

Supplemental Information for:

**Protein-mineral interactions: molecular dynamics simulations capture importance of variations in mineral surface composition and structure**

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**1. Nonbonding parameters for Mn<sup>4+</sup> and Mn<sup>3+</sup> extension of ClayFF:**

Nonbonding interactions, electrostatics and van der Waals, for ClayFF are of the form:

$$E_{ij} = \frac{q_i q_j e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{ij}} + 4\epsilon_{ij} \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right] \quad [1]$$

where the first term describes the pair-wise Coulombic interaction with  $q_i$  is the charge on atom  $i$ ,  $e$  is the elementary charge of an electron, and  $\epsilon_0$  is the vacuum permittivity constant and the second term describes the van der Waals interaction with  $\epsilon_{ij}$  and  $\sigma_{ij}$  as the well depth and collision parameter, respectively, of the Lennard-Jones potential energy.

**Table S1: Nonbonding parameters for Mn<sup>4+</sup> and Mn<sup>3+</sup> (ref. 59) used with the “ob” O<sup>2-</sup> nonbonding parameters of CLAYFF.**

Species	Charge (e)	$\epsilon$ (kcal/mol)	$\sigma$ (Å)
Mn <sup>4+</sup>	2.100 <sup>a</sup>	19.9100	0.7751
	1.850 <sup>b</sup>		
	1.575 <sup>c</sup>		
Mn <sup>3+</sup>	1.850 <sup>b</sup>	9.0265×10 <sup>-6</sup>	4.0697

<sup>a</sup>Charge applies to pure MnO<sub>2</sub> phases. <sup>b</sup>Charge applies to MnO<sub>2</sub> birnessite phase. <sup>c</sup> Charge applies to  $\alpha$ -Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (bixbyite-type) phase.

For CLAYFF, AMBER, and the simple point-charge models (SPC, SPC/E), the van der Waals parameter mixing scheme was used to supply missing parameters where:

$$\sigma_{ij} = \frac{\sigma_{ii} + \sigma_{jj}}{2} \quad [2]$$

and

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \sqrt{\varepsilon_{ii}\varepsilon_{jj}} \quad [3]$$

## 2. Details of the Mineral Surface Sites

**Table S2: Surface number density for all mineral systems considered in this work and surface charge densities for charged surfaces.**

Sites	surface number density (nm <sup>-2</sup> )	surface charge density (C/m <sup>2</sup> )
birnessite(001) Mn <sup>3+</sup>	1.71	-2.74×10 <sup>-1</sup>
MMT(001) tetrahedral Al <sup>3+</sup>	4.03×10 <sup>-1</sup>	-6.46×10 <sup>-2*</sup>
MMT(001) Mg <sup>2+</sup>	4.03×10 <sup>-1</sup>	-6.46×10 <sup>-2*</sup>
kaolinite(001) surface H <sup>+</sup>	1.30×10 <sup>1</sup>	
goethite(100) Fe <sup>3+</sup>	7.21	
goethite(100) surface OH	7.21	

\*For MMT(001), the total surface charge density is -0.129 (C/m<sup>2</sup>).

## 3. Details of Analysis methods:

The electric dipole ( $\mu$ ) is defined as:

$$\mu = \sum_1^N q_i(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_{COM}) \quad [4]$$

Where  $q_i$  is the partial charge of atom  $i$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_i$  is the position of the Gb1 protein atom  $i$ , and  $\mathbf{r}_{COM}$  is the center of mass of the Gb1 protein. The orientation of the dipole is defined as the angle,  $\theta$ , between the protein dipole vector and the mineral surface normal.

Variation of the Gb1 protein structure from the initial Gb1 protein structure is measured using the root-mean-square-deviation (RMSD):

$$r_{RMSD}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_0) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_{i,0})^2} \quad [5]$$

Where  $\mathbf{r}$  is the current position of atom  $i$  and  $\mathbf{r}_{i,0}$  is the initial position of atom  $i$ .

To quantify the amount of stretching or compression the Gb1 protein molecule undergoes, the radius of gyration,  $r_G$ , was calculated:

$$r_G = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{r}_i - \langle \mathbf{r} \rangle)^2} \quad [6]$$

Where  $\langle \mathbf{r} \rangle$  is the mean position of all Gb1 protein atoms.

The eccentricity, a measure of the shape of the protein, is defined as:

$$E_e = 1 - \frac{I_{ave}}{I_{max}} \quad [7]$$

Where  $I_{max}$  is the maximum principal moment of inertia of the Gb1 protein,  $I_{ave}$  is the average of the three principal moments of inertia of the Gb1 protein.

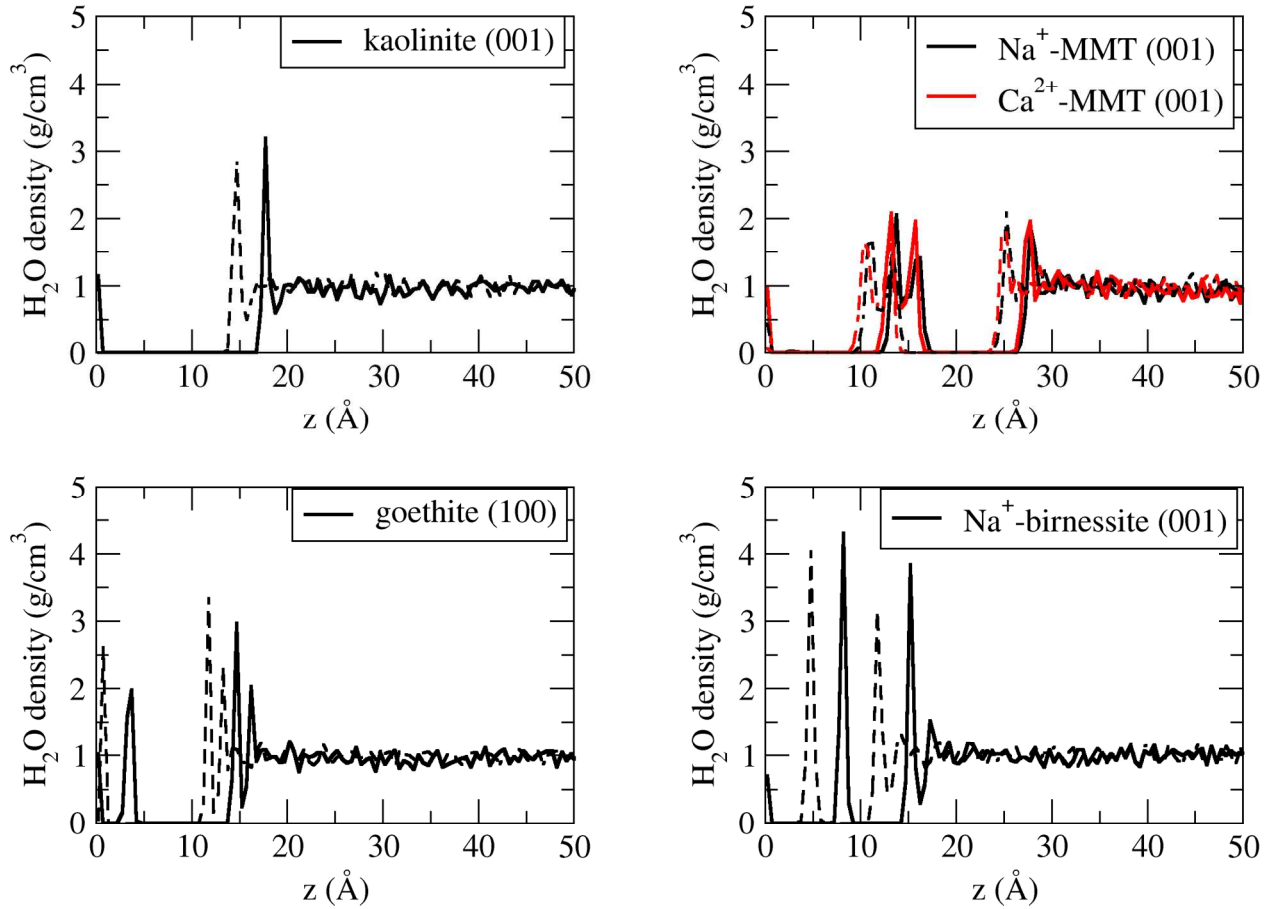
Tetrahedral order parameter, a measure of water molecules' order, is defined as:

$$q_{tet} = 1 - \frac{3}{8} \sum_{j=1}^3 \sum_{k=j+1}^4 \left( \cos \psi_{jk} + \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 \quad [8]$$

Where  $\psi_{jk}$  is the angle between bond vectors,  $\mathbf{r}_{ij}$  and  $\mathbf{r}_{ik}$ .  $j$  and  $k$  are the four nearest neighbor atoms of the central  $i$ th water molecule oxygen atom.

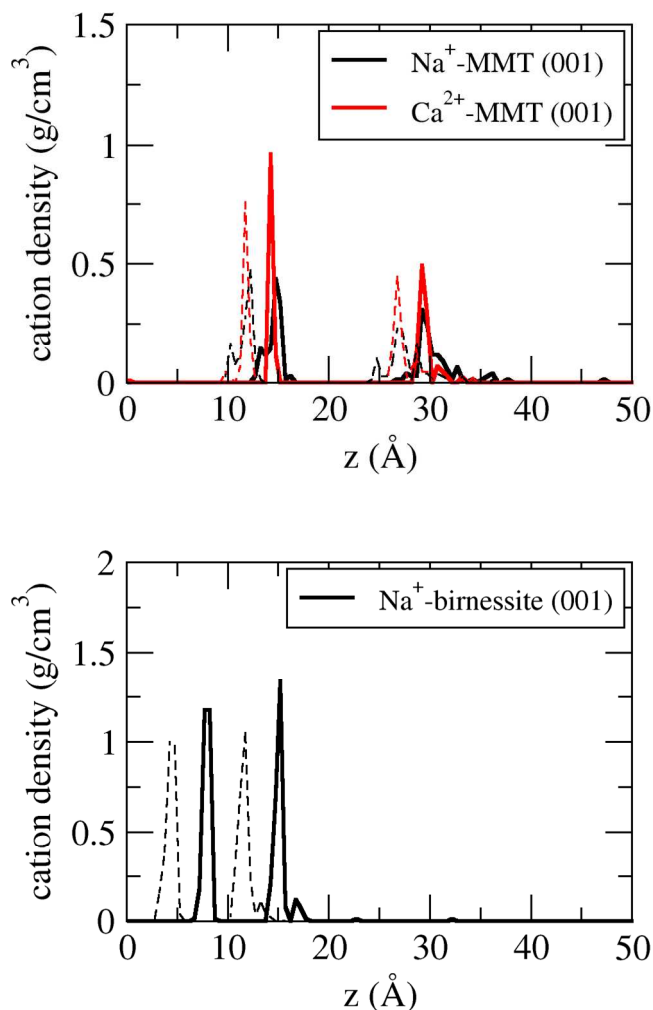
#### 4. Density Profiles:

The following density profiles compare the water-mineral surface systems with and without the presence of the GB1 at the mineral surface.



**Figure S1: Water molecule density profiles along the z-axis for kaolinite(001) (top-left), Na<sup>+</sup>/Ca<sup>2+</sup>-MMT (001) (top-right), goethite(100) (bottom-left), and Na<sup>+</sup>-birnessite(001) (bottom-right). The**

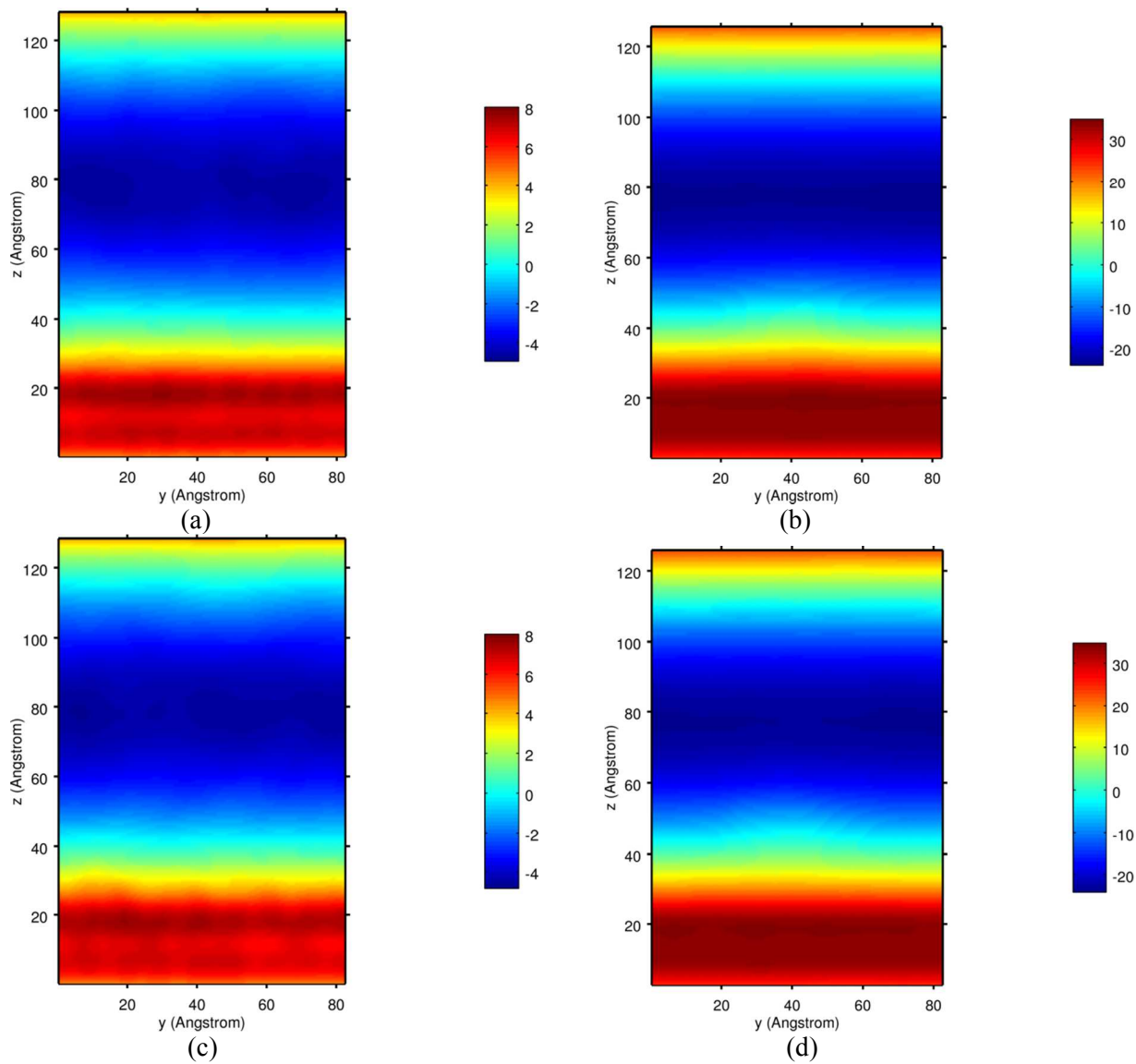
solid lines indicate the presence of Gb1; the dashed lines indicate that no Gb1 was present (i.e., water-mineral system only). Dashed line offset by  $\sim 3$  Å to show differences in Gb1-water-mineral and water-mineral-only water density profile peaks.

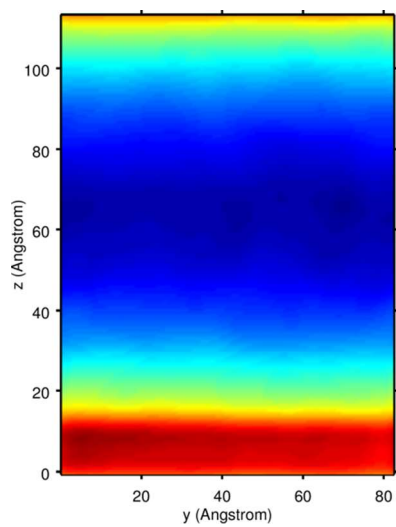


**Figure S2: Counterion molecule density profiles along the z-axis for Na<sup>+</sup>/Ca<sup>2+</sup>-MMT (001) (top), and Na<sup>+</sup>-birnessite(001) (bottom). The solid lines indicate the presence of Gb1; the dashed lines indicate that no Gb1 was present (i.e., water-mineral system only). Dashed line offset by  $\sim 3$  Å to show differences in Gb1-water-mineral and water-mineral-only counterion density profile peaks.**

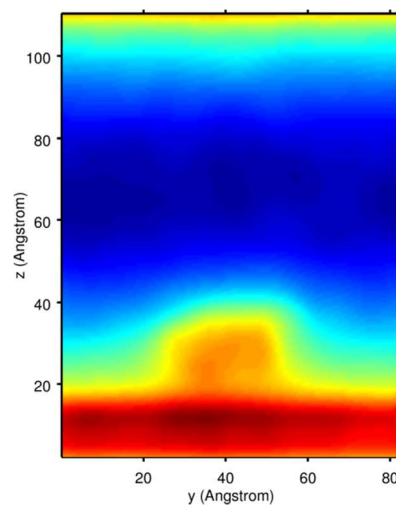
## 5. Electrostatic Potential Profiles:

Calculations were performed with PMEPot module of the VMD software package.<sup>1</sup> Postprocessing of the OpenDX grid data generated by VMD's PMEPot module was performed with the GNU Octave software package.

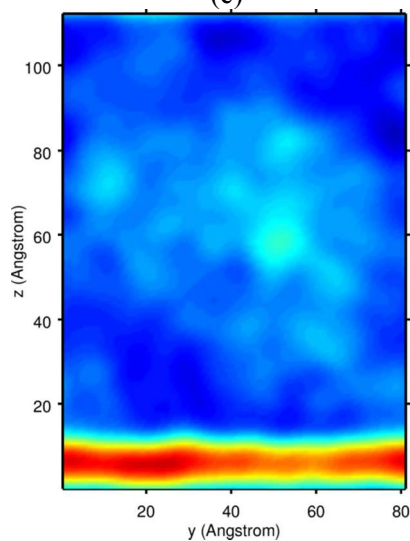




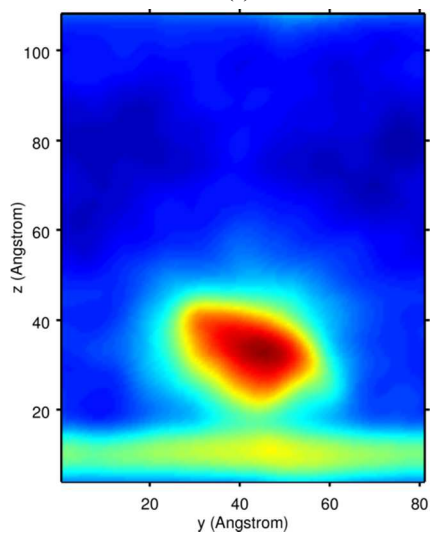
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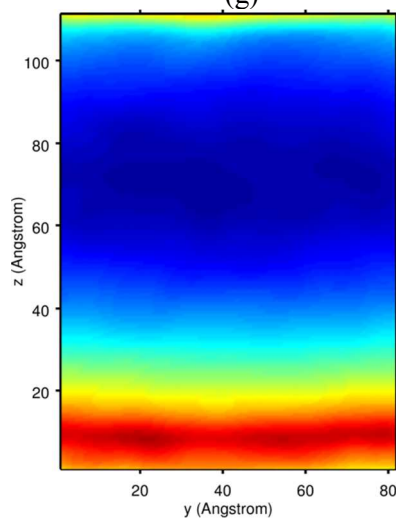
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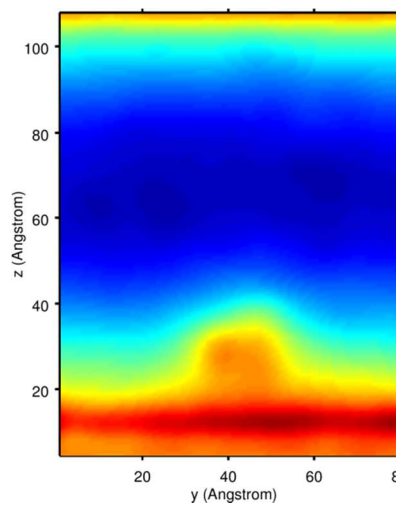
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**Figure S3:** Electrostatic potential profile slices for hydrated (a) Na<sup>+</sup>-MMT(001) only, (b) Gb1-Na<sup>+</sup>-MMT(001), (c) Ca<sup>2+</sup>-MMT(001) only, (d) Gb1-Ca<sup>2+</sup>-MMT(001), (e) kaolinite(001) only, (f) Gb1-kaolinite(001), (g) goethite(100) only, (h) Gb1-goethite(100), (i) Na<sup>+</sup>-birnessite(001), and (j) Gb1-Na<sup>+</sup>-birnessite(001). Color scheme is in volts.

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