

## **Ferric iron content in (Mg,Fe)SiO<sub>3</sub> perovskite and post-perovskite at deep lower mantle conditions**

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### **ABSTRACT**

We have determined the Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratio of Al-free (Mg,Fe)SiO<sub>3</sub> perovskite, post-perovskite, and (Mg,Fe)O ferropericlasite synthesized at 99 to 187 GPa and 1830 to 3500 K based on the electron energy-loss near-edge structure (ELNES) spectroscopy. The results demonstrate that post-perovskite includes minor amounts of ferric iron with Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe ratios of 0.11 to 0.21. These values are substantially lower than those of Al-rich post-perovskite (Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe = 0.59 to 0.69) reported in a previous study, suggesting that the Fe<sup>3+</sup>-Al<sup>3+</sup> coupled substitution is important in post-perovskite, as in the case of perovskite. The Al-bearing post-perovskite in a pyrolitic mantle composition likely contains a considerable amount of ferric iron, which affects various physical properties in the lowermost mantle.

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