

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

### **Quantifying hydrofluoric acid etching of quartz and feldspar coarse grains based on weight loss estimates: implication for ESR and luminescence dating studies**

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Sample	MS1_100-150		MS-2_100-150		MS-3_100-150		MF5_100-150		MS1_150-200		MS2_150-200		MS3_150-200		MF5_150-200	
Time (min)	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
10	3.68	0.68	2.30	0.39	4.38	3.02	60.13	11.45	3.87	0.67	2.37	0.39	6.42	1.27	40.28	6.82
20	5.10	0.94	5.26	0.90	5.29	3.64	55.63	10.60	5.04	0.87	3.64	0.60	9.66	1.91	35.44	6.00
40	10.55	1.94	7.92	1.35	8.55	5.88	-	-	8.09	1.40	7.29	1.20	16.02	3.16	85.84	14.53
60	13.40	2.46	10.93	1.86	11.80	8.12	-	-	13.19	2.28	10.67	1.75	17.68	3.49	90.36	15.29

Table S1. Numerical data (removed thickness and associated error) derived from Experiment #1 with HF (40%). These data are graphically displayed in Figure 2.

Sample	MS1_100-150		MS-2_100-150		MS-3_100-150		MF5_100-150		MS1_150-200		MS2_150-200		MS3_150-200		MF5_150-200	
Time (min)	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Remo. Thick. ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
10	1.42	0.26	0.38	0.06	1.45	1.00	7.98	1.52	0.32	0.06	0.24	0.04	2.01	0.40	7.24	1.23
20	1.57	0.29	0.67	0.11	1.75	1.21	9.13	1.74	0.73	0.13	0.25	0.04	3.01	0.59	8.36	1.41
40	2.33	0.43	0.95	0.16	2.38	1.64	12.12	2.31	0.98	0.17	0.94	0.15	2.56	0.51	12.33	2.09
60	2.58	0.47	1.21	0.21	2.99	2.06	15.43	2.94	1.96	0.34	1.06	0.17	4.13	0.82	13.97	2.36

Table S2. Numerical data (removed thickness and associated error) derived from Experiment #1 with HF (10%). These data are graphically displayed in Figure 2.

Sample	MS1_50-100		MS1_100-150		MS1_150-200		MS-1_200-250		MS-1_250-300		MS-3_150-200	
Time (min)	Removed thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Removed thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Removed thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Removed thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Removed thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Removed thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
10	5.29	1.15	4.13	0.76	3.85	0.67	3.01	0.48	3.01	0.42	7.04	1.39
20	8.10	1.77	7.91	1.45	7.33	1.27	5.84	0.92	6.21	0.88	12.50	2.47
40	15.14	3.30	17.08	3.14	16.83	2.91	13.90	2.19	15.32	2.16	26.46	5.23
60	21.79	4.75	27.57	5.07	26.26	4.54	24.86	3.92	27.78	3.92	41.51	8.20

Table S3. Numerical data (removed thickness and associated error) derived from Experiment #2. These data are graphically displayed in Figure 2.

Sample	Removed thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Error ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
DY08-9	11.07	1.59
DY08-10	11.63	1.68
DY08-11	13.38	1.82
DY08-12	12.81	1.87
DY08-13	12.35	1.56
DY08-14	18.59	2.44
DY08-15	12.10	1.64
DY08-16	14.56	1.91
DY08-17	12.51	1.74
DY08-18	12.20	1.72
DY08-19	12.71	1.72
DY08-20	11.77	1.64
DY08-21	12.70	1.83
DY08-22	11.99	2.09

*Table S4. Numerical data (removed thickness and associated error) derived from Experiment #3. These data are graphically displayed in Figure 3.*