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	Experiment title: XANES and EXAFS of Lanthanide-bearing silicate glasses	Experiment number: 08-01-702
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Report:

In order to model the magmatic processes and to obtain phase diagrams for lanthanide host phases the accurate determination of the configurational role of lanthanides in silicate melts is required. In magmatic systems, lanthanides can be found in bivalent, trivalent and tetravalent oxidation states whereas little is known about their coordination environments and their structural configuration in general. Naturally, both coordination number and oxidation state of these elements can influence the physical properties of magmatic liquids, even at the low concentrations pertaining to silicate melts.

We measured in our experiment XANES spectra on synthetic glasses, containing different lanthanide sesquioxides, either synthesized under normal atmospheric conditions or, in case of Eu, under controlled oxygen fugacity in order to vary its oxidation state. The synthetic glass compositions were chosen to represent a simplified basaltic melt and a strongly depolymerized alkali-enriched composition. Lanthanide sesquioxides (i.e., Ce₂O₃, Pr₂O₃, Nd₂O₃, Sm₂O₃, Eu₂O₃, Gd₂O₃, Tb₂O₃, Dy₂O₃, Ho₂O₃, Er₂O₃, Tm₂O₃ and Yb₂O₃) were present in concentrations ranging from 1 to 25 wt% of the basic compositions and at different oxygen fugacities.

Together with the XANES spectroscopy at the L_{I-III} thresholds of the lanthanide element, we also obtained good quality EXAFS data in order to be able to better distinguish different coordination polyhedra by modelling the lanthanide-O pair distribution function.

Even for the lowest lanthanide content glasses and the relatively low beam current, we observed good signal to noise ratio in the spectra due to the multichannel fluorescence detector utilized at the beamline.

Results for the Eu bearing samples are reported below.

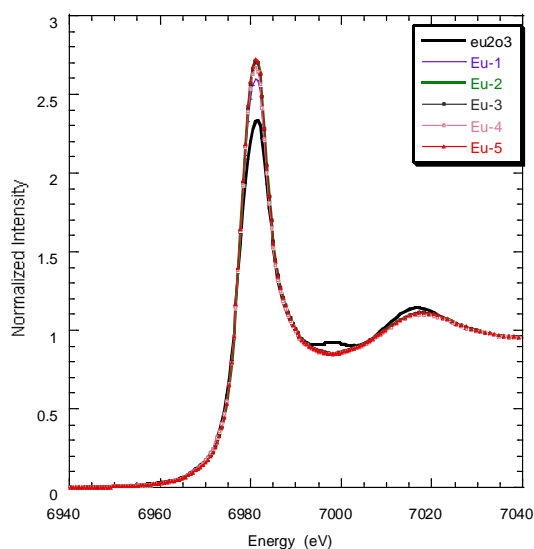


Fig 1. XANES spectra acquired on Eu-bearing glasses, synthesized at different oxygen fugacities.

For the Eu synthesised under different oxygen fugacities conditions, we did not observe a clear variation in energy position of the L-edge peak as an indicator of different oxidation states. The Eu II+ white line should indeed be present at -8eV respect to the Eu III+ white line maximum.

However, the difference spectra taken respect to the n.5 sample (fig. 2) show that a small Eu2+ contribution should be present, and the difference in concentration respect to the sample 5 is detectable and less than 2% and 1% for the samples n.4 and 5 respectively.

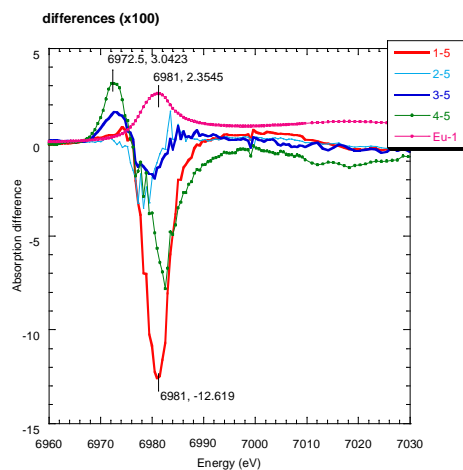


Fig. 2 Eu LIII-edge XANES difference spectra.

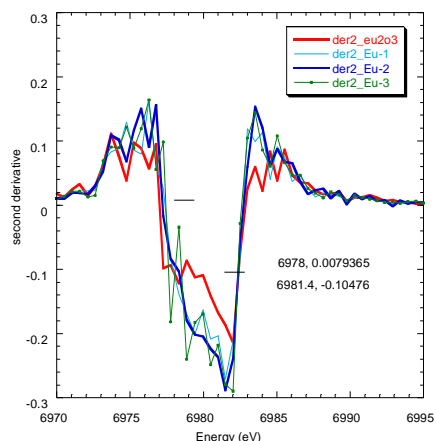


Fig. 3. The Eu LIII-edge spectra second derivative.

The white line analysis is compatible with the framework of an octahedral coordination for all Eu glasses. The spectra second derivative shows for all samples a clear two minima structure in the region around the white line, separated by 3.4 eV. This value confirm the result and is consistent with the value reported from Antonio et al., (J. Alloys and Compounds,250 (1997) 536) in the case of octahedrally-coordinated NaEuSi₃O₈ silicate glasses.

From the energy position of the XANES spectra for the other lanthanide elements for all the concentrations and for the two different base compositions we can infer a trivalent oxidation state. Accurate EXAFS analysis is now under process.

The results obtained in this study will be compared with the partial molar volumes of these glasses in order to develop a model of lanthanide-bearing silicate melt structure over a wide compositional range relevant to a variety of geological environments and technical applications.

