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Complete substitution of Fe²⁺ by Mg in Fe₄O₅: the crystal structure of the Mg₂Fe₂O₅ end-member

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ABSTRACT

The crystal structure of a novel Mg₂Fe₂O₅ oxide synthesized at 15 GPa and 1550 °C has been determined by means of single-crystal X-ray diffraction. This compound is isostructural with Fe₄O₅ and can be considered as the other end-member of a solid solution between these two oxides involving the substitution of Fe²⁺ for Mg. The resulting unit-cell lattice parameters $a = 2.8889(4)$ Å, $b = 9.7282(4)$ Å and $c = 12.5523(7)$ Å are smaller than those of Fe₄O₅. Mg and Fe³⁺ cations are found to be disordered among the three crystallographic sites of the Mg₂Fe₂O₅ structure, although preference of Mg for the trigonal prism coordination (M3) is observed. Substitution of Mg into the Fe₄O₅ structure reduces the octahedral distortion of both the M1 and M2 sites. Like Mg, Cr has recently been found to substitute into Fe₄O₅, so that Fe³⁺/ΣFe can vary from 0 to 1.0 in the Mg-Cr-Fe oxides system. Substitution of both Mg and Cr in Fe₄O₅ also makes this phase more relevant for bulk compositions expected in the Earth's transition zone and deep upper mantle. M₄O₅ phases having the CaFe₃O₅-type structure need therefore to be considered as a new addition to the phase relations of a number of simple oxide systems at pressure and temperature conditions at which the spinel-structured phases become unstable.

Key-words: Mg₂Fe₂O₅, Fe₄O₅, transition zone, high-pressure, crystal structure

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INTRODUCTION

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Fe_4O_5 is a novel oxide recently observed as a breakdown product of siderite (Lavina et al. 2011) or magnetite (Woodland et al. 2012). The stability field of Fe_4O_5 has been studied experimentally and it is known to extend to pressures of at least 24 GPa. The relevance of this phase for the Earth's mantle was described by Woodland et al. (2013), who demonstrated that Mg and Cr may substitute for Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} , respectively. The structure of the Fe_4O_5 end-member has been determined mainly by powder diffraction and DFT calculations (Lavina et al. 2011; Trots et al. 2012; Guignard and Crichton 2014), given that the number of observed structure factors from the single crystal experiment reported in Lavina et al. (2011) was extremely small (20 independent reflections). The data collected so far are consistent with a *Cmcm* space group and a structure similar to that of $\text{Sr}_2\text{Tl}_2\text{O}_5$ and CaFe_3O_5 , consisting of layers of edge-sharing FeO_6 octahedra and layers of trigonal prisms alternating along the *c*-axis. Some discrepancies are apparent in the size and distortion of the FeO_6 octahedra among the room-pressure determinations, most likely due to the difficulty in accurately determining the oxygen positions from X-ray powder diffraction patterns (Trots et al. 2012, Guignard and Crichton 2014). In spite of these distortions the CaFe_3O_5 -type structure appears more flexible than might be expected from the edge- or face-sharing nature of its polyhedral units as it can accommodate a large variety of cations.

It has been observed that not only magnetite, but also chromite (FeCr_2O_4) dissociates into $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_5$ and Cr_2O_3 at high pressure (Ishii et al. 2014). However, Ishii et al. (2014) report that $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_5$ is isostructural with $\text{Mg}_2\text{Al}_2\text{O}_5$ (Enomoto et al. 2009), having space group *Pbam*. This is quite puzzling given that samples belonging to the Fe-Cr solid solution with up to 50% $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_5$ component (Woodland et al. 2013) appear instead to crystallise in the *Cmcm* space group. The major difference between the *Cmcm* Fe_4O_5 and the *Pbam* $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_5$ structures lies in the stacking of the octahedral units that form long chains surrounding the trigonal prisms in the

53 latter compound. Note, however, that also the $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_5$ structure was solved using X-ray powder
54 diffraction patterns (Ishii et al. 2014).

55 Like Cr, Mg can substitute into the Fe_4O_5 structure (Woodland et al. 2013). However,
56 whether complete Mg substitution in Fe_4O_5 is possible and whether such a substitution gives rise
57 to a change in symmetry is still unknown.

58 Here, we report the synthesis and crystal structure of $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$, based upon X-ray single-
59 crystal diffraction. Single-crystal structural data allowed not only to determine accurately the
60 space group of this material as well as the oxygen positions and the displacement parameters of
61 all atoms present in the structure, but also to provide important constraints on the cation
62 occupancies of the distinct crystallographic sites in this phase.

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EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

66 **Starting material**

67 The starting material was a stoichiometric mixture of MgO and pre-synthesized MgFe_2O_4 .
68 The MgFe_2O_4 was synthesized following a procedure modified from that outlined in Levy et al.
69 (2004) using sintered MgO and Fe_2O_3 . A stoichiometric mixture of MgO and Fe_2O_3 was pressed
70 into pellets and held at 1000 °C for 40 hours in a muffle furnace (at 1 atm). The pellets were then
71 reground and repressed into pellets and sintered at 1000 °C for a further 24 hr. In a final step, the
72 furnace temperature was lowered progressively to 950 °C and held for 24 hours, followed by
73 further sintering at 900 °C for another 24 hours. The sample was then removed from the furnace
74 and allowed to cool to room temperature. The resulting material was a fine light red brown
75 powder. Analysis by X-ray powder diffraction using a Philips X'Pert PRO diffractometer with
76 monochromatic $\text{Co K}\alpha_1$ radiation and an internal Si standard revealed only a small trace of
77 hematite along with magnesioferrite having a unit-cell parameter of $a = 8.3875(1)$ Å. This value

78 is consistent with stoichiometric magnesioferrite with a degree of inversion $x = 0.84$ (O'Neill et
79 al. 1992).

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81 **Sample synthesis and characterization**

82 The synthesis of $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ was carried out at 15 GPa and ~ 1550 °C in a 1000-t multi-anvil press
83 at the Bayerisches Geoinstitut, Universität Bayreuth, Germany. The pressure calibration of the
84 multi-anvil apparatus was reported by Keppler and Frost (2005). The experiment was performed
85 using a Cr_2O_3 -doped MgO pressure assembly with a 10-mm edge length and WC cubes with 5
86 mm truncations. The starting material was packed into a Pt-foil capsule along with a small
87 amount of PtO_2 at the bottom and the top to avoid reduction during the experiment. The high
88 oxygen fugacity produced by PtO_2 in the experiment means that Fe loss to the Pt capsule is
89 negligible. Heating was achieved with a LaCrO_3 furnace and the temperature was monitored by a
90 $\text{W}_3/\text{Re}_{97} - \text{W}_{25}/\text{Re}_{75}$ thermocouple with the electromotive force (emf) uncorrected for pressure.
91 The heating duration at high-pressure was 2.75 hours. The run product (experiment H3975)
92 consisted of large crystals of prismatic shape and dark colour. The composition of these crystals
93 was analyzed on a five-spectrometer JEOL JXA-8900 superprobe at the Institut für
94 Geowissenschaften in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Pure oxides MgO and Fe_2O_3 were used as
95 primary standards and a ZAF algorithm was used for matrix correction. Measurements were
96 performed on a polished grains mount in wavelength-dispersive mode with 15 kV accelerating
97 voltage, a beam current of 20 nA and a focused beam. Integration times were 40 s on the peak
98 and background. Microprobe analysis yielded a composition of 33.49(17) wt% MgO and
99 67.10(1.05) wt% Fe_2O_3 (average of 5 points), corresponding to a stoichiometry of
100 $\text{Mg}_{1.99(2)}\text{Fe}_{2.01(2)}\text{O}_5$. Thus, within analytical uncertainties, our sample has an ideal $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$
101 composition.

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103 **X-ray single-crystal diffraction**

104 The single crystal ($\sim 75 \times 60 \times 35 \mu\text{m}^3$) used for the intensity collection by means of X-ray
105 diffraction was selected on the basis of its relatively sharp diffraction profiles. Typical half-
106 widths of different reflections were between 0.095 and 0.130° in ω . Intensity data were collected
107 from the single crystal mounted on a glass fiber at ambient conditions using an Xcalibur
108 diffractometer with $\text{MoK}\alpha$ radiation operated at 50 kV and 40 mA, equipped with a CCD
109 detector and a graphite monochromator. *Omega* scans were chosen to obtain a large redundancy
110 of the reciprocal sphere up to $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 72^\circ$. The exposure time was 20 s/frame. Lorentz and
111 polarization factors as well as an analytical absorption correction based on the crystal shape were
112 taken into account for the correction of the reflection intensities using the CrysAlis package
113 (Oxford Diffraction 2006). No indication of twins was observed in the measured reflections. The
114 observed reflections conditions were consistent with the *Cmcm* space group; therefore, structure
115 refinements based on F^2 were performed using the starting parameters of Fe_4O_5 from Trots et al.
116 (2012) and the SHELX97 program package (Sheldrick 2008) in the WinGX System (Farrugia
117 1999). The scattering curves for neutral species (Ibers and Hamilton 1974) were used for Mg, Fe
118 and O, and all atoms were refined anisotropically. Mg and Fe occupancies were refined at each
119 site with the sum of their occupancy factors constrained to unit. Data collection and refinement
120 details are reported in Table 1 whereas fractional atomic coordinates, displacement parameters,
121 and polyhedral bond lengths are given in Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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126 The refined crystal structure of $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ indicates that this compound is isostructural with
127 CaFe_3O_5 (Evrard et al. 1980) with layers of edge-sharing octahedra (M1 and M2 sites) alternating
128 with layers of triangular prisms along the *c*-axis (M3 site) (Fig.1). Refinement of the Mg and Fe
129 occupancies at the M1, M2 and M3 sites for the crystal investigated in this study reveals a

130 chemical composition, within analytical uncertainties, of $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$. This is in excellent
131 agreement with microprobe analysis of grains from the same run product (H3975) from which the
132 crystal was extracted. Thus, our sample represents the Mg end-member of Fe_4O_5 and suggests
133 that there is complete solid solution involving cation substitution of Fe^{2+} and Mg^{2+} as proposed
134 by Woodland et al. (2013). No change in symmetry is apparent across the join, in contrast to
135 what seems to occur in the Fe-Cr system (Ishii et al. 2014; Woodland et al. 2013).

136 In Fe_4O_5 , all structural sites are occupied by Fe. Although an accurate determination of the
137 site distributions of Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} among the different structural sites of this compound remains
138 undetermined, as a first approximation one could expect Fe^{2+} to occupy the M1 and Fe^{3+} the M2
139 site of the structure as described by Evrard et al. (1980) for CaFe_3O_5 (in the case of Fe_4O_5 , Fe^{2+}
140 occupies also the triangular prism, M3). However, such a description of the cation distribution in
141 Fe_4O_5 is likely too simple, given that even for CaFe_3O_5 thermally-activated electron transfer has
142 been observed already at room temperature (Gerardin et al. 1985). Since the M1-M2 distance
143 between the Fe cations in Fe_4O_5 ranges between 2.945 and 2.991 Å (Trots et al. 2012; Guignard
144 and Crichton 2014), i.e. is even smaller than that reported for CaFe_3O_5 , electron transfer can also
145 be expected for Fe_4O_5 . This charge transfer can give rise to a complex and dynamic site
146 distribution of Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} on a local scale. A complex cation distribution is also observed in
147 $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ with Mg substituting at all sites (Table 2), although there is a slight preference for this
148 cation to occupy the M3 and M2 sites. In particular, the M3 site is almost fully occupied by Mg
149 (85 %), causing a consequent reduction in the *a*-parameter, which in this particular structure is
150 equal to the height of the triangular prism expressed as O3-O3 (or O1-O1) distances (Fig. 1b)
151 (Evrard et al. 1980). This particular distance correlates non-linearly with the size of the cation
152 occupying the M3 site (Fig. 2), suggesting that for smaller cations such as Fe^{2+} and Mg, oxygen-
153 to-oxygen repulsion starts to play a role in determining how close the anions can approach each
154 other. The fact that no significant correlation between the *a*-parameter and Mg content (Fig. 3) is
155 observed for small amounts of Mg substitution in Fe_4O_5 (Woodland et al. 2013) supports a

156 random distribution of Mg and Fe^{2+} among all sites in such compositions. Clearly changes in the
157 O3-O3 distance can be observed at the long range scale of the X-ray measurements only once a
158 significant amount of Mg is present at the M3 site, resulting in shorter M3-O bond distances. This
159 can occur only for Mg-rich samples, given the random distribution of Mg/ Fe^{2+} among the
160 structural sites. Unfortunately, it is impossible at present to assess the value of the critical
161 occupancy of Mg at the M3 site for which a decrease of the a -parameter can be observed, since
162 the site distributions in the samples of Woodland et al. (2013) are not known. It is clear, however,
163 that the degree of Mg/ Fe^{2+} disorder must be quite large even in samples containing up to 0.5 Mg
164 atoms per formula unit (a.p.f.u.), as no significant change in the a -parameter with respect to the
165 value for the Fe_4O_5 end-member is observed (Fig. 3).

166 The Mg-poor samples described by Woodland et al. (2013) were all synthesized at much
167 lower temperature (1100 °C) than that used for the synthesis of $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ in this study (~1550
168 °C). Considering that higher temperatures usually favor higher degrees of cation disorder (as
169 observed in various spinels, e.g. O'Neill and Navrotsky, 1983), the preference of Mg for the M3
170 site observed in $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ must be of a crystal-chemical nature rather than being only due to
171 thermal effects or to quenching of the synthesis experiments.

172 The major effect of Mg substitution is to reduce the octahedral distortion of both the M1 and
173 M2 sites (Table 3) with respect to the Fe_4O_5 end-member, as shown by the major decrease in
174 octahedral angle variance (OAV) (Robinson et al. 1971). This effect is particularly apparent for
175 the M1 site, which is half occupied by Mg. The individual bond distances become much more
176 similar, giving rise to a less flattened octahedron compared to Fe_4O_5 (Table 3). Moreover, the
177 major decrease of the M1-O2 bond distance in $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ with respect to the Fe end-member may
178 have a primary role in the shortening of the unit cell b axis (Woodland et al. 2013). The M2 site is
179 better described as rectangular pyramid (Evrard et al. 1980) since one of the bond lengths (M2-
180 O2) of the octahedral coordination is much longer than the other five. In spite of the smaller
181 degree of Mg substitution in this site (less than 30 %, Table 2), a major decrease of the M2-O2

182 bond length can be observed and, therefore, the M2 coordination in the $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ end-member
183 becomes more octahedron-like.

184 Compression of any material, especially at mantle pressures is unlikely to occur without
185 octahedral deformation. However, we can still expect that tilting between octahedra will have a
186 much lower energy and should, therefore, play a major role as compression mechanism at least at
187 relatively low pressures. In the $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5 - \text{Fe}_4\text{O}_5$ system the only tilting mechanism possible is
188 represented by the M2-O1-M2 angle (Table 3, Fig. 1a) whose value indeed appears to decrease
189 both with Mg substitution and with pressure (Table 3). The question arises of whether this angle
190 also may play a role on determining the stability field of this compound, since the O3-O3
191 distance of neighboring M2 octahedra in $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ (2.660(2) Å) is already shorter than the O-O
192 distances defining the coordination of the M1 and M2 sites (Table 3). Thus, anion-anion
193 repulsions may hinder the tilting at high pressures resulting either in a compression mechanism
194 based exclusively on octahedral distortion and/or a phase transformation.

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IMPLICATIONS

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198 We have demonstrated that a Mg-bearing end-member, $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$, isostructural with Fe_4O_5 , is
199 stable at high pressure and temperature. This, along with the data of Woodland et al. (2013),
200 provides further evidence that complete Fe^{2+} -Mg solid solution is likely between Fe_4O_5 and
201 $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$. The experimental determination of the detailed phase relations involving $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ is
202 currently under study (Uenver-Thiele et al. 2014). It is important to note that not only does Fe_4O_5
203 form from the breakdown of magnetite at a pressure of ~10 GPa (Woodland et al. 2012), but
204 MgFe_2O_4 also breaks down in an analogous fashion to the assemblage $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5 + \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ under
205 similar pressure-temperature conditions (Uenver-Thiele, unpub. data).

206 Recent studies by Woodland et al. (2013) and Ishii et al. (2014) indicate that Cr can also
207 substitute for Fe^{3+} in Fe_4O_5 and that a phase with $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_5$ stoichiometry is stable at least at

208 pressures of 12-16 GPa and 800-1600 °C. However, the substitution of Cr appears different in
209 detail with respect to the Mg substitution, given that $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_5$ crystallizes with a different space
210 group. Although the $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_5$ structural analysis still needs to be confirmed by single crystal X-
211 ray data, a possible explanation of such difference may reside in the different Jahn-Teller
212 distortions in the two compounds, since in $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_5$ only Cr^{3+} is present while in $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ the
213 transition cation is exclusively Fe^{3+} . Transformation from the *Cmcm* to the *Pbam* phase, however,
214 appears to occur only at very high Cr compositions, given that samples containing up to 0.92
215 atoms per formula unit of Cr appear to have still the Fe_4O_5 structure (Woodland et al. 2013).

216 Potential substitution of both Mg and Cr in Fe_4O_5 not only makes this phase more relevant for
217 bulk compositions expected in the Earth's transition zone, it also means that through cation
218 substitution the $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}$ ratio can be varied from 0 to 1.0. This in turn suggests that the Fe_4O_5
219 phase should be stable over a wide range of oxygen fugacities, making it more likely to be
220 present in the deepest part of the upper mantle and transition zone.

221 A variety of M_4O_5 phases with the CaFe_3O_5 -type structure can be considered as essentially
222 new additions to the phase relations of a number of simple oxide systems at the high-pressure and
223 temperature conditions at which the spinel-structured phase in the same systems becomes
224 unstable. It is to be expected that these phases can also form complex solid solutions analogous to
225 those observed for spinels. Furthermore, our results indicate that, like spinel (e.g. O'Neill and
226 Navrotsky 1983), cation order-disorder phenomena may help to stabilize the M_4O_5 phase,
227 particularly at higher temperatures.

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286 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

287 **FIGURE 1.** Crystal structure of $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ projected (a) down the a axis; and (b) down the c axis.

288 **FIGURE 2.** Correlation between the a -parameter (i.e. height of the triangular prism M3) and the
289 size of the cation occupying the M3 site in the CaFe_3O_5 -type structures; Ca in CaFe_3O_5 , Fe^{2+} in
290 Fe_4O_5 and Mg in $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$. Note that for $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ the cation size has been calculated taking
291 into account the site occupancy derived from the structural refinements (Table 2). The values of
292 the a -parameter are taken from Trots et al. (2012) for Fe_4O_5 and from Evrard et al. (1980) for
293 CaFe_3O_5 .

294 **FIGURE 3.** Variation of the a lattice parameter as a function of Mg content in $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ and
295 $(\text{Mg,Fe})_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ solid solution reported by Woodland et al. (2013).

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297 **TABLE 1.** Unit-cell lattice parameters and structural refinements details for $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$. Standard
 298 deviations are in parentheses.

Max. 2θ	72.53°	Crystal size	
Measured reflections	3720	Absorption coefficient	8.47 mm ⁻¹
Unique reflections	493	Space group	<i>Cmcm</i>
$F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$	472	Z	4
R_{int}	3.86		
R_w for $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$	3.85	Unit-cell parameters	
R_{all}	4.09	<i>a</i> (Å)	2.8889 (4)
$wR2$	9.47	<i>b</i> (Å)	9.7282 (4)
GooF	1.126	<i>c</i> (Å)	12.5523 (7)
Nr. parameters	37	<i>V</i> (Å ³)	352.77 (7)
F(000)	464		

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301 **TABLE 2.** Atomic position and displacements parameters of $\text{Mg}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ (standard deviations are in
302 parentheses).

	M1	M2	M3	O1	O2	O3
Wyckoff position	4 <i>a</i>	8 <i>f</i>	4 <i>c</i>	4 <i>c</i>	8 <i>f</i>	8 <i>f</i>
<i>x</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>y</i>	0.0	0.26240 (5)	0.51220 (13)	0.1621 (3)	0.3603 (2)	0.0958 (2)
<i>z</i>	0.0	0.11458 (4)	0.25	0.25	0.5458 (2)	0.6440 (2)
Mg occupancy	0.5327 (8)	0.2959 (17)	0.8589 (8)			
Fe occupancy	0.4673 (8)	0.7041 (17)	0.1411 (8)			
U_{11}	0.0101 (4)	0.0101 (2)	0.0108 (6)	0.0139 (12)	0.0110 (8)	0.0156 (9)
U_{22}	0.0045 (3)	0.0060 (2)	0.0097 (5)	0.0091 (11)	0.0081 (8)	0.0074 (8)
U_{33}	0.0082 (4)	0.0103 (3)	0.0258 (8)	0.0117 (12)	0.0171 (10)	0.0114 (9)
U_{23}	0.0010 (2)	-0.0002 (2)	0.0	0.0	0.0033 (7)	0.0003 (6)
U_{eq}	0.0076 (2)	0.0088 (2)	0.0154 (3)	0.0116 (5)	0.0121 (4)	0.0114 (4)

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305 **TABLE 3.** Bond distances (Å) octahedral volumes (Å³) and angles (°) of Mg₂Fe₂O₅, Fe₄O₅ at
 306 room pressure (^aTrots et al. 2012; ^bGuignard and Crichton 2014) and Fe₄O₅ at 10 GPa (Lavina et
 307 al. 2011).

	Mg ₂ Fe ₂ O ₅	^a Fe ₄ O ₅	^b Fe ₄ O ₅	Fe ₄ O ₅ at 10 GPa
M1				
Fe (Mg)-O3 (x2)	2.034 (2)	2.021	1.993	1.941
Fe (Mg)-O2 (x4)	2.0645 (14)	2.122	2.090	2.028
<Fe (Mg)-O>	2.054 (2)	2.088	2.041	1.999
V _{M1}	11.526 (18)	12.05	11.51	10.6
*OAV _{M1}	0.0032	0.0077	0.0112	0.0008
O2-O2 (x2)	2.889 (2)	2.893	2.896	2.843
O2-O2 (x2)	2.951 (2)	3.105	3.020	2.893
O2-O3 (x4)	2.818 (2)	2.827	2.742	2.807
O2-O3 (x4)	2.976 (2)	3.030	3.032	2.808
O2-M1-O2 (x2)	88.78 (7)	85.95	87.6	89.0
O2-M1-O2 (x2)	91.21 (7)	94.05	92.4	91.0
O2-M1-O3 (x4)	86.89 (7)	86.04	84.2	90.0
O2-M1-O3 (x4)	93.11 (7)	93.96	95.6	90.0
O2-M1-O2 (x2)	180	180	180	180
O3-M1-O3	180	180	180	180
M2				
Fe (Mg)-O1	1.9599 (16)	1.919	1.878	1.960
Fe (Mg)-O3 (x2)	2.0314 (14)	2.026	2.088	2.090
Fe (Mg)-O2 (x2)	2.0637 (14)	2.034	2.084	2.032
Fe (Mg)-O2	2.227 (2)	2.270	2.135	2.241
<Fe (Mg)-O>	2.0628	2.052	2.033	2.074
V _{M2}	11.489 (17)	11.21	11.30	11.7
*OAV _{M2}	0.0053	0.0078	0.0137	0.0095
O2-O3 (x2)	2.854 (2)	2.778	2.915	2.947
O2-O2	2.889 (2)	2.893	2.896	2.843
O3-O3	2.889 (2)	2.893	2.896	2.843
O2-O3 (x2)	2.819 (2)	2.827	2.742	2.808
O2-O2 (x2)	2.830 (2)	2.774	2.675	2.917
O1-O2 (x2)	2.951 (2)	2.932	3.056	2.848
O1-O3 (x2)	3.066 (2)	3.070	3.038	3.157
O2-M2-O3 (x2)	88.37 (8)	86.35	88.7	91.2
O2-M2-O2	88.84 (8)	91.12	86.6	88.8
O3-M2-O3	90.64 (8)	90.65	89.5	85.7
O2-M2-O3 (x2)	82.75 (7)	81.94	82.1	80.7
O2-M2-O2 (x2)	82.48 (7)	80.21	78.5	85.9
O2-M2-O1 (x2)	94.30 (8)	95.97	99.1	91.0
O3-M2-O1 (x2)	100.39 (8)	101.87	100.1	102.4

O2-M2-O3 (x2)	165.21 (10)	162.41	160.6	166.6
O2-M2-O1	175.48 (9)	174.49	176.7	174.49
M2-O1-M2	120.287	121.16	125.0	118.3
M3				
Fe (Mg)-O1 (x2)	2.053 (2)	2.107	2.203	2.056
Fe (Mg)-O3 (x4)	2.2269 (17)	2.239	2.200	2.123
Fe (Mg)-O2 (x2)	2.848 (2)	2.883	3.001	2.763
<Fe (Mg)-O> ₆	2.169	2.195	2.201	2.101
<Fe (Mg)-O>	2.339	2.367	2.401	2.266

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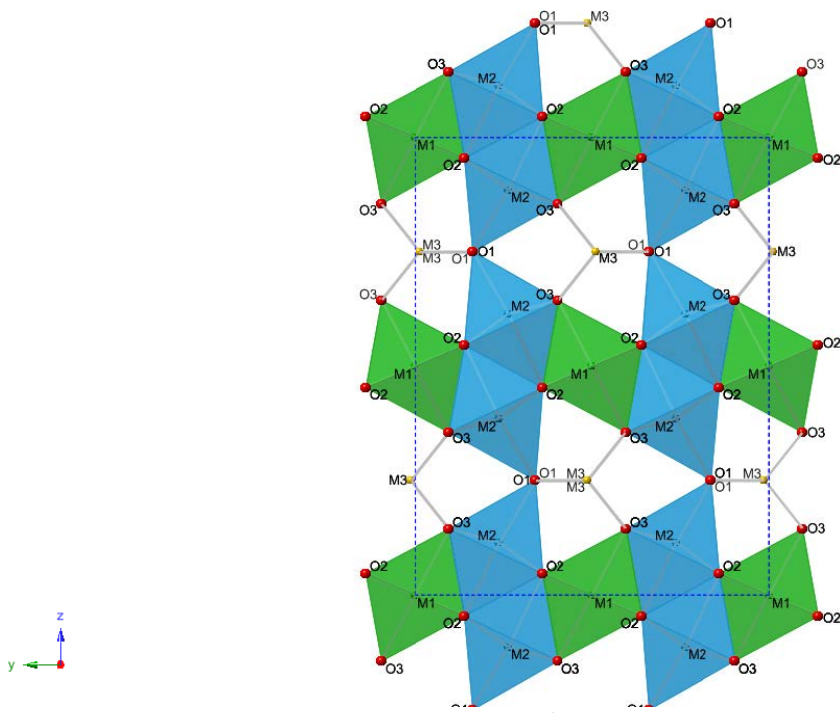
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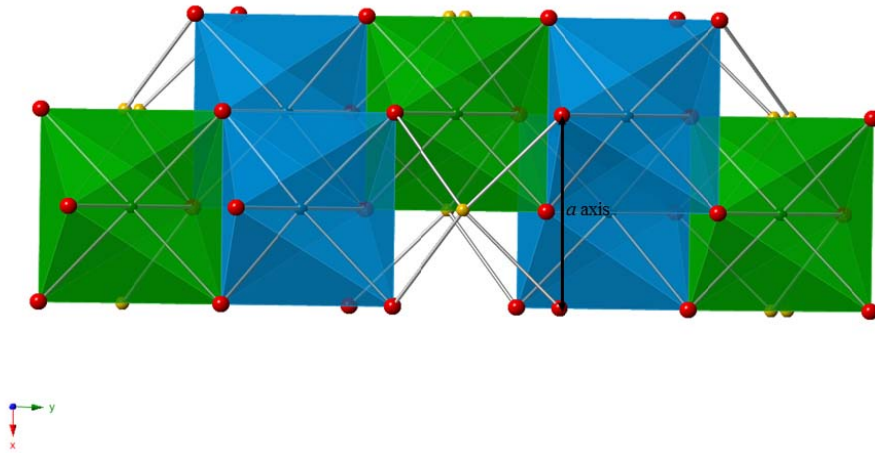
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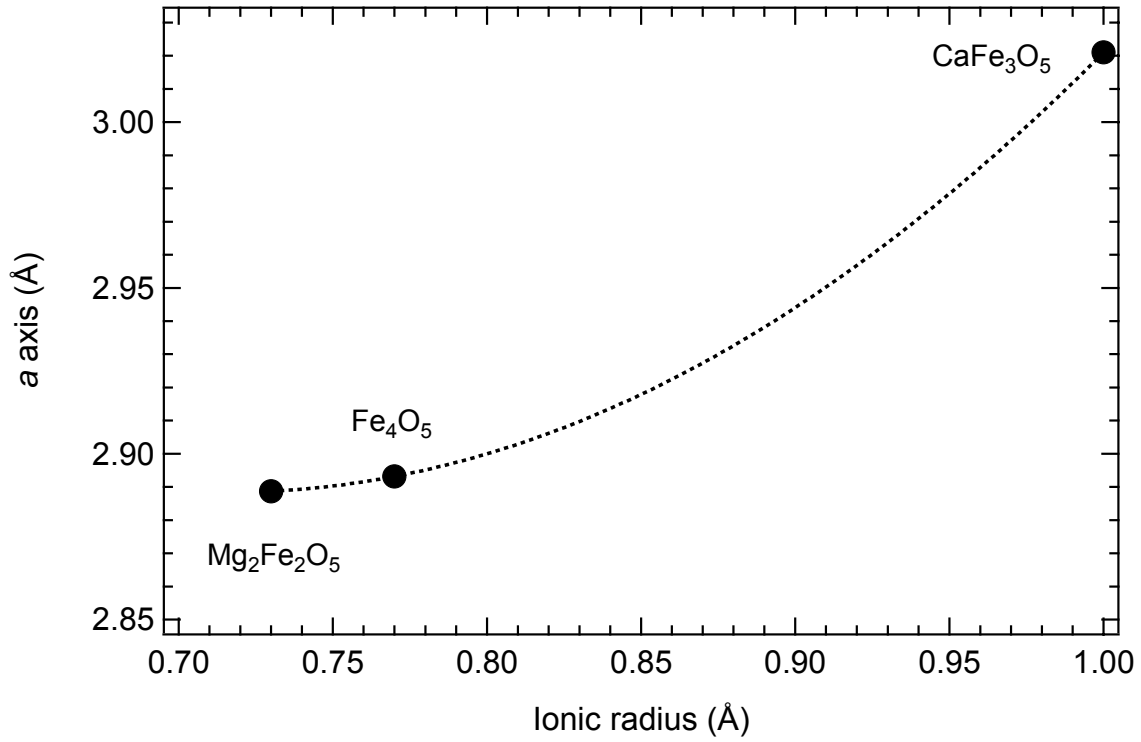
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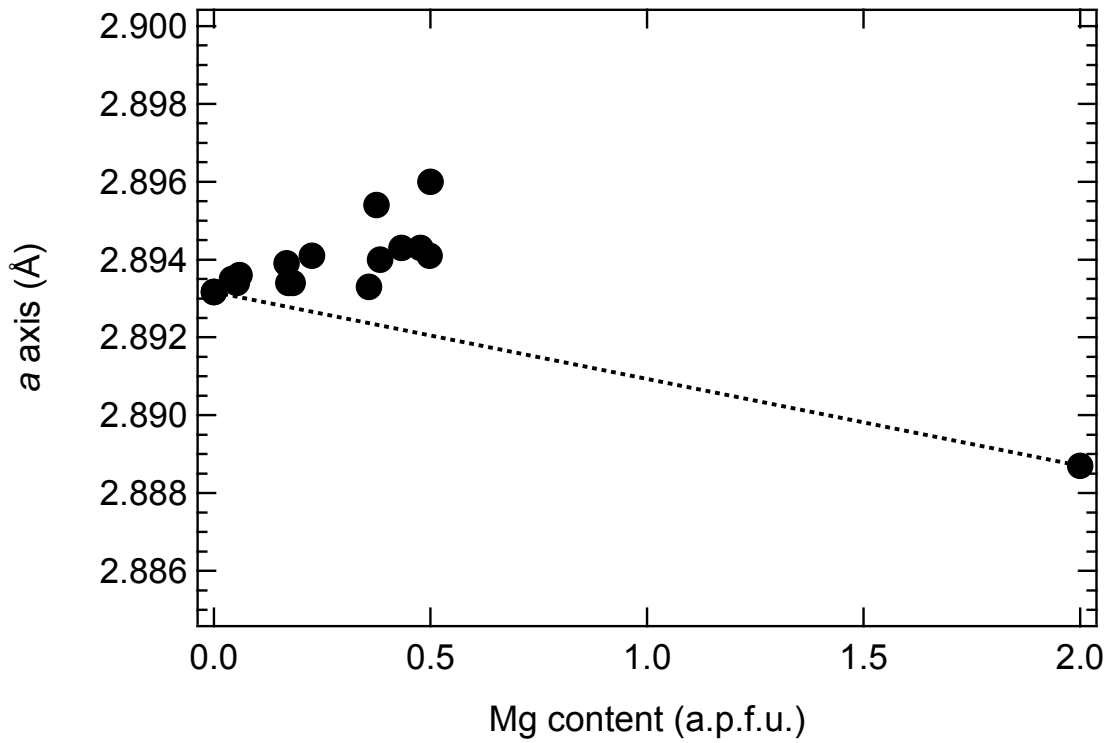


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