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## **Water Impact Statement**

Lead redox chemistry associated with residual disinfectants controls lead release from corrosion scales in drinking water distribution systems. This study acquired an in-depth understanding on the solid-phase transformation kinetics of Pb(II)/Pb(IV) minerals via the oxidation of free chlorine and bromine. Findings from this study is of interest to scientists, engineers and practitioners concerned with mechanisms that affect lead release in drinking water, and its control.

1 **Effects of Residual Disinfectants on the Redox Speciation of Lead(II)/(IV)**  
2 **Minerals in Drinking Water Distribution Systems**

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### 13 **Abstract**

14 This study investigated the reaction kinetics on the oxidative transformation of lead(II) minerals  
15 by free chlorine (HOCl) and free bromine (HOBr) in drinking water distribution systems.  
16 According to chemical equilibrium predictions, lead(II) carbonate minerals, cerussite  $\text{PbCO}_{3(s)}$   
17 and hydrocerussite  $\text{Pb}_3(\text{CO}_3)_2(\text{OH})_{2(s)}$ , and lead(II) phosphate mineral, chloropyromorphite  
18  $\text{Pb}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{Cl}_{(s)}$  are formed in drinking water distribution systems in the absence and presence of  
19 phosphate, respectively. X-ray absorption near edge spectroscopy (XANES) data showed that at  
20 pH 7 and a 10 mM alkalinity, majority of cerussite and hydrocerussite was oxidized to lead(IV)  
21 mineral  $\text{PbO}_{2(s)}$  within 120 minutes of reaction with chlorine (3:1  $\text{Cl}_2:\text{Pb(II)}$  molar ratio). In  
22 contrast, very little oxidation of chloropyromorphite occurred. Under similar conditions,  
23 oxidation of lead(II) carbonate and phosphate minerals by HOBr exhibited a reaction kinetics  
24 that was orders of magnitude faster than by HOCl. Their end oxidation products were identified  
25 as mainly plattnerite  $\beta\text{-PbO}_{2(s)}$  and trace amounts of scrutinyite  $\alpha\text{-PbO}_{2(s)}$  based on x-ray  
26 diffraction (XRD) and extended X-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS) spectroscopic analysis.  
27 A kinetic model was established based on the solid-phase experimental data. The model  
28 predicted that in real drinking water distribution systems, it takes 0.6-1.2 years to completely  
29 oxidize Pb(II) minerals in the surface layer of corrosion scales to  $\text{PbO}_{2(s)}$  by HOCl without  
30 phosphate, but only 0.1-0.2 years in the presence of bromide ( $\text{Br}^-$ ) due the catalytic effects of  
31 HOBr generation. The model also predicts that the addition of phosphate will significantly  
32 inhibit Pb(II) mineral oxidation by HOCl, but only modestly effective in the presence of  $\text{Br}^-$ .  
33 This study provides insightful understanding on the effect of residual disinfectant on the  
34 oxidation of lead corrosion scales and strategies to prevent lead release from drinking water  
35 distribution systems.

## 36 **Introduction**

37 Lead (Pb) is a toxic metal that retards mental capabilities in children at low exposure doses and  
38 causes organ failure at high exposure levels.<sup>1-4</sup> Lead pipes were commonly used in drinking  
39 water distribution systems until 1980s, when U.S. congress amended the Safe Drinking Water  
40 Act (SDWA) that mandated the use of “lead-free” plumbing fittings and fixtures.<sup>5-6</sup> Despite that,  
41 lead-containing plumbing materials such as brass and tin solder are still in use, which release  
42 lead upon corrosion in drinking water distribution systems.<sup>7-11</sup> World Health Organization  
43 (WHO) and US EPA’s lead copper rule (LCR) established 10 and 15  $\mu\text{g/L}$ , respectively, as the  
44 maximum contaminant levels for lead in drinking water.<sup>12-13</sup> However, controlling lead release in  
45 drinking water is still challenging; any abrupt changes in drinking water chemistry can disrupt  
46 the chemical equilibrium of lead corrosion scales in drinking water distribution systems,  
47 resulting in disastrous lead release. One example is the 2014-2017 Flint, Michigan, lead crisis,  
48 where the absence of phosphate addition upon a switch of water resources resulted in a rapid lead  
49 release much above its MCL.<sup>14-15</sup> Similarly, the change of residual disinfectant from free  
50 chlorine ( $\text{HOCl}$ ) to chloramine ( $\text{NH}_2\text{Cl}$ ) in Washington D.C. during early 2000s released  
51 hazardous levels of lead from drinking water distribution systems.<sup>16-17</sup> According to a recent  
52 survey conducted by USEPA on 375 water utility systems across 44 states in the US,  $\text{HOCl}$  is the  
53 preferred disinfectant in almost 259 facilities, most of which are concentrated in California, New  
54 York, Tennessee, Michigan, Ohio, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Oregon, Virginia and Wisconsin.<sup>18</sup>  
55 Therefore, taking these factors into consideration, there is an increased need to understand the  
56 reaction kinetics between  $\text{HOCl}$  and lead minerals in drinking water distribution systems.

57 The speciation of lead minerals and associated redox chemistry with residual disinfectants  
58 strongly affect lead release in drinking water distribution systems. Lead exists as  $\text{Pb(II)}$  or

59 Pb(IV) minerals in corrosion scales. Pb(II) carbonate minerals, cerussite  $\text{PbCO}_{3(s)}$  and  
60 hydrocerussite  $\text{Pb}_3(\text{CO}_3)_2(\text{OH})_{2(s)}$ , are commonly formed in drinking water distribution systems  
61 at circumneutral pH conditions.<sup>19-26</sup> To reduce lead solubility in equilibrium with Pb(II) minerals,  
62 phosphate ( $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ ) is commonly added to drinking water as a corrosion control strategy. Addition  
63 of  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  leads to the formation of Pb(II) phosphate minerals that have much lower solubilities  
64 than Pb(II) carbonate minerals, *e.g.*, chloropyromorphite  $\text{Pb}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{Cl}_{(s)}$  and  
65 hydroxypyromorphite  $\text{Pb}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{OH}_{(s)}$ .<sup>27</sup> In drinking water with a high level of hardness,  
66 phosphohedyphane  $\text{Pb}_3\text{Ca}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{Cl}_{(s)}$  can also form.<sup>20, 28-29</sup> In the presence of HOCl as a residual  
67 disinfectant, Pb(II) minerals are oxidized to Pb(IV) as  $\text{PbO}_{2(s)}$ ,<sup>7, 16, 30-35</sup> and transient intermediate  
68 Pb(III) species are generated during the oxidative pathway.<sup>9, 36, 37</sup> Considering the low solubility  
69 of  $\text{PbO}_{2(s)}$ , maintaining its predominance and stability in corrosion scales is desirable.<sup>31, 38-39</sup> Prior  
70 studies on the formation of  $\text{PbO}_{2(s)}$  via Pb(II) minerals oxidation quantified the reaction kinetics  
71 of Pb(II) oxidation without a direct quantitative understanding of Pb(IV) formation rates.<sup>7, 9, 40</sup>  
72 Additionally, morphological changes of platy hexagonal (hydrocerussite) and prismatic  
73 (cerussite) Pb(II) carbonate microcrystals to nanocrystals of  $\text{PbO}_2$  were also observed during  
74 such oxidative transformational reactions.<sup>31</sup> Though the chlorine-based kinetics data provide  
75 insights into the redox reactivities of different Pb(II) minerals, there lacks a direct measurement  
76 of solid-phase transformation rate from Pb(II) to Pb(IV) minerals induced by disinfectants. This  
77 missing knowledge on solid-phase transformation is critical to the understanding of lead  
78 corrosion scales and the development of corrosion control strategies.

79 Furthermore, water chemistry parameters impact the solid transformation of Pb(II) minerals. For  
80 example, changes of pH and alkalinity shift the surface speciation and reactivity of Pb(II)  
81 minerals,<sup>35</sup> which consequently impacts the rates of  $\text{PbO}_{2(s)}$  formation.<sup>31, 41</sup> In addition,

82 adaptation strategies to climate change including water reuse and desalination can pose a  
83 challenge to lead control in drinking water distribution systems, especially considering the  
84 presence of elevated levels of salinity (including bromide) in these alternative water sources. In  
85 the future, bromide levels in drinking water can increase by over an order of magnitude.<sup>42-43</sup>  
86 Elevated bromide in drinking water can catalyze HOCl oxidation via the formation of  
87 hypobromous acid (HOBr) as an electron shuttle.<sup>44</sup> HOBr then becomes the *de facto* oxidant and  
88 induces much higher reaction rates with relevant Pb(II) minerals than HOCl.<sup>45</sup> Therefore, the  
89 effect of bromide on the formation rate of Pb(IV) needs to be better understood.

90 The objectives of this study are to: (1) predict the predominant lead(II) minerals in drinking  
91 water distribution systems under different chemical conditions including pH, alkalinity, calcium,  
92 chloride and phosphate; (2) examine the oxidative transformation of Pb(II) minerals by residual  
93 disinfectant HOCl and directly quantify the mineral phase transformation rates using start-of-the-  
94 art synchrotron techniques; (3) investigate the effects of bromide on the oxidative transformation  
95 process and Pb(IV) mineral formation rates.

## 96 **Materials and Methods**

### 97 ***Pb(II) oxidation experiments***

98 Lead minerals including  $\text{Pb}_3(\text{CO}_3)_2(\text{OH})_{2(s)}$ ,  $\text{PbCO}_{3(s)}$ , scrutinyite  $\alpha\text{-PbO}_{2(s)}$  and plattnerite  $\beta\text{-PbO}_{2(s)}$   
99 were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Lead(II) phosphate minerals were synthesized  
100 using a standard precipitation method, washed with deionized (DI) water, freeze dried and  
101 confirmed for its purity using XRD.<sup>46</sup> The precipitates and the purchased solids were then  
102 ground and sieved to a nominal size of 105 to 88  $\mu\text{m}$  using mesh sieves. Fresh HOCl solutions

103 were diluted from a 5% NaOCl stock solution. HOBr solutions were synthesized by adding 10%  
104 molar excess NaBr to a HOCl solution and equilibrated for one hour.<sup>47-48</sup>

105 Experiments on the oxidative transformation of lead(II) minerals were performed in well-mixed  
106 250-mL glass flasks at 22°C in darkness. 5 g/L of lead(II) carbonate or phosphate mineral was  
107 mixed with excess HOCl or HOBr at a molar ratio of 1:3 and an alkalinity of 10 mM as CaCO<sub>3</sub>.  
108 The alkalinity was achieved by using sodium carbonate that was procured from fisher scientific.  
109 Furthermore, the initial concentration of reactants was chosen to quantify solid phase reaction  
110 kinetics, and avoid alteration of redox reaction thermodynamics under drinking water chemical  
111 conditions. The solution pH was adjusted to 7±0.5 and maintained by manual addition of 0.5 M  
112 HClO<sub>4</sub> or 0.5 M NaOH whenever necessary. A pH of 7 was used to represent the redox reactivity  
113 with HOCl (pK<sub>a</sub> = 7.6) that largely drive the oxidative transformation from Pb(II) to Pb(IV).<sup>31</sup>  
114 Samples were taken at pre-determined time intervals and filtered with 0.1-µm filters. Retained  
115 solids were washed with 50 mL DI water to remove residual oxidant and freeze dried for  
116 subsequent solid phase analysis. Furthermore, anoxic experiments using the above experimental  
117 conditions were also conducted on both Pb(II) carbonate and phosphate minerals in a glove box,  
118 to monitor dissolved oxygen (DO) release during the oxidation experiments that assisted the  
119 reaction mechanism investigation. DO measurements were made using an Orion Star A113  
120 Dissolved Oxygen Benchtop Meter. [HOCl] or [HOBr] concentration, which is the sum of both  
121 [OCl<sup>-</sup>] and [HOCl] in the filtered samples was analyzed using the standard DPD method.<sup>49</sup>

## 122 ***Solid phase analysis***

123 Solid phase analysis on the filter retained samples was conducted using X-ray absorption  
124 spectroscopy (XAS) and X-ray diffraction (XRD) to quantify the speciation and oxidation states



125 of lead in solid samples. Specifically, XANES and EXAFS spectra were collected to monitor  
126 changes in solid fractionation of Pb(II)/Pb(IV) and their mineralogy in solids reacted with  
127 HOCl/HOBr. X-ray absorption spectroscopy measurements for Pb-L<sub>III</sub> edge (13035 eV) were  
128 performed at beamlines 11-2 and 4-1 of the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource. Prior to  
129 spectroscopic analysis, the samples were ground and diluted using boron nitride (BN) to reach an  
130 absorption length of 1.5 cm. Measurements were taken from 12800 to 13925 eV (approximately  
131 30 min per scan) to include both XANES and EXAFS regions (to  $k = 12$ ). The collected spectra  
132 were then processed using Athena software<sup>50</sup>, where the fraction of different oxidation states and  
133 different minerals were obtained by conducting a linear combination fitting (LCF) on XANES  
134 and EXAFS data, respectively. The crystal chemistry and minerals in the solid samples were  
135 identified using a PANalytical Empyrean Series 2 XRD instrument.

### 136 *Equilibrium modelling and kinetics modeling*

137 Predominant lead(II) minerals in drinking water distribution systems under different chemical  
138 conditions were predicted based on chemical equilibria using the Geochemist's Workbench  
139 software.<sup>51</sup> Reaction equilibrium constants were obtained from the Visual MINTEQ database.<sup>52</sup>  
140 Additional details of geochemical modelling are provided as Text S1 in the Supplementary  
141 Information (SI). Solid phase reaction kinetics of Pb(II) oxidation by chlorine/bromine were  
142 modeled using second-order reaction kinetics. Details on the data fitting of the kinetics rate  
143 constants were provided in Text S2 of the SI.

## 144 **Results and Discussion**

### 145 *Effect of alkalinity and phosphate on lead (II) mineral speciation*

146 Chemical equilibrium modelling of drinking water distribution systems using different corrosion  
147 control strategies suggested the formation of Pb(II) carbonates (cerussite and hydrocerussite) and  
148 phosphates (chloropyromorphite) under relevant conditions (Figure 1). Predominant Pb(II)  
149 minerals in the corrosion scales of lead-containing drinking water distribution systems vary  
150 greatly based on the drinking water chemistry and implementation of corrosion control  
151 strategies. In systems that only use pH or alkalinity adjustments as the corrosion control  
152 strategy,<sup>53-56</sup> cerussite and hydrocerussite are the predominant lead(II) minerals (Figure 1a),  
153 consistent with observations from prior studies.<sup>31, 57</sup> However, under these conditions, *i.e.*, pH  
154 between 7 and 8, and alkalinity between 0 and 100 mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub>, the solubility of lead ranges  
155 between 0.1 and 1 mg/L, which is one to two orders of magnitude higher than the World Health  
156 Organization's (WHO) international regulatory standard of  $\leq 10\mu\text{g/L}$ . Another common lead  
157 corrosion control strategy in drinking water distribution system is the addition of phosphate,<sup>10, 58</sup>  
158 with a typical phosphate concentration of 0.5-2 mg/L. Under these conditions, chemical  
159 equilibrium predicts the formation of chloropyromorphite  $\text{Pb}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{Cl}_{(s)}$  across all relevant pH  
160 conditions (Figure 1b). This is consistent with prior investigations where, the formation of  
161 chloropyromorphite was observed to be kinetically favorable across all pH <sup>59</sup>, specifically in the  
162 presence of commonly observed Pb(II) minerals in corrosion scales, cerussite<sup>31</sup> and  
163 hydroxyapatite<sup>60</sup>. The solubility of chloropyromorphite is much lower than either cerussite and  
164 hydrocerussite, resulting in an equilibrated soluble Pb level between 0.2 and 10  $\mu\text{g/L}$  that is  
165 within the WHO's international regulatory standard of  $\leq 10\mu\text{g/L}$ . Furthermore, in cases with  
166 increasing chloride levels, the solubility of chloropyromorphite continues to drop (Figure S1).  
167 Therefore, for distribution systems with a high level of chloride in the water source, adding  
168 phosphate minimizes lead solubility and leaching risks.

169 ***Solid-phase transformation kinetics of Pb(II) minerals by HOCl***

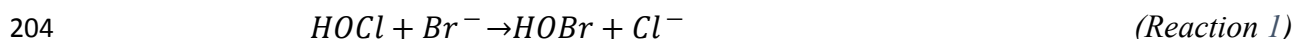
170 Transformation of Pb(II) minerals to Pb(IV) solids by HOCl under typical drinking water  
171 chemical conditions is thermodynamically favorable, and the experimental conditions chosen for  
172 the oxidation experiments did not change the reaction thermodynamics and provided insight into  
173 the redox reactivity in actual drinking water systems (Table S1). When cerussite was exposed to  
174 chlorine, changes in the XANES spectra (acquired at Pb L<sub>III</sub> edge) of cerussite with increasing  
175 reaction time suggested the oxidative transformation of Pb(II) in PbCO<sub>3(s)</sub> to Pb(IV). This change  
176 was indicated by the formation of pre-edge Pb(IV) shoulder and post-edge Pb(IV) peak at 13030  
177 and 13060 eV, respectively (Figure 2a).<sup>61</sup> Linear combination fitting (LCF) of the XANES data  
178 showed that the solid phase oxidation of PbCO<sub>3(s)</sub> followed a *second* order reaction kinetics,  
179 where 70% of Pb(II) in PbCO<sub>3(s)</sub> was converted to Pb(IV) within 120 minute of reaction (Figure  
180 2b). The second-order rate constant for this reaction was estimated to be  $7.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ L} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$   
181 (Figure 3, S2). Furthermore, results from the LCF fitting the EXAFS data confirmed that the  
182 Pb(IV) generated during the oxidative transformation of PbCO<sub>3(s)</sub> existed as PbO<sub>2</sub> within the  
183 solids (Figure S3a, b). This PbO<sub>2</sub> was later confirmed as  $\beta$ -PbO<sub>2(s)</sub> with a trace amount of  
184 scrutinyite  $\alpha$ -PbO<sub>2(s)</sub> using an XRD (Figure S4). These results agree with observations reported  
185 in other investigations, where  $\alpha$ -PbO<sub>2</sub> and  $\beta$ -PbO<sub>2</sub> were identified as the two corrosion products  
186 of PbCO<sub>3(s)</sub>.<sup>20, 31, 40</sup>

187 Similar to cerussite, the XANES spectra of hydrocerussite confirmed the oxidation of Pb(II) to  
188 Pb(IV) by HOCl (Figure 2c). Hydrocerussite oxidation also followed *second*-order reaction  
189 kinetics, where 90% of Pb(II) was converted to Pb(IV) within 120 minutes, ~20% higher than  
190 those observed during cerussite oxidation (Figure 2d, Figure S2c-d). Unlike in the case of  
191 cerussite, a lag phase was observed prior to the oxidative transformation of Pb(II) to Pb(IV) with

192  $3.32 \times 10^{-3} \text{ L} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$  as the estimated reaction rate constant (Figure 3, S5). During the lag  
193 phase, LCF of the EXAFS data suggested an exponential increase in cerussite percentage from  
194 0% to approximately 30% and eventually dropped to 7% as the reaction proceeded (Figure S3c,  
195 d). These XAS results further validate XRD observations made in previous investigations that  
196 identified cerussite as an intermediate product of hydrocerussite oxidation using HOCl.<sup>9, 31</sup> In  
197 contrast to the lead(II) carbonate minerals, lead(II) phosphate minerals showed much less  
198 reactivity with HOCl (Figure S6, S7 and S8). No noticeable oxidation was observed even after 5  
199 days of reaction with HOCl based on XANES and XRD data.

#### 200 *Effects of bromide on the solid-phase transformation kinetics of Pb(II) minerals*

201 Increased bromide concentrations in drinking water distribution systems results in the formation  
202 of HOBr from HOCl, which is thermodynamically capable of oxidizing Pb(II) solids to Pb(IV)  
203 (Table S1):



205 To evaluate the effects of bromide, we conducted HOBr oxidation experiments on representative  
206 Pb(II) carbonate and phosphate minerals. Experimental results and post-experiment XANES  
207 analysis on cerussite and hydrocerussite indicated 93% and 96% oxidative transformation of  
208 Pb(II) to Pb(IV) within 30 minutes (Figure 4a-d). Oxidative transformation of cerussite was  
209 greater with HOBr (93%) than with HOCl (70%) unlike in the case of hydrocerussite where the  
210 difference was insignificant. Both reactions (cerussite-HOBr and hydrocerussite-HOBr) followed  
211 *second* order reaction kinetics with  $5.05 \times 10^{-2}$  and  $1.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ L} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$  as their estimated  
212 reaction constants (Figure 3, S9, S10). These estimated rate constants were almost an order of  
213 magnitude greater than those observed with HOCl. Therefore, indicating HOBr as an oxidant

214 with a higher oxidation potential than HOCl, similar to prior observations made in drinking  
215 water distribution systems.<sup>45</sup> Analytical results from XRD and EXAFS confirmed that the Pb(IV)  
216 formed from both cerussite and hydrocerussite oxidation existed as  $\alpha$ -PbO<sub>2(s)</sub> and  $\beta$ -PbO<sub>2(s)</sub>  
217 within the solids (Figure S11 and S12a-d). These results are coherent with observations made  
218 during reactions with HOCl.<sup>20, 31, 40</sup>

219 Unlike reaction with HOCl, approximately 13% and 22% of Pb(II) in hydroxylpyromorphite and  
220 chloropyromorphite, respectively, were oxidized to PbO<sub>2(s)</sub> by HOBr in just 420 minutes (Figure  
221 5a-d). These results agree with our thermodynamic predictions which suggested a higher  
222 susceptibility of pyromorphites to oxidize on reaction with HOBr (Table S1). For the first 120  
223 minutes of the reaction, there was negligible oxidation in both pyromorphite(s), however, after  
224 120 minutes there was a linear increase in the Pb(IV) fraction (Figure 5a-d). Oxidation of both  
225 hydroxylpyromorphite and chloropyromorphite followed *second*-order reaction kinetics, whose  
226 reaction rate constants were estimated to be  $0.34 \times 10^{-3} \text{ L} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$  and  $3.62 \times 10^{-3} \text{ L} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$   
227 (Figure 3, S13, S14). Results from EXAFS and XRD analyses indicate that only 13% of  
228 hydroxylpyromorphite and 22% of chloropyromorphite were oxidized to form  $\beta$ -PbO<sub>2(s)</sub> (Figure  
229 S15a-d, S16). Chloropyromorphite exhibited a higher oxidation rate than hydroxylpyromorphite.

### 230 ***Reaction Stoichiometry and Pb(II) mineral oxidation pathway***

231 The molar ratio of the amount of Pb(II) oxidized to the amount of oxidant (HOCl or HOBr),  
232 defined as  $\Delta[\text{Pb(II)}]/\Delta[\text{oxidant}]$  theoretically equals one if electrons only flow between Pb(II)  
233 solids and the oxidant. Experimental data showed that this stoichiometric molar ratio was equal  
234 to the theoretical value during the oxidation of Pb(II) carbonate minerals by HOCl and HOBr  
235 (Figure 6). In contrast, the stoichiometric molar ratio was significantly less than the theoretical  
236 prediction for oxidation involving Pb(II) phosphate minerals – the molar ratio was negligible

237 with HOCl, and ranges between 0.06 and 0.13 with HOBr (Figure 6), indicating other reaction  
238 pathways can consume HOCl or HOBr without directly oxidizing Pb(II) phosphate minerals.

239 Additional oxidation experiments with Pb(II) phosphate minerals under anaerobic conditions  
240 showed that dissolved oxygen was generated when HOBr was consumed in comparison to the  
241 control (Figure S17). This observation indicates the disproportionation of HOBr into bromide  
242 and oxygen, a process that can be catalyzed by Pb intermediates. Prior studies observed short-  
243 lived Pb(III) hydroxyl aqua complex intermediates – typically existing as  $\text{Pb}(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})^{*+}$  and  
244  $\text{Pb}(\text{OH})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2^*$  at circumneutral pH ranges – are generated during the rapid hydroxyl radical-  
245 driven oxidation of Pb(II).<sup>36-37</sup> Pb(III) intermediates can subsequently disproportionate and  
246 withdraw electrons from its hydroxyl groups, thus converting itself back to Pb(II) and generating  
247 dissolved oxygen.

## 248 **Environmental Implications**

249 This study offers findings through a comprehensive examination of solid transformation of lead  
250 minerals by residual disinfectants in drinking water distribution systems. Chemical equilibrium  
251 simulations suggest that cerussite and hydrocerussite are relevant Pb(II) minerals in the absence  
252 of phosphate, whereas chloropyromorphite is the predominant Pb(II) mineral in the presence of  
253 phosphate. To further evaluate the importance of bromide on the oxidative transformation of  
254 Pb(II) minerals in drinking water distribution systems, a kinetic model was established to predict  
255 the time it takes to convert 90% of Pb(II)-containing surface layer of corrosion scales to  $\text{PbO}_{2(s)}$   
256 (Text S3). The data predict that it takes up 0.6-1.2 years to oxidize 90% of Pb(II) carbonate  
257 minerals in drinking water distribution systems with HOCl but only takes 0.1-0.2 years in the  
258 presence of trace levels of bromide (Figure 7). In contrast, oxidation is much slower in systems

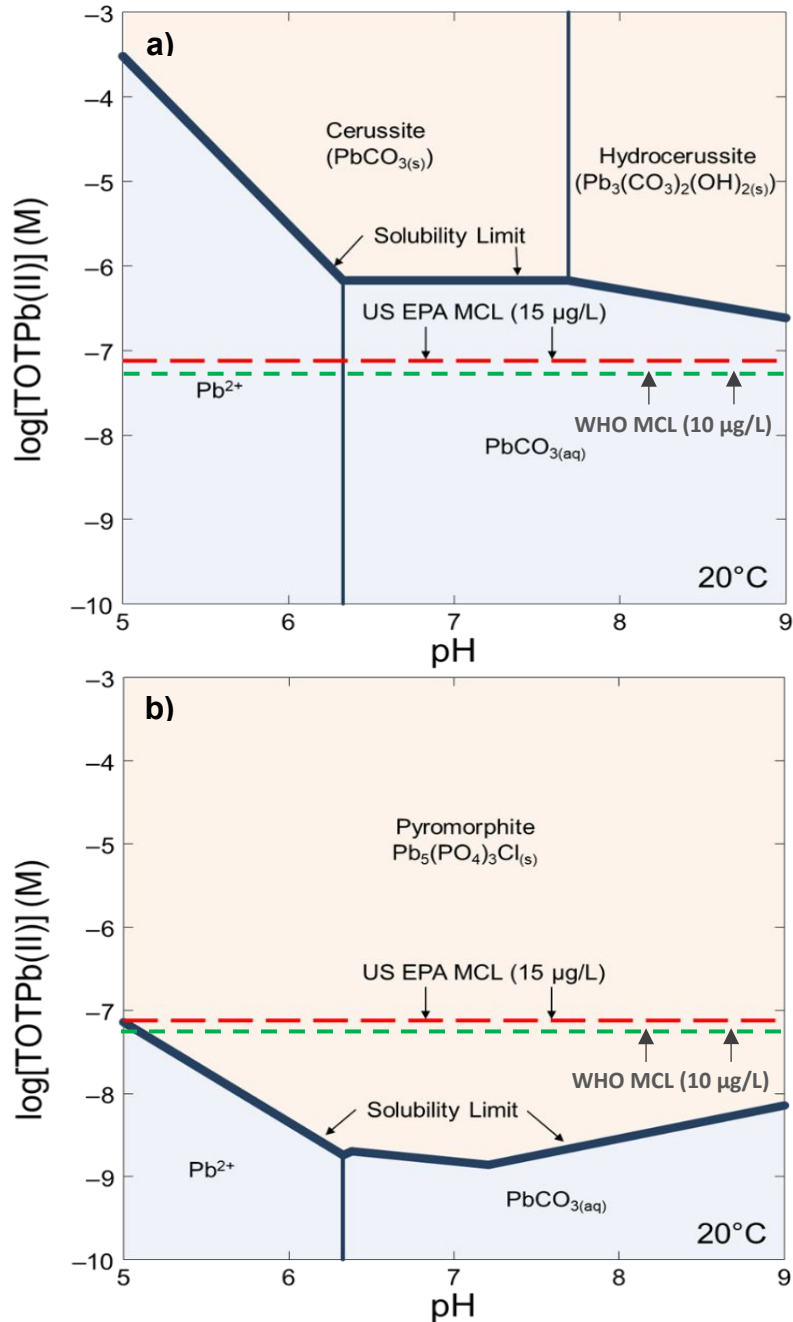
259 with phosphate, taking 50-55 years and approximately 1.6-1.8 years to oxidize 90% of Pb(II)  
260 phosphate minerals at very low (0.018 mg/L) and high (3.2 mg/L) bromide levels, respectively  
261 (Figure 7, Text S3). Oxidation of Pb(II) minerals to PbO<sub>2(s)</sub> is a desirable lead mitigation strategy  
262 considering the low solubility of PbO<sub>2(s)</sub>, although other factors such as the presence of natural  
263 organic matter may enhance colloidal mobilization of PbO<sub>2(s)</sub> particles leading to higher overall  
264 lead exposure.<sup>34, 62-63</sup> Further work is needed to investigate the effects of Pb(IV) formation and  
265 associated chemistry on the control of lead release.

### 266 **Conflicts of interest**

267 There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

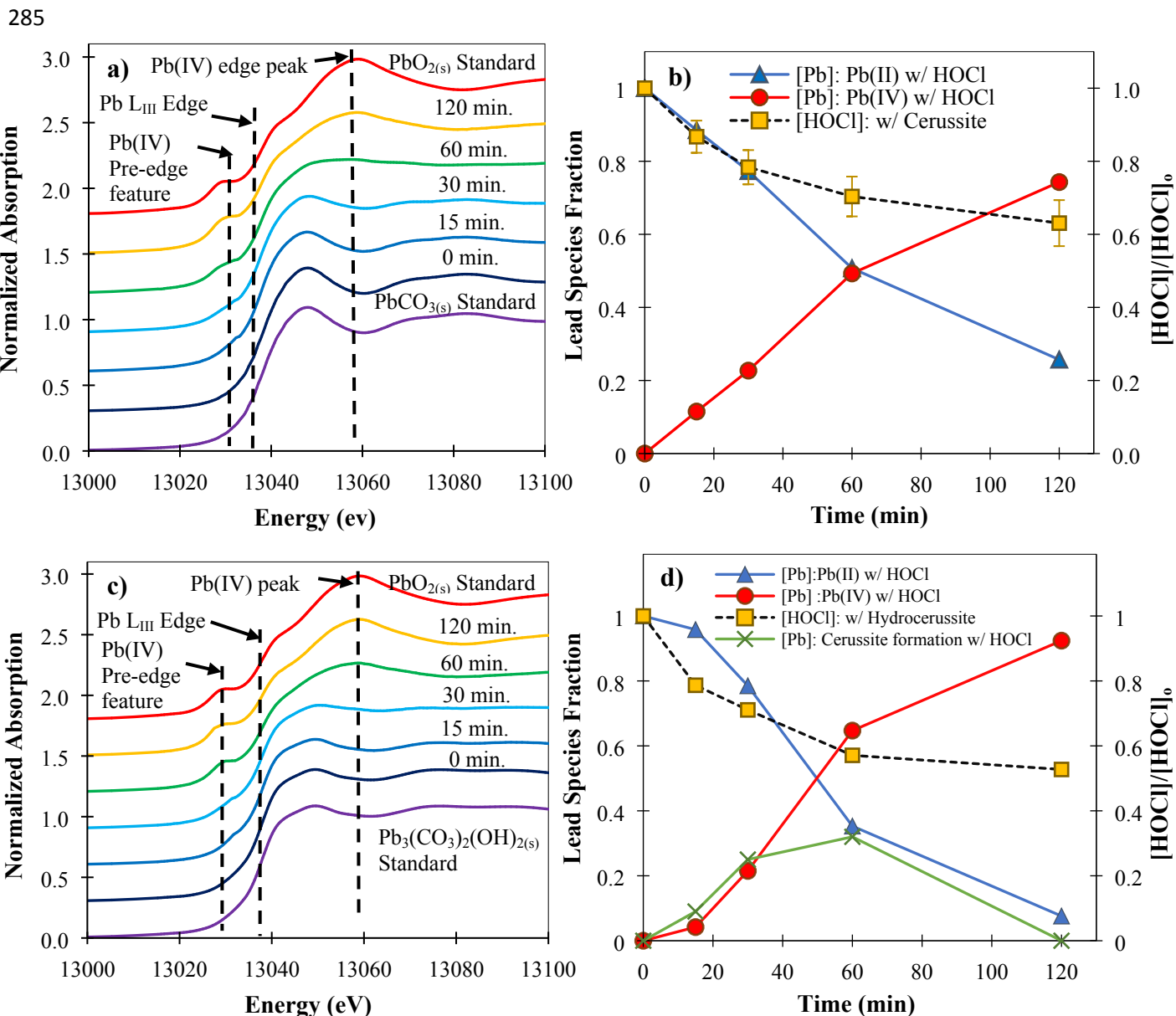
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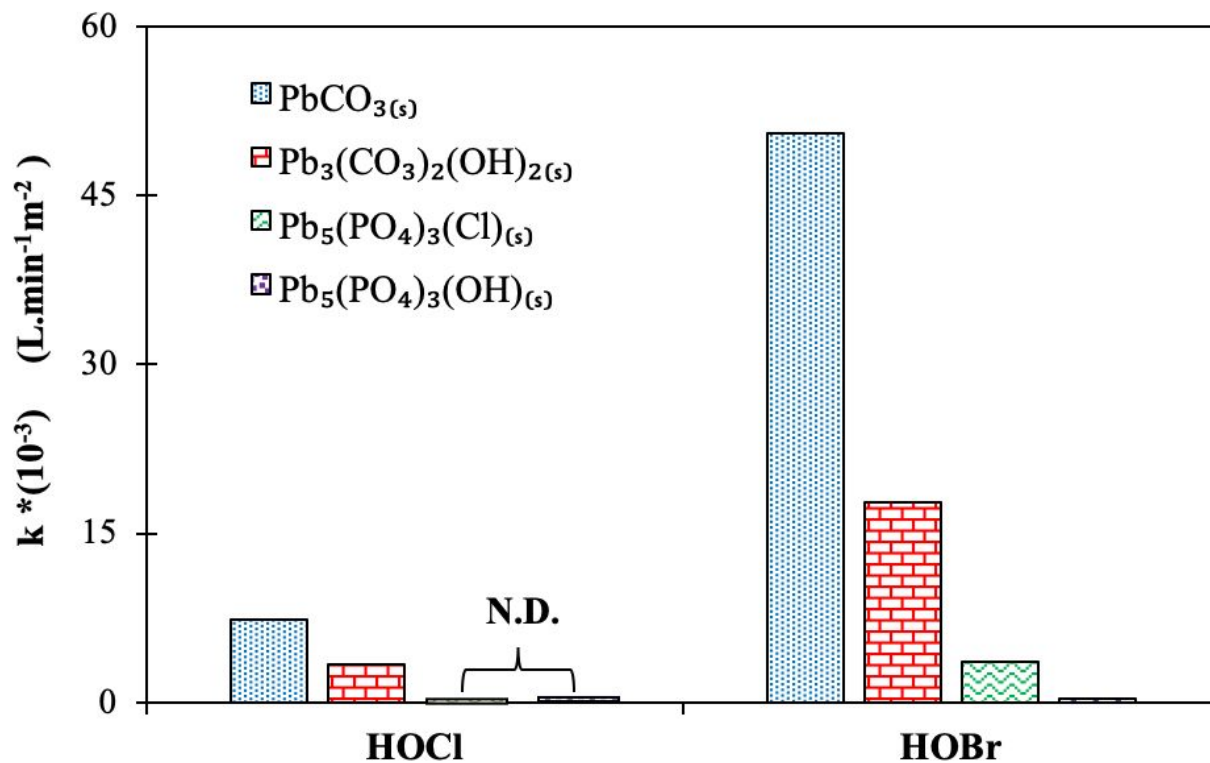
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 280 **Figure 1** Chemical equilibrium modeling of lead(II) minerals in corrosion scales of drinking  
 281 water systems utilizing different control strategies. Bolded line represents the total dissolved  
 282 Pb(II) concentration. Red dashed line represents the USEPA MCL for lead. T=20 °C, green  
 283 dashed line represents the WHO MCL for lead, ionic strength=0.01 M. **(a)**  $\text{TOTCO}_3=1 \text{ mM}$ ,  $[\text{Cl}^-]$   
 284  $=0.1 \text{ mM}$ ; **(b)**  $\text{TOTCO}_3=1 \text{ mM}$ ,  $[\text{Cl}^-]=0.1 \text{ mM}$ ,  $[\text{PO}_4^{3-}] = 0.5 \text{ mg/L as PO}_4$ .

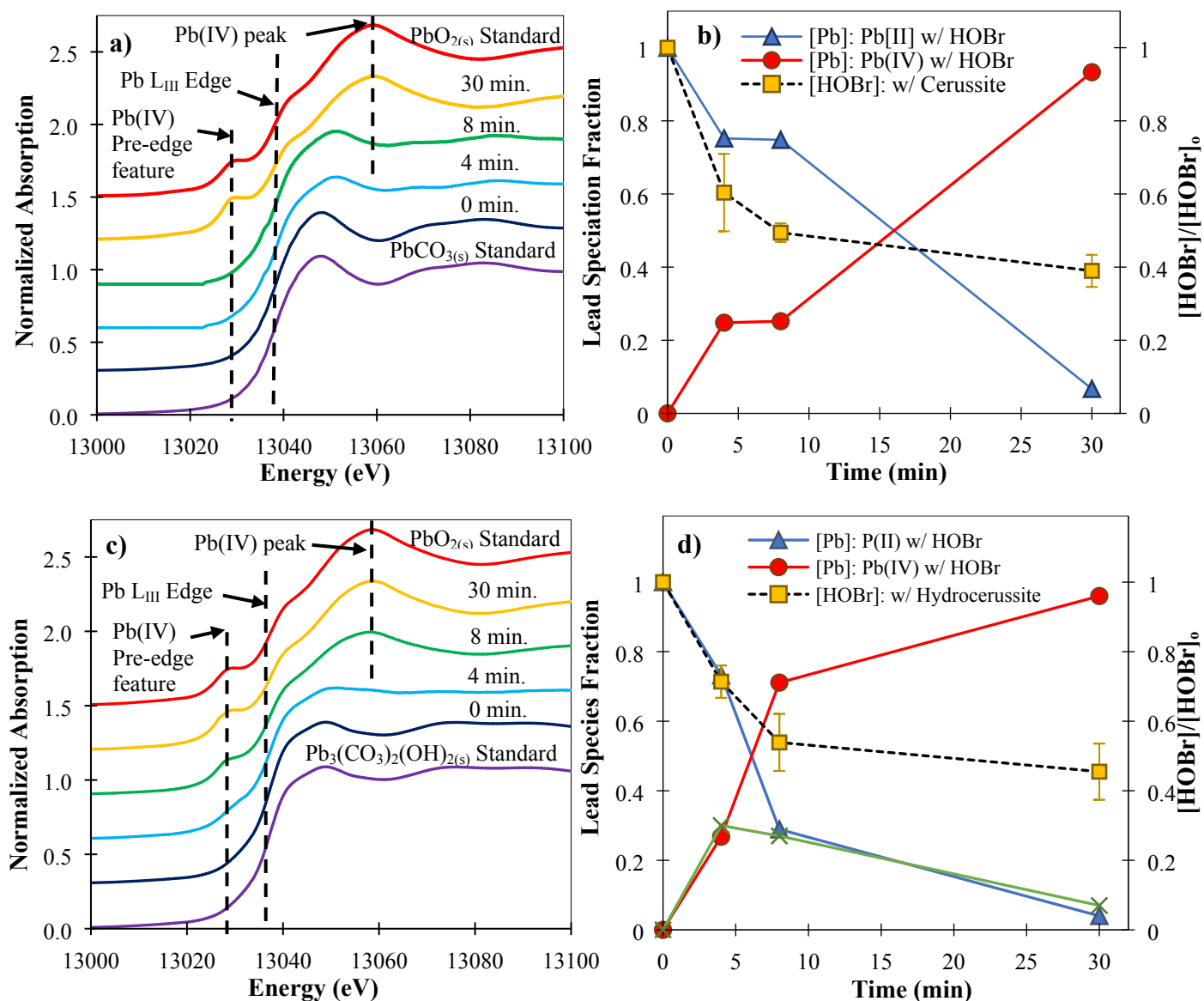




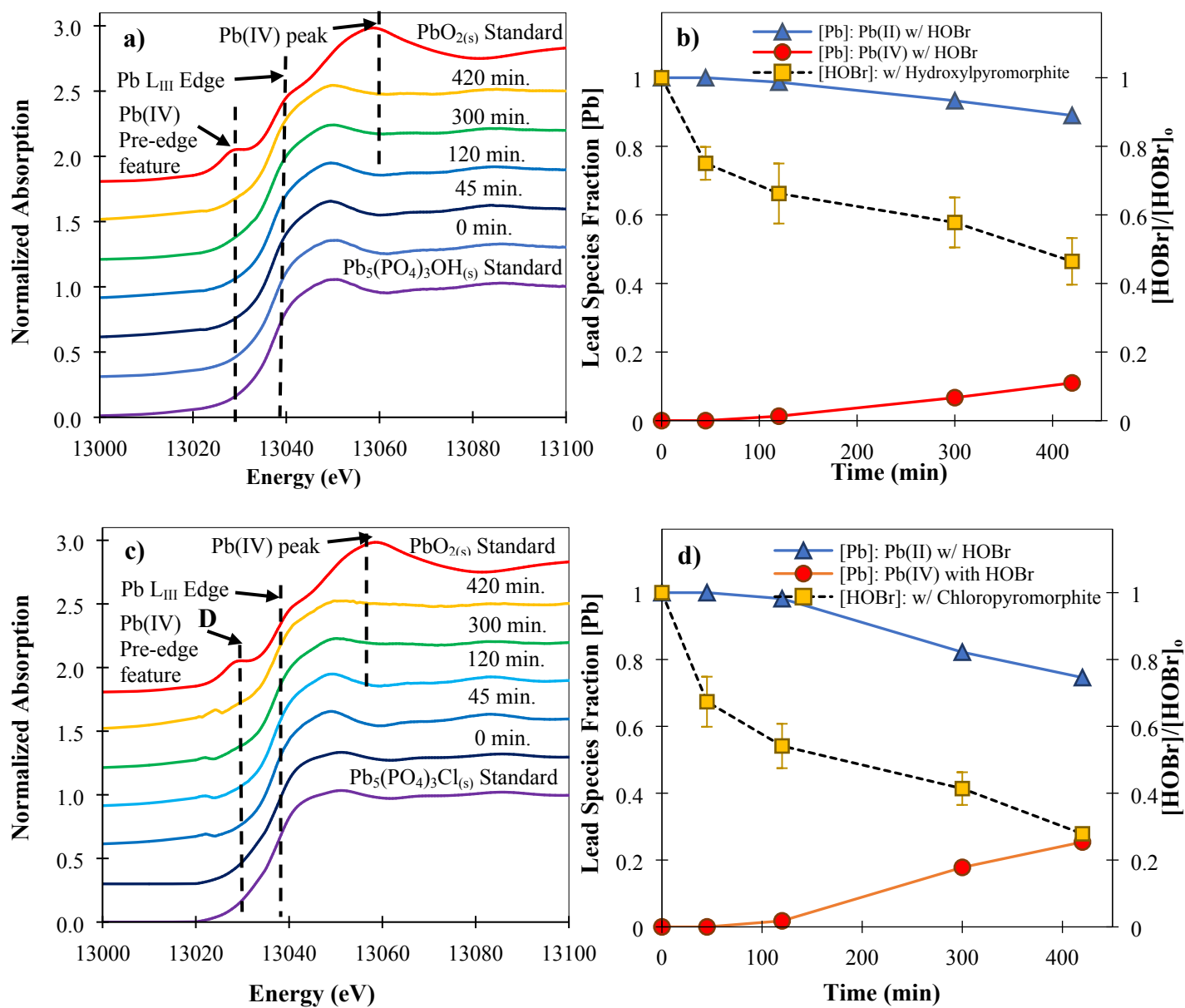


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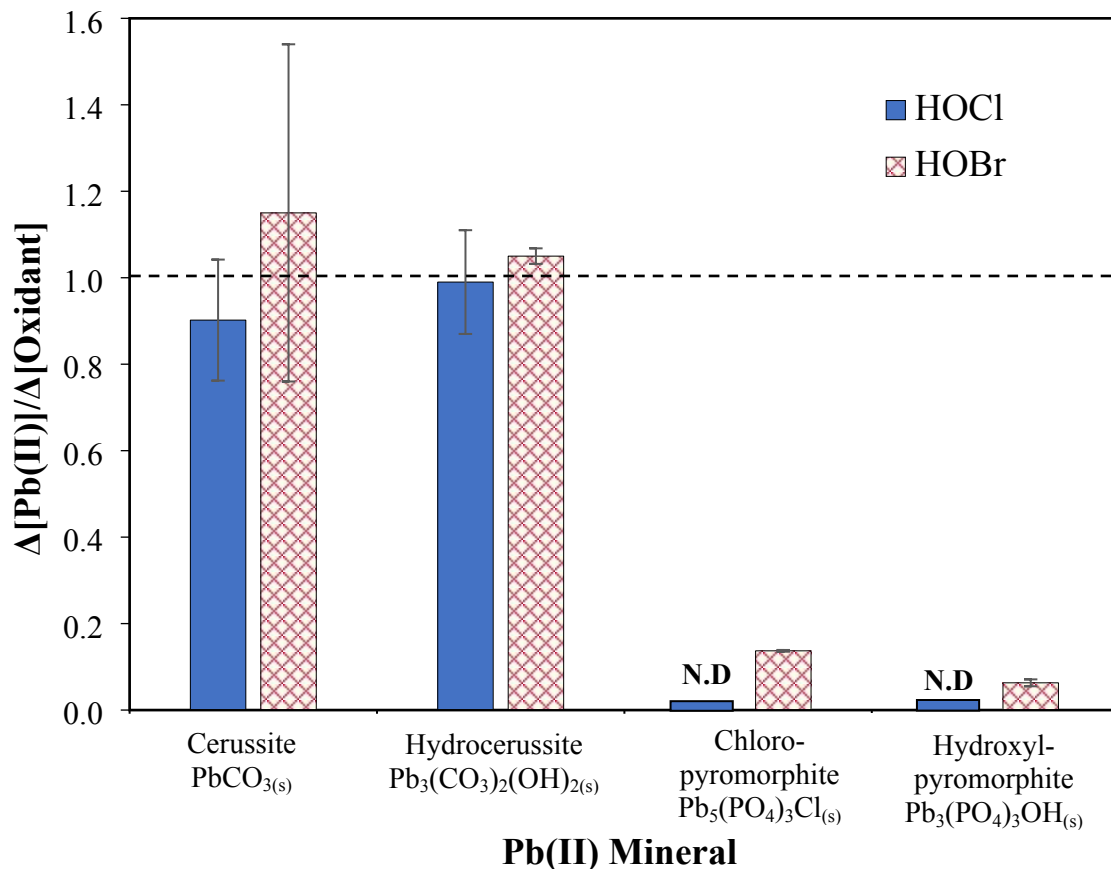
294 **Figure 3** Second-order rate constant  $k$  ( $L \cdot m^{-2} \cdot min^{-1}$ ) for oxidation of lead(II) minerals using  
 295 HOCl/HOBr. Reaction rate constants for Pb(II) phosphate minerals reaction with HOCl  
 296 (represented by blank bars) could not be determined. N.D = Not Detectable



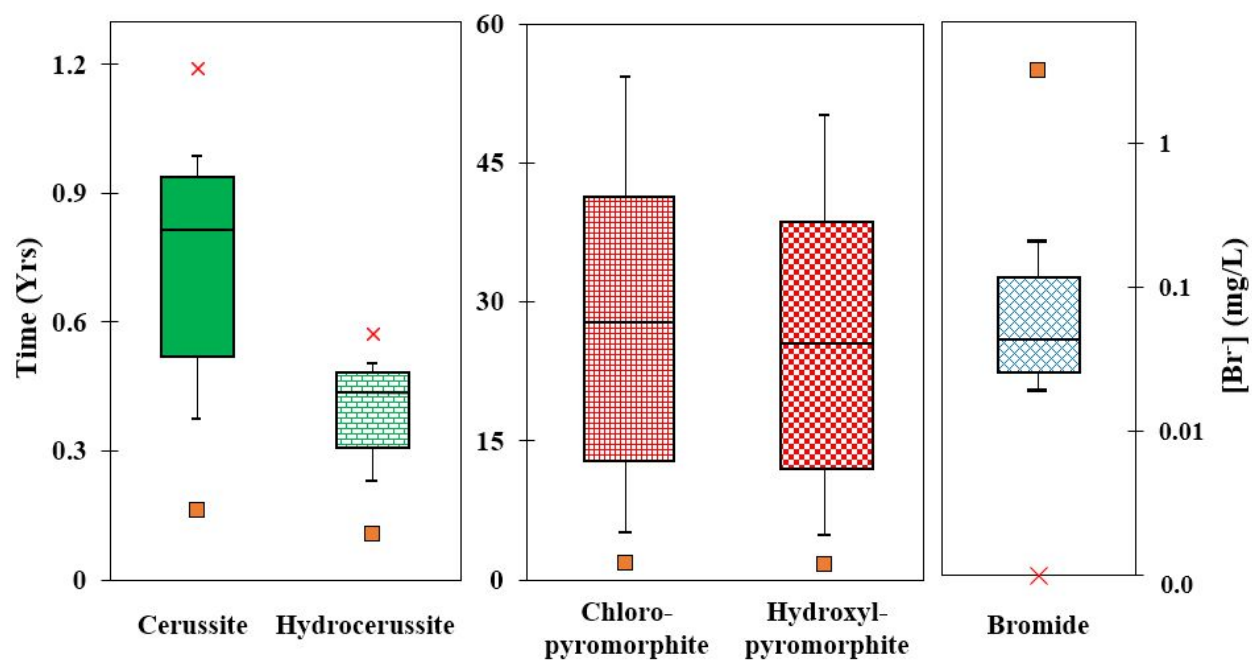
**Figure 4** Lead carbonates oxidation by HOBr.  $\text{TOTCO}_3 = 10 \text{ mM}$ ,  $[\text{HOBr}]_0 = 4.2 \text{ g as Cl}_2/\text{L}$  (59.2 mM), initial  $\text{Cl}_2:\text{Pb(II)}=3:1$ ,  $T=22^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{pH}=7$  (a) XANES of cerussite oxidation;  $[\text{PbCO}_{3(s)}]_0 = 5 \text{ g/L}$  (b) Lead speciation in cerussite oxidation (c) XANES hydrocerussite of oxidation;  $[\text{Pb}_3(\text{CO}_3)_2(\text{OH})_{2(s)}]_0 = 5.0 \text{ g/L}$  (d) Lead speciation in hydrocerussite oxidation. The black dashed lines in figures a and c represent the pre-edge feature characteristic of Pb(IV), Pb  $L_{III}$  edge and Pb(IV) peak, respectively.



**Figure 5:** Oxidation of lead(II) phosphate minerals by HOBr.  $TOTCO_3 = 10$  mM,  $[HOBr]_0 = 4.2$  g as  $Cl_2/L$ , initial  $Cl_2:Pb(II)=3:1$ ,  $T=22^\circ C$ ,  $pH=7$ . **(a)** XANES of hydroxylpyromorphite oxidation;  $[Pb_5(PO_4)_3OH_{(s)}]_0 = 5$  g/L **(b)** Lead speciation in hydroxylpyromorphite oxidation. **(c)** XANES of chloropyromorphite oxidation;  $[Pb_5(PO_4)_3Cl_{(s)}]_0 = 5$  g/L **(d)** Lead speciation in chloropyromorphite oxidation. The black dashed lines in figures a and c represent the pre-edge feature characteristic of Pb(IV), Pb L<sub>III</sub> edge and Pb(IV) peak, respectively.



**Figure 6** The molar Ratio between consumption of lead(II) mineral and oxidant ( $\Delta[\text{Pb(II)}]/\Delta[\text{Oxidant}]$ ) during reaction with HOCl and HOBr. The ratio for Pb(II) phosphate minerals during reaction with HOCl (represented by blank bars) could not be determined, as Pb(II) consumption was negligible. N.D = Not detectable (no Pb(II) oxidation was observed). Minor deviations from 1 for Pb-carbonate minerals were observed due to non-ideal behavior of the reaction.



**Figure 7** Time required to oxidize 90% of different Pb(II) minerals to Pb(IV) in drinking water distribution systems utilizing HOCl in the presence of varying bromide concentrations pH = 7, T = 22°C, [Oxidant]<sub>ss</sub> = 0.5 mg/L as Cl<sub>2</sub>. Cross and squares markers represent values predicted based on the minimum (0 mg/L) and maximum (3.2 mg/L) bromide concentration, respectively. Whiskers represent predictions based on the 5 percentile and 95 percentile distributions of bromide concentrations. Horizontal lines of the box plot represent predictions based on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quartile of bromide concentration distribution.

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