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**Correlation between Si-Al disorder and hydrogen-bonding distance variation in  
ussingite (Na<sub>2</sub>AlSi<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>OH) revealed by one- and two-dimensional multi-nuclear NMR  
and first-principles calculation**

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**Abstract**

Ussingite (Na<sub>2</sub>AlSi<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>OH) is a mineral with a unique interrupted framework structure and strong hydrogen bonding. It contains 4-, 6- and 8- membered tetrahedral rings resembling feldspars, but, unlike the latter, is partially depolymerized. There are four crystallographically unique tetrahedral (T) sites, two of which (T1, T2) are Q<sup>4</sup> (i.e., having 4 next nearest neighbor (NNN) T sites), and the other two (T3, T4) are Q<sup>3</sup> (i.e., having 3 NNN T sites), each with NNN (in brackets) of T1(1T2, 1T3, 2T4), T2(1T1, 2T3, 1T4), T3(1T1, 2T2), T4(2T1, 1T2). There is one unique OH site in the T4-O8-H···O2-T3 configuration, where O8 and O2 are nonbridging oxygens (NBO). In the ordered structure,

24 T1 is fully occupied by Al, and the other three T sites by Si. Previous X-ray and neutron  
25 diffraction and  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR studies gave contradictory conclusions regarding Si-Al  
26 disorder. In this study, we were able to unambiguously clarify the issue via comprehensive  
27 one- and two-dimensional  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{29}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{27}\text{Al}$  and  $^{23}\text{Na}$  NMR and first-principles calculation. It  
28 was revealed that there is ~3% Si-Al disorder that occurs between neighboring T1-(O)-T2  
29 site, such that the formation of Al-O-Al linkage and Al(Q<sup>3</sup>) are avoided. The disorder was  
30 found to result in development of Si(Q<sup>3</sup>) sites with a variety of NNN including 3Al and 3Si,  
31 and neighboring OH sites having significantly shorter and longer hydrogen-bonding  
32 distances than in the ordered structure, with  $^1\text{H}$  chemical shifts near 15~16 ppm and 11 ppm,  
33 in addition to a main peak near 13.9 ppm. Good correlation was found between  $^1\text{H}$   
34 chemical shift, hydrogen-bonding (O-H, H $\cdots$ O and O $\cdots$ O) distances, and Si-O distances in  
35 the Si-O-H $\cdots$ O-Si linkage. This suggests that Si-Al disorder is correlated with variation in  
36 hydrogen-bonding distances via through-bond transmission of bond valence variations.  
37 This could be a universal phenomenon also applicable to other hydrous minerals. The  
38 revelation of preferential partition of Al in Q<sup>4</sup> over Q<sup>3</sup> sites to avoid the formation of Al-  
39 OH and Al-NBO provides insight into their behavior in other partially depolymerized  
40 hydrous aluminosilicate systems, such as glasses and melts.

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## Introduction

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44 Ussingite ( $\text{Na}_2\text{AlSi}_3\text{O}_8\text{OH}$ ) is a mineral characterized by a unique interrupted framework  
45 structure and strong hydrogen bonding (Fig. 1). It has been found in limited localities in the  
46 world, as a secondary mineral in pegmatite in the Lovozero and Khibina massifs of the

47 Kola Peninsula, Russia, in the Ilimaussaq intrusion, Greenland, and in sodalite xenoliths in  
48 an alkalic gabbro-syenite complex in Mont Saint-Hilaire, Canada. Its chemical composition  
49 has been reported to be close to the ideal formula (c.f., Anthony et al.).

50 The crystal structure of ussingite has been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction  
51 (XRD) (Rossi et al., 1974) and powder neutron diffraction (Williams and Weller, 2012). It  
52 has a space group P-1, Z=2 with lattice parameters:  $a = 7.2474(1) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 7.6813(1) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c =$   
53  $8.6432(1) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 90.835(1)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 99.771(1)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 122.581(1)^\circ$  at 4 K (Williams and Weller,  
54 2012). The structure contains 4-, 6- and 8- membered tetrahedral rings resembling feldspars,  
55 but, unlike the latter, is partially depolymerized. There are nine crystallographically unique  
56 oxygen sites, seven of which are bridging oxygens that each link two tetrahedral (T) cations,  
57 and the remaining two (O2, O8) are nonbridging oxygens (NBO) that each bond to one T  
58 cation and to one H via O-H or  $\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  bond. The bulk NBO/T (NBO per tetrahedral cation),  
59 a parameter describing the degree of depolymerization of the system, is 0.5. There are four  
60 T sites, two of which (T1, T2) are  $Q^4$  (i.e., having 4 next nearest neighbor (NNN) T sites),  
61 and the other two (T3, T4) are  $Q^3$  (i.e., having 3 NNN T sites). Their NNN environments  
62 (in brackets) are T1(1T2,1T3,2T4), T2(1T1,2T3,1T4), T3(1T1,2T2), T4(2T1,1T2), so that  
63 the T3/T4 sites are not NNN to one another, but are each surrounded by three T1/T2 sites.  
64 There is only one unique H site located in the T4-O8-H $\cdots$ O2-T3 linkage, with O8-H,  
65 H $\cdots$ O2 and O8 $\cdots$ O2 distances of 1.070(8), 1.412(7) and 2.481(5)  $\text{ \AA}$  at 4 K (Williams and  
66 Weller, 2012).

67 The crystal structure of ussingite from X-ray diffraction (Rossi et al., 1974) did not show  
68 any Si-Al disorder. In the ordered structure, T1 is occupied by Al, and the other T sites by  
69 Si. Possibility of Si-Al disorder was suggested by Ribbe (1974), who noted that exchange

70 of 5% of Al in T1 site with Si in T3 site resulted in better fit to an empirical equation for T-  
71 O bond distances. Oglesby and Stebbins (2000) reported  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS and  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  CP (cross  
72 polarization) MAS NMR results for ussingite, and attributed three observed peaks at -96.5,  
73 -87.7 and -83.8 ppm to the T2, T3 and T4 sites of the ordered structure. No indication of  
74 disorder was shown. Johnson and Rossman (2004) reported  $^1\text{H}$  MAS NMR spectra for  
75 ussingite that contain a main peak near 13.9 ppm and two smaller peaks around 15.9 ppm  
76 and 11.0 ppm. It is well known that the  $^1\text{H}$  chemical shift is correlated with hydrogen-  
77 bonding distance. The authors noted that the main peak is close to that expected from the  
78 ordered structure. They interpreted the peak near 15.9 ppm to be a result of Si-Al disorder  
79 between T1 and T3 site as suggested by Ribbe (1974), but could not assign the 11.0-ppm  
80 peak. Williams and Weller (2012), however, reported that the structure from powder  
81 neutron diffraction shows no disorder in Si-Al distribution or H position. Thus, previous  
82 studies gave contradictory conclusions regarding Si-Al disorder in ussingite.

83 The aim of this study was twofold: The first was to completely clarify the state of Si-Al  
84 disorder and how it is related to hydrogen-bonding distance variation in ussingite via a  
85 comprehensive one- (1D) and two-dimensional (2D) multi-nuclear NMR measurement and  
86 first-principles calculation. The second was to use ussingite as a model compound to gain a  
87 general crystal chemical understanding of (1) the partition behavior of Al/Si and nature of  
88 OH in partially depolymerized aluminosilicate systems, and (2) the relationship between Si-  
89 Al disorder and hydrogen-bonding distance variation. Previous studies of partially  
90 depolymerized anhydrous and hydrous aluminosilicate glasses have suggested that Al tends  
91 to partition into  $\text{Q}^4$  species than less polymerized  $\text{Q}^3$  species (e.g., Allwardt et al., 2003;  
92 Neuville et al., 2004; Xue and Kanzaki, 2008). In prehnite ( $\text{Ca}_2\text{Al}^{\text{VI}}(\text{Al}^{\text{IV}}\text{Si}_3)\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2$ ), a

93 mineral containing mixed Q<sup>4</sup> and Q<sup>2</sup> sites, tetrahedral Al (Al<sup>IV</sup>) was also found to  
94 preferentially partition into Q<sup>4</sup> site (Stebbins, 1992). If the proposed Si-Al disorder between  
95 T1 and T3 site in ussingite were valid, it would imply the existence of unfavorable Al(Q<sup>3</sup>).  
96 Insight into the relationship between Si-Al disorder and hydrogen-bonding distance is also  
97 of broad interest, because the latter is an important factor governing the physical properties  
98 of minerals, and many hydrous silicate minerals show Si-Al disorder.

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## 100 **Experimental and Calculation Methods**

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### 102 **Sample description and characterization**

103 Two ussingite samples were examined: Sample one (purchased from Mineral Street) was  
104 from Alluaiv Mt, Lovozero, Kola Peninsula, Russia. Sample two (purchased from eBay)  
105 was described as from Greenland. Both samples are fine-grained polycrystalline aggregates  
106 of ussingite with a pale purple color (see supplementary Fig. 1s). A portion of each sample  
107 was powdered for XRD and NMR measurements. Raman and electron microprobe (EPMA)  
108 measurements were also made on selected fragments. The powder XRD, Raman, EPMA  
109 and NMR measurements all revealed only ussingite phase.

110 The chemical composition of ussingite was quantitatively analyzed using a JEOL JXA-  
111 8530F field-emission electron microprobe (FE-EPMA). An accelerating voltage of 15 kV, a  
112 low beam current of 1 nA and a beam diameter of 10 μm was used to minimize damage to  
113 the sample. The resultant compositions for both samples are within uncertainty of the ideal  
114 formula (see Table 1). The water content of ussingite in sample 1 was also estimated by <sup>1</sup>H

115 MAS NMR to be 3.1(1) wt%, which agrees well with that (2.98 wt%) expected from the  
116 ideal formula.

117 The Raman spectra in the high-frequency region exhibit broad bands with at least three  
118 maxima (1800~1870, 2390, 2620  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), which is typical of strong hydrogen bonding (see  
119 supplementary descriptions and Fig. 2s for details).

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## 121 **NMR spectroscopy**

122 NMR measurements were performed on a standard-bore Bruker 9.4 T Avance NEO  
123 NMR spectrometer, using a 3.2 mm (for  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{29}\text{Si}$ ) or 1.9 mm (for  $^{23}\text{Na}$  and  $^{27}\text{Al}$ ) HX  
124 MAS probe. The chemical shifts for  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{29}\text{Si}$  were referenced externally to  
125 tetramethylsilane (TMS); those for  $^{23}\text{Na}$  and  $^{27}\text{Al}$  were referenced, respectively, to 1M  
126 NaCl solution and 1M  $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  solution, all reproducible to better than about  $\pm 0.1$  ppm.

127 Detailed pulse sequences, spin-lattice relaxation time constants ( $T_1$ ) measured, and  
128 acquisition and processing parameters for the reported NMR spectra can be found in  
129 supplementary Figure 3s and Tables 1s and 2s. Only an outline is described below.

130  $^1\text{H}$  MAS NMR spectra were obtained at a range of spinning rates up to 24 kHz with a  
131 sufficiently long recycle delay of 400 s (sample 1) or 150~300 s (sample 2), using the  
132 DEPTH2 sequence (Cory and Ritchey, 1988) for background suppression. The  $^1\text{H}$   $T_1$  were  
133 found to be 44~81 s and 28~45 s for peaks of ussingite in sample 1 and 2, respectively.

134 Single-pulse  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR spectra were obtained at a spinning rate of 20 kHz using a  
135 1.8  $\mu\text{s}$ -pulse (45° flip angle) and a recycle delay time of 4500 s, with proton decoupling  
136 using the swept-frequency-TPPM sequence (Thakur et al., 2008). The long recycle delay  
137 was used because of long  $^{29}\text{Si}$   $T_1$  (7630~11750 s).

138  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  CP MAS NMR spectra were acquired for both samples at a spinning rate of 10  
139 kHz and a range of contact times from 1 to 20 ms. A recycle delay of 150 s (sample 1) or  
140 60 s (sample 2) with swept-frequency-TPPM proton decoupling during acquisition were  
141 used.

142 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  HETCOR spectrum was obtained for sample 1 using the efficient  
143  $^1\text{H} \rightarrow ^{29}\text{Si} \rightarrow ^1\text{H}$  double CP MAS technique (Ishii and Tycko, 2000) at a spinning rate of 24  
144 kHz with a relaxation delay of 100 s. No decoupling was applied.

145 2D rotor-synchronized  $^1\text{H}$  double-quantum (DQ) MAS NMR spectrum was acquired on  
146 sample 1 using the POST-C7 scheme (Hohwy et al., 1998) at a spinning rate of 14.7 kHz  
147 and recycle delay of 100 s, with a DQ excitation/reconversion duration of 408  $\mu\text{s}$  each.

148  $^{27}\text{Al}$  and  $^{23}\text{Na}$  MAS NMR spectra were acquired at a spinning rate of 20 kHz with a  
149 pulse width of 0.3  $\mu\text{s}$  ( $^{27}\text{Al}$ ) or 0.4  $\mu\text{s}$  ( $^{23}\text{Na}$ ) (both about  $30^\circ$  tip angle for selective central  
150 transition) and a recycle delay time of 2 s. No proton decoupling was applied. Spectrometer  
151 deadtime ( $\sim 6.5 \mu\text{s}$ ) resulted in a rolling baseline, which was improved by linear prediction.  
152 For  $^{27}\text{Al}$ , a further spline baseline correction was also applied.

153 High-resolution 2D rotor-synchronized  $^{27}\text{Al}$  and  $^{23}\text{Na}$  triple-quantum (3Q) MAS NMR  
154 spectra were obtained for both samples at a spinning rate of 20 kHz and recycle delay time  
155 of 20~26 s ( $^{27}\text{Al}$ ) or 30 s ( $^{23}\text{Na}$ ) using the efficient SPAM (soft-pulse added mixing)-  
156 3QMAS pulse scheme (Amoureux et al., 2005; Gan and Kwak, 2004). No decoupling was  
157 applied. The chemical shift reference in the isotropic dimension follows the universal  
158 scaling convention of Amouroux and Fernandez (1998).

159 Simulation of the NMR spectra was performed using the SOLA program in the Bruker  
160 Topspin 4.1.4. package.

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## 162 **First-principles calculation**

163 First-principles density functional theory calculations of energy and NMR parameters  
164 were performed using the Quantum-ESPRESSO (QE) package (version 7.0)(Giannozzi et  
165 al., 2017; Giannozzi et al., 2009), similar to our previous studies (Kanzaki and Xue, 2016;  
166 Xue et al., 2017). Both the ordered ussingite structure of ideal composition ( $Z=2$ , 32 atoms  
167 in one unit cell) and models for Si-Al disorder were studied. For the latter, models for one  
168 pair of Al-Si exchanged between a T1 site and each of its NNN (1T2, 1T3, 2T4), as well as  
169 between a pair of remote T1 and T2 site in a  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  supercell (containing 16 formulae  
170 and 256 atoms) were examined. This corresponds to 6.25% (1/16) of the Al exchanged with  
171 Si. The size of the  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  supercell was found to be sufficient to produce isolated  
172 disordered structure.

173 For each calculation, the structure (both cell parameters and atomic coordinates) was  
174 first relaxed at 1 bar using the PWscf code of the QE package. NMR chemical shielding  
175 and electric field gradient (EFG) tensors were then calculated using the Gauge-Including  
176 Projector-Augmented Wave (GIPAW) method (Pickard and Mauri, 2001) implemented in  
177 the QE-GIPAW package (version 7.0). The PBEsol functional within the generalized  
178 gradient approximation (GGA) for the exchange-correlation energy (Perdew et al., 1996;  
179 Perdew et al., 2008) and the following PAW-pseudopotentials from the PSlibrary (Dal  
180 Corso, 2014) were used for both calculations: Si.pbesol-n-kjpaw\_psl.0.1.UPF, Al.pbesol-n-  
181 kjpaw\_psl.0.1.UPF, O.pbesol-n-kjpaw\_psl.0.1.UPF, Na.pbesol-spn-kjpaw\_psl.0.2.UPF,  
182 H.pbesol-kjpaw\_psl.0.1.UPF). A Monkhorst-Pack grid of  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  for the Brillouin zone  
183 sampling was used for the ordered ussingite, and a comparable grid size of  $1 \times 1 \times 1$  was



184 used for models of  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  supercell with Al-Si disorder. A kinetic energy cutoff  
185 (ecutwfc) of 50 Ry and a charge density cutoff (ecutrho) of 300 Ry, and SCF energy  
186 convergence threshold of  $10^{-14}$  Ry were used for all the reported data.

187 In order to test whether these parameters were sufficient, we also performed test  
188 calculations on ordered ussingite using a finer grid of  $4 \times 4 \times 4$  at ecutwfc from 50 to 80 Ry  
189 in step of 10 Ry, with ecutrho set to six times of ecutwfc. The calculation results with  
190 parameters above differ from that with a higher ecutwfc of 80 Ry by  $\leq 0.1$  ppm in  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{29}\text{Si}$   
191 and  $^{27}\text{Al}$  chemical shielding ( $\sigma_i$ ), by  $\leq 0.03$  MHz for  $^{23}\text{Na}$  and  $^{27}\text{Al}$  quadrupolar coupling  
192 constant ( $C_Q$ ), and by  $\leq 0.02$  for  $^{23}\text{Na}$  and  $^{27}\text{Al}$  electric field gradient (EFG) asymmetry  
193 parameter ( $\eta_Q$ ), but by 3~4 ppm for  $\sigma_i^{\text{Na}}$ . The difference in  $\sigma_i^{\text{Na}}$  between the two Na sites  
194 differs by 0.2 ppm. Thus, the results were satisfactory for all but  $\sigma_i^{\text{Na}}$ , and still the  
195 difference in  $\sigma_i^{\text{Na}}$  between different Na sites might still be useful.

196 Our previous study for similar calculation on several silicate minerals showed that  
197 experimental  $^{29}\text{Si}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  chemical shifts ( $\delta_i^{\text{Si}}$ ,  $\delta_i^{\text{H}}$ ) were reproduced within  $\pm 2$  and  $\pm 1$  ppm  
198 or better for tetrahedral Si and OH, respectively, with agreement in relative difference  
199 generally better for local structures of greater similarity (Xue et al., 2017). In this study, we  
200 also performed calculation for low-albite ( $\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$ , space group P-1 (Smith et al., 1986))  
201 in the same way as for ussingite, using a grid of  $2 \times 2 \times 2$ , for comparison. We have  
202 referenced  $\delta_i^{\text{Si}}$  and  $\delta_i^{\text{H}}$  to ordered ussingite (using the strongest peak in the experimental  
203 NMR spectra) to focus on variations brought about by Si-Al disorder. This yielded  
204 calculated  $\delta_i^{\text{Si}}$  for low-albite that differ from the experimental values (Sanchez-Munoz et al.,  
205 2022) by -1.2~3.3 ppm. The  $\delta_i^{\text{Al}}$  and  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$  were referenced to the experimental value for

206 low-albite ( $\delta_i^{\text{Al}}$ : 63.0 ppm,  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$ : -8.95 ppm (=average of two values (-8.7, -9.2 ppm)  
207 obtained at magnetic fields of 9.4 and 19.6 T)(Sanchez-Munoz et al., 2022).

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## Results

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211  **$^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS and  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR.** The  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR spectrum of sample 1,  
212 obtained at a spinning rate of 20 kHz with swept-frequency-TPPM proton decoupling,  
213 contains three main peaks near -84.1, -87.9 and -96.5 ppm, with the two peaks near -84.1  
214 and -96.5 ppm much broader (Fig. 2). The signal to noise (S/N) ratio of the spectrum is  
215 relatively poor, despite long acquisition time (~10 days) due to long  $^{29}\text{Si}$   $T_1$ .

216  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  CP MAS NMR spectra acquired at contact times from 1 to 20 ms at a spinning  
217 rate of 10 kHz were found to give increasing intensities for all peaks with contact time.  
218 Only the spectra at a contact time of 20 ms are shown, which are similar for the two  
219 samples (Fig. 2). Like the  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR spectrum, the  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  CP MAS NMR spectra  
220 also contain three main peaks near -84.1, -87.9 and -96.5 ppm. The peak near -87.9 ppm  
221 was found to be particularly sensitive to proton decoupling, and narrower peak width was  
222 obtained with the swept-frequency-TPPM decoupling scheme than CW (continuous wave)  
223 or TPPM decoupling. The better S/N ratio of the CP spectra allowed smaller features to be  
224 clearly revealed. The peak near -84.1 ppm clearly contain multiple components, that near -  
225 96.5 ppm exhibits splitting, and all three main peaks each contain a low-frequency tail.  
226 Furthermore, there are also two small, well-resolved peaks near -81.0 and -91.6 ppm (Fig.  
227 2).

228 The well-established empirical correlation between  $\delta_i^{\text{Si}}$  and  $Q^n$  and the Al/Si constituents  
229 in their NNN (c.f., Kirkpatrick, 1988; Stebbins and Xue, 2014) suggests that the three  
230 groups of main peaks near -84.1, -87.9 and -96.5 ppm can each be attributed to  $Q^3(1\text{Si},2\text{Al})$ ,  
231  $Q^3(2\text{Si},1\text{Al})$  and  $Q^4(3\text{Si},1\text{Al})$ , as are expected for the T4, T3 and T2 sites in the ordered  
232 structure of ussingite, and also assigned by Oglesby and Stebbins (2000). The two weaker  
233 peaks near -81.0 and -91.6 ppm can be attributed to  $Q^3(3\text{Al})$  and  $Q^3(3\text{Si})$ , respectively.

234 These assignments are in agreement with first-principles calculation result described below.

235 Oglesby and Stebbins (2000) also reported  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS and  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  CP MAS NMR spectra  
236 for ussingite, but could not observe features other than three main peaks, with the two  
237 peaks of  $Q^3$  partially overlapping. The broader peak widths of their spectra could have been  
238 caused by dipolar coupling, because they were measured at a lower spinning rate of 2.5~3  
239 kHz, and no proton decoupling seems to have been applied.

240 The  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  CP spectra with the longest contact times of 12 and 20 ms were simulated to  
241 obtain relative abundances among  $Q^3$  sites. Although CP in general yields relative  
242 intensities that are dependent on the relative Si-H distances, the different  $Q^3$  sites are  
243 expected to have similar CP dynamics (Oglesby and Stebbins, 2000). Their relative  
244 intensities in the CP spectra with contact times of 12 and 20 ms were found to be close to  
245 each other, and also close to that of the  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR spectrum (in which only the two  
246 main  $Q^3$  peaks are clearly recognizable), suggesting it is a reasonable approximation. The  
247 simulation was made utilizing information from 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  HETCOR spectrum (described  
248 below), in which different components are better resolved, and included 17 pseudo-Voigt  
249 components: one for  $Q^3(3\text{Al})$ , seven for  $Q^3(1\text{Si},2\text{Al})$ , three for  $Q^3(2\text{Si},1\text{Al})$ , one for  $Q^3(3\text{Si})$ ,  
250 and five for  $Q^4(3\text{Si},1\text{Al})$  (see supplementary Fig. 4s and Table 3s for an example).

251 Simulation for the central band region only and that also including the weak spinning  
252 sidebands were both performed, and gave similar relative abundances. Only the former is  
253 reported in Table 2.

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255 **<sup>1</sup>H MAS and 2D <sup>1</sup>H DQ MAS NMR.** <sup>1</sup>H MAS NMR spectra of sample 1 and 2  
256 acquired at a range of spinning rates from 5 to 24 kHz all contain a main peak near 13.9  
257 ppm with a small low-frequency shoulder near 13.3 ppm, a group of three partially resolved  
258 peaks with approximately 1:2:1 intensity ratio in the range of 15~16 ppm, and another  
259 weaker peak near 11.1 ppm (see Figure 3 for the spectra at 24 kHz). The peak widths of all  
260 peaks become narrower at higher spinning rates, indicating line broadening due to <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H  
261 dipolar coupling. They are overall broader for sample 2 than sample 1 at a given spinning  
262 rate, which could be due to different level of paramagnetic impurities. There is also another  
263 weak peak near 4.4 ppm, which has a much shorter T<sub>1</sub> (< 5 s) than the other peaks, and also  
264 loses intensity after extensive sample spinning, suggesting it is due to surface-absorbed  
265 water. These <sup>1</sup>H MAS NMR spectra overall resemble, but have better resolution than, those  
266 reported by Johnson and Rossman (2004) at lower spinning rates (6 and 12 kHz). From  
267 hereafter, only peaks in the 11 to 16 ppm range will be described.

268 The <sup>1</sup>H MAS NMR spectra were simulated using 7 pseudo-Voigt components: four in  
269 the 15~16 ppm range (as revealed by 2D <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>29</sup>Si HETCOR spectrum described below), two  
270 for the main peak near 13.9 ppm and its shoulder, and one near 11 ppm (see supplementary  
271 Fig. 5s and Table 4s for an example). Simulation for the central band region only and that  
272 also including weak spinning sidebands were both performed and yielded similar relative  
273 abundances. Only the former is reported in Table 3.

274 Information about the relative  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  proximity was obtained from 2D  $^1\text{H}$  DQ MAS  
275 NMR spectrum for sample 1 (Fig. 4a). A spin pair that experience dipolar coupling (as a  
276 result of spatial proximity) will yield two peaks with a DQ frequency in the  $F_1$  dimension  
277 equal to the sum of their respective frequencies in the  $F_2$  dimension. Peaks between two  
278 spins of different frequencies will be referred to as cross peaks, and those of equal  
279 frequencies as diagonal peaks. In addition to a diagonal peak for the strongest  $^1\text{H}$  peak near  
280 13.9 ppm, cross peaks between the main peak near 13.9 ppm and each of the other peaks  
281 (three partially resolved peaks in the 15~16 ppm range and the 11 ppm-peak) are clearly  
282 recognized. Weaker cross peaks among peaks in the 15~16 ppm range, and weaker cross  
283 peak between the 11 ppm and 15~16 ppm peaks are also present. This indicates all the  
284 observed peaks arise from protons in the same phase (ussingite).

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286 **2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  HETCOR.** The 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  HETCOR spectrum acquired for sample 1 at a  
287 spinning rate of 24 kHz and a contact time of 8 ms is shown in Figure 5a. It provides  
288 information about relative H-Si proximity. Peaks will be observed only between  $^1\text{H}$  and  
289  $^{29}\text{Si}$  spin pairs that are dipolar coupled due to close proximity. All the observed  $^{29}\text{Si}$  peaks  
290 are found to be correlated with one or more of the  $^1\text{H}$  peaks attributable to ussingite,  
291 suggesting they all arise from Si in the ussingite structure. As the ideal ordered structure is  
292 expected to produce only three  $^{29}\text{Si}$  peaks, this is a clear indication of deviation from the  
293 ideal ordered structure. Furthermore, because T3/T4 sites only have NNN of T1/T2, the  
294 observation of  $^{29}\text{Si}$  peak of  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Al})$  can be achieved only if some Al are transferred from  
295 T1 to T2 site, but cannot be accounted for by disorder between T1 and T3 site as suggested  
296 previously. The symmetric development of  $^{29}\text{Si}$  peaks of both  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Al})$  and  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Si})$ , which

297 requires extra Al in T2 site and extra Si in T1 site simultaneously, suggests that these peaks  
298 arise from Si-Al disorder (exchange) between T1 and T2 site, rather than deviation in  
299 stoichiometry (excess Si or Al), consistent with the EPMA result.

300 The spatial relationship between the different H and Si sites is revealed by the specific  
301 correlations in the 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  HETCOR spectrum. We will focus on  $^{29}\text{Si}$  peaks of  $\text{Q}^3$  (-80  
302 to -92 ppm), as OH is located in between a T4 and T3 site. It can be recognized from Figure  
303 5a that the strongest  $^1\text{H}$  peak, near 13.9 ppm, exhibits cross peaks with the two main  $^{29}\text{Si}$   
304 peaks near -84.1 and -87.9 ppm that are attributable to  $\text{Q}^3(1\text{Si},2\text{Al})$ ,  $\text{Q}^3(2\text{Si},1\text{Al})$ ,  
305 respectively. This is in accord with the configuration  $\text{T4}(1\text{Si},2\text{Al})\text{-OH}\cdots\text{O-T3}(2\text{Si},1\text{Al})$  in  
306 the ordered structure. The group of  $^1\text{H}$  peaks at 15 ~ 16 ppm can be clearly recognized to  
307 consist of four peaks in the 2D spectrum: Two of them each correlate only with one or two  
308 weak  $^{29}\text{Si}$  peaks that contribute to shoulders of the main peak near -87.9 ppm (attributable  
309 to  $\text{Q}^3(2\text{Si},1\text{Al})$ ), and the other two are each correlated only with two weak  $^{29}\text{Si}$  peaks that  
310 contribute to shoulders of the main peak near -84.1 ppm (attributable to  $\text{Q}^3(1\text{Si},2\text{Al})$ ). The  
311  $^1\text{H}$  peak near 11 ppm shows cross peaks with two weak  $^{29}\text{Si}$  peaks near -81.0 and -91.6  
312 ppm, which are attributable to  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Al})$  and  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Si})$ , respectively. Therefore, one of the  
313 correlated Si for each of the four  $^1\text{H}$  peaks near 15~16 ppm has NNN different from those  
314 of T3/T4 in the ordered structure (i.e., one  $\text{Q}^3(2\text{Si},1\text{Al})$  and one  $\text{Q}^3(1\text{Si},2\text{Al})$ ), and both of  
315 the correlated Si for the  $^1\text{H}$  peak near 11 ppm differ from the latter, and thus must be NNN  
316 to T sites with Si-Al disorder. Again, as T3/T4 sites only have NNN of T1/T2, this is  
317 consistent with Si-Al disorder between T1 and T2 site. Furthermore, because the single T2  
318 NNN of T4 and single T1 NNN of T3 in the  $\text{T4}(2\text{T1},1\text{T2})\text{-OH}\cdots\text{O-T3}(1\text{T1},2\text{T2})$  linkage  
319 are linked to each other via BO (see further descriptions below), the cross peaks of  $^{29}\text{Si}$

320 Q<sup>3</sup>(3Al) and Q<sup>3</sup>(3Si) with a common proton can only arise from Si-Al exchange between  
321 neighboring T1-(O)-T2 site.

322 The correlations for the five <sup>1</sup>H peaks related to disorder can be summarized as below  
323 (also labelled in Fig. 5a):

- 324 1. (<sup>1</sup>H) 15.8 ppm - (<sup>29</sup>Si) -83.1 & -85.5 ppm: Q<sup>3</sup>(1Si,2Al)-(OH···O)-Q<sup>3</sup>(1Si,2Al)
- 325 2. (<sup>1</sup>H) 15.47 ppm - (<sup>29</sup>Si) -83.3 & -85.0 ppm: Q<sup>3</sup>(1Si,2Al)-(OH···O)-Q<sup>3</sup>(1Si,2Al)
- 326 3. (<sup>1</sup>H) 15.54 ppm - (<sup>29</sup>Si) -88.6 & -88.6 ppm: Q<sup>3</sup>(2Si,1Al)-(OH···O)-Q<sup>3</sup>(2Si,1Al)
- 327 4. (<sup>1</sup>H) 15.1 ppm - (<sup>29</sup>Si) -87.9 & -89.3 ppm: Q<sup>3</sup>(2Si,1Al)-(OH···O)-Q<sup>3</sup>(2Si,1Al)
- 328 5. (<sup>1</sup>H) 11.1 ppm - (<sup>29</sup>Si) -81.0 & -91.6 ppm: Q<sup>3</sup>(3Al)-(OH···O)-Q<sup>3</sup>(3Si)

329 The hydrogen bond (O-H···O) has been shown in bracket above, because the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>29</sup>Si  
330 HETCOR spectrum alone cannot distinguish between Si-OH and Si-O···H due to the  
331 relatively strong hydrogen bonding. Nevertheless, this information can be gained from  
332 comparison with first-principles calculation result (see below).

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334 **<sup>27</sup>Al MAS and 2D 3QMAS NMR.** The <sup>27</sup>Al MAS and 3QMAS NMR spectra of sample  
335 1 are shown in Figures 6 and 7, respectively. Those of sample 2 are similar (not shown). In  
336 the ordered structure of ussingite, Al occupies only T1 site. Both the central band and  
337 spinning sidebands of the <sup>27</sup>Al MAS NMR spectrum can be reasonably (though not  
338 perfectly) simulated with a single set of parameters ( $\delta_i^{\text{Al}}$ ,  $C_Q^{\text{Al}}$ , and  $\eta_Q^{\text{Al}}$ )(see Table 4 and  
339 Fig. 6), although a larger line broadening is required for the central band than the spinning  
340 sidebands. However, the 2D 3QMAS NMR spectrum exhibits somewhat varying MAS  
341 peak shapes at different isotropic peak positions (Fig. 7). The projection in the isotropic  
342 dimension is also somewhat asymmetric with a small high-frequency tail. These spectral

343 features indicate the presence of some distribution of NMR parameters, consistent with  
344 local structural disorder around Al. No further attempt will be made to evaluate  
345 quantitatively their distribution.

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347 **<sup>23</sup>Na MAS and 2D 3QMAS NMR.** The <sup>23</sup>Na MAS and 3QMAS NMR spectra of  
348 sample 1 are shown in Figure 8. Those of sample 2 are similar (not shown). In the ordered  
349 structure of ussingite, there are two Na sites, with Na1 in six coordination and Na2 in five  
350 coordination. The 2D 3QMAS NMR spectrum revealed two well resolved peaks in the  
351 isotropic dimension, consistent with the presence of two Na sites (Fig. 8a). The MAS  
352 projections of these two peaks were each simulated with a single set of parameters to best  
353 reproduce both the peak maximum position in the isotropic dimension ( $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$ ), and positions  
354 of discontinuities (e.g., peak maxima and shoulders) in the MAS projection (see Fig. 8b,  
355 Table 4). The central band of the 1D <sup>23</sup>Na MAS NMR spectrum was also reasonably,  
356 though not perfectly, simulated with these two sets of parameters (see Fig. 8b). Among the  
357 two peaks, the one with smaller  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$  may be attributed to Na1, according to the known  
358 correlation between  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$  and Na coordination number (cf. Xue and Stebbins, 1993), which  
359 is consistent with first-principles calculation result described below. However, the MAS  
360 projections for the two peaks in the 2D 3QMAS NMR spectrum clearly both deviate from  
361 the peak shape for a single site (see Fig. 8b), suggesting a distribution of NMR parameters  
362 due to local structural disorder. No further attempt will be made to evaluate quantitatively  
363 their distribution.

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365 **First-principles calculation results**



366        **Geometry and energy of relaxed structures.** The relative energies and unit-cell  
367 volumes at 0 K of fully relaxed structures for the ideal ordered ussingite and five disorder  
368 models that each contain one Al exchanged with a Si in a different site in a  $2 \times 2 \times 2$   
369 supercell are listed in Table 5. The calculated unit-cell volumes for the ordered structure  
370 and five disorder models only differ slightly, and are larger than that from X-ray diffraction  
371 under ambient condition (Rossi et al., 1974) and neutron diffraction at 4 K (Williams and  
372 Weller, 2012) by 0.3~0.4% and 1.1~1.2%, respectively. Among the five disorder models,  
373 model 1 (Si-Al exchange over T1-O-T2) gave the lowest energy that is 28~69 kJ/mol lower  
374 than models 2 to 5. Therefore, model 1 is energetically the most favorable and thus most  
375 plausible model.

376        As mentioned in the Introduction, previous studies of partially depolymerized  
377 aluminosilicate glasses indicated Al tends to partition into  $Q^4$  species than less polymerized  
378  $Q^3$  species. Also, the formation of Al-O-Al linkage has been known to be energetically  
379 unfavorable (Al avoidance principle) (Lowenstein, 1954). Among the five disorder models,  
380 model 1 is the only one that yields no energetically unfavorable Al-O-Al linkage or Al( $Q^3$ ).  
381 Model 5 for Si-Al exchange between two remote T1-T2 site results in Al-O-Al linkage.  
382 Models 3 and 4 for Si-Al exchange over T1-O-T4 result in both Al-O-Al and Al( $Q^3$ )-OH.  
383 Model 2 for Si-Al exchange over T1-O-T3 is somewhat counter-intuitive: Although a  
384 simple Si-Al exchange would result in Al( $Q^3$ )-NBO, after structural relaxation, Al( $Q^3$ )-OH  
385 was produced instead, because H shifted to become closer to Al (also see below). Thus, the  
386 trend in energy for the five disorder models is consistent with the known tendency of less  
387 favorable development of Al-O-Al and preference of Al for  $Q^4$  than  $Q^3$  site.

388 To facilitate understanding of the calculated NMR parameters, below we examine how  
389 the Si-Al disorder affects the local environments of Si, Al and OH for disorder model 1.

390 Si-Al exchange over one T1-O-T2 alters the NNN Al/Si constitutes for three T3 and  
391 three T4 sites (see Fig. 9), resulting in three Si in T3 sites changing NNN from  $Q^3(2Si,1Al)$   
392 to one  $Q^3(3Si)$  and two  $Q^3(1Si,2Al)$ , and three Si in T4 sites changing NNN from  
393  $Q^3(1Si,2Al)$  to one  $Q^3(3Al)$  and two  $Q^3(2Si,1Al)$ . The NNN of Si in all the T2 sites remain  
394  $Q^4(3Si,1Al)$  and that of the Si exchanged into a T1 site is also  $Q^4(3Si,1Al)$ . The NNN of Al  
395 in all the T1 sites remain  $Q^4(4Si)$ , and that of the Al exchanged into a T2 site is also  
396  $Q^4(4Si)$ . Therefore, the NNN of Si and Al in  $Q^4$  sites remain unchanged.

397 In the ordered structure, OH is in the  $T4(1Si,2Al)-OH\cdots O-T3(2Si,1Al)$  configuration.  
398 The change in NNN environments of the six T3/T4 affects five OH sites that are each  
399 linked to one or two of these T3/T4 sites via O-H or  $H\cdots O$  bond (see Fig. 9 and Table 6),  
400 resulting in the following altered configurations:

401 1:  $T4(1Si,2Al)-O\cdots HO-T3(1Si,2Al)$  (for H252 in Table 6)

402 2:  $T4(1Si,2Al)-OH\cdots O-T3(1Si,2Al)$  (for H245 in Table 6)

403 3:  $T4(2Si,1Al)-OH\cdots O-T3(2Si,1Al)$  (for H241 in Table 6)

404 4:  $T4(2Si,1Al)-O\cdots HO-T3(2Si,1Al)$  (for H250 in Table 6)

405 5:  $T4(3Al)-OH\cdots O-T3(3Si)$  (for H249 in Table 6)

406 Thus, as a result of Si-Al disorder, 4 OH sites (1 to 4 above) now have T4/T3 on both  
407 sides having the same NNN (both (1Si,2Al) or both (2Si,1Al)), and the 5<sup>th</sup> OH has T4 and  
408 T3 on either side having NNN of 3Al and 3Si, respectively. These changes are  
409 accompanied by significant changes in hydrogen-bonding distances: much shorter for  
410 configurations 1 to 4, and longer for configuration 5 (see Table 6). Furthermore, for

411 configurations 1 and 4 above, H shifts position so that OH is bonded to T3 rather than T4  
412 site in the relaxed structure.

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414  **$^{29}\text{Si}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR results.** The calculated  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR results for disorder model 1 and  
415 ordered structure are shown in Table 7 and Figure 10. The  $\delta_i^{\text{Si}}$  has been referenced by  
416 setting the peak for  $\text{Q}^3(2\text{Si},1\text{Al})$  in the ordered structure to the observed value of -87.94  
417 ppm for the narrowest peak. The ordered structure produced three  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR peaks for  
418  $\text{Q}^3(1\text{Si},2\text{Al})$ ,  $\text{Q}^3(2\text{Si},1\text{Al})$  and  $\text{Q}^4(3\text{Si},1\text{Al})$ , which reasonably reproduced the observed main  
419 peaks (within about 1 ppm), but cannot account for the additional peaks.

420 For the disorder model 1, the three main groups of  $^{29}\text{Si}$  peaks now each contain a  
421 distribution of  $\delta_i^{\text{Si}}$ , including a smaller peak well shifted (by -2.1 and -1.3 ppm for  
422  $\text{Q}^3(1\text{Si},2\text{Al})$  and  $\text{Q}^3(2\text{Si},1\text{Al})$ ; -3.5 ppm for  $\text{Q}^4(3\text{Si},1\text{Al})$ ) from the average position, which  
423 may account for the observed multiple components and low-frequency tails in the  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$   
424 CP spectra. Two additional peaks due to  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Al})$  and  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Si})$  are also produced, and are  
425 respectively within 1.4 and 0.9 ppm of the observed two small peaks. All the main features  
426 observed in the experimental NMR spectra are reproduced within about 1~3 ppm, which is  
427 the typical uncertainty of such calculation.

428 In Figure 10 and supplementary Figure 6s, contributions from each of the four T sites  
429 are also shown. As described above, the exchange of Si-Al over T1-O-T2 resulted in  
430 changes of NNN for three T4 and three T3 sites. The latter are the origin for the two extra  
431 peaks of  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Al})$  and  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Si})$  and the smaller peaks that contribute to low-frequency  
432 extremes of the main peaks of  $\text{Q}^3(1\text{Si},2\text{Al})$  and  $\text{Q}^3(2\text{Si},1\text{Al})$ . For  $\text{Q}^4$ , although all Si have

433 NNN of  $Q^4(3Si,1Al)$ , the Si in T1 site has lower frequency than those in T2 sites, and may  
434 account for the observed low-frequency tail.

435 The calculated  $^1H$  NMR results for disorder model 1 and ordered structure are shown in  
436 Table 6 and Figure 11. The ordered structure produces a single  $^1H$  peak, which is used as a  
437 reference for  $\delta_i^H$  (13.85 ppm). For the disorder model 1, four OH sites with significantly  
438 larger  $\delta_i^H$  (15.6~16.1 ppm), and one with a smaller  $\delta_i^H$  (11.7 ppm) are developed. They are  
439 all within 0.6 ppm of the respective experimentally observed peaks. The remaining OH  
440 sites give an average  $\delta_i^H$  (13.7 ppm) close to that of the ordered structure, and show a  
441 distribution from 13.3 to 13.9 ppm, with one OH site in particular displaced further to low  
442 frequency. Thus, the observed features in the experimental  $^1H$  NMR spectra are well  
443 reproduced. The four OH sites that contribute to the 15~16 ppm peaks and one to the 11  
444 ppm peak are, respectively, adjacent to one and two of the six T3/T4 sites that are NNN of  
445 the Si-Al exchanged T1-(O)-T2 sites (also see Fig. 9).

446 Cross peaks in 2D  $^1H$ - $^{29}Si$  HETCOR spectra can also be predicted. In the relaxed  
447 structure, each H is within 2.26~2.63 Å of the two  $Si(Q^3)$  in the Si-O-H...O-Si linkage, and  
448 at  $> 4$  Å to other Si. Therefore, within the spectral region for  $^{29}Si$   $Q^3$ , only correlation of  $^1H$   
449 with the two nearest  $Si(Q^3)$  sites have significant contribution. From the configurations  
450 described in the preceding section, the disorder model 1 predicts correlations that are the  
451 same as observed in the 2D  $^1H$ - $^{29}Si$  HETCOR spectrum (see corresponding labels in Fig. 5a  
452 and b). This allows the observed  $^{29}Si$  NMR peaks to be assigned (see Table 7), assuming  
453 the observed order in  $\delta_i^{Si}$  for a given configuration is the same as that of the calculation.

454 Similarly, cross peaks in 2D  $^1H$  DQ NMR spectrum can be predicted. In the relaxed  
455 structure, each H is within 4.4~4.6 Å of two other H, and at  $> 7$  Å from other H, so that

456 only the correlation with two nearest H sites need to be considered to account for the main  
457 peaks. The simulated spectrum (Fig. 4b) shows that each of the five H sites in the 15~16  
458 and 11 ppm region exhibit cross peaks only with the main peak, which again is consistent  
459 with the observed spectrum. Among the peaks in the 15~16 ppm, the peak with the lowest  
460  $\delta_i^H$  (labelled “4”) is the only one that is correlated with the low-frequency shoulder (rather  
461 than the peak maximum) of the main peak, again matching well with the observed spectrum.

462 Therefore, the 1D  $^{29}\text{Si}$  (CP) MAS and  $^1\text{H}$  MAS NMR spectra and 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  HETCOR  
463 and  $^1\text{H}$  DQ MAS NMR spectra are all well reproduced by disorder model 1.

464 Although the calculation results for the other less plausible disorder models will not be  
465 described in detail, it is worth mentioning model 2, as Si-Al disorder between T1 and T3  
466 has been proposed by Ribbe (1974), and also used by Johnson and Rossman (2004) to  
467 account for the observed  $^1\text{H}$  NMR peak(s) in the 15~16 ppm region. For the latter, Johnson  
468 and Rossman (2004) explained that the substitution of Si by Al in T3 site causes under-  
469 bonding of O2(-Al) and thus increase in hydrogen-bonding strength. However, our first-  
470 principles calculation for model 2 revealed that after structural relaxation, H shifted toward  
471 Al to form Al-OH, yielding a  $^1\text{H}$  chemical shift of 9.3 ppm, lower than that of the ordered  
472 structure. Therefore, the energetically less favorable model of disorder over T1 and T3 not  
473 only cannot explain the observed  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectra, but also cannot account for the  $^1\text{H}$   
474 NMR spectra.

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476  **$^{27}\text{Al}$  NMR results.** The calculated  $^{27}\text{Al}$  NMR parameters for the ordered structure and  
477 disorder model 1 of ussingite and low-albite are tabulated in Table 8. The calculated  $\delta_i^{\text{Al}}$   
478 (60.1 ppm),  $C_Q^{\text{Al}}$  (3.7 MHz),  $\eta_Q^{\text{Al}}$  (0.89) and  $\delta_1^{\text{Al}}$  (65.6 ppm) for the ordered ussingite are in

479 reasonable agreement (within 0.4 ppm, 0.7 MHz, 0.1, and 1.6 ppm, respectively) with those  
480 derived from the experimental data (see Table 4). The Al in T1 sites of the disorder model 1  
481 yield average values close to those of the ordered structure, with a small distribution of  
482 values for each. The single Al in T2 site gave somewhat larger  $\delta_i^{\text{Al}}$  (61.9 ppm) and  $\delta_1^{\text{Al}}$   
483 (67.0 ppm) values, and  $C_Q^{\text{Al}}$  (3.6 MHz) and  $\eta_Q^{\text{Al}}$  (0.74) within the range for Al in T1 sites.  
484 These results are broadly consistent with the experimental data that show moderate  
485 variation in NMR parameters and a small high-frequency tail in the isotropic projection of  
486 2D 3QMAS NMR spectrum.

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488  **$^{23}\text{Na}$  NMR results.** The calculated  $^{23}\text{Na}$  NMR parameters for the ordered structure and  
489 disorder model 1 of ussingite and low-albite are tabulated in Table 9. The calculated  
490 parameters for the two Na sites in the ordered ussingite are each close to the average values  
491 for disorder model 1. Both show similar  $C_Q^{\text{Na}}$  for the two Na sites, with Na1 yielding a  
492 larger  $\eta_Q^{\text{Na}}$  (close to 1) and smaller  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$  than Na2. This supports the assignment of the peak  
493 with smaller  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$  from the experimental data to Na1. The deviation in the calculated  
494 (average) values of  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$ ,  $C_Q^{\text{Na}}$  and  $\eta_Q^{\text{Na}}$  from the experimental NMR data are 2.5 ppm,  
495 0.3~0.7 MHz and 0.2, respectively. The deviation in the difference of  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$  between the two  
496 Na sites is smaller (0.0 ppm), which mimic trend for the calculated  $^{23}\text{Na}$  chemical shielding  
497 in test calculations described earlier.

498 The individual parameters for each Na site in disorder model 1 show relatively large  
499 variations (especially in  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$ ,  $\delta_1^{\text{Na}}$  and  $\eta_Q^{\text{Na}}$ ): Na1:  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$  of -3.2~3.8 ppm,  $C_Q^{\text{Na}}$  2.1~3.4 MHz,  
500  $\eta_Q^{\text{Na}}$  of 0.2~1.0 and  $\delta_1^{\text{Na}}$  of 4.7~19.4 ppm; Na2:  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$  of 0.2~7.3 ppm,  $C_Q^{\text{Na}}$  of 2.0~2.4 MHz,  
501  $\eta_Q^{\text{Na}}$  of 0.3~0.9, and  $\delta_1^{\text{Na}}$  of 8.9~16.9 ppm. The large, and partially overlapping ranges in

502  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$  and  $\delta_1^{\text{Na}}$  for the two sites suggest that the two resolved peaks in the isotropic dimension  
503 of 2D 3QMAS NMR spectrum may each include contribution from the other Na site,  
504 although caution should be taken in interpreting the calculated  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$  values. The large range  
505 in  $\eta_Q^{\text{Na}}$ , together with variations in other parameters, may account for the significant  
506 deviation from typical quadrupolar peak shape for a single site for the MAS projection of  
507 each peak in the 2D 3QMAS NMR spectrum. These results are, thus, broadly consistent  
508 with the experimental  $^{23}\text{Na}$  NMR results and indicate local structural disorder around Na  
509 accompanying Si-Al disorder.

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## 511 **Discussions**

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### 513 **Nature and extent of Si-Al disorder in ussingite**

514 The 1D and 2D  $^{29}\text{Si}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR results unambiguously revealed that there are more  
515 peaks from ussingite than are accountable by an ordered structure with ideal composition.  
516 In particular, the observation of  $^{29}\text{Si}$  peaks attributable to  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Al})$  and  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Si})$ , and the  
517 specific correlations for five smaller  $^1\text{H}$  peaks in the 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  HETCOR spectrum can be  
518 accounted for only by Si-Al disorder between T1 and T2 site, but not by Si-Al disorder  
519 between T1 and T3 site, as proposed previously, or by deviation in stoichiometry (excess Si  
520 or Al). The stoichiometric composition was also confirmed by EPMA analysis.  
521 Furthermore, the correlation of  $^{29}\text{Si}$  peaks of  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Al})$  and  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Si})$  with a common  $^1\text{H}$  peak  
522 suggests that Si-Al disorder occurs between neighboring T1-(O)-T2 site.

523 The first-principles calculation confirmed that Si-Al disorder over T1-O-T2 (disorder  
524 model 1) is energetically the most favorable, and also well reproduced all the observed

525 NMR features. It further revealed detailed spatial relationship: The Si-Al exchange over  
526 T1-O-T2 altered NNN environments of Si in three T3 and three T4 sites, which are the  
527 origin of the observed extra  $^{29}\text{Si}$  peaks of  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Al})$  and  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Si})$ , as well as the low-frequency  
528 shoulders/tails on the two main peaks of  $\text{Q}^3(1\text{Si},2\text{Al})$  and  $\text{Q}^3(2\text{Si},1\text{Al})$ . The observed four  
529 extra  $^1\text{H}$  peaks near 15~16 ppm and one near 11 ppm originate from five OH sites bonded  
530 or hydrogen-bonded to these six T3/T4 sites, contributing to the observed correlations in  
531 the 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  HETCOR spectrum.

532 The extent of Si-Al disorder can be estimated from quantitative simulation results of  $^1\text{H}$   
533 and  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR spectra described earlier. According to disorder model 1, exchange of one  
534 (out of 16) Al with Si over T1-O-T2 results in one Si of  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Al})$  and one of  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Si})$  (out of  
535 32  $\text{Q}^3$  sites), and also four (out of 16) OH sites with  $\delta_i^{\text{H}}$  of 15~16 ppm, and one near 11  
536 ppm. Thus, the extent of Si-Al disorder, i.e., the proportion of Al in T1 site of the ordered  
537 structure that has exchanged with Si in T2 site, is expected to be equal to twice the  
538 proportion of Si of  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Al})$  or  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Si})$  among all  $\text{Q}^3$  sites, and also equal to the proportion  
539 of protons (among all protons) that contribute to the peak near 11 ppm, and also equal to  
540 1/4 of the proportion of all protons that contribute to peaks in the 15~16 ppm range in  $^1\text{H}$   
541 MAS NMR spectra. From  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR, the extent of Si-Al disorder was obtained separately  
542 from the relative intensity (among  $\text{Q}^3$ ) of the peak of  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Al})$  and that of  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Si})$  in the  $^1\text{H}$ -  
543  $^{29}\text{Si}$  CP MAS NMR spectra with long contact times (12 and 20 ms) (see Table 2). The  
544 somewhat larger relative intensity for  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Al})$  than  $\text{Q}^3(3\text{Si})$  is most likely due to somewhat  
545 faster CP rate, as a result of shorter Si-H distance, for the former. The average of the two  
546 values is expected to be less susceptible to such effect. The result is 3.4(0.8)% and  
547 3.3(0.9)% Si-Al disorder for sample 1 and 2, respectively (see Table 2). From  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, it



548 was estimated separately from the sum of relative intensities for peaks in the 15~16 ppm  
549 range and from that near 11 ppm. The result is 2.7(0.4)% and 2.8(0.6)% Si-Al disorder for  
550 sample 1 and 2, respectively (see Table 3). Thus, both the  $^{29}\text{Si}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data yielded  
551 consistent estimation of the extent of Si-Al disorder of ~3% for both samples.

552 For comparison, we also made similar estimation using the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR result reported by  
553 Johnson & Rossman (2004) for ussingite from Ilimaussaq, Greenland. The result is 2% Si-  
554 Al disorder (see Table 3), which is 1/4 of their inference, but close to those from the present  
555 study.

556 The extent of Si-Al disorder is expected to be temperature dependent. The similar values  
557 derived for ussingite from two different localities may indicate similar hydrothermal  
558 temperature conditions in their genesis.

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### 560 **Correlation between Si-Al disorder and hydrogen-bonding distance variations**

561 The combined NMR experiment and first-principles calculation allowed us to reveal a  
562 clear picture for the correlation between Si-Al disorder and hydrogen-bonding distance  
563 variation.

564 In Figure 12, the O-H and  $\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  distances, Si-O(-H) and Si-O( $\cdots\text{H}$ ) distances, and  $\delta_i^{\text{H}}$   
565 are plotted against  $\text{O}\cdots\text{O}$  distance for the Si-O-H $\cdots\text{O}$ -Si linkage. Good correlation is  
566 observed among the hydrogen-bonding distances and  $\delta_i^{\text{H}}$ , with stronger hydrogen bonding  
567 yielding shorter  $\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  and  $\text{O}\cdots\text{O}$  distances, longer O-H distance, and larger  $\delta_i^{\text{H}}$ . Such a  
568 correlation is well known for inorganic and organic compounds (c.f., Johnson and Rossman,  
569 2004; Xue and Kanzaki, 2009). More intriguing is that the Si-O(H) and Si-O( $\cdots\text{H}$ ) bond  
570 distances on either side of the hydrogen bond also exhibit systematic changes that are

571 correlated with changes in the hydrogen-bonding distances. There is a clear pattern of  
572 alternating increase and decrease in bond distance along the Si-O-H $\cdots$ O-Si linkage. Similar  
573 observation of alternating changes in bond distance along a general hydrogen-bonding  
574 system X-D-H $\cdots$ A-Y (D: hydrogen bond donor; A: hydrogen bond acceptor) has been  
575 reported previously (e.g., Mohri, 2006) and may be a representative feature of strong  
576 hydrogen bonding.

577 The origin of the variation in hydrogen-bonding and Si-O(-H,  $\cdots$ H) distances may be  
578 traced to variation in the NNN environments of the two Si sites on either end of the  
579 hydrogen bond as a result of Si-Al disorder over T1-O-T2. This is clear from the correlation  
580 between Si-O(-H,  $\cdots$ H) distances and the difference in the number of NNN Al between the  
581 two Si sites, with smaller contrast tends to bring the two distances closer to each other (Fig.  
582 12d).

583 These observations can be well accounted for by the bond valence model, which  
584 requires the sum of bond valences around any ion to be equal to the valence of the ion  
585 (valence sum rule) to ensure local charge neutrality, with the bond valence being a function  
586 of bond distance (e.g.,  $S_{ij} = \exp((R_0 - R_{ij})/B)$ , where  $S_{ij}$  and  $R_{ij}$  are the bond valence and bond  
587 distance between atom  $i$  and  $j$ , and  $R_0$  and  $B$  are constant parameters) (cf. Brown, 2002).

588 The effect of changes in NNN environments of Si (as a result of Si-Al disorder over T1-O-  
589 T2) on the hydrogen-bonding distances has, thus, been transmitted via bond valence  
590 (distance) changes along the bonding network, in such a way so that all the bond distances  
591 along the Si-O-H $\cdots$ O-Si linkage are inter-correlated. The fact that OH is bonded to  
592 T4(1Si,2Al), rather than T3(2Si,1Al) in the ordered structure can also be understood from  
593 bond valence consideration.

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## Implications

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597 The complete clarification of the nature and extent of Si-Al disorder in ussingite, which  
598 could not be unambiguously determined so far despite X-ray diffraction (Rossi et al., 1974),  
599 neutron diffraction (Williams and Weller, 2012), and  $^{29}\text{Si}$  (Oglesby and Stebbins, 2000) and  
600  $^1\text{H}$  NMR studies (Johnson and Rossman, 2004), is in itself of significance in understanding  
601 the crystal chemistry of ussingite, a mineral with an unique interrupted framework structure.  
602 Moreover, the insights gained have implications far beyond that as outlined below.

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604 **Effect of Si-Al disorder on hydrogen-bonding variations in general.** Particularly  
605 impressive are the findings of this study on the extent to which Si-Al disorder can bring  
606 about on the variation in hydrogen-bonding distance, and the crystal chemical insights  
607 gained into the correlation between NNN environments of Si and hydrogen-bonding  
608 distance variation. This is most likely a general phenomenon also applicable to other  
609 hydrous minerals.

610 Many hydrous aluminosilicate minerals, including important mantle minerals, such as  
611 topaz-OH (Xue et al., 2010), phase egg (Xue et al., 2006), aluminous phase E, phase C  
612 (=superhydrous phase B and phase D (Pamato et al., 2015) show Si-Al disorder. Much  
613 attention has been paid to the hydrogen-bonding behavior of these hydrous minerals, as it  
614 may have a significance influence on various physical properties. However, the effect of Si-  
615 Al disorder on the hydrogen-bonding distance have been largely overlooked. A systematic  
616 investigation over a wide range of hydrous aluminosilicate minerals is warranted.

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618       **Si/Al partitioning tendency in partially depolymerized aluminosilicate system.** The  
619 partition behavior of Al/Si over different  $Q^n$  species, especially between  $Q^4$  and more  
620 depolymerized  $Q^n$  species is an issue of great interest in understanding the structure and  
621 properties of aluminosilicate melts/glasses. The confirmation that the Si-Al disorder in  
622 ussingite in fact occurs over T1-O-T2 that avoids the formation of Al-O-Al and Al( $Q^3$ ) is  
623 consistent with trend observed so far for partially depolymerized anhydrous and hydrous  
624 aluminosilicate glasses (e.g., Allwardt et al., 2003; Neuville et al., 2004; Xue and Kanzaki,  
625 2008), and provided crystal chemical insight into such trend.

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627       **Nature and hydrogen-bonding strength of OH in (alumino)silicate system.** Johnson  
628 and Rossman (2004) and Williams and Weller (2012) both mentioned interest in using  
629 ussingite as a model for OH defects in nominally anhydrous albite (and other plagioclase  
630 feldspar minerals). However, the two minerals turned out to have very different OH  
631 environments: whereas ussingite exhibits strong hydrogen bonding, that in albite is much  
632 weaker ( $\delta_i^H$  4~6 ppm) (Johnson and Rossman, 2004). This “negative” result carries an  
633 important, though often neglected implication, i.e., the key role of (de)polymerization, or  
634 the presence/absence of network modifying cations (other than H). Whereas albite is fully  
635 polymerized, ussingite is partially depolymerized with NBO/T (0.5) in the range for natural  
636 andesitic magma. SiOH groups in alkali and alkaline earth silicate glasses have been found  
637 to have stronger hydrogen bonding and thus larger  $\delta_i^H$  (4~17 ppm) than that of silica  
638 glasses ( $\delta_i^H$  ~3 ppm), and the fraction with stronger hydrogen bonding (larger  $\delta_i^H$ ) increases  
639 with decreasing field strength of the network modifying cation (from Ca/Mg to Li to Na),

640 which has been interpreted as enhanced hydrogen bonding by NBO as hydrogen-bond  
641 acceptor (Xue and Kanzaki, 2004). The observation of much stronger hydrogen bonding in  
642 ussingite than in albite is consistent with, and provides crystal chemical insight into such  
643 observation. Other hydrous silicate minerals with strong hydrogen bonding, such as  
644 pectolite ( $\text{NaCa}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_8\text{OH}$ ) and serandite ( $\text{NaMn}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_8\text{OH}$ ), also have depolymerized  
645 structure containing network-modifying cations of low field strength (Na). Ussingite, as an  
646 aluminosilicate mineral, is also valuable in revealing the preferential formation of SiOH  
647 over  $\text{Al}^{\text{IV}}\text{OH}$ . It is worth mentioning for completeness that for depolymerized minerals  
648 containing network modifying cations of higher field strength (e.g., Ca, Mg,  $\text{Al}^{\text{VI}}$ ), such as  
649 amphibole, humite group minerals and prehnite, OH tends to bond only to network  
650 modifying cations, forming MOH (free OH) groups that often have weak hydrogen bonding.  
651 The presence of free OH in depolymerized Ca-Mg (alumino)silicate glasses has also been  
652 reported (e.g., Xue and Kanzaki, 2004; Xue and Kanzaki, 2009). Therefore, the  
653 presence/absence of network-modifying cations and its field strength are important factors  
654 controlling the nature and hydrogen bonding strength of OH in both minerals and glasses.  
655 With that criterion, ussingite is not a good model for albite and other fully polymerized  
656 minerals, but a valuable model for partially depolymerized aluminosilicate minerals and  
657 glasses/melts containing network modifying cations of low field strength.

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659 **Importance of local structural relaxation around disorder/defect sites.** It is not rare  
660 to encounter publications that attempted to infer the location of defects based on geometry  
661 of the ordered structure, but were subsequently proved to be wrong, because structural

662 relaxation around defects may significantly alter the local geometry (cf. Xue et al., 2017 for  
663 a review of an example for olivine).

664 This study represents another case study. It was revealed that for Al-Si exchange over  
665 T1-O-T2 of ussingite, the hydrogen bonding O8···O2 distance in the T4-O8-H···O2-T3  
666 linkage can vary by  $\sim 0.1 \text{ \AA}$  ( $\delta_i^{\text{H}}$  by  $\sim 5$  ppm) depending on the NNN of T3/T4 sites.  
667 Furthermore, for some configurations, H shifts toward T3 so that O2 becomes the hydrogen  
668 bond doner. Such variations would be difficult to identify using diffraction techniques, but  
669 should be important in understanding its physical properties. Also, as mentioned above,  
670 Johnson and Rossman (2004) used Si-Al disorder between T1 and T3 to account for the  
671 observed  $^1\text{H}$  NMR peak(s) with larger  $\delta_i^{\text{H}}$ . However, our calculation revealed that the  
672 resultant  $\delta_i^{\text{H}}$  is smaller than that of the ordered structure due to shift of H position toward  
673 Al accompanying structural relaxation. First-principles calculation is particularly helpful in  
674 revealing the locally relaxed structure.

675 Finally, this study has demonstrated that the combined comprehensive 1D and 2D multi-  
676 nuclear NMR measurements and first-principles calculation is effective in revealing  
677 detailed spatial relationship around disorder in minerals, which would be difficult to gain  
678 from any other single technique.

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804 **Figure captions**

805 Figure 1. Crystal structure of ussingite from neutron diffraction (Williams and Weller,  
806 2012). Blue and grey tetrahedra represent  $\text{SiO}_4$  and  $\text{AlO}_4$  tetrahedra, respectively. Red  
807 and pink spheres represent oxygen and hydrogen atoms, respectively. The black box  
808 delineates the unit cell dimension. The four crystallographically unique T sites, two Na  
809 sites, and the  $\text{O8-H}\cdots\text{O2}$  hydrogen bond are also shown. Drawn using the Vesta  
810 program (Momma and Izumi, 2011).

811 Figure 2.  $^{29}\text{Si}$  MAS NMR spectrum of ussingite sample 1 at a spinning rate of 20 kHz, (a)  
812 and  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  CP MAS NMR spectra at a spinning rate of 10 kHz and contact time of 20  
813 ms for sample 1 (b) and sample (2)(c).

814 Figure 3.  $^1\text{H}$  MAS NMR spectra at a spinning rate of 24 kHz for ussingite sample 1 (a) and  
815 2 (b).

816 Figure 4. 2D rotor-synchronized  $^1\text{H}$  DQ MAS NMR spectrum for ussingite sample 1 at a  
817 spinning rate of 14.7 kHz using the POST-C7 scheme with total projections shown for  
818 both dimensions (a), and schematic 2D  $^1\text{H}$  DQ MAS NMR spectrum predicted from  
819 first-principles calculation for ussingite disorder model 1 (b). For (b), the projection at  
820 the top is the 1D spectrum shown in Fig. 11b, and cross peak positions in the 2D area  
821 are simply shown as circles for  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  pairs within 4 Å. The red line in both is a guide

822 for diagonal peaks. The labels 1 to 5 in both correspond to H in the five configurations  
823 affected by Si-Al disorder described in the text.

824 Figure 5. 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  HETCOR spectrum for ussingite sample 1 using the  $^1\text{H} \rightarrow ^{29}\text{Si} \rightarrow ^1\text{H}$   
825 double CP scheme at a spinning rate of 24 kHz and a contact time of 8 ms with total  
826 projections shown for both dimensions (**a**), and schematic 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  HETCOR  
827 spectrum predicted from first-principles calculation for ussingite disorder model 1 (**b**).  
828 For (**b**), projections in the two dimensions are the 1D spectra shown in Fig. 10b and  
829 11b, and cross peak positions in the 2D area are simply shown as circles for  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$   
830 pairs in the Si-OH $\cdots$ O-Si linkage. The labels 1 to 5 in both correspond to the five  
831 configurations affected by Si-Al disorder described in the text.

832 Figure 6.  $^{27}\text{Al}$  MAS NMR spectra (**a**: full range with intensity truncated for the central band,  
833 **c**: central band) for ussingite sample 1 at a spinning rate of 20 kHz, and the respective  
834 simulated spectra using parameters in Table 4 (**b**, **d**).

835 Figure 7. 2D rotor-synchronized  $^{27}\text{Al}$  SPAM-3QMAS NMR spectrum of ussingite sample 1  
836 at a spinning rate of 20 kHz with total projections shown for both dimensions.

837 Figure 8. 2D rotor-synchronized  $^{23}\text{Na}$  SPAM-3QMAS NMR spectrum of ussingite sample  
838 1 at a spinning rate of 20 kHz with total projections shown for both dimensions (**a**),  
839 and 1D  $^{23}\text{Na}$  MAS NMR spectra for ussingite sample 1 at a spinning rate of 20 kHz, its

840 simulated spectrum, sum of  $F_2$  cross sections ( $F_1$  range: 7.0~12.5 ppm for peak 1;  
841 12.5~18.0 ppm for peak 2) for each of the two peaks labelled in (a) and the respective  
842 simulated spectrum as labelled (b). All simulations used parameters in Table 4.

843 Figure 9. Local structure around the Al-Si exchanged T1-O-T2 linkage for ussingite  
844 disorder model 1. For clarity, whereas  $\text{SiO}_4$  and  $\text{AlO}_4$  tetrahedra for T1 and T2 are  
845 shown as blue and grey tetrahedra as in Figure 1, the  $\text{SiO}_4$  tetrahedra for their NNN T4  
846 sites are shown in brown, and those for T3 sites are shown in purple. The five H sites  
847 that are bonded or hydrogen-bonded to these T3 and T4 sites are shown as black circles.  
848 The H sites are labeled as in Figures 4b and 5b. Drawn using the Vesta program  
849 (Momma and Izumi, 2011).

850 Figure 10.  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  CP MAS NMR spectrum for ussingite sample 1 (same as Fig. 2b) (a),  
851 and predicted  $^{29}\text{Si}$  spectra for disorder model 1 (b) and ordered structure (c) of  
852 ussingite from first-principles calculation. For the latter two, an arbitrary Lorentzian  
853 line broadening of 20 Hz was applied.

854 Figure 11.  $^1\text{H}$  MAS NMR spectrum for ussingite sample 1 (same as Fig. 3a) (a), and  
855 predicted spectra for disorder model 1 (b) and ordered structure (c) of ussingite from  
856 first-principles calculation. For the latter two, an arbitrary Lorentzian line broadening  
857 of 20 Hz was applied.

858 Figure 12. Plot of O-H and H $\cdots$ O distances (**a**),  $^1\text{H}$  isotropic chemical shift ( $\delta_i^{\text{H}}$ ) (**b**), and  
859 Si-O(-H) and Si-O( $\cdots$ H) distances (**c**) as a function of O $\cdots$ O distance, and Si-O(-H)  
860 and Si-O( $\cdots$ H) distances as a function of the difference in the number of Al in the  
861 NNN of the two Si (Q $^3$ ) sites (**d**) for Si-O-H $\cdots$ O-Si linkages in disorder model 1 and  
862 ordered structure of ussingite from first-principles calculation as labeled.  
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864 Table 1. Electron microprobe analysis result for ussingite

Sample	Sample 1	Sample 2
<b>Oxides (wt%)</b>		
SiO <sub>2</sub>	59.23(0.50)	58.92(0.32)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	16.30(0.21)	16.38(0.20)
CaO	0.03(0.03)	0.02(0.03)
Na <sub>2</sub> O	20.29(0.47)	20.79(0.33)
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.05(0.05)	0.02(0.02)
Total	95.91(0.40)	96.14(0.50)
<b>Cations per 8.5 O atoms for anhydrous components</b>		
Si	3.01(0.01)	3.00(0.01)
Al	0.98(0.01)	0.98(0.01)
Ca	0.00(0.00)	0.00(0.00)
Na	2.00(0.05)	2.05(0.03)
K	0.00(0.00)	0.00(0.00)
Total	6.00(0.04)	6.04(0.02)

Note: 9 points were averaged for each sample with the standard deviation reported in brackets.

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867 Table 2. Relative peak intensities among Q<sup>3</sup> and extent of Si-Al disorder in ussingite from <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>29</sup>Si CP MAS NMR

Sample	Contact time (ms)	Relative intensity (%)				Extent of Si-Al disorder (%)			
		Q <sup>3</sup> (3Al) (-81 ppm)	Q <sup>3</sup> (1Si,2Al) (-83~-86 ppm)	Q <sup>3</sup> (2Si,1Al) (-88~-89 ppm)	Q <sup>3</sup> (3Si) (-91.6 ppm)	Method 1 <sup>a</sup>	Method 2 <sup>a</sup>	Average	Standard deviation
Sample 1	20	2.08	49.08	47.53	1.31	4.15	2.62	3.4	0.8
	12	1.97	49.67	47.01	1.35	3.94	2.70		
Sample 2	20	1.87	48.76	48.04	1.33	3.75	2.65	3.3	0.9
	12	2.22	49.62	46.89	1.27	4.45	2.53		

Notes: Each group of peaks includes one (-81 ppm), seven (-83~-86 ppm), three (-88~-89 ppm) and one (-91.6 ppm) component(s). Extent of Si-Al disorder refers to the proportion of Al in T1 site (of the ordered structure) that has exchanged with Si in T2 site.

<sup>a</sup> Method 1: Estimated to be equal to twice the relative intensity (among all Q<sup>3</sup>) of peak due to Q<sup>3</sup>(3Al); Method 2: Estimated to be equal to twice the relative intensity of peak due to Q<sup>3</sup>(3Si)(see text for explanation).

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869 Table 3. Relative intensities and extent of Si-Al disorder in ussingite from  $^1\text{H}$  MAS NMR

Sample	Spinning rate (kHz)	Relative intensity (%)			Extent of Si-Al disorder (%)			
		15~16 ppm	13~14 ppm	11 ppm	Method 1 <sup>a</sup>	Method 2 <sup>a</sup>	Average	Standard deviation
Sample 1	24	9.57	87.55	2.89	2.39	2.89	2.7	0.4
	20	9.64	87.15	3.21	2.41	3.21		
Sample 2	24	8.72	88.00	3.27	2.18	3.27	2.8	0.6
	20	9.27	87.38	3.35	2.32	3.35		
J&R <sup>b</sup>	6 & 12	8	90	2	2	2	2	0

Notes: Each group of peak includes four (15~16 ppm), two (13~14 ppm) and one (11 ppm) component(s). Extent of Si-Al disorder refers to the proportion of Al in T1 site (of the ordered structure) that has exchanged with Si in T2 site.

<sup>a</sup> Method 1: Estimated to be 1/4 of the total relative intensity of peaks in the 15~16 ppm range (among all peaks); Method 2: Estimated to be equal to the relative intensity of the 11-ppm peak.

<sup>b</sup> Reported by Johnson & Rossman (2004) for a sample from Ilimaussaq, Greenland.

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873 Table 4.  $^{27}\text{Al}$  and  $^{23}\text{Na}$  NMR parameters of ussingite from simulation of MAS NMR spectra

Site	$\delta_i$ (ppm)	$C_Q$ (MHz)	$\eta_Q$	$\delta_1$ (ppm) <sup>a</sup>	$\delta_1$ obs (ppm) <sup>a</sup>
Al	60.45(0.2)	3.02(0.04)	0.82(0.04)	64.1	64.0
Na1	-2.9(0.2)	2.69(0.04)	1.00(0.02)	9.8	9.8
Na2	2.1(0.2)	3.02(0.04)	0.41(0.04)	14.7	14.7

Note: Because of the distribution of parameters for both  $^{27}\text{Al}$  and  $^{23}\text{Na}$ , the estimated values should be regarded as a rough average value.

<sup>a</sup>  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_1$  obs are the peak position expected from the estimated parameters, and the peak maximum position actually observed, in the isotropic ( $F_1$ ) dimension of 3QMAS NMR spectra, with  $\delta_1 = \delta_i - \frac{10}{17} \delta_Q$ , and  $\delta_Q = -10^5 \times \frac{3(4I(I+1)-3)}{(4I(2I-1))^2} \times \left(\frac{C_Q}{\nu_Q}\right)^2 \times \left(1 + \frac{\eta_Q^2}{3}\right)$ , where  $I$  is the spin quantum number (5/2 for  $^{27}\text{Al}$ , 3/2 for  $^{23}\text{Na}$ ), and  $\nu_0$  is the resonance frequency (104.27 MHz for  $^{27}\text{Al}$ , 105.84 MHz  $^{23}\text{Na}$ ).

874 Table 5. Enthalpy difference ( $\Delta E$ ) and volume ( $V$ ) at 1 bar for different ussingite models

Model	Si-Al exchange	$\Delta E$ (kJ/mol)	$\Delta E$ (kJ/mol)	$V(\text{\AA}^3)$
Ordered	none	0		3204.47
Disorder model 1	T1-(O)-T2	28.44	0	3208.09
Disorder model 2	T1-(O)-T3	56.72	28.28	3206.28
Disorder model 3	T1-(O)-T4	80.46	52.01	3207.56
Disorder model 4	T1-(O)-T4	83.05	54.61	3207.40
Disorder model 5	remote T1-T2 pair	96.97	68.52	3208.24
Experiment (XRD, ambient condition) <sup>a</sup>				3195.44
Experiment (ND, 4 K) <sup>b</sup>				3170.36

Note: all values refer to that of  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  supercell.

<sup>a</sup> from Rossi et al. (1974).

<sup>b</sup> Neutron diffraction (ND) from Williams & Weller (2012).

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876 Table 6.  $^1\text{H}$  chemical shift and bond distances and angles in the Si-O-H $\cdots$ O-Si linkage of ussingite from first-principles calculation

H site no. <sup>a</sup>	$\sigma_i^{\text{H}}$ (ppm) <sup>b</sup>	$\delta_i^{\text{H}}$ (ppm) <sub>b</sub>	Sin1-On1-Hn $\cdots$ On2-Sin2	Sin1(NNN) <sup>d</sup>	Sin2(NNN) <sup>d</sup>	R(Sin1-On1)(A)	R(On1-Hn)(A)	R(On2-Hn)(A)	R(On1 $\cdots$ On2)(A)	R(On2-Sin2)(A)	$\angle$ On1-Hn-On2( $^\circ$ )	$\delta_i^{\text{H}}$ ,exp (ppm)
<b>Ordered structure</b>												
	14.89	13.85	Si11-O27-H31 $\cdots$ O15-Si9	T4(1Si,2Al)	T3(2Si,1Al)	1.636	1.094	1.374	2.467	1.598	177.167	13.85
<b>Disorder model 1</b>												
241(3)	12.96	15.78	Si81-O209-H241 $\cdots$ O121-Si73	<b>T4(2Si,1Al)</b>	T3(2Si,1Al)	1.617	1.164	1.264	2.428	1.606	177.124	15.54
245(2)	12.77	15.97	Si85-O213-H245 $\cdots$ O125-Si77	T4(1Si,2Al)	<b>T3(1Si,2Al)</b>	1.623	1.190	1.233	2.422	1.617	177.755	15.47
249(5)	17.03	11.71	Si89-O217-H249 $\cdots$ O113-Si65	<b>T4(3Al)</b>	<b>T3(3Si)</b>	1.654	1.057	1.455	2.511	1.584	175.919	11.1
250(4)	13.10	15.64	Si66-O114-H250 $\cdots$ O218-Si90 <sup>c</sup>	T3(2Si,1Al)	<b>T4(2Si,1Al)</b>	1.620	1.160	1.279	2.438	1.610	178.126	15.1
252(1)	12.63	16.11	Si68-O116-H252 $\cdots$ O220-Si92 <sup>c</sup>	<b>T3(1Si,2Al)</b>	T4(1Si,2Al)	1.618	1.204	1.210	2.414	1.617	178.131	15.8
11 other H sites (with NNN of Si on both ends unaffected by Si-Al disorder):												
mean	14.99	13.75	Sin1-On1-Hn $\cdots$ On2-Sin2	T4(1Si,2Al)	T3(2Si,1Al)	1.636	1.091	1.379	2.469	1.598	177.180	13.85
maximum	15.40	13.98		T4(1Si,2Al)	T3(2Si,1Al)	1.637	1.095	1.397	2.478	1.600	177.546	
minimum	14.76	13.34		T4(1Si,2Al)	T3(2Si,1Al)	1.634	1.082	1.367	2.462	1.596	176.995	

<sup>a</sup> Numbers in brackets correspond to configuration numbers labelled in Figures 4b, 5b and 6, and described in the text.

<sup>b</sup>  $\sigma_i^{\text{H}}$ :  $^1\text{H}$  isotropic shielding;  $\delta_i^{\text{H}}$ :  $^1\text{H}$  isotropic chemical shift referenced to the experimental value (13.85 ppm) for the strongest peak of ussingite, i.e.,  $\delta_i^{\text{H}} = 13.85 + 14.89 - \sigma_i^{\text{H}}$ .

<sup>c</sup> The O-H bond has shifted from T4 to T3 side for H250 and H252.

<sup>d</sup> Bold letters highlight T3 and T4 sites whose NNN are different from that of the ordered structure.

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878 Table 7.  $^{29}\text{Si}$  chemical shift from first-principles calculation

T site	Si site no.	$\sigma_i^{\text{Si}}$ (ppm) <sup>a</sup>	$\delta_i^{\text{Si,calc}}$ (ppm) <sup>a</sup>	$\delta_i^{\text{Si,exp}}$ (ppm) <sup>b</sup>	NNN <sup>c</sup>
<b>Low-albite</b>					
T1m		455.35	-107.75	-104.5	Q4(3Si,1Al)
T2o		445.85	-98.25	-96.8	Q4(3Si,1Al)
T2m		441.41	-93.81	-92.6	Q4(2Si,2Al)
<b>Ussingite, ordered structure</b>					
T2		445.28	-97.68		Q4(3Si,1Al)
T3		435.54	-87.94	-87.94	Q3(2Si,1Al)
T4		431.16	-83.56		Q3(1Si,2Al)
<b>Ussingite, disorder model 1</b>					
T1	33	449.22	-101.62	-98.7	<b>Q4(3Si,1Al)</b>
All Si in T2 (15 sites):					
T2	mean	445.68	-98.08	-96.5	Q4(3Si,1Al)
	maximum	446.98	-97.31		
	minimum	444.91	-99.38		
T3	65	440.12	-92.52	-91.6	<b>Q3(3Si)</b>
T3	68	433.29	-85.69	-85.5	<b>Q3(1Si,2Al)</b>
T3	77	432.18	-84.58	-85.0	<b>Q3(1Si,2Al)</b>
T3	66	436.94	-89.34	-89.3	Q3(2Si,1Al)
T3	73	436.03	-88.43	-88.6	Q3(2Si,1Al)
All Si in T3 of Q <sup>3</sup> (2Si,1Al) (i.e., all Si in T3 except 65,68,77) (13 sites):					
T3	mean	435.76	-88.16	-87.9	Q3(2Si,1Al)
	maximum	436.94	-87.62		
	minimum	435.22	-89.34		
T4	81	437.09	-89.49	-88.6	<b>Q3(2Si,1Al)</b>
T4	89	427.17	-79.57	-81.0	<b>Q3(3Al)</b>
T4	90	435.74	-88.14	-87.9	<b>Q3(2Si,1Al)</b>
T4	85	431.15	-83.55	-83.3	Q3(1Si,2Al)
T4	92	430.48	-82.88	-83.1	Q3(1Si,2Al)
All Si in T4 of Q <sup>3</sup> (1Si,2Al) (i.e., all Si in T4 except 81,89,90) (13 sites):					
T4	mean	431.18	-83.58	-84.1	Q3(1Si,2Al)
	maximum	431.81	-82.88		
	minimum	430.48	-84.21		

<sup>a</sup>  $\sigma_i^{\text{Si}}$ :  $^{29}\text{Si}$  isotropic shielding;  $\delta_i^{\text{Si, calc}}$ : calculated  $^{29}\text{Si}$  isotropic chemical shift referenced to the experimental value ( $\delta_i^{\text{Si, exp}}$ ) for the narrow peak near -87.94 ppm of ussingite, i.e.,  $\delta_i^{\text{Si}} = -87.94 + 435.54 - \sigma_i^{\text{Si}}$ .

<sup>b</sup> Experimental data for albite from Sanchez-Munoz et al., 2022.  $^{29}\text{Si}$  peaks in experimental data of ussingite assigned according to the order of chemical shift in  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{29}\text{Si}$  HETCOR.

<sup>c</sup> Bold letters highlight T1 site occupied by Si, and T3 and T4 sites whose NNN are different from that of the ordered structure.

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880 Table 8.  $^{27}\text{Al}$  NMR parameters from first-principles calculation

Al site	$\sigma_i^{\text{Al}}$ (ppm) <sup>a</sup>	$\delta_i^{\text{Al}}$ (ppm) <sup>a</sup>	$C_Q^{\text{Al}}$ (MHz) <sup>b</sup>	$\eta_Q^{\text{Al}}$	$\delta_1^{\text{Al}}$ (ppm) <sup>c</sup>
<b>Low albite</b>					
Al	515.36	63.00	2.04	0.53	
<b>Ussingite, ordered structure</b>					
Al	518.28	60.08	3.67	0.89	65.60
<b>Ussingite, disorder model 1</b>					
Al in T1 (16 sites):					
mean	518.22	60.14	3.75	0.82	65.78
maximum	518.83	60.81	4.43	0.98	68.20
minimum	517.55	59.53	3.10	0.59	63.42
Al in T2	516.42	61.94	3.62	0.74	66.97

<sup>a</sup>  $\sigma_i^{\text{Al}}$ :  $^{27}\text{Al}$  isotropic shielding;  $\delta_i^{\text{Al}}$ :  $^{27}\text{Al}$  isotropic chemical shift using low albite as a secondary reference, i.e.,  $\delta_i^{\text{Al}} = 63.0 + 515.36 - \sigma_i^{\text{Al}}$ . The experimental data of low-albite ( $\delta_i^{\text{Al}}$ : 63.0 ppm;  $C_Q^{\text{Al}}$ : 3.22 MHz;  $\eta_Q^{\text{Al}}$ : 0.65) from Sanchez-Munoz et al. (2022) are used for  $\delta_i^{\text{Al}}$  referencing.

<sup>b</sup> For  $C_Q^{\text{Al}}$ , only the absolute values are shown.

<sup>c</sup>  $\delta_1^{\text{Al}}$ : peak position in the isotropic ( $F_1$ ) dimension of 3QMAS NMR spectrum expected.

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883 Table 9.  $^{23}\text{Na}$  NMR parameters from first-principles calculation

Na site	$\sigma_i^{\text{Na}}$ (ppm) <sup>a</sup>	$\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$ (ppm) <sup>a</sup>	$C_Q^{\text{Na}}$ (MHz) <sup>b</sup>	$\eta_Q^{\text{Na}}$	$\delta_1^{\text{Na}}$ (ppm) <sup>c</sup>
<b>Low albite</b>					
albite	569.07	-8.95	2.42	0.54	
<b>Ussingite, ordered structure</b>					
Na1	560.61	-0.49	2.21	0.98	8.02
Na2	554.85	5.27	2.27	0.62	12.91
<b>Ussingite, disorder model 1</b>					
<u>Na1 sites (16):</u>					
mean	560.52	-0.40	2.39	0.81	8.80
maximum	563.32	3.80	3.43	0.99	19.39
minimum	556.32	-3.20	2.05	0.17	4.71
<u>Na2 sites (16):</u>					
mean	555.50	4.63	2.28	0.61	12.39
maximum	559.92	7.29	2.44	0.92	16.90
minimum	552.83	0.20	1.99	0.30	8.85

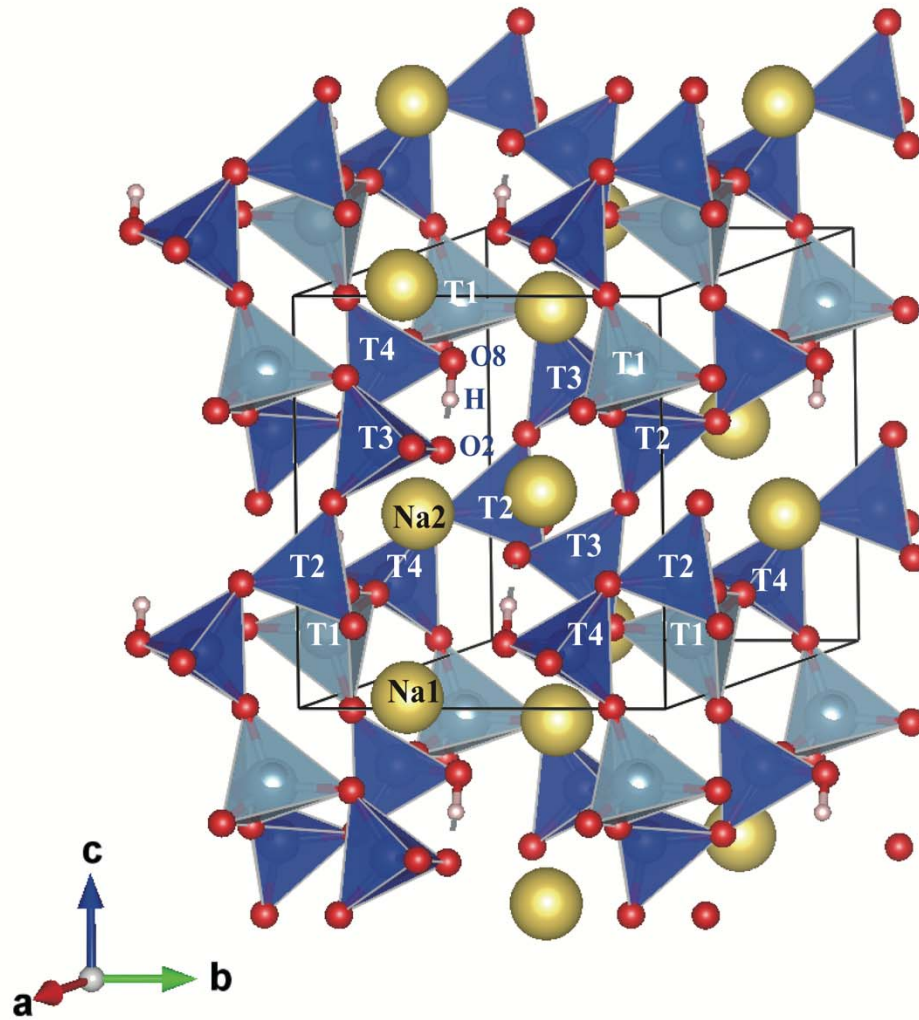
<sup>a</sup>  $\sigma_i^{\text{Na}}$ :  $^{23}\text{Na}$  isotropic shielding;  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$ :  $^{23}\text{Na}$  isotropic chemical shift using low albite as a secondary reference, i.e.,  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}} = -8.95 + 569.07 - \sigma_i^{\text{Na}}$ . For comparison, the experimental data of low albite derived from NMR spectra at two magnetic fields of 9.4 and 19.6 T by Sanchez-Munoz et al. (2022) are  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$ : -8.7~-9.2 ppm;  $C_Q^{\text{Na}}$ : 2.59~2.64 MHz;  $\eta_Q^{\text{Na}}$ : 0.25~0.28. The average experimental  $\delta_i^{\text{Na}}$  value was used for referencing.

<sup>b</sup> For  $C_Q^{\text{Na}}$ , only the absolute values are shown.

<sup>c</sup>  $\delta_1^{\text{Na}}$ : peak position in the isotropic ( $F_1$ ) dimension of 3QMAS NMR spectrum expected.

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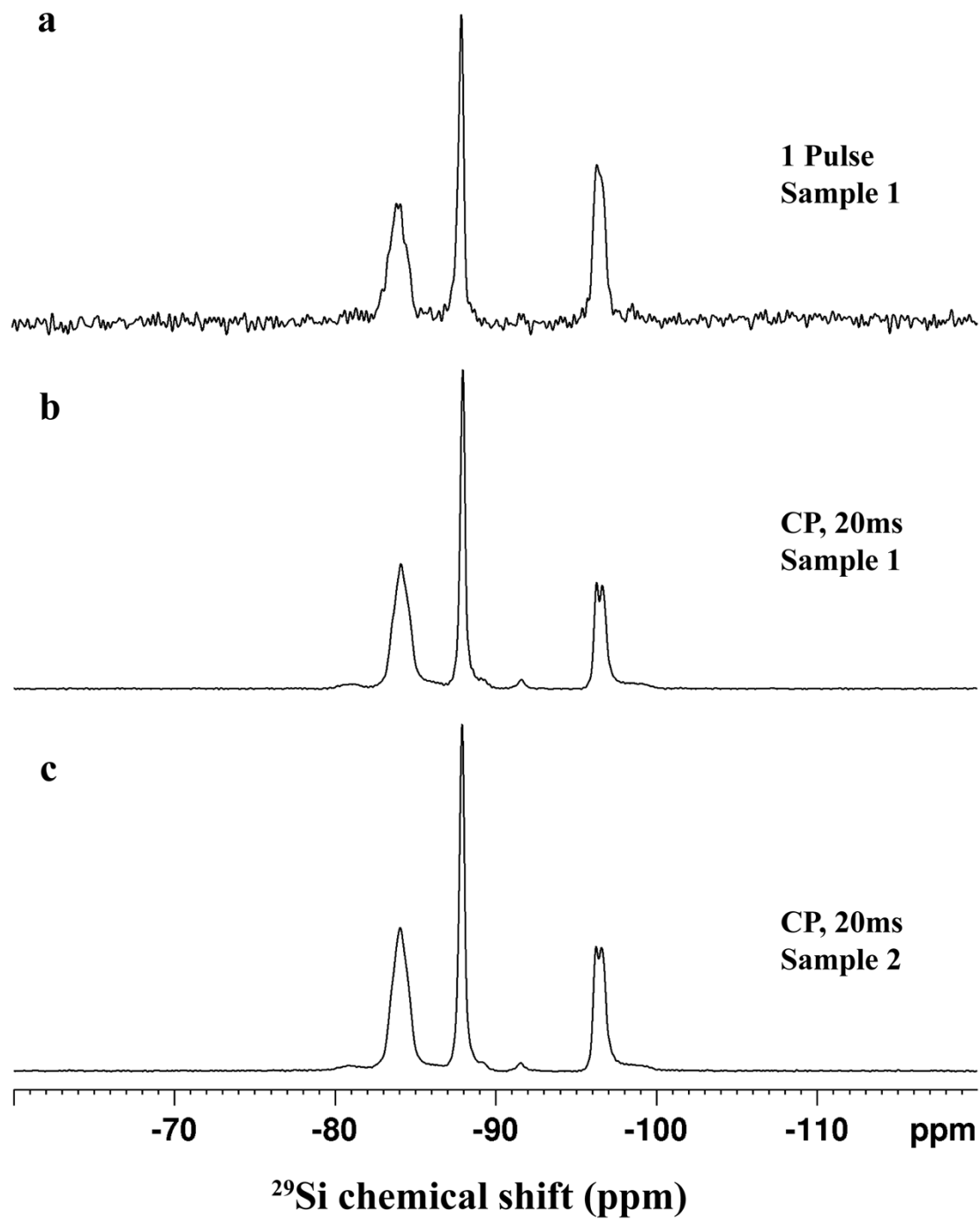
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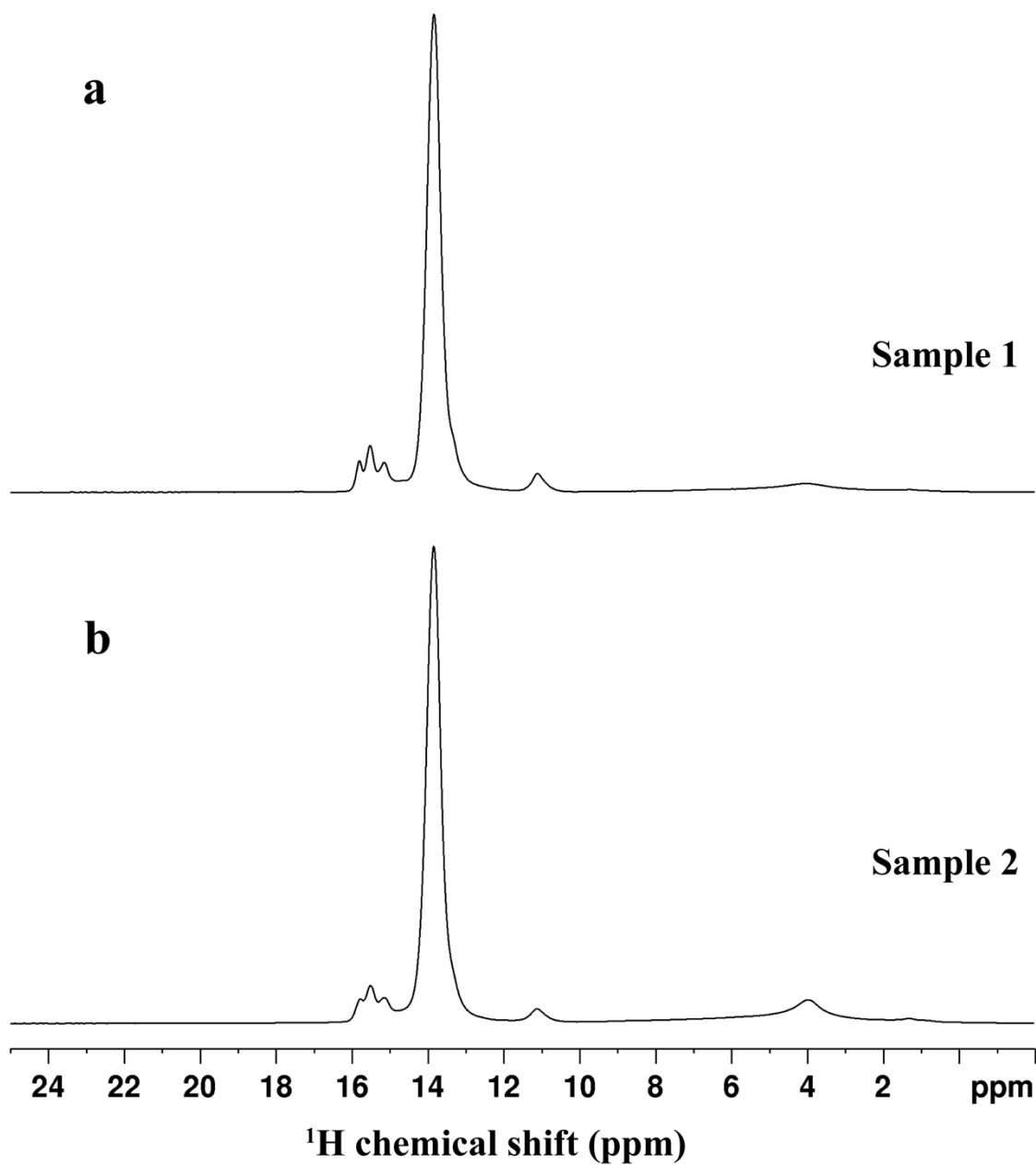
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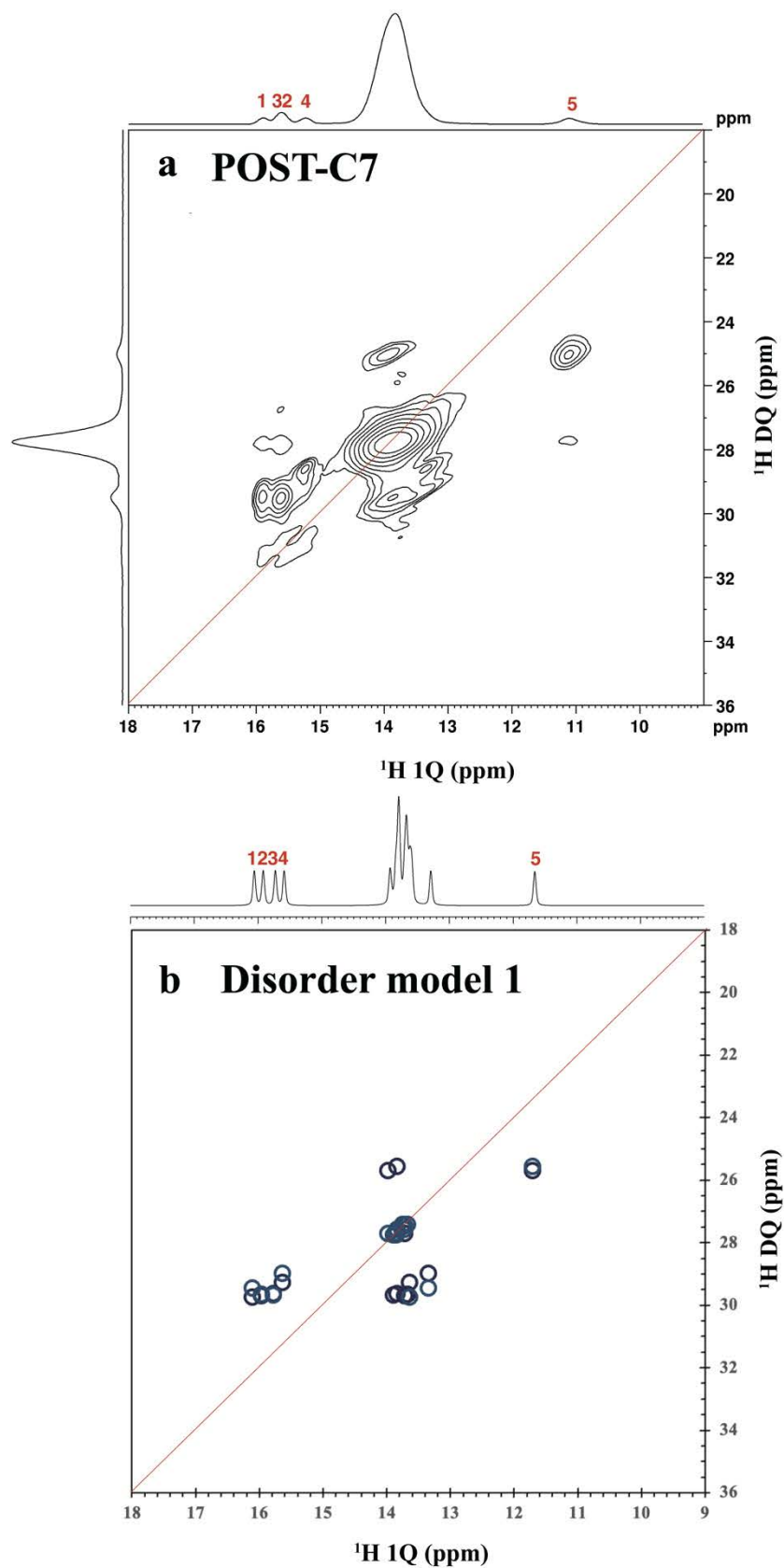


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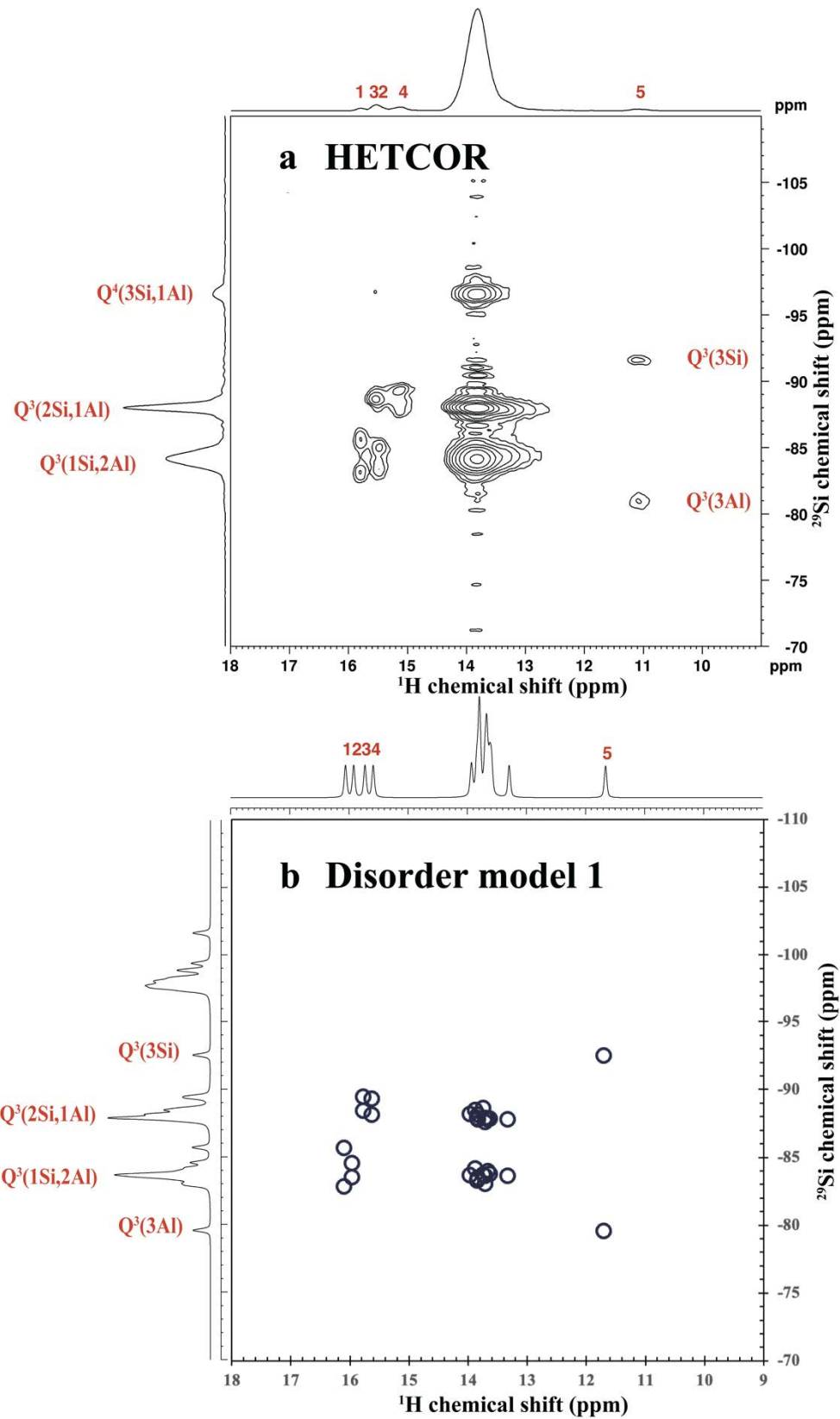
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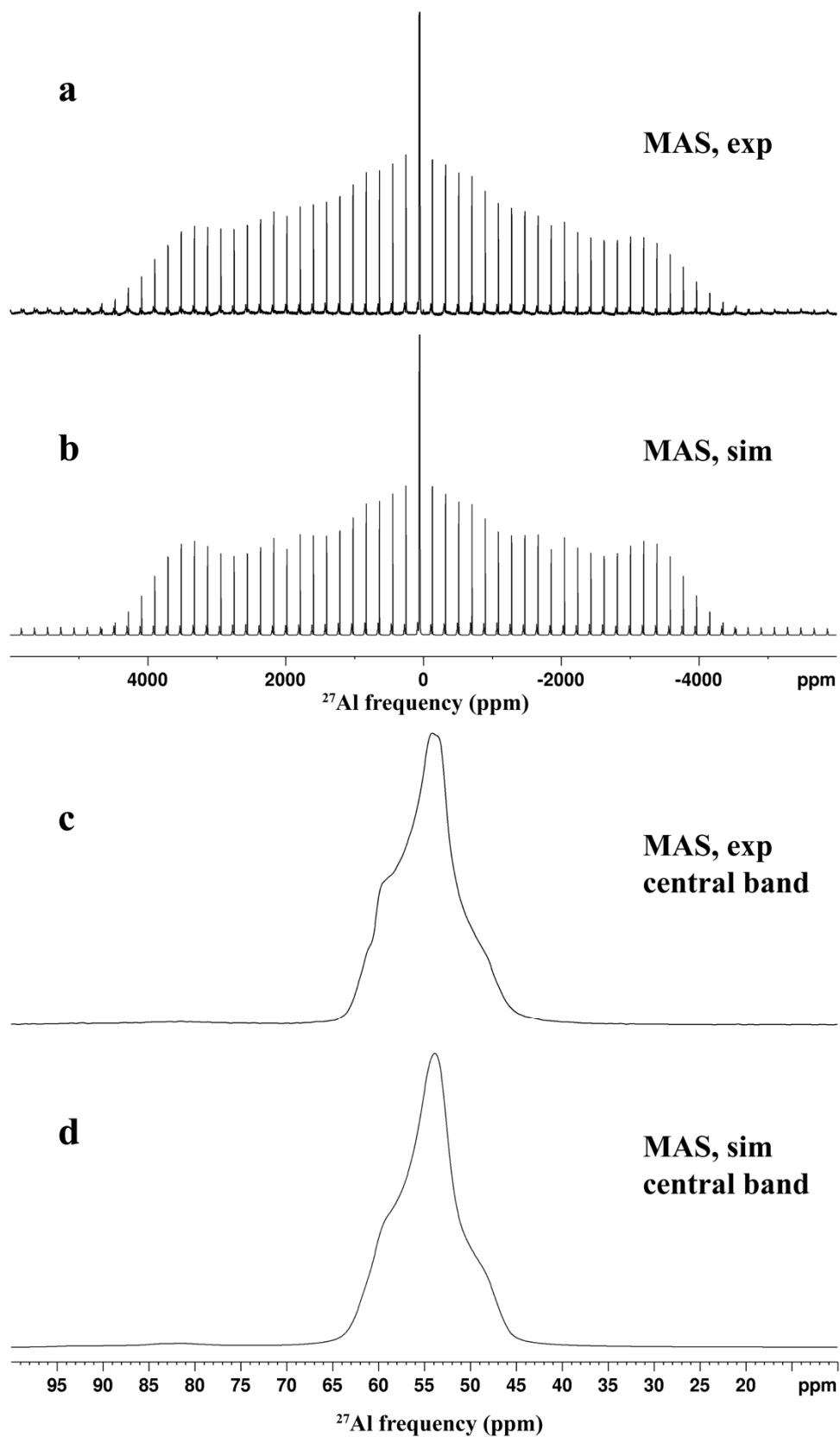


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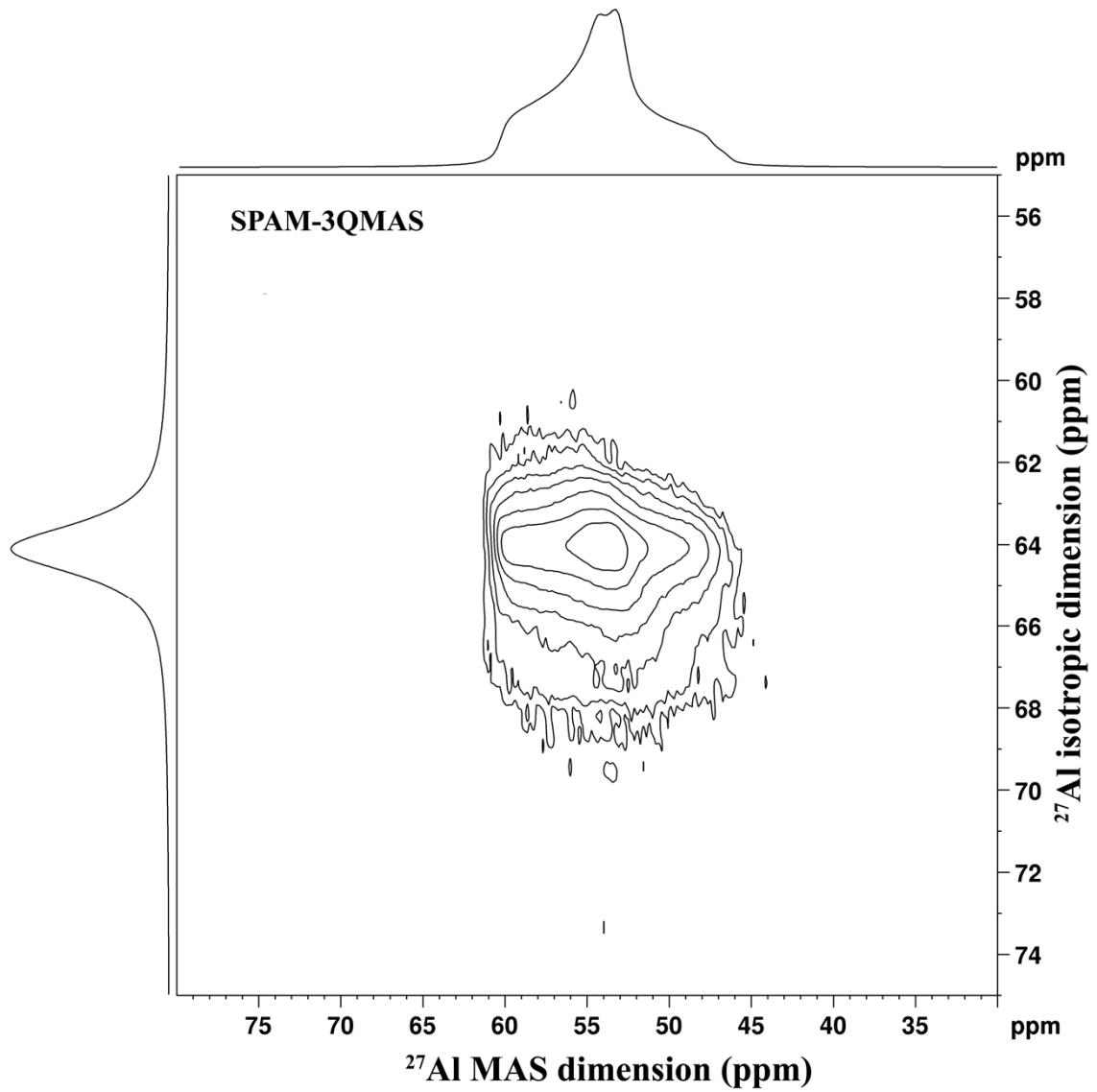
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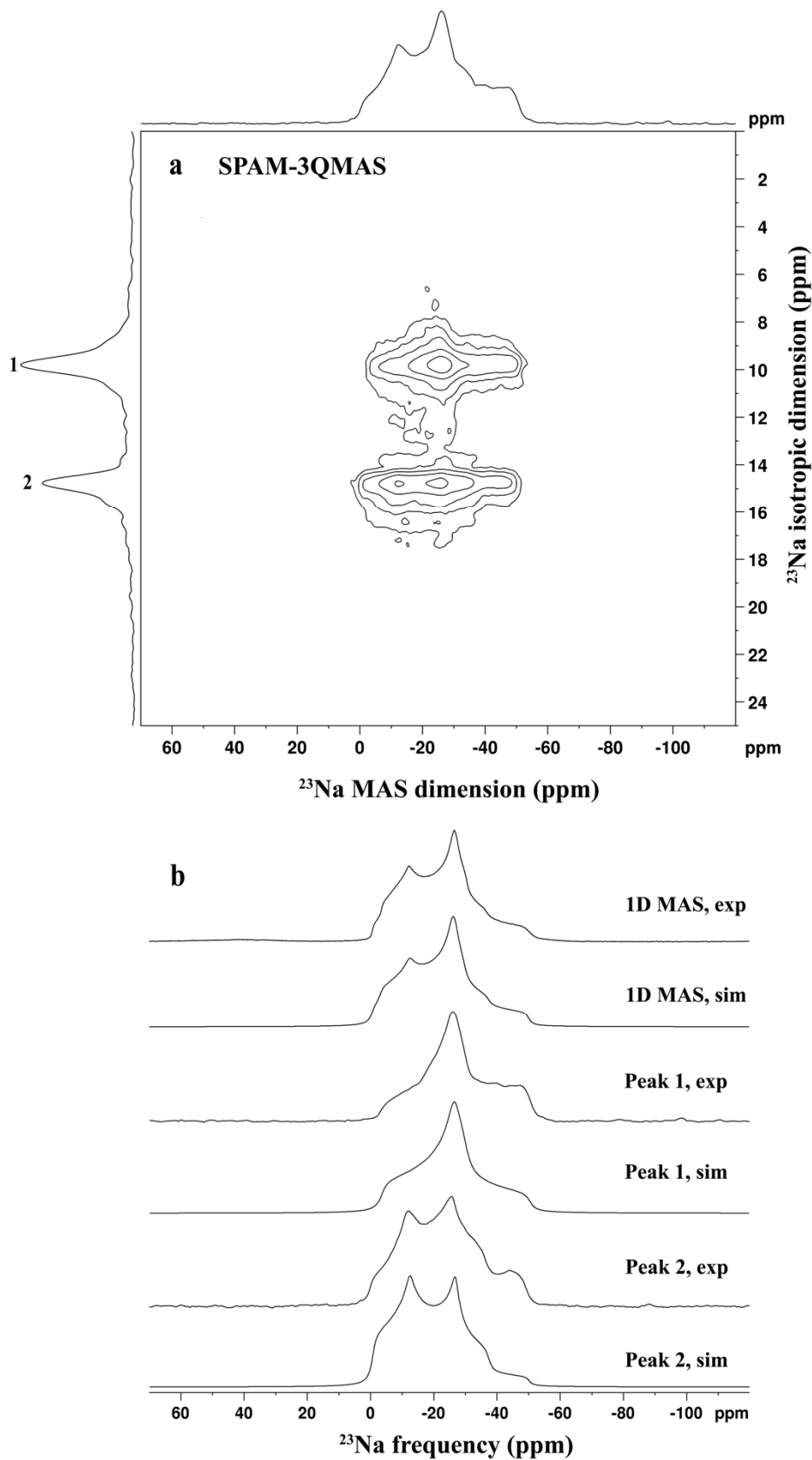
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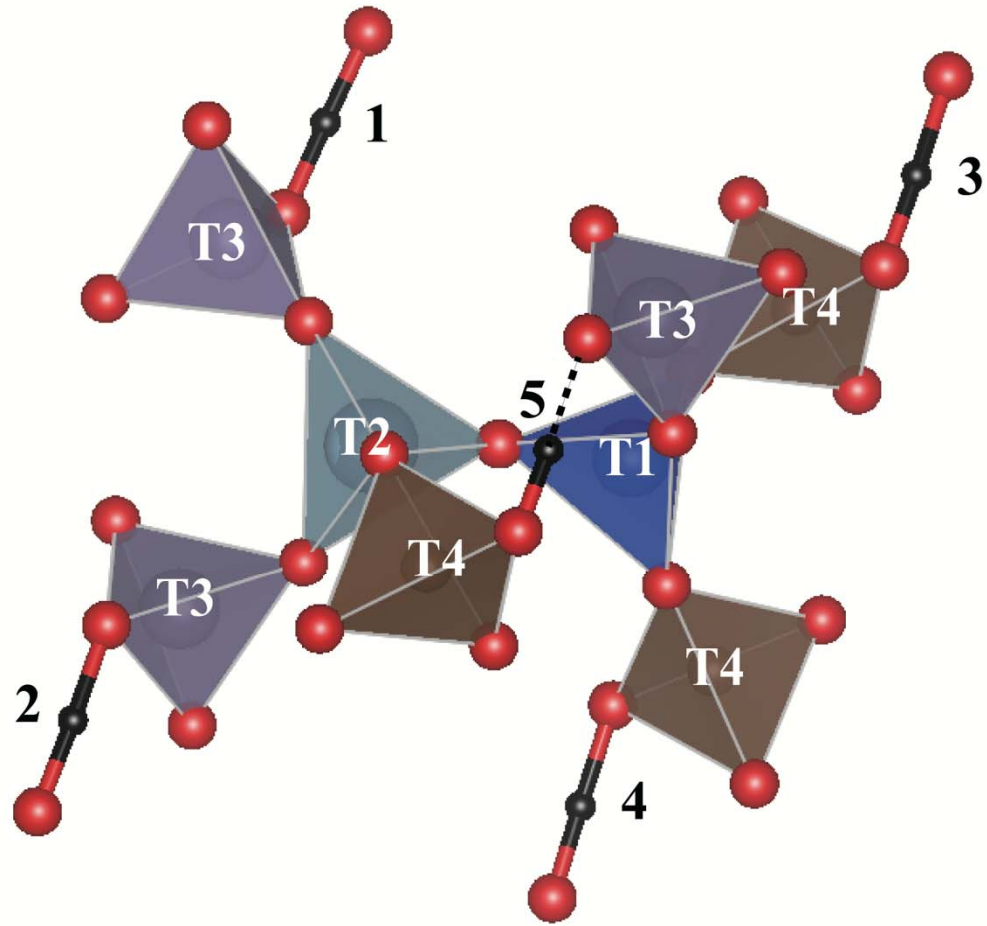
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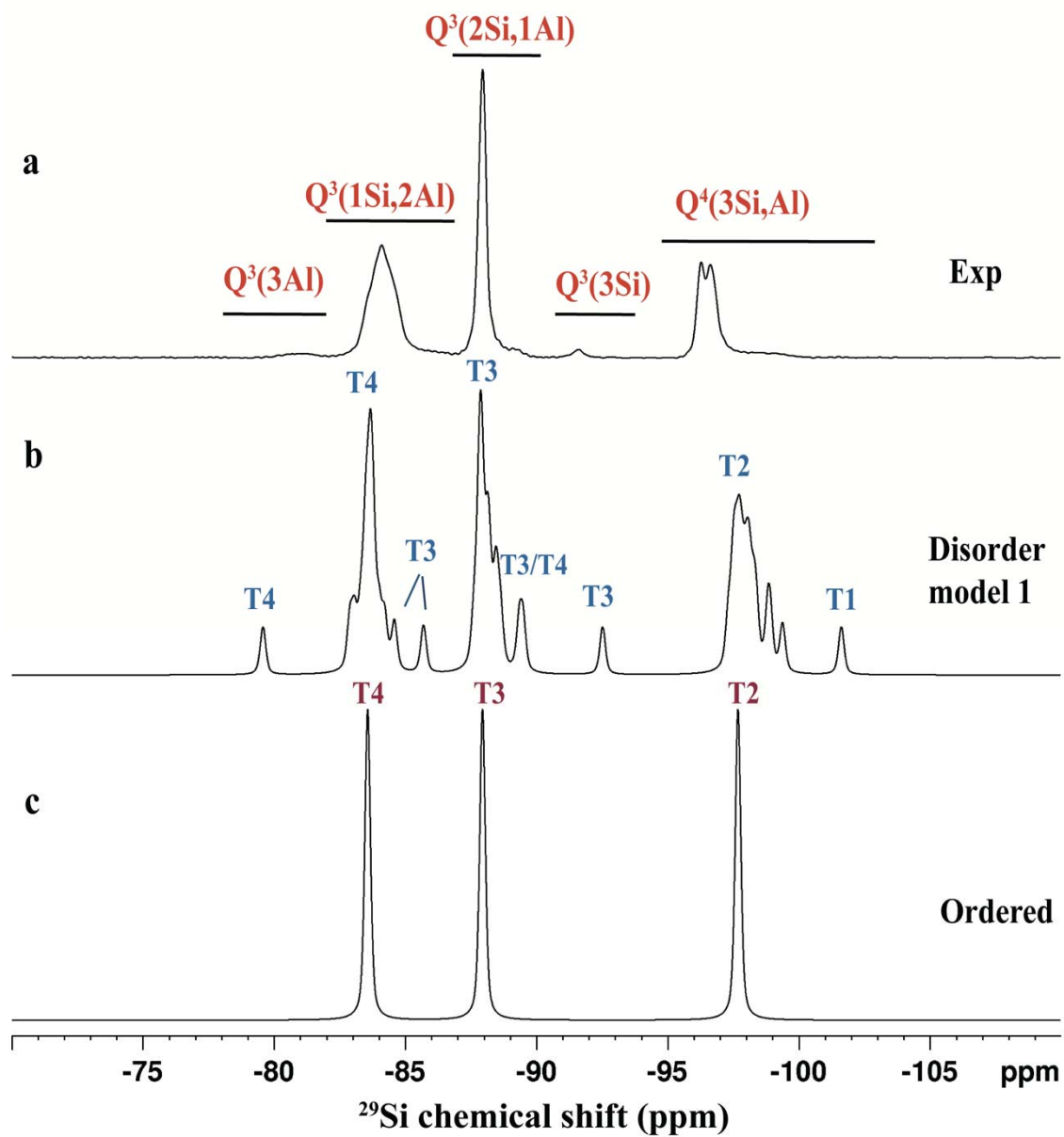




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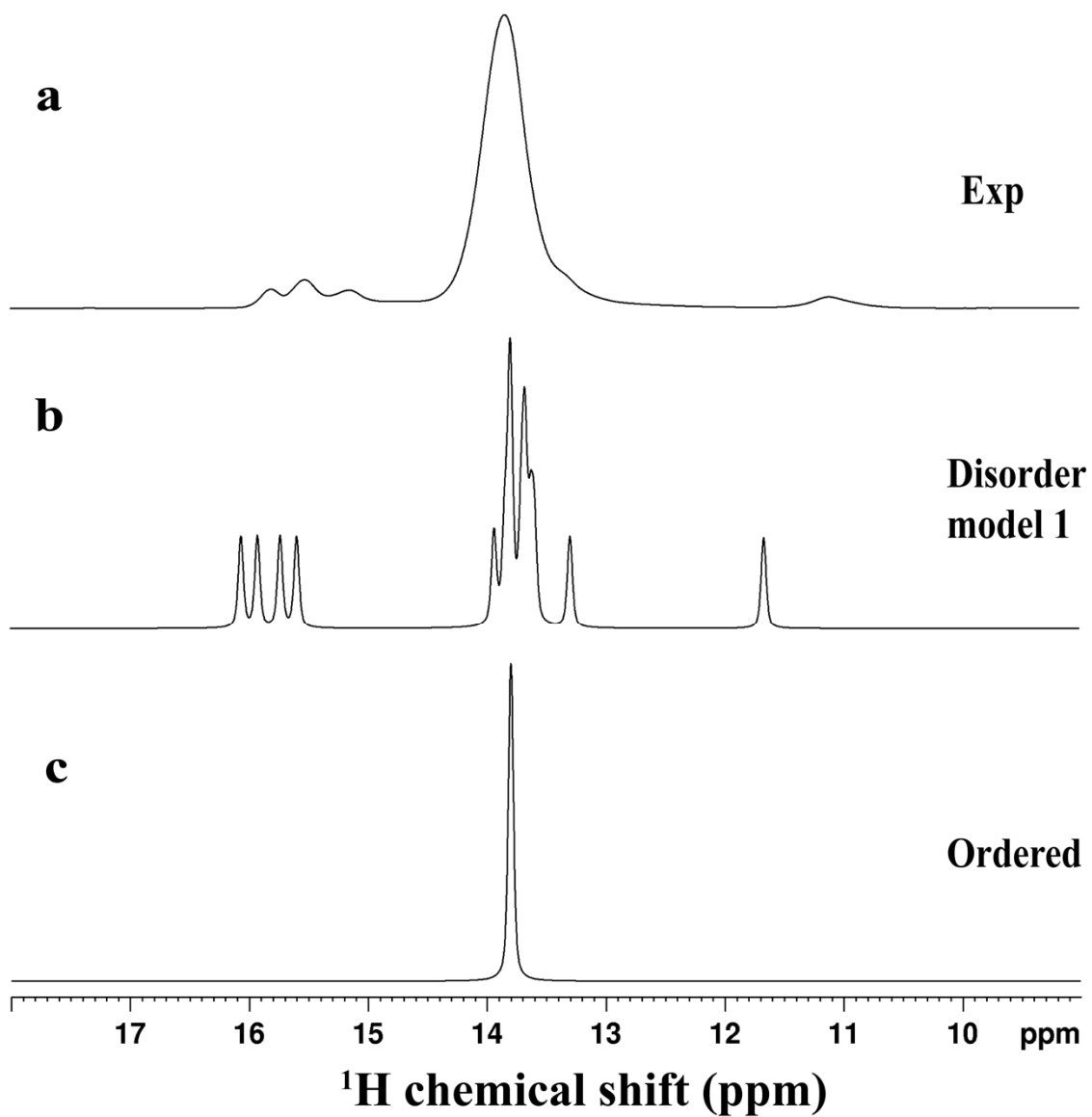
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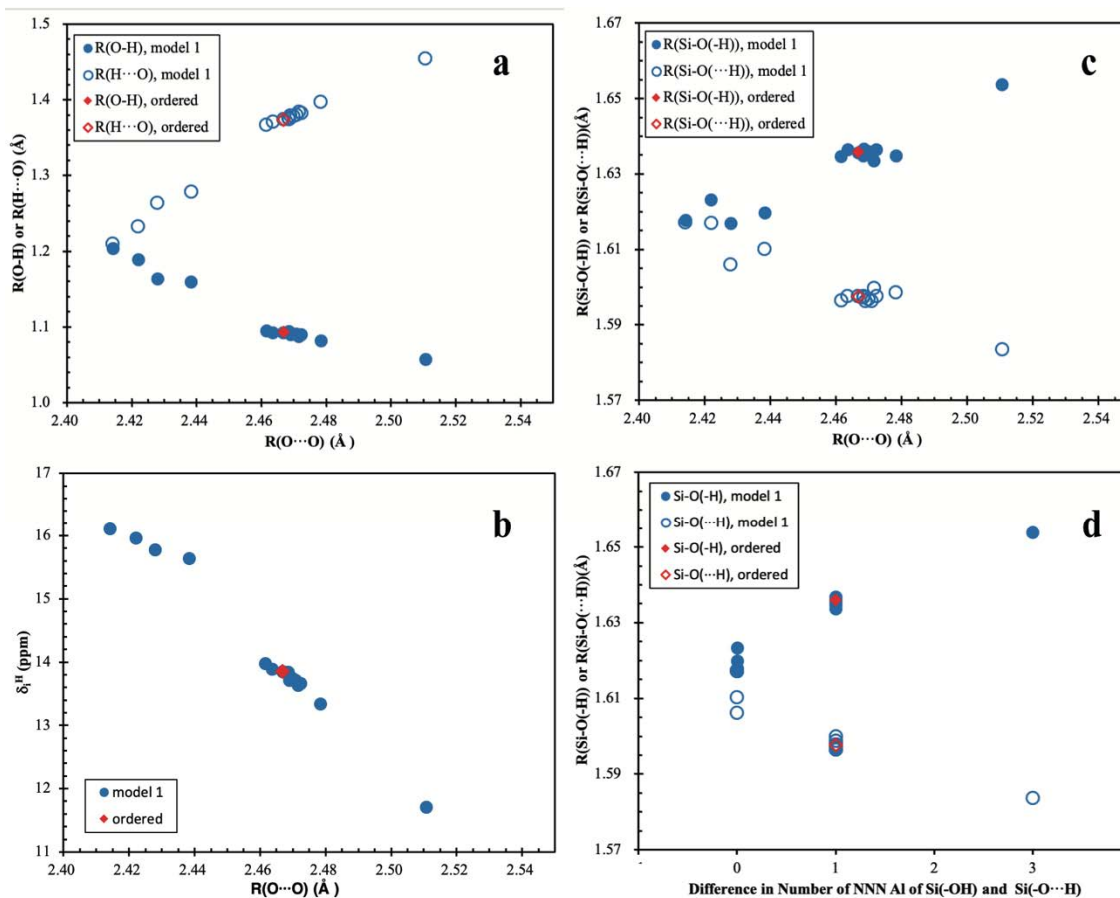


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