. 5, using the molar volumes tabulated for these phases in
 403 Tables 1 and 3 of [3]. The solid line represents Eq. 6. Subscript n denotes water
 404 content, and x is the M/A ratio; here x can be 4, 6 or 8.

405 3.2.1 C_4AH_n

406 With respect to C_4AH_n phases, Lothenbach *et al.* [37] calculated the standard
 407 entropy of C_4AH_{19} using the solubility product of this phase reported in the
 408 literature. To do this, the authors fitted a three-term approximation to the
 409 temperature dependence of the solubility product, Eq. 16, using experimental
 410 solubility data:

$$\log K_T = 0.4343R^{-1} \cdot (A_0 - A_2T^{-1} + A_3\ln T), \quad (16)$$

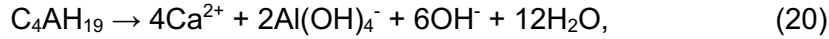
411 where K_T is the solubility product at temperature T , and A_0 , A_2 and A_3 are;

$$A_0 = \Delta_r S_{298}^\circ - \Delta_r C_{p,298}^\circ (1 + \ln T_0) \quad (17)$$

$$A_2 = \Delta_r H_{298}^\circ - \Delta_r C_{p,298}^\circ T_0 \quad (18)$$

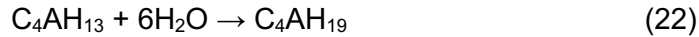
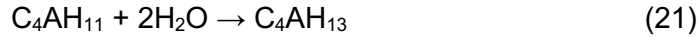
$$A_3 = \Delta_r C_{p,298}^\circ \quad (19)$$

412 where T_0 is 298.15 K, and $\Delta_r S_{298}^\circ$, $\Delta_r C_{p,298}^\circ$ and $\Delta_r H_{298}^\circ$ represent the change
 413 of entropy, heat capacity and enthalpy of reaction, respectively, at standard
 414 temperature of 298.15 K. Considering Eq. 20 which represents the formation
 415 of C_4AH_{19} , the standard entropy of C_4AH_{19} can be deduced by fitting Eq. 16
 416 to the measured solubility products.



417 To fit Eq. 16 to the solubility products measured at different temperatures,
 418 the value of $\Delta_r S_{298}^\circ$ in Eq. 20 has to be adjusted by changing only the standard
 419 entropy of C_4AH_{19} , as the standard entropies of the ions and water in Eq. 20
 420 are known.

421 A reason for the discrepancy observed between Eq. 6 and the C_4AH_{19} data
 422 point in Fig. 5 could be that the solubility data gathered from the literature by
 423 Lothenbach *et al.* [37] were inaccurate or misleading. It is important to note
 424 that C_4AH_{19} is metastable with respect to C_3AH_6 and CH at 20 °C and higher
 425 temperatures. Although the authors of [37] were careful of this phenomenon
 426 and chose solubility data of samples that had been reacted for more than 10
 427 months at temperatures below 20 °C, it might have still been the case that
 428 the very old samples had started to decompose to C_3AH_6 and CH or were
 429 subject to carbonation. It follows that fitting Eq. 12 to those data would have
 430 led to propagation of errors. If so, these errors would also have carried over
 431 into the entropy data for C_4AH_{11} and/or C_4AH_{13} , which were calculated from
 432 that of C_4AH_{19} by Baquerizo *et al.* [38] using the same method they used for
 433 ettringite (as outlined in Section 3.1) but with reactions Eq. 21 and Eq. 22
 434 instead:



435 Alternatively, the standard heat capacity of C_4AH_{19} might be the origin of error
 436 since heat capacity is a key parameter involved in the fitting equations (*i.e.*
 437 Eq. 18 and Eq. 19). Nevertheless, it is difficult to verify this hypothesis without
 438 newly measured heat capacity data.

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440 3.2.2 $M_x\text{AH}_n$

441 Regarding the $M_x\text{AH}_n$ solid solutions, Myers *et al.* [21] estimated the standard
 442 entropies of $M_4\text{AH}_{10}$, $M_6\text{AH}_{12}$ and $M_8\text{AH}_{14}$ by adjusting the standard entropy
 443 of $\text{Mg}_{0.74}\text{Al}_{0.26}(\text{OH})_2(\text{CO}_3)_{0.13} \cdot 0.39\text{H}_2\text{O}$ using the additivity method (Eq. 1), with
 444 $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ and MgCO_3 as constituents. For example, Eq. 23 shows how to
 445 build up the standard entropy of $M_4\text{AH}_{10}$:

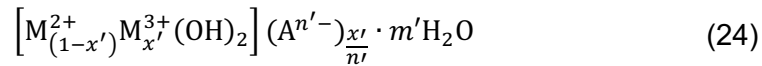
$$S_{M_4\text{AH}_{10}}^\circ = 2\left(\frac{1}{0.26} S_{\text{Mg}_{0.74}\text{Al}_{0.26}(\text{OH})_2(\text{CO}_3)_{0.13} \cdot 0.39\text{H}_2\text{O}}^\circ - 0.5 S_{\text{MgCO}_3}^\circ - 0.346 S_{\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2}^\circ\right) \quad (23)$$

446 Equation 6 almost fits the standard entropy of $M_4\text{AH}_{10}$, as shown in Fig. 5,
 447 but this is not the case for $M_6\text{AH}_{12}$ and $M_8\text{AH}_{14}$. There could be two reasons
 448 for this; either the molar volumes for these two phases are not accurately
 449 reported in the datasets used [3,21], or errors in the standard entropies of
 450 compounds used in Eq. 23 have led to the underestimation of entropy.

451 The first could be unlikely. The molar volumes reported for M_xAH_n in [3,21]
 452 were based on the theoretical estimations according to the model outlined by
 453 Richardson in [39,40]. Richardson's model is based on a set of experimental
 454 data and is carefully formulated by taking into account how the crystal lattice
 455 parameters change when a fraction of trivalent cations replaces divalent
 456 cations in M_xAH_n . Therefore, this leaves little doubt that the molar volumes
 457 calculated by Myers *et al.* [21] according to Richardson's model are relatively
 458 accurate.

459 The errors arising from the value of standard entropies used in Eq. 23 could
 460 also be improbable. The standard entropies of magnesium carbonate and
 461 hydroxide are known to high precision, and Myers *et al.* [21] adopted the
 462 standard entropy of $Mg_{0.74}Al_{0.26}(OH)_2(CO_3)_{0.13} \cdot 0.39H_2O$ from [41] where the
 463 authors determined entropy by using the third law and low-temperature heat
 464 capacity measurements. Although it is not easy to verify the accuracy of their
 465 heat capacity data, it is sensible to assume that the derived standard entropy
 466 for this phase is sufficiently reliable, in particular that the standard entropy
 467 and volume of M_4AH_{10} is in agreement with Eq. 6.

468 In spite of the above, the observed inconsistencies could be due to the choice
 469 of compounds used in Eq. 23. To test this hypothesis, the standard entropies
 470 of M_xAH_n is recalculated here but with a different fictive reaction than that in
 471 Eq. 23. To that end, it is useful to revisit the chemical formula and structural
 472 constituents of layered double hydroxides, as given in Eq. 24:



473 where M^{2+} and M^{3+} are divalent and trivalent cations. If the ratio of cations
 474 (M^{2+}/M^{3+})= Q , then $x'=1/(1+Q)$. $A^{n'-}$ is the anion (e.g. OH^-) in the interlayer
 475 region and m' is the number of water molecules per cation. Hence, for one
 476 main layer of M_8AH_{14} ; $Q=4$, $x'=1/5$, $n'=1$ and $m'=3/10$. The structure of the
 477 cation layer in M_xAH_n phases consists of a series of edge-sharing octahedra
 478 where cations M^{2+} and M^{3+} are distributed with a particular order depending
 479 on the x' value. A portion of hydroxyl groups are part of octahedra, with the
 480 rest being in the form of hydroxyl ions in the interlayer region to balance the
 481 extra electrostatic charge resulting from M^{2+} substitution by M^{3+} . With this
 482 in mind, it might make more sense to write the standard entropy of M_xAH_n in
 483 Eq. 23 as an additive quantity of $Mg(OH)_2$, $Al(OH)_3$ and H_2O entropies, as in
 484 principle these hydroxides and water are the main constituents of M_xAH_n . In
 485 this way, the estimated entropy could be more consistent with M_xAH_n crystal
 486 structure. Therefore, for M_8AH_{14} for which the highest discrepancy was
 487 observed in Fig. 5, one may write:

$$S_{M_8AH_{14}}^\circ = 2x'S_{Mg(OH)_2}^\circ + 2S_{Al(OH)_3}^\circ + 3S_{H_2O}^\circ; x'=4 \quad (25)$$

488 where the standard entropies of $Mg(OH)_2$, $Al(OH)_3$ and H_2O are assumed to
 489 be $63.1 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$, $140 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ (taken from Table 1 in [21]) and 69.92

490 $\text{J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ (Table D1 in [3]). This gives $S_{\text{M}_8\text{AH}_{14}}^\circ = 994.65 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ which is
491 close to the estimation from Eq. 6; *i.e.* $1034.9 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$.

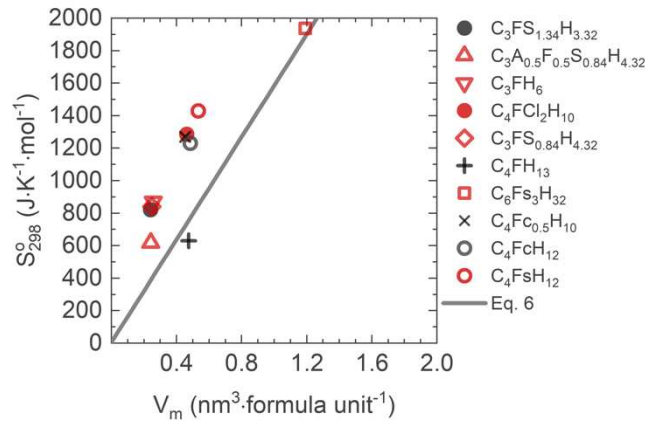
492 An important issue worth discussing regarding Eq. 25 is the choice of entropy
493 value for $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$. The standard entropy value used above for this hydroxide
494 is for the so-called microcrystalline $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$. This phase is less crystalline
495 than gibbsite and so has a higher standard entropy [42]. It turns out that in
496 order to reach the same value of entropy for M_4AH_{10} as Eq. 23 (and to ensure
497 that the M_4AH_{10} data point matches Eq. 6 with the molar volume calculated
498 in [21]), $S_{\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3}^\circ$ in Eq. 25 should be adjusted to that of gibbsite (*i.e.* $70 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ [22]). This gives $S_{\text{M}_4\text{AH}_{10}}^\circ = 602.2 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ which is near $549 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ estimated with Eq. 23. Blanc *et al.* [10] also estimates an intermediate value of $552 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ using similar compounds as those in Eq. 23 although they make no estimates for higher x' values, and so it is not possible to make direct comparison for those phases. The fact that $S_{\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3}^\circ$ value needs to be changed depending on x' might well be due to the change of Al^{3+} state in the crystal structure of M_4AH_{10} compared to M_8AH_{14} ; this could be an interesting area of future research.

507 These findings and the variation of estimations from different fictive reactions
508 prove that the *additivity method* is sensitive to the selection of constituents
509 and that in cases this may lead to inconsistent estimations. To avoid these,
510 it would be useful if future studies measure the standard entropy of M_xAH_n
511 phases using the third law and heat-capacity measurements.

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513 3.3 Fe-bearing phases

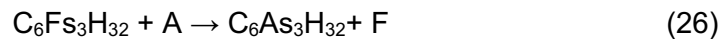
514 The standard molar entropies of all iron-bearing phases included in [3] are
515 presented in Fig. 6, along with their formula unit volumes. Somewhat
516 surprisingly, the data points of only two of these ten phases are in reasonable
517 agreement with Eq. 6; these are Fe-ettringite ($\text{C}_6\text{F}_3\text{H}_{32}$) and C_4FH_{13} .



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Fig. 6: Standard molar entropy versus formula unit volume of several Fe-bearing hydrates. Entropies are from [3]. Formula unit volumes were calculated using Eq. 5 and the molar volumes tabulated for these phases in Table 1 of [3]. The solid line represents Eq. 6.

523 Möschner *et al.* [43] estimated the standard entropy of Fe-ettringite using Eq.
524 26 and the assumption that $\Delta_r S^\circ = 0$ for this reaction:



525 where the major hydrate with a similar structure to Fe-ettringite is Al-ettringite
526 which was shown earlier (Fig. 3) to be well described by Eq. 6. Therefore, it
527 comes as no surprise that Fe-ettringite is also consistent with Eq. 6.

528 The data point shown for C_4FH_{13} in Fig. 6 lies slightly below the prediction of
529 Eq. 6. Dilnesa *et al.* [44] derived the standard entropy of this phase by fitting
530 Eq. 12 to its solubility products measured experimentally at temperatures of
531 20 and 50 °C. The use of Eq. 12 has caused the underestimation of the
532 standard entropy by about $100 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$. Two factors could have been at
533 the origin of this discrepancy, which is worthy of discussion although less
534 marked than in the case of some of the other Fe-bearing hydrates. First, the
535 authors of [44] measured the solubility product of C_4FH_{13} at 20 °C for samples
536 which were left to react for one or two years; however, in the case of the 50
537 °C samples, they were kept for seven days only which might have been
538 insufficient for reaching equilibrium conditions. Second, some uncertainty
539 could be associated with the fitting of Eq. 12 to the measured data since only
540 two temperatures were studied.

541 The rest of the data points shown in Fig. 6 are related to several AFm and
542 hydrogarnet phases, containing Fe^{3+} isomorphously substituted for Al^{3+} . As
543 for C_4FH_{13} , the entropy of these phases were all derived experimentally by
544 Dilnesa *et al.* via Eq. 16 and solubility measurements [44–47]. There are no
545 other data reported for these hydrates to allow for direct comparison between
546 studies, except for $\text{C}_4\text{FsH}_{12}$. Dilnesa *et al.* [46] derived the standard entropy
547 of $\text{C}_4\text{FsH}_{12}$ and found it to be $1430 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$. This value lies markedly above
548 Eq. 6 (provided that there are no errors associated with the molar volume of

549 this phase reported in [3], but this should be unlikely as the molar volume
550 reported for C_4FsH_{12} is quite close to that of C_4AsH_{12}). This value disagrees
551 with $833 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ that was estimated theoretically by Blanc *et al.* [10] using
552 a reference reaction based on isomorphous Fe/Al substitution into C_4AsH_{12}
553 and the assumption that $\Delta_r S^\circ=0$. Their estimated value is much closer to the
554 prediction of Eq. 6 (*i.e.* $842.4 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$).

555 It is difficult at this stage to identify the exact cause of large discrepancies
556 between the Eq. 6 trend and the studies of Dilnesa *et al.*, and this certainly
557 requires further experimental investigation. Since Dilnesa *et al.* relied on
558 solubility data to calculate the standard entropy, there may be uncertainty in
559 the solubility products measured for these phases, *e.g.* some influence of
560 unreacted C_2F which was employed as the starting material but persisted in
561 the samples after a long reaction time. This is an important finding and needs
562 attention, especially as commonly-used cements (such as Portland cement)
563 may contain more quantities of iron-bearing phases in the future [48].

564 It should be mentioned that the presence of iron in minerals causes magnetic
565 disorder, which is known to affect the heat capacity and so standard entropy.
566 However, the extent of such changes is expected to be in the order of few
567 entropy units only [16,17], but the discrepancies observed in Fig. 6 are as
568 high as $600 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$. Therefore, it is highly unlikely that the magnetic effect
569 of iron is the reason why the entropy data for iron-bearing phases are so
570 deviated from Eq. 6.

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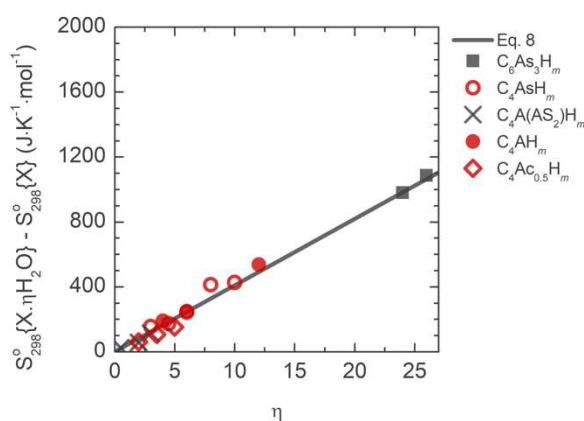
572 3.4 Hydrates with varying water content

573 From the preceding discussion, it is clear that the estimation of the standard
574 entropies of hydrates with varying water content has in many cases been
575 problematic. Here, we employ Eq. 8, which was originally developed for ionic
576 hydrates only, to examine whether it is suitable to apply it to cement-related
577 hydrates. However, the key issue that needs attention is the state of water
578 molecules in hydrated crystals. Overall, the bonding state of water with the
579 crystal lattice constituents can affect the lattice vibration modes and hence
580 the standard heat capacity and entropy of the crystal. In general, water can
581 occur in three forms in cement hydrates: (i) crystal water, in which water is in
582 the form of OH; (ii) coordination water, in which water molecules are bound
583 to the constituents of the lattice; or (iii) zeolitic water, in which water
584 molecules are not bound to the lattice, but fill in the vacancies only. In the
585 original derivation of Eq. 8, the constant m refers to the coordination water
586 only, given that the hydrates studied by Jenkins and Glasser [31] contained
587 this form of water in their structures. With respect to the thermodynamic
588 modelling of cements, hydrates involving in reactions whereby crystal water
589 is removed are not of interest, as dehydroxylation to such an extent would
590 transform the hydrate to a completely different compound. Therefore, we

591 propose that it suffices to use Eq. 8 as long as the change of water content
 592 concerns the coordination (and zeolitic) water state.

593 Fig. 7 compares points calculated using Eq. 8, in which the value of $\theta_{S_{298}^{\circ}}$ is
 594 $40.9 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O molecule})^{-1}$ [31], against the gradient of standard
 595 entropies (as a function of water content) for several AFt, AFm and
 596 hydrogarnet phases: C_6AsH_m , C_4AsH_m , C_2ASH_m (or $\text{C}_4\text{A}(\text{AS}_2)\text{H}_m$), C_4AH_m
 597 and $\text{C}_4\text{Ac}_{0.5}\text{H}_m$ where η in Fig. 7 denotes the number of water molecules in
 598 coordination and zeolitic states. All gradients are presented as a function of
 599 η , which was calculated by subtracting the number of bound hydroxyl groups
 600 in the hydrate structure from the total number m of water molecules in the
 601 formula of each crystal. The number of bound hydroxyls for C_6AsH_m , C_4AsH_m ,
 602 $\text{C}_4\text{A}(\text{AS}_2)\text{H}_m$, C_4AH_m and $\text{C}_4\text{Ac}_{0.5}\text{H}_m$ are 6, 6, 5, 7, and 7 respectively,
 603 according to the structures described in [32,38,49]. All standard entropies
 604 used in Fig. 7 are based on experimental derivations and fit the entropy-
 605 volume relationship in Fig. 3 or Fig. 5. The standard entropies of $\text{C}_6\text{As}_3\text{H}_9$
 606 and $\text{C}_6\text{As}_3\text{H}_{13}$ derived experimentally in [32] are not shown in Fig. 7, as they
 607 are for non-equilibrium conditions.

608 It can be seen from Fig. 7 that all calculated gradients follow Eq. 8 although
 609 there are slight deviations from the linear trend. This could be due to the
 610 possible errors in the correlation of entropy data from one hydration state to
 611 another, but the striking observation is that if the value of m is correctly
 612 selected based on crystal chemistry, it is possible to predict and/or compare
 613 the standard entropies at different hydration levels. Our finding here further
 614 reinforces the estimation method proposed by Jenkins and Glasser [29,31].



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 616 **Fig. 7:** Gradient of standard entropies (based on the definition in Eq. 8) as a
 617 function of the number η of molecular (coordination or zeolitic) waters per formula
 618 unit, shown for several AFt, AFm and hydrogarnet phases. The entropy values of
 619 $\text{C}_6\text{As}_3\text{H}_9$ and $\text{C}_6\text{As}_3\text{H}_{13}$ are not included here, as they are for non-equilibrium
 620 conditions.

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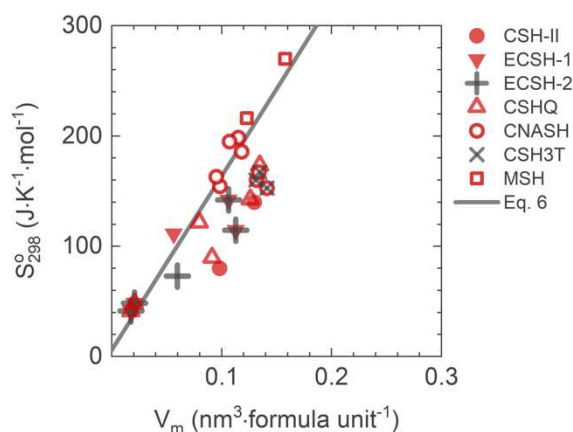
623 3.5 Silicate hydrate solid solutions

624 Figure 8 shows the standard molar entropies and formula unit volumes of
625 solid solution models used in [3] to describe some of the alkali-earth silicate
626 hydrates forming during the hydration of Portland and other cements. It is
627 immediately evident that many of the data points are not well described by
628 Eq. 6.

629 The data points for CSH-II are inconsistent with Eq. 6. The standard entropy
630 of the CSH-II model originates from [9] where the authors used solubility data
631 to calculate entropy, and estimated $\pm 50 \text{ J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ uncertainty in their values;
632 this is, to a degree, consistent with the observations from Fig. 8.

633 All ECSH-1 and ECSH-2 phases from [50,51] are well described by Eq. 6,
634 except for $\text{C}_{0.83}\text{SH}_{1.83}$, $\text{CS}_{0.6}\text{H}_{1.1}$ and SrSH_2 . The standard entropy data for
635 these phases were developed in [50,51] where the authors used the additivity
636 method of Eq. 1 (with constituents being in the form of oxide and water) and
637 molar volumes were derived using gram-formula masses and an assumed
638 dry bulk density; any of which could be the source of the discrepancy of these
639 data from Eq. 6. It should be noted that the accurate determination of water
640 contents and molar volumes of specific hydrous silicates is complex and still
641 prone to significant uncertainty.

642 For CSHQ, CNASH and CSH3T models of silicate hydrates, there are points
643 that are far below Eq. 6. The reasons for these are also not easy to identify,
644 as both the standard entropies and molar volumes were estimated in the
645 reference studies [20,52]; these are the end-members of thermodynamic
646 models for complex solid solutions, and so in general they were not actually
647 synthesised as pure phases in any of those studies. If the source of error is
648 the molar volume of any given end-member, then this needs immediate
649 attention as the change of volume as a result of formation or decomposition
650 of silicate hydrates can influence the porosity and durability of cementitious
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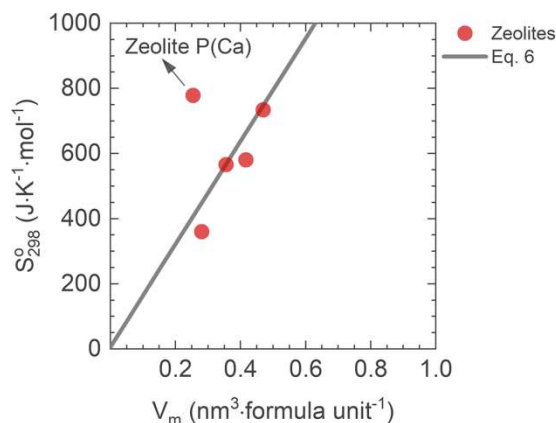


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Fig. 8: Standard molar entropy versus formula unit volume of a variety of alkali-earth silicate hydrate solid solutions. Entropies were retrieved from [3], but they were originally calculated in [9], [20], [51], [50], [52], and [53]. Formula unit volumes were calculated using Eq. 5 and the molar volumes given in Table 1 of [3]. The solid line represents Eq. 6.

658 3.5 Zeolites

659 For zeolites included in *Cemdata18* [3], which are zeolite P(Ca), natrolite,
660 chabazite, zeolite X(Na) and zeolite Y(Na), all appear to be well described
661 by Eq. 6 apart from zeolite P(Ca) (see Fig. 9), which is somewhat
662 controversial. In the *Thermoddem* database, the standard entropy of zeolite
663 P(Ca) is 397 J.K⁻¹.mol⁻¹ which is much closer to Eq. 6 (407 J.K⁻¹.mol⁻¹ with
664 V_{molar}=153 cm³.mol⁻¹), compared to 779 J.K⁻¹.mol⁻¹ in *Cemdata18* which was
665 derived originally by Lothenbach *et al.* in [54]. In both cases, the authors used
666 the solubility product at various temperatures to calculate the standard
667 entropy, and there is a clear difference between the solubility data measured
668 by Lothenbach *et al.* in [54] and those reported by Blanc *et al.* [55]. Therefore,
669 it is reasonable to suggest that the origin of the discrepancy lies in the
670 measured solubility data.

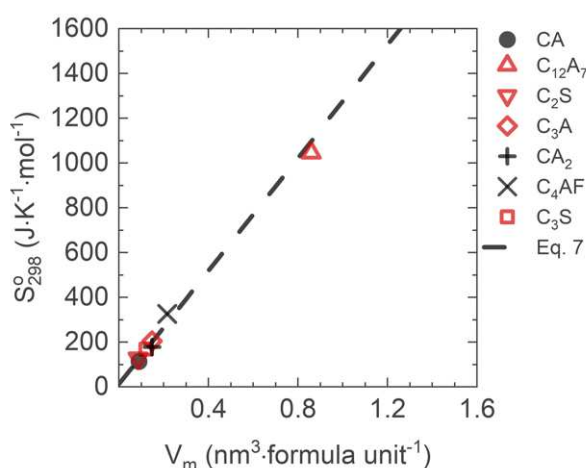


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Fig. 9: Standard molar entropy versus formula unit volume of several zeolites. Entropies and the molar volumes are from [3]. Formula unit volumes were calculated using Eq. 5. The solid line represents Eq. 6.

675 **4. Clinker minerals**

676 Figure 10 shows the standard molar entropies of clinker minerals (given in
 677 [3]) as a function of their formula unit volumes. The dashed line represents
 678 Eq. 7, which evidently fits the entropy and volume data very well. This finding
 679 was somewhat expected, as the entropy data of most of the clinker minerals
 680 come from the same standard database as was used by Jenkins and Glasser
 681 [25] to develop their equation. As highlighted earlier, caution must be taken
 682 when Eq. 7 is used for modelling different polymorphs of the same mineral,
 683 as it is possible that standard entropy is not an increasing function of formula
 684 unit volume; an example of this was given in Section 2. Nevertheless, Eq. 7
 685 is useful to provisionally estimate the standard entropy of some of the clinker
 686 minerals for which thermodynamic data are scarce, such as ye'elimite and
 687 ternesite.



688 **Fig. 10:** Standard molar entropy versus formula unit volume of clinker minerals.
 689 Entropies are from [3]. Formula unit volumes were calculated using Eq. 5 and the
 690 molar volumes tabulated for the clinker minerals in Table 1 of [3]. The dashed line
 691 represents Eq. 7. Note that it is unclear in [3] what polymorphs these minerals are,
 692 and as a result this detail is missing here.
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695 **4.1 Standard entropy of ye'elimite and ternesite**

696 Entropy data for ye'elimite and ternesite are scarce in the literature. Hanein
 697 *et al.* [2,56,57] derived entropy data of these minerals at high temperatures
 698 from existing vapour pressure measurements, but there is not sufficient data
 699 to accurately extrapolate these down to 298.15 K. Eq. 7 can be helpful here.
 700 The standard entropies of different polymorphs of ye'elimite and ternesite are
 701 estimated and shown in Table 1, using Eq. 7 and their unit cell volumes from
 702 [58–60]. Unit cell volume was converted to formula unit volume via Eq. 27:

$$V_m = \frac{V_{cell}}{1000 Z} \quad (27)$$

703 where V_{cell} is unit cell volume in \AA^3 and Z is the number of formula units within
 704 the crystallographic unit cell. The estimated entropy values in Table 1 should
 705 be verified with careful experimental techniques in the future, but these data
 706 can serve as provisional estimates. We attempted to test the accuracy of the
 707 entropy value for ye'elimite (see Appendix A for more detail), and it appears
 708 to be in reasonable agreement with Table 1.

709 **Table 1:** Estimated standard molar entropy of orthorhombic ye'elimite (Pcc2) and
 710 cubic ye'elimite (I43m) and ternesite using Eq. 7

Crystal name (symmetry group)	V_{cell} (\AA^3)	Z	Reference study	V_m (nm^3)	S°_{298} ($\text{J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$) estimated
Ye'elimite (Pcc2)	1557.78	4	[58]	0.389	504.5
Ye'elimite (I43m)	789.55	2	[60]	0.394	511.2
Ternesite (Pnma)	1075.12	4	[59]	0.268	352.2

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712 5. Conclusions

713 Methods to estimate the standard entropy of cement hydrates or clinker
 714 minerals are useful for the purpose of thermodynamic modelling, especially
 715 to assess the quality of existing entropy data obtained via experiments. This
 716 study employed a simple mathematical relationship, established by Jenkins
 717 and Glasser [25], to examine the accuracy of standard entropies and molar
 718 volumes of cement related substances listed in established thermodynamic
 719 datasets for cements. The relationship used here relates the standard molar
 720 entropy of an inorganic solid to its formula unit volume via a linear equation
 721 with known constants.

722 In general, the standard entropies and molar volumes of many cement
 723 hydrates were found to be consistent with Jenkin and Glasser's relationship.
 724 The exceptions to this were:

- 725 - two ettringite-group phases with water contents of 9 and $13\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- 726 - magnesium/aluminium layered double hydroxide solid solutions
- 727 - almost all Fe-bearing monosulfate and hydrogarnet phases, and
- 728 - several calcium silicate hydrate end-members.

729 The entropy data for some of these phases were derived in previous studies
 730 by measuring the solubility products at different temperatures and fitting the
 731 three-term approximation equation of solubility product to those measured
 732 solubility data. The fitting equation is a function of standard entropy, and to
 733 achieve a desired fitting, the entropy term is the key parameter that needs to
 734 be adjusted. In view of this, errors associated with standard entropies can
 735 imply inaccuracies in solubility product measurements. Thus, there are now
 736 open questions as to whether the measured solubility products for some of
 737 the phases listed above are reliable. This deserves closer investigation,
 738 especially given that the formation or decomposition of most of these phases
 739 have important implications for modelling the dimensional stability and/or
 740 durability of cement systems.

741 The standard entropies for clinker minerals were found to linearly correlate
742 to their formula unit volumes, consistent with Jenkins and Glasser's equation.
743 The standard entropy of clinker minerals ye'elimite and ternesite were also
744 estimated provisionally using the volume-based relationship.

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751 ye'elimite sample.

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753 **Appendix A.**

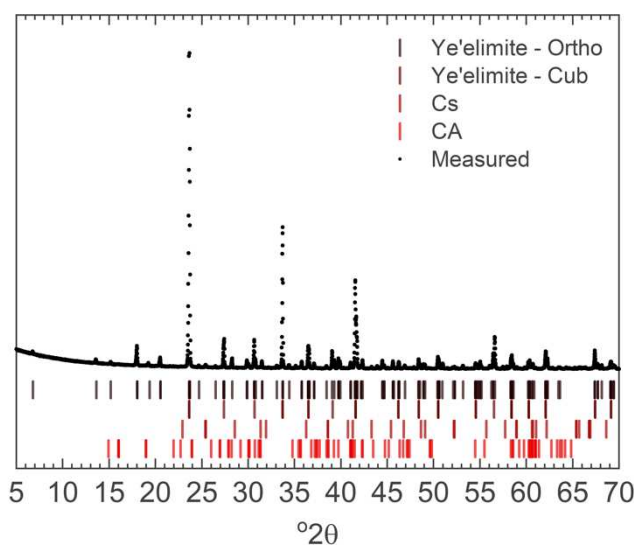
754 The standard entropy of ye'elimite was experimentally derived using its heat
755 capacity over a range of temperatures and the third law (Eq. 28).

$$S^{\circ}_{298} = \int_0^{298.15} \frac{C_p}{T} dt \quad (28)$$

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757 *A.1 synthesis of ye'elimite*

758 Ye'elimite was synthesised by sintering the stoichiometric mixture of Al₂O₃,
759 CaSO₄ and CaCO₃ (Sigma-Aldrich, ACS reagent, ≥99%). The reagents were
760 first mixed for five minutes using a mortar and pestle. A few drops of ethanol
761 were also added to the mix to facilitate mixing. The reagents were then left
762 in an oven set at 100 °C for 2 hours to dry. Once the required time had
763 elapsed, the dried mixture was placed into a platinum crucible and subjected
764 to heating at 1250 °C for a period of 20 minutes in a muffle furnace.
765 Thereafter, the sample was removed from the furnace and quenched at room
766 temperature. The sample was then homogenised using the mortar and pestle
767 and placed again into the furnace. This process was repeated five times until
768 the resultant material was highly pure ye'elimite. To confirm the purity, X-ray
769 diffraction pattern of the sample was recorded over 2θ ranging from 5° to 70°
770 with a step size of 0.026° using a Philips Empyrean diffractometer operated
771 at 45 kV and 40 mA. The source of X-ray was Cu Kα, and the diffractometer
772 was equipped with a Ge monochromator and a PIXcel1D detector. The
773 sample holder was set to rotate at 15 rpm to improve counting statistics. Fig.
774 A.1 shows the X-ray powder diffraction pattern measured for the ye'elimite
775 sample. The result of Rietveld analysis (carried out using GSAS software)
776 indicates that the sample is primarily composed of about 97% ye'elimite with
777 slight trace of Cs and CA.



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Fig. A.1: Measured X-ray powder diffraction pattern of synthesised ye'elimite (shown with dots), indicating the presence of cubic and orthorhombic polymorphs of ye'elimite (based on [58] and [60], respectively) as well as a slight trace of Cs (ICSD 16382) [61] and CA (ICSD 602) [62]. The ICSD database search was based on the recommendations given in [63]. The Rietveld analysis suggests the following composition: 87.1% orthorhombic and 9.4% cubic ye'elimite, 0.8% Cs and 2.7% CA (wRp = 8.72).

786 A.2 heat capacity measurements of ye'elimite

787 The heat capacity of ye'elimite was measured using a differential scanning
788 calorimeter (DSC 214 Polyma, NETZSCH) and based on ASTM E1269 [64].
789 Measurements were conducted in duplicates on 20 ± 0.1 mg sample placed
790 in a closed alumina crucible. The sample was cooled down to -170 °C using
791 liquid nitrogen cooling, then kept at a 10-min isotherm and heated up to 30
792 °C at 10 K/min. Ideally, the heat capacity should have been measured from
793 temperatures starting from near 0 K in order to ensure that the behaviour of
794 the material is captured at low temperatures. However, this was not possible
795 with the available resources in this study; thus, the value calculated here is
796 expected to deviate from its true value. To assess whether deviation due to
797 the measurement technique occurred, the heat capacity of K_2CO_3 (ACS
798 reagent, 99%) was also measured as a control.

799 The measured heat capacity patterns were fitted by a combination of Debye
800 and Einstein functions, given by Eq. 29, which are shown to well describe the
801 heat capacity of solids at temperatures below 300 K [65,66]. The resultant
802 fitting function was then used in Eq. 28 to calculate standard entropy. Here it
803 is assumed that the isobaric and isochoric heat capacities are the same; *i.e.*,
804 volume remains constant throughout the measurements. This assumption is
805 valid in the temperature range studied in this paper [16].

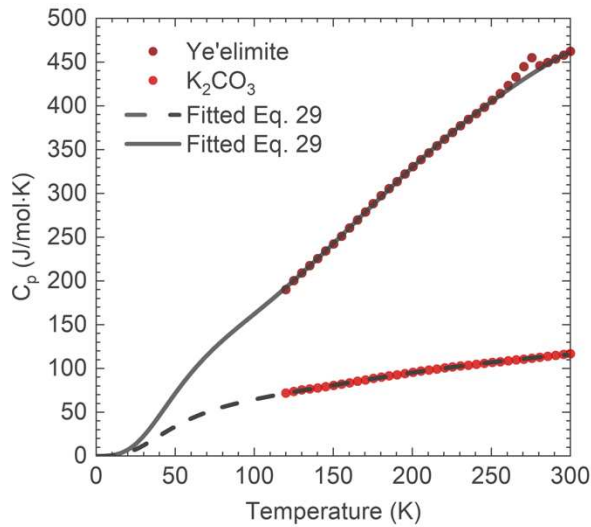
$$C_p = mD\left(\frac{\theta_D}{T}\right) + nE\left(\frac{\theta_E}{T}\right) \quad (29)$$

$$D\left(\frac{\theta_D}{T}\right) = 9R\left(\frac{T}{\theta_D}\right)^3 \int_0^{\frac{\theta_D}{T}} y^4 \frac{e^y}{[e^y - 1]^2} dy \quad (30)$$

$$E\left(\frac{\theta_E}{T}\right) = 3R\left(\frac{\theta_E}{T}\right)^2 \frac{e^{\frac{\theta_E}{T}}}{\left[e^{\frac{\theta_E}{T}} - 1\right]^2} \quad (31)$$

806 For Eqs. 29-31, m , n , θ_D and θ_E are the fitting parameters. R is the universal
 807 gas constant and T is the temperature in Kelvin. To fit Eq. 29 to the measured
 808 data, an algorithm was written in MATLAB incorporating a least-square fitting
 809 function. The measured data were fitted from 120 K to 300 K. We chose this
 810 range of temperatures as it was noted that the heat capacity data below 120
 811 K were abnormal and inconsistent with those known for K_2CO_3 . As a general
 812 rule, the sum of m and n parameters obtained from the fitting process ought
 813 to be equal to the number of atoms in the compound's formula [65,66]. For
 814 example, $m + n = 6$ for K_2CO_3 .

815 The measured and fitted heat capacity patterns for ye'elimite and K_2CO_3 are
 816 shown in Fig. A.2. There are no anomalies in the measured data for K_2CO_3
 817 within the temperature range presented here; however, ye'elimite pattern
 818 exhibits a feature around 273 K, which is attributed to the presence of water
 819 in the bulk material. This feature was removed from the fitting process by
 820 ignoring the measured data between 253 K and 285 K.



821 **Fig. A.2:** Measured (dots) and fitted (lines) heat capacity patterns of synthesised
 822 ye'elimite and K_2CO_3 .
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824 The fitting of K_2CO_3 heat capacity data results in a standard entropy of 147.28
 825 $J.K^{-1}.mol^{-1}$ for this phase, with $m + n = 5.989$. This value is reasonably
 826 consistent with $155.57 J.K^{-1}.mol^{-1}$ known for this compound ($\approx 5\%$ deviation)
 827 [67]. In the case of ye'elimite sample, the standard entropy is found to be 432
 828 $J.K^{-1}.mol^{-1}$ with $m + n = 27.05$ (which is close to 27 atoms in its formula). This
 829 entropy value is close to the estimates given in Table 1, further validating Eq.
 830 7. The discrepancy ($\approx 15\%$; Pcc2; orthorhombic) is inevitable in the case of

831 our study because the ye'elimite sample contained impurities as well as two
832 polymorphs, and that the heat capacity data below 120 K were lacking from
833 the fitting process. In future studies, a purer sample needs be tested and
834 other types of calorimetry (such as relaxation calorimetry where temperature
835 can reach as low as near 0 K) may be employed to assess the accuracy of
836 estimates in Table 1.

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