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Constraints on aluminum and scandium substitution mechanisms in forsterite, periclase, and larnite: High resolution NMR

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ABSTRACT

The incorporation of incompatible Al in forsterite is particularly interesting due to its relevance in Al olivine-spinel geobarometry techniques as well as the proposed influence of Al on upper mantle diffusion and water storage capacity. However, determining the site preference and substitution mechanisms of aluminum in forsterite presents considerable challenge, as the incompatibility of Al in the olivine structure results in correspondingly low Al concentrations which are challenging to study. In this work we use solid state Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) to directly observe Al coordination in synthetic samples from which we can constrain site preferences. We investigate Al in MgO and clinoenstatite to confirm that the forsterite spectra do not contain contributions from these impurity phases. To better interpret our results we used the Independent Component Analysis (ICA) algorithm, SIMPLISMA, which accurately deconvoluted complex NMR line shapes, separating spectral components from known impurities and enabling the identification of unknown spectral components which in some cases we can assign to substituting Al. We additionally investigate Al in larnite, which has a tetrahedral environment similar to that of forsterite and which presents an additional ICA test case, and investigate Sc in forsterite and periclase to add additional context to our Al observations. Our ²⁷Al and ⁴⁵Sc MAS NMR spectra place additional constraints on the site preferences of Al in synthetic forsterite, clinoenstatite, periclase, and larnite as well as Sc in forsterite and periclase.

32 In forsterite, we identified Al in the tetrahedral site and at least three distinct
33 octahedral environments. The overall ratio of contents of AlO_4 to AlO_6 is about 1:3; the
34 excess of the latter suggesting that at least two substitution mechanisms are necessary for
35 Al^{3+} incorporation in forsterite. In some cases the estimated species abundance for
36 observed features are as low as $70 \mu\text{g/g Al}^{3+}$, but were readily detected by NMR. Also in
37 forsterite, we identified Sc in a single MgO_6 environment. In larnite (also known as belite
38 or C_2S in cement chemist notation), a single, ordered tetrahedral Al species is detected. In
39 enstatite samples, primarily composed of clinoenstatite, ^{27}Al NMR spectra look very
40 similar to previous observations of orthoenstatite, likely indicating a similar coupled
41 AlO_6 and AlO_4 substitution. In periclase, Al is observed in an undistorted MgO_6 site with
42 cubic or nearly cubic point symmetry, in addition to a lower symmetry, six-coordinated
43 site. This work provides new insight into incompatible element substitutions mechanism
44 in minerals, in forsterite's case indicating complex behavior involving multiple species
45 despite compositional simplicity.

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47 **Keywords:** Forsterite, periclase, enstatite, larnite, belite, independent component
48 analysis, nuclear magnetic resonance, trace elements, SIMPLISMA

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INTRODUCTION

50 Aluminum is an abundant element in Earth's mantle, but scarce in olivine, a
51 major mineral component of the upper mantle and a common phase in mafic rocks.
52 Despite aluminum's low concentrations in olivine (typically less than $400 \mu\text{g/g}$), the
53 incorporation of incompatible Al^{3+} into olivine has drawn considerable interest due to its
54 relevance to a geobarometry technique (where Al^{3+} concentrations in olivine and spinel
55 are used to predict the equilibration pressure) (Wan et al. 2008; Coogan et al. 2014), its
56 proposed role in creating diffusion pathways for small ions, and its potential to generate
57 sites that could accommodate water in the upper mantle (Berry et al. 2007; Zhang and
58 Wright 2012).

59 In forsterite (Mg_2SiO_4), the magnesium rich end member of olivine, the preferred
60 lattice site of incorporated Al^{3+} is not obvious. The ionic radius of Al^{3+} (39 to 53 pm) and
61 its charge are between those of tetrahedral Si^{4+} (26 pm) and octahedral Mg^{2+} (72 pm)

62 (Shannon and Prewitt 1969). Due in part to this mismatch, the solubility of Al^{3+} in
63 forsterite is limited, with experimental work indicating a practical solid solution around
64 $500 \mu\text{g/g}$ at temperatures between 1475 and $1390 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (Grant and Wood 2010). This low
65 concentration limits the usefulness of diffraction methods to determine structural effects,
66 and can pose challenges of sensitivity for spectroscopic approaches. Many prior studies
67 of aluminum in forsterite have involved multi-dopant systems, and suggest a wide variety
68 of Al^{3+} incorporation mechanisms that are likely influenced by the presence or absence of
69 additional elements (Bershov et al. 1983; Purton et al. 1997; Berry et al. 2007; Evans et
70 al. 2008; Neuville et al. 2009; Zhang and Wright 2010). For example, Electron
71 Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) measurements indicate charge balancing pairs of Cr^{3+}
72 and Al^{3+} , with the latter on the Si site (Bershov et al. 1983). From compositional
73 measurements, Al^{3+} was suspected to occupy both Si and M sites (Evans et al. 2008), and
74 later thought to be principally incorporated by disassociated charge balancing Si and M
75 site substitutions (Grant and Wood 2010). Computational atomistic simulations
76 referenced to previous vibrational spectroscopy have indicated that the site preference for
77 Al^{3+} is sensitive to both pressure and the charge balance mechanism, and can involve
78 both Si and M sites (Berry et al. 2007; Zhang and Wright 2010).

79 To investigate this question, we apply solid state nuclear magnetic resonance to
80 otherwise pure forsterite samples with trace Al^{3+} . Solid state NMR can have excellent
81 sensitivity, is selective to specific nuclides, and is capable of distinguishing coordination,
82 nearest and next nearest neighbors, deviations in symmetry, and/or changes in localized
83 charges, for favorable nuclides at concentrations as low as 0.01 to 0.1% (on an atomic
84 basis) (MacKenzie and Smith 2001; Stebbins and Xue 2014). At high Al concentrations,
85 ^{27}Al NMR can distinguish distinct Al octahedral sites with various Al or Si second
86 neighbors as well as detecting distorted and or disordered tetrahedral sites, as
87 demonstrated recently on Ca-Tschemmak clinopyroxene, in which Al occupies a variety of
88 sites, as is likely in forsterite (Flemming et al. 2015). Although requiring longer
89 experimental acquisitions, NMR's capabilities persist at concentrations at or below 5
90 $\text{wt}\%$ Al_2O_3 , as demonstrated by work that concluded that Al substitutes into
91 orthoenstatite via a Tschemmak mechanism (Kohn et al. 2005).

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93 **Experimental challenges**

94 Investigating an “incompatible” cation, such as Al^{3+} , by a bulk spectroscopic
95 method such as NMR can present a considerable challenge, in that Al^{3+} preferentially
96 partitions into other phases, which can mask detection of low concentrations of Al^{3+} in
97 the phase of interest. Equilibrating samples at high temperatures increases solubility, the
98 rate of diffusion, and decreases the time necessary to reach equilibrium, and thus is
99 advantageous. However, even when syntheses are carried out well below the minimum
100 melting temperature of the bulk system, trace impurities can induce localized melting. If
101 present, impurity phases, such as pyroxene or melt, can preferentially incorporate Al^{3+} ,
102 and only a small proportion of an Al^{3+} rich phase is necessary to overwhelm the spectra.

103 Despite the challenges of detecting low amounts of impurity phases, careful
104 characterization with Electron Probe MicroAnalysis (EPMA), X-ray mapping, and ^{29}Si
105 NMR, is useful to confirm sample quality, and to select materials for detailed
106 investigation by ^{27}Al NMR. The low Al^{3+} concentrations in olivine can require lengthy
107 NMR acquisitions, sometimes lasting 2-4 days.

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109 **Additional minerals investigated**

110 We investigated Al containing periclase (MgO), because we intentionally added
111 excess MgO in our forsterite syntheses to prevent the formation of enstatite. Since
112 enstatite is known to incorporate low concentrations of Al, we also investigated Al
113 containing enstatite (MgSiO_3), enabling a direct comparison, and ruling out the
114 possibility of mistakenly assigning enstatite peaks as forsterite peaks.

115 To better understand the context of the resulting spectra of Al-containing
116 forsterite we also investigated similar systems. Al^{3+} in larnite (Ca_2SiO_4) was examined as
117 a system where Al occupies only tetrahedral sites. Similar to forsterite, larnite tetrahedra
118 are isolated from each other, linked only by divalent cations. Additionally, the maximum
119 concentration of Al in larnite is known to be much higher than that in forsterite, providing
120 an additional and higher concentration setting to more clearly demonstrate the
121 effectiveness of the SIMPLISMA algorithm discussed below. Lastly, we investigated
122 Sc^{3+} in forsterite and MgO. The charge of Sc is identical to that of Al, however the larger

123 ionic radius of Sc (octahedral Sc^{3+} , 73 pm) limits it to octahedral sites (Shannon and
124 Prewitt 1969).

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126 METHODS

127 Sample syntheses

128 Unless otherwise noted, samples were synthesized by hand milling oxide powders
129 in isopropyl alcohol in an agate mortar, pressing dried material into a pellet, and heating
130 the material with intermittent additional milling and pellet pressing. All samples were
131 heated in platinum crucibles in air. Although equilibrium in a strict thermodynamic sense
132 is difficult to demonstrate in these types of experiments, we did confirm in most cases
133 that heating times were sufficient so that no further changes in Al speciation were
134 detectable, i.e. at least a steady state was obtained. With forsterite and periclase, we
135 found that the same Al speciation was reached, starting with Al in different initial phases
136 such as gibbsite, corundum, or spinel. Given the long, high temperature annealing times,
137 we assume that H_2O (and H^+) contents of the silicate phases are negligible in comparison
138 to Al concentrations. Minor, post-synthesis water or CO_2 absorption in MgO or CaO
139 would not be expected to affect the results reported here. For the most informative
140 samples whose spectra are described here, synthesis conditions and nominal
141 compositions are given in Table 1.

142 **Al^{3+} doped forsterite.** Al^{3+} doped forsterite was synthesized using various
143 reagents, with 1-3 wt% excess MgO to reduce the chance of formation of enstatite. We
144 mixed SiO_2 (Baker AR silica gel or quartz at 99.995% purity) and MgO (Baker AR MgO,
145 MgO at 99.99% purity, or MgO at 99.998% purity) with previously synthesized spinel
146 (MgAl_2O_4 , made by sintering mixtures of MgO and alumina) or $\gamma\text{-Al}(\text{OH})_3$. We hand
147 milled reagents in an agate mortar, the effects of which were undetectable, an alumina
148 mortar, which added unacceptable concentrations of alumina, or a zirconia mortar, which
149 added zirconia particles and contributed to glass formation. Several dozen samples were
150 heated at 1500 to 1650 °C for 72 to 240 hours, interrupted by 2 to 6 intermediate milling
151 steps. The most homogeneous samples as determined by EPMA and NMR are those
152 made by mixing forsterite with spinel, as in the spectra shown here. NMR spectra
153 indicated that most samples had reached a state of chemical equilibrium, or at least that

154 no further changes were occurring, before 200 hours at temperature. Forsterite samples
155 were difficult to crush and mill due to a relatively high fracture toughness of the heated
156 material. Intended Al^{3+} concentrations were 570 to 2700 $\mu\text{g/g}$.

157 **Al^{3+} doped periclase.** Al-periclase was synthesized from mixtures of 99.99%
158 purity MgO with small amounts of 50 nm particles of $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$ (Nanostructured &
159 Amorphous Materials, Inc.) or spinel. Reagents were milled, pressed into pellets, and
160 heated, producing a dense ceramic that was difficult to subsequently mill. The nano-
161 $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3 + \text{MgO}$ synthesis route reached steady state with respect to Al speciation in
162 approximately half the time required for the spinel + MgO route. Intended Al^{3+}
163 concentrations were 480 to 2100 $\mu\text{g/g}$.

164 **Al^{3+} doped clinoenstatite.** This phase was synthesized from Baker AR MgO,
165 dehydrated silica gel, and $\gamma\text{-Al}(\text{OH})_3$, with excess SiO_2 (2 wt%) to avoid forsterite
166 formation. Synthesis temperatures were 1300 °C for 96 to 144 hours with 1 to 3
167 intermediate milling steps. In subsequent firings, clinoenstatite grain growth was
168 minimal, and the samples crushed and milled easily.

169 **Al^{3+} doped larnite.** Larnite was synthesized from mixtures of CaCO_3 , SiO_2 , and
170 $\gamma\text{-Al}(\text{OH})_3$. Reagents were sintered for 90 minutes at 1450 °C after milling, reground, and
171 sintered for 60 hours at the same temperature. After a number of preliminary
172 experiments, impurity phases were found to be minimized (although still present) when
173 Si was replaced by Al on an equimolar basis, with nominal bulk Al contents of 0.15 and
174 0.53 wt%.

175 **Sc^{3+} doped forsterite.** As for Al-forsterite, Sc-forsterite with excess MgO (3
176 wt%) was synthesized from Baker AR MgO, Baker AR silica gel and 99.95% pure
177 Sc_2O_3 . Mixed reagents were heated for a total of 192 hours at 1500 °C, with two
178 intermediate milling steps. Intended Sc^{3+} concentrations were 1350 to 3350 $\mu\text{g/g}$.

179 **Sc^{3+} doped periclase.** Several syntheses resulted in samples containing periclase
180 with NMR-observable Sc contents. In one approach, 99.99% purity MgO and 99.95%
181 purity Sc_2O_3 were mixed in a 50/50 ratio by weight and heated at 1300 °C to 1500 °C for
182 24 to 72 h, yielding only Sc-doped periclase and Sc_2O_3 . Heated samples formed dense
183 ceramics that were difficult to subsequently mill. A second type of sample resulted from

184 a Sc-doped forsterite mixture with a bulk Sc₂O₃ content of 1.6 wt% and a large excess in
185 MgO (70 wt%), heated at 1280 °C for 72 h.

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187 **Electron Probe Microanalysis (EPMA)**

188 Electron probe microanalysis characterizations were performed using a JEOL
189 JXA-8230 instrument. X-ray intensities were routinely standardized to a synthetic single
190 crystal forsterite (Mg and Si), corundum (Al), kyanite (Al) and Sc metal (Sc).
191 Additionally San Carlos olivine (Mg, Si, and Fe), spessartine garnet (Al), wollastonite
192 (Ca and Si), albite (Na, Al and Si), and hematite (Fe), were intermittently used as
193 secondary standards. A voltage of 15 kV, 20 nA current, 2 μm spot size, and count times
194 of 4 minutes were used. Reference material of synthetic, Al-free forsterite was used to
195 determine background noise levels when analyzing low Al concentrations. Water
196 sensitive MgO and CaO samples were encapsulated in an epoxy round, cured, dry
197 polished on silicon carbide sand papers down to 2000 grit, and then stored with desiccant
198 in a vacuum; exposure to air was limited to 10-15 minutes.

199 Backscattered electron (BSE) images with high contrast ratios, energy dispersive
200 spectroscopic (EDS) and wavelength dispersive spectroscopic (WDS) maps were used to
201 locate sample heterogeneities, such as scarce aluminum-rich glass and crystalline
202 impurities, when present. Major element concentrations were generally within
203 experimental error of nominal values for the analyzed phases and are thus not reported.
204 Element totals were typically within ± 0.03 wt%, and the largest individual major
205 element variation we identified was ± 2 wt% of the expected value.

206 For high concentration elements, we determined that the observed variations in
207 composition (Mg or Si) were randomly distributed and not correlated to sample trace
208 concentrations. Data were rejected when low totals indicated problems with the carbon
209 coating, focus, polish, or other difficulties.

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211 **NMR Spectroscopy**

212 Samples were prepared for solid-state MAS NMR by crushing into 2-20 μm
213 powders. A single 3.2 mm ZrO₂ rotor with a low ²⁷Al background signal was used for the
214 entirety of the project and was spun at 20 kHz. There was no detectable ⁴⁵Sc background

215 signal. Packed sample mass was typically 30 to 40 mg. Spectra were collected with a 14.1
216 Tesla Varian Unity/Inova 600 MHz spectrometer (^{27}Al at 156.25 MHz, ^{45}Sc at 145.98
217 MHz) and an 18.8 T Varian Unity/Inova 800 MHz spectrometer (^{27}Al at 208.40 MHz,
218 ^{45}Sc at 194.64 MHz) using Varian/Chemagnetics “T3” MAS probes. For ^{27}Al spectra, 0.1
219 M aqueous $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ was referenced to 0 ppm and was used for power level
220 determinations. Effective radiofrequency power of 103 kHz was determined by
221 measuring the 360° tip angle for the liquid standard. A 0.28 μs pulse, ideally a 30° tip
222 angle for this nuclide in solids with significant quadrupolar coupling, was used.
223 Referencing was reproducible to within ± 0.13 ppm. ^{45}Sc spectra were referenced to a
224 dilute aqueous solution of ScCl_3 . Effective radiofrequency power of 125 kHz was
225 determined by measuring the 360° tip angle for the liquid standard. A 0.163 μs pulse,
226 ideally a 30° tip angle for this nuclide in solids with significant quadrupolar coupling, was
227 used.

228 Short pulse delays of 0.1 s for ^{27}Al or 0.2 s for ^{45}Sc were preferred to maximize
229 the signal to noise ratios and minimize data collection times. Spectra shown here are
230 typically not fully relaxed, but in general, differential spin-lattice (T_1) relaxation among
231 spectral components was not noticeably different in noisy spectra collected with longer
232 delay times. Despite incomplete characterizations of relaxation, we still believe these
233 peak areas to be meaningful, as species within the same material (i.e. tetrahedral and
234 octahedral Al in forsterite) are expected to relax at equal rates, and approximate peak area
235 ratios between intended and impurity phases are sufficient for our discussion.

236 ^{27}Al NMR rotor background signal was removed when needed by subtracting a
237 simulated (noiseless) background spectrum based on modeling of multiple experimental
238 spectra of the rotor, a procedure that reduces the noise of the difference spectrum
239 considerably. Simulated background corrections agree within the noise level with
240 background corrections based on subtraction of experimental FID's.

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242 **Additional sample characterization**

243 Sample homogeneities and phase identities were also investigated on powdered
244 samples using a Rigaku Geigerflex powder X-ray diffractometer and ^{29}Si MAS NMR
245 collected with a 9.4 T Varian Infinity Plus 400 MHz spectrometer (^{29}Si at 79.42 MHz).

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247 **NMR data Analysis**

248 To help interpret our NMR data, an independent component analysis (ICA) was
249 used, which determines statistically independent subcomponents to describe a larger
250 parent data set. ICA techniques, although relatively uncommon in solid state NMR, are
251 more commonly used with liquid state NMR and other spectroscopic techniques, such as
252 IR/Raman, fluorescence, and UV-vis. Similar algorithm-based analysis techniques, such
253 as evolving factor analysis (EFA) and principal component analysis (PCA), have even
254 wider spread spectroscopic applications, including interpreting NMR spectra of inorganic
255 materials (Mason et al. 2012, 2016), deconvolution of liquid state NMR spectra
256 (Stoyanova et al. 1995; Stoyanova and Brown 2001), and analyzing Raman spectra of
257 alkali silicate glasses (Zakaznova-Herzog et al. 2007). We also tested both EFA and PCA
258 methods for our spectra but they did not produce reasonable components to describe
259 known quadrupolar peak shapes.

260 In this study we used the SIMPLE-to-use Interactive Self-modeling Mixture
261 Analysis (SIMPLISMA), which was previously found to perform well relative to other
262 ICA's on liquid-state NMR spectra (Monakhova et al. 2014). SIMPLISMA determines
263 independent components on the basis of standard deviations, under the assumption that
264 more significant independent components will have larger standard deviations than less
265 significant components. Readers are directed to the following references for concise
266 presentations of the theory and supporting formula of SIMPLISMA (Windig and
267 Guilment 1991; Windig et al. 2002). Versions of the code can be readily found online and
268 is detailed in Windig's 1997 publication (Windig 1997; Mathworks.com 2007). A tutorial
269 demonstrating the code on NMR data is also available (Solidstatenmr.com 2017). In our
270 samples, differences in aluminum concentration, heating times, and other variations in
271 sample synthesis provided sufficient variability among spectra to allow multiple different
272 components to be obvious, but generally highly overlapped. For each mineral, we found
273 that analyzing different combinations in subsets of all of the spectra collected was useful
274 for determining the most accurate and chemically relevant independent components,
275 which were persistently determined regardless of specific spectra used. We found that the
276 number of independent components necessary to describe the spectra, a user specified

277 value, was easy to determine iteratively, with excessive components typically making
278 very small contributions or describing only noise or differences in phasing, as was
279 previously reported (Monakhova et al. 2014).

280 As discussed in detail later, for our spectra, SIMPLISMA was capable of deriving
281 components identical to spectra for known impurity phases, such as spinel. SIMPLISMA
282 most accurately determined known impurity phases when the spectra were windowed to
283 exclude spinning sidebands and the intensity of all spectra were individually normalized
284 to their maximum and minimum values. When sidebands were included, the algorithm
285 correctly associated sidebands with central peaks; however, the overall accuracy of
286 determining components typically suffered as the window width increased.

287 Fitting of spectra with quadrupolar line shapes was done using DMFit2015
288 (Massiot et al. 2002).

289 RESULTS

290 Aluminum in forsterite (Mg_2SiO_4)

291 In our samples, EPMA showed that aluminum is present in both the forsterite
292 crystals and in an intergranular glass phase. In the forsterite grains, EPMA compositions
293 (in the range of 120 to 1800 $\mu\text{g/g}$) were consistently only 20 to 35% of the intended,
294 weighed-in Al^{3+} concentrations, suggesting that significant Al was present in Al-rich
295 impurity phases of low abundance. However, across all samples, analyzed forsterite Al
296 concentrations were observed to vary systematically with intended bulk composition. Al
297 contents typically varied by about 18% (relative) among different forsterite grains in a
298 given sample, but individual grains were typically homogeneous within the noise level.
299 The measured Al^{3+} concentrations are above our ^{27}Al NMR detection limit which we
300 estimated to be about 25 $\mu\text{g/g}$ in a typical 35 mg forsterite sample, based on assumptions
301 of a peak with a FWHM less than 8 ppm, 80% relaxation with a pulse delay of 1 s and a 6
302 day acquisition.

303 A scarce glass phase was also detected in many samples, located along grain
304 boundaries or at triple junctions, as visible for a relatively glass-rich sample in Figure 1.
305 The abundance of glass and its composition corresponded somewhat with the purity of
306 reagents used, but was present in small amounts even in the highest purity experimental

307 products. Analysis of the glass was challenging, as such regions were typically smaller
308 than the EPMA beam size, but indicated highly varied compositions rich in Si, Al, Mg,
309 and Ca, with Al_2O_3 , concentrations between 1.1 to 12.4 wt%. The glass compositions did
310 not correspond to that of any known mineral. Despite its low abundance, the glass is
311 expected to produce a sizeable feature in the ^{27}Al NMR spectra due to its high Al
312 concentration relative to the forsterite.

313 Small amounts of spinel were detectable in samples heated for shorter durations.
314 In one sample out of 18 studied by EPMA, we also detected grains with enstatite
315 composition, and correspondingly, the ^{27}Al NMR spectra of this particular sample
316 resembled a mechanical mixture of Al-doped forsterite and Al-doped enstatite. Despite
317 all samples being synthesized with excess MgO, periclase was never detected by EPMA,
318 possibly because it retained a similar small grain size to pure MgO samples and/or was
319 hydrated and subsequently removed during the wet polishing process.

320 In the ^{29}Si NMR spectra of our most completely reacted samples, we could detect
321 only forsterite, and spectra were identical to the aluminum free material, i.e. the signal
322 from any glass that was present was too low in intensity to be detected. Powder XRD of
323 the samples detected only forsterite.

324 The ^{27}Al NMR spectra contained multiple narrow AlO_6 features between 11 and -
325 3 ppm with possible underlying broader components, and broad AlO_4 features between
326 95 and 20 ppm with smaller AlO_5 components at the lower end of this range. Some
327 features were clearly identifiable, such as unreacted spinel when present, which produced
328 an AlO_4 peak centered at about 69 ppm and an AlO_6 peak centered at about 12 ppm in a
329 roughly 1:8 intensity ratio. Other features, such as the broad AlO_4 and AlO_5 components,
330 appear to be composed of at least three aluminum species; however, determining the
331 relative contribution of each component was difficult. Examples of typical spectra are
332 presented in Figure 2, Figure 3, and the 1500 °C sample in Figure 4.

333 As detailed below, the spectra for the Al-doped forsterite samples are unique and
334 distinct from those for MgO and for enstatite. The characteristic very narrow AlO_6 peak
335 for Al-MgO is absent, and while some of the data do resemble those for enstatite (Fig. 2),
336 comparisons between carefully referenced spectra indicate unique AlO_6 components for
337 each material. This is especially obvious in 18.8 T spectra, where the enstatite peak

338 maximum (at -1.1 ppm) appears at a peak minimum in the forsterite samples, between
339 peaks at 2.0 and -2.2 ppm.

340 SIMPLISMA consistently determined that there are only three significant,
341 independent components in these spectra (Fig. 3). Inputs included background subtracted
342 spectra from 14.1 or 18.8 T, with as few as 6 and as many as 21 spectra. The specific
343 input spectra used influenced the edges of peaks and neighboring baselines, but
344 minimally affected the derived component peak areas and shapes. The easiest to interpret
345 result is component 2, which conforms to known spectra for spinel. The deconvolution of
346 a spinel component, which was known to be present as incompletely reacted starting
347 material in some of our samples, is a testament to the effectiveness of the SIMPLISMA
348 algorithm. Component 3 has a peak shape, width, and position containing AlO_4 and AlO_5
349 components that closely resemble those typical of Ca- and Al-containing silicate glasses
350 at compositions known by EPMA measurements to be present in our samples (Neuville et
351 al. 2008). In comparisons among samples, the relative peak area of this glass-like feature
352 approximately correlates with the abundance of Al-rich intergranular phases observed in
353 EPMA when measured Al concentrations were taken into account.

354 In contrast, component 1 is unique to the forsterite samples, and indicates that the
355 area of the higher frequency AlO_4 feature is correlated to that of the AlO_6 peaks,
356 suggesting that they are indeed all part of the same phase. The relative peak area of
357 component 1 averages 20-40% of the total area, which approximately agrees with the
358 EPMA-measured forsterite composition and the intended bulk sample composition (20 to
359 35% of the total Al in forsterite and the remainder in other phases). Relative peak areas
360 from component 1 determined from 14.1 and 18.8 T spectra indicate that approximately
361 25 to 27% of the Al^{3+} incorporated into the forsterite structure is tetrahedral and 72 to
362 75% is octahedral.

363 The AlO_6 contribution to the derived component 1 is complex, typically with
364 three or four peak maxima even in samples that are free from AlO_6 containing impurity
365 phases, such as spinel. The line shapes are different for spectra collected at 14.1 and 18.8
366 T, because of the reduced effects of quadrupolar coupling at the higher magnetic field.
367 Quadrupolar coupling can produce split peaks with two maxima when both the coupling
368 constant C_Q is large enough and the asymmetry parameter η is small enough,

369 complicating data analyses. Using quadrupole line shapes generated in DMFit2015 we
370 were able to fit original datasets from both fields with multiple quadrupolar line shapes
371 that reproduced the spectra reasonably well (Massiot et al. 2002). But, due to limited
372 fitting constraints, in part because of overlapping peaks and noise, we could not derive a
373 set of unique parameters or relative peak areas. We are confident, however, that a
374 minimum of three distinct types of AlO_6 sites are required to explain the spectra.

375 We also conducted a preliminary investigation of the effect of temperature on
376 Al^{3+} site occupancies in forsterite. Sample material that had been heated for 168 hours at
377 1500 °C and quenched (which produced typical spectra as in Figs. 2 and 3) was then
378 heated for an additional 72 hrs at 1200 °C. The lower temperature sample (Fig. 4) shows
379 a decreased amount of the glass phase (at least as represented by its contained Al),
380 indicating some crystallization, and increased intensities for both the higher frequency
381 tetrahedral component (at about 75-95 ppm) and the higher frequency octahedral peak (at
382 about 10 ppm). In other samples, the changes in the glass peak area with temperature are
383 often minimal, with the most obvious changes among the various octahedral components.
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385 **Aluminum in periclase (MgO)**

386 EPMA measurements of Al-doped MgO samples indicate concentrations within
387 one standard deviation of the intended values. No glass or other impurity phases were
388 detected, possibly because of the small grain size of less than about 3 μm .

389 The ^{27}Al NMR spectra contain a remarkably narrow (FWHM 0.14 ppm), fast
390 relaxing peak near the high frequency extreme of the known AlO_6 region (about 16 ppm),
391 a neighboring lower frequency AlO_6 peak (shoulder at 14.2 ppm), an underlying broad
392 AlO_6 feature, and a broad four coordinated resonance(s) between 90 and 40 ppm (Fig. 5).
393 Time-temperature studies indicated that equilibrium, or at least steady state, was reached
394 by 68 hours at 1500 °C. Samples heated for shorter durations or heated at lower
395 temperatures had obvious spinel peaks in the spectra, as well as an unexpected
396 intermediate phase Gaussian shaped peak centered at 82 ppm. This intermediate feature
397 was only detected, and was always detected, when both spinel and Al in MgO were both
398 present in the sample. Figure 5 illustrates the ^{27}Al NMR spectra of an equilibrated MgO
399 sample.

400 Due to its fast relaxation of the remarkably narrow peak, this feature should be
401 easily identifiable if present in spectra of Al-forsterite and other minerals. The area of the
402 narrow peak typically represents 8 to 18% of the total octahedral intensity; its width
403 requires a very small quadrupolar coupling parameter C_Q no larger than 0.45 MHz (Table
404 2). The C_Q is likely less than this value, as the observed 180° radiofrequency pulse width
405 of $5.0 \mu\text{s}$ is nearly the same as that for the liquid standard, which also requires a very low
406 C_Q value. In solids, the small C_Q is indicative of a high symmetry with a cubic or nearly
407 cubic point symmetry, which we believe is due to Al^{3+} in the Mg^{2+} site, undistorted by
408 nearby vacancies or additional Al/Mg substitutions. Its high frequency peak location also
409 implies relatively short bond lengths for octahedral aluminum, likely an effect of
410 localized charge compensation and the Al^{3+} cation in an Mg^{2+} site. The other AlO_6 and
411 AlO_4 features in the spectra, which must originate from lower symmetry chemical
412 environments, are discussed in more detail in McCarty (2016), as are additional
413 observations on Al in periclase.

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415 **Aluminum in enstatite ($\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6$)**

416 We attempted to avoid formation of enstatite in our forsterite samples by adding
417 excess MgO to all, and quenching some from temperatures above those at which enstatite
418 is stable. However, to directly compare our forsterite spectra to that of a potential
419 enstatite impurity, we synthesized Al-enstatites with mixing and milling procedures
420 identical to those for our most fully-reacted forsterites, although with different
421 proportions of reagents and lower temperatures.

422 ^{29}Si NMR indicated that about 70 to 80% of each sample was composed of
423 clinoenstatite. The remaining materials included mixtures of protoenstatite,
424 orthoenstatite, and minor amounts of cristobalite (SiO_2). Glass was not detected in these
425 spectra. EPMA analysis indicated sparse, unreacted SiO_2 in a matrix of fine-grained (< 20
426 μm) enstatite containing Al at concentrations 15 to 60% below the intended syntheses.
427 We noted large heterogeneities in Al concentration, with the majority of values clustered
428 around the mean but some concentrations at twice the mean value. Additional heating led
429 to minimal increases in homogeneity, implying slow intergranular Al transport relative to
430 that in our forsterite experiments at higher temperatures. We were not confident that

431 detecting intergranular glass by EPMA was possible due to the small grain size and
432 difficulties with polishing the grain mounts.

433 ²⁷Al NMR spectra of Al-doped enstatite (one example in Fig. 2), contain a broad
434 AlO₄ peak with narrow AlO₆ components, as well as signal from unreacted spinel. Our
435 spectra are similar to those in previous investigations of anhydrous orthoenstatites with
436 much higher Al contents, with AlO₆ peaks nearly identical (Kohn et al. 2005). The four
437 coordinated regions of our spectra also appear to contain a glass peak similar to the
438 forsterite component 3 and to previously studied aluminosilicate glasses (Neuville et al.
439 2008): it is not clear how much, if any, of this component is actually in the pyroxene.

440 Although the enstatite spectra look similar to those of our forsterite samples, at
441 18.8 T, the enstatite AlO₆ peak maximum is clearly in between those of the forsterite, as
442 visible in Figure 2. This is further supported by spectra acquired at 14.1 T, where the
443 enstatite peak maximum is consistently 2 ppm higher than the forsterite peak maximum.
444 In the forsterite spectra used for our analyses of Al components, we thus believe that
445 there is little to no enstatite component.

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447 **Aluminum in larnite (“belite,” β -Ca₂SiO₄)**

448 Synthesis of Al-doped samples of larnite without significant Al-rich impurity
449 phases was not successful. The most interpretable data were for samples made by
450 replacing Si with Al on an equimolar basis with total bulk Al contents of 0.15 or 0.53
451 wt%. In the latter sample, EPMA imaging detected rounded, 40 to 60 μ m grains that
452 contained 40% of the intended total Al. Thin regions of intergranular glass (42 wt%
453 Al₂O₃, 44 wt% CaO, and 12 wt% SiO₂) were common. X-ray diffraction, optical
454 microscopy and ²⁹Si NMR data indicated that the crystalline components of these
455 samples were nearly all larnite, with a few percent of the γ -Ca₂SiO₄ phase.

456 The ²⁷Al spectra of our samples contain peaks only for AlO₄ species (Fig. 6).
457 Most of the components of the spectra are relaxed using a 0.1 s delay time, with a small
458 amount of additional intensity related to the highest frequency peak present in 1 s delay
459 time spectra. Using both 14.1 and 18.8 T spectra of our samples we determined the
460 parameters for the prominent, high frequency peak with a clear quadrupolar lineshape
461 (Table 2, Fig. 6).

462 SIMPLISMA analysis of multiple spectra of larnite samples determined 4
463 components. Component 1 describes the high frequency quadrupolar lineshape,
464 component 2 is very similar to data on Al^{3+} in alite (Ca_3SiO_5), component 3 resembles a
465 typical calcium aluminosilicate glass, and component 4 is the expected rotor background
466 signal which was subsequently subtracted and is not shown. Because components 2, 3
467 and 4 can be attributed to impurity phases, it can be concluded that component 1
468 originates from Al in ordered tetrahedral sites in larnite. Using a least squares regression
469 to fit component 2, component 3, and our simulation of component 1 to the spectra of the
470 “larnite 0.53%” sample, we determined that $41\% \pm 4$ of the total intensity was from Al in
471 the larnite, in good agreement with our EPMA measurements (40%).

472 As reported by Skibsted et al. (1994), we confirm that only AlO_4 species are
473 necessary to accommodate Al^{3+} in larnite. For unknown reasons, our observed peak is
474 about half the width of that previously reported, resulting in different derived parameters.
475 Due to the good agreement between the EPMA-determined concentrations and the
476 relative area of the well-defined quadrupolar doublet, we suspect there is minimal, if any,
477 disordered AlO_4 in larnite.

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479 **Scandium in forsterite**

480 EPMA on our Sc-doped forsterites indicates homogeneous samples with no other
481 mineral or glass phases detected by BSE imaging, EDS, or WDS mapping. Point analyses
482 indicated higher homogeneity within individual grains (sample standard deviations of 45
483 to 70 $\mu\text{g/g}$ Sc) and lower homogeneity between grains (sample standard deviations of 130
484 to 270 $\mu\text{g/g}$ Sc). Despite the apparent homogeneity, the observed concentrations were
485 below the expected synthesis values by an average of 14%.

486 In the ^{45}Sc NMR spectra of Sc-forsterites, a single, well-defined quadrupolar peak
487 shape is present in the range typical for ScO_6 sites (Fig. 7). This peak and the parameters
488 derived from both 14.1 and 18.8 T data (Table 2) do not resemble previously reported
489 spectra for known scandium phases, such as the Sc_2O_3 synthesized at the same
490 temperature (Sc_2O_3 has two distinct Sc octahedral sites and its spectrum correspondingly
491 has two overlapped quadrupolar powder patterns) (Kim et al. 2006). The spectra for
492 forsterite samples containing both lower and higher Sc concentrations are identical except

493 for amplitude. The calculated peak shape agrees well with the experimental spectra and
494 also accurately reproduced observed spinning sidebands (not shown).

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496 **Scandium in periclase**

497 In reacted mixtures of MgO and Sc₂O₃, we detected a peak which is clearly
498 different than Sc in forsterite, appearing as a low intensity, narrow feature at 210 ppm
499 due to a high symmetry site, with a FWHM peak width of only 0.4 ppm, and thus a
500 maximum C_Q of < 1.5 MHz (Fig. 8). On the basis of the similarly narrow peak width of
501 AlO₆ in MgO and its relatively high frequency, we assign this peak to Sc³⁺ in an MgO₆
502 site with cubic or nearly cubic point symmetry. A similar peak was seen in a mixed
503 periclase-forsterite sample (“Sc-MgO 1.6%”), the spectrum of which also showed Sc in
504 the forsterite as described above. All Sc-MgO samples contained a large excess of the
505 Sc₂O₃ phase, whose NMR peak intensity served as a rough internal standard for rough
506 estimates of the concentration of Sc in the periclase, as noted in Table 1.

507 A MgSc₂O₄ phase was reported to form at temperatures above 2000 °C (Muller-
508 Buschbaum 1966), but our synthesis conditions yielded only mixtures of Sc₂O₃ and MgO
509 containing trace amounts of Sc³⁺.

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DISCUSSION

511 The identification of a spectral component that is clearly Al in forsterite provides
512 new and unique constraints on Al³⁺ site preference and substitution mechanisms. These
513 results also demonstrate the possible complexity of even this “simple”, single-element
514 substitution into olivine. Spectral component 1 (Fig. 3) does contain both AlO₄ and AlO₆
515 peaks, indicating Al³⁺ substitution into both Si and M sites, and suggesting that a
516 conventional Tschermak’s mechanism (Evans et al. 2008; Grant and Wood 2010) (^{IV}Si⁴⁺
517 + ^{VI}Mg²⁺ = ^{IV}Al³⁺ + ^{VI}Al³⁺) does play an important role. However, the roughly 1/3
518 ratio of tetrahedral to octahedral Al peak areas suggests that one or more additional
519 mechanisms are also operating, to allow substitution of excess Al as AlO₆. Such
520 mechanisms have been proposed, and in the absence of other substituting cations, it is
521 generally thought to involve charge compensation with one Mg²⁺ vacancy for every two
522 incorporated Al³⁺. Our results do not yet allow all such details to be refined, but the clear

523 presence of multiple AlO_6 sites does suggest important complexity. Furthermore,
524 preliminary studies indicate that the proportions of different Al^{3+} species may be
525 influenced by temperature.

526 The component 1 AlO_4 peak for the forsterite is somewhat broad and without a
527 clear quadrupolar line shape, which could be the result of low signal-to-noise or to some
528 disorder leading to distributions of NMR parameters. However, its location is at the high
529 frequency extreme (left side as plotted) of the known range for such sites in minerals,
530 with allowable isotropic chemical shifts bounded by at least 95 ppm as defined by the
531 upper side of this component (Stebbins 1995). This result is not surprising, as SiO_4
532 groups in forsterite have one of the highest ^{29}Si chemical shifts known for diamagnetic
533 silicates (-62 ppm), as expected for Q^0 groups (no shared oxygen between tetrahedra)
534 (Stebbins 1995).

535 Further insight into Al^{3+} substitution can be gained by comparing forsterite to
536 larnite, which has the same stoichiometry and similar topology, with Q^0 Si sites and
537 larger M sites with distorted 6 or 7-fold coordination (Jost et al. 1977). Despite the
538 apparent lack of substitution of Al^{3+} into the too-large Ca sites in larnite, the overall
539 solubility appears to be higher than in forsterite. AlO_4 sites in larnite also produce an
540 extreme ^{27}Al isotropic chemical shift of 96 ppm, but appear to be highly ordered with a
541 well-defined quadrupolar line shape (Fig. 6). These differences are possibly related to the
542 absence of octahedral Al^{3+} in this mineral and its influence on the substitution
543 mechanisms and cation distributions. In larnite, the Al^{3+} species is probably either always
544 isolated from, or always neighboring, the defect providing the charge balance, leading to
545 the observed ordered line shape. This contrasts strongly with forsterite, where there are
546 many more conceivable variations in nearest cation neighbors for a tetrahedral site,
547 including Mg^{2+} , Al^{3+} , or vacancies in the M1 and/or the M2 sites. Each of these
548 combinations would be expected to affect the chemical shift or quadrupolar parameters,
549 producing peaks the sum of which could resemble the broad AlO_4 feature visible in
550 component 1 derived from our forsterite spectra. It is also possible that due to the
551 presence of neighboring M site occupants, the AlO_4 site symmetry might be distorted
552 resulting in greater C_Q values and a broader peak.

553 Based on attempts at lineshape fitting, the complexity of the forsterite component
554 1 AlO₆ peak shapes requires three (or more) distinct sites. The three species represent
555 different local environments, possibly Al³⁺ in M1 vs. M2, or the effects of a vacancy or
556 of Al³⁺ in a neighboring M site or of Al³⁺ in an adjacent Si site. Any of these could cause
557 variations in the chemical shift, C_Q, or quadrupolar asymmetry parameter η, leading to
558 changes in peak shape and position.

559 Previous ²⁵Mg NMR investigations of pure forsterite showed that the two M sites
560 have distinct NMR peak parameters that can potentially be compared to our ²⁷Al results
561 (Table 2) (Davis et al. 2010). This provides an opportunity to consider the effects of
562 cation substitution on site distortion. The quadrupolar coupling constant C_Q is
563 proportional to the principle value of this tensor and to the nuclide-specific quadrupolar
564 moment Q (MacKenzie and Smith 2001). The reported ²⁵Mg C_Q values of 5.2 MHz (M1)
565 and 4.3 MHz (M2) can thus be adjusted for ²⁷Al by multiplying by the ratio of Q's for the
566 two nuclides (147/199) (MacKenzie and Smith 2001), yielding predicted values of 3.8
567 and 3.2 MHz. These are among the range of values that produce reasonable line shapes
568 for the latter nuclide in forsterite.

569 Our ⁴⁵Sc NMR results for Sc-forsterite also provide some perspective on Al³⁺
570 substitution. The much larger size of the Sc³⁺ cation (73 vs. 53 pm for six-fold
571 coordination) precludes its substitution into tetrahedral sites, consistent with the observed
572 single ScO₆ NMR signal with a well-defined quadrupolar lineshape. As for AlO₄ groups
573 in larnite, the lack of peak broadening due to disorder suggests that all detectable Sc³⁺
574 sites in forsterite are equivalent, and thus are either uniformly associated with or
575 uniformly disassociated from whatever defect is providing charge compensation, for
576 example a Mg²⁺ vacancy.

577 Adapting the reported ²⁵Mg NMR data for forsterite (Davis et al. 2010) to ⁴⁵Sc
578 again requires multiplying the C_Q's by the ratio of the magnitudes of the quadrupolar
579 moments, which in this case is 220/199. The predicted values of 5.7 and 4.8 MHz are
580 very different from our observed single C_Q value for the ScO₆ site (9.4 MHz), suggesting
581 in this case that considerable additional site distortion occurs. Again, comparison with the
582 ²⁷Al data for AlO₆ sites in forsterite highlights the complexity of the substitution

583 mechanism(s) in the latter as well as the ability of NMR to identify a single trace cation
584 substitution mechanism when such simplicity is actually present.

585 Our preliminary studies also suggest that octahedral site occupancies for Al in
586 forsterite may change significantly with temperature, but further experiments will be
587 needed at the lower temperatures to allow confirmation of re-equilibration under
588 conditions of slow Al diffusion and/or exsolution.

589 **IMPLICATIONS**

590 Despite the difficulties of producing single-phase samples doped with
591 incompatible elements and the unexpected complexity of some of the resulting spectra,
592 we have demonstrated that spectroscopy on multiple related samples with varying phase
593 proportions, combined with EPMA characterization and SIMPLISMA data analysis, can
594 constrain the substitution mechanisms for Al³⁺ in forsterite. Experiments that examine
595 Al³⁺ sites in other minerals with analogous tetrahedral and octahedral sites (e.g. larnite,
596 periclase, and CaO) and the analogous but larger trivalent cation Sc³⁺ are also helpful in
597 interpreting spectra, as well as in showing that when trace element substitution does
598 occur by a simple, single mechanism, that process can be readily and definitively
599 observed. In line with its success for NMR spectroscopy of organic molecular liquids,
600 SIMPLISMA can perform well at separating complex, overlapped solid state NMR
601 spectra into components, which can then be more easily given structural significance.

602 Our results for Al in forsterite suggest that more than one substitution mechanism
603 plays a role at the same time and experimental conditions, with charge compensation on
604 tetrahedral and octahedral sites important but excess AlO₆ also present, necessarily
605 accompanied by other means of charge balance. The balance of these different
606 mechanisms may shift with temperature and compositional variables. Several of the
607 substitutions proposed in the literature (Purton et al. 1997; Grant and Wood 2010; Zhang
608 and Wright 2010) may well operate simultaneously, a realization supported in part by the
609 established pressure sensitive nature of Al concentrations (Wan et al. 2008). Future work
610 on trace element substitution and solubility should recognize the potential for multiple
611 co-existing mechanisms. The success, albeit with long hours of spectrometer time, for
612 samples with low Al concentrations bodes well for future studies of this and other NMR-
613 accessible trace elements in silicate minerals. Future work at higher magnetic fields could

614 provide much needed gains in spectral resolution and sensitivity. Potentially, more
615 complex NMR techniques such as Al-Al homonuclear correlation experiments may
616 provide an additional level of understanding of trace element incorporation (Iuga 2011).

617 Our results for other minerals, although discussed only briefly here, have wider
618 implications as well. The narrow NMR peak width for the undistorted Al³⁺ site in MgO,
619 paired with the simple crystal structure, provides a model system that may prove useful
620 for studies of solid state synthesis reactions.

621 For larnite, our work confirmed previous findings of solely tetrahedral aluminum
622 (Skibsted et al. 1994). Due to this mineral's high relevance to the cement industry, our
623 reported peak parameters, and the concept of using an ICA to determine independent
624 components from complex spectra, may help develop tools for accurately characterizing
625 complex multi-component cements.

626 Our investigations of trace contents of Sc³⁺ again mark this cation as an excellent
627 spectroscopic target representing the behavior of a trivalent cation with radius between
628 those of Al³⁺ (smaller) and the rare earth cations (larger), as previously demonstrated for
629 Sc-doped pyrope and grossular garnets (Kim et al. 2007). Its ready detectability, wide
630 chemical shift range, and convenient quadrupolar moment (slightly higher than ²⁷Al) can
631 be quite sensitive to the local atomic structure, even at low concentrations. Future work
632 on Sc³⁺ may similarly contribute to our understanding Al³⁺ incorporation in other
633 minerals and may extend to other larger rare earth elements as well.

634 Many of the results presented here, particularly on kinetic and temperature
635 effects, are preliminary but suggest interesting prospects for potentially unique and useful
636 future studies. Going beyond substitution mechanisms addressable with ²⁷Al and ⁴⁵Sc
637 NMR, ⁷Li, ¹¹B, ²³Na, and ³¹P may be both particularly amenable to future NMR studies of
638 geochemically interesting problems.

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Table 1. Labels and synthesis conditions for samples shown in figures.

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Fo-A	forsterite	Spinel	910	320(175)	35	1500	168
Fo-A 1200 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	forsterite	Spinel	910	- ^c	35	1200	+72 ^d
Fo-B	forsterite	$\gamma\text{-Al(OH)}_3$	5450	1150(230)	21	1500	85
Fo-C	forsterite	Spinel	950	320(210)	34	1500	205
Fo-D	forsterite	Spinel	2520	725(120)	29	1500	60
Fo-E 225 hrs	forsterite	Spinel	600	160(70)	27	1550	227
Fo-E 156 hrs	forsterite	Spinel	600	- ^c	27	1550	156
Al-enstatite	enstatite	Al_2O_3	1.32%	0.68%(0.12)	51	1300	144
Al-MgO	periclase	Al(OH)_3 NP	1870	-	-	1600	68
Larnite 0.15%	larnite	$\gamma\text{-Al(OH)}_3$	1500	-	30 ^f	1450	61.5
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Sc_2O_3	Sc_2O_3	-	-	-	100	1500	16.6
Sc-forsterite	forsterite	Sc_2O_3	3330	2900(145)	87	1500	192
Sc-MgO 50%	periclase	Sc_2O_3	50%	500 ^g	-	1300	72
Sc-MgO 1.6%	periclase	Sc_2O_3	1.6%	30 ^g	-	1280	72

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^aIntended bulk composition in $\mu\text{g/g}$ of Al or Sc unless indicated as wt%.

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^bThe estimated percentage of Al or Sc determined to be within the mineral of interest on the basis of intended synthesis composition and EPMA observed composition.

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^cNo significant difference in Al composition from that of the parent material (Fo-A) was detected.

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^dHeated for an additional 72 hours at 1200 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ beyond that of the parent material (Fo-A).

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^eThis is the parent material of Fo-E 227 hrs, and was not extensively investigated by EPMA.

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^f“% in mineral” estimated using NMR fitting.

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^g Sc in MgO roughly estimated from NMR data only.

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Mineral	Site	NMR- observed coordination	δ_{iso} (ppm)	C_Q (MHz)	η	Source ^a
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periclase	MgO ₆	ScO ₆	210 ± 0.5	< 1.5	-	
larnite	-	AlO ₄	96.1 ± 0.5	7.1 ± 0.2	0.33 ± 0.05	Skibsted et al. 1994
larnite	Si	AlO ₄	94 ± 0.2	5.8 ± 0.13	0.54 ± 0.04	
forsterite	M1	MgO ₆	-	5.22	0.97	Davis et al. 2010 ^b
forsterite	M2	MgO ₆	-	4.31	0.42	Davis et al. 2010 ^b
forsterite	M2?	ScO ₆	106.5 ± 1.2	9.38 ± 0.28	0.68	

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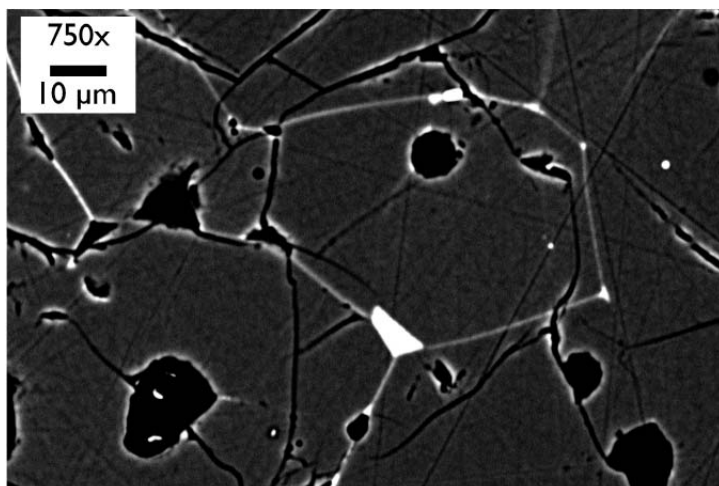
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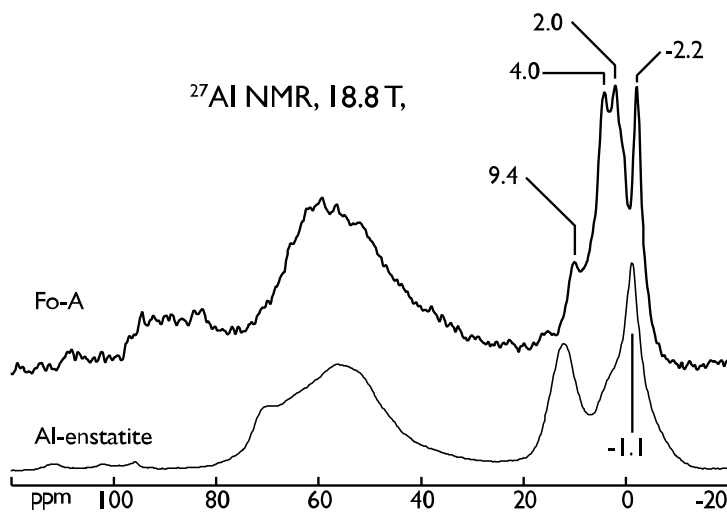


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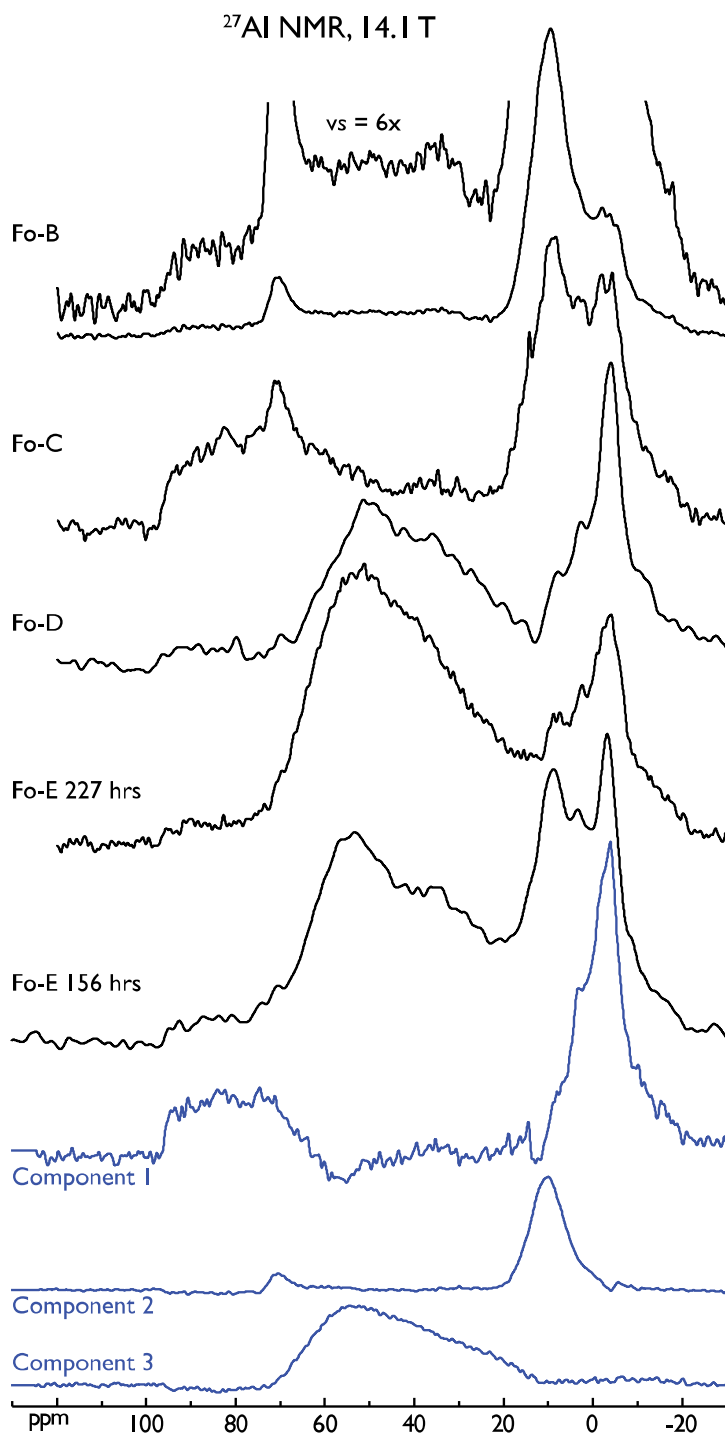
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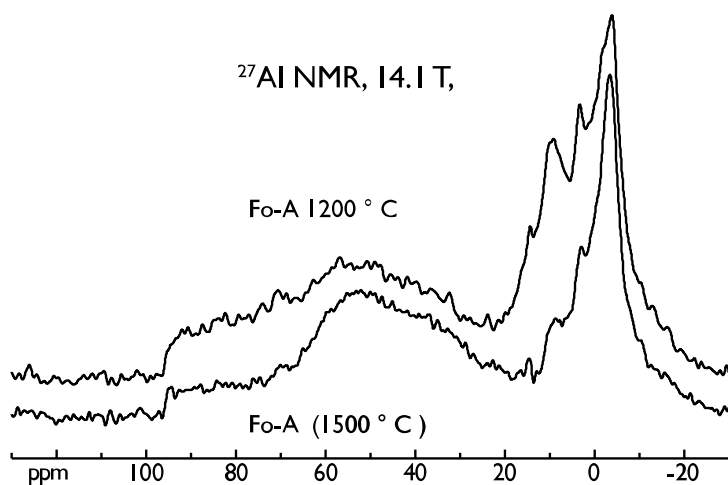
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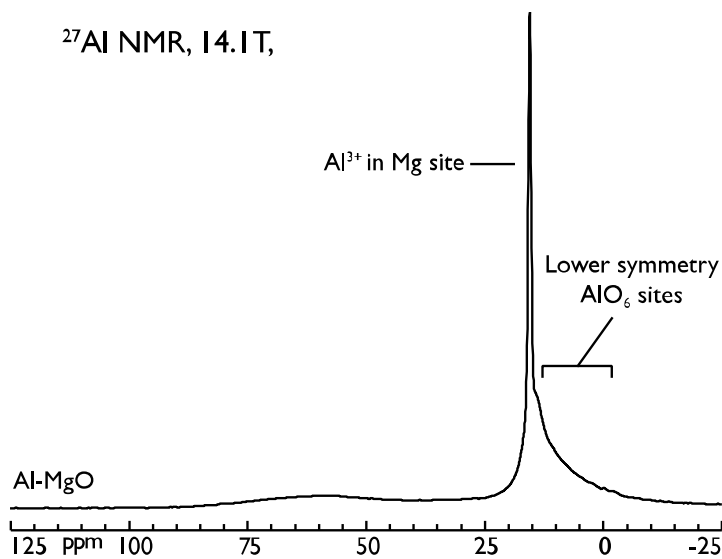


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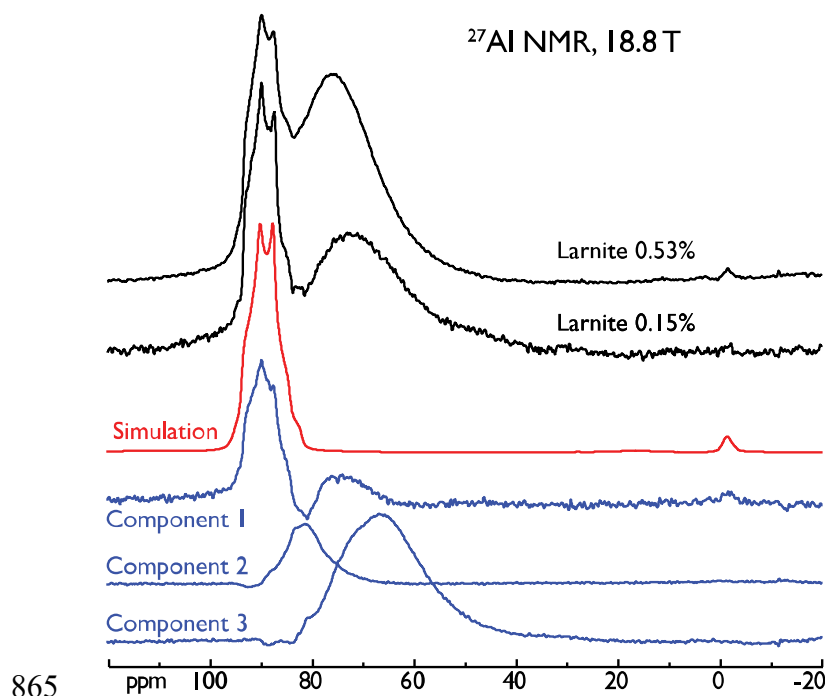
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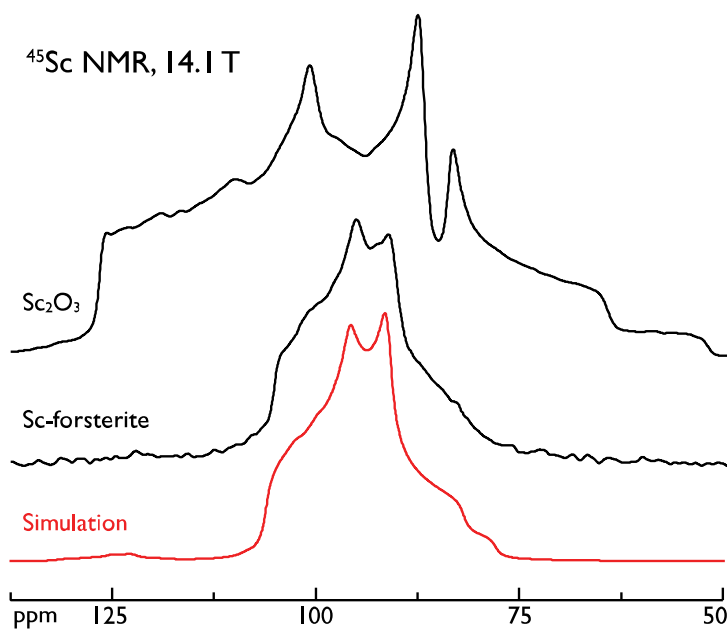


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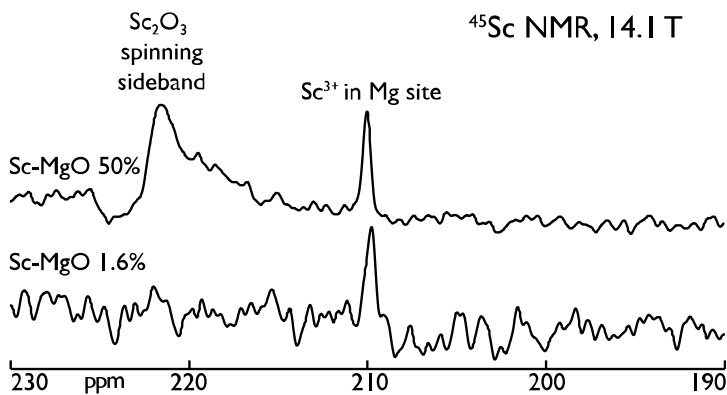
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