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2 **Transition metal cation site preferences in forsterite ( $\text{Mg}_2\text{SiO}_4$ ) determined from**  
3 **paramagnetically shifted NMR resonances.**

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10 **Abstract**

11 In marked contrast to the single, narrow <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR resonance for pure forsterite ( $\text{Mg}_2\text{SiO}_4$ ),  
12 the spectra for synthetic forsterite containing 0.05 to 5 % of the  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  replaced with  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ,  
13 or  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  display between 4 and 26 additional, small, paramagnetically shifted peaks that are  
14 caused by interactions of the unpaired electron spins on the transition metal cations and the  
15 nuclear spins. Analyses of these relative peak areas, their numbers, and comparison of their  
16 positions to those in spectra of synthetic monticellites ( $\text{CaMgSiO}_4$ ) containing similar levels of  
17 transition metals, allows at least partial assignment to the effects of cations in either the M1  
18 octahedral site only, or to both M1 and M2 sites. More detailed analyses indicate that in  
19 forsterite,  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  occupies only M1,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  occupies M1 and M2 roughly equally, and  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  occupies  
20 both M1 and M2 in an approximately 3:1 ratio. These findings for low concentrations agree

21 with expectations from previous studies by other methods (e.g. XRD) of olivines with much  
22 higher transition metal cation contents. However, even low concentrations of  $Mn^{2+}$  (e.g. 0.1%),  
23 as well as higher  $Fe^{2+}$  contents (e.g. in natural San Carlos olivine) can broaden NMR peaks  
24 sufficiently to greatly reduce this kind of information content in spectra.

25 **Keywords:** Forsterite, olivine, NMR, transition metal cations, paramagnetic shift, site  
26 preference.

## 27 Introduction

28 Forsterite ( $Mg_2SiO_4$ ) is the magnesium end member of olivine, a common mineral found  
29 in basaltic rocks and a major constituent of the earth's upper mantle (Harris et al. 1967).

30 Significant research efforts have been invested in better understanding transition metal cation  
31 incorporation in forsterite, which can potentially refine partition coefficients used in numerous  
32 geothermometric and geobarometric methods (Canil 1994; Loucks 1996; Wu and Zhao 2007).

33 The structure of forsterite is well defined in the space group  $Pbnm$ , consisting of isolated silica  
34 tetrahedra connected by a network of octahedral Mg sites, M1 and M2. The latter provide two  
35 unique substitution environments for compatible, divalent transition metal cations, with the  
36 M1 site being smaller and more distorted than the M2 site (Brown 1980).

37 Multiple studies have converged on similar results for the site occupancies of divalent  
38 transition metal cations at high concentrations in olivines, providing a foundation for  
39 investigation of concentrations that approach minor to trace element levels. The review  
40 chapter by Brown (1980) provides a comprehensive summary of the early efforts on this  
41 problem. X-ray diffraction has been a primary tool when concentrations are high enough to

42 measurably affect the long-range crystal structure, such as the finding of the strong  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$   
43 preference for the M1 site (Rajamani et al. 1975). Similarly,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  has also been found to prefer  
44 the M1 site, though to a lesser degree than the  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  preference (Ghose and Wan 1974). Varying  
45 results from different methods place bounds on the distribution of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ , which is usually found  
46 to occupy the two sites almost equally (Brown 1980). These distributions are largely  
47 determined by the greater crystal field stabilization energy for the M1 site, although the M2  
48 site is increasingly favored as ionic radii increase (Brown 1980).

49 Further spectroscopic studies have confirmed and characterized these distributions. An  
50 EXAFS study of Ni-bearing forsterite outlined the changes in distribution with temperature and  
51 found an M1 site preference as well as a suggestion of clustering of  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  into adjacent M1 sites  
52 (Henderson et al. 2001). The work of Taftø and Spence (1982) on natural San Carlos olivine  
53 samples (approximately 10%  $\text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4$  component), using an electron-microscopic X-ray emission  
54 technique, determined that  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  entered the two sites almost equally. A Mössbauer study on  
55 synthetic crystals with equal concentrations of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  determined that at 500 °C, Fe  
56 slightly prefers the M1 site, a preference which increases as temperature rises to 800 °C  
57 (Morozov et al. 2006). The Rietveld refinement of Müller-Sommer et al. (1997) on synthetic Co-  
58 rich forsterite indicated a distribution of  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  between the two sites with an M1 site preference.  
59 Polarized optical absorption spectroscopy results additionally agree on the M1 preference of  
60 this cation (Taran and Rossman 2001). Confirmation of the M2 site preference of  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  has been  
61 provided by channeling-enhanced X-ray emission spectroscopy (McCormick et al. 1987). The  
62 effects of temperature on transition metal site occupancies in olivines have been extensively  
63 studied by XRD and other methods for samples typically in the range of about 10 to 50 % of the

64 non-forsterite component, and have been analyzed thermodynamically, demonstrating  
65 systematically increasing M1 preference from Fe<sup>2+</sup> to Co<sup>2+</sup> to Ni<sup>2+</sup> (Kroll et al. 2006; Morozov et  
66 al. 2006; Heinemann et al. 2007). The behavior of transition metal cations in forsterite at minor  
67 to trace element concentrations (below detection limits of many methods) is less well  
68 characterized, although as a first approximation they are predicted to behave similarly as at  
69 higher concentrations. In this paper we describe a novel application of Nuclear Magnetic  
70 Resonance (NMR) to this problem.

71 NMR is an element-specific spectroscopic method highly sensitive to coordination, bond  
72 length and ordering in solids, and is best known in structural studies of major elements in  
73 materials that are essentially free of ions with unpaired electron spins (Stebbins and Xue 2014).  
74 In many materials with high concentrations of transition metal or rare earth element cations,  
75 the intense local magnetic fields of the associated unpaired electrons can cause problematic  
76 NMR peak broadening and loss of structural information, although useful spectra have been  
77 recently obtained in systems such as cations sorbed on iron oxyhydroxides (Nielsen et al. 2005)  
78 and even for Mn and Fe phosphate battery materials (Grey and Dupré 2004). Early <sup>29</sup>Si MAS  
79 NMR studies noted severe peak broadening for synthetic olivines with 1 to 5 % Fe<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>  
80 component, and even “no signal” for a natural olivine with 9% Fe<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> (Grimmer et al. 1983). In  
81 a unique and detailed study of spin-lattice relaxation of sol-gel forsterites containing about 0.2  
82 to 9% Ni, Co, and Cu, the effects of heterogeneity on non-exponential relaxation were  
83 documented, as well as significant peak broadening at higher Co contents (Hartman et al.  
84 2007).

85           Recently, it has been found that in some silicate and phosphate minerals containing up  
86 to several % of such paramagnetic cations, well-resolved extra NMR peaks can be detected that  
87 are often shifted far outside the range of normal, diamagnetic “chemical” shifts (Bégaudeau et  
88 al. 2012; Stebbins and Xue 2014). These extra peaks are “paramagnetically shifted” (i.e. NMR  
89 frequency shifts that can be either positive or negative, caused by unpaired electrons of  
90 paramagnetic cations) and are due to either through-space dipolar couplings from an  
91 asymmetric cation site (“pseudo-contact shift”) and/or to through-bond transfer of unpaired  
92 electron spin density to the observed nuclide (“Fermi contact shift”) (Grey et al. 1989, 1990).  
93 These effects are highly sensitive to interatomic distances and to electron distributions, and  
94 hence on structural details such as bond distances and angles (Lee et al. 1998; Middlemiss et al.  
95 2013), and have been clearly detected in first and in some cases second cation shells, i.e. up to  
96 four bonds away from an observed NMR nuclide such as  $^{29}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{31}\text{P}$ , or  $^{27}\text{Al}$  in phases such as  
97 zircon, garnets, pyroxenes,  $\text{MgSiO}_3$  perovskites, and monazites/xenotimes (Bégaudeau et al.  
98 2009, 2012; Stebbins and Kelsey 2009; Palke and Stebbins 2011a, 2011b; Palke et al. 2012,  
99 2013, in press ). Although it remains difficult to predict the magnitude and even the sign of  
100 paramagnetic frequency shifts from a hypothesized structure (e.g. a distribution of  
101 paramagnetic cations), geometric relations, relative frequency shifts, and observed peak areas  
102 can provide useful clues as to at least partial assignment of such peaks to given structural  
103 configurations. Such frequency shifts depend strongly on temperature (Bertini et al. 2002; Palke  
104 and Stebbins 2011a; Palke and Stebbins 2011b), providing a convenient method to distinguish  
105 them from ordinary chemical shifts.

106 Paramagnetic shifts were first described in olivine through observation of numerous  
107 unexpected, small, “extra” resonances in an unusually high-quality  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectrum of  
108 isotopically-enriched forsterite bearing about 0.1%  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  (Stebbins et al. 2009b). In this paper,  
109 we describe a systematic study of paramagnetically shifted peaks in  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR spectra of  
110 forsterite with 0.05 to 5 cation %  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ , and  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ , following up on preliminary studies  
111 (McCarty et al. 2012, 2014). Such spectra can be quite complex, with more than two dozen  
112 resolvable resonances caused by a single paramagnetic species, in marked contrast to the single  
113 resonance of pure  $\text{Mg}_2\text{SiO}_4$ . We use the symmetry elements in the crystal structure, coupled  
114 with probabilistic predictions, to limit the possible configurations of transition metal cations  
115 relative to Si, and produce quantitative and bounded descriptions of the site occupancies. We  
116 also investigate synthetic monticellite ( $\text{CaMgSiO}_4$ ) bearing the same cations, as their expected  
117 lack of M2 site occupancy helps to identify M1 features in the corresponding forsterite spectra,  
118 increasing the confidence of the derived site distributions. Observed relative peak areas  
119 ultimately correspond to transition metal cation site distributions, which are reported for Ni, Fe  
120 and Co. We also show the limits of this method in olivine, as some minor cations in even low  
121 concentrations (e.g.  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ), and geologically interesting concentrations of more common  
122 constituents (e.g.  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in San Carlos olivine) can cause severe NMR peak broadening.

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## Experimental Methods

125 **Samples**

126 We initially studied a series of forsterite samples synthesized by a sol-gel/low  
127 temperature sintering process, containing up to about 5% Co, Mn, or Ni, which were the subject  
128 of a previous report on the effects of heterogeneous paramagnetic cation distributions on spin-  
129 lattice relaxation (Hartman et al. 2007). We attempted to increase the homogeneity of these  
130 samples by sintering at 1500 °C for 2 to 4 days with intermediate grinding and pellet pressing  
131 steps. However, grain growth was slow under these conditions, resulting in loose aggregates of  
132 mostly sub-micron particles with a few larger crystals. EPMA data (see below) showed no areas  
133 with high transition metal concentrations, but did suggest considerable heterogeneity as well as  
134 up to about 10% excess MgO, suggesting the presence of this “impurity” phase which may have  
135 somehow inhibited recrystallization. Preliminary <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR on these samples identified  
136 relatively high contents of enstatite in many, further suggesting heterogeneity, but were useful  
137 in indicating the ranges of concentration where each transition metal would yield relatively  
138 well-resolved spectra. The difficulty in homogenizing these materials led us to synthesize a new  
139 group of forsterites from high temperature sintered oxide powders. All data shown here are  
140 from this latter group.

141 Reagent grade SiO<sub>2</sub> (dehydrated silica gel), MgO, CaCO<sub>3</sub>, NiO, FeO, Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, MnCO<sub>3</sub> and  
142 CuO were used for the high temperature powder syntheses. For forsterite, an excess of  
143 approximately 1 wt% MgO was added to otherwise on-composition mixtures to reduce the  
144 chance of formation of unwanted silicates such as pyroxene. Monticellite was produced from  
145 stoichiometric mixtures. Samples are labeled by the mole percent of the added transition metal  
146 cation (M) that replaces Mg in forsterite (Mg<sub>2-2x</sub>M<sub>2x</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>) or Mg+Ca in monticellite (CaMg<sub>1-</sub>  
147 <sub>2x</sub>M<sub>2x</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>), as determined by electron microprobe analyses (Table 1). For instance, a Fe-

148 monticellite sample with the formula  $\text{CaMg}_{0.998}\text{Fe}_{0.002}\text{SiO}_4$  is labeled “0.1% Fe-monticellite.” This  
149 notation allows an easy comparison between both forsterite and monticellite sample  
150 concentrations and spectra. Compositions are also given in dopant atoms per formula unit  
151 (apfu), i.e. 2x in the notation used here and 0.002 Fe atoms per  $[\text{Ca}(\text{Mg},\text{Fe})\text{SiO}_4]$  unit in this  
152 specific example.

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154 Ni-, Co-, and Mn-forsterite were produced by grinding reagents together with isopropyl  
155 alcohol in an agate mortar and then heating for 2 to 4 days in a platinum crucible at 1500 °C  
156 with 2 to 4 intermediate grinding steps. After the initial heating, some samples were pressed  
157 into pellets at 9 metric tons and heated again; however, pressed and un-pressed samples  
158 showed no significant difference with respect to sample homogeneity. Unlike the sol-gel  
159 forsterites, relatively rapid grain growth in sequential heat treatments was evident by the  
160 formation of hard ceramic-like pellets and average grain sizes between 5 to 25  $\mu\text{m}$  with some  
161 crystals as large as 250  $\mu\text{m}$ . Fe-forsterite was produced by buffering the oxygen pressure with  
162 iron metal. For the 0.4% Fe sample, a drying step was added after grinding, and the sample was  
163 heated to 1400 °C within a vacuum-sealed silica glass tube containing a piece of iron metal foil.  
164 For the 0.05% Fe forsterite, a platinum-wrapped pellet of the starting material was heated to  
165 1400 °C on a ceramic disk in a closed mild steel tube which self-sealed during heating in argon,  
166 remaining unoxidized inside. Ni-, Co-, and Mn- cooling rates from 1500 °C to room temperature  
167 range between 200 to 400 °C per hour. Fe- samples were quenched from 1400°C to below 900



168 °C within 4 minutes. Samples bearing higher concentrations of Ni<sup>2+</sup> displayed a light green hue,  
169 lower concentration Co- and Fe-bearing samples appeared white.

170 Monticellite samples were synthesized by heating oxide mixtures between 1500 to 1600  
171 °C for 4 to 6 hours followed by removal from the furnace and quenching in air to produce  
172 crystal-glass mixtures. Samples were then ground with isopropyl alcohol in an agate mortar,  
173 pressed into pellets at 9 metric tons and heated to 1300 °C for 2 to 4 days with 2 to 3  
174 intermediate grinding steps. Low concentration Fe-monticellite was produced as described  
175 above with an added heating to 1300 °C in a vacuum-sealed silica glass tube containing an iron  
176 foil oxygen fugacity buffer.

177 In addition, we collected new spectra on a Co-bearing, 95% <sup>29</sup>Si-enriched forsterite  
178 originally synthesized from oxide powders for studies of high pressure phases (Stebbins et al.  
179 2009a, 2009b) and a sample of natural olivine from a mantle peridotite nodule (San Carlos, NM,  
180 approximately [Mg<sub>1.8</sub>Fe<sub>0.2</sub>]SiO<sub>4</sub>).

181 The samples grown by high temperature sintering of oxides were characterized in detail.  
182 The JEOL JXA-8230 electron microprobe at Stanford University was used to determine sample  
183 homogeneity and resulting sample compositions, using synthetic forsterite, wollastonite, metal  
184 and oxide standards. NMR, EPMA and high-contrast backscattered electron images were used  
185 to identify and characterize silicon-bearing impurity phases. All of these forsterite samples are  
186 assumed to have a minor amount of periclase. Monticellite samples contain minor amounts of  
187 one or more impurity phases, including akermanite, and possibly merwinite or forsterite. Some  
188 samples were determined to have minor heterogeneities in transition metal concentrations,

189 but for the results shown here these are not significant, as minor compositional variations from  
190 grain to grain will not affect conclusions about overall site occupancies and we are not  
191 attempting to deduce details of localized transition metal ion clustering. Table 1 reports  
192 average compositions based on 8 to 18 EPMA points with one standard deviation indicated in  
193 parentheses. The higher temperature synthesis of the Ni<sup>2+</sup> and Co<sup>2+</sup> forsterites resulted in very  
194 homogeneous samples. The sample synthesis conditions of the Fe<sup>2+</sup> samples made it difficult to  
195 consistently produce homogeneous samples. The NMR results of the least homogeneous  
196 sample (0.4% Fe-forsterite) are reported here only for comparison with the data for the lower  
197 concentration sample, although both spectra look similar. Despite the observation of additional  
198 phases, monticellite transition metal concentrations are close to homogenous, due in part to  
199 the initial high temperature heating step.

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## 201 **NMR**

202 <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR spectra were collected with a Varian Unity/Inova spectrometer at 14.1  
203 Tesla (119.1 MHz) and a Varian Infinity Plus spectrometer at 9.4 Tesla (79.4 MHz), using  
204 Varian/Chemagnetics “T3” probes with 3.2 mm zirconia rotors. Simple one pulse acquisitions  
205 were used for almost all spectra with radiofrequency (RF) power levels of about 133 kHz and a  
206 typical RF tip angle of 30°. For the San Carlos sample, the rapid signal decay necessitated the  
207 use of a spin-echo pulse sequence (90° - 180°) with an echo delay of 100 μs, which may have  
208 excluded some of the broadest components of the spectrum. Spinning speeds of 9 to 20 kHz  
209 were used as shown in the figures; the slower speed reduced air frictional heating enough to

210 cause readily detectable changes in the positions of paramagnetically shifted peaks. From  
211 previous studies (Palke and Stebbins 2011b) we estimate that sample temperatures at 20 kHz  
212 spinning speed are about 40 to 50 °C, and close to room temperature at 9 kHz. On the 9.4 Tesla  
213 spectrometer a similar probe with 4 mm rotors and 9-15 kHz spinning speeds with variable  
214 temperature capabilities (25 to 150 °C) was also used. Paramagnetically shifted peaks were  
215 found to relax fully with short pulse delays of 0.05 s, which allowed high signal-to-noise spectra  
216 to be collected for these small features, each of which often had less than 0.8 % of the total  
217 NMR signal. Peak areas are reported relative to those obtained for the fully relaxed, unshifted  
218 central peaks, which required delay times of up to 3600 s to measure. Areas were obtained by  
219 fitting with mixed Gaussian/Lorentzian line shapes (Table 1), with spinning sideband areas  
220 included when observable.

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## Results

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NMR spectra of the Ni-forsterite (Fig. 1), Fe-forsterite (Fig. 2), and Co-forsterite (Fig. 3) samples each display a major, unshifted peak at the expected position of  $-61.8 \pm 0.2$  ppm for pure  $\text{Mg}_2\text{SiO}_4$  forsterite, consistent with previous studies (Mägi et al. 1984), in addition to a number of small, paramagnetically shifted peaks, many of which are at frequencies above -60 ppm and thus outside of the known range of chemical shifts in silicates. The latter vary in number from approximately 4 in Ni-forsterite, 16 in Fe-forsterite and 26 in Co-forsterite, and all shift inward with the slightly higher temperature resulting from a faster spinning speed (Fig. 2), confirming their origin. In some instances comparison of spectra collected at 25 °C and 75 or

231 150 °C with the variable temperature probe was convenient to initially identify subtle  
232 paramagnetically shifted features. Such peaks are related to SiO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra with paramagnetic  
233 Ni<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, or Co<sup>2+</sup> in their first or second cation coordination shells, i.e. within 7 Å. In Figure 1,  
234 the intensity of these peaks can be seen to increase with Ni<sup>2+</sup> concentration while peak  
235 positions remain unchanged. All paramagnetically shifted peaks are fully relaxed with a 0.05 s  
236 pulse delay, although the main unshifted peaks are often only partially relaxed at this pulse  
237 delay, especially for samples with lower dopant concentrations (Table 1). The widths of the  
238 unshifted peaks tend to increase with increasing transition metal concentration, with a greater  
239 Lorentzian component to the line shape (Table 1). A detailed study of the <sup>29</sup>Si spin-lattice  
240 relaxation of Co-bearing forsterite, including the <sup>29</sup>Si-enriched sample described here, was  
241 reported earlier (Stebbins et al. 2009a), documenting the effects of transition metal cation  
242 concentration and the “stretched exponential” form of the relaxation curve.

243       Spectra for Ni<sup>2+</sup>-, Co<sup>2+</sup>-, and Fe<sup>2+</sup>-bearing monticellite (Figs. 4, 5 and 6) contain the main,  
244 unshifted monticellite peak at -65.5 ±0.5 ppm, as well as signals from low abundance impurity  
245 phases akermanite (-73.7 ppm) and possibly merwinite or forsterite (-61.8 ppm). These spectra  
246 contain fewer paramagnetically shifted peaks, which are closer to the primary monticellite peak  
247 than the corresponding forsterite spectra. Visible paramagnetically shifted peaks are clearly  
248 associated with the monticellite phase, not with these impurities, as they converge on the  
249 unshifted monticellite peak position with increasing temperature. No paramagnetically shifted  
250 peaks could be obviously associated with the impurity phases. The unshifted akermanite peaks  
251 relaxed somewhat more slowly than the main monticellite peaks, suggesting lower transition  
252 metal contents in the former.

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254 Paramagnetically shifted peaks are simply numbered from higher to lower frequencies,  
255 and positions and areas are given in Tables 2-7 for each sample. Hereafter, paramagnetically  
256 shifted peak positions are reported relative to those of the unshifted central resonances, i.e.  
257 the chemical shifts. In many cases, the main unshifted peak cannot be fit well with a single  
258 component and seems to contain low-intensity shoulders which likely are due to additional  
259 unresolved peaks with smaller paramagnetic shifts. The fitted intensities of these shoulders are  
260 reported; however, the significance of these values is unclear as their uncertainties are large.  
261 Reported peak area values are averages of spectra collected at two different magnetic fields  
262 and/or different spinning speeds; peak positions are reported from single spectra. The precision  
263 of peak area measurements are reported individually for each set of data. An overall accuracy  
264 of  $\pm 22\%$  relative is estimated, resulting from the NMR experimental conditions and data  
265 processing.

### 266 **Ni-containing samples**

267 Figure 1 displays the  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectra of three forsterites with  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  concentrations of  
268 0.25, 1 and 5 % (Table 2). The spectra each display four small paramagnetic shifted peaks with  
269 equal areas, labeled as 7, 9, 10 and 11. Peak 7 is shifted +20.8 ppm to higher frequency, peaks  
270 9 and 10 are close together at +8.4 ppm and +5.8 ppm, respectively, and peak 11 is shifted  
271 down in frequency -6.4 ppm. The multiple peak positions indicate the various possible  
272 geometric relationships (bond paths, distances, etc.) of  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  and Si and the equal area of these  
273 peaks is consistent with identical lattice sites.

274 For the highest concentration sample, 5% Ni-forsterite, the four peaks described above  
275 are joined by additional smaller paramagnetically shifted peaks numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8  
276 (peaks 5, 6 and 8 are also barely visible in the 1% Ni sample). As discussed in detail below, their  
277 positions and their appearance only at higher concentrations indicate that these low intensity  
278 features result from Si in sites with two or even three Ni<sup>2+</sup> cation neighbors. A peak area  
279 detection limit of about 0.1 % is possible in the 5% sample, setting an upper bound on possible  
280 unresolvable peak areas.

281 In Figure 4 the spectrum of 1% Ni-monticellite (Table 3) presents 3 paramagnetically  
282 shifted peaks, peaks 1 and 2 at the higher frequencies of +14.2 ppm and +3.1 ppm respectively,  
283 and peak 3 at -3.1 ppm. Peaks 1 and 3 have comparable areas but 2 has slightly more than  
284 twice this area. When compared to the Ni-forsterite spectra, peak positions have the same  
285 relative locations with Ni-monticellite peak 2 apparently being the sum of overlapping peaks  
286 corresponding to Ni-forsterite peaks 9 and 10. A peak at the known chemical shift of  
287 akermanite at -73.6 ppm (Stebbins 1995) is present as well as a shoulder from an unidentified  
288 impurity phase at -72.4 ppm. In addition to the clearly identifiable paramagnetically shifted  
289 peaks, several low-intensity features near the limit of detection in this sample (>0.1%) are  
290 observed and are likely to be of similar origin. However, these less well-defined features are not  
291 important in the following discussion. NMR spectra of the Ni-bearing sol-gel forsterites showed  
292 many of the same paramagnetically shifted peaks, but are not shown here and were not  
293 analyzed in detail because of concerns about heterogeneity  
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295 **Fe-containing samples**

296 Figure 2 displays the  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectra of 0.05% Fe-forsterite (Table 4) at two spinning  
297 speeds. 16 paramagnetically shifted peaks are observed. 9 peaks are shifted to higher  
298 frequencies and 7 to lower frequencies, many of which are overlapping. Peak areas vary  
299 somewhat. Peak 9 is difficult to resolve in the central transition, but is clearly distinguished in  
300 the spinning sidebands, where the contribution from the central, unshifted peak is often  
301 relatively much smaller (Fig. 7). Areas of peaks 6 through 11 are difficult to constrain due to  
302 significant overlap with the main, unshifted peak. Due to variations in sideband intensities for  
303 the paramagnetically shifted peaks, it was necessary to carefully fit the sideband manifolds and  
304 include these in the reported intensities. For example, peak 14 in the 12 kHz spectrum is  
305 noticeably smaller than in the 20 kHz spectrum, a result of the reduction in its sideband  
306 intensities at higher spinning speeds. Peak areas for the 0.4% Fe-forsterite (Table 4) sample are  
307 reported but no spectrum is presented as it resembles that of the 0.05% sample .

308 The spectrum of 0.1% Fe-monticellite (Fig. 5, Table 5) displays 7 paramagnetically  
309 shifted peaks. The peaks have similar line shapes and widths and nearly equal areas within  
310 experimental uncertainty. Four peaks appear at higher frequencies, peak 1 isolated at +22.3  
311 ppm, peaks 2 and 3 slightly overlapping at +11.4 ppm and +8.8 ppm respectively, and peak 4  
312 forming a shoulder on the main peak at +3.2 ppm. At lower frequencies, peaks 7 and 6 are  
313 clearly separated at -28.5 ppm and -19.6 ppm respectively, and peak 5 is at -6.1 ppm, between  
314 the resonance for the akermanite impurity and the unshifted monticellite peak.

315 **Co-containing samples**

316 Figure 3 shows the  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectrum of  $^{29}\text{Si}$ -enriched, 0.1% Co-forsterite (Table 6)  
317 which exhibits 26 paramagnetically shifted peaks. This sample was reported on previously in  
318 Stebbins et al. (2009a,b) as “Fo-1”, but new, higher quality data were collected to better resolve  
319 the shifted peaks. The  $^{29}\text{Si}$  enrichment gives a much higher signal to noise ratio in which a peak  
320 with 0.04% intensity should be detectable. 14 peaks are shifted up in frequency by as much as  
321 +36.8 ppm and 12 are shifted down in frequency as much as -61.7 ppm, exceeding the  
322 maximum shifts seen in the Fe-spectra. Peak areas are not as evenly distributed as in the  
323 spectra for the Fe-forsterite, with some range of peak sizes. Figure 6 displays the spectrum of  
324 isotopically normal 0.65% Co-forsterite, shifted by -4.1 ppm to allow more direct comparison  
325 with Co-monticellite data. There are approximately 7 peaks visible and multiple shoulders. At  
326 this higher concentration the broadening caused by the  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  obscures the fine features of the  
327 individual paramagnetically shifted peaks and at even higher concentrations (greater than 1%  
328 Co) the remaining features become unresolvable. As for Ni-containing samples, the spectra of  
329 the Co-bearing, sol-gel forsterites showed paramagnetically shifted peaks that were similar to  
330 those described here for the higher-Co samples made by sintering of oxides, but were not  
331 analyzed in detail because of heterogeneity.

332 Figure 6 also displays the 0.25% Co-monticellite spectrum (Table 7) which contains 3  
333 labeled paramagnetically shifted peaks. The two higher frequency peaks at +17.6 ppm and  
334 +10.5 ppm overlap significantly with the unshifted peak due to their relative inward shift and to  
335 peak broadening. Peak 3 is shifted far down in frequency, by -44.3 ppm. An unshifted  
336 akermanite impurity peak is again present at -72.0 ppm.



337 **Undoped, Cu- and Mn-bearing forsterite and San Carlos olivine**

338 Spectra of Mn-bearing forsterites, even at the 0.1% concentration level, display drastic  
339 peak broadening (10 to 20 times that of comparable levels of Ni, Co or Fe<sup>2+</sup>), which prevented  
340 the identification of any paramagnetically shifted peaks (Fig. 8). This is probably the result of an  
341 unusually large effect on relaxation: unlike the other samples, the entire observed peak was  
342 fully relaxed at the short pulse delay of 0.05 s (Table 1), with no improvement in resolution at  
343 longer delays. Unfortunately, this severe broadening prevents any analysis of Mn<sup>2+</sup> site  
344 occupancies, which are expected to be different from other cations described here.

345 Our attempts to add significant concentrations of Cu<sup>2+</sup> to forsterite were unsuccessful,  
346 yielding undetectable dopant levels and no effects on NMR spectra, presumably due to the  
347 ease of reduction of this cation to Cu<sup>1+</sup> (diamagnetic) and even Cu<sup>0</sup> at high temperature  
348 synthesis conditions.

349 Spectra of undoped forsterite samples also presented very small paramagnetically  
350 shifted peaks at the same positions as some of those observed in Co- and Ni-bearing samples,  
351 most likely the result of minor cross-contamination from Pt crucibles, which can readily alloy  
352 with these metals. This same scenario is likely the source of Co contamination identified (via the  
353 observation of tiny paramagnetically shifted peaks) in the “Fo-unen” and “Fo-noCo” samples of  
354 Stebbins et al. (2009a,b).

355 As already described in the early days of high resolution, solid state NMR (Grimmer et  
356 al. 1983), the <sup>29</sup>Si spectrum of San Carlos olivine is so severely broadened by its high Fe<sup>2+</sup>  
357 content (about 10% Fe in the notation used here, or approximately Fo<sub>90</sub>) as to be difficult to

358 observe, with little structurally useful information (Fig. 8). Only the broad (55 ppm) central  
359 resonance is shown here, not the accompanying wide manifold of spinning sidebands, which is  
360 particularly intense for this sample.

## 361 Discussion

362 The positions of the paramagnetically shifted peaks observed in the  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectra  
363 are expected to be highly sensitive to variations in geometric relationships (number of  
364 separating bonds, distances, angles, and accompanying changes in electronic structure)  
365 between the paramagnetic transition metal cation and the  $^{29}\text{Si}$  nucleus (Grey et al. 1989, 1990;  
366 Palke and Stebbins 2011a, 2011b). Multiple peaks are present due to the various possible  
367 configurations. In order to make sense of the observed peak shifts, we must carefully examine  
368 the well-known forsterite structure. Table 8 lists M1 and M2 sites that are 2 bonds (first cation  
369 shell) or 4 bonds (second cation shell) away from a central silicon site, as well as the M1-Si or  
370 M2-Si distances (Fujino et al. 1981). The expected relative areas of shifted peaks resulting from  
371 the substitution of paramagnetic cations into each configuration, based simply on the numbers  
372 of geometrically equivalent sites, are also given. The Si atom lies on a mirror plane; the first and  
373 second neighbor M1 sites are all off the mirror plane and occur in groups (e.g. the first  
374 neighbor, edge shared site at 2.695 Å or the second neighbor site at 4.412 Å) each with two  
375 symmetrically equivalent M1-Si configurations. Therefore, transition metal cations occupying  
376 M1 sites should produce several peaks of *equal* area. The first- and second-neighbor M2 sites to  
377 the Si can be either off or on the mirror plane and thus occur in groups each with either one or  
378 two symmetrically equivalent M2-Si configurations. This will produce paramagnetically shifted

379 peaks of *unequal* area with some having twice the intensity as others. The peak area for a given  
380 M1-Si or M2-Si configuration will be proportional to the concentration of the transition metal  
381 cation on the M1 or M2 sites, denoted X or Y, respectively. Peak areas are then dependent on  
382 whether the M site lies on the same mirror plane as Si. For example, a shifted peak related to  
383 an off-mirror plane M2 site will have an intensity of 2Y while the on-mirror plane M2 site will  
384 have an intensity of Y (Table 8). Measured peak areas can be compared to this tabulation and  
385 thus yield information about the site preference of the paramagnetic cation for M1 or M2. As a  
386 first approximation, a paramagnetic cation closer to the observed silicon should produce a  
387 frequency shift with a greater magnitude (possibly either up or down in frequency), although a  
388 simple proportionality between distance and shift is not expected if the through-bond “Fermi  
389 contact shift” mechanism is predominant.

390 We note that the distributions of transition metal cations on the M1 and M2 sites in  
391 olivine are known to depend on temperature (Heinemann et al. 2007), although detection of  
392 such effects by the methods described here would require especially high-quality spectra. The  
393 rate-dependent “closure temperatures” for ordering of cations during cooling, at which site  
394 occupancies are quenched in, may be well below the synthesis temperatures used here, but are  
395 not precisely known, especially for Co- and Ni-containing olivines.

#### 396 **Ni-forsterite and monticellite**

397 The uniform intensities of peaks 7, 9, 10 and 11 in the spectra for the Ni-forsterite  
398 samples agree well with an M1-only site occupancy, and thus requires paramagnetic shift  
399 contributions from at least some sites that are 4 bonds away as there are only two distinct M1-

400 Si configurations within 2 bonds. Similar conclusions were reached in our recent studies of  
401 pyrope-rich garnets (Palke et al., submitted). From Table 8, nine paramagnetically shifted peaks  
402 might be expected from sites within this range. While only four shifted peaks are clearly  
403 resolved, additional peaks are likely to contribute to the spectra but may be shifted such small  
404 distances that they cannot be resolved from the main, unshifted peak (e.g. a shoulder seen just  
405 above peak 11 in the 0.25% Ni-forsterite). For example, the four M1 second-neighbor sites at  
406 distances greater than 6 Å might be expected to give especially small shifts. The  
407 paramagnetically shifted peaks seen in the Ni-forsterite spectra have corresponding locations in  
408 the 1% Ni-monticellite spectra (Fig. 4). The correlation between the peak positions in the two  
409 phases is near linear, a trend that is not necessarily anticipated for paramagnetic shifts, but is  
410 likely to be related to the larger unit cell and longer average bond distances in monticellite (Fig.  
411 9) . Ni-monticellite peak 2 appears to be the result of two overlapping peaks corresponding to  
412 Ni-forsterite peaks 9 and 10. Its area is 30% larger than expected using peaks 1 and 3 as  
413 references, but this is probably within experimental error, based on comparisons of nominally  
414 “equal area” peaks in other spectra. Due to the large difference in ionic radii between Ni<sup>2+</sup> and  
415 Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup> is expected to occupy only the M1 site in monticellite with full occupation of M2 by  
416 Ca. Therefore, the similarity of the monticellite and forsterite spectra confirm that Ni<sup>2+</sup> in  
417 forsterite occupies solely the M1 site. Most importantly, the assumption that the monticellite  
418 spectrum should closely match the forsterite M1 features seems robust, which proves very  
419 useful for the analysis of the Fe- and Co-forsterites below.

420         The additional paramagnetically shifted peaks for the 5% Ni-Forsterite sample (peaks 1-  
421 5, 8, Fig. 1) match the expected locations and peak areas of combination peaks for Si sites with

422 two or three Ni<sup>2+</sup> cation M1 neighbors. These combination peaks should be found at positions  
423 approximately equal to the sum of the two or three individual shifts, and with areas  
424 proportional to the probability of having two or three such neighbors (Grey et al. 1989, 1990;  
425 Palke and Stebbins 2011b; Palke et al. submitted). Assuming a random distribution of Ni<sup>2+</sup> on  
426 M1 sites, the probability of various Ni-Si configurations can be predicted. Peaks 7, 9 10, and 11  
427 are each due to a single Ni<sup>2+</sup> cation neighbor, as evidenced by their presence in the spectrum  
428 for the lowest Ni<sup>2+</sup> concentration, allowing the location of double- and triple-neighbor shifted  
429 peaks to be calculated as sums of these single neighbor positions. The expected peak areas and  
430 locations are in good agreement with the measured spectrum (Figure 10, discussed below).  
431 The largest deviation between the prediction and observation is for peak 8, which is 4% larger  
432 than predicted from the overlap of combination peaks 7+11 and 9+10 that add up to make this  
433 combination resonance. The peak locations of the farthest-shifted double and triple  
434 combination peaks deviate somewhat from the prediction, such as peak 3 which is shifted by  
435 +1.7 ppm further than predicted by the sum of shifts for 7 and 7 (44.0 vs. 42.3). This is likely  
436 because the incorporation of two Ni<sup>2+</sup> cations in adjacent sites causes small structural distortion  
437 resulting in changes to the paramagnetic shifts.

438 To illustrate this approach for the 1% and 5% Ni-forsterites, we have simulated spectra  
439 assuming random distributions of Ni<sup>2+</sup> (on M1 sites only) to predict relative areas of shifted  
440 peaks. We fit peak widths and positions to those of the singly-shifted resonances, then predict  
441 the doubly-and triply-shifted peaks with areas proportional to the probabilities of two or three  
442 Ni<sup>2+</sup> neighbors and shifts that are sums of corresponding single shifts. Results are shown in  
443 Figure 10, and match the experimental spectra remarkably well. Triply-shifted peaks are in

444 general too small for ready detection, as are some doubly-shifted peaks, but in total are a  
445 significant part of the overall intensity, accounting for roughly 7%. The absence of any obvious  
446 deviations from peak intensities given by this random model prediction suggest that strong  
447 localized clustering of Ni<sup>2+</sup> or significant Ni<sup>2+</sup> occupancy of M2 are unlikely.

448         As mentioned in the introduction and discussed at some length in recent studies of  
449 garnets and monazites (Palke and Stebbins 2011a; Palke and Stebbins 2011b, Palke et al. 2013;  
450 Palke et al., submitted), as well as in pioneering earlier work on yttrium and tin-containing  
451 pyrochlore phases (Grey et al. 1989, 1990), both through-bond electronic structure effects  
452 (Fermi contact shift) and through space dipolar couplings from asymmetric sites (not fully  
453 averaged in MAS NMR, the “pseudo-contact” shift) can result in paramagnetic shifts of NMR  
454 resonances. Both can contribute significantly, but distinguishing between the two mechanisms  
455 can be difficult. Fortunately, detailed studies of a Ni-bearing forsterite single crystal yielded a  
456 quantitative description of the angular dependence and asymmetry of the EPR spectrum  
457 resulting from its unpaired electron spins (the “g-tensor”), as well as confirming the M1 site  
458 occupancy (Rager et al. 1988). This information, and the equations for calculating  
459 pseudocontact shifts given by Bertini et al. (2002) were used to estimate the maximum range of  
460 possible pseudocontact shifts. If only the latter peaks were present, the maximum shift distance  
461 would be only 2.1 to -0.6 ppm, which would make them unresolvable from the main unshifted  
462 peak. This indicates that the resolvable paramagnetically shifted peaks in the spectra of the Ni-  
463 forsterites described here must be primarily the products of the Fermi contact interaction.

#### 464 **Fe-forsterite and monticellite**

465           The number of observed peaks in the spectra of Fe-forsterite samples is dramatically  
466 greater than for the Ni-forsterites and immediately indicates a different site distribution for  
467  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ . The relatively large variations in peak areas suggests as well that M2 sites are occupied as  
468 well as M1, as the former can vary depending on local symmetry (Table 8). Peaks 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,  
469 and 11 overlap with the unshifted peak or with each other, and their peak areas cannot be well  
470 constrained, making them unsuitable for use in an analysis of site occupancies. In contrast,  
471 peaks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 can be resolved and fit with a higher degree of certainty.  
472 However, the areas of even this subset of peaks cannot be easily divided into groups, so  
473 identifying site occupancy based on peak areas is difficult. Additionally, if there is a nearly equal  
474 ratio of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  on M1 to M2, as expected from previous studies of Fe-rich olivines, peaks in the  
475 silicon spectrum resulting from M1 and M2 occupancies would not be readily distinguishable  
476 (i.e. X and Y in Table 8 would have similar values).

477           However, comparison of Fe-forsterite to Fe-monticellite (Fig. 5) does allow some  
478 separation of M1 or M2 peaks in the forsterite spectrum. Monticellite peaks 6 and 7 appear to  
479 closely correlate to forsterite peaks 15 and 16. Indeed, a plot of the Fe-forsterite vs. Fe-  
480 monticellite peak positions again shows a strong linear correlation between Fe-forsterite peaks  
481 3, 5, 8, 15, and 16 and Fe-monticellite peaks 1, 3, 4, 6, and 7. Additionally, Fe-forsterite peaks 4  
482 and 12 linked to Fe-monticellite peaks 2 and 5 lie close to this linear trend. Figure 9 plots the  
483 identified corresponding peaks of the  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ , and  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  illustrating the linear relationship  
484 between the forsterite and monticellite M1 paramagnetic shifts. An additional method of  
485 determining peak assignments can be developed by considering peak areas. At the expected

486 positions of Fe-forsterite peaks 1, 2 and 3 only one peak can be found in the Fe-monticellite  
487 spectrum indicating that two of these are caused by Fe<sup>2+</sup> in M2 in the former. Since some of the  
488 M2 sites lie on the same mirror plane as the Si and some are off the plane, we expect two  
489 groups of peaks for Fe<sup>2+</sup> in M2, with some peaks having half the area of the others. Fe-  
490 forsterite peak 1 is close to half the size of peaks 2 or 3, and the presence of only one  
491 monticellite peak in this region of the spectrum indicates that peaks 2 and 3 must correspond  
492 to silicon sites with neighboring occupied M1 and M2 off-mirror plane sites. Using areas of Fe-  
493 forsterite peaks 1, 2 and 3 the distribution was determined as 48±23% M1, which closely  
494 matches the roughly 1:1 distribution expected from data on high Fe olivines.

495 Peak areas were predicted using Fe concentrations given by EPMA and the assumption  
496 of a 1:1, random distribution of Fe<sup>2+</sup> on M1 and M2. In the 0.05% Fe-forsterite, M1 and M2 off-  
497 mirror plane peaks should each have areas of 0.2% and M2 on-mirror plane peaks should have  
498 areas of 0.1%. There are some peaks near each of these predicted areas, but the majority of the  
499 peaks are between the two predicted values, suggesting that experimental precision is not  
500 good enough to make this distinction. In the 0.4% Fe-forsterite sample, M1 and M2 off-mirror  
501 planes area predictions are 1.2% and M2 on-mirror plane peak areas are 0.6%, which are again  
502 similar to the observed range of areas.

503 Although the Fe-bearing samples were not as homogeneous and their spectra were not  
504 as well resolved as the Ni-bearing samples and spectra, attribution of features in the silicon  
505 spectra to M1 or M2 site occupation is still possible and is consistent with expectations from Fe-  
506 rich olivines. While measured peak areas do not fit completely with the peak assignment model



507 developed above, probably because of experimental imprecision, two lines of research could  
508 confirm this analysis. As discussed by Middlemiss et al. (2013), DFT calculations are beginning  
509 to provide insights into specific peak assignments to interactions between paramagnetic cations  
510 and NMR nuclides. Additionally,  $^{29}\text{Si}$ -enriched samples could increase signal to noise in the  
511 spectra and improve the precision of measured intensities of the paramagnetically shifted  
512 peaks

### 513 **Co forsterite and monticellite**

514 The analysis of the  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectrum of the 0.1% Co-forsterite is made more precise by  
515 the higher signal to noise ratio resulting from its isotopic enrichment, yielding more complete  
516 information about  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  site preference. This spectrum displays a large number of peaks  
517 indicating that  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  is present (in some ratio) on both M1 and M2 sites, as in Fe-forsterite.  
518 These can be separated into groups based on their relative areas (Table 6): group A with the  
519 smallest areas ranging from 0.01 to 0.018% (peaks 1, 4, 7, 8, 22, 23, and 24), group B with  
520 distinctly larger areas from 0.027% to 0.055% (peaks 2, 5, 18, 21, and 25), group C ranging from  
521 0.086% to 0.114% (peaks 3, 6, 17, 19, 20, and 26), and group D comprising those with areas  
522 above 0.135% (peaks 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16). Several studies of olivines with much higher Co  
523 concentrations have suggested a significant, but not exclusive, preference for M1 over M2  
524 (Müller-Sommer et al. 1997; Taran and Rossman 2001). A similar site distribution at low  $\text{Co}^{2+}$   
525 concentrations would suggest that paramagnetically shifted peaks related to  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  in M1 should  
526 be systematically larger than those related to M2. Group A can therefore be expected to  
527 contain the shifts caused by  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  in M2 on the mirror plane with Si. The average area of the  
528 group B peaks is approximately twice that for group A, so group B may represent the signals

529 from  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  in off-mirror plane M2 sites. The much larger peaks in group C then are likely to be  
530 contributions from  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  in M1 sites.

531         These assignments can be at least partially corroborated by comparing the spectrum of  
532 Co-monticellite to that of 0.65% Co-forsterite, where peak numbers correspond to those in the  
533 lower-dopant sample (Fig. 6). Here, the paramagnetically shifted peaks for the Co-monticellite  
534 can be assumed to be caused by  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  in the M1 sites only. Co-forsterite peak 26 appears to  
535 correspond to Co-monticellite peak 3 since there is little else in this region of the spectra, and  
536 peaks 1 and 2 for the Co-monticellite appear to correspond to Co-forsterite peaks 3 and 6 (Fig.  
537 6, dashed lines). As for Fe-forsterite and monticellite, there is rough linear correlation between  
538 the shifts of the observable, corresponding M1 peaks in the Co-forsterite and Co-monticellite,  
539 with systematically smaller shifts in the latter (Fig. 9). In the higher-resolution spectrum for the  
540 0.1% Co-forsterite (Fig. 3), the areas of peaks of 3, 6 and 26, are all of similar area and are larger  
541 than other neighboring peaks. Thus peaks 3, 6 and 26 are assigned as signals resulting from  
542 silicon sites with neighboring  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  in M1. This analysis thus also supports our assumption that  
543 the small area peaks, group A and group B, in the 0.1% Co-forsterite spectrum are caused by  
544  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  in M2. The larger-area group D peaks, which are the least shifted and least well-resolved,  
545 probably each contain multiple overlapped contributions and cannot readily be assigned: single  
546 peaks of much larger areas than those in group C are not expected from our analysis of the  
547 structure. However, with multiple, clearly identified contributions from  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  in both M1 and M2  
548 sites, averages of the peak areas for groups A, B and C can be compared to determine the site  
549 preference for  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ . Using the symmetry-constrained relationship between intensities for on-  
550 mirror-plane M1 and M2 site peaks, 2X and 2Y, respectively, a  $76\pm 12\%$  M1 site preference can

551 be determined for  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  in forsterite. Müller-Sommer et al. (1997) determined the  $\text{Co}^{2+}$   
552 preference for the M1 site with an X-ray Rietveld analysis of a series of olivines ranging from  
553  $(\text{Co}_{0.13}\text{Mg}_{0.87})_2\text{SiO}_4$  to  $\text{Co}_2\text{SiO}_4$ , all equilibrated at 1200 °C and cooled to room temperature  
554 within two minutes. At the  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  concentrations of our forsterite samples, an 84% M1 site  
555 preference is predicted by their results, which agrees well with our determined value.

## 556 **Implications**

557 The  $^{29}\text{Si}$  spectra of forsterite containing 0.05 to 5% of  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ , and  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  display large  
558 numbers (4 to 26 or more) of resolvable resonances caused by interactions of unpaired electron  
559 spins with nuclear spins. These potentially contain a wealth of information about site  
560 occupancies, short range order/disorder, and substitution mechanisms, as has begun to be  
561 reported for other minerals such as garnets and REE phosphates. Although we cannot yet fully  
562 analyze these spectra (a task that probably awaits the development and application of  
563 advanced theoretical methods), partial analysis gives reasonable assignments of peaks to each  
564 different cation in either exclusively M1 sites ( $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ), roughly equal occupancy in both M1 and  
565 M2 ( $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ), or both sites with a strong preference for M1 ( $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ). Comparison to analogous Ni-  
566 bearing monticellite samples, where M1-only occupancies are expected, helps confirm these  
567 assignments. These site preferences agree well with those predicted by previous studies of  
568 olivines with higher transition metal cation concentrations, suggesting some simplicity to  
569 controlling mechanisms of solution. Future NMR studies seeking to investigate the effects of  
570 temperature and composition on M1/M2 ordering in olivines with relatively low transition  
571 metal cation contents would require high quality spectra to tightly constrain peak areas.  $^{29}\text{Si}$

572 enriched samples would be very useful in detecting small (approximate 5% or less) changes in  
573 paramagnetically shifted peak areas anticipated by the findings and analysis of higher  
574 concentration studies (Kroll et al. 2006; Morozov et al. 2006; Heinemann et al. 2007). If  
575 detectable, these results could be important complements to existing data from XRD and other  
576 methods on samples with higher concentrations, to better refine solution models.

577         The approach chosen here of keeping magnetic dopant ion levels low enough to avoid  
578 problematic line broadening, as well as comparing effects of cations expected to have different  
579 site occupancies, suggests the possibility of application to other problems of short-range  
580 structure in silicate and other minerals and related technological materials; the documentation  
581 of shifted NMR peaks for one, two, and even three paramagnetic cation neighbors provides  
582 prospects for unique opportunities to detect cation clustering, as was noted in early studies of  
583 pyrochlore phases (Grey et al. 1989, 1990). In minerals such as forsterite that can have very  
584 narrow NMR peaks, effects of paramagnetic cations can be detected at very low concentrations  
585 (< 0.1%) even in isotopically normal samples, if experiments are done with very rapid pulsing to  
586 enhance these fast-relaxing signals. <sup>29</sup>Si enrichment can increase this sensitivity even more.

587         Broadening effects, as shown here for low concentrations of Mn<sup>2+</sup> and high  
588 concentrations of Fe<sup>2+</sup> in olivine, may still produce NMR spectra that are unresolved and which  
589 appear to retain little structural information. However, results presented here suggest that  
590 even in such systems, future NMR studies could prove interesting, perhaps if conducted with  
591 very rapid sample spinning rates (now possible up to >100 kHz in some cases) or at low

592 temperatures where separation due to paramagnetic shifts may be much greater and  
593 relaxation times altered.

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758 model that assumes random distribution of  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  on M1 sites only.

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Name <sup>a</sup>	Dopant conc. (apfu) <sup>b</sup>	FWHM (ppm)	Line shape <sup>d</sup>	% relaxed <sup>e</sup>
0.1% Mn-forsterite	0.002 <sup>c</sup>	27.3	-	100%
0.05% Fe-forsterite	0.001 (1)	2.1	0.30	14%
0.4% Fe-forsterite	0.008 (24)	2.2	0.40	51%
San Carlos Olivine	0.20 (2)	55	-	100%
0.1% Fe-monticellite	0.002 (1)	1.1	0.00	11%
0.1% Co-forsterite	0.002 (0)	0.8	0.20	15%
0.65% Co-forsterite	0.013 (4)	1.1	0.00	17%
0.25% Co-monticellite	0.005 (2)	3.8	0.40	20%
0.25% Ni-forsterite	0.005 (1)	0.8	0.88	73%
1% Ni-forsterite	0.020 (0)	0.8	0.50	84%
5% Ni-forsterite	0.100 (3)	1.8	0.43	100%
1% Ni-monticellite	0.020 (3)	0.9	0.50	89%

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762 <sup>a</sup> Based on  $(\text{Mg}_{2-2x}\text{M}_{2x}\text{SiO}_4)$  for forsterite, and  $(\text{CaMg}_{1-2x}\text{M}_{2x}\text{SiO}_4)$  for monticellite.

763 <sup>b</sup> Based on EPMA data, atoms per formula unit. Figures in parentheses show standard deviation  
764 in analyses and indicate degree of sample homogeneity.

765 <sup>c</sup> Not analyzed, estimated by synthesis values.

766 <sup>d</sup> 1=100% Gaussian, 0=100% Lorentzian line shape for central, unshifted peak.

767 <sup>e</sup> % relaxation of unshifted peak at 0.05 s pulse delay, relative to full relaxation at long delays.

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769 **Table 2.** Peak positions and areas for Ni-containing forsterite samples. “Source” shows origins  
 770 of peaks that result from two or three Ni cations in sites that product the indicated single  
 771 peaks.

Peak	0.25%Ni- forsterite		1%Ni-forsterite		Shift (ppm)	5%Ni-forsterite	
	Shift (ppm)	Area (%) <sup>a</sup>	Shift (ppm)	Area (%) <sup>b</sup>		Area (%) <sup>c</sup>	Peak source
1	-	-	-	-	51.9	0.1	7+7+9
2	-	-	-	-	48.8	0.1	7+7+10
3	-	-	-	-	44.0	0.4	7+7
4	-	-	-	-	35.6	0.3	7+9+10
5	-	-	-	-	29.6	1.7	7+9
6	-	-	-	-	26.7	1.3	7+10
7	20.8	0.8	21.6	3.2	20.9	9.9	-
8	-	-	-	-	14.4	4.1	7+11, and 9+10
9	8.4	0.7	8.6	3.3	8.4	9.5	-
10	5.8	0.7	6.0	3.4	5.8	9.0	-
Unshifted	0	97	0	87	0.0	47	-
11	-6.4	0.9	-6.9	3.3	-6.7	10.2	-

772 <sup>a</sup> uncertainty in area is about 26% relative.

773 <sup>b</sup> uncertainty in area is about 8% relative.

774 <sup>c</sup> Uncertainty in area is about 18% relative. Using the random model (see text), areas of doubly-  
 775 and triply-shifted peaks within 35.5 to -6.7 ppm were estimated and account for 6.6%  
 776 additional intensity, but are not listed individually.

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778 **Table 3.** Peak positions and areas for 1% Ni monticellite.

Peak	1% Ni-monticellite		corresponding Ni-forsterite peak
	Shift (ppm)	Area (%) <sup>a</sup>	
1	14.2	3.3	7
2	3.1	7.9	9 and 10
Unshifted	0	86	
3	-3.1	2.7	11

779 <sup>a</sup> uncertainty in area is about 20% relative.

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781 **Table 4.** Peak positions and areas for Fe<sup>2+</sup>-containing forsterites.

Peak	0.05% Fe-forsterite		0.4% Fe-forsterite		Site <sup>d</sup>
	Shift (ppm)	Area (%) <sup>a</sup>	Shift (ppm)	Area (%) <sup>c</sup>	
1	38.7	0.13	35.2	0.5	M2
2	35.0	0.19	31.5	0.9	M2
3	30.3	0.18	27.5	0.9	M1
4	15.1	0.14	w/peak 5		M1
5	13.0	0.13	13.2	1.6	M1
6	9.7	0.40	w/peak 7		M2
7	8.2	0.12	8.3	4.1	M2
8	5.0	0.39	w/shoulder		M1
9	1.9	0.63 <sup>b</sup>	w/shoulder		?
shoulder unshifted	ca. 1 0	0.10 <sup>b</sup> 96	ca. 1 0	7.8 73	
shoulder	ca. -1.5	0.21 <sup>b</sup>	ca. -1.5	5.8	
10	-5.2	0.09 <sup>b</sup>	w/shoulder		?
11	-7.2	0.12 <sup>b</sup>	w/shoulder		?
12	-10.4	0.17	-9.0	1.1	M1
13	-13.8	0.14	-12.4	0.7	M2
14	-19.2	0.13	-18.4	0.8	M2
15	-27.3	0.09	-22.8	0.9	M1
16	-39.1	0.19	-34.7	1.0	M1

782 <sup>a</sup> uncertainty in area is about 25% relative except as noted.

783 <sup>b</sup> less-resolved peak, uncertainty in area may be 25-50% relative.

784 <sup>c</sup> uncertainty in areas is about 17% relative.

785 <sup>d</sup> most likely location of Fe<sup>2+</sup> cation responsible for observed peak.

786 **Table 5.** Peak positions and areas for 0.1% Fe-monticellite.

Peak	0.1% Fe-monticellite		corresponding Fe-forsterite peak
	Shift (ppm)	area (%) <sup>a</sup>	
1	22.3	0.4	3
2	11.4	0.3	4
3	8.8	0.5	5
4	3.2	0.5 <sup>b</sup>	8
shoulder unshifted	ca. 1.5 0	2.0 <sup>b</sup> 94	
shoulder	c.a. -2.5	1.0 <sup>b</sup>	
5	-6.1	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	12
6	-19.6	0.4	15
7	-28.5	0.5	16

787 <sup>a</sup> uncertainty in areas 21% relative, except as noted.

788 <sup>b</sup> less-resolved peaks, uncertainties 21-50% relative.



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790 **Table 6.** Peak positions and areas for 0.1% Co-forsterite (95% <sup>29</sup>Si).

0.1% Co-forsterite			
Peak	Shift (ppm)	Area (%) <sup>a</sup>	Site
1	36.8	0.010	M2-on-mirror
2	33.1	0.045	M2-off-mirror
3	31.0	0.113	M1
4	28.7	0.017	M2-on-mirror
5	21.7	0.027	M2-off-mirror
6	17.4	0.086	M1
7	14.3	0.014	M2-on-mirror
8	12.3	0.015	M2-on-mirror
9	10.2	0.05 <sup>b</sup>	?
10	9.2	0.16 <sup>b</sup>	?
11	7.7	0.01 <sup>b</sup>	?
12	5.0	0.39 <sup>b</sup>	?
13	3.9	0.17 <sup>b</sup>	?
14	1.5	0.48 <sup>b</sup>	?
unshifted	0	97.5	
15	-3.2	0.23 <sup>b</sup>	?
16	-4.6	0.14 <sup>b</sup>	?
17	-5.6	0.096	M1
18	-9.6	0.027	M2-off-mirror
19	-10.9	0.114	M1
20	-12.3	0.090	M1
21	-18.5	0.055	M2-off-mirror
22	-21.5	0.013	M2-on-mirror
23	-23.1	0.018	M2-on-mirror
24	-25.5	0.012	M2-on-mirror
25	-36.7	0.030	M2-off-mirror
26	-61.7	0.094	M1

791 <sup>a</sup> Uncertainty in area is about 9% relative except as noted.

792 <sup>b</sup>less-resolved peaks, uncertainties about 10-30%.

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794 **Table 7.** Peak positions and areas for 0.25% Co-monticellite.

0.25% Co-monticellite			
Peak	Shift (ppm)	Area (%) <sup>a</sup>	Co-forsterite peak
1	17.6	0.7	3
2	10.5	1.4	6
shoulder	c.a. 2	2.9	
unshifted	0	94	
3	-44.3	0.6	26

795 <sup>a</sup> uncertainty in area is about 10% relative except as noted.

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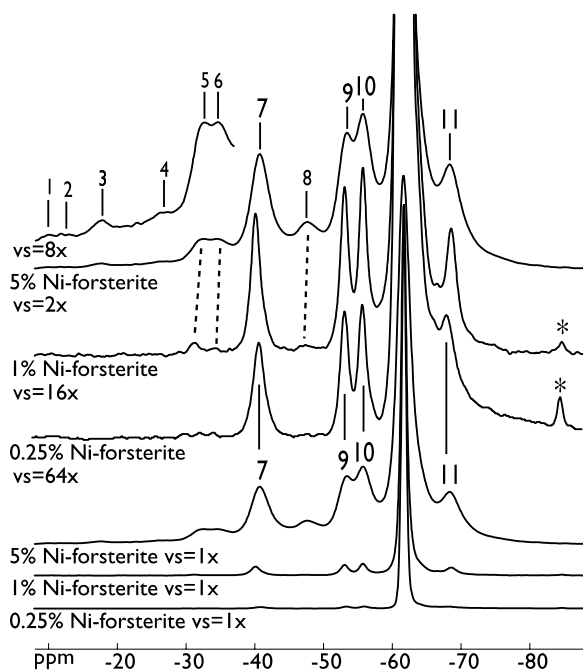
801 expected scaling of the areas of associated paramagnetically shifted peaks.

Site	Distance to Si (Å)	Bonds <sup>a</sup>	Equivalent sites	Area scale factor <sup>b</sup>
M1	2.695	2	2	2X
M1	3.253	2	2	2X
M1	4.412	4	2	2X
M1	5.013	4	2	2X
M1	5.334	4	2	2X
M1	6.111	4	2	2X
M1	6.224	4	2	2X
M1	6.245	4	2	2X
M1	6.737	4	2	2X
M2	2.786	2	1	Y
M2	3.250	2	1	Y
M2	3.273	2	1	Y
M2	3.278	2	2	2Y
M2	5.216	4	2	2Y
M2	5.428	4	1	Y
M2	5.513	4	2	2Y
M2	5.560	4	2	2Y
M2	6.024	4	2	2Y
M2	6.071	4	1	Y
M2	6.596	4	2	2Y
M2	6.815	4	2	2Y

802 <sup>a</sup> number of bonds separating M and Si sites, e.g. 4 bonds for M1-O-M2-O-Si.

803 <sup>b</sup> factor by which peak area will be scaled for M1 occupancy of X% and M2 occupancy of Y%.

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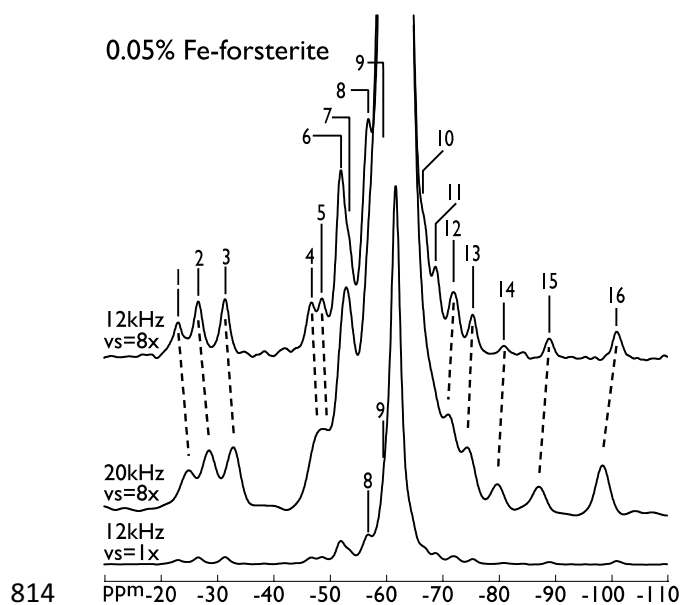
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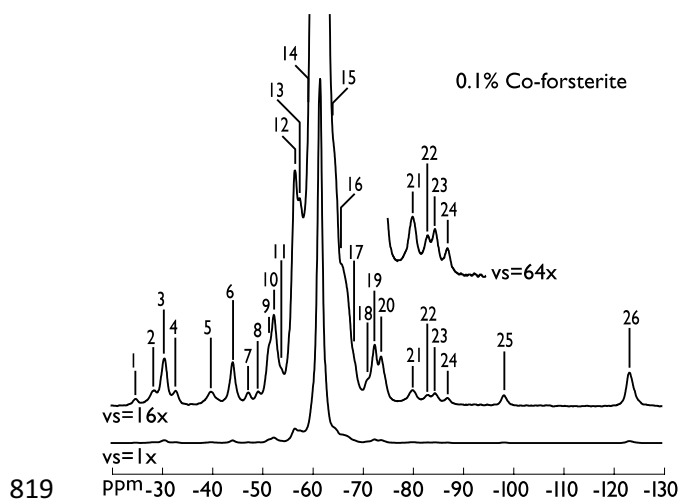
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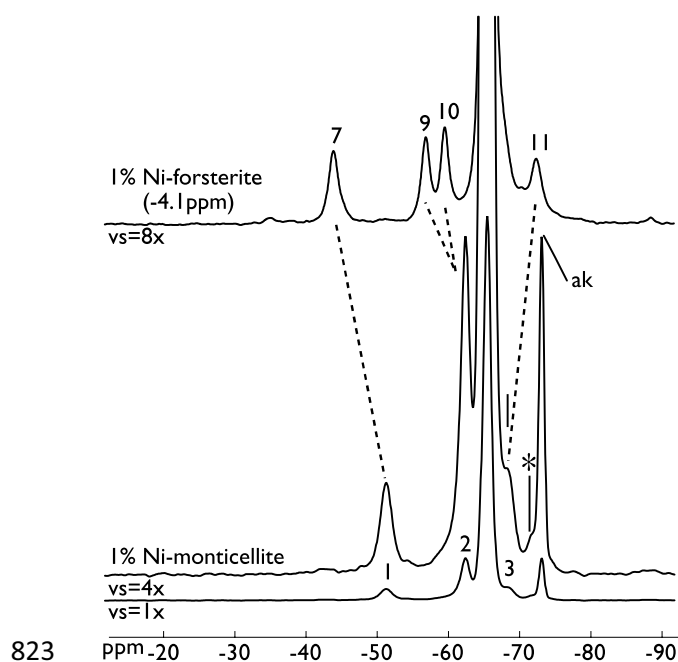
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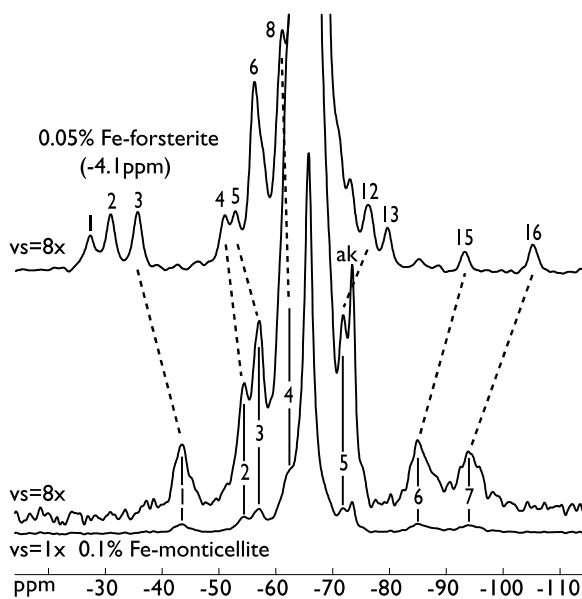


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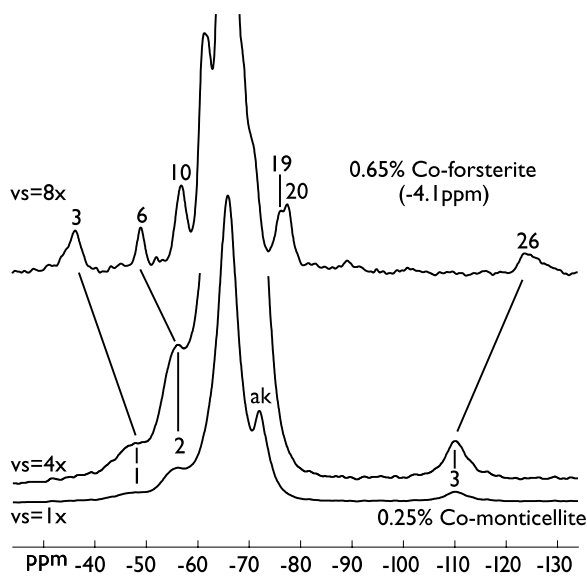
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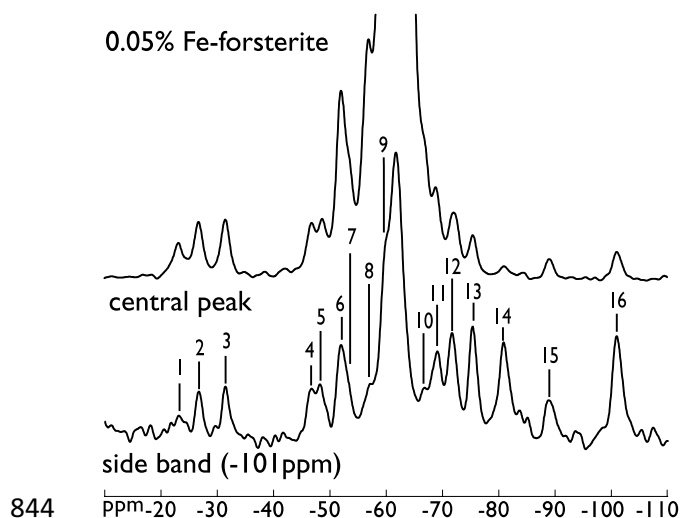




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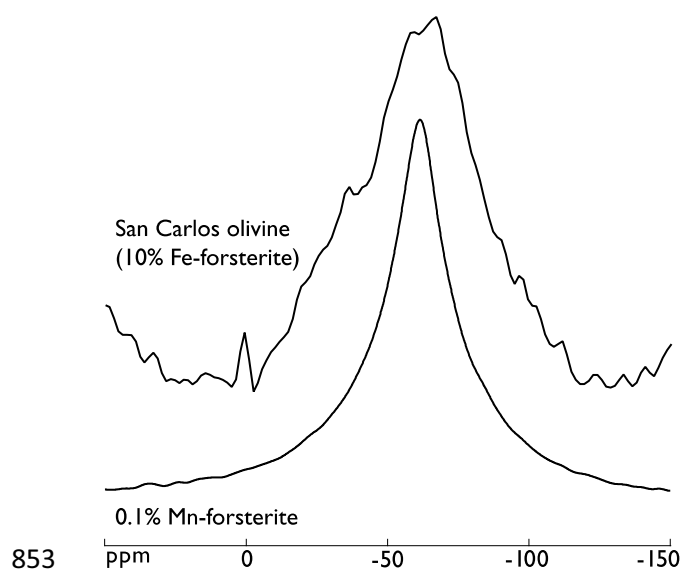
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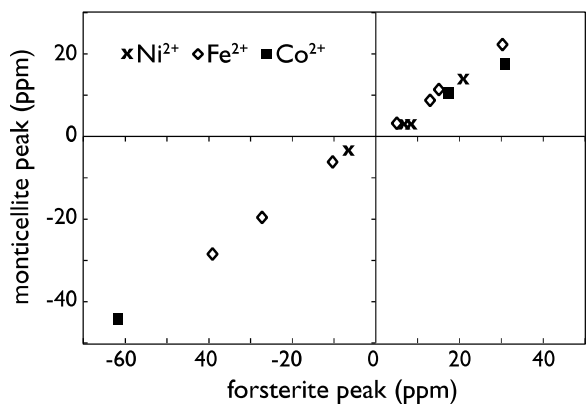
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856 spinning speed) is shown to illustrate broadening caused by a much higher Fe<sup>2+</sup> content. In the  
857 latter, the spike at 0 ppm is an artifact, and the inner edges of the first spinning sidebands can  
858 be seen in the baseline.

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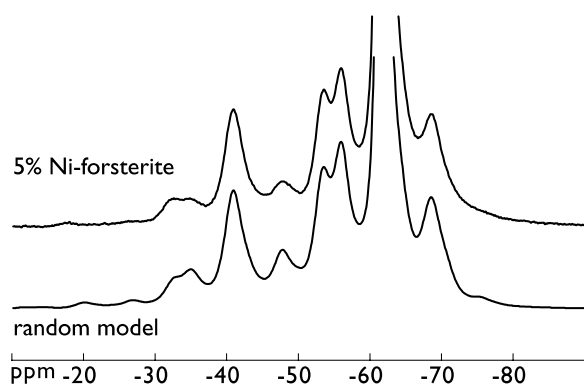


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862 **Figure 9.** A plot of paramagnetic shifts, relative to the central resonance, for peaks in  
863 transition-metal containing forsterite and the corresponding ones in monticellite. Data shown  
864 are from spectra collected at 14.1 T and 20 kHz spinning speed.

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868 **Figure 10.** Observed  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR spectrum of 5% Ni-forsterite (as in Fig. 1), compared with  
869 model that assumes random distribution of  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  on M1 sites only.