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2 structure

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15 **Abstract:**

16 Skiagite-rich garnet was synthesized as single crystals at 9.5 GPa and 1100 °C using a multi-
17 anvil apparatus. The crystal structure (cubic, space group $Ia\bar{3}d$, $a=11.7511(2)$ Å,
18 $V=1622.69(5)$ Å³, $D_{\text{calc}}=4.4931$ g/cm³) was investigated using single crystal synchrotron X-
19 ray diffraction. Synchrotron Mössbauer Source spectroscopy revealed that Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺
20 predominantly occupy dodecahedral (X) and octahedral (Y) sites, respectively, as expected
21 for the garnet structure, and confirmed independently using nuclear forward scattering.
22 Single-crystal X-ray diffraction suggests the structural formula of the skiagite-rich garnet to

23 be $\text{Fe}^{2+}_3(\text{Fe}^{2+}_{0.234(2)}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{1.532(1)}\text{Si}^{4+}_{0.234(2)})(\text{SiO}_4)_3$, in agreement with electron microprobe
24 chemical analysis. The formula is consistent with X-ray absorption near-edge structure
25 spectra. The occurrence of Si and Fe^{2+} in the octahedral Y-site indicates the synthesized
26 garnet to be a solid solution of endmember skiagite with ~23 mol% of the Fe-majorite
27 endmember $\text{Fe}^{2+}_3(\text{Fe}^{2+}\text{Si}^{4+})(\text{SiO}_4)_3$.

28 **Keywords:** skiagite, majorite, garnets, single crystal X-ray diffraction, Mossbauer
29 spectroscopy, Nuclear forward scattering, XANES

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31 **Body of paper**

32 *Introduction*

33 Garnet is a common mineral in mantle assemblages and often occurs as inclusions in
34 natural diamonds. Due to the compositional complexity of natural garnets, the relationship
35 between their composition and the pressure-temperature conditions of their formation is still
36 not well constrained (Akaogi and Akimoto 1977; Irufunne 1987; Stachel 2001; Collerson
37 2010).

38 Silicate garnets have the general formula $[\text{X}]_3[\text{Y}]_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$ where [X] and [Y] are cations
39 occupying the dodecahedral and octahedral sites, respectively. In garnets from the crust and
40 upper mantle the dodecahedral site is occupied by a divalent cation (e.g., Fe^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , Ca^{2+})
41 and the octahedral site by a trivalent cation (e.g., Fe^{3+} , Al^{3+} , Cr^{3+}). Garnets from mantle
42 xenoliths and inclusions in diamonds contain both ferrous (Fe^{2+}) and ferric (Fe^{3+}) iron. Thus
43 information about the properties and high-pressure behaviour of the iron endmember skiagite,
44 $\text{Fe}^{2+}_3\text{Fe}^{3+}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$, is important for mineral physics and the geochemistry of the Earth's upper
45 mantle and transition zone. Moreover, the fate of iron-rich silicate material incorporating a

46 skiagite component is unknown at conditions of the deep lower mantle and the core-mantle
47 boundary.

48 The stability field of skiagite has been investigated in several studies. Karpinskaya et
49 al. (1982) were probably the first to synthesize skiagite, which was produced at 12 GPa and
50 800°C. Woodland and O'Neill (1993) measured the variation of garnet unit cell parameter
51 along the almandine-skiagite solid solution join. Woodland and Ross (1994) studied the
52 crystal chemistry of skiagite solid solutions along the joins $\text{Fe}_3\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3 - \text{Fe}_3\text{Fe}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$
53 (almandine-skiagite) and $\text{Ca}_3\text{Fe}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3 - \text{Fe}_3\text{Fe}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$ (andradite-skiagite) at pressures
54 between 1.7 and 9.7 GPa and temperatures of 1080 to 1100 °C. Woodland and O'Neill (1995)
55 investigated the stability of Ca-bearing garnets on the join $\text{Ca}_3\text{Fe}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3 - \text{Fe}_3\text{Fe}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$
56 (andradite-skiagite) as a function of pressure at 1100 °C. Simple Cr^{3+} - Fe^{3+} exchange in the
57 octahedral sites of the skiagite – Fe-knorringite ($\text{Fe}_3\text{Fe}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$ - $\text{Fe}_3\text{Cr}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$) binary join was
58 studied by Woodland et al. (2009). However, so far the iron-skiagite endmember has not yet
59 been synthesized so that it can be investigated by mineral physics methods, including single
60 crystal X-ray diffraction and Mössbauer spectroscopy.

61 Here we report the high-pressure high-temperature synthesis of single crystals of
62 skiagite-rich garnet, $\text{Fe}^{2+}_3(\text{Fe}^{2+}_{0.234(2)}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{1.53(1)}\text{Si}_{0.234(2)})(\text{SiO}_4)_3$, and the results of its
63 characterization using single-crystal synchrotron X-ray diffraction, synchrotron Mössbauer
64 source (SMS) spectroscopy, nuclear forward scattering (NFS), and X-ray absorption near-
65 edge structure (XANES) spectroscopies .

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67 *Experimental methods*

68 Synthesis experiments were performed using a split-sphere type multi-anvil apparatus
69 at 9.5 GPa and 1100° C at Bayerisches Geoinstitut (Bayreuth, Germany) (BGI). The starting
70 material (corresponding to the nominal composition $\text{Fe}_3\text{Fe}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$) was a powdered mixture of

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71 chemically pure oxides (Fe_{1-x}O , $^{57}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ and SiO_2) homogenized at room temperature by
72 milling in a mortar using ethanol and then dried in a furnace at 100 °C for 24 hours. The
73 prepared mixture was placed in a capsule of 3.5 mm length and 2 mm diameter made of
74 platinum foil. High temperature was generated using a LaCrO_3 heater and the capsule was
75 insulated from the heater by a MgO cylinder. The cell assembly with the sample was
76 compressed to the target pressure between eight cubic tungsten carbide anvils with corners
77 truncated to 11.0 mm edge lengths. The accuracy in determination of pressure and
78 temperature is estimated to be ± 0.5 GPa and ± 50 °C, respectively (Frost 2004). The sample
79 was heated for about 30 min and rapidly quenched by switching off the power supply, causing
80 cooling to ambient temperature with a rate of ~ 200 °C/s.

81 Chemical composition of the samples was characterized using wavelength dispersive
82 X-ray (WDX) microprobe analysis (JEOL JXA-8200; focused beam; accelerating voltage of
83 15 keV and beam current of 15 nA). Metallic Fe and quartz were used as standards for Fe and
84 Si, respectively, with atomic number effects, absorption, and fluorescence (ZAF) correction.

85 SMS spectra were recorded at the Nuclear Resonance Beamline (Rüffer and
86 Chumakov 1996) ID18 of the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF) (Grenoble,
87 France) using the (111) Bragg reflection of a $^{57}\text{FeBO}_3$ single crystal mounted on a Wissel
88 velocity transducer driven with a sinusoidal wave form (Potapkin et al. 2012). The X-ray
89 beam was focused to 20 μm vertical and 10 μm horizontal dimensions using Kirkpatrick-Baez
90 mirrors. The linewidth of the SMS and the absolute position of the center shift (CS) were
91 controlled before and after each measurement using a $\text{K}_2\text{Mg}^{57}\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ reference single line
92 absorber. The velocity scale was calibrated using 25 μm thick natural α -Fe foil. Each
93 spectrum took ~ 1 -2 hours to collect. Spectra were fitted using a full transmission integral
94 with a normalized Lorentzian-squared source lineshape using the MossA software package
95 (Prescher et al. 2012).

96 NFS data were collected at the same beamline in 4-bunch mode, with the beam
97 focused to $6 \times 11 \mu\text{m}^2$ using Kirkpatrick-Baez mirrors. The spectra were collected for 10 to 60
98 min each. NFS data were fitted using the CONUSS package (Sturhahn 2000).

99 XANES spectra were collected at the energy-dispersive X-ray absorption spectroscopy
100 beamline (ID24) at ESRF. The beam was focused horizontally using a curved polychromator
101 Si (111) crystal in Bragg geometry and vertically with Kirkpatrick-Baez (KB) mirrors. The
102 size of the X-ray beam spot on the sample was about $3.5 \times 5 \mu\text{m}^2$ FWHM. The measured
103 XANES spectra were normalized using FDMNES software (Bunau and Joly 2009). The
104 second-order polynomial pixel to energy conversion parameters were calibrated using a
105 reference α -Fe foil. Crystals for all studies were selected at BGI using a three-circle Bruker
106 diffractometer equipped with a SMART APEX CCD detector and a high-brilliance Rigaku
107 diffractometer equipped with a rotating anode (Rotor Flex FR-D, Mo-K α radiation), Osmic
108 focusing X-ray optics, and Bruker Apex CCD detector.

109 Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected at the Swiss-Norwegian beamline
110 (BM01A) at ESRF on a single-crystal diffractometer (KUMA KM6-CH) by $360^\circ \varphi$ scans ($\Delta\varphi$
111 = 0.5°) employing a Pilatus 2M pixel detector. The crystal was cooled to 280 K using an
112 Oxford Cryostream low-temperature device. Data processing (peak intensity integration,
113 background evaluation, cell parameters, space group determination and absorption correction)
114 was performed with the *CrysAlis^{Pro}* 171.36.28 program. The program *JANA2006* was used for
115 structure refinement (Petricek et al. 2014).

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120 ***Results and discussion***

121 *Phase assemblage and chemical composition*

122 The recovered sample is a multi-phase assemblage that includes fine anhedral garnet
123 crystals that appear red under a light microscope and typically have dimensions less than
124 $30 \times 10 \times 10 \mu\text{m}^3$. There are also minor amounts of magnetite, coesite and clinopyroxene (Fig.
125 1) that were confirmed by X-ray diffraction data and microprobe analysis. The presence of
126 other phases in addition to garnet may indicate a non-homogeneous pressure-temperature
127 distribution within the pressure chamber and/or different kinetics of chemical reactions in the
128 starting mixture.

129 The composition of skiaegite garnet was obtained by averaging 30 microprobe analyses
130 (in wt% with standard deviations given in parentheses): SiO_2 35.21(11), FeO 60.67(9), total
131 95.88(14), which led to a chemical formula of $\text{Fe}^{2+}_3(\text{Fe}^{2+}_{0.276(1)}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{1.44(1)}\text{Si}_{0.276(1)})\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$ on the
132 basis of 12 oxygen atoms assuming stoichiometry and that the dodecahedral position is
133 occupied exclusively by Fe^{2+} . The Fe^{3+} -corrected values of the microprobe analyses are (in
134 wt%): SiO_2 35.21(11), FeO 42.11 (36), Fe_2O_3 20.63 (80), total 97.95(88). No chemical zoning
135 was observed in the run products. As evident from the formula, there is an excess of Si over
136 the ideal 3 atoms per formula unit.

137 *Single crystal X-ray diffraction and structure refinement*

138 The experimental details and crystallographic data obtained by means of synchrotron
139 X-ray diffraction from a small (red) crystal of skiaegite garnet are summarized in Table 1.
140 Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters
141 (\AA^2), atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2), selected geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$) are listed in
142 Tables 2–4. Full-matrix least-squares refinement on F provided good reliability factors
143 $R_F(I > 3\sigma(I)) = 0.0281$ and $wR_F(\text{all}) = 0.0427$. Atomic coordinates and anisotropic displacement

144 parameters of Fe1 and Si1 were constrained to be equal, and their overall occupancy was
145 fixed. Structure refinement revealed that the octahedral site is fully occupied by Fe and Si
146 atoms, yielding the chemical composition $\text{Fe}^{2+}_3(\text{Fe}^{2+}_{0.234(2)}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{1.532(1)}\text{Si}^{4+}_{0.234(2)})(\text{SiO}_4)_3$, which
147 is in good agreement with the results of electron microprobe analysis. The minor difference in
148 the chemical composition determined by these two methods is likely due to the bulk
149 averaging of the microprobe data compared to the diffraction data which measures a single
150 crystal; therefore the values obtained from single-crystal X-ray diffraction are considered to
151 be more representative. According to the obtained structural formula, there is a significant
152 amount of Si (0.234(2)) and Fe^{2+} (0.234(2)) on the octahedral position. This suggests that ~23
153 mol % of the endmember iron-majorite ($\text{Fe}_4\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{12}$) component is present in the synthesized
154 skiagite-rich garnet.

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156 *Mössbauer spectroscopy and nuclear forward scattering*

157 Skiagite-rich garnet crystals, identified using single crystal X-ray diffraction, were
158 loaded into a DAC and studied at ambient pressure. We collected SMS spectra from a number
159 of crystals and fit them to doublets with conventional constraints (equal doublet component
160 widths and areas). All spectra gave hyperfine parameters that were the same within
161 experimental uncertainty with the exception of relative intensities of the different doublets.
162 This difference likely arises from varying ratios of different iron isotopes due to the starting
163 mixture containing unenriched Fe_{1-x}O and ^{57}Fe -enriched Fe_2O_3 , where partial isotopic
164 differentiation occurred in the course of the chemical reaction.

165 A typical SMS spectrum of skiagite-rich garnet contains two doublets (Fig. 2) that
166 according to literature data (Amthauer et al. 1976; Woodland and Ross 1994) can be assigned
167 to Fe^{2+} on the dodecahedral site and Fe^{3+} on the octahedral site. Some of the crystals showed
168 an additional doublet consistent with Fe^{2+} on the octahedral site, although with low intensity

169 likely due to the isotopic effect mentioned above. The NFS spectrum collected at ambient
170 conditions (Fig. 3) is consistent with the SMS spectrum and the fit gave similar hyperfine
171 parameters (Table 5). Since the absolute CS value cannot be determined from the NFS data, it
172 was fixed to the value determined from the SMS spectrum.

173 *XANES*

174 XANES spectra were simulated using *ab initio* multiple scattering calculations with
175 the FEFF9 code (Rehr et al. 2009). The atomic clusters for Fe1 and Fe2 positions were
176 calculated from the structural model obtained in the single-crystal X-ray diffraction study.
177 Full multiple scattering calculations were performed in a 6 Å radius cluster, while self-
178 consistent potentials were calculated for a 4 Å radius cluster. The Hedin-Lundqvist self-
179 energy exchange correlation was used and multipole (dipole + quadrupole) transitions were
180 calculated to simulate the pre-edge transition peak.

181 Figure 4 shows the experimental XANES spectra of skiagite-rich garnet and simulated
182 XANES spectra for the adopted structural model. Energies of simulated spectra were shifted
183 so as to fit each simulated curve to the corresponding observed spectra.

184 Each spectrum is characterized by two parts: a pre-edge region (~7113 eV) and a
185 main-edge region (7120-7150 eV). Because skiagite-rich garnet is cubic, there is no linear
186 polarization effect and spectra are the same for any crystal orientation. Our experimental
187 setup at the beamline did not allow the collection of spectra with sufficient quality in the pre-
188 edge region. However, comparison of the main-edge regions suggests that the simulated
189 spectra are representative of the experimental ones.

190 *Comparison of the crystal structures of Fe-bearing garnet endmembers*

191 The most abundant endmembers of Fe-bearing garnets are almandine, $\text{Fe}^{2+}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$,
192 and andradite, $\text{Ca}_3\text{Fe}^{3+}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$, which are stable at ambient pressure. Knorringite,

193 $\text{Fe}_3\text{Cr}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$, is stable above 6 GPa (Fursenko 1981). Majorite, $\text{Mg}_3(\text{Fe}^{2+}\text{Si})(\text{SiO}_4)_3$, is
194 considered to be an abundant garnet component at depths >350 km (Ringwood 1975). All of
195 the endmembers form solid solutions with skiagite (Fig. 5).

196 Woodland and Ross (1994) carried out a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study of two
197 almandine-skiagite and five andradite-skiagite crystals in order to investigate variations in
198 bond length with increasing skiagite content. In andradite-skiagite solid solutions Fe^{2+}
199 substitutes for the larger Ca^{2+} on the dodecahedral sites, so that an increase of the skiagite-
200 component leads to shortening of average $(\text{Fe}^{2+},\text{Ca}) - \text{O}_1$ and $(\text{Fe}^{2+},\text{Ca}) - \text{O}_2$ bond lengths.
201 Since six of the twelve octahedral edges are shared with neighboring dodecahedra, the
202 octahedral Fe-O bond lengths also shorten. In almandine-skiagite solid solutions an increase
203 of the skiagite-component means that Al^{3+} is substituted by larger Fe^{3+} cations on octahedral
204 sites that results in an increase of the cation-oxygen octahedral $(\text{Fe}^{3+},\text{Al}) - \text{O}$ bond lengths,
205 whereas the lengths of the two non-equivalent dodecahedral bonds $(\text{Fe} - \text{O})_1$ and $(\text{Fe} - \text{O})_2$
206 remain almost constant (Fig. 6).

207 The tetrahedral (Si-O) bond lengths remain constant across all joins and undergo only
208 minor changes of ~ 0.005 Å in almandine-skiagite garnets and ~ 0.01 Å in andradite-skiagite
209 garnets. The change in Si-O bond lengths along the andradite-skiagite join is likely a response
210 to the large decrease in the volume of neighboring dodecahedra, which leads to a slight
211 distortion of tetrahedra.

212 *Majoritic component in synthetic garnets*

213 Iron majorite (Fe-maj, $\text{Fe}_4\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{12}$) is the hypothetical endmember of iron-bearing high-
214 pressure garnets. As demonstrated by Akaogi and Akimoto (1977), the solubility of iron
215 majorite in almandine reaches a maximum of 40 mol % between 9.0 and 10.0 GPa at 1000°C.
216 They estimated a unit-cell parameter of 11.595 Å ($V = 1558.89$ Å³) for the $\text{Fe}^{2+}_4\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{12}$
217 endmember by extrapolation.

218 The solubility of the iron majorite component in skiagite has not been previously
219 demonstrated. Woodland and O'Neill (1993) showed that no significant excess of silicon (>3
220 cations pfu) was detected in garnet synthesized at 10 GPa and 1100°C from a starting material
221 with 60% skiagite and 40% majorite. This was confirmed by the observed cell parameter that
222 did not deviate from that of pure skiagite ($a = 11.7286 \text{ \AA}$) (Woodland and O'Neill 1993).

223 The structural formula obtained from EMPA and single-crystal X-ray diffraction data
224 shows that the skiagite-rich garnet synthesized in our experiment contains excess Si and Fe^{2+}
225 entering the Y site. The cell parameter of this garnet is higher ($a = 11.7511 (2) \text{ \AA}$) compared to
226 the one ($a = 11.7286 \text{ \AA}$) reported by Woodland and O'Neil (1993) for pure skiagite. This can
227 be explained by incorporation of the iron majorite component (23 mol % $\text{Fe}_4\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{12}$) into
228 skiagite due to the reaction $\text{Fe}^{2+}_3\text{Fe}^{3+}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12} = 2\text{Fe}^{2+}\text{SiO}_3 + \text{Fe}^{2+}\text{Fe}^{3+}_2\text{O}_4 + \text{SiO}_2$. Additionally,
229 our structural data provide evidence for increase of the unit cell parameter from skiagite to
230 iron majorite (dashed line in Fig. 7). If the data are linearly extrapolated (Fig. 7), the unit cell
231 parameter of iron majorite in our study is found to be $a = 11.833 \text{ \AA}$, which is higher than the
232 value obtained by Akaogi and Akimoto (1977) ($a = 11.595 \text{ \AA}$) through extrapolation of iron
233 majorite – almandine solubility data.

234 ***Implications***

235 The results of our study provide information on the solubility of the iron-majorite
236 endmember in skiagite. We have demonstrated the possibility to synthesize high quality single
237 crystals of majorite-skiagite garnet and through single-crystal X-ray diffraction data revealed
238 that at least 23 mol % of iron-majorite can be dissolved in skiagite at high pressure and high
239 temperature conditions. The studied garnet contains octahedral Si, which can be an important
240 pressure indicator for garnets in mantle assemblages (Akaogi and Akimoto 1977). The
241 relationship between skiagite and majorite provides evidence for similarity in their crystal
242 chemical behavior, but, at the same time, suggests a consequent reaction on pressure increase.

243 Although both are high-pressure components of garnet, the proportion of iron majorite
244 component relative to skiagite should decrease with increasing pressure. Our data motivates a
245 detailed investigation of structural changes in the skiagite–majorite series as a function of
246 pressure and temperature.

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323 **Figure captions**

324 **Figure 1.** Back scattered electron image of the sample (S5962) synthesized at 9.5 GPa and
325 1100 °C consisting of skiagite-rich garnet (Ski- gray), clinopyroxene (Cpx- light gray), coesite
326 (Coe- black) and magnetite (Mag- white).

327 **Figure 2.** ^{57}Fe SMS spectrum of skiagite-rich garnet at ambient conditions. The solid line
328 shows the fit with parameters given in Table 5. Red and blue doublets represent Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} ,
329 respectively.

330 **Figure 3.** NFS spectrum of skiagite-rich garnet at ambient conditions. The solid line shows
331 the fit with parameters given in Table 5. The inset shows the energy domain spectrum
332 represented by the time domain data.

333 **Figure 4.** Normalised Fe K-edge XANES spectra (solid line – experimental and dashed line –
334 simulated) of skiagite-rich garnet at ambient conditions.

335 **Figure 5.** Unit cell volume, V , plotted as a function of the skiagite content in andradite-
336 skiagite, almandine-skiagite, and knorringite-skiagite solid solutions. Data for almandine-
337 skiagite and andradite-skiagite are from Woodland and Ross (1994), and for knorringite-
338 skiagite from Woodland et al. (2009). The open square indicates the skiagite-majorite solid
339 solution from this study. Uncertainties are less than the size of the symbols.

340 **Figure 6.** Variation of the X-O and Y-O bonds lengths with the proportion of skiagite-
341 component in andradite-skiagite and almandine-skiagite solid solutions (X and Y indicate
342 cations in dodecahedral (X) and octahedral (Y) sites) after Woodland and Ross (1994). Data
343 for the andradite (solid triangles) and almandine (opened triangles) endmembers are from
344 Armbruster et al. (1992) and Armbruster and Geiger (1993). Open squares indicate the
345 skiagite-majorite garnet from this study.

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349 **Table 1** Crystal data and structure refinement

Chemical formula	$\text{Fe}^{2+}_3(\text{Fe}^{2+}_{0.234}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{1.532}\text{Si}_{0.234})\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$
Formula weight (g/mol)	548.98
Crystal system, space group	Cubic, $Ia\bar{3}d$
Temperature (K)	280.0(1)
a (Å)	11.7511 (2)
V (Å ³)	1622.69 (5)
Z	8
Radiation type	Synchrotron, $\lambda = 0.6946$ Å
μ (mm ⁻¹)	10.997
Crystal size (mm)	0.02 × 0.019 × 0.01
Density (calculated)	4.494 g/cm ³
Data collection	
Absorption correction	Multi-scan (SCALE3 ABSPACK)
T_{\min}, T_{\max}	0.730, 1
No. of measured, independent and observed [$I > 3\sigma(I)$] reflections	5517, 255, 215
R_{int}	0.028
$(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\text{max}}$ (Å ⁻¹)	0.763
Refinement	
$R_F[I > 3\sigma(I)], wR(\text{all}), S$	0.028, 0.043, 2.33

No. of reflections	255
No. of parameters	18
$\Delta\rho_{\max}, \Delta\rho_{\min}$ ($e\text{\AA}^{-3}$)	0.63, -0.69

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352 **Table 2** Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic (U_{eq}) displacement parameters
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	<i>X</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Z</i>	U_{eq}	Occupancy
Fe2	1/8	0	1/4	0.0122 (2)	
Fe1	0	0	0	0.0077 (2)	0.883 (7)
Si2	3/8	0	1/4	0.0085 (3)	
O1	0.03501 (15)	0.05281 (15)	0.65693 (15)	0.0112 (5)	
Si1	0	0	0	0.0077 (2)	0.117(7)

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372 **Table 3** Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

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	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
Fe2	0.0081 (4)	0.0143 (3)	0.0143 (3)	0	0	0.0012 (3)
Fe1	0.0077 (4)	0.0077 (4)	0.0077 (4)	0.00007 (17)	0.00007 (17)	0.00007 (17)
Si2	0.0072 (6)	0.0092 (4)	0.0092 (4)	0	0	0
O1	0.0109 (8)	0.0126 (8)	0.0100 (8)	0.0010 (7)	-0.0007 (7)	-0.0001 (6)
Si1	0.0077 (4)	0.0077 (4)	0.0077 (4)	0.00007 (17)	0.00007 (17)	0.00007 (17)

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392 **Table 4** Selected geometric parameters: interatomic distances (Å), bond angles in degrees.

Fe2—Fe1	3.2845 (19)	Fe2—O1 ⁱⁱ	2.3831 (17)
Fe2—Si2	2.9378 (10)	Fe1—O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	1.9888 (17)
Fe2—O1 ⁱ	2.2620 (18)	Si2—O1 ⁱ	1.6430 (18)
O1 ^{iv} —Fe2—O1 ⁱ	115.19 (6)	O1 ⁱ —Fe2—O1 ^{viii}	123.62 (6)
O1 ^v —Fe2—O1 ⁱ	71.69 (6)	O1 ⁱ —Fe2—O1 ⁱⁱ	73.03 (6)
O1 ^v —Fe2—O1 ⁱⁱ	111.13 (6)	O1 ^{viii} —Fe2—O1 ⁱⁱ	161.88 (6)
O1 ^{vi} —Fe2—O1 ⁱ	93.00 (6)	O1 ^{ix} —Fe1—O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	91.89 (7)
O1 ^{vi} —Fe2—O1 ⁱⁱ	71.89 (6)	O1 ^x —Fe1—O1 ^{xi}	88.11 (7)
O1 ^{vii} —Fe2—O1 ⁱ	67.55 (6)	O1 ^{xi} —Fe1—O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	180.0 (5)
O1 ^{vii} —Fe2—O1 ^{viii}	73.03 (6)	O1 ^{xii} —Si2—O1 ⁱ	114.47 (9)
O1 ^{vii} —Fe2—O1 ⁱⁱ	123.62 (6)	O1 ^{vii} —Si2—O1 ⁱ	99.87 (9)

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394 Symmetry code(s):

395 (i) $x+1/4, z-3/4, y+1/4$;

396 (ii) $-z+3/4, y-1/4, -x+1/4$;

397 (iii) $y, z-1/2, -x$; (iv) $-x, -y, -z+1$;

398 (v) $z-1/2, x, -y+1/2$; (vi) $z-1/2, -x, y$;

399 (vii) $x+1/4, -z+3/4, -y+1/4$;

400 (viii) $-z+3/4, -y+1/4, x+1/4$;

401 (ix) $x, -y, -z+1/2$;

402 (x) $-z+1/2, x, -y$;

403 (xi) $-y, -z+1/2, x$;

404 (xii) $-x+1/2, -y, z-1/2$.

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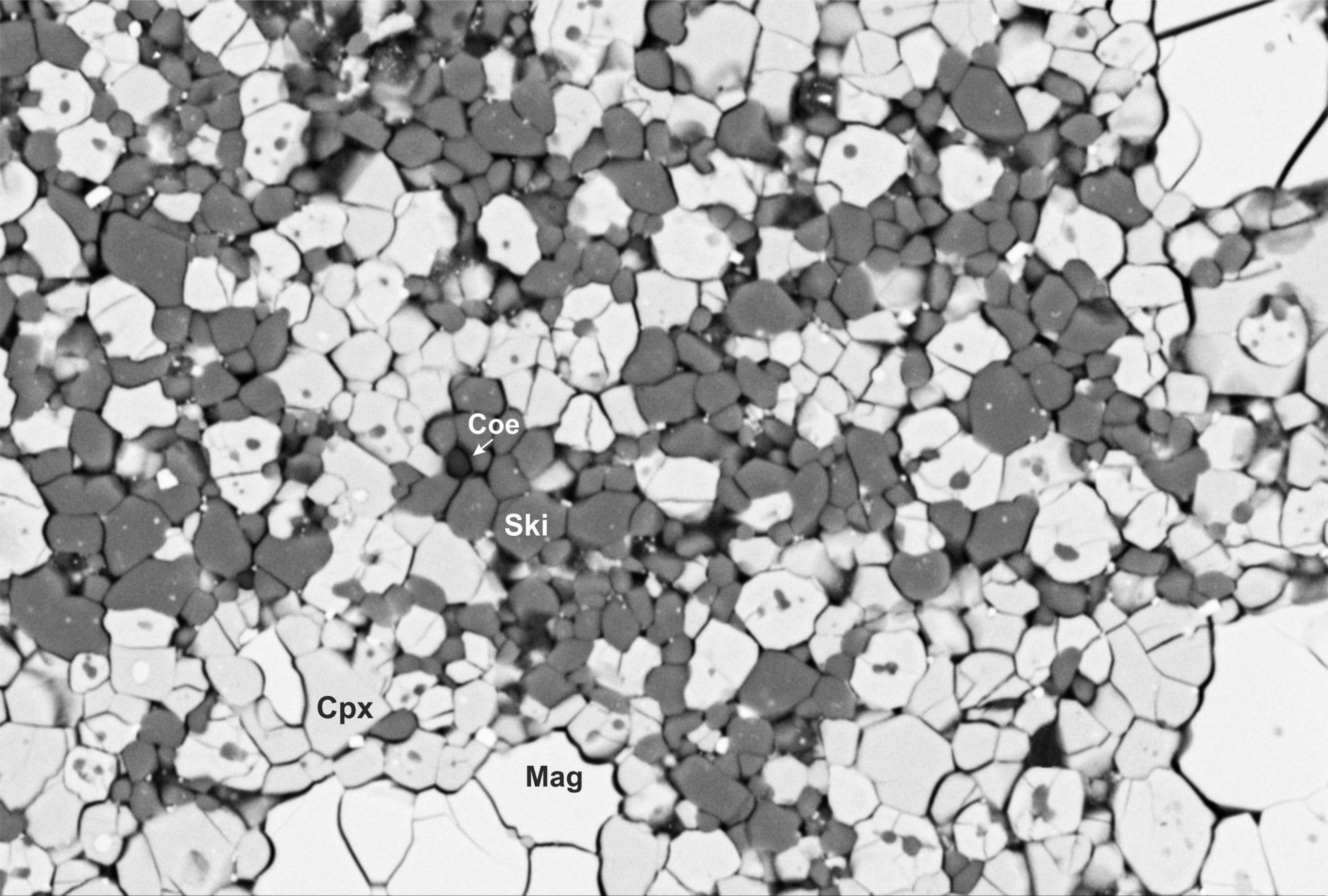
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407 **Table 5** Hyperfine parameters of skiagite-rich garnet at ambient conditions.

Oxidation state	Position	Center shift (CS)* [mm/s]	Quadrupole splitting (QS) [mm/s]	FWHM [mm/s]
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SMS spectroscopy				
Fe ²⁺	Dodecahedral	1.31(1)	3.45(2)	0.15(3) ⁴¹³
Fe ³⁺	Octahedral	0.37(1)	0.26(2)	0.19(4) ⁴¹⁴
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NFS spectroscopy				
Fe ²⁺	Dodecahedral	1.31**	3.49(5)	
Fe ³⁺	Octahedral	0.40(5)	0.27(1)	
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419 *relative to α -Fe

420 **fixed to value from SMS



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EHT = 20.00 kV

WD = 24.9 mm

Mag = 717 X

Photo No. = 197

Signal A = RBSD

