

1 **High-Pressure XAFS Measurements of the Coordination Environments**  
2 **of Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup> in Basaltic Glasses**

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11 **Key Points**

12 • We examined high-pressure coordination environments around Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup> in  
13 basaltic glasses by X-ray absorption spectroscopy to 83 GPa.

14 • XANES and EXAFS analyses indicate that the coordination numbers of Fe<sup>2+</sup> and  
15 Fe<sup>3+</sup> increases with increasing pressure from 1 bar to ~15 GPa.

16 • Compression behaviors of the Fe-O bond lengths support the disproportionation of  
17 Fe<sup>2+</sup> into Fe<sup>3+</sup> and Fe<sup>0</sup> in a deep magma ocean.

18 **Abstract** We investigated pressure-induced changes in the coordination environments  
19 of Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup> in basaltic glasses based on the Fe K-edge X-ray absorption fine structure  
20 (XAFS) analyses for both XANES and EXAFS regions. Upon compression from 1 bar to  
21 ~15 GPa, the Fe<sup>2+</sup>-O bond length remained similar, suggesting that the average  
22 coordination number of Fe<sup>2+</sup> increased from ~5 to 6. On the other hand, the Fe<sup>3+</sup>-O bond

23 was remarkably elongated, which indicates that  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  changed from 4-fold to 6-fold  
24 coordination. Above 15 GPa, both  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond lengths decreased smoothly,  
25 suggesting minor changes in their coordination numbers. The data also showed that both  
26  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  remained in the high-spin state up to 83 GPa and 60 GPa, respectively, in  
27 the basaltic glasses. These compression behaviors of the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bonds support  
28 that  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  disproportionates into  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  and metal Fe in a deep magma ocean.

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30 **Plain Language Summary** The coordination environments around  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  in  
31 silicates are of great importance for their partial molar volumes, spin states, and  
32 partitioning. The local structures around Fe in silicate glasses were intensively studied at  
33 1 bar by XAFS analyses, but their pressure-induced changes have not been examined.  
34 Here we conducted the XAFS measurements of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in a reduced basaltic glass to 83 GPa  
35 and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  in an oxidized glass to 60 GPa. While the Fe-O bond is shortened by a simple  
36 compression effect, it is elongated due to an increase in the coordination number. The  
37 observed changes in the bond length showed that  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  was ~5-fold coordinated at 1 bar  
38 and became 6-fold with compression to ~15 GPa. On the other hand, the coordination  
39 number of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  increased from 4 at ambient pressure to 6 at ~15 GPa. Both were 6-fold  
40 coordinated above 15 GPa. These bond lengths also suggest that both  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$   
41 remained high spin in our measurements. The difference between the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O  
42 bond lengths support a previously-proposed negative volume change upon the  
43 disproportionation reaction of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  into  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^0$  above 10 GPa, which enhances such  
44 disproportionation in a deep magma ocean.

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## 46 1. Introduction

47 Iron is the most abundant transition metal and exhibits multiple oxidation states in the  
48 Earth's mantle. The coordination environments and bond lengths of Fe<sup>2+</sup>-O and Fe<sup>3+</sup>-O  
49 in silicates change with increasing pressure. The spin states of Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup> could also  
50 change not only in solid phases (Badro et al., 2003; Zhang & Oganov, 2006) but also in  
51 melts and glasses under high pressure (Nomura et al., 2011; Gu et al., 2012; Karki &  
52 Ghosh, 2018). The changes in the Fe<sup>2+</sup>-O and Fe<sup>3+</sup>-O bond lengths will tell their possible  
53 spin crossovers under lower-mantle pressures. It has been also suggested that Fe<sup>2+</sup>  
54 disproportionates into Fe<sup>3+</sup> and metal Fe in a deep magma ocean, depending on the partial  
55 molar volumes of FeO and FeO<sub>1.5</sub> and their compressibilities (O'Neill et al., 2006; Zhang  
56 et al., 2017; Armstrong et al., 2019). However, direct measurements of these properties  
57 are limited to 1 atm (Lange & Carmichael, 1987; Kress & Carmichael, 1991). They are  
58 dependent on the coordination environment of Fe ions, in particular their coordination  
59 number and the structure of silicate melts, both of which will change under high pressure  
60 (Sanloup et al., 2013a). However, the change in the coordination environment of iron in  
61 silicate melt has been experimentally investigated only up to 7.5 GPa by X-ray diffraction  
62 measurements (Sanloup et al., 2013b).

63 The XAFS spectrum is sensitive to the local structure of a specific element of interest  
64 including the bond length. It is therefore a useful tool for elucidating changes in the  
65 coordination environments and spin states of Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup> under high pressure. However,  
66 the XAFS study of Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup> in a silicate glass has been difficult at high pressures  
67 because diamond anvils absorb X-rays to a large extent at the Fe absorption edge energy  
68 (~7.1 keV), while the ambient-pressure XAFS measurements of Fe in silicate glasses have  
69 been intensively reported (Farges et al., 2004; Wilke et al., 2007).

70 Here we conducted the XAFS measurements of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  in reduced and oxidized  
71 basaltic glasses, respectively, at high pressures in the fluorescence yield mode (Ozawa et  
72 al., 2021). The analyses of X-ray absorption near edge structure (XANES) including pre-  
73 edge structure and extended X-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS) demonstrate  
74 changes in the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond lengths with increasing pressure up to 83 GPa and  
75 60 GPa, respectively, indicating their coordination environment and spin state under  
76 pressure. Based on these results, we discuss the spin crossover of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  in basaltic  
77 glasses and the disproportionation of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  into  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^0$  in a deep magma ocean.

## 78 **2. Results**

79 We collected nine and eight XAFS (both XANES and EXAFS) spectra of reduced and  
80 oxidized basaltic glasses with increasing pressure from 1 bar to 83.2 GPa and to 60.0 GPa,  
81 respectively (see Experimental Methods in the Supporting Information). The Fe K-edge  
82 XANES spectrum comprises three separate features relating to transitions of electrons to  
83 different excited states: pre-edge ( $1s \rightarrow 3d$ ), threshold energy ( $1s \rightarrow 4s$ ), and white line  
84 ( $1s \rightarrow 4p$ ) (Waychunas et al., 1983) (Figure 1).

### 85 **2.1. Pre-edge Structure**

86 The pre-edge features were extracted from the normalized XANES spectra to emphasize  
87 their characteristics (Figure 1). The calculated centroid position and integrated intensity  
88 for the pre-edge absorbance are given for all the spectra in Table S2. The centroid energy  
89 and intensity of the pre-edge absorbance at the Fe K-edge are sensitive to the oxidation  
90 state and coordination environment of iron atoms in a sample, respectively (Figure 2).

91 The centroid position of the reduced basalt glass is 7111.92 eV at ambient pressure  
92 (Figure 2), indicating that almost all iron was Fe<sup>2+</sup> in our reduced glass according to Wilke  
93 et al. (2005). Its pre-edge intensity observed at 1 bar is consistent with those for reduced  
94 basaltic glasses (Wilke et al., 2005) and reduced silicate melts (Alderman et al., 2017),  
95 which shows that the coordination number of Fe<sup>2+</sup> is close to five. As pressure increased,  
96 the pre-edge intensity became closer to those of minerals with octahedrally coordinated  
97 ferrous iron (Figure 2). This observation suggests that the average coordination number  
98 of Fe<sup>2+</sup> in our reduced glass increased with compression from ~5 at ambient pressure to  
99 6 above 15 GPa.

100 On the other hand, the centroid position of the oxidized glass is 7113.40 eV at 1 bar  
101 (Figure 2), showing Fe<sup>2+</sup>/ΣFe = 0.21, which is consistent with the ratio expected for the  
102 condition where this glass was synthesized. Its pre-edge intensity suggests that Fe<sup>3+</sup> is  
103 almost 4-fold at 1 bar. While Wilke et al. (2005) interpreted that Fe<sup>3+</sup> in their oxidized  
104 glass was 5-fold, the pre-edge intensity itself is similar between this study and their  
105 measurements, and the discrepancy is attributed to the variation in the pre-edge intensity  
106 of reference minerals for tetrahedrally-coordinated Fe<sup>3+</sup> (Boubnov et al., 2015). The  
107 change in the pre-edge intensity with increasing pressure also indicates that the average  
108 coordination number of Fe<sup>3+</sup> increased upon compression from almost 4 at 1 bar to 6  
109 above 15 GPa (Figure 2).

## 110 **2.2. Absorption Edge Structure**

111 The information on the valence state of Fe ion and the Fe-O bond length are included not  
112 only in the pre-edge feature but also in the absorption edge structure, in particular (i) the  
113 peak energy of the white line and (ii) the threshold energy, which is a structure around

114 the maximum of  $d\mu_N/dE$  ( $\mu_N$ , normalized absorbance;  $E$ , energy) (Figure 1 and Table S2).  
115 It is known that both the white line peak energy and the threshold energy are higher for  
116  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  than for  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ .

117 In the case of the reduced glass, the white line peak energy significantly increased with  
118 increasing pressure above 15 GPa (Figure 3a). Indeed, the increase in the peak energy is  
119 well correlated to the shortening of the average  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O bond length (see the next section)  
120 (Figure S1). Previously Waychunas et al. (1983) reported similar observations in minerals.  
121 In contrast, the threshold energy changed little with increasing pressure (Figure 3c).  
122 While the first derivative spectrum at ambient pressure had a double-peaked shape (Berry  
123 et al., 2003), it gradually became single-peak as pressure increased. The effect of silicate  
124 glass composition may be important for the threshold energy; a reduced W-doped basaltic  
125 glass exhibited a distinct value (Ozawa et al., 2021) (Figure S2). It contrasts the fact that  
126 the compositional effect on the white line peak energy is quite small.

127 Our data on the oxidized glass demonstrate a negative correlation between the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O  
128 bond length and the peak position of the white line for  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ , similar to the case of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$   
129 (Figure S1). The white line peak energy certainly decreased with increasing pressure from  
130 1 bar to ~15 GPa and then increased at higher pressures (Figure 3b). It should be attributed  
131 to the increase and subsequent decrease in the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond length in our oxidized glass  
132 (see the next section). The first-derivative spectrum at 1 bar given in Figure 3d is similar  
133 to that of an  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -rich silicate glass in Berry et al. (2003). The correlation between the  
134  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond length and the threshold energy is not clear (Figure S2).

### 135 2.3. EXAFS Spectra

136 All of the present XAFS measurements include the EXAFS spectra that provide the Fe-  
137 O bond length quantitatively. The extracted  $k^3$ -weighted oscillations are shown in [Figure](#)  
138 [S3](#). Considering that all Fe was  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in the reduced glass, we determined the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O bond  
139 length at each pressure from the EXAFS analyses ([Figure 4 and Table S2](#)).

140 We obtained the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O bond length  $r_{\text{Fe}^{2+}\text{-O}} = 1.98 \pm 0.02 \text{ \AA}$  at 1 bar for the reduced  
141 basaltic glass ([Figure 4a](#)). The  $r_{\text{Fe}^{2+}\text{-O}}$  remained constant within errors up to 15.1 GPa, in  
142 which the bond length elongation because of an increase in the coordination number was  
143 compensated by shortening due to a simple compression effect. At higher pressures, the  
144 average  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O bond length decreased continuously with increasing pressure up to 83.2  
145 GPa. In this pressure range, the effect of the coordination number increase may be minor.  
146 The shortening per a given pressure increase above 15 GPa is found to be greater than  
147 that of the Si-O (Prescher et al., 2017) and Ge-O bonds (Hong et al., 2014) ([Figure 4b](#)).

148 The  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond length in our oxidized glass was also determined at each pressure from  
149 the EXAFS analyses. At 1 bar,  $r_{\text{Fe}^{3+}\text{-O}}$  is found to be  $1.87 \pm 0.02 \text{ \AA}$  ([Figure 4a](#)), consistent  
150 with the interatomic distance between four-fold  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  and O in a peralkaline rhyolitic glass  
151 at ambient pressure (Giuli et al., 2012). The  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond length increased with increasing  
152 pressure up to 16.2 GPa unlike the case of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ , indicating that the effect of the  
153 coordination number increase exceeded the simple bond length shortening by  
154 compression. With further compression from 16.2 GPa to 60.0 GPa, the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ - O bond  
155 length decreased constantly as for  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ .

156 As described above, we found negative correlations between the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O/ $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond  
157 lengths and the white line peak energy ([Figure S1](#)), which indicates that the coordination  
158 number has little influence on the peak position of the white line. On the other hand, the

159 threshold energy also shows negative correlation with the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O bond length, but does  
160 not have a clear correlation with the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond length (Figure S2). The white line peak  
161 position in the XANES spectra can be a good indicator of the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O/ $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond lengths  
162 in silicate melts and glasses when high-quality EXAFS data are not available.

### 163 3. Discussion

#### 164 3.1. Compression Behaviors of $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ and $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ in Basaltic Glasses

165 The present pre-edge and EXAFS analyses showed that  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  is almost 4-fold coordinated  
166 in our basaltic glass sample at 1 bar, while  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  is ~5-fold coordinated (Figure 2). The 4-  
167 fold  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  is considered to be a network former, polymerizing silicate melt/glass structures  
168 and being accompanied with a charge compensator ion like  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ . In contrast, the  
169 ~5-fold  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  is a network modifier or plays an intermediate role (Alderman et al., 2017).

170 Below ~15 GPa, while the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O bond length remained similar, the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond was  
171 elongated remarkably with compression (Figure 4a). Such difference is likely due to the  
172 difference in their coordination number at 1 bar; the large increase in the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond  
173 length below 15 GPa is attributed to an increase in the coordination number of ferric iron  
174 from four to six, whereas the approximately uniform  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O bond length is likely a  
175 consequence of a small increase in its coordination number from about five to six. At the  
176 higher pressure range, both the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond lengths decreased similarly with  
177 increasing pressure (Figure 4a), in which the effect of an increase in the coordination  
178 number is likely to be minimal.

179 We compare the pressure-induced changes in the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond lengths  
180 observed in this study with those of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ -O (Ghosh & Karki, 2020),  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -O and  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ -O

181 (Ghosh & Karki, 2018), Si<sup>4+</sup>-O (Prescher et al., 2017), Ge<sup>4+</sup>-O (Hong et al., 2014), and  
182 W<sup>6+</sup>-O (Ozawa et al., 2021) previously reported in silicate/germanate melt and glasses  
183 (Figure 4a, b). For both Mg<sup>2+</sup> and Ca<sup>2+</sup>, the bond lengths are almost constant from ambient  
184 pressure to 15 GPa, similar to the case of Fe<sup>2+</sup>-O, indicating that the bond elongation by  
185 coordination number increase and the bond shortening by a simple compression effect  
186 are balanced. In contrast, the Al<sup>3+</sup>-O bond length increases with pressure to 15 GPa as for  
187 Fe<sup>3+</sup>, which indicates the role of Fe<sup>3+</sup> in silicate glass structures is similar to that of Al<sup>3+</sup>  
188 at such low pressure range. At higher pressures (>15 GPa for Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Al<sup>3+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, and  
189 Fe<sup>3+</sup>, >~20 GPa for Ge<sup>4+</sup>, and >~30 GPa for Si<sup>4+</sup> and W<sup>6+</sup>), the bond lengths then decrease  
190 with compression (Figure 4a, b). The Fe<sup>2+</sup>-O and Fe<sup>3+</sup>-O bond lengths became shorter by  
191 -0.0015 Å/GPa and -0.0017 Å/GPa, respectively. They are equivalent to -0.0017 Å/GPa  
192 for Mg<sup>2+</sup>-O in (Mg,Fe)SiO<sub>3</sub> melt at 3000 K (Ghosh & Karki, 2020) and -0.0024 Å/GPa  
193 for Ca<sup>2+</sup>-O in CaAl<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> glass (Ghosh & Karki, 2018). The similarity to the Mg<sup>2+</sup>-O and  
194 Ca<sup>2+</sup>-O bonds suggests that not only Fe<sup>2+</sup> but also Fe<sup>3+</sup> act as network modifiers under  
195 high pressures where they are predominantly six-fold coordinated. In contrast, for high  
196 field strength elements (with large valence/ionic-radius ratios), Si<sup>4+</sup>-O in SiO<sub>2</sub> glass (-  
197 0.0006 Å/GPa), Ge<sup>4+</sup>-O in GeO<sub>2</sub> glass (-0.0004 Å/GPa), W<sup>6+</sup>-O in basaltic glass (-0.0001  
198 Å/GPa), and Al<sup>3+</sup>-O in CaAl<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> glass (-0.0005 Å/GPa) exhibit more gradual changes  
199 (Prescher et al., 2017; Ozawa et al., 2021; Ghosh and Karki, 2018). These Si<sup>4+</sup>, Ge<sup>4+</sup>, W<sup>6+</sup>,  
200 and Al<sup>3+</sup> are the network forming cations with six-fold coordination at >~30 GPa. The  
201 gradual decrease in these bond lengths may be a result of the volume reduction by  
202 enhanced distortion of coordinated octahedra instead of isostructural compression  
203 (Spiekermann et al., 2019).

### 204 3.2. Spin Crossover of Iron in Silicate Glasses

205 Previous studies examined possible spin crossovers of ferrous and ferric iron in silicate  
206 glasses under high pressures based on X-ray emission spectroscopy (XES) and  
207 Mössbauer spectroscopy (Nomura et al., 2011; Gu et al., 2012; Murakami et al., 2014;  
208 Mao et al., 2014; Prescher et al., 2014; Dorfman et al., 2016; Solomatova et al., 2017).  
209 The  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond lengths obtained by XAFS measurements also show the spin  
210 state of ferrous and ferric iron at high pressures.

211 In [Figure 4c](#), we compare the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond lengths in our glass samples  
212 determined by the EXAFS analyses with those in Fe-bearing  $\text{MgSiO}_3$  melt at 3000 K  
213 obtained by first principles molecular dynamics simulations (Ghosh & Karki, 2020).  
214 Although the bond lengths in the latter are longer partly because of thermal expansion,  
215 they exhibit similar pressure effects. The behavior of the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O bond length below 15  
216 GPa is an exception; while it increased rapidly in the Fe-bearing  $\text{MgSiO}_3$  melt, it changed  
217 little in our reduced glass. Such difference can be attributed to the difference in the  
218 coordination number of ferrous iron at ambient pressure; it was shown to be less than four  
219 in silicate (basaltic) melts by previous first principles simulations (Bajgain et al., 2015;  
220 Solomatova & Caracas, 2019; Ghosh & Karki, 2020), whereas it has been reported to be  
221 about five in glasses and melts by experimental studies including the present one  
222 (Alderman et al., 2017).

223 Upon compression from 15 to 83 GPa, the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O bond length in our basaltic glass  
224 decreased smoothly by  $\sim 0.1$  Å ([Figure 4c](#)). Such shortening is similar to that calculated  
225 for the high-spin  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in  $\text{Mg}_{0.75}\text{Fe}_{0.25}\text{SiO}_3$  melt (Ghosh & Karki, 2020). They also  
226 calculated for the low-spin  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ , demonstrating much shorter bond lengths by  $\sim 0.2$  Å

227 above 15 GPa (such difference is consistent with the difference in the ionic radius  
228 between six-fold high-spin and low-spin ferrous iron at 1 bar). The supposed low-spin  
229  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O bond length in a basaltic glass based on the calculations by Ghosh & Karki (2020)  
230 is substantially shorter than that of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O observed in this study.

231 Previous XES measurements of  $\text{Mg}_{0.95}\text{Fe}_{0.05}\text{SiO}_3$  glass (Nomura et al., 2011) and  
232  $\text{Mg}_{0.8}\text{Fe}_{0.2}\text{SiO}_3$  and  $\text{Mg}_{0.75}\text{Fe}_{0.20}\text{Al}_{0.05}\text{SiO}_3$  glasses (Gu et al., 2012) demonstrated a  
233 complete spin crossover of ferrous iron at 77 GPa and a partial loss of spin moment at  
234  $>93$  GPa, respectively. In addition, the Mössbauer measurements by Murakami et al.  
235 (2014) suggested a transition of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  to an intermediate-spin state in  $(\text{Mg}_{0.8}\text{Fe}_{0.2})\text{SiO}_3$   
236 glass. In contrast, Mao et al. (2014) analyzed the XES spectra taking the broadening effect  
237 into consideration and argued that all Fe remains in the high-spin state in an (Al, Fe)-  
238 bearing silicate glass up to 126 GPa. The Mössbauer study by Solomatova et al. (2017)  
239 argued that ferrous iron remains high-spin to  $\sim 100$  GPa in a basaltic glass. The present  
240 data supports high-spin  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in basaltic glasses up to 83 GPa (Figure 4c). The apparent  
241 discrepancies among these studies may be attributed to the differences in glass  
242 composition.

243 The compression behavior of the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O bond length in our oxidized glass is similar to  
244 that theoretically calculated for the high-spin  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  in  $\text{Mg}_{0.875}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{0.25}\text{Si}_{0.875}\text{O}_3$  melt (Ghosh  
245 & Karki, 2020) (Figure 4c). Such similarity supports that  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  remains high spin, at least  
246 to 60 GPa. The XES and Mössbauer measurements on  $\text{Fe}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$  almandine glass by  
247 Dorfman et al. (2016) argued for the high-spin to low-spin crossover of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  between  
248 ambient pressure and 30 GPa. Such discrepancy may be also due to the difference in glass  
249 sample composition. Alternatively it is also possible that the Mössbauer observations by

250 Dorfman and others may be explained by the distortion of coordination polyhedron as  
251 argued for an Fe<sup>3+</sup>-rich sodium silicate glass (Prescher et al., 2014).

### 252 **3.3. Disproportionation of Fe<sup>2+</sup> in a Deep Magma Ocean**

253 The earlier experiments performed by Armstrong et al. (2019) observed that the Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe  
254 ratio in a silicate melt increased with increasing pressure above 10 GPa under a given  
255 oxygen fugacity buffer, suggesting that Fe<sup>2+</sup> disproportionates into Fe<sup>3+</sup> and metal in a  
256 deep magma ocean. They attributed it to the smaller partial molar volume of FeO<sub>1.5</sub> than  
257 that of FeO in melt above 10 GPa. Indeed, the present study indicates that the coordination  
258 number of Fe<sup>3+</sup> increases rapidly from four at 1 atm to six at ~15 GPa (Figure 2). It causes  
259 a remarkable reduction in the partial molar volume  $V$  of FeO<sub>1.5</sub> compared to that of FeO  
260 in this pressure range. These support negative  $\Delta V$  ( $= V_{\text{FeO}_{1.5}} - V_{\text{FeO}}$ ) and resulting the  
261 disproportionation of Fe<sup>2+</sup> in the magma ocean above 10 GPa (Armstrong et al., 2019).  
262 The recent first principles study by Deng et al. (2020) reported the positive  $\Delta V$  even above  
263 10 GPa, but it is likely due to an underestimation of the coordination number of Fe<sup>2+</sup> at  
264 ambient pressure, which leads to an overestimation of the compressibility of the partial  
265 molar volume of FeO.

266 With increasing pressure above ~15 GPa, the Fe<sup>2+</sup>-O bond length changed similarly to  
267 that of Fe<sup>3+</sup>-O (Figure 4c). This means that  $\Delta V$  is almost unchanged upon compression in  
268 this pressure range, at least to 60 GPa. If  $\Delta V$  is negative at 10–25 GPa (Armstrong et al.,  
269 2019), it stays negative and expands the stability of Fe<sup>3+</sup> relative to Fe<sup>2+</sup> in silicate melts  
270 at higher pressures. It therefore supports that the disproportionation of FeO into Fe<sub>1.5</sub>O  
271 and metal Fe in a magma ocean is more enhanced with increasing pressure above 10 GPa  
272 to lower-mantle conditions. Metal Fe produced by such disproportionation reaction may

273 have been segregated into the Earth's core, increasing the oxygen fugacity of the magma  
274 ocean, which changed the metal-silicate partitioning of siderophile elements (Wade &  
275 Wood, 2005) and the composition of early Earth atmosphere (Hirschmann, 2012).

#### 276 4. Conclusions

277 Present *in-situ* high-pressure XAFS measurements elucidated the compression behavior  
278 of the coordination environments around Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup> in basaltic glasses up to 83 GPa  
279 and 60 GPa, respectively. Pre-edge and EXAFS analyses demonstrated that between 1  
280 atm and ~15 GPa, the coordination number of Fe<sup>2+</sup> increased from ~5 to 6, while that of  
281 Fe<sup>3+</sup> augmented from almost 4 to 6. At higher pressures, both Fe<sup>2+</sup>-O and Fe<sup>3+</sup>-O bond  
282 lengths decreased smoothly with increasing pressure, indicating minimal increase in their  
283 coordination number. In this pressure range, the observed compression behaviors of the  
284 Fe<sup>2+</sup>-O and Fe<sup>3+</sup>-O bonds are similar to those of earlier theoretical predictions of high-  
285 spin Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup> in Mg<sub>0.75</sub>Fe<sup>2+</sup><sub>0.25</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub> and Mg<sub>0.875</sub>Fe<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.25</sub>Si<sub>0.875</sub>O<sub>3</sub> melts, respectively,  
286 suggesting both Fe<sup>2+</sup> and Fe<sup>3+</sup> in the basaltic glasses remain high-spin at least to the  
287 maximum pressures explored here.

288 A larger change in the coordination number of Fe<sup>3+</sup> than that of Fe<sup>2+</sup> below 15 GPa  
289 suggests that the partial molar volume of FeO<sub>1.5</sub> is more compressible than that of FeO in  
290 this pressure range. It will lead to negative  $\Delta V (= V_{\text{FeO}_{1.5}} - V_{\text{FeO}})$  above 10 GPa (Armstrong  
291 et al., 2019), which drives the disproportionation of Fe<sup>2+</sup> into Fe<sup>3+</sup> and metal Fe in a deep  
292 magma ocean. Our data showed that the both the Fe<sup>2+</sup>-O and Fe<sup>3+</sup>-O bond lengths  
293 decreased similarly with increasing pressure above 15 GPa. It suggests that  $\Delta V$  would  
294 remain negative upon compression at least to 60 GPa, which accelerates the  
295 disproportionation reaction at deeper level of the magma ocean.

296 **Open Research**

297 Datasets for this research are found in Tables S1 and S2 available online (from  
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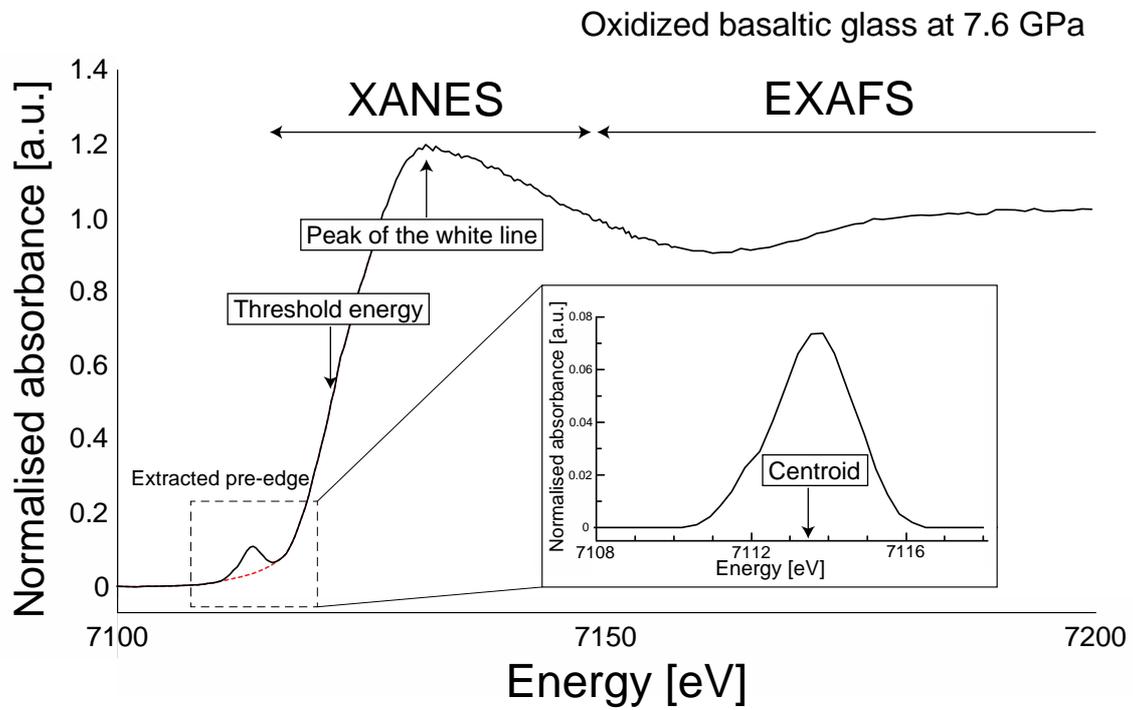
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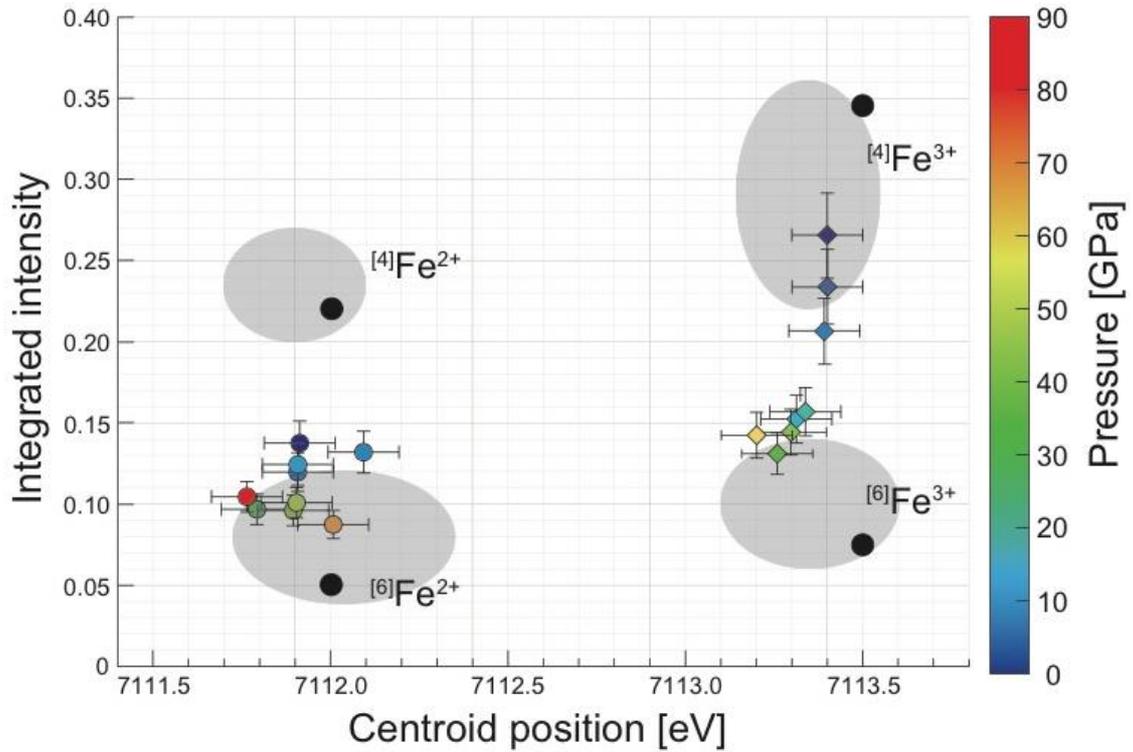


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457 **Figure 1.** The  $\mu$ -XAFS spectrum of oxidized basaltic glass in a DAC collected at 7.6 GPa,  
458 including the pre-edge features with centroid position, XANES with the threshold energy  
459 and the peak of the while line, and EXAFS oscillations. Red dashed line is a cubic spline  
460 function for the background of the pre-edge signals (Wilke et al., 2001).

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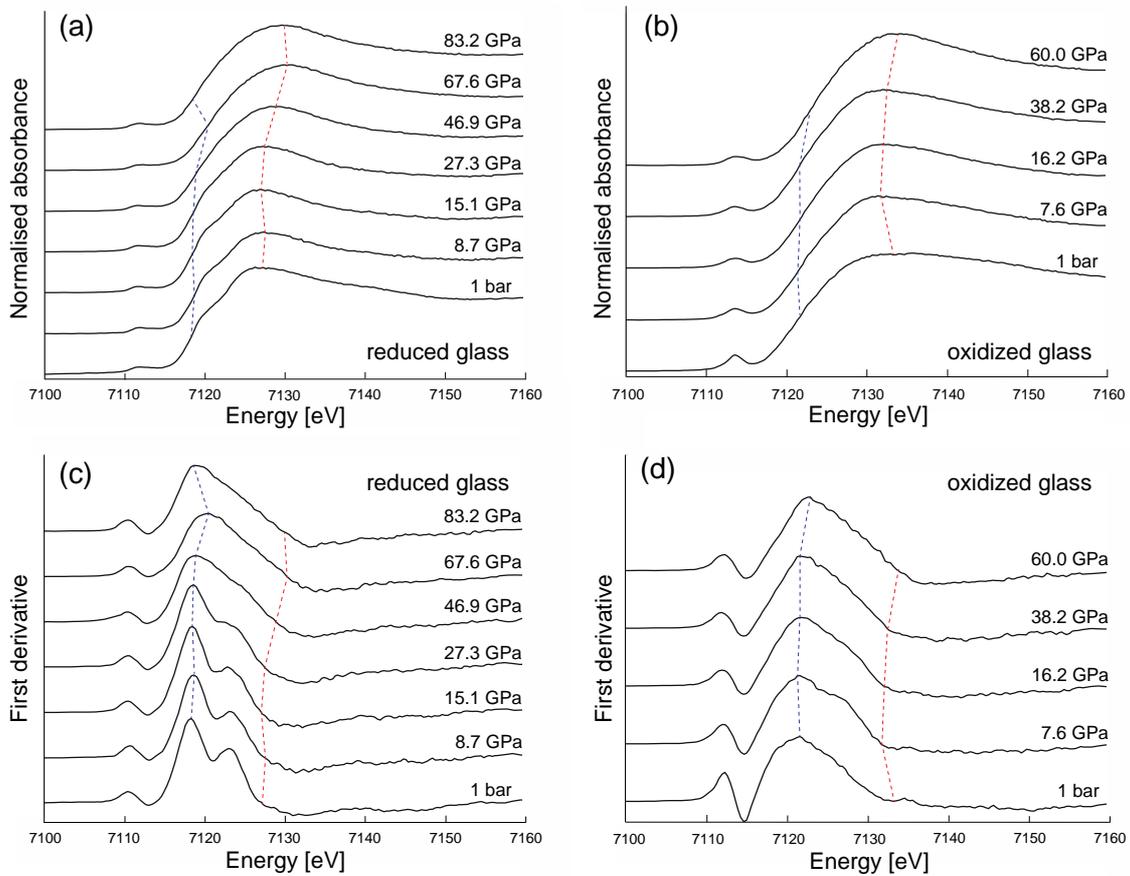


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464 **Figure 2.** The pre-edge variogram of the centroid position vs. integrated intensity for  
465 reduced (circles) and oxidized basaltic glasses (diamonds) at high pressures. Pressure is  
466 given by color. Shaded areas indicate the ranges for ferrous and ferric iron with four- and  
467 six-fold coordination (Boubnov et al., 2015). Black circles represent the data for minerals  
468 with 4- and 6-fold ferrous/ferric iron given by Wilke et al. (2001).

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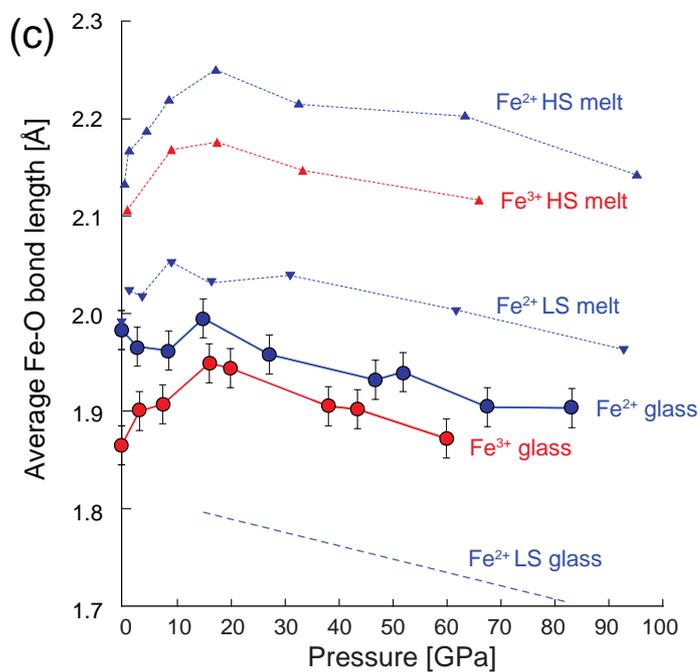
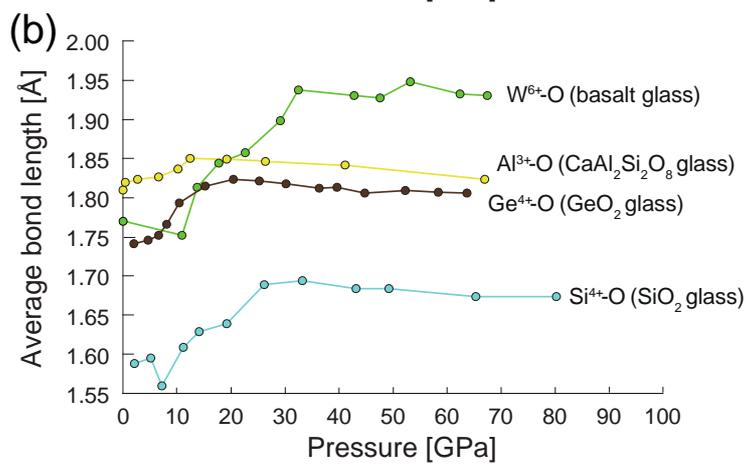
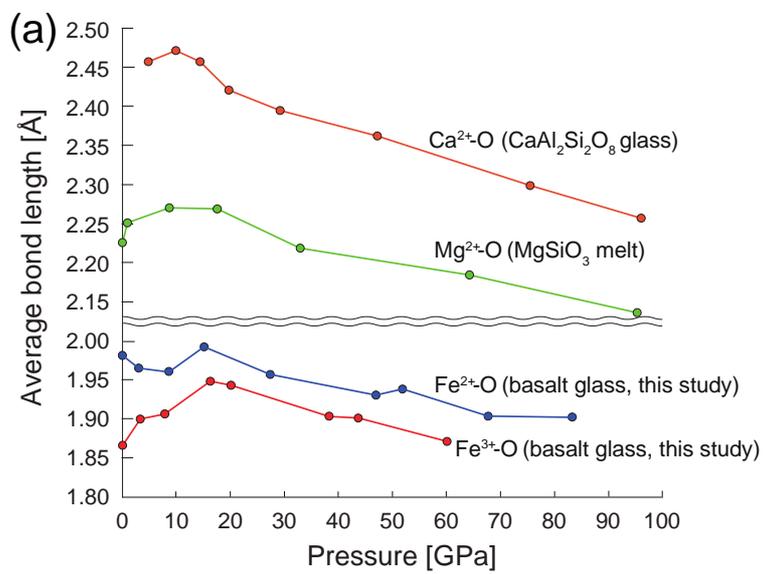


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472 **Figure 3.** Fe K-edge XANES spectra and their first derivative spectra obtained by three-  
 473 point moving average for reduced (a, c) and oxidized (b, d) basaltic glasses at high  
 474 pressures. The spectrum of the reduced glass at 67.6 GPa is of a W-doped basaltic glass  
 475 used in Ozawa et al. (2021). Red and blue dashed lines indicate pressure-evolutions of  
 476 the peak energy of the white line and the threshold energy, respectively (see Figure 1).

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479 **Figure 4.** (a, b) Interatomic distances between various cations and oxygen in  
480 silicate/germanate melt and glasses;  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -O and  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ -O (Ghosh & Karki, 2018),  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ -O  
481 (Ghosh & Karki, 2020),  $\text{Fe}^{2+/3+}$ -O (this study),  $\text{Si}^{4+}$ -O (Prescher et al., 2017),  $\text{Ge}^{4+}$ -O  
482 (Hong et al., 2014), and  $\text{W}^{6+}$ -O (Ozawa et al., 2021). (c) Comparison of the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O (blue  
483 lines) and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -O (red lines) bond lengths in our basaltic glasses with those in Fe-bearing  
484  $\text{MgSiO}_3$  melts (dotted lines) at 3000 K obtained by ab initio molecular dynamics  
485 simulations (Ghosh & Karki, 2020). The blue dashed line is for low-spin  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in the glass,  
486 estimated from a difference in the calculated  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ -O bond length between high-spin and  
487 low-spin states.