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15	Abstract
16	Hydroxylation of wadsleyite, β -(Mg,Fe) ₂ SiO ₄ , is associated with divalent cation defects and well
17	known to affect its physical properties. However, an atomic-scale understanding of the defect structure
18	and hydrogen bonding at high pressures is needed to interpret the influence of water on the behavior of
19	wadsleyite in the mantle transition zone. We have determined the pressure evolution of the wadsleyite
20	crystal symmetry and structure, including all OO interatomic distances, up to 32 GPa using single-
21	crystal X-ray diffraction on two well-characterized, Fe-bearing (Fo ₉₀) samples containing 0.25(4) and
22	2.0(2) wt% H_2O . Both compositions undergo a pressure-dependent monoclinic distortion from
23	orthorhombic symmetry above 9 GPa, with the less hydrous sample showing a larger increase in
24	distortion at increased pressures due to the difference in compressibility of the split M3 site in the
25	monoclinic setting arising from preferred vacancy ordering at the M3B site. Although hydrogen positions
26	cannot be modeled from the X-ray diffraction data, the pressure evolution of the longer O1O4 distance

27 in the structure characterizes the primary hydrogen bond length. We observe the hydrogen-bonded 28 O1...O4 distance shorten gradually from 3.080(1) Å at ambient pressure to about 2.90(1) Å at 25 GPa, 29 being still much longer than is defined as strong hydrogen bonding (2.5–2.7 Å). Above 25 GPa and up to 30 the maximum pressure of the experiment at 32.5 GPa, the hydrogen-bonded O1...O4 distance decreases 31 no further, despite the fact that previous spectroscopic studies have shown that the primary O-H 32 stretching frequencies continuously drop into the regime of strong hydrogen bonding (<3200 cm⁻¹) above ~15 GPa. We propose that the primary O1-H...O4 hydrogen bond in wadsleyite becomes highly non-33 34 linear at high pressures based on its deviation from frequency-distance correlations for linear hydrogen 35 bonds. One possible explanation is that the hydrogen position shifts from being nearly on the long O1–O4 36 edge of the M3 site to a position more above O1 along the *c*-axis. 37

38 Keywords: Wadsleyite, mantle transition zone, hydrogen bond, water

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Introduction

The nominally anhydrous minerals (NAMs) wadsleyite and ringwoodite can incorporate 1-2 wt% 41 42 H₂O into their crystal structures as hydroxyl groups at the elevated pressures and temperatures of the 43 Earth's mantle transition zone (e.g., Smyth 1987; Fei and Katsura 2020), which suggests that the Earth's 44 mantle could play a dynamic role in the evolution of surface water reservoirs over geologic time (Dong et 45 al. 2021). Although no samples of terrestrial wadsleyite have been reported, the recent discovery of 46 hydrous ringwoodite containing ~ 1.5 wt% water, found as a natural inclusion in a diamond (Pearson et al. 47 2014), provides evidence that the transition zone is locally hydrated. Mapping regional-scale hydration 48 from seismological data (e.g., Karato 2011; Wang et al. 2018) requires knowledge of the effects of 49 hydration on the physical properties of NAMs at transition zone pressures and temperatures. For example, 50 theory and experiments show that the incorporation of even small quantities of H₂O significantly 51 influence the elastic properties of wadsleyite governing the velocity of seismic waves (e.g., Tsuchiya and

52 Tsuchiya 2009; Mao et al. 2011; Buchen et al. 2018; Gwanmesia et al. 2020). As the elastic properties of 53 Earth materials are ultimately controlled by interatomic potentials, knowledge of the crystal structure and 54 evolution of hydrogen bonding in wadsleyite is useful in predicting the physical properties expected for 55 hydrous and anhydrous regions of the upper transition zone.

56 The crystal structure of wadsleyite is unique among the Mg₂SiO₄ polymorphs in possessing a 57 sorosilicate group (Si_2O_7) . The structure consists of three octahedral metal cation sites (M) occupied by Mg²⁺, Fe²⁺ or Fe³⁺, one tetrahedral site (T) occupied by Si⁴⁺ or Fe³⁺, and four distinct oxygen sites 58 59 (Horiuchi & Sawamoto 1981, Smyth et al. 1997) (Figure S1). The first step in understanding the impacts 60 of hydration on the physical and mechanical properties of wadsleyite and other NAMs is determining 61 where hydrogen is structurally accommodated and charge-balanced by associated cation defect vacancies. 62 Smyth et al. (1987) recognized that the O1 site of wadsleyite is a favorable location for H based on the 63 electrostatic potential as this site is coordinated to five Mg sites but no Si, and is therefore under-bonded. 64 Shortly thereafter, McMillan et al. (1991) observed OH absorption bands in wadsleyite using Fourier 65 transform infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy on wadsleyite crystals that had been fortuitously hydrated during 66 synthesis by dehydration of the pyrophyllite pressure medium.

67 The pleochroic behavior of OH absorbance observed in polarized FTIR spectra (Jacobsen et al. 2005) showed that the primary OH bands at 3300-3400 cm⁻¹ can be explained by H at the O1 site, with 68 69 protonation of the unshared O1–O4 edge of the M3 site, where most cation vacancies were observed. 70 Jacobsen et al. (2005) also noted that some protonation may occur along the shorter O1–O4 edge of the 71 M3 site that is shared with the M2 site, as well as possibly along the O1–O3 edge of the M3 site. Similar 72 sites were proposed from room-pressure XRD and high-pressure FTIR spectroscopy measurements by 73 Dion et al. (2010). Sano-Furukawa et al. (2011) refined the H positions in wadsleyite using powder 74 neutron diffraction data and confirmed that the dominant hydrogen site is located close to O1 and along 75 the longer of the two distinct O1-O4 edges of the M3 site, with minor occupation along the O1-O3 edge 76 of the M3 site. Using single-crystal neutron diffraction data, Purevjav et al. (2016) confirmed that the 77 major H site is along the longer and unshared O1–O4 edges of the M3 site with an O–H distance of ~ 1 Å

and slightly non-linear hydrogen bond angle of 171°. Whereas the longer O1–O4 edges of M3 site appear
to host the majority of H in wadsleyite, realistically there are also many minor sites, as evidenced by up to
15 observed O–H stretching frequencies, which can tentatively be assigned to other sites in the structure
based on frequency-distance correlations (Libowitzky, 1999; Kohn et al. 2002).

82 In silicates and oxides, hydrogen bonds form when a hydrogen atom, bonded to a donor oxygen 83 atom via a polar covalent bond, interacts electrostatically with a nearby acceptor oxygen (Emsley 1981). 84 Hydrogen bonds have both a characteristic bond length, d(0...0), defined by the distance between the 85 donor and acceptor oxygen atoms along O-H...O, and a characteristic O-H stretching frequency, which 86 is corelated to hydrogen-bond strength, assuming the hydrogen bond angle along O–H...O is close to 180° 87 (Libowitzky, 1999). Typically, hydrogen bonds form an asymmetric potential well between donor and 88 acceptor oxygen atoms, where the O-H bond is shorter than the H...O distance. Although hydrogen 89 bonds in minerals have a poorly defined upper limit beyond ~ 3 Å, strong hydrogen bonds are defined as 90 having d(0...0) of 2.5–2.7 Å (Libowitzky, 1999). On compression, if d(0...0) shortens, the O–H bond 91 lengthens due to the increased attractive force of the acceptor oxygen, weakening the O-H bond and 92 lowering the O-H stretching frequency (Libowitzky 1999). Whereas the O-H stretching frequencies in most hydrous minerals are observed at 3200-4000 cm⁻¹, strong hydrogen bonds have stretching 93 frequencies in the range of $1600-3200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. 94

95 High-pressure FTIR spectroscopy studies of wadsleyite have shown that the primary O-H stretching bands associated with hydrogen bonding along the O1-O4 edge at 3300-3400 cm⁻¹ shift 96 strongly with increasing pressure to lower frequencies of about 3150–3250 cm⁻¹ at 16–18 GPa, the 97 98 maximum pressure of those experiments (Deon et al. 2010; Yang et al. 2014). This is consistent with 99 earlier findings of Kleppe et al. (2006), who reported Raman spectroscopy measurements of hydrous Febearing wadsleyite up to approximately 50 GPa and found that the 3300-3400 cm⁻¹ band became a very 100 broad and weak feature at frequencies below 3000 cm⁻¹ above approximately 40 GPa. Because O-H 101 102 stretching frequencies in hydrous wadsleyite drop below $\sim 3200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ above 15 GPa, they enter the regime 103 of strong hydrogen bonding as defined for linear hydrogen bonds (Libowitzky 1999). Since the primary

hydrogen bond in wadsleyite, O1–H...O4, is rather long at room pressure with d(O1...O4) = 3.1 Å (Jacobsen et al. 2005), a decrease of O–H stretching frequencies to below 3200 cm⁻¹ above 15 GPa would imply a drastic compression of the O1–O4 edge if the hydrogen bond remains fairly linear. One objective of this study is to determine all the interatomic O...O distances in the wadsleyite structure up to 32 GPa in part to test whether or not spectroscopic indications of O–H stretching frequencies below ~3200 cm⁻¹ are consistent with conventionally defined strong hydrogen bonds with d(O...O) < 2.7 Å.

110 Another consequence of the hydration of wadsleyite is a change in symmetry from orthorhombic 111 (*Imma*) to monoclinic (I2/m), which is defined by the deviation of the unit-cell β -angle from 90.0°. This 112 was first recognized by Smyth et al. (1997) and subsequently observed, to varying degrees, by other 113 studies (e.g., Jacobsen et al. 2005; Holl et al. 2008). The breaking of orthorhombic symmetry in hydrous 114 wadsleyite is believed to result from the unequal distribution of vacancies at M3 sites, resulting in two 115 non-equivalent M3A and M3B sites (Smyth et al. 1997). A Raman spectroscopy study of Fe-bearing 116 wadsleyite with 2.4 wt% water by Kleppe et al. (2006) inferred monoclinic symmetry at high pressure and 117 suggested, based on Raman spectra, that the monoclinic angle might increase with pressure. In contrast, 118 Holl et al. (2008) evaluated the β -angle in wadsleyite containing 1.66 wt% H₂O up to 10 GPa but did not 119 observe a pressure-induced change in β -angle. Determining the structure and symmetry of hydrous 120 wadsleyite at pressures exceeding 10 GPa is necessary to more adequately understand the physical 121 properties of hydrous wadsleyite in the transition zone.

122 To date, only one experimental study (Hazen et al. 2000) has examined the structure of 123 wadsleyite at high pressures ($P_{\text{max}} = 10.1$ GPa) from single-crystal X-ray diffraction data, but the water 124 content of the samples in that study was not determined. Therefore, we have undertaken high-precision 125 structure refinements of well-characterized hydrous wadsleyite single crystals under quasi-hydrostatic 126 compression up to 35 GPa. To directly compare the effects of water, one sample contains $\sim 2.0 \text{ wt}\% \text{ H}_2\text{O}$ 127 while the other sample contains ~0.25 wt% H₂O. Both samples approximate the Fe-content of mantle 128 olivine (Fo₉₀). Our two main objectives are: (1) evaluate the crystal symmetry evolution with pressure, 129 and (2) determine the pressure-dependence of all interatomic O...O distances in the structure to compare

130	hydrogen-bonded versus non-hydrogen bonded O-O edges for comparison to previously observed O-H
131	stretching frequencies at high pressures. The results of this study help to explain the modified physical
132	properties of hydrous wadsleyite in the transition zone.

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Materials and Methods

135 Sample synthesis and characterization

136 This study examines two different hydrous Fe-bearing wadsleyite samples from synthesis run 137 Z0570 containing 2.0(2) wt% H₂O and from run Z0902 containing 0.25(4) wt% H₂O (Chang et al. 2015). 138 Both samples were synthesized using the 5000-ton, multi-anvil press at Bayerisches Geoinstitut, 139 University of Bayreuth, Germany. For run Z0570, starting materials of San Carlos olivine plus liquid 140 water were welded into a Pt capsule, compressed to 18 GPa and heated to a peak temperature of 1400 °C 141 for several minutes before annealing at 1100 °C for 30 minutes. Run products from Z0570 consisted of 142 both wadsleyite and ringwoodite. For run Z0902, San Carlos olivine was used without the addition of 143 water and compressed to 11 GPa for annealing at 1100 °C (Chang et al. 2015). No phase other than 144 wadsleyite was observed in the run product of Z0902. Electron microprobe analyses give values of 145 Mg/(Mg+ Σ Fe) of 0.89 and 0.90 for run Z0570 and run Z0902, respectively (Chang et al. 2015). FTIR 146 spectra for both samples are presented in Chang et al. (2015) and indicate 1.4 wt% H₂O and 0.25 wt% 147 H₂O in run Z0570 and Z0902, respectively, using the calibration of Deon et al. (2010). The water content 148 of Z0570 was also measured at two secondary ion mass spectrometry laboratories by Chang et al. (2015), 149 resulting in 1.93(22) wt% H₂O and 2.07(24) wt% H₂O. Since FTIR methods are less reliable for very high water contents in wadsleyite, we used 2.0(2) wt% H_2O for the more hydrous sample (Z0570) and 0.25(4) 150 151 wt% H₂O for the less hydrous sample (Z0902).

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153 Synchrotron Mössbauer Spectroscopy

154 To determine the oxidation states of iron, time-domain synchrotron Mössbauer spectroscopy 155 (SMS) was conducted on beamline 3-ID-B of the Advanced Photon Source (APS), Argonne National 156 Laboratory. One ~150 µm diameter grain was selected from each synthesis run. A Si (111) double crystal 157 monochromator and a 4-bounce inline high-resolution monochromator (Toellner 2000) was used to filter 158 the X-ray energy to a bandwidth of 1 meV at 14.4125 keV. The monochromatic X-rays were focused into 159 a 15 µm diameter beam using a Kirkpatrick-Baez type mirror. The nuclear delay signal was recorded in 160 the 21-128 ns time window between the X-ray pulses generated by the synchrotron. Time-domain 161 Mössbauer spectra were fit using CONUSS 2.2.0 (Sturhahn, 2000) to get the hyperfine parameters of Fe 162 and the ferric-to-ferrous ratio for each sample. A two-doublet model was used to fit each spectrum, with one doublet each for Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} , as it gave the best statistical fit. The isomer shift of Fe^{2+} was fixed at 163 1.04 mm/s relative to stainless steel based on previous Mössbauer data (Chang et al. 2015). 164

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166 Sample loading environment and pressure determination

167 High pressures were achieved by loading samples into one of two short symmetric type diamond 168 anvil cells (DACs) with either a 78° or 81° opening angle. Sample chambers of 180 µm diameter were 169 laser ablated into rhenium gaskets that were pre-indented to ~40 µm thickness. For each sample, a single crystal of wadsleyite $\sim 30 \ \mu\text{m}$ in diameter was parallel-polished down to a thickness of $\sim 10 \pm 2 \ \mu\text{m}$. Each 170 171 sample was loaded into a DAC equipped with Boehler-Almax diamond anvils with 300 µm culets. Two 172 ruby spheres were placed inside each cell as pressure standards, with one ruby placed close to the center 173 of the sample chamber to serve as the primary pressure standard and the other ruby placed near the edge 174 of the sample chamber to monitor the possible development of pressure gradients. Ruby pressures were 175 calculated from the shift of the R_1 ruby fluorescence line using the quasi-hydrostatic calibration from 176 Jacobsen et al. (2008). Neon was loaded using the COMPRES-GSECARS gas loading system (Rivers et 177 al. 2008) to serve as a quasi-hydrostatic pressure-transmitting medium.

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179 X-ray diffraction experiments

180 Single-crystal X-ray diffraction (XRD) data were collected on beamline 13-BM-C of the APS. 181 The incident X-ray beam was monochromatized with a silicon (311) crystal to 0.434 Å incident wavelength with 1 eV energy bandwidth and focused to a $15 \times 15 \ \mu\text{m}^2$ spot. A Pilatus 1M (Dectris) 182 183 detector with 1 mm thick silicon sensor was used to record the diffraction patterns. The sample-to-184 detector distance and the tilt of the detector was calibrated using LaB_6 (Zhang et al. 2017). At each 185 pressure, step scans were collected in steps of 1° at 1s/deg in the φ direction using a detector with two 186 collecting positions. The collecting positions were moved to be positioned 20° apart in 2 θ angle. 187 Diffraction intensity data for crystal structure refinements were collected at ambient conditions before gas 188 loading and at each subsequent pressure step. High-pressure data were collected by compressing the DAC 189 with a gas membrane cell at pressure intervals of 1-1.5 GPa. After increasing the pressure at each 190 pressure step, the sample was allowed to sit for 10–15 min before data collection to stabilize the pressure. 191 The reported pressures are the average of pressures measured before and after XRD data collection. The 192 reported uncertainty is half of the absolute pressure difference before and after XRD collection. When this 193 pressure difference was smaller than 0.1 GPa, 0.1 GPa was used as the pressure uncertainty to reflect the 194 linewidth of the ruby fluorescence spectrum.

195 Diffraction intensities and unit cell parameters were obtained using the APEX3 software (Bruker). 196 SHELXL (Dolomanov et al. 2009; Sheldrick 2015) with the Olex2 general user interface was used to 197 refine the crystal structure using peak intensities reduced by the APEX3 software. All crystal structures 198 were refined using intensity data collected from both of the collecting positions of the detector. Two 199 models were used to refine the crystal structure: an orthorhombic (Imma) model from Jacobsen et al. 200 (2005) and a monoclinic (12/m) model from Smyth et al. (1997). The difference between them is that 201 Smyth et al. (1997) splits the M3 site into two non-equivalent sites denoted M3A and M3B, and O4 site is 202 split into O4A and O4B, where O4A is bonded to M3A and O4B bonded to M3B. Refinement parameters 203 at each pressure step including the 2θ range, number of reflections, *hkl* range, and merging, and internal 204 R-factors are listed in Tables S1 and S2.

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Results

207 Mössbauer Spectroscopy

Ambient-pressure SMS data for the more hydrous wadslevite (Z0570) show that 24.7(1.1)% of 208 the total Fe was Fe^{3+} with an isomer shift of 0.082(9) mm/s and quadrupole splitting of 0.358(9) mm/s. 209 The quadrupole splitting for Fe^{2+} was 2.638(3) mm/s. For the less hydrous wadsleyite sample (Z0902), 210 12.8(1.0)% of the total Fe was Fe³⁺ with an isomer shift of 0.106(17) mm/s and quadrupole splitting of 211 0.25(2) mm/s. The quadrupole splitting for the Fe^{2+} site was 2.657(4) mm/s (Table 1). The isomer shifts 212 213 (relative to stainless steel) and quadrupole splitting values reported here for Z0570 are an improvement 214 over those measured by conventional Mössbauer spectroscopy in Chang et al. (2015) because of improved signal-to-noise ratio in the current data. Chang et al. (2015) did not measure the Fe³⁺ content of 215 216 Z0902. Combining the current SMS results with the major element analyses and water content 217 determinations from Chang et al. (2015),we obtain the chemical formulas $(Mg_{1.638}^{2+}Fe_{0.145}^{2+}Fe_{0.047}^{3+})H_{0.320}SiO_4$ for sample Z0570 and $(Mg_{1.782}^{2+}Fe_{0.173}^{2+}Fe_{0.025}^{3+})H_{0.041}SiO_4$ for sample 218 219 Z0902. The measured time-domain spectra and calculated energy-domain spectra of the best-fit hyperfine 220 model are shown in Figure S2.

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222 Equations of State

223 Our ambient-pressure diffraction data show that sample Z0902 (0.25 wt% H_2O) has a slight monoclinic distortion, with $\beta = 90.034(18)^\circ$ and lattice parameters of $a_0 = 5.7119(5)$, $b_0 = 11.4785(5)$, $c_0 = 11.4785(5)$ 224 225 8.282(2), resulting in a calculated unit cell volume of 543.00(14)Å³. The more hydrous wadsleyite sample, 226 Z0570 (2 wt% H₂O), also has a slight monoclinic distortion, with $\beta = 90.015(3)^{\circ}$ and lattice parameters of $a_0 = 5.6965(2), b_0 = 11.5431(4), c_0 = 8.269(3)$, resulting in a calculated unit cell volume of 543.7(2) Å³. 227 228 Based on these unit cell volumes and the detailed compositions given above, the reference density for the more hydrous sample Z0570 is $\rho_0 = 3.5064(13)$ g/cm³, and that for the less hydrous sample Z0902 is $\rho_0 =$ 229 230 $3.584(1) \text{ g/cm}^3$.

During compression up to about 10 GPa, the β -angle for both samples was essentially invariant. However, above 9 GPa, both samples exhibit a linearly increasing β -angle with pressure, although by markedly different amounts (Figure 1). Whereas the β -angle in the more hydrous sample (Z0570) only increased by about 0.1° between 10 and 30 GPa, reaching 90.09(2)° at the highest pressure of 33 GPa, the β -angle of the less hydrous sample (Z0902) increased by nearly 0.5°, reaching a value of 90.53(4)° at the maximum pressure of 35 GPa. The lattice parameters at each pressure refined for both orthorhombic and monoclinic symmetry for both samples are provided in Tables S3–S6.

238 Unit cell volumes were also calculated using both orthorhombic and monoclinic symmetry for 239 both samples at each pressure (Tables S3-S6). We fit the pressure-volume (P-V) data to a third-order 240 Birch-Murnaghan equation of state (BM3-EOS), where K_{T0} is the reference bulk modulus at ambient pressure, K_{70} is the first pressure derivative of the bulk modulus evaluated at P = 0, and V_0 is the 241 242 reference volume at ambient pressure. The EOS fit was performed with EOSFit7c (Angel et al. 2014). 243 The inverse of the measurement uncertainties were used as weights for least-squares fits. The resulting 244 EOS parameters for the more hydrous sample (Z0570) using orthorhombic symmetry are: $V_0 = 543.19(23)$ Å³, $K_{T0} = 164.0(2.7)$ GPa, and $K_{T0} = 4.26(23)$. Assuming monoclinic symmetry for Z0902 we obtain $V_0 =$ 245 246 543.09(22) Å³, $K_{T0} = 172.3(2.3)$ GPa, and $K_{T0} = 3.91(15)$. Based on statistical significance, our preferred 247 EOS fit to the more hydrous sample (Z0570) assumes orthorhombic symmetry and monoclinic symmetry for the less hydrous sample (Z0902), which are plotted in Figure 2. EOS parameters for both 248 249 compositions in both crystal systems are given in Table S7.

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251 Structure Refinements

Variation of the lattice parameters with pressure are plotted in Figure 3. A linearized third-order BM-EOS fit was used to determine the linear compressibilities along the crystal axes (Angel et al. 2014). The resulting linear moduli and axial compressibilities are given in Table S8. In both samples, the *c*-axis is the most compressible, and the *a*- and *b*-axes have about the same compressibility. However, with increased water content, the *c*-axis becomes more incompressible, while the *a*- and *b*-axes become more

compressible. We also evaluated the M–O bond lengths and polyhedral volumes as a function of pressure,
which are shown in Figures S3 and S4 and listed in Table S8. Compression data of all polyhedral volumes
are plotted in Figure 4.

260 The ambient-pressure structure refinements show vacancies only at the M3 sites, similar to what 261 has been observed in previous studies (Smyth et al. 1994; Jacobsen et al. 2005; Holl et al. 2008; Purevjav 262 et al. 2016). For the less hydrous and monoclinic sample (Z0902), the total site occupancies were 100% 263 for M1, M2, and M3A, but 94.9% in M3B, indicative of strongly preferred vacancy ordering onto the 264 M3B site, which has not previously been reported. The refined Fe occupancies at each site in Z0902 were 265 9.8% in M1, 3.8% in M2, 1.2% in M3A, and 9.4% in M3B. For the very hydrous sample (Z0570) we 266 observe no vacancy ordering between M3A and M3B and used the orthorhombic symmetry, finding the 267 total site occupancies were 100% for M1 and M2, but 87.8% in M3, consistent with there being more 268 hydrogen-related cation vacancies in the more hydrous sample. In Z0570, we refined Fe/Mg as well and 269 found 11.2% Fe in M1, 0.8% in M2, and 6.4% in M3. 270 The refined site occupancies obtained at room pressure were fixed for the high-pressure structure

refinements, except for the M3 site (M3A and M3B), which contains vacancies. However, we did not observe significant changes in vacancy ordering with increasing pressure. Our results also suggest that there is no Fe^{3+} at the T site of slightly hydrous wadsleyite, but up to 4% of the Fe cations may be at the T site of very hydrous wadsleyite, consistent with previous findings (Smyth et al. 2014).

275 To illustrate how hydrogen potentially affects the compressibility of O-O octahedral edges in the 276 wadsleyite structure, we plot selected O-O distances as a function of pressure in Figure 5. A second-order 277 BM-EOS was used to fit the data with EOSFit7c (Angel et al. 2014). In Figure 5 we also plotted 278 prediction bands instead of confidence intervals to indicate that these are the error bars on quantities 279 calculated from a model, in contrast to error calculated directly from experimental data. The inverse of the 280 measurement uncertainties were used as weights in least-squares fits. The 95% prediction bands of the 281 O1–O4 (short) and O1–O1 edges for more hydrous and less hydrous wadsleyite nearly overlap, indicating 282 very similar compressibility. The long O1-O4 and O1-O3 edge, however, respond differently under

283 compression in the two samples: whereas the long O1–O4 edge is less compressible in the more hydrous 284 wadsleyite sample (Z0570), the O1–O3 edge is less compressible in the less hydrous wadsleyite. Most 285 notably, the longer O1-O4 edge in the more hydrous sample becomes incompressible above ~25 GPa 286 (Figure 5), but no comparable stiffening was observed in any other O–O distances, except possibly in the 287 O1-O3 edge of the more hydrous sample, which stiffens with a lesser degree of certainty. As stated 288 earlier, the longer O1–O4 octahedral edge is the primary hydrogen bond in wadsleyite (Sano-Furukawa et 289 al. 2011; Purevjav et al. 2016). A comprehensive overview of all O–O distances at the M1, M2, and M3 290 sites comparing both H₂O compositions is given in Figure S5.

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Discussion

294 Ordering in wadsleyite

295 Our observation that Fe-bearing hydrous wadsleyite distorts from orthorhombic to monoclinic 296 symmetry with an increasing β -angle above 9 GPa could explain earlier observations of new Raman 297 peaks above ~9 GPa in the Raman spectra of hydrous Fe-bearing wadsleyite (Kleppe et al. 2006). 298 Jacobsen et al. (2005) and Holl et al. (2008) found that in pure-Mg wadsleyite there is a correlation 299 between monoclinic distortion and increasing water content. In contrast, in our Fe-bearing samples, our 300 less hydrous sample with 0.25 wt% H₂O actually deviates more from orthorhombic symmetry than the 301 more hydrous sample with ~ 2 wt% H₂O. To date, the crystal symmetry of hydrous wadsleyite has not 302 been investigated as a function of pressure. Surprisingly, on compression above 9 GPa, the less hydrous 303 sample deviates significantly more from orthorhombic symmetry than the more hydrous sample (Figure 304 1). Thus, the symmetry of Fe-bearing hydrous wadsleyite cannot be understood based on water content 305 alone.

In the less hydrous wadsleyite sample, the M3B octahedron has a slightly larger volume than the
 M3A octahedron. This volume difference is related to M-site vacancies and may be caused by enhanced
 O–O repulsion in the absence of a central cation (Jacobsen et al. 2005). If the larger polyhedral volume of

309 the M3B site is the result of a higher vacancy concentration as compared to the M3A site, the M3B site 310 can be expected to be more compressible, which is precisely what we observe in the polyhedral moduli 311 (Table 2) and interatomic distances (Table S9). Due to the increased compressibility of the M3B site, at 312 pressures exceeding 10 GPa it becomes smaller in volume than the M3A site (Table S12, S13, Figure S6), 313 which corresponds to the pressure at which we begin seeing the more distinct symmetry change from 314 orthorhombic to monoclinic. Orthorhombic symmetry in wadsleyite requires the plane perpendicular to 315 the b-axis between equivalent M3 sites as a mirror plane (Smyth et al. 1997; Ye et al. 2010, 2011). At low 316 pressure, this plane is almost perpendicular to the *a*-axis but slightly tilted. With increasing pressure, the 317 volume of the M3B octahedron decreases more than that of the M3A octahedron and at around 10 GPa 318 drops below the volume of the M3A octahedron (Table S12, S13, Figure S6), leading the (010) plane to 319 increasingly tilt, which breaks the mirror symmetry and causes the β -angle to deviate from 90°. In short, 320 the evolution of the β -angle at high pressures is likely due to the difference in vacancy population of the 321 two non-equivalent M3 sites and their corresponding differences in polyhedral compressibility. We 322 propose that the monoclinic distortion in wadsleyite increases with pressure when there is a significant 323 difference in the vacancy populations or in the Mg-Fe occupancies of the M3A and M3B sites, leading to 324 those sites having different compressibility and thus further distortion from orthorhombic symmetry. The more hydrous wadsleyite sample in our study had no significant difference in the occupancies of the M3 325 326 sites, which have similar compressibility, thus the plane perpendicular to the *b*-axis was retained as a 327 mirror symmetry element

Our observations of changes in the crystal symmetry at ~9 GPa may shed light on some previous spectroscopic observations. In Fe-free nominally anhydrous wadsleyite, Chopelas (1991) observed seven Raman mode changes at 9.2 GPa, which the author posited as evidence of a second-order phase transition. Cynn and Hofmeister (1994) reported high-pressure infrared data for Fe-bearing wadsleyite and described a minor structure change at 9 GPa. Kleppe et al. (2006) reported the addition of four new Raman modes in the mid-frequency range at 9 GPa in hydrous Fo₉₀ wadsleyite. If the change in wadsleyite crystal symmetry to monoclinic symmetry above 9 GPa is due to the M3 and O4 sites splitting into two non-

equivalent sites, the changes in vibrational modes are likely to result from a distortion of individual octahedra since the affected vibrations are related to MgO6 octahedra. Our high-pressure structure data could therefore potentially reconcile several previously observed changes in vibrational spectra at high pressures.

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0 Influence of hydroxyl groups on the equation of state

341 The elastic moduli and their pressure derivatives are needed to calculate density and sound 342 velocities at high pressures. For wadsleyite, previous studies have shown that the bulk modulus (K_0) 343 decreases with water content (e.g. Jacobsen 2005) and increases with iron content (e.g. Hazen 1993), as 344 recently reviewed by Buchen et al. (2017) and Wang et al. (2018). In agreement with these trends, our K_0 345 of ~ 164 GPa for hydrous Fo₈₉ wadsleyite with 2 wt% H₂O is about 6% lower than dry Fo₉₀ wadsleyite (Li 346 and Liebermann 2000; Liu et al. 2009). The relationship between water content and the pressure 347 derivative of the bulk modulus (K_0) shows no obvious trend (e.g., Chang et al. 2015). Holl et al. (2008) 348 suggested that K_0 ' should increase with water content because the strong O–O repulsive forces on 349 compression are ultimately a more important factor than the initially larger and more compressible 350 partially vacant M sites. But experiments by Holl et al. (2008) and Chang et al. (2015) found no link 351 between water content and K_0 . Unfortunately, attempts to resolve this discrepancy have been hampered 352 by a range of derived values for K_0 that can be dependent on experimental factors including data density, 353 pressure range, pressure medium, and pressure calibration, among others.

Buchen et al. (2018) obtained $K_{50}' = 4.13(8)$ for a slightly hydrous wadsleyite (~0.24 wt.% water) with Fo₈₉ composition using Brillouin spectroscopy, and $K_{70}' = 4.4(2)$ on the same sample from static compression using the BM3-EOS to $P_{\text{max}} = 20$ GPa with ruby pressures and 10 data points (Buchen et al. 2017), where the subscript *S* in K_{50}' refers to the adiabatic bulk modulus and the subscript *T* in K_{70}' refers to the isothermal bulk modulus. Mao et al. (2011) and Chang et al. (2015) both evaluated the same hydrous Fo₈₉ wadsleyite as this study (Z0570) with ~2 wt% water but Mao et al. (2011) reported $K_{50}' =$ 4.8(1) using Brillouin spectroscopy, while Chang et al. (2015) obtained $K_{70}' = 3.77(14)$ from static

compression using a BM3-EOS to $P_{\text{max}} = 32$ GPa with ruby pressures and 31 data points. It should be noted, however, that Chang et al. (2015) did not have an experimental V_0 value, which is an important anchor in fitting K_{T0} ' with the BM3-EOS because the derivative is effectively evaluated at zero pressure. For comparison, we found K_{T0} ' = 4.26(23) for Z0570 in this study using the BM3-EOS to $P_{\text{max}} = 33$ GPa and 22 P-V points. Chang et al. (2015) suggested that the discrepancy in K_0 ' between their study and that of Mao et al. (2011) was potentially due to the way density was estimated at high pressure by Mao et al. (2011) by iteration, potentially leading to a higher K_0 '.

368 We examined the effects of the selection of different crystal symmetry (monoclinic versus 369 orthorhombic) on the equations of state of wadsleyite by comparing XRD data evaluated using either 370 orthorhombic or monoclinic symmetry. In Figure 6, we compare P-V and F_E-f_E plots of the compression 371 data using orthorhombic symmetry versus using the observed monoclinic β -angles in calculating volume. 372 The results are compiled in Tables S3–S6, and S7. When fitting our P-V data to the BM3-EOS assuming 373 orthorhombic symmetry for the more hydrous wadsleyite (Z0570) we obtain: $V_0 = 543.19(23)$ Å³, $K_{T0} =$ 374 164.0(2.7) GPa, and K_{T0} = 4.26(23), whereas on using the monoclinic angles, we obtain: V_0 = 543.25(23) 375 Å³, $K_{T0} = 162.5(2.6)$ GPa, and $K_{T0}' = 4.45(22)$. In short, these EOS parameters agree within their mutual 376 uncertainties, which is not surprising as the β -angle is not very distorted from 90° and the distortion only 377 showed a quite gradual increase with pressure above 10 GPa for sample Z0570. However, with the less hydrous wadsleyite (Z0902), the BM3-EOS parameters assuming orthorhombic symmetry are: $V_0 =$ 378 543.75(29) Å³, $K_{T0} = 165.7(3.4)$ GPa, and $K_{T0} = 5.51(28)$, whereas when using monoclinic symmetry and 379 the observed monoclinic β -angles, we obtain: $V_0 = 543.09(22)$ Å³, $K_{T0} = 172.3(2.3)$ GPa, and $K_{T0}' =$ 380 381 3.91(15). Assuming a fixed orthorhombic symmetry at all pressures produced lower K_{T0} values, but the 382 most pronounced effect is the higher first pressure derivative, K_{T0} '.

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384 Hydrogen bonds at high pressure

The long O1–O4 edge of the M3 site is the primary location for hydrogen bonds in wadsleyite, as previously determined by neutron diffraction (Purevjav et al. 2016). While the observed incompressibility

387 of the long O1–O4 edge in the very hydrous sample (Z0570) above 25 GPa might be interpreted as strong 388 hydrogen bonding, the fact that the long O1–O4 edge does not shorten below 2.90(1) Å, even up to the 389 highest pressure (Figure S5), indicates that the long O1–O4 hydrogen-bonded edge is still far longer than 390 what is considered strong hydrogen bonding, as defined by $d(O...O) \le 2.5-2.7$ Å (Libowitzky 1999). In 391 contrast, high-pressure FTIR data (Yang et al. 2014) up to ~20 GPa and high-pressure Raman data up to 392 ~50 GPa (Kleppe et al. 2006) on hydrous wadsleyite show that the primary O-H stretching modes at 3360–3320 cm⁻¹ (at 1 atm) gradually shift to lower frequency, reaching values below ~3200 cm⁻¹ above 393 394 about 20 GPa, consistent with strong hydrogen bonding (Libowitzky 1999).

395 The primary hydrogen bond in wadsleyite, therefore, deviates significantly from the relation 396 between O...O distances and O-H stretching frequencies above 20 GPa (Figure 7). The simplest 397 explanation we can propose, though not prove, involves a shift of the hydrogen atom off the longer O1-O4 edge of the M3 site either into the vacant M3 site or more along the c-axis above O1, either way 398 399 making the O1-H...O4 hydrogen bond angle even lower than the observed angle of 171° at room 400 pressure (Purevjav et al. 2016). If the hydrogen bond becomes more non-linear with pressure, the 401 hydrogen atom may move further away from the donor oxygen and O-H stretching frequency may 402 continue to drop, decoupling the O-H stretching frequency from the relation to hydrogen bond length for 403 linear hydrogen bonds (Libowitzky 1999). Future high-pressure polarized-FTIR measurements or high-404 pressure neutron diffraction experiments of hydrous wadsleyite under hydrostatic compression might be 405 performed to test this hypothesis.

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Implications

Wadsleyite is one of the most important minerals that control the physical and chemical properties of the mantle transition zone. To better understand the effects of hydration on the physical properties of wadsleyite at the atomic scale, single-crystal X-ray structure refinements of very hydrous (2.0 wt% H₂O) and slightly hydrous (0.25 wt% H₂O) Fo₉₀ wadsleyite were used to evaluate the crystal structure and hydrogen bond distances up to 32 GPa.

413 At pressures exceeding 9 GPa, hydrous Fo₉₀ wadsleyite deviates from orthorhombic symmetry to 414 have monoclinic symmetry, which we interpret as resulting from the difference in compression behavior 415 of the split M3 site due to Mg-Fe and vacancy ordering. An increase in the β -angle of hydrous wadsleyite 416 with pressure has implications for equation of state parameters if lattice parameters are erroneously fitted 417 to orthorhombic symmetry. When the monoclinic symmetry is used in high-pressure EOS fits, our results 418 suggest that K_{70} is lowered while K_{70} increases with hydration of wadsleyite. In wadsleyite, 419 hydroxylation is associated with cation vacancies, and vacancies have been found to increase 420 compressibility and K_{70} of other minerals such as spinels (Nestola et al. 2009). The demonstrated 421 difference in calculated volume due to assumed orthorhombic symmetry, especially at P > 10 GPa where 422 the monoclinic angle may increase, could partly explain some aspects of the controversial relationship 423 between water content and K_0 '. For example, the K_{70} ' values obtained by static compression for the same 424 samples in this study (Z0570 and Z0902) and reported in Chang et al. (2015) assuming orthorhombic 425 symmetry were identical and anomalously low with K_{T0} = 3.7(2), whereas we obtained K_{T0} = 4.5(2) for 426 Z0570 and K_{T0} = 3.9(2) for Z0902. Therefore, our results show that ~2 wt% H₂O decreases the bulk 427 modulus by about ~6% and increases K_{T0} ' by about 17%. The decrease of K_{T0} and increase of K_{T0} ' can 428 cause a volume crossover on compression (Figure 2), although the more hydrous sample remains less 429 dense at high pressure.

430 The primary hydrogen bond in wadsleyite, defined by O1–H...O4 along the longer O1–O4 edge 431 of the M3 site, becomes incompressible at pressures above 25 GPa. Although strong hydrogen bonding in 432 wadsleyite above ~15 GPa is implied from previous spectroscopic studies showing O-H stretching 433 frequencies that dropped below 3200 cm⁻¹ (Yang et al. 2014; Kleppe et al. 2006), we found that the 434 hydrogen bond distance, d(O1...O4), does not drop below 2.9 Å in length and certainly not into the 435 region of strong hydrogen bonding at 2.5–2.7 Å. We conclude that the primary hydrogen bond in 436 wadsleyite may become more non-linear at high pressures. This is the simplest explanation for the 437 observed combination of a long O...O distance and low O-H stretching frequency and could be explained 438 if the hydrogen atom moves off the long O1–O4 edge into the vacant M3 site or out above O1 more along

439	the c-axis. Due to isotopic effects on hydrogen-bond potential energy functions (e.g. k 1974), short, strong
440	hydrogen bonds are expected to be enriched in hydrogen versus deuterium (e.g. Kuroda et al. 1979). Even
441	though the hydrogen-bond length in wadsleyite determined here at transition zone pressures would not
442	predict strong isotopic fractionation (δD), the observed O-H stretching frequencies below 3300 cm ⁻¹
443	(Yang et al. 2014) indicate otherwise, highlighting the importance of combining structure (XRD) and
444	spectroscopic evidence (e.g. Figure 7) to evaluate hydrogen-bonding geometry at pressures where neutron
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Figure 1. Monoclinic β -angle versus pressure of hydrous wadsleyite. Orange and blue dashed lines are linear fits to the data above 9 GPa for Z0902 and Z0570, respectively. The colored shaded regions indicate the 95% prediction bands. The black dashed line indicates the β -angle of the orthorhombic structure. The inset shows the local structure around the M3 octahedral site, wherein the blue plane indicates the mirror plane perpendicular to the *a*-axis for orthorhombic symmetry. The mirror plane is lost when vacancy ordering splits the M3 site into the non-equivalent M3A and M3B sites.



619 Figure 2. Unit cell volume *versus* pressure data for hydrous Fe-bearing wadsleyite. Fitted third-order 620 BM-EOS are shown as solid curves. The blue and orange shaded regions show the 95% prediction band. 621 The inset shows normalized pressure (F_E) versus Eulerian strain (f_E).

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Figure 3. Axial compressibility of wadsleyite sample Z0570 with 2.0 wt% H₂O (blue data) and sample
Z0902 with 0.25 wt% H₂O (orange data). Fitted third-order BM-EOS fits are shown as solid curves. The
shaded regions show the 95% prediction band.



Figure 4. Octahedral volume compression of the A) M1, B) M2 and C) and D) M3 sites of hydrous wadsleyite sample Z0570 with 2.0 wt% H₂O (blue) and sample Z0902 with 0.25 wt% H₂O (orange). Solid lines show the fitted second-order BM-EOS. The shaded regions show the 95% prediction band. Dashed lines indicate the pressure at which the structure distorts from orthorhombic to monoclinic symmetry.

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Figure 5. Compression of selected O...O interatomic distances in hydrous wadsleyite. A) The primary hydrogen bond: in red and orange, long O1–O4 edges on the M3A and M3B sites for sample Z0902 with 0.25 wt% H₂O and monoclinic crystal symmetry. In blue, long O1–O4 edge on the M3 site in sample Z0570 with 2.0 wt% H₂O and orthorhombic crystal symmetry. The dashed vertical line shows the pressure above which the long O1–O4 edge of the M3 site stops shortening above ~25 GPa. B) Same as panel A) but showing the short O1–O4 edges of the M3 sites. C) Other possible hydrogen bonds: O1–O3

639	of Z0902 and Z0570, with a dashed vertical line to show the pressure above which a possible change in
640	the O1-O3 compression occurs; D) O1-O1 of Z0902 and Z0570. The distances are normalized to the
641	distance at ambient pressure. Lines show the fitted second-order BM-EOS. Shaded regions show the 95%
642	prediction band. The insets show where the various O-O edges are located in the crystal structure.
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Figure 6. Unit cell volume versus pressure data of (A) more hydrous wadsleyite (Z0570, 2.0 wt% H₂O), and (B) less hydrous wadsleyite (Z0902, 0.25 wt% H₂O) in both orthorhombic (red) and monoclinic symmetries (green) with solid lines showing the fitted third⁻order BM-EOS. Panels (C) and (D) show the corresponding normalized pressure (F_E) *versus* Eulerian strain (f_E), where the symmetry is either orthorhombic (red) or monoclinic (green).



Figure 7. Compilation of hydrogen bond distances, d(O...O), versus O–H stretching frequencies for 654 655 nearly linear hydrogen bonds in minerals, modified from Libowitzky (1999). Large circles indicate the intersection of measured d(O...O) for the O1–H...O4 hydrogen bond in wadsleyite from this study with 656 measured spectroscopic O-H stretching frequencies from FTIR (Yang et al. 2014) and Raman studies 657 (Kleppe et al. 2006). The FTIR O–H stretching frequencies of 3360 and 3320 cm⁻¹ at 1 bar are from Yang 658 659 et al. (2014), and at 30 GPa (blue band) they are calculated from the polynomial fits published by Yang et 660 al. (2014) from data up to 20 GPa. The Raman O-H stretching frequencies at 30 GPa of 3090 and 3150 cm^{-1} are from the study of Kleppe et al. (2006). 661

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Table 1. Comparison of hyperfine parameters of the two wadsleyite samples.

	Sample	Sample
	Z0570	Z0902
$\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\mathrm{Fe}$	24.7(1.1)%	12.8(1.0)%
Fe ²⁺ isomer shift (mm/s)	1.04	1.04
Fe ³⁺ isomer shift (mm/s)	0.082(9)	0.106(17)
Fe ²⁺ quadrupole splitting	2.638(3)	2.657(4)
(mm/s)		
Fe ³⁺ quadrupole splitting	0.358(9)	0.252(20)
(mm/s)		

Sample	M1 (GPa)	M2 (GPa)	M3 (GPa)	M3A (GPa)	M3B (GPa)	T (GPa)
Z0570	142(1.9)	150.7(2.4)	134.2(1.5)			314(10)
Z0902	154(3.5)	152.5(3.2)		145.9(3.2)	130.3(2.6)	316(13)

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